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Farmers' Market has a little something for everyone

KIMBERLY MASCHI
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Auburn Farmers Market at Pappas Pavilion and Park was a huge success! There was live music from Jim Perry, who is in a band called 9Teen and will be performing at the pavilion on July 19. A bouncy house for all the kids to jump and hop in the shade, frisbee golf, and face painting. The face paint-

ing was where young Emma Marley, age 5, from Auburn was becoming a My Little Pony! While there was fun and activities there were also local vendors who came out on this gorgeous day.

Terri Steiner, works on a "mini farm" in Princeton where she makes goat milk soap. Elzire's Acre soaps are made from food grade lye, lard and tallow made by

them or other local farmers, local honey, and essential oils for aromas. The soap is also wrapped in 100% biodegradable food safe film. These soaps are one of a kind, smell heavenly, and most have a back story to them. Steiner sometimes designs soaps

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Pool project gets preliminary figures

BY GUS STEEVES
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN – After more than 900 survey responses, the town has a fairly clear idea of what people want when it comes to a pool. Now, the issue is to get into the details of cost, location and amenities it could have.

Last Wednesday, about a dozen people turned out for the second forum on the proposed project. There, consultant Jeff Fasser of BSC Group summarized the results to date and gave some rough estimates of potential costs. An indoor pool would run \$12-14 million, an outdoor, \$6-8 million, with an extra \$500,000 if Auburn wants to erect an inflatable dome over it to extend the season. The former would require 1.5-2 acres, the latter 2-2.5 acres, but he later said the town should "think about 10 or 20 or 30 acres. That

will give us a lot of flexibility" for various alternative uses.

Those figures, he noted, "are very preliminary because we don't have a design we're taking the quantities from. A high majority voted for an indoor facility, and we wanted to get the costs for you."

Fasser's firm was hired using a Pappas Foundation grant to conduct public outreach and research into the concept, which itself came into being due to a proposal from Dr. Martha Pappas to donate \$1 million toward building a pool. Part of it has been an online survey that found 48 percent would support using town funds to build a pool, 55 percent would do so to operate one, and 55 percent are willing to pay a daily fee to use one. That survey is now closed, but will soon

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Kim Maschi photos

Instructor Garine Polter demonstrating how to add color to soaps.

A pair of princesses make an appearance



Kaitlyn Whittemore, age 4 and Kenley Bunn, age 2

Kim Maschi photos

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Moana and Ariel left the ocean to visit all the children at the Auburn Public Library on Friday. The princesses greeted their guests and began to sing. Ariel sang "Under the Sea" while all the boys and girls danced and sang with her.

Moana read a book to the young audience that told her journey. Moana's tale is one of adventure, knowledge, and courage. She ventures deep into the unknown to rescue her village and family. Moana showed the children how to wayfind by looking at the stars in order to guide them through the waves of the ocean. Moana spoke about how Maui, a demigod, could turn into any animal he wanted.

Moana asked what each child would be if they could turn into any animal in the world.

"I would be a butterfly!" said

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Knox Farm: a hidden treasure

KIMBERLY MASCHI
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In Sutton, just off Mendon road, there is Knox Farm. Owned by John and Shirley Knox, this farm offers riding lessons, boarding, and a Sunday Summer Camp.

"14 years ago, there was nothing here," says Shirley Knox. "We made a farm from nothing, there were no fences, no stables, nothing. We turned it into a farm and now we can provide the community with lessons and boarding for horses."

Knox Farm currently has one stall available for board. The other stalls are occupied by Hulio, a 25-year-old Morgan. Snickers, a 13-year-old Shetland pony, Skye, a 23-year-old paint, Jenny a miniature donkey, Elkie, a 34-year-old Arabian and last, but the biggest is Alfie, an 8-year-old Belgian draft Horse.

Alfie is the largest horse on the farm.

"I've never seen a horse that big before!" exclaims Macy

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Kim Maschi photos

Lucy riding Hulio with instructor Nikke Rodgers

A soapy situation at the library

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NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Mix in glycerin, sprinkle in beauty grade glitter, swirl in color, add in yummy scents, and viola, you have handmade soap! The Auburn Public Library had a very special guest from Kulina Folk Art, Garine Polter, soap maker and artist.

Polter held a class introducing beginners to soap making. "Cold processed soap, as fun as it sounds, is actually scary to make because we use lye," explained Polter.

Lye is a strong alkaline solution that can burn skin if not properly used.

"You have to be very careful with it. It looks innocent but it is a very dangerous powder," says Polter.

Everyone in the class was very happy to hear that they would not be using lye but melting bricks of glycerin. Glycerin produced soap is safe and very easy to use. Polter teaches children, in other workshops, with this exact same method. Polter's little duckie soaps are little bowls of handmade soap with a rubber duckie on top and are just the cutest!

Polter spent a lot of personal time learning how to make soap. She gives high praise to the local librarians and libraries for helping her learn how to make soap properly.

"I read every book I could find on soap making. The librarians became my best friends. I now feel confident

in making this soap," she said.

The demonstrations started with chopping up a brick of glycerin. Tiny clear squares were put into the microwave and warmed up until melted. Using Styrofoam containers was the easiest way to get a nice long brick of soap for each participant.

"You can add essential oils to your soaps like peppermint or geranium to give it a nice scent."

While some went for the scents, others did not.

David Erickson from Auburn states, "I want a completely plain, organic, soap with no scent at all."

Erickson is a hunter and wants to be clean, but not deter animals from him.

"I don't want to smell like anything when I go hunting. I use scentless laundry soap, I don't want a bunch of chemicals either."

Erickson makes a good point, "animals are so sharp, they can smell anything, you want to be sneaky when hunting and that means not smell-

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McGovern challenger opposes child separation

BY GREG VINE
 STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

At least one of the Republicans running to unseat the Democrats currently in Congress says she doesn't support the Trump administration's policy of separating undocumented immigrant children from their parents.

Grafton resident Tracy Lovvorn, who is seeking the GOP nomination to challenge incumbent Democrat James McGovern in the 2nd District, said, "I don't agree with separating families."

"But," Lovvorn told Stonebridge Press, "this is something that's been going on for many years. I'd like to ask Jim McGovern exactly what he's done to solve the immigration problem. He's been there for 22 years and really hasn't offered any solutions. I feel he's been exploiting the issue rather than helping."

Lovvorn said she supports legislation being introduced by Sen. Ted Cruz. The Texas

Republican announced Monday night that he would introduce a bill which would double the number of federal immigration judges from about 375 to 750, authorize new temporary shelters which would allow families to stay together, require that undocumented immigrant families be kept together – as long as there is no threat of harm to children or evidence of aggravated criminal conduct, and provide expedited processing and review of asylum cases, so that – within two weeks – those meeting the legal standard will be granted asylum. Those failing to meet the standard would be immediately returned to their home countries.

"I definitely feel the processing of illegal immigrants and asylum-seekers can be done more humanely," said Lovvorn. "It's an issue that should be addressed now. We can't keep kicking the can down the road."

Asked if voters have raised the issue of family separation as she campaigns for the 2nd District seat, Lovvorn said, "A majority see it as politicians exploiting a situation that's been there for years. But people definitely see a need to fix it."

