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AUBURN HIGH STUDENTS ATTEND MODEL UN CONFERENCE

Auburn High School's Model United Nations (MUN) team had a fabulous day at the recent MUN Conference held at Boston College High School, where Kael Briesacher took home the Best Delegate Award and Aaron Zheng was recognized for Best Position Paper.

Community adopts proactive stance toward coronavirus

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – While the town of Charlton has been relatively untouched by the national COVID-19 or coronavirus pandemic town leaders are taking steps and making recommendations in hopes of keeping it that way as long as possible.

Following suit with other communities both regionally and nationwide, the town of Charlton is implementing new practices for the time being meant to curb the spread of novel coronavirus including embracing social distancing and closing both the town's library and senior center. These measures were implemented following a joint meeting between town

and school officials from Dudley and Charlton and are meant as a proactive approach to fighting the virus before it impacts the region beyond its current scope.

Dudley Board of Health Chair Matthew Gagner said the mentality of the town right now is that it's better to prepare for something that might not be a problem than regret preparation if the problem were to persist.

"The town is taking a strong, proactive approach to trying to prevent this disease in our community," said Gagner. "At this point, we're not infested with COVID-19. It's all around us, but it's not in Charlton. It's not here yet. From what we've been seeing in China and how South Korea has responded, and then now Italy, we feel that now is

the time to think ahead and take an approach to prevent it from happening to us. If we isolate to a certain degree, then maybe we can prevent the spread of this."

Gagner said he of course supports any of the health practices being advertised by the CDC and other agencies on a national scale which include 20-second hand washing, avoiding larger groups and keeping a six-foot buffer between individuals, an act coined "social distancing" by officials.

"At this point, the state is allowing the local health boards to try and determine the best course of action. It's a lot because in the role of public health and safe-

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Nichols holds Third Annual Relay for Life



Jason Bleau Photos

Walkers complete a lap during the third annual Relay for Life at Nichols College.

other campus programs and spring break and to avoid impacting finals. However, unlike other Relays the Nichols event is much shorter lasting six hours instead of the traditional 24-hour period.

Nichols sophomore Torey Lussier is the President of Nichols College Against Cancer, the group responsible for organizing the Relay each year, and said the event has become a passion project for everyone involved.

"We get a lot of people who come to help out and be a part of this. It's a community event and everyone comes together to make it happen," Lussier said, acknowledging that holding the event at a college comes with its own complications when compared to a traditional Relay. "I think it is a bit tougher for a college atmosphere because you have to take into consideration what everyone likes and everything else that goes on around campus. Having to adapt it to a college community can be a little tricky. We had it on a Saturday last year and realized that didn't grow as much so we tried Sunday this year."

The 2020 edition of the event included vendors, all-day activities, raffles and more and saw participants pacing the indoor gym of the college rath-

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Visitors to the Nichols College Relay for Life partake in a raffle including sports-themed prizes and more.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – While most towns will celebrate Relay for Life in the spring, Nichols College hosts one of the first such events each year, bringing together the college community to help raise money to fight cancer and awareness of the many forms the disease can take.

The college, located on Center Road in Dudley, hosted their third annual Relay for Life on Sunday, March 8, continuing a modern tradition started by former student Nicholas Anderson who brought his passion for the Relay to Nichols after getting his high school involved in the cause years prior. Nichols holds one of the first Relays New England each year in order to accommodate



Joe Bostek

FULLER AUTOMOTIVE WELCOMES NEW CFO

AUBURN — Fuller Automotive Companies is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Joseph Bostek of Oxford as the company's newly appointed Chief Financial Officer.

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Overdose tracking and response program implemented in Worcester County

WORCESTER — Police departments in all 60 of Worcester County's cities and towns will begin tracking overdoses in real-time today thanks to a new program implemented by a partnership between District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., the Central Massachusetts Chiefs of Police, local hospitals and medical providers, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and recovery community partners.

The Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) allows law enforcement to collect overdose data and make it available in real-time to all police departments in the county. The information is then used to have a plainclothes

police officer and a recovery coach reach out to the non-fatal overdose victim and offer services within 48 hours. The program allows police to identify those with substance use disorder who are most at risk and offer them treatment.

CIMS was developed by Kelley Research

Associates in partnership with law enforcement and the District Attorney's office in Plymouth County. After implementing the program in 2017, Plymouth County had a 26 percent reduction in

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LOCAL CHURCH USES TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE “FEARLESS” WORSHIP

STURBRIDGE — At this time when fears are at an all time high, New Hope United Church of Christ, the fun church, is using technology to provide a spiritual antidote.

While many are increasingly uncomfortable with attending public gatherings, New Hope UCC provides weekly videos of the Scripture and Pastor Janet's energetic sermons. It is a way to be comforted by the Good News of the Gospel in virtual community, which is especially needed during a time when physical proximity is of concern. Each week's video is available on their website www.newhopeucc.org. Although physical worship has been suspended for two weeks as recommended by the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, we expect to resume public worship as soon as the situation permits.

It was a “God-cidence” that we worked to provide this kind of online worship connection months ago. We wanted to provide a spiritual connection for and with those who might be unable or are

uncomfortable with attending a regular Sunday Worship. It enables us to respond to the CDC's recommendations for “social distancing” in a timely manner. Christians are called to “love our neighbor as ourselves” so in real terms, it means doing what is right for the greater good. Suspending our physical gatherings for a few weeks seems to be an appropriate sacrifice to stem the spread of the virus.

New Hope United Church of Christ, the fun church, is located at 345 Main St. (Bethlehem Lutheran Building). It offers Church School from 10 - 10:45 a.m., and parents are invited to drop off or chill out with coffee. Worship is at 11 a.m. New Hope United Church of Christ is a judgment-free Christian community who believes that everyone has important insights and gifts to offer. They sincerely welcome and value everyone, everyone, everyone. They happily partner with and serve our local and global neighbors is peace, hope, and love.

Wings of Song celebrate planet Earth

STURBRIDGE – In May, Wings of Song (formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers) will present three concerts of songs, texts, and projections celebrating planet Earth—our “blue boat home,” as one song puts it—and encouraging people to become informed and take action about climate change.

This program was put together by Music Director Nym Cooke from a large number of sources, with many songs and poems proposed by chorus members. Two of the choral works to be performed are by chorus members Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Conn. and Terry McGinty of Warren, Mass. Cooke re-texted songs by John Lennon and Leonard Bernstein

“in order to enlist their powerful music in putting across our message,” as he puts it.

The concerts will also include excerpts from the Missa Gaia by Paul Winter and others; songs by pop geniuses Neil Young and Elton John; Navaho sacred music and a piece inspired by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Jean Ritchie's “Cool of the Day” and Pete Seeger's “To My Old Brown Earth”; pieces by South African and African American musicians; and much more. Four audience sing-alongs will be integral parts of the concert.

Readings were drawn from the writings of Thich Nhat Hanh, Robert Weston, Joy Harjo, the Navaho Way Blessing

Ceremony, and others.

These will be concerts unlike anything this chorus has presented before. There will be three performances: on Saturday evening, May 9, Saturday evening, May 16, and Sunday afternoon, May 17. Stay tuned for locations. The performances are free, though donations will be collected. All audience donations collected at the May 9 performance will be given to an organization working effectively to combat global warming.

For more information on this program, you are welcome to contact Wings of Song Music Director Nym Cooke (nymcooke@gmail.com) or President KT Therrien (kt2nc@aol.com).

Roger Williams University announces Fall 2019 Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. The following students have been recognized for this achievement.

Mary Byrne, of Auburn
Dylan Pratt, of Auburn
Tyler Pratt, of Auburn
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ty you have to balance that proactive approach because if you're not proactive and the outbreak happens, then what? If you are proactive and nothing happens, then maybe it actually worked. You never know. Better to be on the side of caution,” said Gagner.

