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Golas hired as Town Administrator

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CHARLTON – While it appeared that the town of Charlton had found their new Town Administrator in early December, contract negotiations forced the board to turn to their second choice for the job after selectmen couldn’t come to an agreement with their top choice.

On Dec. 4 selectmen held interviews for several candidates to succeed Robin Craver as Town Administrator. The board selectmen Kimberly Newman, the town administrator of Mendon, as their top choice pending successful contract negotiations. In a press release following the board’s Dec. 17 meeting, the selectmen announced that Newman and the town had decided to go their separate ways.

“After entering into contract negotiations, the Charlton Board of Selectmen and Ms. Newman were not able to reach mutually agreeable terms and



Andrew Golas

have jointly withdrawn from further discussions. We wish her well in her future endeavors,” the press release read. “However, at the conclusion of the interview process, the Board of Selectmen had also expressed its interest in Andrew Golas. Consequently, the Board is pleased to announce that it has reached an agreement with Andrew which was formally approved at its Dec. 17 meeting.”

Golas has served as the Town Administrator for the town of Barre for two and a half years and previous served as an Executive Assistant in Palmer. He will begin his service in Charlton on Feb. 3. Selectmen agreed to a starting salary of \$140,000. Police Chief Graham Maxfield will continue to serve as the Town Administrator on an interim basis through the month of January.

School District searching for Assistant Superintendent

BY JASON BLEAU
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee has begun its search for a new permanent Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, a leadership role below the Superintendent focusing on curriculum, instruction and learning strategies. The job also requires input on budget development, grant writing and staff development.

Currently held in the interim by Karen Areas, the position will take several months to fill as January marks the official starting point for accepting applications. Superintendent Steven Lamarche told the School Committee in December that a committee was being formed comprised of several representatives from different areas of the district to help pick the most qualified and fitting candidate.

“We will look to establish an interview committee which includes two school committee members, the superintendent, the director of people personal services, two building principals and four teachers from each level,” Lamarche said. The position was posted on January second with applications being accepted until Jan. 12. After a pool of candidates has been obtained the committee will begin the task of narrowing down finalists to be interviewed in the following months.

“We will have at least one search group meeting to establish norms and to build our questions for the interview process,” Lamarche said. “In February, we will conduct interviews and recommend two finalists. In March at least two finalists will conduct site visits

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Safety officials stress caution on ice

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CHARLTON – The Charlton Fire Department is urging citizens to use caution and stay safe if they decide to venture on the ice during what has so far been a mild New England winter.

After receiving several calls regarding ice thickness, the Charlton Fire Department released a short statement detailing safe practices if citizens are thinking of venturing

onto icy waterways to enjoy winter activities in 2020. The notice came mere days after the tragic deaths of two young boys who fell into the Chicopee River in on Dec. 28.

“With the recent tragic event in Western Massachusetts, we strongly advise that no ice is safe ice,” the Charlton Fire Department releases stated. “Ice thickness is predicated on many factors. Ice on moving water in rivers, streams and brooks is never safe! The thickness of ice on ponds and

lakes depends upon water currents or springs, depth and natural objects such as tree stumps or rocks. Daily changes in temperature cause the ice to expand and contract, which affects its strength. Because of these factors, no one can declare the ice to be absolutely ‘safe.’”

Fire officials noted that the region has yet to experience a hard freeze and that fluctuating temperatures that have ranges from the low 30s to the high 50s in the early winter

months have prevented proper thickness for ice on waterways. The fire department provided a visual diagram on their Facebook page with a copy of the release detailing the required thickness for ice depending on the proposed use.

If ice is less than three inches it is recommended that no activity take place on the surface. At four inches the ice is deemed relatively safe for ice fishing, walking or cross-country skiing. At five inches the ice may be safe for ATV and

snowmobile use. After eight inches of solid ice has accumulated cars and small vehicles can be used on the surface and after twelve inches medium sized trucks could be safe for use. Again, officials stress that while these limits are used as references for safety no activity on the ice is ever truly completely safe. More information on proper ice safety can be found at mass.gov and searching “ice safety.”

Crews make quick work of house fire

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT



Firefighters work to control a nighttime blaze on Southbridge Road in Charlton.

Courtesy Photo

CHARLTON – Firefighters from several local communities responded to a structure fire on the evening of Friday, Jan. 3 involving a two-story home on Southbridge Road in Charlton.

A press release from the Charlton Fire Department detailed the blaze which saw local fire personnel dispatched to 336 Southbridge Rd. at 7:23 p.m. with reports of a house on fire from the homeowner. The caller reported smoke and fire on the second floor. Charlton Engine 3 arrived on scene first at a 7:27 p.m. with a crew of four before a second alarm was struck bringing both Southbridge and Sturbridge to the scene to assist. Auburn was called in to cover Charlton in the meantime.

According to fire officials, Engine 3 personnel viewed smoke coming from the attic vents on both sides of the structure. Utilizing a hydrant 200 feet from the home they were able to begin pumping water into the home using an attack line through the front door. A second hand line was also utilized as a back-up, with a hole cut in the roof for ventilation purposes. Other holes were opened up in the home as well to help prevent the fire from spreading.

When all was said and done the building suffered fire and water damage to the second floor with the fire deemed under control by

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Practical Nursing students, faculty give Watson a warm welcome



Sarah Watson

CHARLTON — Professors and students of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy gave a warm welcome to Sarah Watson, MSN, RN of Worcester, who joined the Practical Nursing Academy as full-time faculty recently. Professor Watson will be the lead facilitator for Medical-Surgical Nursing starting on Term 2, after the winter break. Her clinical sites are Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital and The Hermitage, both in Worcester.

Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said, “We welcome Professor Watson to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. We would like to assure Professor Watson of full cooperation

and support from all the faculty, staff members, and practical nursing students. New faculty members are full of fresh ideas. We are happy that Professor Watson joined the practical nursing department of Bay Path.”

Professor Watson obtained back to back degrees from Grand Canyon University earning a Master of Science in Nursing Education (December 2019) and Master of Science in Nursing Leadership Management (2018). Professor Watson began her nursing career as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Zambia (1980, St. Francis School of Nursing) and as a Licensed Practical Midwife (1985, Monze School of Midwifery). In 1986, she obtained a Certificate in Family

Health from Mwachisompola Demo Zone. Professor Watson obtained her Diploma in Nursing from Kitwe School of Nursing in Zambia (2000) and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Grand Canyon University in 2016. Prior to joining Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Professor Watson’s professional experience included being a Managed Minute Questionnaire (MMQ) nurse, Private Duty Nurse, Clinical Instructor, Staff Nurse, and Midwife Nurse (Rural Health and Hospital).

Sturbridge Historical Society meets Jan. 23

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Jan. 23 at the Public House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Dick Whitney will be our guest speaker with his program looking back at the 1955 Flood and its impact on the region.

Dick will be presenting a slideshow of the August 19, 1955 flood. His collection of photographs and documents will show the impact of that event on the Southbridge/Sturbridge region almost 65 years ago. He will also share audio from the WESO radio broadcast from that day, giving a rare look into what is was like as the drama was unfolding.

Come listen to what others may say about that day and feel free to share your experiences as you recall the events of that day and the subsequent clean up. Much was changed in our area because of the 1955 Flood.

Dick Whitney graduated from The

University of Massachusetts in 1973, earning his BS degree in Astronomy. He started work with American Optical in their Central Testing Laboratory in 1974 and recently celebrated his 45th year of continual service (Now Carl Zeiss Vision). Dick is also the executive director of Zeiss Sponsored Optical Museum in Southbridge and was inducted to the Vision Council Hall of Fame in Las Vegas in 2016.

Historical meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper.

Society Annual Dues are \$10, which help support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November’s meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m.

Mazie Mentoring Program recruiting mentors during National Mentoring Month

REGION — The Mazie Mentoring Program is actively recruiting mentors for its three programs in the Metrowest area. Currently, Mazie wishes to recruit 15 mentors in Framingham, ten in Waltham, and five in Marlborough.

January is National Mentoring Month, a time when the importance of mentoring is highlighted around the United States. We conduct program satisfaction surveys where mentors and mentees share the great impact the program has on their lives. A Mazie mentor reported they learned “That I can truly make a difference in a young person’s life through small acts.”

As a Mazie Mentor, volunteers support their students with:

- College applications
- Thinking about future plans
- Setting realistic goals for themselves
- Developing their interests
- Exposing them to different activities and experiences

For those who are interested in becoming a Mazie mentor, please visit our website at mazie.org to learn about program requirements, the application process, and much more!

About the Mazie Mentoring Program

The mission of the Mazie Mentoring Program is to enable young people to reach their full potential by matching them with a volunteer mentor from the community. Teenagers’ lives are enhanced and their potential unlocked when they have a mentor in their lives to celebrate their successes. For more than 20 years, the Mazie Mentoring Program has helped 95% of their students graduate from high school, 89% of their students go on to higher education, and 83% of their students gain a better attitude towards school after 1 year in the program.

To learn more about the Mazie Mentoring Program, please visit www.mazie.org.

Friends of Sturbridge Trails to hold annual meeting

STURBRIDGE — Trail enthusiasts can join in with all those who support and love our Sturbridge trails at The Friends of Sturbridge Trails (FrOST) 6th annual meeting, to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m., Graciously hosted by the Public House.

