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Local couple’s new book sets rules for a lasting relationship

STURBRIDGE — For well over 40 years, through triumph and tragedy, success and failure, comfort and poverty, the relationship of Steven R. Hall and Janet C. Hall has endured and flourished when others have failed. How, you might ask?

According to the Halls, “We have lived by what we call our fifteen rules to live by. By practicing these, our relationship has flourished and continues to grow stronger every day.”

In our society, almost half of all marriages end in divorce. That is why the Halls wrote their new book, “15 Rules For a Loving, Lasting, and Satisfying Relationship.”

Mr. Hall says, “By sharing these with you, we hope to help you with your own loving, lasting, and satisfying Relationship.”

The book is available

on Amazon and other online retailers.

Today, the Halls are approaching their fortieth wedding anniversary, have two children - one passed away at age twenty-eight, and have five grandchildren.

Steven Hall says, “It all started with a Toastmasters speech I gave on the rules of a relationship. It was a big hit with other Toastmasters so after some encouragement, we decided to write this book to help others with their relationships.”

What makes this book special is the down-to-earth, real-life relationship advice, infused with the Hall’s humor. It seems that often you meet or hear about so-called (credentialed) experts who are divorced or on their second or third marriage.

“Being well educated ourselves, we understand the value of higher education, but



Courtesy Photo

Steven and Janet Hall

valuable, real-world education,” says Hall.

Locally, the Halls have teamed up with Simple

Indulgence Day Spa at their Publick House location, 277 Main St., Sturbridge, for a Thursday evening, Feb. 6 5-7:30

p.m. book signing and Spa open house. Valentine’s Day gift packages and books will be available for that special someone in your life, or for couples to enjoy together.

For more information, you can call Simple Indulgence Day Spa at 508-347-5505 or the Hall’s at 508-344-5980.

Janet C Hall is a registered nurse and healthcare executive and is highly respected in her industry and responsible for the development of many healthcare-related policies. Steven R Hall is a healthcare executive, inventor, voice actor, and award-winning speaker who has been credited with helping to develop a groundbreaking healthcare management program and two healthcare safety devices.

Date of economic development forum changed

STURBRIDGE — The town of Sturbridge is hosting an Economic Development Forum on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. The forum is open to all members of the public and local business leaders.

Last year, Sturbridge launched an initiative to develop a coherent and consistent economic development strategy.

The town secured funding for the project through a \$24,850 grant under the Commonwealth Community Compact, and was then able to hire Boston-based McCabe Enterprises to develop the strategy. This project includes surveys of residents and Sturbridge businesses on economic development issues;

benchmarking of Sturbridge in relationship to other comparative communities; and an assessment of Sturbridge’s needs, strengths and challenges for its businesses and economic development.

At the forum on Feb. 13, the consultant will share their preliminary findings from the local surveys and economic

development assessment. It will also be an opportunity for the public, both businesspeople and residents, to ask questions and comment upon future economic development needs and priorities in Sturbridge.

The Economic Development Forum will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, inside Town Hall, at 308 Main St. on

Thursday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. For further information, contact Mr. Kevin Filchak, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator for the Town of Sturbridge, at (508) 347-2500, ext. 1411, or email kfilchak@town.sturbridge.ma.us.

Breast Cancer Coalition exhibit now at Joshua Hyde Library

STURBRIDGE — The state’s leading breast cancer prevention non-profit, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC), is pleased to announce the “Let’s Talk Prevention: Reducing Toxic Exposures” program tour will be on display at Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge, during the month of January. For library information

including hours of operation, please visit the Web site, <https://www.sturbridgelibrary.org/>.

The goal of this program is to reduce toxic exposures which have implications for reducing the burden and cost of all environmentally-linked diseases, including breast cancer. MBCC is dedicated to preventing environmental causes of breast cancer through

community education, research advocacy, and changes to public policy.

The “Let’s Talk Prevention: Reducing Toxic Exposures” booklet for health professionals summarizes scientific evidence linking exposure and effect for many common chemicals of concern and suggests how to begin environmental health conversations with patients. The accom-

panying “Let’s Talk Prevention: Reducing Toxic Exposures” patient brochure describes basic steps for individuals and families to reduce problematic exposures and choose safer alternatives to toxic products and is available in multiple languages including Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, Japanese, and Korean. Tour materials also include a tip sheet

highlighting chemicals of concern, and a newly created fact sheet on the risks of PFASs, a class of highly fluorinated chemicals found in a wide range of consumer products and drinking water supplies.

This program is in direct response to several federal reports, from the President’s Cancer Panel, the Interagency Breast Cancer and Environmental Research

Coordinating Committee, and more, which recommends increased attention to the link between environmental factors and disease, especially cancer. Additionally, information from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences supports actions to reduce toxic exposures. The burden of

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Smola supports ‘Nicky’s Law’

BOSTON – Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is supporting the establishment of a statewide registry to help protect individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities from abuse by their caregiver.

Senate Bill 2367, also known as “Nicky’s Law,” directs the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DPPC) to create a confidential registry that will include the names of all care providers found to have abused a disabled individual. The bill was amended by the House of Representatives with the substitution of a new text – House Bill 4296 – and engrossed on a vote of 154-0 on Jan. 15.

Nicky’s Law is named after Nicky Chan, a non-verbal individual who was beaten while attending a day program for people with intellectual disabilities in Millbury, Massachusetts. Nicky’s mother, Cheryl, has been advocating for the creation of a registry since learning there is currently no mechanism in place to prevent an accused abuser from being rehired elsewhere.

Under Nicky’s Law, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and employers will be required to consult the registry before hiring a caregiver, and prohibited from employing any person who is listed on the registry. Employers who fail to comply with the law could face a fine of up to \$5,000, the revocation of their license, the forfeiture of their state contract, or any combination of these penalties.

In addition to notifying DDS and the care provider’s last known employer of their placement on the registry, the DPPC will also be required to notify the care provider of their right to appeal the decision to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals. Individuals listed on the registry can petition the DPPC to remove their name five years after their initial placement on the registry or five years after the conclusion of any prior petition to remove their name, whichever is later.

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BIG BUNNY MARKET AND MICKNUCK’S FRESH MARKETPLACE SUPPORTS UNITED WAY!

During the month of December, customers were asked to either purchase a holiday tag or round up for United Way to support the many programs run by our member agencies. Store Manager, Jonathan Cournoyer presented United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton 2019 Campaign Chairman Dawna Dagenais with a check in the amount of \$2,160. Top sales person, Matt DeAngelo, received a \$50 gift card for his great efforts. Pictured: Matt DeAngelo, Jonathan Cournoyer and Dawna Dagenais.



Hitchcock Happenings

BRIMFIELD — Following is the schedule of events and activities for next week at Hitchcock Academy.

Monday, January 27
REMINDER: You can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: hitchcockacademy.org. Please remember to like us on Facebook.

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9-11 AM; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

YOGA: 7:15-8:45 PM This 90 minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

Tuesday, January 28

ART GROUP: 9 – 11:30 AM Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

PILATES: 5:15 – 6:15 PM A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

PILATES: 6:15 – 7:15 PM A great way to start your evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen

GOAT CHEESE WITH JEN: 6:30 – 8:00 PM Create fresh ricotta from goat milk and use herbs to flavor to meet your tastes. Instructor: Jen Poirier, Shepherd's Gate Farm Fee: \$25 includes materials

Wednesday, January 29
WATERCOLOR: 9:30 – Noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413.245.3295

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 – 10 AM

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 – 7:30 PM (6 classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management prac-

tices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

COUPLES YOGA: 6:30 – 7:45 PM Calling all couples for a short, fun series of gentle Yoga classes! No Yoga experience necessary, and those new to Yoga are especially encouraged to try it out. Couples can enjoy some time together exploring postures, breathing and mindfulness techniques, brief meditations, and... relaxation! The classes will include individual and partner practices and some conscious communication practices with your partner. This is YOUR together time! For each person, bring a mat if possible, blanket and water, and wear comfortable clothing. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M. Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher

Thursday, January 30
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEM Experiments 9-10:30 AM. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tanta-squa.org

VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.