Town Administrator Andrew Golas said he does not foresee any major interruptions to town services, but confirms that the town hall and employees are taking precautions and embracing changes that keep everyone's health and wellbeing in mind.

“From the town hall perspective, we haven't done much as far as changing

our operations,” said Golas. “We're leaving it to the boards themselves to make the decision whether or not to cancel or postpone meetings. We've been doing a lot more cleaning and disinfecting daily. That's basically what our custodian has been dedicating his time toward. Our operations have not changed as of yet, but we are working to implement anything we can to mitigate interaction between our staff and the public without damaging public services. Practicing social distancing is a big part of that.”

Any information regarding further changes to Charlton's resources, meeting schedules or public services will be communicated through social media and the town Web site.

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er than the outdoor track. While the 2020 event didn't garner as many participants as the 2019 event Lussier still called it a great success that has helped contribute tens of thousands of dollars to the cause.

“We've raised just around \$50,000 for the past three years. We have both teams and individuals and around a hundred people signed up this year. We had around 150 last year so the par-

ticipation has been pretty consistent,” Lussier said.

The goal of Nichols College Against Cancer is to see the event continue to grow in the coming years and become and larger tradition for the college and students. Upperclassmen are especially working hard to include incoming freshmen in the Relay knowing that their involvement is essential to the continuation of the event to helping raise awareness and funds for the fight against cancer.

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overdose deaths in 2018. CIMS is in use or being implemented in Bristol, Essex, Middlesex and Norfolk counties, as well. The District Attorney's office purchased the software for \$40,000 using drug forfeiture funds.

“I am proud that we are bringing the CIMS program to Worcester County,” said Mr. Early. “This model has proven effective in Plymouth and we hope to see the same success here. I'm glad to partner with so many who are helping us address this deadly disease. We are stepping out of our

silos to use a model proven effective in another part of our state. It is exciting.”

CentralMassachusettsChiefs of Police Association President and Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest F. Martineau has worked to get all of the departments in Worcester County signed up to use the program.

“Critical Incident Management Systems have shown to make substantial gains with providing hope for those suffering with addiction,” said Chief Martineau. “Positive reductions to overdoses have been reported in Plymouth County and that same technology is soon to be a reality in Worcester County. CIMS will break down the silos and allow law enforcement to effectively collaborate its response. CIMS was developed by police for police.”

Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has also agreed to partner on this program by identifying those reentering the community who may be at a high risk for overdose.



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Multi Church merriment at Mardi Gras

STURBRIDGE — Beads were everywhere as New Hope United Church of Christ, Bethlehem Lutheran, Elm Street Congregational, UCC and 1st United Methodist Church of Southbridge joined together to revel in Mardi Gras on Feb. 24 at the Bethlehem Lutheran building at 345 Main St., Sturbridge .

Gone were the lackluster pancake suppers in dimly lit church basements of the 50's. Instead they rocked to New Orleans jazz music and feasted on jambalaya, red beans & rice, pancakes, cornbread, and even king cake!

"This free family event grows bigger every year as it is just so much fun!" said Klaus & Glenys Hachfeld who are regular attendees and always dress the part.

This was the first year that four churches joined in the event and they are already making plans for next year. The room was festooned in the glitz of purple, green, and gold and laughter abounded as all ages played Pass the Pretzel, a Pancake Flipping Relay, and a Trivia Contest that tested their knowledge of both Mardi Gras and Lent. There was even a "tattoo parlor" (temporary type only of course).



Courtesy Photo
Rev. Dan Purtell of Bethlehem Lutheran hamming it up with Rev. Dr. Janet Peck of New Hope United Church of Christ.

Fat Tuesday is the day when Christians traditionally use up all their fats and oils to prepare for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday.

"This type of celebration causes Lent to be so much more meaningful and richer. Going from the revels of Fat Tuesday into the somber reflection of Ash Wednesday is powerful - especially for us, New Englanders, who are still slogging through winter," said Pastor Janet Peck, one of the organizers.

It was a true collaboration with each congregation taking part in the planning and execution.

The collaboration and commradary continued as Rev. Dan Purtell (Bethlehem Lutheran) and Rev. Dr. Janet Peck (New Hope United Church of Christ) provided Ashes-to-Go at the Sturbridge Coffee House, the next morning from 6:30 a.m. - noon.

"This is the new church," they agreed, "We are sharing the blessings of each congregation in a way that is deeply spiritual, and places a greater emphasis on what we share - faith in Christ and the desire to help others engage in a vibrant faith."



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Bolandrina inducted into National Society of Leadership and Success at University of Phoenix



PHOENIX, Az. — Gretheline Ramos-Bolandrina of Douglas, a Doctor of Health Administration student at the University of Phoenix and the Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton (since 2015), has been inducted into The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Sigma Alpha Pi University of Phoenix chapter for the Spring Semester, 2020. Bolandrina's membership is the result of her outstanding academic achievement, the accomplishment of 3.86 GPA. Bolandrina was given the distinguished honor of the NSLS, Sigma Alpha Pi Presidential membership.

The National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi, is the largest collegiate honor society in the United States. In addition to honoring excellence, Sigma Alpha Pi distinguish-

es itself by providing members access to a five-step leadership program to develop skills that will drive success beyond the classroom and into the next phase of professional career or as a graduate student.

Also, recently, Bolandrina was inducted to the University of Phoenix Chapter of the Upsilon Phi Delta Society and is duly enrolled in this honorary health care leadership Society. Upsilon Phi Delta is the national academic honor society for students in healthcare administration in the United States. The organization was formed in 1965 to further the profession of health administration and the professional competence and dedication of its members. It is administered by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. The name of the society is derived from the Greek words for «health,» «care,» and «administration.» Its official colors are crimson red and cobalt blue and its official flower is the rose. The mission of the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society is to recognize, and encourage academic excellence in the study of healthcare management and policy. Upsilon Phi Delta membership is an earned honor reserved for students in the top third of their cohort with a cumulative GPA of 3.8. After years of hard work, Bolandrina is set to complete her doctoral degree in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix at the end of 2020. Her dissertation work is on the academic progression of male LPNs. She obtained her Master of Science in Nursing Education, also from the University of Phoenix in 2013 and was inducted in the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau (STT) Iota Phi-at Large Chapter. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of

Santo Tomas, Manila Philippines.

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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Charlton resident arrested for enticing minors

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — A Charlton resident has been taken into custody on the strength of numerous outstanding arrest warrants involving sexual advances with minors.

On Thursday, March 5, the Coventry, Conn. police department released a statement noting the arrest of 25-year-old Zachery Vannais, a resident of Charlton and former subject of Coventry. Vannais was the subject of a lengthy criminal investigation revealing that he has contacted children utilizing various social media accounts posing as a teenager. Police allege that Vannais then attempted to entice these children to engage in online sexual relationship. Vannais was not registered as

a sex offender in either Massachusetts or Connecticut prior to his arrest. Vannais did reportedly couch youth baseball while residing in Coventry, resigning in January of this year.

Vannais was taken into custody with the help of Connecticut State Police Troop C and held on a \$60,000 court set bond. He was charged with numerous violations including four counts of risk of injury, five counts of enticing a minor, five counts of disorderly conduct, and five counts of misrepresenting age.

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Friday's Child

A black and white photograph of a young girl with long hair, smiling and resting her head on her hand.

Marissa
Age 13

Hi! My name is Marissa and I love running cross country!

Marissa is an energetic girl of Caucasian descent. Marissa enjoys playing tennis and running cross country and track. She also enjoys music. Marissa loves to have her hair and nails done. Marissa is a brilliant girl with a bright academic future. She has tested and considered into one of the one of the top exam schools in the city.