Lovvorn said a photo showing youngsters housed in cages that was taken in 2014 indicates the problem dates back to the Obama administration. Former officials of that administration say, however, the young people in those pictures were juveniles who had crossed the border unaccompanied by an adult, not children who had been separated from their parents.

"President Trump's policy of separating children from their parents is cruel, it is un-American, and it is evil," McGovern told Stonebridge Press. "There is no law requiring that these



Tracy Lovvorn

children be ripped away from their parents – this is a policy of choice. In fact, U.S. and international law specifically protects those who arrive at our border seeking asylum. The President could end this policy today with a single call – yet he has instead chosen to use these vulnerable children as a political bargaining chip."

"This is not who we are as a nation," he continued. "A majority of Americans do not support this and will not tolerate such terrible acts of inhumanity from our own government."

"Democrats in Congress have introduced the Keep Families Together Act to stop family separations. If the Republican majority wants to end this outrageous situation, they could do so in a heartbeat – by supporting this bill. I hope my Republican colleagues find the political courage and basic human decency to do so."

Attempts to reach Lovvorn's Republican primary opponent, Millville businessman Kevin Powers, and Rick Green, who is seeking the 3rd District seat being vacated by Democrat Niki Tsongas, were unsuccessful. There are 10 Democrats running to succeed Tsongas.



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tions with the financing that can help to protect the value of the car. Consider GAP protection to protect against a total loss. Ask us for more details on how this works. Of course, the downside of financing is that in most cases you will pay interest. Because today's cars are rather expensive many customers take on longer term notes increasing the interest expense and leaving them still owing money when they want to trade in for another. This leads us to leasing.

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Fishing success is sketchy throughout region



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Surface water temperatures have reached 70 degrees on many saltwater bays in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Even with the water temperatures that high, some fishing has been slow for some, while other anglers enjoy a fishing bonanza. Last week Kurt Salvas and his two sons were treated to a fishing bonanza aboard Steve Mercure's 17 foot boat while fishing outside of the Westport River. The group caught their limit of doormat fluke and sea bass in just a few hours, with many legal size fish being released. Steve was using some of the Road Runner jigs that I had given to him last year, and were responsible for many of the fish they had caught that day.

Using a large white bucktail jig on the bottom, and a 1/8 oz. Road Runner jig a foot above had proved to be a deadly combination for this writer also over the years. The jigs are tipped with a small piece of squid. Road Runner jigs are the product of the Blakemore company. Check out all of their products at Roadrunnerlures.com. This week's picture shows a fluke and seabass caught by one of Ralph's sons. It took a few hours to clean and process all of the fish for the freezer. They were in the right place at the right time.

The second picture shows Jake Leone of Oxford with a nice 44 inch striper he caught at the canal recently. Action at the canal was very good for some, and slow for others last week. The east end of the canal



The fluke and seabass caught by the Salvas family.

Courtesy photos

reportedly saw the best action on surface plugs, although other parts of the canal did pretty good also. Everyone was hoping that the full moon would send in some monster fish with the high tides.

Haddock fishing on the cape has boats going farther out to find the fish, but when they do, action is fast. Many anglers are catching some nice cod on each trip, but they need to be released because of the closure of cod on all of the Gulf of Maine for the last few years. Cod fishing in Rhode Island has taken a big hit this year, with nothing but poor reports from charter boats.

Summer has arrived, and with it comes all types of infectious diseases that can negatively affect your dog's health. One of the most contagious diseases is Parvo. A booster shot is required annually to ensure your pet is protected

from this killer disease. Taking your dog to a dog park or other area that has other dogs, without them having their booster shot is using poor judgment.

Veterinarians are expensive, and if you cannot afford to take your pet to a vet, you can do the second best thing. Tractor Supply has a series of shots that can be purchased over the counter, that you can administer yourself. The vaccine is less than \$11 and comes with all of the instructions on how to administer the vaccine. Other vaccines are also available at the store. Be sure to only administer a vaccine shot to a healthy dog.

Gypsy moth caterpillars are making their presence known around the valley. Some areas are being hit hard again this year, while others are barely being touched.

Ticks are also starting to be contracted by local residents,



Jake Leone with a 44 inch striper caught at the Cape Canal.

but to date they do not seem to be as bad as last year. A family member had a tick bite on her back this year and was tested for disease a few times. It came back negative every time. She became weaker and sicker every day, and she finally convinced her doctor to give her an antibiotic. She has started to get a lot better and hopefully will see a full recovery. I have found that there is no set rule among doctors on how to treat or test a patient for Lyme disease. The patient needs to basically be your own doctor. Leaving it untreated can cause serious medical problems that cannot be reversed. This writer

had contracted Lyme disease two times in the last 10 years. It is nothing you want to play around with!!!

Lucky Pond located in Uxbridge & Sutton is in the final stage of repairs that were recommended by dam safety engineers recently during an annual inspection. It has also improved the boat ramp at the site, as well as other areas of the site. Lucky Pond is an excellent body of water to catch largemouth bass. Only small boats and motors are allowed at Lucky Pond.

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Display soaps the participants would be making

SOAPS

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ing like peppermint or flowers."

Everyone else was all about the floral scents, drops of oils went into each soap dish and was stirred up with a variety of colors.

As the soap starts to settle, participants would sprinkle in glitter, and add in delicate seashells pre-made by Polter.

Carol Burke from Millbury told Stonebridge Press she is giving her soap away as a gift.

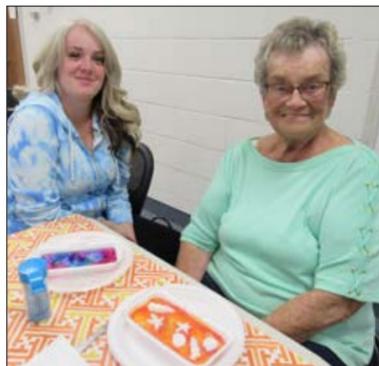
"I come to the library a lot and I try to come to anything involving crafts, history, or gardening," said Burke.

Denise Nephew from West Boylston said, "This soap is for me! I spent years making stuff for everyone else, this is for me!"

Brenda Paquette and her granddaughter Michaela Guy from Auburn came together and both stated their soaps were for themselves too.

Miranda Courteau from Auburn makes swirls of greens and yellows in her soap and adds shells along the edges making a beachy theme.

Danielle Chase from Auburn makes a very special soap. "My grandson is starting to potty train. He will use this



Brenda Paquette and her granddaughter Michaela Guy, both from Auburn

soap after to wash his hands, if he has a little fun soap it may help!"

Everyone had a wonderful time making their own unique and personalized soaps at the Auburn Public Library.

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rate can be drastic in your payment amount. I ran the numbers using a mortgage calculator and at 300K purchase price with 20% downpayment on a 30 year fixed loan at 4.5% the principal and interest payment is \$1216.04. If you increase the purchase price to 320K with 20% down payment at a 4.0% interest rate the payment was only \$1222.18 which is only \$6.14 more for 20K higher price.



REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES BLACK

The point is that in a rising interest rate environment if

you are getting a mortgage for your home you should not haggle over a few thousand dollars. If you do you could end up with the 3-5K you haggled over ending up costing you 20K in buying power due to the higher interest rate.