Presentations include a special presentation on developing “flow trails” on the Riverlands Property, an update on the three ongoing trail grant projects totaling over \$700,000, a special drone video presentation of the Leadmine trails and an update on the 2019 work effort and the 2020 plans of our trail committee.

Copies of our 2020 event calendar will be available, which includes 2 - Yoga in the fields trail hikes, an early morning light photography hike, a trail dedication and celebration, and our famous “Night Hike” returns again this year, along with several other hikes and bike rides. The recently updated Sturbridge Trails Guide will be available and so much more!

FrOST Membership is open to anyone and dues will be collected. Thanks to our members, all FrOST events are open to the public at no charge.

For more information visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Sturbridge-Trails-476149822433894/> or email us at: Sturbridgetrails@gmail.com.

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Gateway Players announce auditions for “The Cemetery Club”

SOUTHBRIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre of Southbridge will be holding auditions for “The Cemetery Club” by Ivan Menchell, on Sunday, Jan. 19 and Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St., Southbridge. Entrance is on Park Street (around corner). The cast for this Romantic Comedy includes four women and one man. All characters are in their late fifties to early sixties. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script.

Performance dates are April 3, 4, 17, 18 and 19. Rehearsals will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Presented by permission through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Lou-

Ellen Corkum is the Director, and Kathi Grenier is the Producer. For questions about auditions call 508-764-4531 or 774-230-1321, and leave a message.

The play centers on three Jewish widows who meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands’ graves. Ida is sweet tempered and ready to begin a new life; Lucille is a feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to have fun; and Doris is priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene. He meets the widows while visiting his wife’s grave. Doris and Lucille squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida. They are guilt-stricken when this nearly breaks Ida’s heart.

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Clinical group embraces dementia-friendly training



One year after joining the faculty of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Lindsay Guertin, BSN, RN of Spencer began her advocacy in Alzheimer's and Dementia Care.

CHARLTON — One practical nursing student at a time, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is becoming an asset to communities that embraces individuals living with or

caring for someone with dementia. One year after joining the faculty of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Lindsay Guertin, BSN, RN of Spencer began her advoca-

cy in Alzheimer's and Dementia Care. She has led a group of PN students and alumni to "Walk to End Alzheimer's 2019." Recently, Guertin took her clinical group to North

ACCURACY WATCH

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Quabbin Adult Day Health Services in Athol to participate in "The Many Faces of Dementia" training. GVNA HealthCare Inc. in cooperation with Lifepath had Linda Puzan, LICW Clinical Services Coordinator present on dementia coaching for caregivers who may be struggling with specific aspects of dementia care and behavioral health outreach. Puzan is a certified dementia care trainer by the Alzheimer's Association.

The free training, led by Puzan has been completed by Guertin and her clinical group composed of Andrea Champagne of Webster, Kaitalyn Chunis of Millbury, Michelle Elicier of Worcester, Rachel Hitchcock of Shrewsbury, Lauren Pellett of Norwich, CT, Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury, ad Sikorrya Seguin of Dudley.

"The training course offers information on the signs that someone has dementia and teaches how to effectively approach and care for them," Guertin said. "The knowledge is critical for our practical nursing students as more local caregivers and elderly residents begin to live with dementia."

The staff and faculty of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy understands the challenges communities of interest might be facing that are different from individuals who isn't caring for somebody living with dementia. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is proud of Professor Guertin's leadership role in Alzheimer's care and dementia care training and actively on-boarding PN students. The PN students benefit personally from the training and learning more about dementia and strategies they can employ to better care for their patients or loved ones.

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8:10 p.m. No injuries to either residents or firefighters were reported, and the scene was cleared by 10:34 p.m. Power to the building was cut off with the help of a local electrician.

The cause of the fire has not been disclosed. District 7 Fire Investigation Unit was brought in to assist in the investigation. While fire officials did not specify if the home was livable in its condition control of the home was returned to the owners by the end of the night.

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and then we'll make a final recommendation."

A decision is expected to be made in April with the new hire to take their position at the beginning of the new fiscal year in July. Despite some concerns that April might be a late time to hire a candidate for the post Superintendent Lamarche reassured the committee that the timing was proper. It was also discussed the possibility of having parents serve on the committee as was done with the superintendent search. While committee members noted they were not against having citizens involved in the process they agreed that the makeup of the committee including district officials in employees was more than sufficient enough to get the process going.

Gateway Players launching 45th season with Neil Simon classic

SOUTHBIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. will kick off Season 45 with the Neil Simon comedy, "Barefoot in the Park." Performances will be held at Fellowship Hall of Elm St. Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge on Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, and 16. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$13 for seniors and

youth and are available by calling 508-764-4531. Online sales are at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Mary Gahagan is directing, with Barbara Day as producer, Erin Morin as stage manager and Cynthia Keane as set builder. The cast includes Hadley Crane, Jason Iannone, Patrick Bracken, Gail Riva White, Sean Nault and Dennis Gahagan.

The two main characters in the play, Paul and Corie Bratter, are newlyweds in every sense of the word. After a six day honeymoon, they get a surprise visit from Corie's loopy mother and decide to play matchmaker during a dinner with their neighbor-in-the-attic Velasco, where everything that can go wrong, does.

This classic Neil Simon comedy will delight and

entertain- and is a great way to celebrate February Valentine's Day.

This production is presented with permission of Samuel French Inc. Gateway Players had been located at the Arts Barn of Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, until structural damage required a change in venue. We are very appreciative of Elm St. Congregational Church for the use of their hall.

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Hitchcock Academy bids farewell to longtime Executive Director

BRIMFIELD — When Susan Gregory started working at Hitchcock Free Academy in 1989, cake decorating was a big trend. Like all trends, it had its run, and in time, slowly faded away.

“Recently, someone came to me and introduced the idea of cake decorating as a new thing. I laughed. Life is cyclical,” Gregory said.

Let’s Cake Decorate has been a successful venture in the craft’s recent revival at Hitchcock, offering workshops for kids and adults in seasonal concoctions such as a witch cake, scarecrow and snow globe. In thirty years, there has been a lot of change and cyclical-ity: in trends, in staff and leadership, and in the community, with Sue bearing witness to it all. With her retirement just around the corner, she is brimming with stories and reflections, and hopes for the organization’s future.

Hitchcock’s story started one hundred thirty-four years before Sue was hired, when, in 1855, Samuel Austin Hitchcock built and founded the area’s first free high school, welcoming students from all over the region to attend. In 1954, when Tantasqua, the area’s current regional public high school, opened its doors, Hitchcock’s future was uncertain, but ultimately it was decided that it remain in operation as a community center. When Susan

took over as director just over three decades later, the position was 15 hours a week, and programming was minimal. She worked to build and grow the offerings, and her role grew along with it, ultimately evolving into a full-time gig running a fully operational community center doubling at times as a preschool and a senior center.

Being a community center has meant a lot of different things over the years. In 2011, when a tornado tore through Brimfield and neighboring towns, Hitchcock became home to FEMA and MEMA, offering assistance for residents who were left homeless or with damage to their property. Working with the senior center which was leading the support effort, Sue was also put in charge of collecting clothing donations, and rose to the occasion, reaching out to Timberland, the sporting goods company, to secure shoes for those in need, including a pair of size 15EEE boots that had been requested. She further employed her grant writing experience to offer writing workshops and art therapy session to help residents process the trauma of what had occurred.

With the ever-evolving needs of a small nonprofit, its leader must evolve as well to meet them. Aside from her official role as Executive Director, she held a few unofficial rolls as a social worker, nurse, plumber,



Susan Gregory

exterminator...the list goes on.

A role she has enjoyed and embraced is acting as a historian, preserving and sharing the story of the building as the pieces have come to her over the years. Many stories are a joy to tell, like one she heard at a reunion of academy students, where a Hitchcock alum spoke of visiting the building during off hours one winter and throwing rocks at the girl’s side of the building, thinking he’d never be discovered, not realizing that he’d left footprints in the snow that led straight to his house.

Asked how she went about learning so much of the building’s history, Gregory said, “People are always asking questions, so I have wanted to be able to answer those questions.”

She read and regularly consults a comprehensive book about Hitchcock’s history that was written in the 1970’s by Alice Sawin Davis. Of course, then there are the people who stop in and tell the tales of back in the day...

Along with knowing the history of the building, Gregory has had to work hard to preserve it.

“I feel like I’ve made a stamp in caring about this building. It took me ten years to get the ramp added to the building - just after my own children were no longer in strollers,”

she added as an aside, laughing. “It took me another ten years to get the handicap-accessible bathroom. There was a woman who attended AA meetings here, and needed to be carried up the stairs to attend. She came in in tears to thank us for it.”

Perhaps the most important role that has evolved is that of a fundraiser.

“When I first came here, we were giving money away,” Gregory said. “The endowment was used to pay 50 percent of classes. I started growing the classes, and the percentage contributed from the endowment was decreasing, until there was no contribution, and tuition went up to cover the increasing expenses.”

Fundraising is essential to keep offerings affordable.

A fun anecdote related to fundraising was when a collection of Native American books was discovered in the attic by carpentry students from Tantasqua. Their instructor too them into the attic to examine the construction of the building. The books were a study in native dress with watercolor illustrations that the organization was ultimately able to sell to the Mohegan Sun Museum at \$1,000 per book. The funds were used to renovate the building’s Memorial Room, now a museum-like space which houses and preserves precious historical pieces such as original furniture and antiques once belonging to Hitchcock’s founder.