Marissa is legally freed for adoption. She would thrive in a home where she is the only child or with children close in age. She will need a family that can provide her with attention and patience. Marissa shares a close relationship with her younger sister and they hope to be able to continue to see each other at least monthly. The best family for Marissa would be a local family that is able to visit with her as a visiting resource initially.

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Local historians present overview of the Revolution



Depicting Dennison Wheelock and clad as a musketeer, Ray Petrelli, right, watches Doug Quigley.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE – You might have heard it in history class, but the American Revolution is always more interesting in person.

In this case, three people, actually: Doug Quigley, Ray Petrelli and Stan Parzych, who told the Southbridge Historical Society the story of what led up to the country’s independence last week clad in recreated uni-

forms and gear.

“I’ve always been fascinated by the sequence of events that happened over a long time” before 1776, Quigley said.

He portrays Capt Timothy Parker, the real-life leader of the Sturbridge militia at that time.

That sequence of events is widely known, but bears repeating. Although several European nations established colonies in North America, by the mid-

1700s they’d been largely cut to two – Britain and France. The ongoing friction between them erupted into war in 1759, called the Seven Years’ War in Europe and the French and Indian War here. By the time it was over the UK had acquired “most of eastern North America as we know it,” at least in name (there were still several viable Native tribes, although far fewer than when colonization started).

Quigley said the UK had a big war debt, so it sought to make the colonists pay some of it with various tax acts – 1764’s Sugar Act, 1765’s Stamp Act, 1767’s Declaratory and Townsend Acts, and 1773’s Coercive Act (better known here as the Intolerable Act). All but the latter were repealed when the colonists objected in various ways. The Stamp Act prompted James Otis to coin the phrase “no taxation without representation,” while the Townsend Act promoted the birth of the Sons of Liberty, an “ad hoc” protest group including Samuel Adams.

In the middle of that period (1768), London shipped 2,000 more troops to Massachusetts, forcing colonists to house them in their own homes. Quigley said many of them were “down in the dumps” men – poor, unhappy conscripts who had to work part-time jobs here just to make a living.

“The locals resented that, since those were their jobs,” he noted.

That resentment turned to violence in 1770. A British soldier on picket duty in Boston was harassed by a mob at night and called for help. Seven soldiers faced about 400 civilians, some of them “throwing sticks, stones, snowballs with rocks in the” and other objects. It’s unknown who fired the first shot, but the soldiers ended up killing five people. Although the soldiers were later acquitted of murder, the event went down in history as the Boston Massacre.

In December 1773, it took another turn – the Boston Tea Party. The East India Tea Company was “in cahoots with the crown” to bring tea in and sell it cheap, Quigley said, but the Sons of Liberty prevented it from landing by, ultimately, throwing the tea in the harbor.

“The king was quite upset about that,” and instituted the Intolerable Acts which, among other things, banned Town Meetings, forced all trials to go to England, closed the port of Boston, and reinforced soldier quartering in homes, he said.

Local colonists defied those rules, driving judges and other leaders out of Worcester and elsewhere, but the big response was the First Continental Congress of 1774, which sent messengers to England to request changes, but also ordered local militias to start stockpiling guns and ammo. Under British law since 1572, able-bodied men in every community had been required to provide themselves with guns and specific other gear in case of war.

That came in April 1775. The British in Boston decided the accumulation of firepower in



Gus Steeves Photos

Doug Quigley, portraying Capt Timothy Parker and dressed as a rifleman, displays a variety of gear colonial soldiers had in 1776.

Massachusetts was a threat (and it was), so they tried to raid the armory in Concord. (Other sources note their original target was Worcester; but they determined it’d take too long to get there.) Intended to be a surprise, it was anything but, and the Redcoats found colonial militiamen from multiple towns awaiting them.

Among them were people from Sturbridge (which then included Southbridge). The town had a population of 1374, of which 239 served at some time during the war. “It could have been for one week, three weeks, a month or three years,” Quigley said. “It was very hazardous.”

So were the colonial uniforms, training, and, to some degree, weapons. Every unit dressed in civilian garb distinguished only by their “facings” – a brown coat with red facing was New England, blue and white came from the middle states, and Virginia’s were brown and buff, among others. Quigley noted their quality varied greatly, too: North Carolina men mostly had new ones, while Connecticut’s were often in “rags.”

“That was an issue throughout the war. It never really got resolved,” he said.

Regarding training, the real issue was that there was no consistency. Among the units there were 10-20 manuals showing how to do things, and “that was a problem,” he said. To solve it, George Washington hired Prussian Gen Friedrich von Steuben to synthesize them into what became the official US Army manual. Overtime, the colonials developed a constant drill system.

“Sometimes it didn’t make sense, but it got you to do things over and over again so when you were in battle, you

were used to it,” Quigley said. “It paid off in combat.”

Regarding guns, the men generally had muskets with bayonets, although some used hunting rifles without them; both were flintlock muzzleloaders, although the rifles were more accurate and had better range. The former were designed for European-style battles – units facing off in lines. The rifles, by contrast, were better for “sniping, sharpshooting and flanking,” he said.

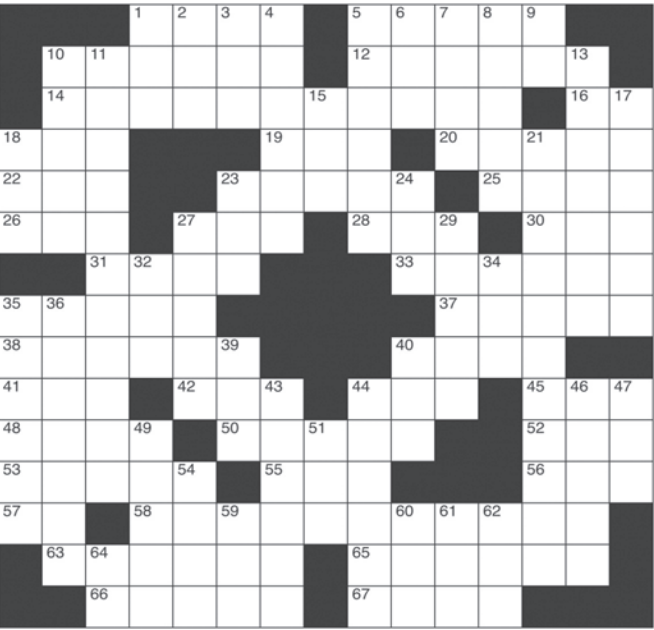
Responding to questions, he noted those guns misfired “a lot,” and their black powder is “very corrosive, dirty and it builds up.”

Parzych added, “The bayonet actually inflicted more casualties on the battlefield than the musket did,” because “I’d put on my bayonet and charge you before you could reload.” He portrayed “generic Stan,” not a specific historical figure.

One thing the various units did have in common were their drummers, who generally used 26 “rudiments” (basic rhythms) to craft their songs. Drums and fifes were “the communication at the time,” designed to “be loud and played outside,” with certain combinations signaling everything from getting up and eating to acts on the battlefield.

“The war began with a drum and ended with a drum,” he added, noting a drummer played a rhythm both sides knew meant “parlay” to call for negotiations that ended the Battle of Yorktown in 1783.