I do not see the rates decreasing any time soon and the increase in rates has not seemed to push many buyers out of the market since the

economy has been thriving. If you are thinking about buying in the near future I would suggest buying now before you are priced out of the market. Every Real Estate Market is different so if you are in a declining market then the lower prices may offset the increasing rates. The majority of the towns in Worcester County are in sellers markets and pricing are not declining.

Organic prevention and management of powdery mildew on plants



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Spots and patches of white or gray talcum powder-like substance on your plant means powdery mildew infected your plant. This is one of the most widespread fungal diseases and attacks a wide range of plants. You may see mildew on a variety of trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and lawn grasses. Don't despair — you can reduce the risk of this disease with proper plant selection, maintenance and if needed organic intervention.

Powdery mildew is most common during hot dry weather. Wet foliage does not increase the risk of this disease, but high humidity does. You'll typically see more mildew problems in crowded plantings, damp and shady locations as well as areas with poor air circulation.

Powdery mildew, like other diseases, occurs when the fungal organism and susceptible plants are present together and the environmental conditions are right for the disease to occur. Remove one of these factors and you eliminate the disease. You can't change the weather but there are some things you can do to reduce the risk of powdery mildew.

Avoid purchasing mildew susceptible plants. Instead select disease resistant varieties whenever possible.

Fortunately, many new varieties of phlox, bee balm, lilacs and other mildew-resistant plants are now available at your favorite garden center.

Further decrease the risk by growing plants at the recommended spacing in the preferred amount of sunlight. Giving plants room to reach full size ensures they will receive sufficient sunlight and air circulation, thus reducing the risk of this and other diseases. Your plants will be healthier and better looking when they have space to show off their beauty.

Thin susceptible varieties of perennial plantings like phlox and bee balm in spring as new growth emerges. Removing one fourth of the stems increases light penetration and airflow reducing the risk of powdery mildew. Grow vine crops like cucumbers and squash on trellises and fences to accomplish the same results. Support large fruits of squash and melons with cloth slings anchored to the trellis.

Avoid excessive nitrogen fertilization that encourages lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to this and other diseases and many insect problems. Consider using low nitrogen slow release fertilizers that promote slow steady growth above and below ground.

If mildew continues to be a problem and is impacting the health and beauty of your plants, you may decide to intervene. Lightweight horticultur-



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Powdery mildew occurs when the fungal organism and susceptible plants are present and the environmental conditions are right for the disease to occur.

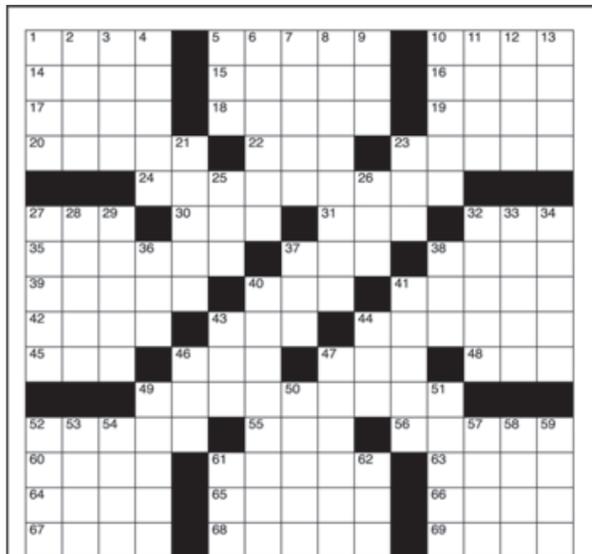
al oils trap the fungal spores on the plant preventing it from spreading. Select OMRI certified products like Summit® Year-Round® Spray Oil (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) that are approved for organic gardeners.

Always read and follow label directions of all chemicals, organic or synthetic, before applying to any plant. Thorough coverage of the upper and lower leaf surfaces and stems will improve your success rate.

Check plant tags, purchase wisely and adjust plant maintenance to reduce powdery mildew problems in your landscape. A bit of prevention and

proper care go a long way to reducing the time spent maintaining healthy, productive and beautiful gardens and landscapes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers's web site is www.melindamyers.com.

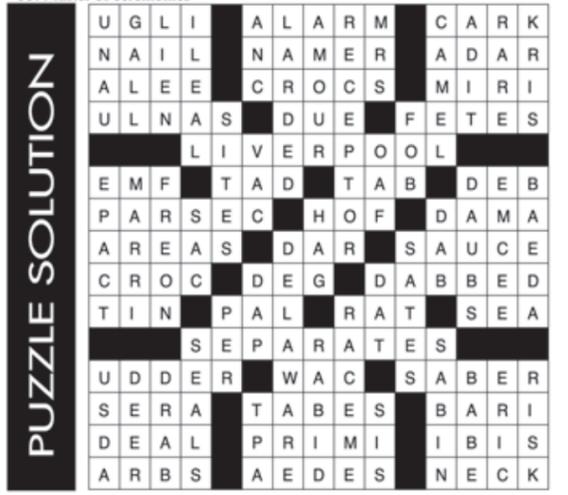


CLUES ACROSS

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- 10. Die
- 14. A hammer needs one
- 15. Leopard (Hebrew)
- 16. In the Hebrew calendar
- 17. Away from wind
- 18. Type of footwear
- 19. Malaysian coastal city
- 20. Arm bones
- 22. A type of diligence
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- 24. Home of The Beatles
- 27. Electromotive force
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- 31. Type of cola
- 32. Adult female
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Hall of Fame
- 38. Type of gazelle
- 39. Places
- 40. Women from the Mayflower
- 41. Liquid served with food
- 42. Predatory semiaquatic reptile (abbr.)
- 43. Angle (abbr.)
- 44. Touched lightly
- 45. Cannister
- 46. Crony
- 47. Tell on
- 48. Body of water
- 49. Sorts out
- 52. Mammary gland of female cattle
- 55. Collegiate athletic conference
- 56. Sword
- 60. Protein-rich liquids
- 61. Emaciation
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Agreement
- 65. Chinese ethnic group
- 66. University of Miami's mascot
- 67. People who buy and sell securities
- 68. Genus of mosquitos
- 69. Holds up your head

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Impudent behavior
- 3. The right to take another's property
- 4. Refers to end of small intestine
- 5. Mandela's party
- 6. Inserted strips of fat before cooking
- 7. Secret love affair
- 8. Responds to stimulation
- 9. Wife
- 10. Desert mammal
- 11. A nearly horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
- 12. Uncommon
- 13. ___ Kristofferson, actor
- 21. Where buildings are built
- 23. Chain attached to a watch
- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. Clod
- 27. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
- 28. Australian eucalyptus tree
- 29. Aerosol propellant
- 32. Coats with a sticky substance
- 33. Master of ceremonies
- 34. The venerable ___, British theologian
- 36. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 37. Witch
- 38. Strike with a light blow
- 40. The First State
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. A way to fish
- 44. Magnetic tape used to make recordings
- 46. For each
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes off
- 50. One who supports fanatically
- 51. Type of vaccine
- 52. Approves food
- 53. Hoofed grazing animal
- 54. Drearly dull
- 57. Youngster
- 58. ___ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 62. Female sibling



POOL

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be replaced with something that seeks more detailed demographic and other data.