FENCING: 6:15-7:15 Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

K9 NOSEWORK® 7 – 8:30 PM. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

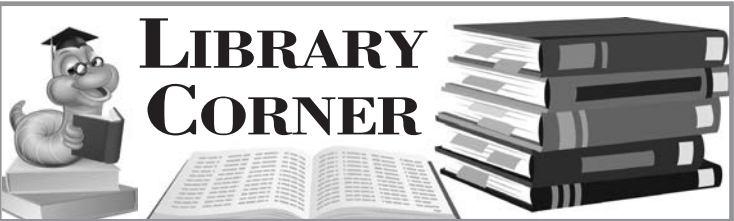
PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS: 6 – 8:30 PM Capture the highlights of the season with brilliant results by learning about light and exposure to capture fine details. (Second of two classes) Instructor: Kevin Kopychynski; www.nature-explorations.com

Friday, January 31

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

Saturday, February 1
K9 NOSEWORK® 9 – 1:30 PM This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

ASTRONOMY: The Winter Sky 6 – 8 PM Join us for a seasonal look at stars, constellations, and planets that are visible in the night sky. The talks will be given in concert with computer graphics utilizing planetarium software. If conditions permit there will be optional outdoor viewing after the scheduled talk. Instructor: Kevin Kopychynski; Fee: \$15



Joshua Hyde Library

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Saturday, February 1: Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Visit us and learn about the educational and leisure materials we offer your family! Children will receive a special bookmark and sticker.

Tuesday, February 4: Drop-in Storytime. Join us for stories, songs, and a fun craft activity. Children of all ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Thursday, February 6: ELF (Early Literacy and Fun!) begins. This brief book-in-hand program features stories, songs, finger plays, and more. It's followed by playtime. Ages 6-18 months with caregiver. Registration required. We'll meet Feb. 6, 13, 27. 10:45-11:30 AM

Friday, February 7: Drop-in Storytime. Join us for stories, songs, and a fun craft activity. Children of all ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL 10:45 AM

Tuesday, February 11: Drop-in Storytime. Join us for stories, songs, and a fun craft activity. Children of all ages

welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL 10:45 AM


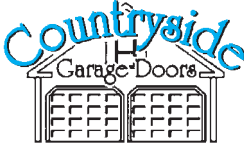
Friday, February 14: Drop-in Storytime. Join us for stories, songs, and a fun craft activity. Children of all ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL 10:45 AM

Tuesday, February 18: Join us for Deb's Sing & Swing! This music and movement program is suited to children infant through 6ish years of age with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Pre-register please. 11:00 AM

Wednesday, February 20: Henry the Juggler will amaze and astound you with feats of

juggling! Lots of laughter and audience participation, too! Best for children 3 years of age and older with caregiver. Free. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Sturbridge Cultural Council), a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Pre-register please. 3:00 PM

Saturday, February 29: Jeannie Mack's Kids' Music presents Winter Songfest! Join us for favorite and original music to celebrate the season. Children ages 2-8 with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Pre-register, please. 11:00 AM



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Bay Path UNICEF Club holds baby bottle fundraiser

CHARLTON — The UNICEF Club at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy held a “Baby Bottle Drive” to raise money for children in developing countries.

The fundraiser, among other brilliant fundraising ideas were brain-stormed by UNICEF Club Officers Hannah Abubakar of Fiskdale, Kristin Bates of

Charlton, Sikorrrya Seguin of Dudley, Fjolla Shehu of Worcester, and Chelsea Still of Plainfield, Conn.

“We’re glad to be able to think of ideas to raise money in ways as simple as putting your spare change in something as inexpensive as a baby bottle,” said Abubakar. “We look forward for new fundraiser ideas of all kinds that

will continue to raise awareness and raise money for UNICEF.”

The baby bottles symbolized the children around the world who would receive aid from the drive.

Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN commended the UNICEF Club, its officers and club advisor, Professor Cheryl Cahill for holding multiple creative fundraisers for the academic year.

“The instructions were to take a baby bottle home, fill it with your loose change, your dollar bills, or a check if you want, and bring it back to the UNICEF Officers,” continued Bolandrina. “In the end, the Baby Bottle Drive brought in close to \$80 and making UNICEF Club’s total close to \$500 to date.”

All donations are remitted to UNICEF USA towards works for survival, protection and development of children worldwide.

“We want the activities of the UNICEF Club to inspire others to take action,” said Bolandrina. “I am in awe and inspired by the UNICEF Club’s education, advocacy, and fundraising efforts.”



Courtesy Photo
The UNICEF Club at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy recently held a “Baby Bottle Drive” to raise money for children in developing countries.



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Applications available for tax assistance program

STURBRIDGE — The town of Sturbridge is now accepting applications for the Town of Sturbridge Tax Assistance for Low Income Senior and Disabled Citizens Program. If you would like assistance in paying your real estate tax bill and you are 65 years or older, or have a state recognized disability and your total gross household income does not exceed \$20,000 if single or \$30,000 if married, or if others reside in the household, you may be eligible.

Applications are available at the Sturbridge Town Hall in the Finance Department, at the Sturbridge Senior Center, or online at www.town.sturbridge.ma.us. The deadline to file an application is Feb. 15.

Tantasqua “Quiz Show” appearance to be taped Jan. 25

FISKDALE — The season premiere of WGBH’s televised academic tournament “High School Quiz Show,” featuring a team from Tantasqua Regional Senior High School competing against Weston High School for a wild card slot, will be taped this weekend.

The episode, scheduled to air Saturday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m., will be recorded Saturday, Jan. 25 beginning at 8:45 a.m. at WGBH’s studios in Brighton. The public is welcome to attend, but RSVP’s are requested in advance at www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-quiz-show-tantasqua-vs-weston-tickets-85678084457.

Local residents named to Becker College Dean’s List

WORCESTER/LEICESTER — Becker College recognized the following local residents who were named to the dean’s list for the fall 2019 semester. The Dean’s List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

Emma Devlin, of Brimfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Clinical and Laboratory Animal Medicine.

Meghan Drysdale, of Brimfield is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Equine Studies.

Rachelle Mantha, of Sturbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, Dual Degree.

Micaela Rice, of Sturbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Kyle Stanton, of Fiskdale is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and Programming Concentration.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College’s Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a “Best College” for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

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Give Your Child A History-Making Education!

Old Sturbridge Academy is accepting applications for anticipated openings in grades K-6 for the 2020-21 school year.

Applications will be accepted beginning January 3, 2020. Go to www.osacps.org or call 774-922-1840.

All applications must be delivered in person or mailed to: Old Sturbridge Academy, 2 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge MA 01566 no later than February 14, 2020.

Application deadline is February 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Applications will not be accepted after this date and time. We cannot accept applications electronically.

Lottery will be held on February 29, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Stephen M. Brewer Theatre at Old Sturbridge Village Visitor Center.



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Vaping laws postponed due to pending legislation

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – After initiating new local laws concerning vaping products last year, the town of Charlton has decided to hold off on expanding its limitations on the said products in the wake of new state legislation taking effect this year.

The Charlton Board of Health debated a new regulation in September of 2019 restricting all stores in town from selling or advertising flavored tobacco or vaping products. The regulation was one of the first local responses to the national outcry against vaping after sever-

al national news stories highlighted the risks of the practice which has become a popular alternative to smoking among youth. The local regulations went into effect in November, but less than a month later, on Dec. 11, Charlton received a letter from Governor Charlie Baker’s office detailing a new state law, An Act Modernizing Tobacco Control, which imposed even harsher limitations on flavored tobacco products including menthol. Rather than adding to the existing town regulations in place the Board of Health decided on Jan. 14 to hold off on expanding

local rules and allow the state mandates to take effect in June.

“(The law) states that they can sell non-flavored electronic nicotine delivery systems with nicotine content of 35 milligrams or less per milliliter. Anything higher would have to be a vape shop,” Health Director James Philbrook told the Board of Health. “The menthol will be banned in June and they’ve set up strict fines for them.”

Beginning on June 1 of this year, sales of tobacco products that are characterized by flavors including menthol cigarettes, vape products and chew-

ing tobacco will be restricted for only licensed smoking bars and may only be sold for on-site consumption at those facilities. The law will also impose a 75 percent excise tax on the wholesale price of nicotine vaping products.

The Board of Health agreed not to impose harsher town-specific regulations on retailers in order to allow this new, state mandated law to take effect in every town and avoid negatively impacting businesses by forcing buyers into neighboring communities for the next few months. Once the law is active all stores in

Massachusetts will have the same restrictions for flavored tobacco or vaping products and sets harsh fines for businesses that are found in violation of these laws. These fines include a \$1,000 fee for the first offence, \$2,000 for the second offence and \$5,000 for each addition violation within a 36-month period.

“They’re really coming through big time,” Philbrook said. “Things we didn’t ban will be banned by the state.”

More information on the new state law can be found at [mass.gov/VapingEmergency](https://www.mass.gov/VapingEmergency).

Public meeting to discuss Route 20 project

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON/OXFORD – Residents of Oxford and Charlton are being called to a public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29 where the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will provide updates on a proposed roadway project along Route 20 that would stretch 3.2 miles between the two towns.