Quigley’s reenactment group hosts an annual event every June on Sturbridge Common, and the largest reenactment in the country, “Rebels and Redcoats,” comes to Old Sturbridge Village every August.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Currency of Guinea

5. Avert something bad

10. Sounds

12. Immediate dangers

14. Legendary Tar Heels coach

16. Californium

18. Work standards government dept. (abbr.)

19. Coastal Scottish town

20. Triangular lower back bones

22. Trouble

23. A way to smile

25. Something that is not what it seems

26. Of she

27. Temporary living quarters

28. Bag-like structure in a plant or animal

30. Indicates near

31. Spiritual leader

33. Soup dish
35. Philippine island

37. No longer fashionable

38. Peaks

40. Alabama football team

41. ___ King Cole

42. Digital audiotape

44. Open trough

45. The woman

48. Cools down

50. Turkic language

52. Body part

53. Pulse steadily

55. Embedded computer hardware company

56. Indicates shape

57. Thou (plural)

58. Odd and remarkable

63. An evening party

65. National capital of Zambia

66. Tantalizes

67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Not naturally outgoing

2. Exclamation of pain

3. Polynesian garland of flowers

4. Surrounded by water

5. Church towers

6. Hot beverage

7. Body parts

8. Travel documents

9. Railway

10. Gradually wear away

11. Measuring instrument

13. Minor dust-ups

15. Strongly alkaline solution

17. Extreme scarcity of food

18. Dash

21. Philly culinary specialty

23. Popular lager ___ Adams

24. Snitch

27. Trimmed
29. Greek god of desire

32. Take to the limit

34. Cool!

35. Sound mental health

36. Native American group

39. Test for high schoolers

40. Rocky peak

43. Preferences

44. Bother

46. Call attention to (slang)

47. Snake-like fish

49. Bulgarian capital

51. Don’t know when yet

54. Italian Seaport

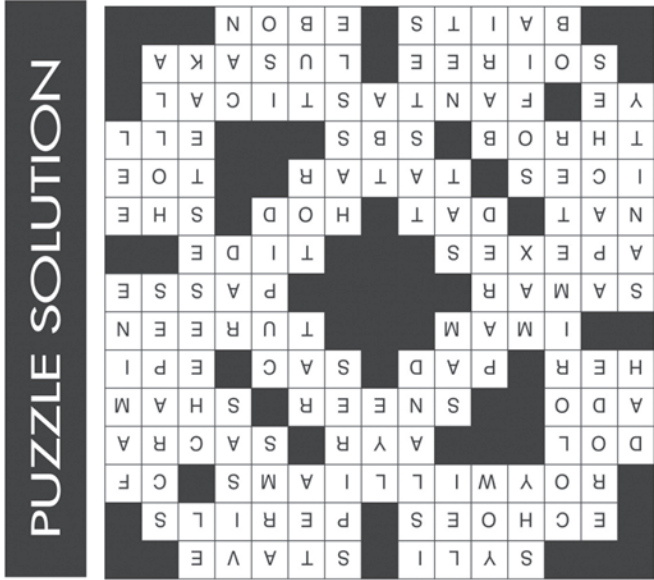
59. Brooklyn hoopster


60. Where to bathe

61. Equal, prefix

62. Beverage container

64. Denotes openness





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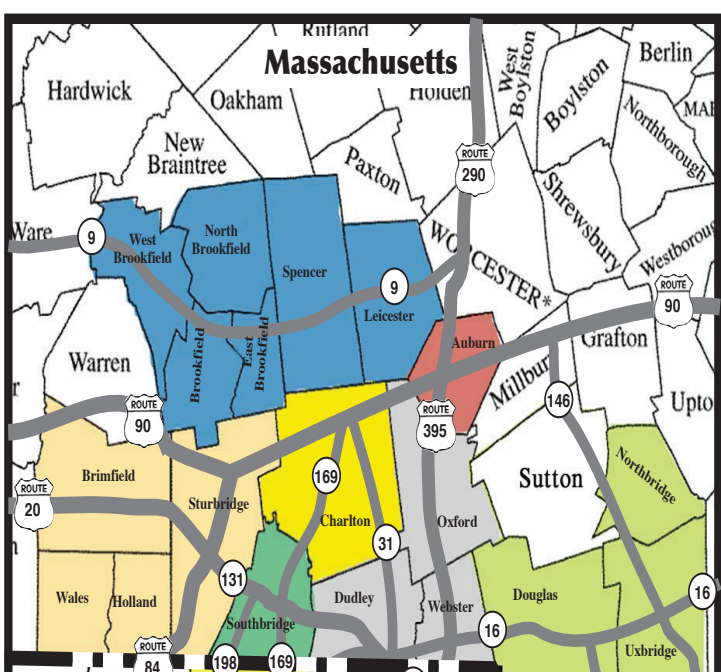
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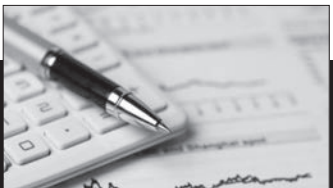
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A time for hope, not hoarding

Life as we know it is changing — at least for the near future, only temporarily; however, this uncharted territory has left many questioning what exactly is happening. The new coronavirus designated COVID-19 has now infiltrated the country, causing the closure of schools, restaurants, bars, sporting events, concerts and any gathering with more than 50 people in attendance.

The next Democratic Presidential primary is coming up, and there is now a question as to how much the outbreak will affect the outcome. Could a mandatory two-week quarantine be implemented? We will soon find out.

In the midst of all this uncertainty, panic buying has commenced. Stores shelves are becoming more and more barren, with canned goods, milk and paper products hot commodities. Some stores have even been forced to implement a quota on how much a person can purchase.

Panic shopping is a natural response in the face of a crisis, but all of us need to step back and realize that as a result, price gauging can put much needed supplies out of reach for those on fixed incomes, and in this instance has created a situation in which medical supplies that are necessary for the protection of health care workers on the front lines of the crisis, such as face masks, are so scarce that hospitals have instructed doctors and nurses to ration them.

We understand the fear that underlies the ‘grab everything you can while you can’ mentality in situations like this outbreak, but overburdening the chain of the very supplies we need to get through this is not helping anyone. This is a time for calmness, not crazed behavior.

Just one example we recently encountered of the fallout from all this unnecessary hoarding particularly touched our hearts. While out shopping ourselves, we met an elderly woman who made a trip to her local grocery store needing a loaf of bread. She had no idea what was going on, and seemed visibly stressed to find the bread aisle so completely picked over.

Instances that have induced fear and panic are nothing new in our national experience. In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis caused Americans to stock their basements with bottled water and dry goods in the case of an atomic bomb. The Y2K scare at the turn of the millennium and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 generated a similar atmosphere of fear that we had arrived at the End of Days, but cooler heads eventually prevailed, and in each instance, our society soldiered on, as it doubtless will once this outbreak winds down.

Remember that we are all in this together. It may feel lonely to think about staying home and not interacting with the world around us for a long stint, but as has been the case demonstrated throughout history, we will all take care of each other. Family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, health-care providers, town officials and law enforcement personnel are always there to help in times of need. Those supports will provide comfort just like they do any other day.

“I am a firm believer in the people,” Abraham Lincoln once wrote. “If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts.”

Am I supposed to be buying toilet paper?

I spent a fun week with my daughter and her family, and was oblivious to what was happening in the news. I caught bits and pieces on the ‘Net, but was enjoyably disconnected. I was surprised at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) how many people I saw walking around wearing face masks. I was aware of the coronavirus, but really missed out on the last eight days of developments.

We landed in Chicago, grabbed our luggage and headed for home when my sister called from North Carolina and asked, “Do you have enough toilet paper?”

I don’t think anyone had ever asked such a random question of me before. “Enough for what?” I asked.

“To be quarantined for three to four weeks!”

I immediately began scrolling through the newsfeed on my phone, frantically trying to figure out what was causing the TP emergency. I laughed aloud as I thought, “Bernie Sanders with his push for socialism hasn’t been elected yet and the stores are already out of TP?” I ran across a posting that said, “Almost all the major grocery chains are out of bread, milk and toilet paper.” I saw another that said, “Someone is on eBay selling cases of TP for \$2000 each and has more buyers than inventory.”