One of Gregory’s crowning achievements was earning a \$250,000 donation from MGM, who, despite the wishes of some of the board at the time, was hospitably welcomed by her while they investigated the viability of a casino in Brimfield. That donation has served as a fund to cover capital repairs, and has been tightly managed in order to have long-term impact.

Likely her greatest financial skill is saving money. Ever the Yankee, she has always found ways to save money to ensure she ends the year in the black, which she has done successfully every single year.

Ultimately, the organization’s future, financially and otherwise, is dependent on meeting the needs of an ever-changing community, which in recent years has proved challenging.

“When I started, there were no yoga classes offered anywhere else nearby; there is much more competition outside for things we offer that didn’t used to be,” Gregory said.

With so many competing offerings, and technology having made such a huge impact on what community looks and feels like, Hitchcock’s future is once again uncertain, presenting a significant but exciting challenge for its new leadership.

When asked what her wish is for the future of the Center, other than the elevator she has long wanted, she says, “it’s that we continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community. I hope that the sense of welcoming will stay intact. But it doesn’t have to be the way I did it. That was the biggest takeaway from my 30th anniversary.”

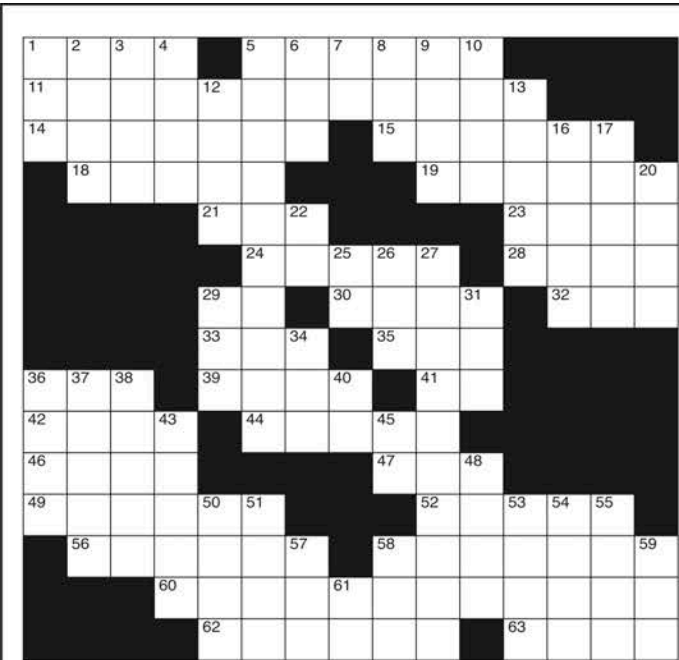
On her official 30th anniversary, the board and staff encouraged the community to stop by and say thank you. Cards, letters, and gifts streamed in, as did visitors, who stopped in to offer a word of thanks face-to-face.

“I don’t need praise,” Gregory says. “It doesn’t run my engine, but being acknowledged on my anniversary allowed me to take some time to see the impact.”

She recalls a playfully offered mandate from a former board president, Jim Adams, who told her to “fill the building.”

Adams now says, “When I watch little kids march across the street from the parking lot, it fills my heart.”

As Sue Gregory marches toward retirement, may a legacy of hard work for the good of a community carry Hitchcock forward and continue to fill the building with people making memories.



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1. Beer ingredient

5. Popular FOX TV show

11. Recurring from time to time

14. Criticized severely

15. Musician

18. German urban center

19. Quenched

21. Human gene

23. Indian music

24. Accumulate

28. One who graduated

29. Atomic #109

30. Semitic fertility god

32. Sportscaster Patrick

33. Child’s dining accessory

35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist’s tool

39. Dabbling ducks

41. Commercial

42. Style someone’s hair

44. Biu-Mandara language

46. Actress Spelling

47. Large hole in the ground

49. One-masted sailboats

52. Tropical Asian plant

56. Concurs

58. Latin term for charity

60. The number below the line in a fraction

62. Reddish browns

63. This (Spanish)

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1. Belong to he

2. One time only

3. Parent-teacher groups

4. Puts in place

5. Editing

6. In the course of

7. Helps injured people (abbr.)

8. OJ trial judge

9. Resist authority (slang)

10. Formerly alkenols

12. “Cheers” actress Perlman

13. Jewelled headdress

16. Viking Age poet

17. Vanuatu island

20. Wish harm upon

22. Unit of length

25. Blood type

26. Drain

27. Do-gooders

29. Advanced degree

31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling

36. Performs on stage

37. Slang for money

38. Large Russian pie

40. The Mount Rushmore State

43. Narrow inlet

45. News organization (abbr.)

48. Scarlett’s home

50. Micturates

51. Monetary unit

53. Any customary observance or practice

54. Sons of Poseidon

55. Facilitates grocery shopping

57. Standard operating procedure

58. Former OSS

59. Midway between south and southeast

61. The Wolverine State

Old Sturbridge Village, Coggeshall Farm Museum announce partnership

STURBRIDGE — On Jan. 1, Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) and the Coggeshall Farm Museum in Bristol, R.I. will launch a transformational partnership intended to sustain and expand living history in the New England area. Under the agreement, Old Sturbridge Village will manage the Coggeshall Farm Museum, handling all back-office functions, supporting day-to-day activities, bringing new programming to the Farm and positioning OSV President and CEO Jim Donahue as Executive Director at the R.I.-based museum.

The Coggeshall Farm Museum sees about 10,000 visitors annually, while Old Sturbridge Village brings in over 260,000 in an average year. Through this partnership, Coggeshall Farm Museum will benefit from the proven success and knowledgeable staff at Old Sturbridge Village - expanding opportunities for reach and visitation. The two entities will work collaboratively to rebuild the successful agricultural and

horticultural programs that the Farm is known for, while introducing new programs and experiences that have seen past success at OSV. Two full-time employees from the Village will be stationed at the Farm year-round to oversee new and existing operations, supervised and supported by the team at Old Sturbridge Village.

This partnership provides a mutual benefit to the two museums, which are synergistic in both mission and organizational structure. Old Sturbridge Village interprets life in an early 19th-century rural New England village, while Coggeshall Farm Museum interprets life on a marsh farm in the 1790s. In this partnership, Old Sturbridge Village will bring greater sustainability to Coggeshall Farm Museum and help better utilize financial resources. A small management fee, paid to OSV by the Farm, will be invested back into the larger initiative of supporting living history as a critical piece of the New England

experience.

“When visitors come to Coggeshall Farm Museum and Old Sturbridge Village, we want them to find meaning and relevance in the stories of the lives of New Englanders who came before us,” says Jim Donahue, President and CEO at Old Sturbridge Village. “We want them to be inspired to learn a craft, to raise a garden, to farm and to find out more about the people who lived in our community two centuries ago. We hope that our visitors become members - and that our members find their inner historians, curators, farmers and crafters through experiences at both of our museums.”

Donahue also gave credit to the boards of both museums for having a bold vision for sustaining living history in the region through this partnership.

More information on this partnership can be found at www.osv.org/coggeshall.

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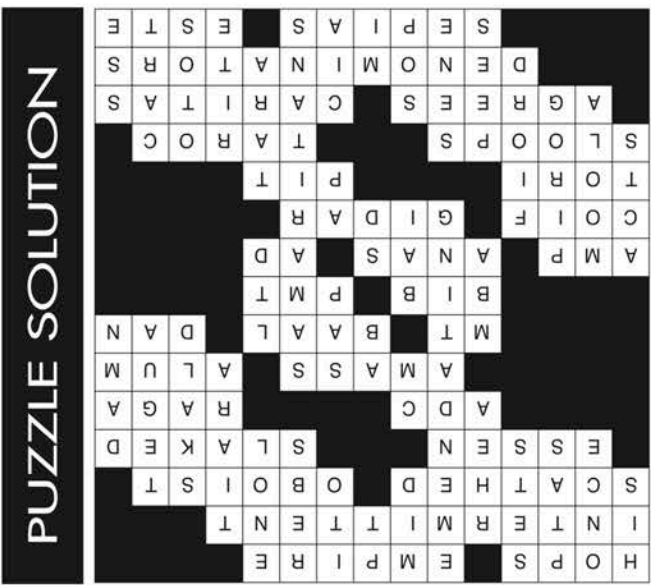
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ER nurses take Stop the Bleed training to Bay Path

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN was introduced to Heather LaFlamme, MSN, RN, CEN Clinical Nurse Educator, Emergency Department of the Harrington HealthCare at the Stop the Bleed Program on Sept. 26 at the Beechwood Hotel organized by the Office of Health & Medical Preparedness, Worcester Division of Public Health/Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance. They have kept in contact via email.

LaFlamme and her contingent of ER Nurses have since taught Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2020 how to use a tourniquet and other means to better control a bleeding wound. Those trained in bleeding control include police officers, firefighters or other emergency responders as well as teachers, company employees, and volunteers who help with community events.

Bolandrina believes everyone, everywhere



Harrington Hospital ER Nurses lead by Heather LaFlamme, MSN, RN, CEN (fourth from Left) welcomed by PN Student Kristin Bates of Charlton.