According to a notice provided by MassDOT, the purpose of the project is to “improve the Route 20 roadway safety conditions in Charlton and Oxford

through proposed modifications to roadway geometry, roadway widening, implementation of median barriers separating opposing directions of travel and enhanced traffic operations at intersections.”

In recent years, Route 20 has become a contentious topic of discussion as serious accidents, including fatal incidents, have plagued the roadway.

The proposed plan would see road reconstruction from Richardson’s Corner in Charlton to Route 12 in Oxford to take place in late 2020 and early 2021. According to the MassDOT website, the project is being funded through the 2020 Transportation

Improvement Program for the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization with a construction cost of more than \$62.4 million. The project will also include rehabilitation of bridges that carry Route 20 over Little River in Charlton and the French River in Oxford.

The Jan. 29 meeting will detail designs and specifics of the project after which the MassDOT will be accepting questions and comments from citizens. The meeting is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the Oxford High School Auditorium at 495 Main St. in Oxford.

TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

SOUTHBIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy has released its honor roll for the first trimester of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 6

High Honors: Makayla Capillo
Honors: Fracnes Dyer, Anika Ferrantino, Zoe Forget, Amari Pereira, Cameron Simpson

GRADE 4

High Honors: Heather Kennedy, Oliver MacDonald
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GRADE 7

High Honors: Luisa Henao, Shane McGlone, Casey Renaud, Manaali Vaidya
Honors: Elena Jerez, Lizmarie Rodriguez, Ava Simon

GRADE 5

High Honors: Michael Gasperini, Apollo Logan, Yashvi Swadia
Honors: Alexander Dickson, Jeremy Figueroa, Rylie King, Melany Ngo, Tatum Perez, Niko Yacavace

GRADE 8

High Honors: Kirsten Congdon
Honors: Zachary Cournoyer, Teresita Del Valle, Sean Gasperini, Zachary Hebert, Payton MacDonald, Avelyn O’Brien, Laci Pollone

Locals named to Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the local students that have earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Rachael Hooker of Sturbridge
Alicia Nascembeni of Wales

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

American International College announces Fall 2019 Dean’s List students

SPRINGFIELD — American International College (AIC) has named 460 students to the Fall 2019 Dean’s List. Dean’s List students have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA.

Alexandra Fish of Fiskdale
Tayla Shepard of Sturbridge

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

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environmental linked diseases is often underestimated and not often discussed, even in medical programs.

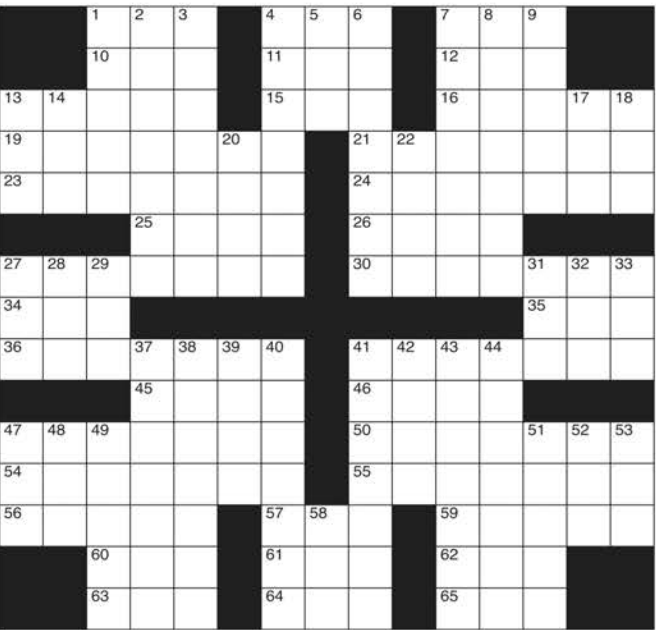
Dr. Michael Misialek, MBCC Medical Advisor and physician at Newton-Wellesley Hospital also had an opportunity to review the “Let’s Talk Prevention materials” and said, “As a physician at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, specializing in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and a Board Member of Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, I’m very pleased to see the Let’s Talk Prevention: Reducing Toxic Exposures program develop as a resource for patient-doctor engagement. The value of such a program is not to be minimized. This program will provide much needed information about reducing toxic exposures in daily life to physicians and patients alike. I look forward to promoting doctor-patient discussions concerning the link between health and toxic chemical exposures.”

As an extension of this program, MBCC has also developed an environmental health program for high

school students called Let’s Talk Prevention: Actions You Can Take. These stand-alone classroom modules can supplement science, health, or environmental studies curriculum by helping high school students understand the impact of chemicals on disease risk. The classroom modules are free and downloadable from the MBCC Web site.

If a hospital, health center, community center, library, high school, college or private group has an interest in exhibiting the Let’s Talk Prevention materials, hosting a presentation about toxic exposures reduction, and sharing the materials, please e-mail: mbcc.cyn-diswan@gmail.com with the subject line: Lets Talk Prevention Tour. The materials can be easily exhibited and displayed.

For more information to view when the Let’s Talk Prevention tour will be coming to a location near you, to download the medical booklet for health professionals and the patient brochures, or to learn more about the new high school program, please visit www.mbcc.org and click on the Lets Talk Prevention tab.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Public broadcaster

4. Hit lightly

7. Keyboard key

10. Grain

11. Make a mistake

12. To the __ degree

13. Endure without complaint

15. Chinese-American actress Ling

16. Edible stomach lining

19. Sunrooms

21. Feared

23. Most eager

24. Excessive chatting session

25. MLB ace

26. Major Central European river

27. Muscular weaknesses

30. Where seedlings germinate

34. Former monetary unit of the EU
35. Personal ads abbreviation

36. Mythical animal

41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect

45. German city

46. Algerian coastal city

47. Military men

50. Salt of sulfuric acid

54. Rhododendrons

55. Mixture

56. Recommended quantities

57. 007’s creator

59. Men

60. Kids need it

61. Midway between east and east-northeast

62. OJ trial judge

63. Yes vote

64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC

65. Create with cloth

CLUES DOWN

1. English seaport

2. What’s owed

3. Sound systems

4. Elections feature them

5. Southern constellation

6. London and Brooklyn are two

7. One-time Ugandan capital

8. Attacked with bombs

9. Rebuke

13. Expression of disappointment

14. A way to work the soil

17. The human foot

18. Sun up in New York

20. A small island

22. Abnormal rattling sound

27. Make lively

28. A team’s best pitcher

29. It goes on the floor

31. Not good
32. Peyton’s little brother

33. Barrier that holds back water

37. Move quickly

38. Deteriorate with age

39. Colorless crystalline compound

40. Cheekier

41. Expresses praise or joy

42. Famed boxing promoter

43. Cured sausages

44. Fill with air or gas

47. Angry

48. Chemistry prefix

49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion

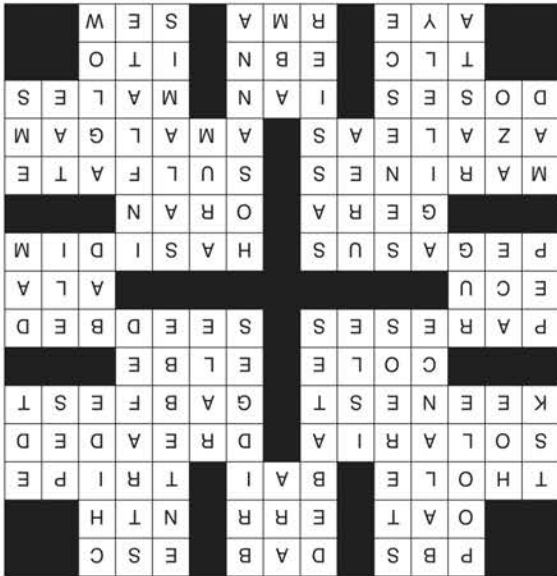
51. Softly bright or radiant

52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids

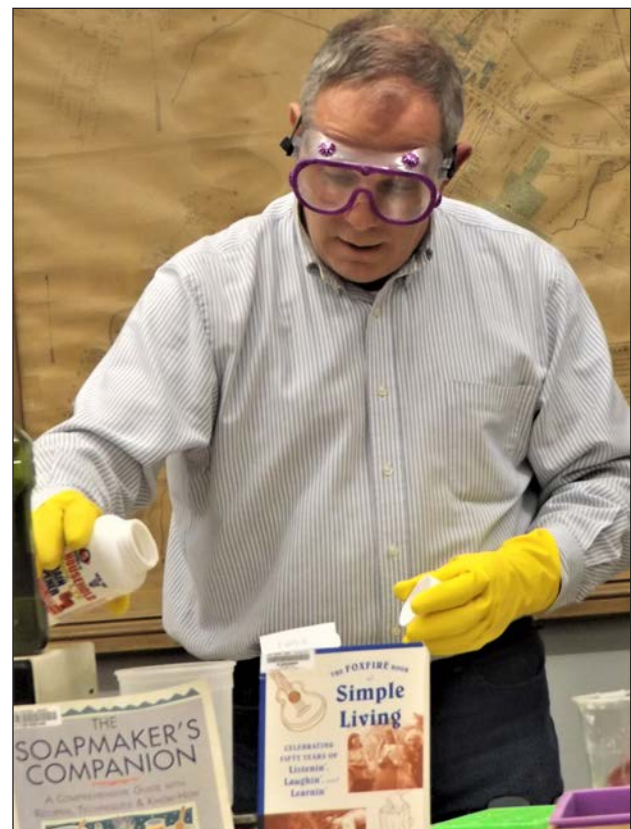
53. First responder group

58. Defensive nuclear weapon

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Jacob Edwards Library hosts soap making class



Gus Steeves Photos
Billy Bolster demonstrates proper use of safety gear while pouring lye.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — In some alternate universe, Jacob Edwards Library hosted a talk about “General Hospital,” “Young and the Restless,” and “Dallas” last Thursday.