Arlene and I decided we better rush to the store before we got home and see if we could get some TP. We parked, ran into our local grocery store and headed to what we were convinced would be empty shelves. Imagine our shock when the shelves were full of every brand of toilet paper. We checked milk and bread to only find the same.

What’s going on? I’d call this something between an overreaction to mass hysteria. As for me, I found it to be funny. Don’t get me wrong, there is nothing funny about a communicable illness that is spreading around the world. We all must be vigilant and take the advice from healthcare professionals. Wash your hands often. Don’t touch your body above your shoulders. Use hand sanitizer and carry a few sanitizing wipes wherever you go. On our flight home we used wipes to sanitize our seats and trays on our airplane seats. It also never

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hurts to have a supply of essentials on hand at home, but to rush out and buy a year’s supply of canned goods and to lock yourselves behind the doors of your homes at this point, may be giving into mass hysteria.

Be vigilant. Listen to government officials but avoid unsubstantiated rumors on the internet or you may end up spending two grand for a few rolls of toilet paper. When you see that Abraham Lincoln is assuring you that if it’s found on the internet it must be true ... think about it first!

Relax. Be prudent about the sources of information you use to make your decisions. Then act wisely.

Thank you!


Thank you all for your prayers, emails and cards. I am grateful. I shared with you that I had been diagnosed with a rare affliction called Neuroendocrine Tumors. I travelled to one of the world’s leading clinics for this disease at the University of Iowa Hospital. While there I received the surprising news that I had been misdiagnosed and did not have Neuroendocrine Tumors. Instead, I learned I have Stage IV Stomach Cancer. It’s not the news I expected nor wanted to hear but I am positively fighting this cancer with everything I have. I am optimistic of my outcome.

Don’t misunderstand. I do not believe by being positive and optimistic alone can magically heal you. There are some medical realities that attitude will not overcome. But I know my chances of beating this illness are greatly enhanced by being positive.

There is a great blog I would encourage you to read. It’s entitled, “At a Cellular Level, Every Single Human Depends on Positivity to Survive.” It is authored by Jenn Maronek and can be found at www.blog.sivanaspirit.com I think you will find a few moments reading this useful and encouraging.

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What’s the difference between short- and long-term investing?



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As you go through life, you’ll have many financial goals. Fortunately, you don’t need to achieve them all at the same time. But when you have a mix of short- and long-term goals, you will need to pursue some different investment strategies simultaneously.

Your short-term goals may depend somewhat on your stage in life. For example, when you’re starting out with your career and you’re beginning to raise a family, you may well have a goal of saving enough money for a down payment on a home. Later on, though, you may decide you want to travel the world for a year.

Because you know about how much money you’ll need, and when you’ll need it, you can choose the appropriate investments, with these characteristics:

- Low risk – Above all else, you want the right amount of money to be there when it’s time to use it. So, you’ll need low-risk, high-stability investments. You won’t see much in the way of growth from these types of investments, but you also won’t be sweating every single market downturn in fear of not reaching your goal.
- Liquidity – You won’t want to worry about trying to find a market for your investment when it’s time to sell it and then use the proceeds for your short-term goal. That’s why you need to pick short-term vehicles that are highly liquid.

So, what kinds of investments meet these criteria? You actually have quite a choice, including mutual funds consisting of short-term corporate or government bonds; certificates of deposit; cash management accounts; money market accounts; and U.S. Treasury securities.

Now, moving on to longer-term goals, the situation can be quite a bit different. Suppose, for instance, you’re saving and investing for a retirement that may be three or four decades away. For this goal, you have one overriding motivation: to end up with as much money as possible. And since you have so many years until you need this money, you may be able to take on more risk than you could with the investments you counted on for your short-term needs. This isn’t to say you should be reckless, of course – you still need to pay attention to your individual risk tolerance. Overall, though, there’s a big philosophical difference, in terms of risk capacity, between investing for the long term versus the short term.

When you’re saving for a long-term goal such as retirement, you may need to rely primarily on your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And within these accounts, you’ll need a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds. It’s true that stocks are volatile, with sometimes sharp price declines. But in exchange, you get far greater growth potential than you would with any of the short-term investments named above. Furthermore, the longer you hold stocks or stock-based investments, the more the price volatility tends to even out. (Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees of profit.)

So, there you have them: short- and long-term investments. A financial professional can help you choose the ones that can help you keep moving toward all your goals, whether they’re three years or three decades away.

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Take Action against the Flu Virus

You can’t look at the TV, radio or cell phone today without being bombarded with COVID-19 news, photos of bare store shelves, and extreme germ fretting! Add to that the highly contagious stomach flu virus going around right now and it’s no wonder many are in near panic mode right now!

But keeping yourself healthy comes down to common sense as has been repeated many times. Using caution and being diligent to avoid cold and flu germs is the golden rule. While this column addressed this subject earlier this year, read on for another round of tips to help you up your odds of staying healthy this season.

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It’s no secret the most common way to pick up and spread bacteria and other germs is by touching contaminated surfaces. Clean first, then disinfect.

For cleaning surfaces, use products that specify “disinfectant” on the label. For a homemade disinfectant, the CDC recommends mixing a quarter-cup of household chlorine bleach with one gallon of cool water. Be sure to rinse countertops and other surfaces after sanitizing.

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While disinfecting wipes and sprays have been flying off the grocery store shelves, there’s no need to worry if you can’t get your hands on commercial products. Common products can do the job at a fraction of the cost:

Isopropyl (Rubbing) Alcohol: Undiluted alcohol (at least 70%) is effective against the COVID-19 virus. Alcohol has long been a frugal disinfectant used to kill common cold and flu germs. Simply wipe down surfaces with alcohol and it will immediately dry.

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Hydrogen Peroxide (3%): Alcohol has become scarce in some areas as people buy it up to make their own hand sanitizer, but again, don’t fret yet as Hydrogen Peroxide can do the job. For ease in applying, pour undiluted H2O into a spray bottle and spritz it on household surfaces. Allow it to sit on



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the surface for several minutes.

Note: Alcohol can discolor some plastics; H2O can discolor clothing and other soft surfaces.

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Your cell phone is a magnet for germs. In fact, I just read your phone may have up to ten times more bacteria than a toilet seat! Here’s how to sanitize it properly:

Power off the phone. Using a disinfectant wipe (or alcohol damped cloth), gently wipe down the (non porous) surfaces of the phone, starting with the sides, then the back and front. Be careful not to allow any moisture to get into any opening. And most importantly, wash your hands immediately after washing the phone!

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The World Heath Center offers these basic protective measures against the COVID-19:

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

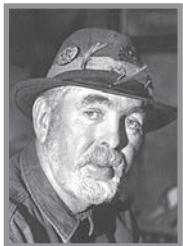
Wash your hands frequently: Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

Maintain social distancing: Maintain at least 1 meter (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

Family fishing memories



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Freshwater fishing in local ponds and on Cape ponds was enjoyed by many anglers trying to catch some of the recently stocked trout this past week. Anglers fishing local ponds needed to spend a number of hours fishing to catch some trout, but the final results had many anglers catching their limit. Freshwater bass anglers were also catching some nice largemouth bass at Webster Lake, with a few small mouth bass also being caught. Some of the larger bass were being caught on shiners.

By the time you read this column, some of the local streams and rivers should have had a stocking of trout, as rivers and streams are ideal this year because of the lack of substantial rainfall, which normally happens this time of year.

In my younger years, I enjoyed some great stream fishing in Whitinsville and Sutton! Prentice Brook and Purgatory Brook were my favored trout streams for catching some native brook trout. Our dad had us fishing every year on opening day, catching a stringer of 10 - 12 inch brook trout. Spring was a great time of year back in my younger life for fishing. Growing up in Whitinsville in the late '40's and '50's I

had some great fishing on the Meadow Pond & Arcade Pond which were essentially in my back yard. My dad kept a small row boat on Meadow Pond which was used daily by my brother and I. On weekends, my dad would get us up early to go fishing in the boat to catch some fish for my dad to make a big fish chowder.