In general, Fasser said survey responses indicated people are interested in having a year-round indoor facility with lap, therapy and kiddie pools for lessons, events, exercise and swimming classes, changing facilities, and, if outdoors, a splash pad and shady areas. Indoor pools cost more to operate and have greater revenue potential, "but it's very unlikely the revenue will offset the operating cost," he said. By contrast, an outdoor pool has lower cost and revenue potential but "There is potential, if you structure things proper-

ly, to offset your operating costs with the revenue."

Either way, though, he predicted there would probably be a deficit for the first few years, but many municipal pools never break even.

Town Manager Julie Jacobson said one of the upcoming parts of the project will be to start proposing sites for such a facility based on what people have said they want. She noted, however, that the above costs only include construction.

"If the town didn't have any land that's feasible for development into a swimming pool complex, you'd have to look at purchasing private land," she said. Additionally, in response to a survey comment, she said the town can set different fees

for residents and non-residents, but "it would be difficult, if not impossible, to limit it just to Auburn [users] You can't preclude others from coming to a public facility, because it is a public facility."

Fasser noted his research included some demographics and other material from nearby communities that leads him to believe "There most likely is demand for another facility like this regionally."

Jacobson asked people who wish to comment on this phase of the project (before the new survey round comes out) to email or call town hall before July 9.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday July 5

THE FLOCK ('80s Tribute): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

Sunday, July 8

FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR: Second Sunday of every month June to October at the Pappas Recreation Complex, Riley Pappas performance pavilion 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rain date third Sunday of the month. Booth space rental (10x10 spot) \$25 each, for more information contact KPappas@town.auburn.ma.us or call (508) 832-7736.

Thursday July 19

9Teen: Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time. Sponsored by the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and Webster First.

Thursday July 26

4 EVER FAB (The Beatles): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

Thursday August 2

ON THE ROCKS (Cover Band): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at

the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

Thursday August 9

BOOM BOX ('70s, '80s, & '90s): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

Thursday August 16

THE OUTRIGGERS (classic rock): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

Thursday August 23

ROBERT BLACK (Elvis): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

Thursday August 30

RED LINE (dance, Funk): Summer in the Park Concert Series continues at the Riley-Pappas Pavilion at the Dr. Arthur and Dr. Martha Pappas Recreation Complex 6-8 p.m. Rain date the following Tuesday, same time.

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12

Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

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

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

NEW GROUP FORMING: If you're separated or divorced, you don't have to go through it alone. DivorceCare meets weekly, you'll receive practical support and find healing and hope for the future in a friendly, confidential setting. We meet Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave.,

Auburn. Call (508) 832-5044 or email divorcicare@faithauburn.org for more information.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

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

Protestors again line up at Laughlin Kennels



Rachel Bellenoit with Buster, bought at Laughlin Kennel four years ago.

KIMBERLY MASCHI
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Holding someone accountable for appalling conditions continues, three years later, as on the third anniversary of the very first protest of Laughlin Kennel on Larned Road in Oxford was held once again on June 23.

Some 25 people showed up to protest the conditions and practices. Among those supporting the protest was Andrew Marsh.

Marsh states, "I first attended one of these protests during my unsuccessful run for Board of Selectmen, and was appalled at the shady practices of this kennel. I'm happy to be a part of the grassroots movement to hold Laughlin accountable. To channel my inner FDR, any business that perpetuates such substandard conditions has



Burt's Brigade with Wyatt, Burt and Thomas

no right to exist." Marsh is not alone with these feelings. Tom Merolli, who is running for state Senate stands by Marsh and the fellow protestors.

"I am here in support of legislation to bring accountability to places such as this. There are some terrible conditions and it needs to stop. I am supportive in ending all puppy mills in general," says Merolli.

A neighbor passed by, unhappy with the fact that Laughlin Kennel is still in operation. The neighbor, who lives down the road from the kennel stated in passing, "if it is that bad, they should be shut down."

This is the main thought when protesting a place like this. How is it still in operation? How is this allowed to happen? What needs to change?

The kennel has been fined in the past for "poor conditions." The kennel has been investigated multiple times.

"They are taking advantage of peo-

ple," says Charlene Brenneman from Dudley. "We saved up a lot of money to buy our dream puppy, the kids are involved, everyone is excited. You spend \$1,400 on a puppy only to find out it is sick and needs thousands more to keep them alive."

The voices of many chanted. "I am a voice." They claim to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.



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Tom Merolli, Andrew Marsh and Cheryl Berthiaume at protest

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KNOX FARM

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Sullivan, a camp student at the farm.

"He is a gentle giant," says Bronwyn Petkus another excited camper.

While the children of the camp learn how to walk and ride a horse, they also learn how to care for a horse.

"We teach them how to groom, bathe, and clean up after the horses," says Nikke Rodgers, the manager and riding instructor on the farm.

"We also have snacks, do arts and crafts, go swimming and tend to other things on the farm as well," says Rodgers.

For their Summer Sunday Funday events they welcome around 15 students from the ages of 5 to 15 and at all levels of experience.

"Sign-up is still available and we teach beginners to advanced riders," says Rodgers. Rodgers is a Massachusetts certified riding instructor, CPR certified, and has over 15 years of horse experience. Rodgers is not alone on the farm either. There are volunteers who come to help out.

Jean Caddell of Oxford says, "I have been riding all my life. I have MS (multiple sclerosis) so I needed to stop for a while. I have come back though, being around horses helps me with me MS."

Another volunteer, Shauna Meadows from Northbridge, leads the children in getting ready for the pool, helps with arts and crafts, and directs the kids around on the horses.

14 years ago, there was no farm, there were no horses, or chickens, or ponies, or ducks. Now there's family and friends, animals and humans living together and making wonderful memories for everyone who visits. The children that go to this camp learn responsibility, they follow rules, they are out in nature. The best part; they get to experience just how wonderful horses are. The Knox Farm has donated hours of free lessons for charities, raffle items, and their time and expertise to help those in need. Knox Farm is a wonderful place hidden away like a treasure to discover. The horses are beautiful, the instructors and owners are kind and helpful, and the children are all respectful and willing to learn. A visit to the farm is sure to make lasting friendships

with the people who work there and the animals that live there.

The Summer camp is still going on every Sunday. Call Nikke Rodgers at

(774) 708-0576 to save your child a spot. You can e-mail at xn1kke@yahoo.com and follow them on Facebook @Knox Farm.