But in ours, Billy Bolster and Kristen Celmer talked about the other kind of soaps, as in those you clean with. Despite what corporate America might want you to know (to keep you buying theirs), it’s fairly easy to make if you’re careful.

For Bolster, the quest for clean started a few years ago, when he “came across my grandmother’s high school home ec notebook” from the 1940s. One page included her soap recipe.

ipe.

“My father said ‘Oh yeah, we used to save all the grease in the basement, and a couple times a year, Grammie went down and made soap,’” he told a small audience.

Bolster’s own first batch was intended to make a few bars for his aunts, but in short order he had about 3,000 of them, and his husband John Polakowski made it clear he had to do something with them all. So he started Kleen Guys Soaps, and took them to craft fairs, house parties and various other venues.

He makes it the ancient way, using a recipe that has basically been the same for a very long time: mix one or more oils (fatty acids) with a strong alkali/base

(namely, lye) and some liquid (water, milk) and you get salts that are the essence of soap. There is no chemical difference between pure soap and bar shampoo, while liquid soap generally has added glycerine.

“The government has very strict regulations on what can be called soap,” Bolster said. “Soap is lye and fat. ... Natural glycerine is still in these soaps. A lot of companies take it out and sell it back to you as ‘conditioner.’”

Making it has to be done carefully, both in terms of safety and timing. While pouring and mixing the lye in, Bolster was wearing rubber gloves and goggles, and he noted the amount of lye determines how fast it will solidify. If you don’t use enough, it’ll stay “a big blob of grease,” but use too much and “it’ll stay lye” (and be dangerous). How much depends on what the oils are, since “every oil has its own saponification factor,” but the “general rule of thumb” is that you can deviate by 5-20 percent and it’ll still work, he said.

Making the stuff is short work with a microwave and immersion blender (he made a batch in half an hour), but the soap needs to sit for at least a month to ensure the lye all reacts properly. His method is termed “cold-process soapmaking,” where the liquid should be around 110 degrees.

In time, he teamed up with Celmer, who focuses on a different style of soapmaking to do classes. Instead of mixing the basic ingredients herself, she obtains pre-made soap base (often

simply glycerine), melts it and adds essential oils, colorants or other artistic features. With her system, you can use the bars as soon as they harden (about 24 hours) because the lye reaction is long over, and you can also remelt them if you need to as long as you haven’t added essential oils or other ingredients.

Both of them note you should not use equipment for soapmaking you’ll cook with, and it’s generally not a good idea to use anything plastic. They advise glass, metal, ceramic or silicone.

With that in mind, she notes, “whatever you have, use everything you have. You don’t need to buy stuff.” As an example, she uses a left-over bamboo skewer to mix in an old coffee cup.

“It has endless possibilities of what you can think of” regarding decorations, scents and other variations, she added. “... There are lots of fun ideas. If you’ve got extra time, get crafty.”

For Celmer, it’s just a hobby; she uses what she makes and gives it as gifts, but doesn’t sell it.

Soapmaking as a practice goes back thousands of years. According to the Open University website page on the subject, the earliest recorded use of something we’d recognize as soap was among the Sumerians before 3000 BCE. It began as “a slurry of ashes and water to remove grease from raw wool and cloth so that it could be dyed. ... Specific directions for making different kinds of soap solution have been found on cuneiform tablets.” (Ashes are naturally alkaline, so they react with the grease to make a form of soap that



Kristen Celmer shows off one of her finished soaps.

“then dissolves the rest of the dirt and grease,” the site notes.)

It may in fact be far older than that.

“The pandemic need to find plants that work well as a soap, i.e. the ability to make lather and suds when agitated with water, has been pursued by most native cultures,” Chuck Kritzen writes at the Primitive Ways website. “The experience of using various plants selected for their soap like properties led to the universal discovery that chemicals from these plants would also stun fish when used in a specific circumstance.”

He cites its use among

California Indians, Australian Aborigines, South American tribes and others. Fishermen beat the plants to release the fluids into stagnant or slow-flowing water, and the fish float to the surface. He notes saponins are toxic only when introduced directly to the bloodstream (via fish gills, for example); they break down in the digestive system. But they often taste nasty, as anyone who’s had their mouth washed out with soap will testify.

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EDITORIAL

Where does competitiveness come from?

With the match-up for Super Bowl LIV now decided, the mounting anticipation for kickoff between Patrick Mahomes’ Kansas City Chiefs and Jimmy Garoppolo’s 49’ers has had us wondering why fans in any sporting event are so fixated on getting the win. Why are humans so blisteringly competitive?

Granted, competition is fun in regards to sports and shouldn’t be taken so seriously; however, things get quite serious when millions of dollars are at stake.

Human beings are not just competitive athletically, but in their careers as well. Why are we always trying to keep up with the Joneses? Is this a genetic trait or has our society created it?

In an attempt to be the best, an individual or a team only has to beat out their closest competitor, but for what gain? Money and social status. In the case where hard work pays off, it is only natural to feel self pride, and we think that is OK.

A study conducted in 1974 by economist Richard Easterlin discovered that as countries become wealthier, its citizens do not find more happiness or more riches. Easterlin found that happiness was based on an individual’s wealth in comparison to others. Here in America, being competitive in the classroom as well as on the playing field has become a part of who we are and how we operate as a society. Experts say this could have been born because of our capitalist-driven society due to a limited amount of available resources.

The famous Charles Darwin explained the concept of the ‘survival of the fittest’ in “The Origin of Species.” Darwin felt that proficiency in one’s natural surroundings dictates a person’s success. Co- operation and dependence on others were tactics Darwin also attributed to an individual’s triumphs.

We’re all competitive in our own way, and this is a good thing in that it can improve any given situation. Competition drives our passions and motivates us. When we observe what others are doing and how they’re doing it, it can help us learn the ways in which we can become more efficient, smarter, wealthier, happier. Comparing yourself to another person is only OK if you can benefit from it. There are different styles of competitiveness, such as long- range competition or fast competition. When you find your style, your ability to excel will increase.

When we’re competitive, dopamine circulates in our prefrontal cortex. This is the portion of the brain that handles thinking, adaptation, memory, rule-changing and high-level planning. In her book, “Top Dog: The Science of Winning and Losing,” author Ashley Merryman explains the difference between a ‘worrier’ and a ‘warrior’ thusly: “Worriers have higher levels of dopamine, but in moments of stress, their brains get overloaded with it. Warriors, on average, don’t have enough dopamine, and they are thus more lethargic and don’t pay attention. But moments of stress and pressure bring dopamine to optimum levels in their brains, so they may need stress and pressure to perform their best.”

While there may be biological imperatives that drive us to compete, however, we should also remember that as reasoning beings, we have the ability to keep that competitiveness friendly and orderly. A little good natured trash talk before the big game can be fun, but when people surrender to their baser instincts and resort to violence and destruction of property in the wake of a win or a loss, as we saw in the streets of Philadelphia Sunday night, we need to stop and ask ourselves when competition crosses the line.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

I’m a lumberjack and I’m okay ...

There are many things I enjoy in life. I’m a drummer and love to play music. I’m a fan of Drum Corps International and love keeping up with The Cavaliers, the corps I marched with in my teens. I love writing and I love splitting firewood. Surprised? Like the title says, I’m a lumberjack and I’m okay.

Monty Python fans will immediately recognize the title of this column as also the title of one of Monty Python’s most famous and enduring bits. At the time, it was very politically incorrect. Today, it seems quite in line with current sentiments. Go to YouTube and search, “Monty Python Lumberjack song” and you will see what I mean. Regardless, I am not that kind of lumberjack.