My brother Mel and I would use a spinner and worm to fish on both sides of the boat, as my dad rowed. It was not long before we had a good stringer of fish which included Bass, perch, pickerel, bluegills and more. On one early morning, we were trolling and my brother Mel asked my dad to stop rowing. He claimed he was hooked on the bottom. Within seconds, the line started peeling from the reel. Mel had a big fish on! Rowing in reverse to get some line back from the long run of the big fish, it was finally brought to the side of the boat. It was a huge largemouth bass. We sure had a fish story to tell everyone in the village.

Back in the day, my brother Mel and I fished almost every day. We would grab our fishing rods after school and go fishing. Our grades on our quarterly report cards suffered badly, as we rarely did our homework. Our parents tried to have us finish our homework before we could go fishing, but it rarely worked. Leaving school to start working at age 16 in the Whitin Machine works was great. Now I had some money to buy a car and meet the

girls. Purchasing a 1939 Chevrolet car for \$15 from one of the Ebbelings on Sutton street back in the day, had me leaving fishing and meeting girls.

I soon found my wife Judy, and we got married at 18 years old. Everyone thought we were nuts. Our parents needed to sign for us to get married. It was not easy being married that young, but we worked through it for more than 61 years. Unfortunately, she passed away last year. Bringing up two boys Ralph and David, I soon found myself back fishing a lot more, so I purchased a 14 ft boat that was used for fishing at Wallum Lake and Webster Lake. Both boys loved fishing and it stayed with them to this day. Unfortunately, David passed a few years ago, but the memories of us fishing remain.

The terrible mess that this country is going through today will hopefully pass soon, and we can all get back to our normal lives. Spending time fishing and enjoying the outdoors with family is the best way to stay healthy.

This week's picture shows Kurt Salvis fly fishing at the Uxbridge Club Pond last week. He caught numerous trout using a Woolly Bugger fly.

The Rhode Island salt-water fishing show has been canceled due to the virus. Many more events will be canceled in the coming weeks.

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New England Youth Tackle Football comes to Quaboag area

BY KEN POWERS
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WEST BROOKFIELD — The effects of the pandemic created by the outbreak of the coronavirus notwithstanding, spring football is headed to town.

New England Youth Tackle Football (NEYTF), a seven-team spring league that began playing games in 2018 in Lynn, has added an eighth team, the Quaboag Panthers, who will practice and play games at Callahan/Landers Field on Lakeview Avenue.

The program began practicing on Monday, March 9, but workouts were suspended after the second practice (Wednesday, March 11) due to health concerns related to the coronavirus. Practices are tentatively scheduled to resume on Monday, March 23 and a league-wide jamboree is scheduled for the end of March.

The NEYTF is open to boys and girls ages 6-14. There are four divisions of competition: six-, seven- and eight-year-olds play in the 8U division; nine- and 10-year-olds play in the 10U division; 11- and 12-year-olds play in the 12U division; and 13- and 14-year-olds play in the 14U division.

The general manager of the Quaboag Panthers, who will field teams in all four divisions, is Maurice Payne. Payne is a fixture in Quaboag Youth



Image courtesy NEYTFootball.org

New England Youth Tackle Football is coming to West Brookfield this season.

Football circles, having been affiliated with the program since 1996. Payne is also coach of the 14U team.

“I started the Quaboag Youth Football program back in 1996,” said Payne, who grew up in Richmond, Va. “I used to coach in Belchertown when

the program myself,” Payne continued. “An in-line skate company in West Brookfield donated in-line skates to the program and we sold them to raise money to start the team. I ended up raising \$80,000 in three months. Then I got skates donated to the Belchertown team I was a part of for six years and they raised \$65,000 for their team selling the in-line skates. I got Quabbin Youth football started the same way, too.”

Payne said he found out about the NEYTF while surfing the internet one night.

“In December I was online and I came across the New England Youth Tackle Football league’s website [www.neyt-football.org]. So, I reached out to the founder of the league, Joel Machado, and he invited me up to Lynn to talk about the league. We talked and he ended up inviting me to join the league.”

Payne said he has a 30-mile radius around West Brookfield to draw players from. And, even though this is just the first year Quaboag has participated in the program, Payne said the response to the new league has been great.

“Interest in the program just blew up,” Payne said. “We have close to 100 kids in the program. They’re coming from everywhere; Brookfield, North

Brookfield, Warren, Spencer, Southbridge, Leicester, Sturbridge, Charlton, Barre, Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, Belchertown, Palmer, Monson and Worcester.”

Quaboag Youth Football volunteer Maureen Roberts said included in the kids who have signed up are five girls who want to play the sport of tackle football.

There are seven teams currently in the NEYTF including three in Lynn — the Sin City Steelers, the Silverbacks and the Outlaws — as well as the Boston Titans, the Merrimack Valley Blue Devils, the Ocean State (R.I.) Ducks, and the Manchester (N.H.) Bird Gang.

Payne said there are still openings for kids interested in playing on the 8U and 12U teams. Roberts said the interest was so great for the 10U and 14U teams, that the league has created a waiting list for those divisions.

The cost to join the league is \$180, which includes a \$150 registration fee and \$30 for a game jersey that the kids get to keep.

“Parents interested in joining the NEYTF need to sign their son or daughter up through sportsid.org,” Roberts said, “and there is a \$10 fee for that. Signing up includes downloading the player’s birth certificate, a recent photo of the player and a report card.”



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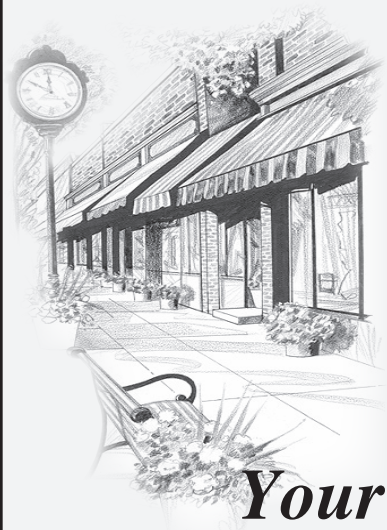
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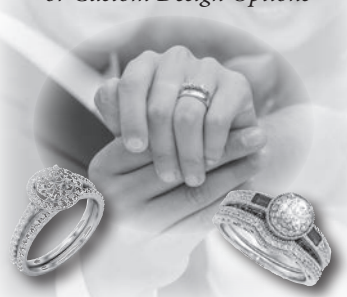
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Anderson, 52,
of Prospect
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home. He is survived by his brother, Dean Anderson and his wife Maryann of Grafton; and his sister, Deborah Shelton of Auburn. He was predeceased by his brother John E. Anderson Jr. who died in 2013. He was born in Webster, son of the late John E. and Marjorie J.

(Fleming) Anderson, and was a lifelong resident of North Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1986. Paul worked in maintenance throughout his life. He was dedicated to caring for his parents in their home for many years.

The family would like to thank Paul’s niece Megan Anderson and her companion Michael Grenier, for the assistance and care given to Paul. A private graveside service will be held at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contri-

butions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Paul D. Anderson, 52

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 21

CHURCH SUPPER — CANCELLED: The corned beef and cabbage community supper planned for this evening at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn, has been cancelled.

Saturday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 25

BOY SCOUT TROOP 101 BOTTLE DRIVE: Please let Auburn Boy Scout Troop 101 help you clean out your returnable bottles and cans this Spring! The troop will hold a Can and Bottle drive at the Auburn Fire Station on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. All funds generated help run troop programs. If you have a large collection of returnables, we would be happy to pick them up now. Please call Chris at (508) 868-5634, or Liz at 981-6840.