Courtesy Photo

should take the stop the bleed class and was so thrilled when LaFlamme took the training to Bay Path.


“The practical nursing students, soon to serve as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are pillars in the community,” stated Bolandrina. “They’re really engaged in the learning process, know the community, and the healthcare needs of families.”

The PN Class of 2020 intended to create Stop the Bleed kits to give out as gifts, so they could provide training and tools to help minimize the damage from a gash, a cut or a serious car crash with injuries.


“The PN students were so willing to learn,” Bolandrina said. “They appreciated Stop the Bleed for a valuable reason: the ability to help and do something.”


Individuals and groups interested in taking a free Stop the Bleed training class can call (508) 765-3077, or email hlaflamm@harringtonhospital.org.

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Friday's Child





Damon
Age 14

Hi! My name is Damon and I have a good sense of humor!

Damon is an affectionate teen boy of African American and Lebanese descent. He can seem shy when you first meet him, but Damon thoroughly enjoys the company of others once he warms up and feels comfortable. Damon has great mannerisms, and he likes to show his appreciation for those he cares about. Currently, Damon's favorite activity is playing video games, but he is also very athletic and likes to ride his bike. In school, Damon has historically done well. His teachers report he gets along well with other students, and he is respectful in the classroom.


Damon is legally free for adoption and would thrive in a home with at least one male caretaker. His social worker is open to considering families with or without other children. Damon would be most successful in a family that can provide him with structure, routine and predictability. It would also be beneficial if Damon could be exposed to activities outside of the home. Damon will need to maintain contact with his adult sister and grandparents once he is placed.


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.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."





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Storm coats region in ice



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Power crews work in icy conditions to restore electricity for Leicester residents on Dec. 30.

REGION – After December began with a major storm that brought more than a foot of snow, the month concluded stormily as well, this time delivering ice to the region.

Residents wrapped up the year and the decade by dealing with an icy mess on Dec. 29-30. Icing was particularly heavy during the afternoon and evening of Dec. 30, causing several minor accidents, scattered power outages, and localized tree damage. A few towns even saw the extremely rare phenomenon of thunder-ice and thunder-sleet, as strong storms moved through the area around dinner time.

The Route 9 corridor was one of the heaviest hit areas of Worcester County. In Leicester, portions of Rawson Street and other roads were shut down after fallen branches took down power lines. The response from electric companies was vastly improved from previous ice storms, officials said, and electricity was restored in most locations within

a day.

Luckily for emergency responders, DPW crews, and power companies, most people stayed off the roads during the height of the storm. Schools were already closed for the holiday break, and many people elected to work from home ahead of New Year's Day.

No major accidents were reported during the storm, mostly just spinouts, police said. A few vehicles left the road in Spencer, but there were no injuries and only minor damage. In Sturbridge, meanwhile, Arnold Road was briefly closed due to fallen branches over power lines.

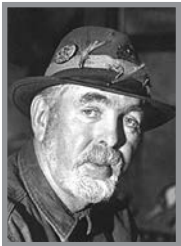
The Blackstone Valley wasn't spared from the storm, although residents experienced significantly less icing. Still, Northbridge saw roughly 30 customers lose power on Fowler Road, Highland Street, and Cooper Road. National Grid quickly responded to restore power to all customers within a day.

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Warm weather puts ice fishing on hold



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Ice fishing took a hard blow this past two weeks, with no safe ice in the valley or on the Cape because of the warm weather and rain. Some anglers were headed up north last week and found some safe ice, but by the time you read this column, that too will be gone. Jerry Gareri headed to his camp in Maine last week and found six inches of good ice that was covered with six inches of snow. After shoveling the snow to make room for his ice traps, he cut his holes only to find the water bubbling up from the hole, and sometimes pushing his trap from the hole. It was tough fishing, but he managed to catch a few fish.

It may be a good time to take out the Rod & Reel, and if you have a small boat in storage, you may consider taking it out to do a bit of fishing, as some ponds are totally free of ice. The warm weather is expected to continue for a few more days, with no real cold weather expected to return in the near future. Talk of the 60 degree temperatures this week can push ice fishing back even further.

This week's picture shows a few of the

beagle owners back in 2013 attending a trial at the Central Mass. Beagle Club in Sutton. Numerous trials are still held today at the club's fenced in area. Listening to the hounds as they trail the elusive rabbit brings a lot of joy to the owners, and can become competitive when judges try to score the dogs as they trail the rabbit. Owners of the beagles can travel long distances from other states to enjoy the competitive and fun days on weekends at the club. Plenty of good food is always available.

This past week, Dan Fraser shot a huge coyote in the valley with his black powder gun. He sent a photo, but it was deemed a bit too gory for publication. This coyote was a killing machine capable of killing domestic dogs and cats, and could possibly kill a young child, under the correct conditions. The coyote season in Massachusetts closes on March 7. Sportsmen had hoped to have the coyote season year round, but have had trouble convincing Mass. Fish & Wildlife to keep the season open. Their numbers are increasing annually in the state, and the situation is only going to get worse.

Coyotes kill numerous deer annually, especially fawns. A couple of local hunters were able to find the deer they shot the next day during archery season, after



tracking them a long distance. Unfortunately, the deer were 80 percent consumed by coyotes in just one day. Coyotes also kill numerous wild turkeys and other ground nesting birds annually. It is a sure sign that the coyote population is on the increase.

Local residents are also observing less song birds at their feeders in the last few years. Feral cats are responsible for killing millions of song birds annually through-

out the United states. The balance of nature has been negatively affected by man. Destruction of their habitat and global warming is all too real when we watch the devastation in Australia.

Local sportsmen's clubs are actively pursuing the crossbow bill and the Sunday hunting bill again this year, and have sent every State Representative and State Senator a letter asking them to support the two bills. It is long overdue!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual Founders Day supper on Jan. 18 at the club house on White Court in Douglas. A Prime Rib dinner will be served with all of the trimmings. Homemade pies and pastries are sure to satisfy all in attendance. For tickets, call the club at 1-508-476-7204. Tickets are only \$ 15 each. Do not miss this great meal and gathering.

Captain Mel True will be holding his second

annual Fishing Expo on Feb. 8 & 9 at Whites of Westport. Check him out on his Web site, CaptainMelTrue.com.

On Jan. 24-26, the New England Fishing Expo will be held in Boxboro! Doors open at 1 p.m. on Friday. Check it out on their Web site at nefishingexpo.com!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Antique, collectibles and auction news from 2019



ANTIQUES,
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WAYNE TUISKULA

As we enter 2020, I thought that I'd share antique news stories from 2019 for the last time.

Locally, a man attempted to bring a gun on a flight at Logan Airport on Christmas Day, according to CBS Boston. Fortunately for all involved, the man explained that it was an antique gun inherited from his grandfather. When he explained his situation to the TSA screeners, they allowed him to return it to his car.

Bloomberg reported that a German World War II "Enigma" machine was auctioned last month. "The three-cipher rotor design was considered unbreakable until the early 1940s. It could scramble letters into any one of 17,576 combinations, except the use of the original letter." The machine which wrote code that was thought to be unbreakable brought \$106,000. The Enigma, known as the "Hitler mill" because of its hand crank, was purchased by an Irish collector. Hitler's military ordered the machines to be destroyed to keep them out of the hands of Allied forces. Winston Churchill also ordered captured machines to be destroyed. Very few survived, making them quite rare today.



In a previous column, I wrote about the rare painting by Italian artist Cimabue that was found on an elderly French woman's wall. USA Today reports that "Christ Mocked" sold for \$26.6 million. The winning bidders may never see it though. The French newspaper Le Monde reported that Chilean collectors in the United States who "specialize in Italian masterworks" outbid the Metropolitan Museum of New York for the painting. The French cultural

ministry has since blocked the sale of the painting, which they now consider a national treasure. The French government is attempting to raise funds to pay the \$26.6 million that the painting sold for. The auctioneer is concerned that the country may not be able to raise the funds. Sadly, the woman who owned the painting passed away shortly after the auction. Her heirs will have to pay \$10 in inheritance tax when the sale is consummated.

A relatively new piece of electronics is expected to bring over \$1 million when it goes on the auction block, according to comicbook.com, polygon.com, and other collectibles and gaming websites. The rare Nintendo Playstation was produced from a collaboration between Sony and Nintendo. According to reports "a couple hundred prototypes were produced of the Super NES CD-ROM System, colloquially known as the SNES-CD or Nintendo Play Station." The auction house spokesperson stated that this is the first time one of these prototypes has come to auction. The consignor was reportedly offered \$1.2 million by a Norwegian buyer but turned it down.

A sealed rare copy of "Mega Man" sold for \$75,000 in November making it "the most valuable sealed game sold at auction." You may want to rethink putting some of your old video games in your next garage sale.

There is still time to consign for our major auction on Jan. 30 that will be held in Worcester. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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EDITORIAL

Before we look forward, a quick glance behind

What fun it is to take a quick trip through time and get a kick out of New Year's resolutions from yesteryear.

For many, the start of a new year brings the mark of a new beginning. There's nothing like the feeling of a clean slate to offer you up a hefty dose of motivation.

Taking it way back to the ancient Babylonians, who began their year in March, it was said that people would make promises to their gods at the start of each year as well as return anything borrowed including paying all debts.