Group Photo at Knox Farm

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by David P. Luksza and Kelly C. Luksza to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lendia, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated December 14, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40348, Page 348, subsequently assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 43045, Page 275, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51380, Page 118, subsequently assigned to Residential Credit Solutions, Inc. by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54270, Page 125, subsequently assigned to New Penn Financial LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by Residential Credit Solutions, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57376, Page 377 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on July 16, 2018 at 11 Wallace Terrace, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: TRACT 1 "The land with the buildings thereon in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows": BEGINNING at a point in a stone wall at the southerly corner of land owned now or formerly of Nils Olson, which point is three hundred ninety-three (393) feet more or less easterly from the easterly line of Wallace Avenue as measured by the center line of a twenty (20) foot way known as Wallace Terrace; THENCE: N 76 degrees W, one hundred twenty (120) feet by the center line of said way to a point; THENCE: N 17 degrees E, one hundred twenty-two and 5/10 (122.5) feet to a point; THENCE: S 76 degrees E, by other land now or formerly of Ernest E. Harmon, twenty (20) feet to a point; THENCE: S 17 degrees W, by other land now or formerly of said Harmon, twenty-eight and 5/10 (28.5) feet to a point; THENCE: S 76 degrees E, by other land now or formerly of Ernest E. Harmon, one hundred one and 6/100 (101.06) feet to a point; THENCE: Southwesterly by a stone wall, ninety-four (94) feet to the point of beginning. Being a portion of Lot #3 a shown on a division plan of Nils Olson, situated on Wallace Avenue, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 45, Plan 63. Subject to a right of way for all purposes which streets on ways are ordinarily used over a tract of land bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwesterly corner of the premises described in deed to George M. Morton, Junior, said point being in the center line of Wallace Terrace, which point is two hundred seventy three (273) more or less Easterly from the intersection of the center line of Wallace Terrace with the easterly line of Wallace Avenue; THENCE: Northeasterly, by the easterly line of land of said Harmon, one hundred one (101) feet more or less to a point; THENCE: Southeasterly by the southerly line of the grage at said point, twenty (20) feet to a point at the southeast corner of the garage; THENCE: Southwesterly Six (6) feet more or less to a point; THENCE: Southeasterly by the Northerly line of George M. Morton, Jr. et ux, fifteen (15) feet to a point; THENCE: Southwesterly seven (7) feet to a point;

THENCE: Southwesterly by a line parallel with the first described line and a distance of fifteen (15) feet there from, thirty (30) feet to a point at the corner of the building on the premises now or formerly George M. Morton, Junior; THENCE: Northwesterly by the line of said building, three (3) feet, more or less to another corner of the building; THENCE: Southwesterly by the westerly side of said building seventeen (17) feet more or less to another corner of the building; THENCE: Southeasterly along the southerly side of said building, two (2) feet to a point; THENCE: Southwesterly by a line parallel with the first described line and a distance of fifteen (15) feet there from, thirty eight (38) feet to a point in the center line of Wallace Terrace; THENCE Northwesterly by the centerline of Wallace Terrace fifteen (15) feet to the point of beginning. Together with a right of way for all purposes for which streets or ways are ordinarily used over a tract of land bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the most southwesterly corner of land conveyed by the grantors herein to Cyril J. and Lee M. Harmon, by deed dated November 30, 1942. THENCE: S 76 degrees E, by land of Ernest E. and Jessie D. Harmon, fifteen (15) feet to a point; THENCE: N 17 degrees E, seven (7) feet to a point; THENCE: N 76 degrees W, fifteen (15) feet to a point; THENCE: S 17 degrees W, seven (7) feet to the point of beginning. Together with a right of way for all purposes for which streets or ways are ordinarily used over a tract of land bonded and described as follows: TOGETHER with and subject to all rights in common with others in a driveway known as Wallace Terrace leading westerly toward Wallace Avenue as forth in a deed to Ernest E. Harmon and Jessie D. Harmon dated June 14, 1926 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 2407, Page 68, except as same had been modified by agreement dated July 17, 1929 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 2503, Page 594; TRACT 2 All and the same premises conveyed to us by Harry L. Bedford, et ux, by deed dated 22nd May 1950, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 3431, Page 262 and therein described as follows: The land in Auburn on the southerly side of Wallace Terrace bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner thereof at the southeasterly corner of land of said Grantors; THENCE: Westerly one hundred eight and five-tenths (180.5) feet by land of said Grantees; along the center line of a right of way, as shown on a plan recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 45, Plan 63. THENCE: Southerly, twenty five (25) feet by other land of the Grantors: THENCE: Easterly one hundred thirteen and five-tenths (113.5) feet more or less to a stone wall at land formerly of Alfred and Emma Dwyer; THENCE: Northerly, twenty five (25) feet along said stone wall by land formerly of said Dwyer to the point of beginning. Containing 2,682 square feet of land more or less. Being a part of the premises conveyed to us by deed of Emma V. Odgren, dated May 13, 1950. Subject to a sewer easement as shown on a "Plan of Fee and Easement Land takings for Sanitary Sewerage for the Town of Auburn, Massachusetts" dated March 4, 1976 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 428, Plan 90. Tract I is subject to Sanitary Sewer granted to Carrie E. Cross, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the centerline of Wallace Terrace, at the Southeasterly Corner of the herein described easement THENCE N 76 degrees 00' 00" West by the centerline of said Wallace Terrace a private way,

twenty and four hundredths (20.04) feet to a point; THENCE: Northerly thru land of the Grantor (Long) ninety-four (94) feet to a point at land of the Grantee (Cross); THENCE: S 76 degrees 00' 00" E by land of the Grantee, twenty and four hundredths (20.04) feet to a point in a stone wall at land owned now or formerly by Anthony P. and Helen M. Leketa; THENCE: Southerly by said stone wall and land of said Leketa, ninety four (94) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1,880 square feet of land more or less. Said easement as conveyed from Annette L. Long to Carrie E. Cross in an instrument dated October 4, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 36566, Page 211. Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Annette L. Long, Paul C. Keohane, and Holly Keohan, dated August 2005 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 37891, Page 184. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagee by deed recorded herewith. Book 40348-344

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

New Penn Financial LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 17-004348 June 22, 2018 June 29, 2018 July 6, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven P. Testa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, dated March 3, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38598, Page 195, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon as

Trustee for the Certificate Holders CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA6 dated February 18, 2010 and recorded with said registry on September 20, 2010 at Book 46329 Page 164 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA6 dated August 7, 2014 and recorded with said registry on August 12, 2014 at Book 52662 Page 28, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on July 13, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 Elizabeth Drive, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as LOT 15 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Auburn, Massachusetts, prepared for Wilfred J. Ezold, Sr., and Michael N. Aboddeely, Jr." dated July 7, 1992 and recorded with Worcester County Registry in Plan Book 680, Page 53, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

For title see Deed Recorded with Worcester County Registry in Book 23441, Page 118.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23441, Page 118.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OA6 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OA6 Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201706-0320 - PRP

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FARMERS MARKET

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after the people she meets at farmers markets just like this one. Steiner makes soaps that can ease away pain, help with sunburns, and bug bites. Most of Steiner's soaps have clever names like "Orange You Glad" which is full of citrus scents and great for the summer.

Next to Elzire's Acres was Giacomo's Gourmet Foods from Hubbardston. Jim and Laurie Del Garbino make their very own granola and Italian cuisine.

"We have unique and bold recipes; we really pushed the envelope of granola," says Jim. The best sellers are the Totally Nuts granola and the Monkey Bars. Crafty names for scrumptious granola.

With granola you can drizzle on wonderfully sweet pure BS maple syrup. Bruce Hopper and Sully Ed "Sully" Sullivan (BS) a lawyer and a carpenter, decided to go into business together to make pure maple syrup. The duo is quite the team and both are funny, creative, and very approachable. Bruce and Sully say their maple syrup is "A Sincere Sweetness" and "We Guarantee We Won't Regret Your Business."

Want something else to go with your granola? How about silky smooth honey from Summer Beez, LLC. This booth is run by Michael and Evelyn Schraft. This family owned business is from Berlin and sells packaged bees, custom beehives, and of course honey.