Thursday, May 7

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

ONGOING EVENTS

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard’s Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give

up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

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

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

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

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September 15, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

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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.

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When it can be smart to hire a painting pro

Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint.

Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle. According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Gaille, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated. Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals.



Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints — including finishes for particular applications

— will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail

to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

Professional painters have spent hours upon

hours learning the ropes of what works — and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied.

Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already

have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.

Painting can give a home a facelift, and oftentimes it is smart to turn the work over to professionals to ensure the job is done just right.

How to protect wood floors from inclement weather



Wood floors are a worthwhile investment that can improve the beauty and function of just about any room in a home. Even though wood floors are durable, and new protective treatments help seal out many of the things that may have damaged floors in the past, homeowners still need to prioritize protecting their hardwood floors.

Certain seasons of the year can be more harsh on wood floors than others. For example, seasons characterized by moisture and precipitation, particularly the early spring, winter and fall, can be hard on wood floors. The experts at ServiceMaster Clean say that cold, snowy days can damage wood floors, and Lumber Liquidators agrees that winter weather can be harsh on flooring.

Homeowners need not give up on hardwood if they live in an area that sees all four seasons. They just need to take a few steps to keep floors looking beautiful.

- Clean up the salt. Salt that keeps sidewalks and streets clear of snow and ice inadvertently gets tracked inside a home. Hard chunks of salt can scratch wood floors, and, if left to sit, that salt can eventually cause white marks and other stains. Routinely vacuuming and sweeping up salt is necessary to protect wood floors.

- Invest in shoe storage. Wet or snowy boots can create puddles around the house. Have a special mat or tray by the front door where wet shoes can be kept. A nice bench in the entryway makes it easy for residents and guests to remove their shoes until it's time to go back outside.

- Use water-wicking mats. Homeowners will probably need a few extra mats around to tame errant drips and wipe shoes. Any entrance that might be used by people or pets should be protected. Try to avoid petroleum-based, rubber-backed mats, as they could discolor the wood floor.

- Control humidity indoors. Cold, dry air in a home can be problematic because the moisture in the wood can eventually evaporate into the air. The heat will suck that moisture from the flooring, causing it to shrink, creak and splinter and become more brittle. Think about investing in an in-line humidifier for the home's HVAC system that can keep a moderate amount of humidity in the home. Hardwood floorboards are installed to accommodate minor temperature and humidity fluctuations. This is typically a range of between 60 and 80 degrees F with a relative humidity range of 35 to 55 percent, advises ServiceMaster.

- Use the right cleaning products. Avoid excessive water to clean wood floors, and select soaps that are specially designed for wood flooring. Consult with the flooring manufacturer for a list of detergents that are safe to use.

With proper care, hardwood flooring can survive rain, snow and cold weather.

Emerging deck trends

Custom-built decks can expand usable outdoor entertaining spaces. Decks can surround pools and create outdoor patio areas that make it easy to establish multitiered living spaces, improving the functionality of outdoor areas.

Certain deck trends have emerged as industry experts' top picks for the upcoming remodeling and renovation season. For those thinking of revamping an existing deck, or building an entirely new one, these trends are on point.

- Established perimeters: "Picture framing" is not a new trend, but one that has taken greater hold in recent years. The term refers to aesthetically appealing designs that conceal the ends of deck boards for a clean finish. Some designs feature contrasting material colors on the ends for even more impact. This helps create refined perimeters for a polished look.

- Roof-top decking: Urban areas also can benefit from decking to create usable outdoor spaces. In fact, many new condominium and townhouse communities are incorporating roof-top decks into their designs, particularly in communities with water views or other impressive vistas. HGTV experts suggest roof-top decks feature light-colored materials and fixtures to help keep the area cool even in direct sunlight.

- Distressed hardwood: Builder and Developer, a management resource for professional homebuilders, says that the trend for using distressed hardwoods at home has migrated outside. Some decking manufacturers have recently introduced low-maintenance composite deck boards that mimic the look and feel of distressed, rustic hardwood flooring. This weathered appearance gives the look of age without the upkeep of real aged wood.

- Wooden walkways: Decking can be the more traditional design people envision with a patio table or outdoor furniture. But it also can consist of wooden walkways or a low-laying patio to accentuate the yard.

- Mixed materials: Homeowners may



Deck trends continue to improve on the form and function of outdoor living spaces.

be inspired by commercial eateries, breweries and urban markets in their exterior design choices. Decks featuring composite materials and aluminum railings blend sophistication, urban appeal and comfort.

- Personal touches: Homeowners can customize their decks with personal touches. It's not unheard of to wrap columns in stone or glass tiles for more impact. And a vast array of decking colors now enables fun interpretations for outdoor areas.

- Fire pit conversation area: Many decks can incorporate water or fire elements for visual appeal. Gas-fueled fire elements can expand the functionality of decks beyond the warm seasons, or make enjoying them practical on nights when the temperature plummets.

Decks are reimagined in many different ways with continually evolving trends.

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Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene: Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early: Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

Here are a few tips to battle the common cold and flu this season:

The health virtues of garlic have been touted for generations. The book, "The Healing Power of Garlic," suggests gar-

lic nose drops can kill the viruses that cause cold or flu. The book's instructions on concocting the drops: Crush some garlic to obtain juice, and add ten parts water and mix well. Apply as you would regular nose drops.

According to a home remedy, if you place a clove of garlic on each side of the mouth between the teeth and cheek, a cold will disappear within a day. It's worth a try!

Some Native American tribes treated a low grade fever with sage, as in this old time recipe. As a bonus, the dried peppermint supplies the tea with a soothing, cooling effect. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over two teaspoons dried, edible sage and one teaspoon dried peppermint. Steep. Strain, and sweeten with honey if desired. Slowly sip up to three cups a day.

One of peppermint's claims to fame is that it can alleviate the chills and aid with symptoms of fever and the flu. Try drinking a cup or two of strong peppermint tea made from fresh leaves to relieve cold and flu complaints. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over four to six peppermint leaves. Allow to steep for 15 minutes, strain and serve.

Flu season typically lasts from October to March. Here's something to keep in mind for the future: According

to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the flu bug.

Cold and Flu Facts
*The word "influenza" comes from the Italian influenza because people used to believe that the influence of the planets, stars, and moon caused the flu.

*On average children get about six to ten colds per year.

* Viruses are between 20 and 100 times smaller than bacteria and can be seen only through a microscope

*During the flu season, 59% of surfaces in home can be contaminated with the flu virus.

*Children are two to three times more likely than adults to get sick with the common flu, and children frequently spread the virus to others.

*Flying when you have cold and flu congestion can temporarily damage your eardrums due to pressure changes. If you must fly, use a nasal spray prior to takeoff and landing. Also chew gum, and use a decongestant for symptoms.

*There are over 200 viruses that cause the common cold

*Colds are not caused by temperature or temperature changes. Despite what mother said, you can't catch a cold by going out barefoot or without a hat.

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

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Improve soil quality for a better lawn

A lush, green lawn can vastly improve a home's curb appeal. Thick, healthy grass indicates that homeowners care enough about their properties to invest the time, effort and money to make them beautiful.

According to the landscaping tool company Troy-Bilt, soil fertility is the foundation of healthy lawns. In fact, the

quality of the soil is essential whether one is growing acres of grass, potted plants or vegetable garden beds. No matter which type of soil a homeowner is working with, there are various ways to make it better.