There is something about going out into the woods and cutting lumber. We don’t cut down trees but find fallen trees and chain saw them into sixteen-inch sections then split them into firewood. I cannot describe the enjoyment. We always split a few by hand, but quickly turn to a motorized splitter.

My friend Jeff, a local restaurateur, a former collegiate athlete is the strongest guy I know. He hooked me on splitting wood. When he picks up an ax, the wood trembles in fear and often splits itself. Me? The wood giggles behind my back and mocks me when I pick up my ax.

2019 was a tough year for me. I have pushed through a few serious and quite unexpected health problems and am facing a couple of surgeries. One of them is this week on Monday. Jeff called my wife yesterday and asked her if he could come by Sunday and cut wood. He says he needs wood, but I know it is his way of helping me keep my mind off the surgery the following day. I’m grateful for his hidden act of kindness. Jeff knows that I love being in the woods. It clears my head.

So, I put on my boots and red plaid shirt, pick up my ax and walk out of the garage. There is something that feels so manly about it. The only thing that rivals the feeling is picking up a baseball bat and walking to the plate. They are both incredible feelings. The truth is I was not a good hitter and probably a worse lumberjack, but that’s okay. I enjoy it anyway.

Last winter, I decided to split some wood. I put on my lumberjack clothes,

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

picked up the ax (in this case called a rail-splitter) and walked out the door. Suddenly two women began screaming! They were lost and turned into my driveway. I live out on forty acres. When I walked out of the garage with an ax, they thought I was coming for them. Once I calmed them down, they told me they were from the city and had never seen a man with a real ax before and asked if they could take my picture. My testosterone began to flow. They both got out of the car and took turns posing with me. They then asked if they could film me splitting a log. Proudly, I set up the log, pulled my ax over my head ... and with a mighty swing ... I missed the log completely and drove my ax into the dirt. Once again, I heard the muffled giggles of the log and now my visitors joined in. Oh well, it was all fun and games until I missed the log. I, unfortunately, revealed myself as only a lumberjack wannabe.

So ... as for my surgeries, no problem. The human body has five feet of colon. I won’t miss the three feet they are removing. Maybe the missing parts will readjust my center of gravity and make me better with both my bat and my ax ... or maybe not. All I know is after the colon I have one more final surgery then I can pick up my ax and improve my aim. It’s my goal to never miss the log again.

Some guys enjoy golf and they don’t understand why I don’t. To each his own. All I know for sure is, if there is ever a contest between a man in plaid knickers holding a putter and a man in a plaid shirt holding an ax, I’m betting on the man with the ax every time.

I guess that splitting wood for me is not about doing but about being. I can buy a load of wood and save myself the trouble. It’s not about doing the work but about being in the nature and being with a friend. I’ll go into this surgery with the heart and attitude of a rail splitter, even if I don’t have the aim.

I’m a lumberjack and I’m okay.

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Don’t play politics with your portfolio



FINANCIAL FOCUS

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You’re probably aware this is an election year. During the next several months, the candidates will discuss issues that should greatly interest you as a citizen. But as an investor, how concerned should you be with the results of the presidential and congressional elections?

Maybe not as much as you might think. At different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. And after all the votes are counted, outcomes in the investment markets can be unpredictable. Consequently, you’ll be helping yourself greatly by not making big moves in your portfolio in anticipation of new legislation or political moves down the line.

Of course, that’s not to say that nothing emerging from Washington could ever have an impact on your investment decisions. For example, if a future president and Congress decide to change the capital gains tax rate, it could affect some of your choices, such as which stocks and stock-based mutual funds you should buy, and how long you should hold them.

Overall, though, your investment results will ultimately depend on actions you can take, including these:

- Making changes for the right reasons – While the results of an election may not be a good reason to make changes in your investment portfolio, other factors can certainly lead you to take steps in this direction. For one thing, as you get closer to retirement, you may want to shift some – though certainly not all – of your investment dollars from more growth-oriented vehicles to more conservative ones. Conversely, if you decide, well in advance, that you might want to retire earlier than you originally thought, you may need to invest more aggressively, being aware of the increased risk involved.

- Following a long-term strategy – In pretty much all walks of life, there are no shortcuts to success – and the same is true with investing. You need to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, and you need the patience and perseverance to keep investing in all markets – up, down and sideways.

- Avoiding mistakes – Many people think of an investment mistake as failing to “get in on the ground floor” of some company that ultimately grew to huge proportions. But it’s pretty hard to become an early investor in companies like these, many of which start out as privately held businesses without any stockholders. Furthermore, companies with shorter track records can be much more unpredictable investments. However, you do want to avoid some real mistakes, such as chasing “hot” stocks. By the time you hear about them, they may already be cooling off, and they might not even be appropriate for your needs. Another mistake: failing to diversify your portfolio. If you only own one type of asset, such as growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. Spreading your dollars over a wide range of investments can help lower your risk exposure. (However, diversification by itself can’t guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.)

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, you can help keep your portfolio on track by not playing politics with it.

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Praising the Virtues of Popcorn

Did you know National Popcorn Day was celebrated last week? Neither did I, thus the belated column to celebrate the pleasures of popcorn!

Whether popped in a kettle on the stove, zapped in the microwave, or pre popped in bags, on average, each of us consume almost 70 quarts of popcorn each year! And it’s no wonder America has a love affair with the native treat, after all, it’s economical, easy to cook, high in fiber and low calorie (sans the butter).

Read on for some popcorn trivia, popping tips and even a recipe spotlighting the wholesome, economical grain.

Perfect Popcorn: Want to make positively perfect popcorn? Here’s how: Heat a heavy pot on the stove, and then add oil to cover the bottom of the pan. The best temperature for popping is

between 400 and 460 degrees, but oil burns at 500 degrees so be careful. Test the oil by dropping in a couple of kernels, if they pop, the temperature is right. Pour in just

enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover the pan loosely to allow a bit of steam to escape during popping. Shake the pan well and remove pan when pan fills up and popping slows considerably. Enjoy!

Keep Cool: It’s important to store popcorn correctly. Kernels left uncovered on a hot day can zap the moisture and render them unpopable. Even a one percent drop in moisture will affect the quality of the kernels. For best quality, store kernels in a cool place.



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

While some advocate storing kernels in the refrigerator, the fridge contains little moisture and can actually dry out the kernels. For best results, use kernels within 18 months of purchase.

Water the Corn: If your popped corn is small or hully, it may be low on moisture. You can try to rehydrate the kernels by pouring them into a sealed jar with a tablespoon of water. Shake the jar a few times and in a day or so, the kernels should be up to par for popping.

Stall Salting: Did you know salting kernels toughens popcorn? Never add salt to the pan before

The corn has popped. Always add it to the popped corn.

Fine Finish: Finely ground salt sticks to the popcorn better than table salt. For a terrific taste, grind kosher salt to a fine consistency. Or pound kosher salt in a ziplock bag with a rolling pin.

Tender Treat: Did you know chewy popcorn is often caused by leaving the lid on tight while cooking? For tender corn, make sure the lid is slightly ajar.

Peeking: Pop corn in a pan with a clear lid so you can watch the action. It also helps you gauge when the popcorn is done.