If you are looking for something healthy and straight from the earth than Free Living Farm, located in Brookfield, is the stand to visit. Arrangements of lettuce, vegetables, flowers, and more decorate a long table. Cara Germain, originally from Auburn, sells her inventory of organic vegetables quickly.

Little tiny birdhouses from The Birds Inn, lined with copper roofs were a delightful addition to the farmers' market. Richard Cowden from Auburn makes all of these birdhouses himself.

"It's just a little hobby," says Cowden but his "little hobby" has immense beauty and craftsmanship. Cowden sells big birdhouse that can hang outside, or miniature houses that can be added to a planter. Cowden will also personalize anything on a copper plaque and add it to your selection while you walk around and enjoy the other vendors.

Miley, from Yulimar1 at Etsy, had an enormous tent filled with bows, bibs, headbands, ties, and medical alerts. These unique, handmade, and fun designs are perfect for a baby shower or for those special occasions when you just have to buy something super cute for your little one. There were a few vendors selling baby and child options including Perkins Design Studio sell-



Shine So Bright! Jun E. Lamarche, Leighton Ramaro, Taylor Ramaro, and Britney Lamarche



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ing wooden baby gifts. These wooden teething toys and toys are perfect for a baby that you do not want exposed to plastic.

"These toys are a great alternative to plastic, they are teething necklaces polished with beeswax polish," says owner Heather Connor.

Jewelry for babies to chew on, it's a great idea and safe for the little ones. But, what if you want jewelry for yourself or loved one? 4808 Designs has an enormous selection of many handmade jewelry options including specialized designs to support the community, autism awareness, and local fire and police departments.

Right next door to 4808 there is a booth filled with paintings and crafts. Shine So Bright is a mother and daughter(s) business full of originality and colors. Everything is handmade and designed by Jun E. Lamarche and her daughters Taylor Romaro, Leighton Romaro, and Britney Lamarche.

The Pavilion lawn was full of more than just customers, it was filled with families all having a wonderful time. There was laughter shared and memories made at the event. If you missed the farmers market this time, don't fret, it will be coming back for every last Sunday of the month.



Emma Marley getting her face painted



Bridget Sullivan with Callum Sullivan, Declan Marley, Alesia Gleason and Norah Marley

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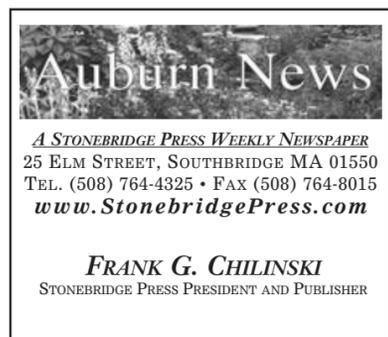
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EDITORIAL

Are we boring you? Scaring you? Or haven't we done our jobs?

"According to the L.A. Times, by next year, millennials born between 1981 and 1996 are projected to outnumber baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964. But millennials are going to the polls in very small numbers. In the 2014 mid-term elections, turnout among 18-20 year-olds was 15%, which was the lowest in a national election since the voting age was changed from 21 in 1971."

As often as we tout the need to register to vote, to go to the polls, to become involved especially at the local level; that statement from the LA Times is frightening.

We can shrug and say it is indicative of the age of that demographic; that people that age don't usually become involved in politics for another 10 years or so when it hits them how important it is to them personally.

No, that is not so. At least, it hasn't been so in the past. There was no one more passionate about politics and being involved than the young people of the 1960s and '70s. The ones who marched for civil rights and women's rights and against a war. They were definitely that demographic.

And we can definitely see a move in a slightly younger generation for involvement; think of the high school age students who have made a movement on their own for civil rights and gun control in the wake of tragedies they have personally witnessed. While they are immediately advocating gun control, we imagine with more thought they will also begin paying attention to other pieces of the puzzle, and understand there is more to it. There will be really good young people entering political science classes, and social work classes, and law, and history in the next two or three years we suspect. Advocating for better mental health and intervention; advocating for education on peer mediation and anti-bullying and recognizing the symptoms of antisocial behaviors among their peers, hoping to interrupt a tragedy before it happens.

But that is the younger generation. We need to address this sorrowful state of those two to five years of young adults who are in college right now; who are NOT in political advocacy groups, not joining Young Republican Clubs or even being compromised by (gasp) the far left by tempting them with a social event.

They aren't working for candidates they believe in. They aren't registering voters. They aren't working for civil liberties.

And they aren't voting themselves. After watching a view interviews with that age groups, there was a sense some are indeed overwhelmed by the whole thing; they fear they can't make a difference so why try.

They don't know where to start. Some have no clue how it works. No one taught them how. And they fear they will make a mistake.

Some throw up their hands in disgust, not "wanting to be sucked in" to it at all.

But we need them to be "sucked in." We desperately need them to want to be part of it.

Because they are the next steps. The next ones to BE there. To be part of the system, or the new world order if it changes. And they must, they really must be part of that process.

We can't as a nation afford to have them step aside.

We may have done them all a disservice by not emphasizing the old civics curriculum many of us learned in high school. But we can't change that now. We need to find a way now to engage them where we are, and where they are.

Because if we don't, and you think our current political scene is in turmoil, wait 10 years.

Wishes



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When we have kids, we want the best of everything for them. The best schools, the best friends, the best life. We don't want them to need, maybe want, but never need. We are to provide, we are to secure. We are their parents and it is our meaning to provide.

Notice how I don't say job? Nope not our job because we do not get paid and the only benefits we get are boo-boo kisses and homemade chicken soup made of play-doh. It is our meaning, it is embedded in us once we have offspring to provide them food, shelter, water, comfort and My Little Pony toys.

Okay, maybe not My Little Pony Toys, but try telling my daughter that.

When you watch your sleeping babe at night do you wonder what your wishes for them and their future would be? While one of their tiny legs is hanging at a strange angle off the bed and their hair is covering their precious face, do you brush it back and whisper your wishes for them? I know I do. I know I have plenty of wishes for my children. When I gently lift my daughters head to reposition her Trolls pillow beneath her I whisper my I love yous and I whisper my wishes for her.

To my Charlotte, I wish you kindness. That you will be kind to all and receive kindness in return. I wish you happiness in the path you choose. I wish for you to find joy and harmony in every day. I wish you knowledge, for you to learn and read and love to learn and read and never stop learning and reading. I wish you love. Not an ordinary love but all those kinds of love that can teach you through pain, obsession, sporadic intrigues and a full spectral of feelings. I wish you to feel all and know you are loved and to trust in that love...eventually. When you're 30. I wish you strength to fight for what is right and to truly know who you are. I wish for you to live a long and fulfilled life. I wish all of these things for my daughter, for my Charlotte. I will kiss her goodnight, tuck her in tight, turn on her twinkling lights and know that tomorrow she will be another day older and that much closer to fulfilling her own wishes. I will slowly shut her door and swear that I still haven't WD40'd those hinges yet! I tip-toe into the next room, where my son Jase is gently sleeping and my wishes for him are much different.

In his turquoise room, he rests silently, covered completely from head to toe in about five blankets or more. He snuggles with his enormous Nemo plush and gen-

tly breathes. It is the only time his heart is not racing. The only time he is not screaming, or humming, or crying. When he sleeps is when I can touch his face, kiss his forehead, and whisper my wishes to him.