Remove thatch
Thatch is a tightly knotted layer of leaves, grass roots, stems, and other debris that accumulates between the grass blades and the soil. Too much thatch can hinder the movement of water, air and nutrients into the soil. According to organic fertilizer company Organo-Lawn, thatch often occurs if the production of dead organic material in the lawn exceeds the ability of the microorganisms

in the soil to break down that organic matter. A half-inch of thatch is normal. If thatch gets too thick, it will need to be removed. The home improvement resource DIY Network says dethatching can take place in the summer, fall and winter using a thatching rake.

Aerate
A lawn aerator will create holes in the soil. This can improve drainage and encourage worms and helpful microorganisms that require oxygen to thrive in the soil. The Briggs & Stratton Company says the best time to aerate a lawn is during the growing season when the grass can heal and fill in any holes, such as spring and fall. Aeration can help develop deeper grass roots for a healthier lawn.

Test and amend soil
A great lawn has loamy soil, which has a key ratio of clay, silt and sand. Silt is a granular material of a size between sand and clay that originates from quartz and feldspar. It is the most fertile of the three types of soil components.

Sand does not retain water, but it helps to create spaces in the soil that permit air to circulate. Clay particles are small and bind together tightly, but clay is naturally nutrient-rich. The home improvement site BobVila.com says loamy soil should have equal parts sand and silt and half as much clay.

If the lawn is not yet established, loamy soil can be created and then the grass seeds planted. For established soil, after removing thatch and aerating, top-dressing the lawn can help. This involves adding a thin layer of soil over the lawn. It can improve the soil without killing the existing turf. Ideally, it should be done in early fall or spring, as this gives the grass time to grow through three to four more mowings before severe heat or cold sets in.

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OXFORD – 10 Huguenot Rd! 8 Rm Colonial! 1.36 Acres! Country Setting! Country Kitchen w/Bay Window Overlooking Back Yard, Front to Back Living/Dining Rm w/French Doors to Deck! Office! Side Entry Breezeway! 3 Bdrms Plus a Study/Craft Rm on the 2nd Floor! 1 Car Detached Garage w/Workshop! Easy Access to Shopping and Highways! **\$179,000.00**

WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 550 Rms! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Fir w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Fir w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Fir w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**

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

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

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

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

DUDLEY – 132 Southbridge Rd! 5 Rm Bungalow! 2.21 Acres! Enjoy Nature and Kayak right from your Backyard! Eat-in Kit w/Pantry! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Bay Window! Din Rm or Fam Rm w/Hrdwds & Ceiling Fan! Full Tile Bath w/Tub/Shower Combo! Master Bdrm w/Wall to Wall Carpet! Second Bdrm w/Wall to Wall & Ceiling Fan! Walk-up Attic w/Potential for Additional Living Space! 3 Season Porch w/Natural Woodwork! Recent Roof! Recent Oil Steam Heat! New Septic & being Well Installed! Plenty of Parking! **\$179,900.00**

WEBSTER – 60 East Main St! Established Local Bakery & Delicatessen Specializing in Polish Foods being Sold with Building! Turn Key Business! Equipment to be Included with Sale! High Traffic Count! Ample Parking! Easy Access to Rear for Deliveries! Building also consists of a One and Two Bedroom Apartment! The Owner presently uses two rooms for his office and storage which could easily be added to the One bedroom Apartment! Building was Totally Renovated in 2010! **\$599,900.00**

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

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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 Frpl! 1/2 Bath & Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**

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

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

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WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST

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WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST

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

CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD

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

DOUGLAS - 14 MOUNT DANIELS WAY

NEW to Market! 4 beds, 2-1/2 baths, sun-room, lg deck, central air, located on small cul-de-sac of 6 homes! Over 2 acres of privacy!
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OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST

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

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD

Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s applianced kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, W/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused catwalk on upper level! 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.**
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 1 Westwood Drive, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Richinick a/k/a William James Richinick to Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated September 28, 2011, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 47972 at Page 164 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on April 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Lot #3 on Plan of Westwood Acres, recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 270, Plan 106, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the lot herein described at land of owners unknown on the easterly side of Burnett Street; Thence S. 2 degrees 18 minutes E. by said Burnett Street, eighty-nine and forty hundredths (89.40) feet to a point; Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 10 feet, connecting Burnett Street and Westwood Drive, fifteen and seventy-one hundredths (15.71) feet to a point on Westwood Drive: Thence N. 87 degrees 42 minutes E. by Westwood Drive, ninety-five (95) feet to Lot #4 on said plan; Thence N. 2 degrees 18 minutes W. by said Lot #4, ninety-two and eighty-one hundredths (92.81) feet to a point; Thence N. 88 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds W. by land of owners unknown, one hundred five and twenty-one hundredths (105.21) feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed of J.E. Murray ET UX dated October 18, 1963 and recorded at Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4414, Page 1. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas, or mineral rights of record, if any. Being the same premises conveyed to William James Richinick from William J. Richinick by deed (Subject to a life estate of William J. Richinick) dated 1/8//2003, and recorded on 9/3/2003, at Book 31498, Page 18, in Worcester County, MA. Assessors parcel number: MAP:3:BLK:32

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated January 8, 2003, and recorded in Book 31498 at Page 18 with the Worcester County (Worcester Ditrict) Registry of Deeds.

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

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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**Docket No. WO20C0138CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Joshua Michael Clifford**
A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Joshua Michael Clifford of Auburn MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Joshua Michael Clifford Hammond**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/07/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 10, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

March 20, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Clifford E. Remillard, Rose A. Remillard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC, dated June 21, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41534, Page 356 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee of the GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE4, recorded on May 31, 2018, in Book No. 58872, at Page 259 U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee of the GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-HE4 to Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company, recorded on January 8, 2019, in Book No. 59913, at Page 187 Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-SL1, recorded on April 2, 2019, in Book No. 60222, at Page 308 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 17, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 436 Leicester Street, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS:
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FOR TITLE REFERENCE, SEE DEED BOOK 04784, PAGE 0161 OF WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS. Subject to a first mortgage held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ditech Financial LLC dated May 2, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57089, Page 361 in the original principal amount of \$92,750.00. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4784, Page 161.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
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March 20, Fri., Noon-7pm

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March 20, Fri., 5-7pm

Please join us at the Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by Scout Troop 44 at the Trinity Church located at 7 Providence Pike, Brooklyn, CT. This fundraiser will held every Friday during Lent. The meal consists of fish, fries and coleslaw. The meal is take-out only and cost \$12. Please feel free to donate a canned good for the can drive to benefit our local food pantry. All proceeds benefit the Boy Scout troop outdoor activities and their chartered organization, Trinity church.

March 20, Fri., 10-3pm

Job Fair Hosted by Masis Staffing. Stop by the TEEG office (15 Thatcher Rd. No. Grosvenordale, CT) between 10:00-3:00 to speak with staff members from Masis staffing to see what job opportunities are available in the area. Free event with no registration required.

March 21, Sat., 7-8:30am

The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (SSMF) assistance is available this Saturday and every Saturday morning, at the Pomfret Senior Center, 207 Mashamouquet Road (Rt.44) in Pomfret. Always free and confidential; call 860-928-2309 for questions. (The SSMF is administered by the American Legion to provide temporary financial assistance to qualified veterans.

March 21, Sat., 7pm

Mass Production Reunion Concert at Killingly High School. Local singers and musicians will perform a variety of new songs as well as favorite oldies in order to raise money for the Phil Janetatos music scholarship. Tickets are: adults \$15.00, Seniors \$13.00, children \$10.00.

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March 27, Fri., Noon-7pm

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March 28, Sat., 7-8:30am

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March 28, Sat., 5:30pm & 7pm

Dinner and bluegrass for march has been cancelled. Stay tuned for more info about April.. Bruce, 203-731-1750

April 3, Fri., Noon-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a Lenten Fish Fry, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops or shrimp (\$13);

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April 4, Sat., 7:30-10am

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