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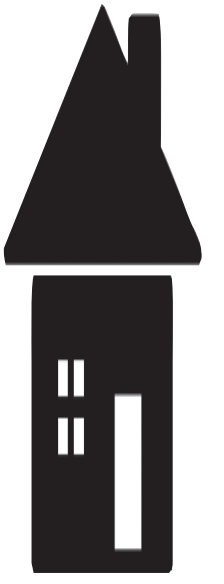
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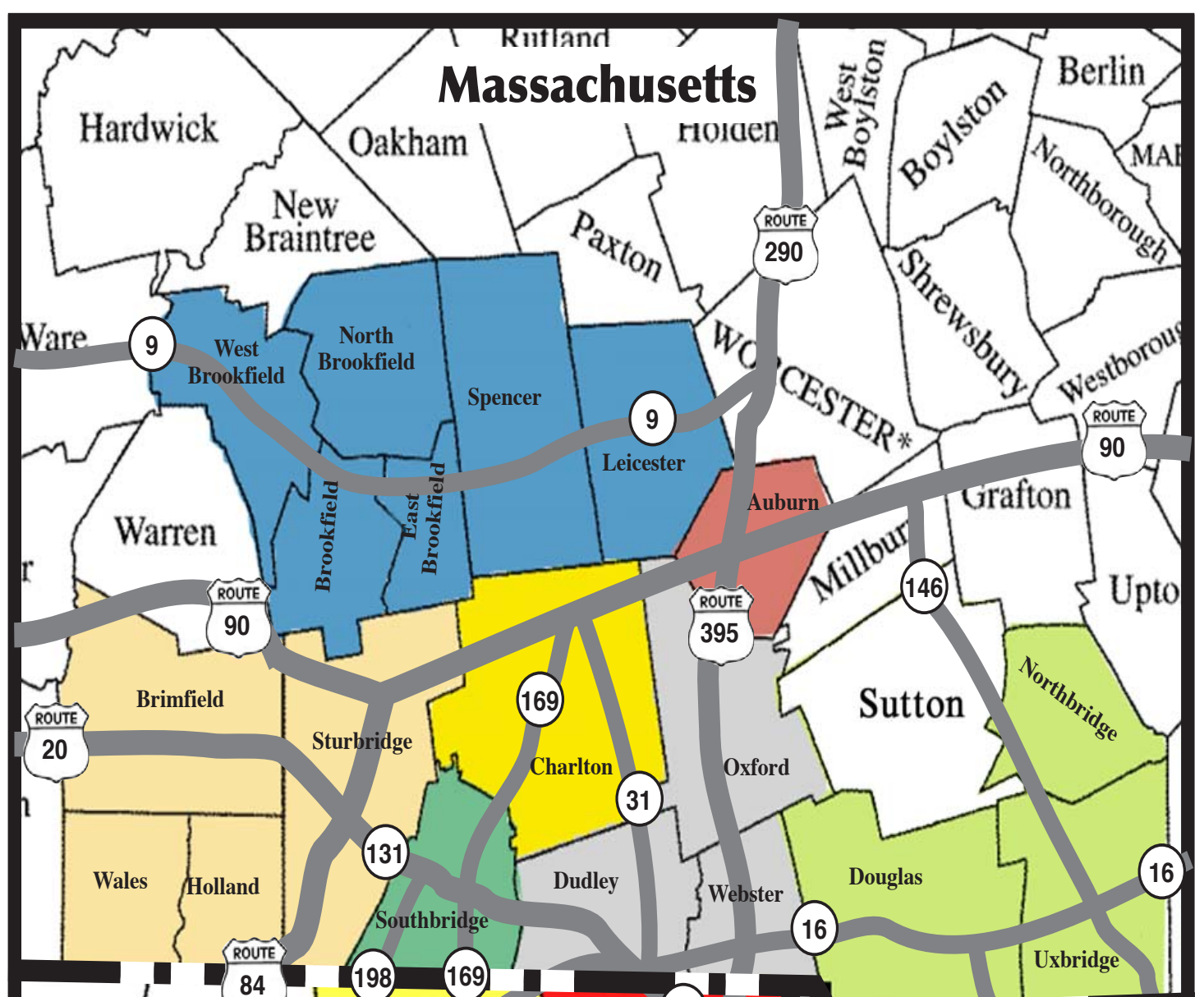
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The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual Founders Day celebration with a Prime Rib dinner this past Saturday at their headquarters on White Court in Douglas! The large gathering of sportsmen & women held their annual banquet to recognize all of the past and future members and officers of the organization, which was incorporated back in the 1950's. The original site of the Whitinsville Club was located in Whitinsville on the shores of Meadow Pond on Main Street. At that time, some of the officers and members of the club included Robert Campo, Dick Bosma, Horace Bassett, Jack Cunningham, Bob Blackley, Fran Magowan, Pete opperwall , William Todd, and this writer, to mention a few. Their trout pond was located at Riley's pond on Castle Hill Road for many years. The pavilion that was built some years later was dedicated to the late Richard Bosma, for all of his years of service to the club. The club was known for their great Ham & Bean suppers and their coon & ham suppers back in the day. Selling tickets to a ham and coon supper today

would not have a very large turnout, but back in the day, coon hunting was very popular among many hunters, and all of the meat was donated to the club. It was delicious. Murray Andrews, David Greno and their band of coon hunters hunted racoon a few times a week during the fall hunting season. At that time, the group of hunters harvested a few hundred racoon annually with the help of their expensive and well trained hounds. The Blackstone Fish & Game Club was disbanding their club some years later, and joined forces with the Whitinsville Club. They brought along their savings, and with the help of all the members from both clubs, built a state of the art clubhouse that serves as the club's headquarters today. Because there were so many sportsmen that owned Beagles back in the day, a group of rabbit hunters decided to start a club that is still in existence today called the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club. The club was organized as an affiliate of the Whitinsville Club, but later separated from the club and had their headquarters at the site of the WFGC today. Fortunately, Jack Cunningham of Douglas convinced the WFGC to purchase the property for taxes which included 80-plus acres of land. Jack also convinced the Beagle Club to purchase another large track of land in Douglas Mass. for taxes although it was landlocked. Only a few thousand dollars was paid for each



parcel of land. Many club members thought he was foolish, but after many club meetings on the property, he convinced the club to make the purchase. After a right of way was established through the court system, Percy Giou Construction was hired to build a road to the property. It took a few years to complete, but when finished the club started to build the clubhouse. The road to the club was dedicated to the late Jack Cunningham, and is now known as Cunningham Way. The bottom line is that sportsmen saw an opportunity to purchase land for a cheap price and seized the opportunity back in the day. It would be almost impossible to buy and build Rod & Gun Clubs today. Whitinsville Fish & Game Club along with other

local clubs like Singletary Rod & Gun, Uxbridge Rod & Gun, Wallum Lake Rod & Gun, 200 Sportsmen's Club, to mention a few, were built on the backs of generations of sportsmen, and would not be here today if they did not take the opportunity to purchase and build ranges, clubhouse, ponds, etc.! The next time you are out hunting on club property or using the ranges or just relaxing fishing at the club pond, take the time to remember those responsible for your club. You can help by keeping your club free of litter and signing up for work parties when needed. Enjoy! This week's picture shows recently elected president Matt Burbank with a couple of the newly elected Board Of Directors, with the new sign that was painted by Sarah Marohn. Great job. Special thanks to Rick Cahn and his committee for putting on a great meal. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club's ice derby may not be held this week if ice conditions do not improve. Call the club for updates. The Firearms, Knife show & sale will be held at the Marlboro Royal Plaza Trade Center this weekend Jan. 25-26. The New England Fishing Expo will be held at Boxboro Regency also this Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Check it out on their Web site. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.*

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Southbridge Garden Club partners with Worcester Art Museum



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The 2019 lobby display at the Worcester Art Museum.

SOUTHBRIDGE — For the second consecutive year, the Southbridge Garden Club has been invited to design the main entrance lobby space for the Worcester Art Museum's "Flora in Winter" exhibit, which is on display from January 23 to January 26, 2020.

This year's theme is Epic Bloom!, which coincides with the exhibit, "Photo Revolution: Andy Warhol to Cindy

Sherman." The Southbridge Garden Club will create a colorful and fragrant array that complements the Museum's artistic display.

"We are thrilled to participate in 'Flora in Winter' at the Worcester Art Museum. Our group has diverse and talented floral designers, artists and home gardeners," said April Frost, Southbridge Garden Club president. "The teamwork, time and effort put into

this event by our members has been a rewarding and amazing opportunity to showcase the talents of the club, as well as forge a partnership with the art museum. We appreciate the occasion and venue provided to our group."

Sandra Polanik, public and internal events coordinator, Worcester Art Museum, noted that she is a board member of the Ruth Wells Center for the Arts in Southbridge, which

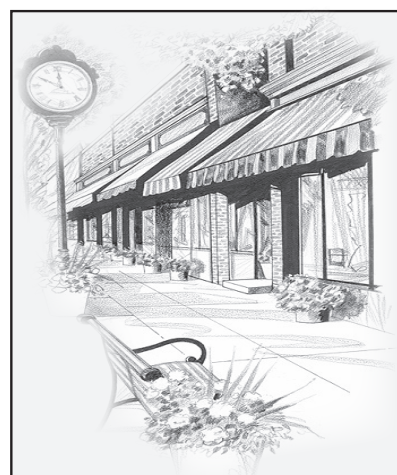
houses the garden club.

"Having first-hand knowledge of the stunning artistic work of the Southbridge Garden Club, I felt that this group of designers would be an excellent addition to WAM's highly acclaimed exhibit," she said.

In 2019, the Southbridge Garden Club created a spectacular floral display for "Flora in Winter" to coincide with the special exhibition, "Monet's

Waterloo Bridge: Vision and Process." The high quality of the design and positive public response prompted the Museum to extend a second invitation.

The non-profit Southbridge Garden Club was established in 1953 to serve the Tri-Community area in sharing an interest in horticulture and expanding knowledge of gardening for the mutual benefit of members and the local communities. In 1984, the Southbridge Garden Club became a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The Club's annual Greens Sale, its only fundraiser, enables the organization to give back financially to local communities through scholarships, educational programs and beautification projects.