The Romans can take credit for changing the start of the new year to January. The reason? January was derived from the name Janus, which is the two-faced god who looks backwards into the previous year and ahead into the new one. In addition, Janus was known as the patron and protector of gates, doorways, endings and new beginnings. For the Romans, the majority of resolutions stemmed from having positive morals, such as treating others with kindness. Later New Year's celebrations involved prayers and fasting.

Fast forward to the settlers in Colonial America, who avoided the hoopla of New Year's and even refused to call January by its proper name, referring to it instead simply as the first month. For these folks, the new year brought a state of contemplation of the past, present and future.

During the 20th Century, resolutions began to shift. One common change many wanted to make during the early 1900's was to "cuss less."

During the 1950's, women resolved to pay more attention to their beauty routines and to finish more mystery novels.

As we said goodbye to the '50's, skipped over the '60's and headed straight to the '70's, people were taking more stock in social resolutions, such as making time for friends and meeting new people. In addition to the social uptick, people were vowing to have more self respect and more confidence-based resolutions were forming.

During the go-go 1980's, when self-centeredness arguably reached an all-time high in American society, people were resolving to gain more acceptance of oneself. More focus was put on staying physically fit and maintaining fashion. It is no secret that the fashion in the 1980's rivals all.


It was all about quitting vices, like smoking and drinking in the '90's; however, it is noted that many never stuck to those resolutions for long. During this time, people also vowed to spend more time with family, eat healthy and get out of debt.

Present day resolutions include less screen time, eating less processed foods, maintaining a higher level of physical fitness than in years past, reading more books and shopping local. It seems that many people are interested in bringing things back to a simpler time to reduce the stress of the modern times we live in.

The trick to maintaining a promise to oneself takes many avenues, each an individual journey. When looking back on your life, what do you want to see?

A quote from Annie Dillard seems to sum it up best: "How we spend our days, is how we spend our lives."

How things have changed yet stayed the same is a nod to human nature and the innate drive to be better in all we do.



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OPINION

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2020 will be awesome!

How do I know? Read on ...

Outcomes in life are largely based on our belief systems. What we believe will happen, our subconscious mind goes to work to make happen. If you are a weekly reader of my column, you have heard this from me in some state or form, dozens of times this year. It is worth repeating because it is the central ingredient in the recipe of your result and there's plenty of research to back this claim. There are no absolutes in life. We cannot control external forces that have an impact on our year. Our belief systems shape how we respond, and it is our responses that shape our year.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

I believe with every cell in my body that 2020 is going to be an incredibly positive year. I have goals and plans, and I've surrounded myself with positive and optimistic friends who support my beliefs and mission.

You will never attain and maintain more than you think you deserve.

Really? Really. Your mind won't allow it. Think about it ... if you think you are incapable believing you deserve or can accomplish something, why would you try?

Your belief systems drive who you are, what you are and where you are in life. So, why not convince yourself you can and will have an awesome 2020?

How? If you want to change who you are or where you are in your life, change two things.

Change what you put into your mind. What you read, listen to or watch, impacts what you believe about yourself.

Only hang around positive people who believe the best about themselves and you.

Don't hang around with naysayers. Former Vice President Spero Agnew called them, "Nattering nabobs of negativity." Want to have a great year? Align yourself with others who want the same for themselves and for you.

I know ... it sounds simple and it is. Simple, yes. Easy? No.

You won't read this column and magically change what you believe about yourself and the world around you, but you can begin the process of changing your mindset from negative to positive ... from pessimistic to optimistic. You begin by planning what you allow inside your head and who you hang around in 2020.

Resolve that 2020 will be awesome!

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve." - Napoleon Hill

I shared the following story previously, but it is appropriate to repeat it now.

There was once a traveler who was walking from a village in the mountains to a village in the valley.

As he walked along, he saw a monk

working in a field, so he stopped and said to the monk, "I'm on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?"

The monk looked up from his labor and asked the man where he had come from.

The man responded, "I have come from the village in the mountains."

"What was that like?" the monk asked.

"Terrible!" the man exclaimed, "No-one spoke my language, I had to sleep on a dirt floor in one of their houses. They fed me some sort of stew that had yak, dog or both in it and the weather was atrocious."

"Then I think that you will find that the village in the valley is much the same," the monk noted.

A few hours later another traveler passed by and he said to the monk, "I am on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?"

"Where have you come from?" enquired the monk.

"I have come from the village in the mountains."

"And what was that like?"

"It was awesome!" the man replied, "No-one spoke my language, so we had to communicate using our hands and facial expressions. I had to sleep on the dirt floor, which was a great, new experience. They fed me some sort of new stew. I had no idea what was in it but just to experience how the locals lived was great. The weather was freezing cold, which meant that I really got a taste of the local conditions. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

"Then I think that you'll find that the village in the valley is much the same," responded the monk.

Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond. How we respond is based on what we believe. Don't allow the challenges of life to take away your joy and do not allow a negative belief system to determine the quality of your year.

My wish for you in 2020 is that you will expand your beliefs about your life and potential to be more optimistic. I want you to believe the best is coming so your mind can work to make it so.

You must believe something in the new year. Why not believe in the power of your potential and that 2020 will be your best year ever?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryW Moore721 and at www.garyw-moore.com.

Cleaning Tips Cut Chore Time

It's that time of year again. For many, the roster of New Year vows often includes a commitment to clean up! The good news is our lives are busy, and cleaning standards are (thankfully) more realistic than in the past. The bad news is, the house still has to be cleaned! Read on for some old and new tips geared to cut your basic cleaning chores down to size!



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

If you want to make the most of your cleaning efforts, take a tip from the pros. Experts advise working in one room at a time, and to focus on one task. Avoid starting several rooms at once. If you stick to cleaning one area, you will likely remain inspired to finish it. Always start in one corner of the room and work clockwise from the ceiling down. You'll be amazed at how quickly the job goes.

Experts claim heat can double the effectiveness of alkaline household cleaners. To clean tubs in half the time, fill the tub with an inch or two of very hot tap water and allow it to sit for a few minutes, then drain and apply cleaner as usual. This tip also works for tiles, so you might want to run a very hot shower before tackling tiles on shower walls.

After you wash the painted walls behind the kitchen stove, apply a generous coating of furniture polish. Buff it in well. Next time grease spatters on the area, all it will take is a swipe of a paper towel to clean it up.

Forget the ladder, try this tip to clean high walls and ceiling fans: Simply place an old nylon stocking over your dust mop. When you are done, just throw away the stocking and the mop is ready for its next task.

Are your electronic gadgets "shocking?" No more rug shocks from the TV or computer station if you mix together in a spray bottle: 1/4 cup commercial liquid fabric softener; 1/4 cup ammonia and two cups water. Just spray as you would the commercial version on rugs, shoes, etc.

Note: Do not spray directly onto electronic equipment.

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To answer this question, you may want to evaluate two variables: your likelihood of needing long-term care and the cost of such care. Consider the following:

Someone turning age 65 today has an almost 70 percent chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you needed several years of long-term care, the expense could seriously erode your savings and investments. And keep in mind that Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of long-term care costs. Therefore, you may want to evaluate the following options for meeting these expenses:

Self-insure – You could "self-insure" against long-term care expenses by designating some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you'd likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save and invest for the other expenses associated with retirement.

Long-term care insurance – When you purchase long-term care insurance, you are essentially transferring the risk of paying for long-term care from yourself to an insurance company. Some policies pay long-term care costs for a set number of years, while others cover you for life. You can also choose optional features, such as benefits that increase with inflation. And most long-term care policies have a waiting period between 0 and 90 days, or longer, before benefits kick in. You'll want to shop around for a policy that offers the combination of features you think best meet your needs. Also, you'll want an insurer that has demonstrated strength and stability, as measured by independent rating agencies. Here's one final point to keep in mind: Long-term care premiums get more expensive as you get older, so if you're interested in this type of coverage, don't wait too long to compare policies.

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Ultimately, you may decide you're willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care. But if you think that's a risk you'd rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There's no one right answer for everyone – but there's almost certainly one for you.

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Give your Christmas tree a second life in the landscape



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Once your holiday celebrations have passed and the decorations go back into storage, it is time to deal with your real Christmas tree. Don't drag it to the curb to be hauled away by the trash collectors. Give it a second, even third life, in your landscape. No live Christmas tree? Don't worry! I'm sure your friends and neighbors will share theirs.

Start recycling all those needles that landed on the floor. Sweep them up and use them as mulch in the garden. Place them directly on the soil or on top of the snow. As the snow melts, the needles will be right where they belong. And don't worry, they will not make the soil too acidic. In fact, as they breakdown they will add organic matter to the soil.

Move your cut Christmas tree outdoors after the holidays. Use it as a windbreak or for added shade to prevent drying of tender evergreens. Strategically place your discarded tree on the windward side of rhododendron, boxwood, and needled or broad-leaf evergreens subject to winter burn. Place it on the south side of these plants to shade



Melinda Myers Photo

Adding berries, fruit and seeds to your recycled holiday tree provides needed food for the birds to enjoy.

them from the drying winter sun.

Remove and use the branches as winter mulch over bulbs and perennials. Layer the boughs over the plants and frozen soil to keep the soil consistently cold. This reduces the risk of early sprouting and winter damage that can occur during winter thaws.