I wish you kindness, that those who do not understand you will try to. I wish you kindness from stranger's stares, from all who will teach and guide you, and from the boys and girls your age. I wish you the kind of kindness that isn't pity but genuine interest and care. I wish you a voice. I wish for you to one day be able to talk to us in anyway that you feel comfortable. I wish for you to not be in pain. I wish you comfort. Comfort from your own body and mind that hurt you. I wish for things like light, sound, and textures to no longer wound you. I wish you friends. I wish you independence. I wish you safety. I wish for you not to run into a busy street, I wish for you not to walk off a steep edge, I wish you not to run away when all you want to do is see the playground you love. I wish you help when you age out of insurance. I wish you everything you love that others find strange. I wish you acceptance and more than that, I wish you inclusion, invites, holding hands, and real lasting relationships. I wish for answers for you Jase.

Somedays, when it is really hard, when I don't know how to help you, I will wish for the autism to go away. I will wish for a magical cure, but really, I just wish to know you. I just wish to be closer to you. I wish to change more and more each day to be better for you. I wish you love through the pain. I wish you happiness through the misunderstandings, I wish you acceptance through the rebuffs. Above all I wish you me for all of your life. I wish I could live for 100 years more just to make sure you live a long and beautiful life Jase.

Wishes have come true before. They wouldn't be wishes if they didn't. Don't wait for a shooting star. Don't wait for the bigger half of the turkey wishbone on Thanksgiving Day. Don't wait until the clock reads 11:11 or for a rainbow to appear. Don't save your wish for birthday candles or for you to stumble upon a well. Wish every day and work hard for those wishes every day. There's no rules when it comes to wishing. And really, why are pits in the earth and turkey butt bones what we wish on? What is more magical than your child sleeping soundly? Especially a toddler? Nothing, I tell you, nothing. I wish for all your wishes to come true, and mine.

June is National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month

Fresh fruit and vegetables from the backyard garden are a summertime treat like none other. So what's the next best thing to a home-grown crop? Try "pick your own" at area farms and look for weekly Farmers Market events to ensure the freshest picks. How to choose fabulous fruit and vegetables at an outside market or grocery store? The following tips can help you pick perfect produce!



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Beans, snap:

Look for small seeds inside straight, fleshy pods. If you can see large seeds through the skin than the beans are probably too old. Avoid beans with dry-looking, rusty, wilted or damaged pods.

Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, cauliflower:

Look for tightly compacted flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower, and compact, uniform sprouts. Avoid wilted, yellow, or dirty heads, and avoid loose, open sprouts or those that are yellow or pale green.

Cabbage and head lettuce:

Look for firm compact heads that are heavy for their size. On leaf lettuce, choose unwilted, compact, crisp-looking compact plants.

Carrots:

Look for deep orange colored and smooth skinned roots. Avoid carrots with purple or green shoulders or pale in color, or ones with forked or crooked roots. Oversized roots usually mean they are woody. If tops are still attached on carrots, they should be fresh.

Celery:

Choose large, firm stalks with uniform stalk and a white bottom. Avoid spindly, wilted stalks.

Chard:

Look for fresh, dark green leaves with bright, tender stalks. Avoid wilted, poorly colored leaves.

Collards and kale:

Check for tender, green, full-sized leaves with tender tips; avoid wilted, tough or overly large leaves.

Corn on the cob:

Choose well-filled cobs with plump, straight rows of kernels. Avoid large, wrinkled kernels.

Cucumbers:

Pick long, slender cukes that are medium to dark green.

Peppers:

Look for firm, darkly colored fruit with uniform size, color, and number of lobes. Avoid wrinkled or shriveled ones or fruits that are sunburned (contrasting color spots).

Radishes:

Choose medium-sized, firm, crisp roots. Avoid wilted or soft roots or those with growth cracks or insect damage. Oversized roots will be pithy. Sunburned crowns are also not desirable.

Summer squash:

Choose ones that are uniform in size, color, and shape. Avoid large fruit (over mature) or ones with scarred skins, missing stems, or that are soft or wilting.

Tomatoes:

Look for smooth skinned, firm fruit with uniform color. Avoid fruit with growth splits, sun scald, or overripe (soft) fruit.

Apples:

Choose firm, well-colored fruit that feels crisp.

Blueberries:

Pick plump, firm, deep blue berries with their natural waxy silver coating.

Cantaloupe:

Look for a smooth shallow base; thick, coarse, corky netting that stands out from skin. Should yield slightly when pressed on non-stem end and have the slight scent of cantaloupe.

Cherries:

Should be dark in color, glossy, plump, with fresh looking stems.

Mangos:

Pick fruit that has plump, smooth, dark green skin with patches of red, yellow, or orange color; should be slightly soft.

Nectarines:

Fruit should be plump, slightly soft along "seam"; either orange-yellow or greenish between red-blushed areas depending on variety.

Oranges:

Choose firm oranges, heavy for its size; smooth-textured, with bright-looking skin.

Peaches:

Should be somewhat firm, becoming slightly soft; red with creamy, orangy base color.

Pears:

Look for firm fruit, just barely beginning to soften.

4th of July: work toward your own financial Independence Day



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We're getting close to the Fourth of July, our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps:

Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your time horizon, risk tolerance and retirement goals. If you deviate from these guideposts – for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk – you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt – the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans – perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer – you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display – but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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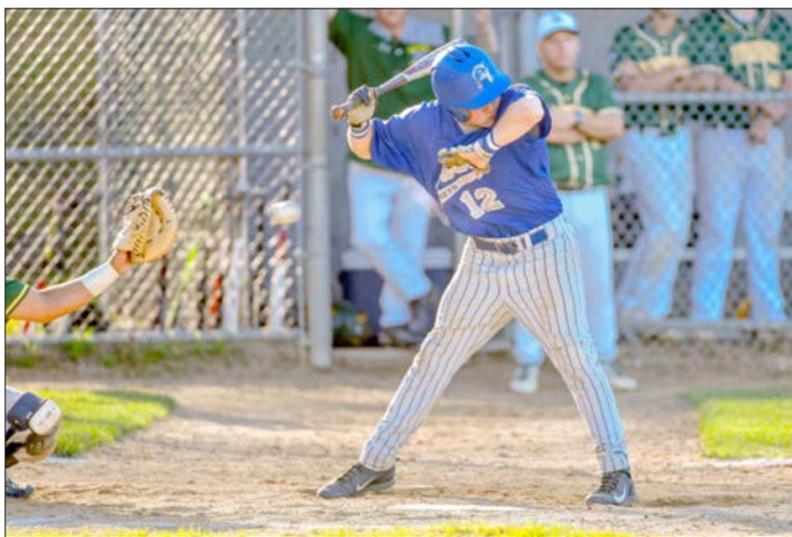
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SPORTS

Rockets proud of season that was after State Semifinal loss to Taconic



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Auburn's Mike Collins backs away from the pitch as the ball sails into the catcher's mitt.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The big picture is what Auburn High varsity baseball head coach Eric Swedberg prefers to think about when he looks back on the Rockets' just-completed season. What was accomplished is more important to Swedberg than how the season ended.