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SPORTS

Pieczynski's offense, zone defense enough for Tantasqua to get past Rockets



Ben Doros of Tantasqua drives the baseline and lays the ball in.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Will Pieczynski scored a game-high 16 points to lead the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team to a come-from-behind 48-29 victory over Auburn High on Friday, Jan. 17.

With the win, their second straight and fifth in the last six games, the Warriors improved to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play. With the loss Auburn fell to 4-7 overall and 2-7 in the SWCL.

Pieczynski, a 6-foot-3 junior forward, scored his points on six field goals — including a pair of 3-pointers — and two free throws. Pieczynski provided Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion the spark he was looking for, doing all his scoring after Auburn took its only lead of the game, 20-19, on a layup by senior Cam Bolduc with 6:17 remaining in the third quarter.

“As a coach you love when a kid responds to adversity. In our last game [a 54-49 win at Oxford on Tuesday, Jan. 14] Will didn’t play a lot. He played in the first half but didn’t play in the second half. It was a coach’s decision,” Dion said.

“I talked to him in practice the following day, told him he was going to get his chance but [Tuesday] night it was just how I saw things. Tonight’s performance was how he responded. That’s wonderful for these kids, it’s a great life lesson.

“I can’t imagine he was happy with his lack of minutes on Tuesday, but we talked on Wednesday and he was here [Thursday] with a smile on his face, had a good practice, got his chance today and everybody here saw what he did for us in that second half,” Dion continued. “That’s what coaching’s about; that’s why we do what we do for a living. We teach these guys just because something didn’t go your way one night doesn’t mean it’s not going to go your way the next night. In life everything doesn’t go your way. I’m super happy for him.”

The fact that the Rockets grabbed even a brief lead was somewhat surprising given Tantasqua led 11-1 after the first quarter. Auburn rallied in the second period, however, thanks to six points from senior Josh Adams — on two 3-pointers — and five from classmate Coleman Picard and

trailed by just three, 19-16, at halftime.

The Rockets then scored the first two baskets of the third quarter, the first by senior Justin Skaparas (a team-high 8 points), the second by Bolduc.

“We spotted them 10 points and it’s a tough environment to play in, but we competed, and we fought back, and we were in the game,” Rockets’ head coach Dan Koen said. “We made some adjustments and we were gaining momentum and then they went to that zone defense and we just couldn’t figure that out.”

Tantasqua trailed for just 27 seconds, taking the lead for good, 21-20, on a steal and layup by senior captain Troy Lee (8 points). The Warriors finished the third quarter on a 15-4 run to lead by 10 at 34-24 as play headed to the fourth and final frame. Pieczynski scored 10 points and drained both of this 3-pointers in the run.

Tantasqua put the game away in the first 2:20 of the final period, scoring eight straight points, the final one on a free throw by Pieczynski, to lead 42-24 with 5:40 remaining.

“Once Auburn took the lead we put the press on and switched out of our man-to-man defense into our zone defense and that got them out of what they wanted to do,” Dion said. “Auburn is a team that is very well-coached and when you play man-to-man there are a million sets that a team can run against you.

“Auburn is a very good set team. And, in each set they find their players and they’ve got good players,” Dion continued. “When you play zone, it makes the other team’s offense become much more stationary and it allows the defense to be aware of where the shooters are. They’re going to get some shots off, and they did, but our height and length can contest a lot of those shots.”

Koen said Tantasqua’s zone



Tantasqua defender Deshean Hutchinson blocks a shot taken by Auburn's Justin Skaparas.



Tantasqua defenders Mikey Lucas (20) and Hunter Hill trap Auburn's Coleman Picard.

defense is what did the Rockets in.

“We haven’t seen that combination of speed and size, defensively, all year. Their defense is tough to replicate in practice because we don’t have anybody that tall or that long,” Koen said. “I was proud of our effort and our execution versus their

man defense. They’re a tough team defensively and you’ve got to hit shots. I explained to the kids that some of the open shots that we get against other teams we’re not going to get against Tantasqua. Against Tantasqua the window to get your shot off is just a little crack; a sliver really.”



Tantasqua's Joe Groccia bounces a pass down to the block, where teammate Troy Lee waits for the ball.



Mikey Lucas of Tantasqua sends the ball down the court with a long pass.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tuesday, Jan. 14
Tantasqua 130, Worcester 53 — As part of their return engagement to the Boys and Girls Club to take on Worcester again, the Warriors won another coed swim meet. The coed team is 2-0, while the girls and boys are both individually 1-3. Tantasqua winners were the Medley relay team (Andrew Wade, AJ Osimo, Eben Mazeika, Daniel Sickenberger), Mazeika (200 IM), Jonah Green (Diving), Sickenberger (100 Fly), Eli Currier (500 Freestyle), the 200 Freestyle relay team (Osimo, Cameron Chisholm, Sickenberger, Green),

Wade (100 Backstroke), Chisholm (100 Breaststroke), and the 400 Freestyle relay team (Sickenberger, Mazeika, Osimo, Wade).

Wednesday, Jan. 15
Bromfield 108, Tantasqua 75 — Sarah Kersting-Mumm won the 200 Freestyle, and the 200 Freestyle relay team of Katie Wade, Emily Owens, Zoey Zhu and Kersting-Mumm also won, but the girls’ swim team lost to Bromfield, dropping to 1-4 in the process.

Bromfield 116, Tantasqua 56 — Also falling to 1-4, the Warriors couldn’t

defeat Bromfield’s boys’ swim club. Jonah Green won the Diving event, as did the 200 Freestyle relay team of AJ Osimo, Adam Mazeika, Daniel Sickenberger and Green.

Friday, Jan. 17
Grafton 53, Tantasqua 52 — Competing with just five boys’ swimmers, the Warriors nearly edged the Indians, but they fell just short. Cameron Chisholm won the 200 Freestyle, AJ Osimo took first in the 200 IM, Daniel Sickenberger was first in the 500 Freestyle and the 100 Breaststroke, while the 400 Freestyle

relay team of Osimo, Evan Selvey, Chisholm and Sickenberger also won. Tantasqua is now 1-5.

Tantasqua 88, Grafton 83 — Sarah Kersting-Mumm (200 IM, 100 Freestyle) was a double winner for the victorious girls’ swim team over the Indians. Katie Wade (50 Freestyle), Rebecca Turley (500 Freestyle), Erika Madden (100 Breaststroke) and the 400 Freestyle relay team (Dani Harwood, Kami Davis, Kira Dambly, Zoey Zhu) also won for Tantasqua, who improved to 2-4.

SPORTS

Auburn defeats Leominster, grabs important two points in process

AUBURN — Fighting to get back to .500 and on pace to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team hosted Leominster High at the Horgan Arena in a crucial contest on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

And the Rockets did just that, defeating the Blue Devils 3-1 to improve to an even 4-4-1.

Auburn, which includes student-athletes from Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of its cooperative agreement, fell behind 1-0 on a first-period goal by Leominster's Jeremy Maillet. But

it would be the only goal allowed by Rockets' goalie Tyler MacKoul.

Auburn then rallied with a pair of second-period goals in a 1 minute, 7 second timespan. First, with 5 minutes to play in the period, Nic Spanos scored a power-play goal, with Dominic DiPadua recording the assist. Then, with 3:53 to go in the second, the Rockets recorded another power play goal, this one off the stick of Hakim Kagni. DiPadua had the assist again.

Auburn put the game away with 1:06 remaining in the third period when Joel Miller scored, with Matt Schirm assisting.



Auburn celebrates a goal on its way to defeating Leominster last Wednesday, Jan. 15.



Goalie Tyler MacKoul of Auburn dips into the butterfly position to make a save versus Leominster.



Joel Miller of Auburn skates after a loose puck.



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Matt Schirm of Auburn controls the puck while a Leominster defender reaches in.



Auburn's Caleb Bartlett skates around a Leominster defender while possessing the puck.



Auburn's Dillon Winkelmann dumps the puck into Leominster's zone.



Auburn's Hakim Kagni skates the puck down the ice and into Leominster's zone.

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The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an approximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minstrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show.
On Wednesday July 15th come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the

Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beauport, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own.