Or set the tree in the landscape for a bit of added greenery. Secure it in a snow pile or use stakes and guy wires if the soil is not frozen. Then add a bit of food for your feathered visitors. Decorate the tree with fruits, berries, and seeds the birds can enjoy. Hang strands of cranberries and slices of oranges on colorful yarn and homemade bird ornaments to complete the edible display. The birds will enjoy the added food and shelter and you will enjoy watching these visitors to your landscape.

Then save the tree for trellising beans and peas in the garden. The vines will grow up and over, masking the bare tree branches. Growing vertically saves space and makes harvesting easier.

As spring arrives, consider chipping and shredding your tree into mulch for trees and shrubs or pathways in the landscape. No chipper? You and your neighbors may want to rent a chipper to shred these and other prunings for use as mulch in your landscapes.

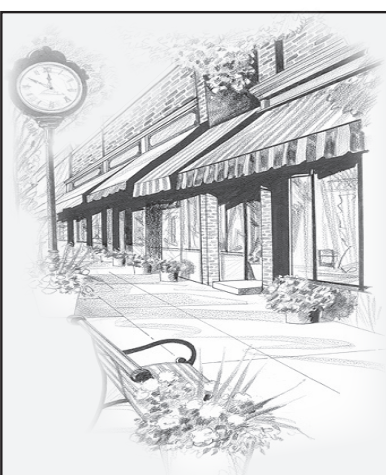
And, if this is not possible, check for recycling resources

in your community. Many municipalities have special pickups for Christmas trees. These are chipped, shredded and made available for citizens to use in their landscapes.

Always check on any alerts of live Christmas trees and greens shipped in from other regions of the country. These may contain pests that can infest your landscape or harm native plantings and local Christmas tree farms in your area. The Department of Natural Resources or your local Extension Office should have information on any such threats. They can provide information on proper disposal.

And once you discover the value of this free resource, you may find yourself collecting a few more from neighbors who buy locally grown trees. Although, if your family is like mine, they may ask that you wait until dark to drag your treasures back home.

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SPORTS

Youthful Auburn picks up important win versus Westborough



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Auburn's Joel Miller controls the puck in the neutral zone while skating down into Westborough's territory.



Caleb Bartlett of Auburn looks to stick-handle past a Westborough defender.



Auburn's Nolan White skates past a Westborough defender and heads toward Westborough's goal.



Alec Leduc of Auburn stick-handles the puck while on the offensive attack.



Dillon Winkelmann of Auburn dumps the puck into Westborough's zone.



Auburn's Tommy Rembiszewski zeroes in on a Westborough player for a hit.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — After a poor performance in a 3-0 loss to Hudson High on Thursday, Dec. 26, the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team needed nothing more than to right its ship versus Westborough High on Saturday, Dec. 28 at the Horgan Arena. The Rockets were taking on a 1-5 Rangers' squad, and Auburn (which also includes student-athletes from Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of the cooperative agreement) got the job done to get back into the win column.

Dominic DiPadua, Nic Spanos and Alec Leduc scored the Rockets' goals, and Tyler MacKoul picked up the shut-out in net in the 3-0 victory.

"The good thing is we came out with the 'W' and we're 2-2-1," Auburn head coach Glen Bombard said of the team's now .500 record. "This was a big, important win for us. We needed this 'W.'"

The fact that the Rockets played well and got the job done seeing as how inexperienced they are can potentially go a long way for the team this season.

"In this game here, for about a period and a half, I saw a lot of good stuff. What people don't realize is I only have four kids that have ever played varsity hockey before," Bombard said of Dillon Winkelmann, Joel Miller, Caleb Bartlett and Colin Lutz. "The other ones have played sparingly here and there.

"It's still a work in progress," continued Bombard. "This week we finally get to settle down and have a whole week of practice. We can actually sit and go through some stuff instead of just throwing these guys into the wolves and bury their heads with stuff. If we were experienced we'd be fine, but being as inexperienced as we are...it's a lot."

Asophomore co-captain, Winkelmann said the team played a much-improved game versus Westborough and continued to show signs of a solid team going

forward.

"We didn't perform well [versus Hudson] and we performed a lot better today," noted Winkelmann. "We picked up some big points here. The younger guys are stepping it up — everyone is stepping it up — goals are coming, assists are coming, everything."

Auburn got on the board with 11:13 to play in the first period when they took advantage of their first power play opportunity. There, Shawn Bradway slid a pass to Bartlett, who ripped a shot on net. The shot was saved by the Rangers' Patrick Riley, but DiPadua was there to poke the rebound in.

It appeared that the Rockets had doubled their lead early in the second period — again on the power play — when Nolan White put the puck into the net, but the goal was waved off due to a dislodged net. But Auburn did make it 2-0 before the end of the period when Spanos ripped a one-timer in the slot past Riley. The goal was set up by a pass

from Zach Schirm over to Miller, who then made a nice feed from behind the goalmouth onto Spanos' stick.

The Rockets put the game away with 12:05 remaining in the third period when Alex Stencel passed the puck along the right side to Leduc, who sniped a shot top shelf past Riley's glove.

All that was left in doubt was MacKoul's potential shutout, and he made sure of it with a sensational save with five minutes to play. Westborough's Owen Lenkauskas received a pass on a two-on-one and his wrister targeted the net. But MacKoul slid over and got his chest protector on the shot to preserve the shutout.

"Tyler's been a key, a huge key," Bombard said of MacKoul. "He's a solid goaltender. He's a hard-working kid."

And now with the team back to .500, Bombard is hoping for the Rockets to continue improving.

"We're hanging in there and we're getting better," he concluded.

SPORTS

Rockets hang tough in loss to Algonquin



Nick Ethier photos

Marlena Eichelroth of Auburn collects the puck along the boards and skates up the ice with it.



Auburn's Avery Knott makes a play on the puck in the first period versus Algonquin.



Auburn goalie Rachel Proulx flashes her glove to make a save against Algonquin.



Haley Vadenais of Auburn plays defense against the shot of Algonquin's Ella Kea.



Auburn's Katie Lavoie releases a wrist shot toward the Algonquin net.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Two clear points of emphasis emerged following the Auburn High girls' varsity ice hockey team's game versus Algonquin Regional at the Horgan Arena on Thursday, Dec. 26. The first was how well goalie Rachel Proulx played, and the second was how the Rockets fought hard until the final whistle.

Proulx made an eye-popping 55 saves — yes, 55 — and Haley Vadenais scored with 4:29 remaining to break the Tomahawks' shutout bid.

Algonquin went on to win the game, 6-1.

"She played a very good game," Auburn head coach Pete LaPrad said of Proulx. "She's very young, she's only a freshman. She's really coming around doing a nice job. In girls' hockey, a goalie can carry a team. It's probably the most important position on the team."

"It's really good to see her have a good game," LaPrad continued. "We've had a rough start this year, but she's gotten a lot stronger."

None of Proulx's goals allowed were first-shot opportunities.

"It's the team's job to clear the puck and make sure there isn't a second and third shot," explained LaPrad. "Every one of those goals was a rebound goal."

And LaPrad was glad that Vadenais found the back of the net with just minutes to spare.

"Haley, she's an assistant

captain; young, sophomore, excellent player, excellent leader — you can't say enough about her," he said. "I'm glad we broke the shutout with her scoring a goal."

The Tomahawks peppered the Rockets' net from the get-go, but Proulx had her shutout intact until just 3:25 remained in the opening period. There, Kerryn O'Connell poked in a rebound goal after two saves from Proulx. Amy Macglashing had the assist.

Then, with 2:58 to play in the first period, Algonquin doubled its lead to 2-0. Heather Hodgkins assisted on Natalie Peterson's goal.

The Tomahawks then doubled their lead to 4-0 in the second period when O'Connell and Peterson each scored their second goals of the game. Maggie O'Brien assisted on Peterson's tally. Proulx was immense in the period, though, flashing her glove multiple times with beautiful saves.

Auburn also killed off all three Algonquin power plays in the period — including a prolonged 5-on-3 attempt — and finished a perfect 4 for 4 on the penalty kill.

"Going down two penalties, 5-on-3, against a team like that and killing it was quite a good thing — something to build on," said LaPrad.

The Tomahawks' Olivia Bower made it 5-0 early in the third and O'Connell finished off a hat trick for Algonquin's final goal. Sabrina Ferro and Macglashing assisted on O'Connell's goal.

Auburn then gained some momentum as the clock ticked down. First, Avery Knott unleashed a slap shot from the left point, where goalie Kaitlin Mathews (9 saves) needed to kick out her left pad to make a nice save. Vadenais' goal followed just a few moments later.

Algonquin improved to 1-0-1 as the Rockets knew they were up against a strong nonconference opponent.

"They're a strong team, but we play strong teams," said LaPrad. "The first period we were a little panicked, second period it got a little bit better and third period was our best period without question."

LaPrad's team has done well against conference opponents.

"Every conference game we've been in has been very close," he said. "We played Oakmont to a 1-1 tie and we played Woodstock Academy and lost 4-3."

Auburn, which is now 1-3-1 five games into its season, also has student-athletes from Grafton High, Notre Dame Academy, Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional, Blackstone-Millville Regional and Douglas High playing as part of the cooperative agreement.



Delany Novick of Auburn hunts down the puck, and Algonquin's Olivia Bower.