On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with Headliner Shows in Las Vegas, China, the United Kingdom and accumulated 3 EMMY AWARDS. The Texas Tenors will sing many of the Broadway Show Classics as well as many of your favorite Pop Songs. They were honored to be included among the Top 50 Acts in the World. This could be the Best Concert that you will see this year. We are traveling approximately 60 minutes to the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma.. For 99.00 included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Plated Lunch of either Chicken Parmesan or Baked Scrod, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minnestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3 Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show "Queen Esther". One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Social Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called "Saturday Nigh Fever" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

Touring as Described and Tour Director Gratuities. Last years Trip sold out early so don't get left behind

Have you ever thought about visiting Nashville? Come along on a 4 Day/3 Night Trip December 4th -7th. Included are Roundtrip transportation to Logan Airport, Roundtrip Airfare to Nashville, 3 Nights of Premium Lodging, 7 Meals including a Sunday Brunch, An Exclusive Dinner Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys, Ticket and Show at the Grand Ole Opry, plus a Tour of the Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, a River Cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Tickets for a Holiday Show at the Opry House, Admission to ICE at Gaylord Opryland, a visit to Historic Studio B and a Guided Tour Of Nashville. WOW!! Prices are 1949 pp Double and 2349 pp Single Occupancy which includes Tour Guides and Bus Drivers Gratuities as well.
For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com

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

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

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

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

PAXTON SENIORS
Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

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

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port.

We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich.

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

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

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.
Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

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

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

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

May 19, 2020 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$30 – 8 a.m. bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP
Trips are open to the public!
Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71.
April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)- \$459.
May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91.
May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours -\$115.

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Friday's Child



Makaila Age 16

Hi! My name is Makaila and I'll be happy to show off my dance moves.

Makaila is a friendly and empathetic teenager with a big heart and a warm smile. She enjoys playing sports, and being particularly tall for her age she loves basketball. She also enjoys taking dance classes and spending time with friends.

Makaila is social teen who enjoys engaging in lively conversation with others and exploring her community. She is thoughtful, reflective and is tuned into her emotions. She gets nervous easily but can manage strong feelings once she processes them. This thoughtfulness extends to others as well, and Makaila is generally caring, considerate towards

others and has a solid moral compass. Makaila puts a lot of effort into her studies and with the right supports in place she can be successful academically.

Legally freed for adoption, Makaila maintains regular contact with her birth parents through an open adoption agreement. A single or two-parent family with a female parent is preferred for Makaila. She will do well with other children in the home if they are older than her. She is in need of a compassionate family who will work with her as she processes her past losses. Most important to Makaila is having a family that is active and spends a lot of time together.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



To sponsor Friday's Child call Patricia at 508-909-4135 x321 or email patricia@stonebridgepress.news

OBITUARIES

Robert J. Chabot, 89



STURBRIDGE - Robert J. Chabot, 89, formerly of Sturbridge, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 11th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after a long illness.

His wife, Theresa P. (Bombardier)

Chabot, passed away in 2008. He leaves his daughter, Jo-Ann T. Chabot of Worcester; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Gerard Chabot and his two sisters, Jeannette Olson and Lucille Domijan. He was born in Westerly, RI the son of Nary and Laura (Pothier) Chabot. He was a US Navy Veteran of the Korea War.

Robert worked as a butcher at Shaws

Supermarket in Sturbridge for 12 years before retiring many years ago. He previously worked as a butcher at several other supermarkets.

His family would like to thank the staff at the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and the staff at the Christopher Heights Assisted Living Community for all the care they gave to Robert.

A graveside service for Robert will be

held at a later date in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.



CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 28

ON THE TRAIL OF BONNIE AND CLYDE: Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Historian, Christopher Daley, will present a program that's part travelogue and part history that chronicles the story of Bonnie and Clyde- separating the reality from the myth. Much myth, conjecture and outright lies have sprung up about the 2 Texas bandits but when one delves into the true story of the two lovers a much more interesting and human story emerges; much better than Hollywood was able to depict. Register online at charltonlibrary.org or call 508-248-0452.

Saturday, February 1

CHARLTON LIONS MEAT RAFFLE: The Charlton Lions are hosting our famous Meat Raffle being held Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Heritage Golf Course at 85 Sampson Road in Charlton. There will be six tables of beef, pork and poultry to be won. The raffle begins at Noon with early bird tickets available to those who arrive before 1 pm. For more information, please email thecharltonlions@gmail.com. What a great way to start 2020 with filling your freezer with meat from Fairway Beef!! And remember...100 percent of what we raise goes back to the community. The Charlton Lions thank you for your continued support!

ONGOING

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

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome.

We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday evening from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

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

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

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

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

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

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

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

YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are

stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@charter.net or visit oa.org.

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

TRAINOR

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FYI: Native American legend has it that spirits lived inside each kernel of popcorn. Some tribes believed when the corn was heated, the disturbed spirits burst out of the kernel in a fit of anger.

In fact, it is said Native Americans brought popped corn to the first Thanksgiving. Back then, popcorn, which was cooked over the fire, was commonly eaten right of the cob.

Natives in the

Americas were creative in their popcorn use, preparing such treats as popcorn beer and popcorn

soup. Once the colonists were introduced to the mysterious, fluffy food, they included it in their daily diet, even enjoying it in a bowl with cream for breakfast!

Do you ever wonder exactly what causes the corn kernels to burst? Each kernel contains a small drop of water stored inside a circle of soft starch. The starch is surrounded by

the hard outer surface of the kernel. As each kernel heats up, the water expands and pressure builds against the hard starch. Eventually it gives way, causing the popcorn to explode. In order for popcorn to erupt

soft and fluffy, it should have a moisture content of about 14 percent. Any less and you will end up with half popped kernels and a pan full of "old maids."

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great

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

Do you have a helpful hint

TRIPS

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June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91
June 26 - July 3 - Atlantic Canada w/ Conway Tours - International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899.
Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/ Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329.
Sept. 16 - 18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. - \$579.
Oct. 6 - Green Mt. Railroad w/ Fox Tours - \$101.
Nov. 19 - Newport Playhouse w/ Fox Tours - \$101.
Dec. 7 & 8 - Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

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

In Loving Memory of DENIS P. DESMARAIS

January 11, 2011 - January 11, 2020

I feel you near, I close my eyes, I think of times gone by - the happy times, the cherished days, when we walked side by side
I know you're watching over me, I feel it in my heart, this comforts me, yet bittersweet, we still remain apart
And when my work on earth is done, I'll return by your side, we'll spend all of eternity, a husband and his bride
And until then my life I'll live, new memories to be made, but at my side I know you'll be, to guide me along the way

Dearly missed by your loving wife Jean Marie, daughter Lynn, son-in-law Joseph, their children and grandchildren

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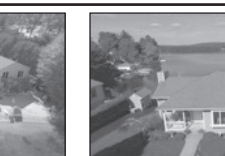


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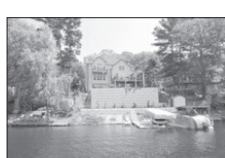
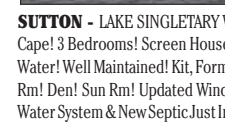
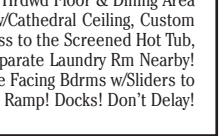
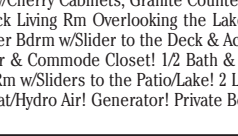
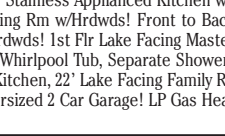


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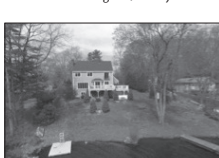
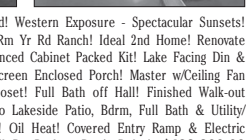
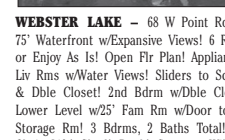
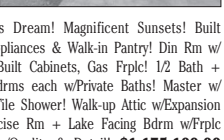
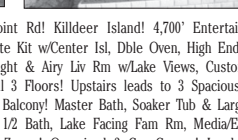
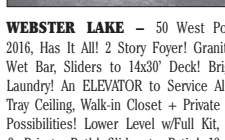
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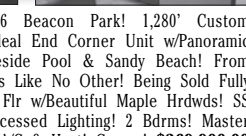
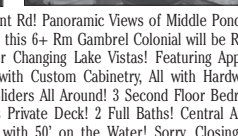
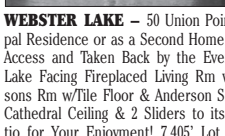
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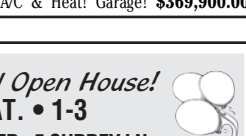
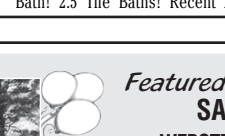
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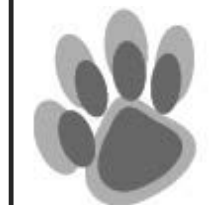
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#40215R • LT TRIM, HATCHBACK, ALLOYS, KEYLESS START, 7" LCD

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#H1219 • SE TRIM, BACK-UP CAM, 17" ALLOYS, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$28,015~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,377

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NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,985~~
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#D10095V

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,305~~
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#TM20153A

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$44,665~~
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