SPORTS

First win for Bay Path against rallying Tigers

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — With both teams in desperate need of a victory, it was no shock that the Bay Path Regional and Douglas High boys' varsity basketball teams battled to a close, hard-fought game on Monday, Jan. 6.

The Tigers built a big lead early, the Minutemen then went ahead by double figures in the second half, and they held on late to win 69-63.

"It's been kind of frustrating the last couple of games. We've had three close games in a row. In the fourth quarter with less than a minute to go we've been in the game with a chance to win all of them and we haven't come through at the end," said Bay Path head coach Al Greenough, whose team finally won and is now 1-4 after narrowly losing to Southbridge High, Auburn High and Parker Charter. "It's a young team and we're still growing, still learning. We'll work on how to protect a lead better, but it's the first time we've had a lead like that this year. I'm just happy at this point that we hung on and got the win."

Douglas head coach Dan Spring will take away multiple tidbits from the close loss, including the strong start and finish, as well as the struggling middle quarters.

"You show them the tape and how we had the good start and how we had the comeback where we were playing as a team," he began. "When we weren't playing as a team, when we weren't taking care of the scouting report and forcing them where we wanted to force them, then it went bad. Hopefully we can learn from it."

Tigers' sophomore Matt Landry scored his team's first nine points and finished with 12 in the first quarter as Douglas built an 18-9 lead. But the Minutemen began their comeback in the second quarter as they closed the deficit to a single point (27-26) at the half.

Then, in the first minute of the third quarter, Bay Path grabbed the lead and never lost it when senior Ben LaPointe drove to the basket and finished off the layup.

"He has a very quick first step and being a lefty, too, a lot of defenders



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Ben LaPointe drives inside the 3-point line on his pursuit to the basket.

aren't expecting that," Greenough said of LaPointe, who saw 16 of his 18 points come on drives to the basket. "He takes advantage of that and he was big for us tonight."

Cam Hafner, a Bay Path sophomore, then caught fire in the third quarter, where he netted 10 of his 17 points. A personal 7-0 stretch by Hafner gave the Minutemen a 35-27 lead, and they held a 49-38 advantage heading into the final frame.

There, Bay Path held an 18-point lead at 56-38, but Douglas began to mount its comeback. Three straight baskets by junior Christian Antonioli trimmed the deficit to 56-44 with 4:30 remaining.

Antonioli was a much-needed spark off the bench, as he finished with 14 points.

"He's very good," Spring said of Antonioli. "He can step out and hit the 3, he can do the dirty work inside, he's smart, can pass, can defend, block shots."

The Tigers continued to rally and, with 1:50 to play, Landry connected on a 3-pointer to make it 63-54. Seconds later, Douglas dug out a steal and Landry converted a three-point play as it was now 63-57.

Bay Path sophomore Dylan Cotton (9 points) next made two free throws to extend the lead to 65-57, but Landry drained another 3-pointer to make it 65-60 with a minute to go.

The Minutemen couldn't score on the ensuing possession, and Douglas sophomore Tommy George made it a one-score game at 65-63 on a 3-pointer with 30 seconds remaining.

But Bay Path held on thanks to four free throws off the fingertips of sophomore Jomar Torres (14 points).

Greenough said that the key to victory was limiting Douglas to just 11 points in the third quarter, which built them a lead that ultimately was enough to cling to.

"At halftime we just reiterated the fact that man-to-man defense is what is our bread and butter. We created a few turnovers in the second half and built a lead, which is good," he said.

For Douglas, Landry finished with a game-high 36 points.

"He can flat out score and he's been on varsity since he was an eighth grader," Spring said of Landry, who added that he can blossom into a Dual Valley Conference All-Star if he fine-tunes the other aspects of his game.

But a loss is a loss, and the Tigers are now 1-4.

"These are games that we have to start winning. If we don't start doing it as a team it's not going to happen," Spring concluded.



Cam Hafner of Bay Path slides a pass down the court to teammate Anthony Barbale.



Bay Path defender Anthony Barbale tries to block a shot taken by Douglas' Steve Willand.



Bay Path's Jomar Torres provides an up-fake with the ball to create separation on Douglas defender Tommy George.



Dylan Cotton of Bay Path slings a long pass down the court versus Douglas.



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Douglas' Brian Doyle tries to maneuver the ball away from the reach of Bay Path's Jomar Torres.

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

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us 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.

SOUTHBRIDGE 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:

SOUTHBRIDGE 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.

April, 2020

May 19, 2020 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$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 Foxwoods at 4 PM.

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

June, 2020

July, 2020

August, 2020

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.

October 13th - 20th 2020 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip. This is an all-inclusive trip – all flights, transfers, meals plus snacks, nightly entertainment, and alcohol included.

November 12, 2020 – Thursday – Foxwoods \$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 Foxwoods at 4 PM.

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

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP

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UNION SAINT-JEAN- BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. “Like” us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019
Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$81.
April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)
May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and

Wine Tour with lunch at Warren’s Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91.
May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours -TBA
June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91
June 29 - July 6 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 8 seats left
August 9 - Pops by the Sea, Conway Tours - TBA
Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329.
Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the “Rich and Famous,” winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag Harbor, etc. - \$579.
Oct. 6 -- Green Mt. Railroad w/Fox
Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox
Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc.

There is also still space for the Newport Playhouse trip on Dec. 18, 2019. For \$79 experience the play “A Christmas Cactus” along with a full buffet lunch and a Christmas Carbare.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to be put on the emailing list.

Most trips leave from Whitinsville WalMart, 100 Valley Pkway and Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St Westboro.

Newport Playhouse and some others will leave from the Millbury Park and Ride as well as the Whitinsville WalMart. Please always include entree choice, phone number (especially cell) and an emergency number.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to reserve.

The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center invites you to join them on a couple of Christmas trips.

There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we’ll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flagship L.L. Bean Store, and local boutiques housed in historic brick buildings; then enjoy an included late lunch buffet at the Harraseeket Inn. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor in the late afternoon and check in to the Flagship Inn. This evening we’ll experience Gardens Aglow; walk through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens’ dazzling, outdoor display of 650,000 lights illuminating their meticulously cared for gardens. You’ll also have a chance to peruse the visitor’s center & gift shop and get a bite to eat. We will stop in the village of Boothbay Harbor afterwards to experience “The Festival of Lights.” After breakfast we will head home with a stop in Kennebunkport for lunch and shopping. *Please note this tour includes periods of outdoor walking on dimly lit, potentially uneven surfaces, and overnight accommodations that require walking up and down stairs.

On December 5 and 6th there is a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and it includes one dinner and one breakfast both at the lodge, glassblowing at Simon Pearce Company, a meeting with a member of the Von Trapp family, a stop in Montpelier, and of course the luxury of being at the Trapp family Lodge! It is \$379 for the double occupancy per person and \$499 per person for a single.

Capture the Christmas spirit as we enjoy a little of Austria and a lot of Vermont on this memorable getaway. Situated on 2,500 acres in Stowe, Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge serves as our magnificent home away from home. Enjoy great shopping, superb dining and exceptional hospitality on this great Christmas holiday tour.

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OBITUARIES

Yvonne M. Benedict, 60



DUDLEY- Yvonne M. (Ferguson) Benedict, 60, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, in the Rose Monahan Hospice Home, Worcester, after an illness. She leaves her husband, Thomas A. Benedict; two daughters, Heather Buduo and her husband Chris of Dudley and Kristen Farrar and her husband Tony of Charlton; her three grandchildren, Trinity Mercier, Jacoby Buduo and Caiden Farrar. Yvonne was born in Lisbon, New York the daughter of Stanley and Ursula (Tim) Ferguson. She served Honorable

in the United States Airforce. Yvonne enjoyed helping out at her friends daycare and hanging out at home with her cats. Funeral services and burial for Yvonne will be private. There are no calling hours. The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cancer Center at Harrington, 100 South St., Southbridge, MA 01550 www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Ellen Mae Tremblay, 80



SOUTHBIDGE- Ellen Mae (Rawson) Tremblay, 80, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 29th, in the Knollwood Nursing Home, West Boylston, after a brief illness. Her husband, Ralph E. Tremblay, Jr., passed away in 2003. She was predeceased by her daughter, Michelle D. "Mikki" Tremblay in 2011 and her son, Lance R. Tremblay in 2017. She is survived by her four children, Wendy Vilandre and her fiancé Gary Morin of Hardwick, Kyle Tremblay and his wife Rhonda of Lee, Drake Tremblay and his longtime companion Monique Parent of Southbridge and Drew Tremblay of Charlton; her six grandchildren, Hollie Grant and her husband Matt, Travis, Dylan, Brandon, Brittney and Kody; four great grandchildren, Raegan, Emma, Braydn and Callie Ann; and longtime family friend, Noel

Mateo of Southbridge. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Donald W. and Bertha L. (Kobel) Rawson. Ellen worked as a Nurse's Aide and in Medical Records at the Liberty House Nursing Home (later the Providence House Nursing Home and Radius Nursing Home) in Southbridge, for over 35 years, retiring many years ago. She was an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan along with being an avid college football fan. She enjoyed reading, puzzles and cooking. Ellen loved and was always concerned about her co-workers, neighbors and her friends. Most of all her greatest joy was her family and spending time with them all. A graveside service for Ellen in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours. The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Mary Lou Carr



On Thursday, December 5, 2019, Mary Lou Carr, passed away peacefully at age 82 surrounded by her family. Mary Lou was born on August 15, 1937 in Worcester, MA, to Earl and Helen Pike and grew up in Massachusetts. As a young adult Mary Lou moved to York Harbor, Maine where she raised her family and lived for over 40 years. She was a bartender for many years and was very involved in the Elks, serving as the 1st President of the Wells Elks Ladies Auxillary. Mary Lou was feisty. She had a great sense of humor, and her one-liners made you laugh out loud. She loved country music and traveling "up North" with her husband Bob. She adored being a grandmother. Into her eighties she was still a flirt. Above all else, Mary Lou was a wife,

mother, grandmother and friend. She was blessed with a husband, children, grandchildren, siblings and friends who truly enjoyed her and have amazing memories and stories of their adventures over the years. Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents and son Wayne Shedd. She is survived by her loving husband Robert "Bob" Carr; her two children Glen Shedd and wife Joura Shedd; and Laurie Morrison and husband Ron Morrison; granddaughters Henna Shedd and fiancé Matt Wells and Macy Morrison; siblings Carol Fisher, Everett Pike and wife Mary, Gordon Pike and wife Melinda, Brenda Thomas and husband Frank and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. A Celebration for Mary Lou was held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 5th, 2019 at the York Elks Lodge, 1704 US-1, Cape Neddick, ME 03902. Please join us as we share a toast to Lou Lou and share our stories.

Maureen B. Prokos, 92



SOUTHBIDGE- Maureen B. (Baybutt) Prokos, 92, a longtime Southbridge resident, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 26, 2019. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Alexander S. Prokos; her five children, John A. Prokos and wife Kim (Tracy) Prokos of Winchester, Maryann Prokos and husband Lance Fromme of Andover, Dr. Elizabeth P. Berry and husband Robert Berry of Southbridge, Jane P. Gallagher and husband John M. Gallagher of Orange, CT and Jeffrey S. Prokos of Danielson, CT; her seven grandsons, Alexander Berry and wife Kate of Charlton, Ryan Berry of Southbridge, John Prokos, Jr. and wife Mika of London, England, Matthew Prokos of Boston, Patrick Gallagher and Sean Gallagher of Orange, CT, and Joseph Fromme and wife Alison of Ithaca, NY; her three Great-Grandchildren, Maria Berry of Charlton, Nathan Fromme and Ian Fromme of Ithaca NY; and her sister, Bernadette Noga of Southbridge. She was pre-deceased by her brothers, Herbert Baybutt, Jr. and John Baybutt, and her sister Margaret B. Pinsonneault. Maureen was born in Suffern, NY, daughter of Herbert J. Baybutt, Sr. and Margaret (Barry) Baybutt. They moved to Southbridge when she was 4 years old. She graduated from St. Mary's High School and graduated from the Fenner Business School in Boston. Maureen worked as a secretary at Cole Trade High School in Southbridge where she met her husband. Later she worked as a substitute teacher for many years in the local elementary schools and taught CCD at the former St. Mary's

Church. Maureen was the proud proprietor for 46 years of The Flea Mart on Hamilton Street where she formed numerous lifelong friendships. She managed hundreds of estate sales in the area, and her ads could always be recognized by the last line, "Please Park Carefully". Very active in the community, she was a long-time member and past president of the Southbridge Women's Club. She held numerous offices in the QVAC (now the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts) including several terms as president. She was very active in the Garden Club, Historical Society and an executive member of the Downtown Partnership Association. She was an avid gardener, taking great pride in perfecting flower gardens in both her yard and the yards of her children, with whom she loved spending all of her free time. Maureen was regarded as one of the most pleasant, professional and knowledgeable people in the antique business. Although, she would tell you that what she enjoyed most about the antique business was all of the people she grew to know along the way. A funeral Mass for Maureen was held on Monday, Dec. 30th, at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton Street., Southbridge. Burial followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Maureen's memory can be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, or to the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Ronald W. Conway, Jr., 33



DUDLEY - Ronald W. Conway, Jr., 33, of Ramshorn Road, died unexpectedly on Saturday, December 28, 2019, in his home. He is survived by his parents, Ronald W. and Darlene M. (Brissette) Conway Sr. of Dudley, with whom he lived; his sister, Heather L. Conway and her partner Tom Podles of Webster; his maternal grandmother, Lorraine M. Brissette of Webster; three nieces and one nephew, Kaylee, Aiden, Kelsey, and Riley; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was born in Worcester and lived in Webster before moving to Dudley 22

years ago. He graduated from Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley in 2004, and received a bachelor's degree in business from Nichols College in Dudley in 2008. Mr. Conway was a custodian at Charlton Middle School in Charlton for five years. He enjoyed kayaking and fishing, and was a fan of the Red Sox and Patriots. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to Obits@stonebridgepress.news

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 15

PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR RESIDENTS OF STURBRIDGE: For three- and four-year-olds. By appointment only. If you have concerns about your child's development and would like them screened, please call (508) 347-7041 for an appointment.

ONGOING

THE STURBRIDGE FARMER'S MARKET is held every Sunday through Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Common.

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday evening from September

to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in

group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield.

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor - National Association of Canine Scent Work.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, and is well suited for all levels of practitioners, including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez at (413) 279-4330 for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday evenings at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield. Times: WeighIn/Registration 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a mem-



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On Wed, Dec. 18 we will travel to the Newport Playhouse to see “A Christmas Cactus” For \$79, you will enjoy a great play, a bountiful buffet

and the Christmas Cabaret. Show Synopsis: Christmas Eve is tough for private investigator Cactus O’Riley, a white-hot redhead with the holiday blues. She is trying to lure her secretary Fred away from his protective mother, dodging the affections of Deputy D.A. Windsor, and considering

closing her business. She doesn’t need the added aggravation of two fugitives who burst into her office looking for justice and a dead detective named Jake Marley. Cactus also doesn’t need Fred’s mother, who arrives to take Fred home but decides to stay because she thinks this is the Christmas murder mystery

party she has always dreamed of attending. Christmas turns into a dickens of a holiday for Cactus as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles and takes a second chance on love and sleuthing. All trips leave from the Whitinsville WalMart. Call Sue at 509-476-5820 for more information.

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ber or to learn more about Weight Watchers. YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7-15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21. FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great:

honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99. OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael’s On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@char-

ter.net or visit oa.org. MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more information!

TRAINOR

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should be a staple in your cleaning tool box. It’s most impressive ability is wiping away permanent marker from a variety of surfaces. It also cleans up textured refrigerator handles with a mere swipe or two, and burnt food stains on a glass stove top come off easily with a light scrubbing. Also, stains on porous porcelain sinks and Fibreglass tubs clean up quickly and easily. But before you start scrubbing, try it on an inconspicuous area as it can dull and damage Formica and other surfaces. 2. Spot Shot Carpet Cleaner: Another “miracle” cleaner that works wonders. Spray this aerosol (or pump version) cleaner and carpet stains seem to (truly)

disappear before your eyes! 3. Scott’s Liquid Gold: An oldie that still makes an instant impression! It polishes up kitchen cabinets like nothing else. Use the spray version on counter tops after cleaning for a sparkling shine. Renew wood surfaces with a few quick swipes of the cloth. 4. HandiWipes: A babyboomer childhood staple that stands the test of time. These strong dish cloths don’t breed bacteria like sponges. They are easily dried out over the faucet after each use and can be washed and reused many times. *** Homemade Glass Cleaner This homemade version of a classic commercial window cleaner is a real money saver. It works well and the addition of the blue food coloring tricks

the brain into thinking you’re still cleaning with the pricy brand! Ingredients: 2 cups water; ½ cup rubbing alcohol; one tablespoon ammonia; blue food coloring (optional) Directions: Mix everything together in a spray bottle. Use as you would a commercial window cleaner. *** Daily Shower Spray Cleaner This works as well as the name brand shower spray and it dries super fast! Ingredients: three tablespoons liquid Jet Dry (for dishwashers); water Directions: Combine Jet Dry and water in a spray bottle to fill. Spray shower walls after every shower. *** Win Dinner for Two Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random

drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints! ** Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
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AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**



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



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

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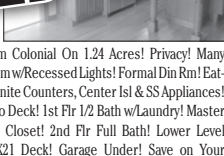
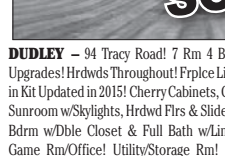
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DUDLEY – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplc Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit! Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**



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

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

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WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



Updated 2 Family - Vinyl Siding- 1st Floor 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms. 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen. Fully Applianced. Washer & Dryer Included. New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor - Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets - 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors. New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat - 2 New Oil Tanks, Circuit Breakers. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. Great Commuter Location. **\$237,500**

WEBSTER - 17 PINWOOD DR



Location, Location, Location! Close to I395. Split Entry with 6 rooms. 3 bedrooms & 1-1/2 baths. Many Updates! Fireplace living room. Wood floors! Recent Asphalt Shingled Roof & Solar Panels. assisted sale **\$289,900.**

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



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

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$249,500**

WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



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

WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



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

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



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

WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

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

HOLLAND - 6 MAIDEN LN



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

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, Water/Sewer access **\$129,400.**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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



WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD

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