Auburn's season came to a close Tuesday, June 19, at Lake Park's Tivnan Field, the Central Mass. champion Rockets losing to Taconic High of Pittsfield — the Western Mass. champ — 5-3, in a Division 3 State Semifinal game. Had the Rockets defeated Taconic they would have had the chance to win a second straight Division 3 State title, having defeated Dover-Sherborn Regional, 4-1, in the State Championship game last year.

Auburn finished the 2018 season with a 17-7 mark. Against Taconic, the Rockets rallied in the bottom of the first inning to tie the game, 1-1. Sophomore Mike Breen led off with a double to left field and went to third on a single by senior Brian Sarkisian. Breen then scored on a passed ball.

Auburn went ahead, 3-2, in the fourth inning. Junior Ryan Lempicki walked and then advanced to second base when sophomore Nigel Belgrave reached on a fielder's choice back to the Taconic pitcher. Lempicki, however, made the first out of the inning when he was caught attempting to steal third during Breen's at-bat.

After the caught stealing, Breen tripled to right field, scoring sophomore Aidan Gowaski, who was running for Belgrave, to tie the game, 2-2. Senior Joe Hopper then followed with a line drive to right field to score Breen and give the Rockets a 3-2 lead.

Taconic tied the game, 3-3, in the top of the fifth inning on a home run over the center-field fence by Cedric Rose. The Braves took a 5-3 lead in the top of the sixth inning, the final two runs of the game scoring when Austin Rachiele hit a grounder that took a bad hop and bounced off the glove of Hopper, who had come in to relieve senior starter Matt Palmer to begin the sixth inning.

Auburn finished with seven hits. Breen (double, triple) and Hopper (two

singles) led the way while Sarkisian, Lempicki and sophomore C.J. Willis all recorded singles.

"The bad hop was the game-changing play," Swedberg said. "Sometimes games come down to plays like that. What's unfortunate for us is we had our chances to be in control of the game early on to the point where a bad hop wouldn't have been a deciding factor."

Looking back on the season, Swedberg said the 2018 Rockets ended up being the team he thought they would be.

"I think that we definitely played to our potential, which is everyone's hope as a team or from a coach's standpoint," Swedberg said. "I think that our seniors were especially deserving of the District Championship in the way that they responded in the playoffs."

Swedberg had eight seniors on this team: Sarkisian, Hopper, Palmer, Colin McKeon, Andrew Sluckis, Michael Collins, Matthew Bregman and Nick Kamyck.

"Guys like Sarky [Sarkisian], McKeon, Hopper and Mike Collins, they led the team in the postseason," Swedberg said. "They were all big factors in the wins we had in the playoffs. I'm happy for them."

Simply based on the losses due to graduation, the 2010 Auburn High baseball team is going to have a different look.

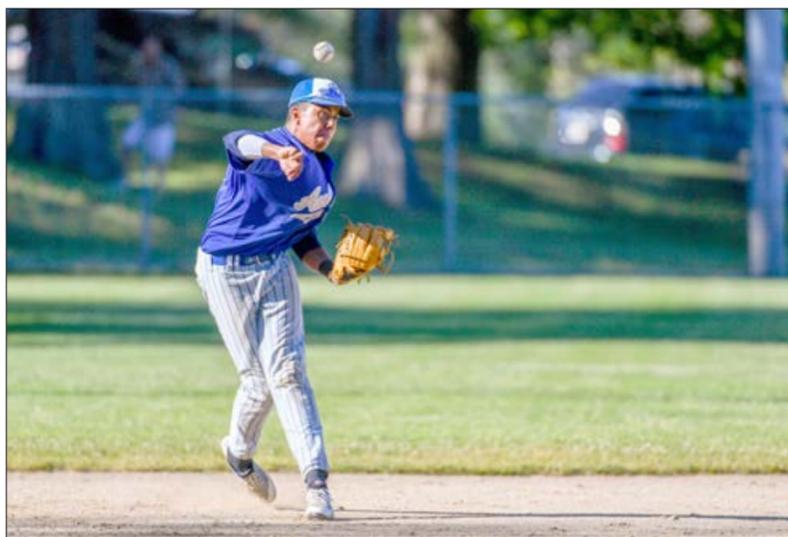
"Guys always surprise you. Players get a year older and a year bigger and someone always surprises you and steps in. That's the hope at least," Swedberg said. "We've been fortunate that that has been the case in the past. We've lost some key players over the years — in 2015, 2016 and 2017 — and somehow guys come in and fill the void and we adapt as a team and become a different team and try to make it work."

"But, we're definitely going to miss the seniors, there's no question about that," Swedberg continued. "Our focus is more on the fact that we did win a District Championship. You can't focus on the [Taconic] game. We need to enjoy the success we had and not think about how it ended."

Taconic then fell to Eastern Mass. champion Austin Prep in the State Final, 9-1.



Joe Hopper of Auburn, who was called upon to pitch relief, sends the ball on its way.



Auburn third baseman Nigel Belgrave comes up firing over to first base.



Auburn's Mike Breen has the ball stay in his glove via a snow-cone.



Auburn's Matt Palmer got the start for the Rockets versus Taconic.



Center fielder Colin McKeon of Auburn tracks down a fly ball, while right fielder Coleman Picard stands nearby.



Brian Sarkisian of Auburn calls out a play for his teammates from behind home plate.

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SPORTS

Graduated seniors shine at All-Star Football Classic

WORCESTER — Recently graduated local all-star football players were able to strap on the pads one final time, and to benefit a good cause, when the fifth annual Joseph R. Mewhiney Chapter Central Mass. All-Star Classic took part at Worcester State University's John F. Coughlin Field on Friday evening, June 15. Proceeds from the game were to benefit the Joseph R. Mewhiney Scholarship.

The game was played in a North versus South format, and 21 players throughout the Stonebridge Press cov-

erage area were selected for the South squad.

The North side prevailed, 14-10, but the name of the game was having fun and raising money for a good cause, which was certainly a success.

A list of the local talent that made the team is as follows:

- Dominic Battista — Shepherd Hill (Unable to Attend)
- Jake Daniels — Auburn
- Bailey Dunn — Northbridge
- Pat Dyer — Bay Path
- Joe Grady — Oxford (Unable to

Attend)

Brandon Grzyb — Bay Path (Team Co-Captain)

Coleson Hammond — Auburn (Team Offensive MVP)

Tim Haverly — Northbridge

Joe Hopper — Auburn (Unable to Attend)

Matt Johnston — Uxbridge (Team Co-Captain)

Scott Kaeller — Uxbridge

Costa Karamanki — Shepherd Hill (Unable to Attend)

Jason Kindle — Uxbridge (Unable to

Attend)

Nick McNamara — David Prouty

David Meech — Oxford (Unable to Play)

Kam Murphy — Shepherd Hill

Kyle Padeni — Leicester (Unable to Play)

Dan Plante — Northbridge

Billy Roberts — Leicester

Jesse Torres — Bartlett

Nate Whipple — Bartlett



Bay Path's Pat Dyer cuts toward the middle of the field while rushing the football.

Nick Ethier photos



Jake Daniels of Auburn runs down the field on a special teams play.



Bay Path's Brandon Grzyb (middle) runs around a block.



Auburn's Coleson Hammond receives the snap from the quarterback position before handing the ball off to a tailback.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf Tournament comes to Pleasant Valley

The 22nd annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf tournament is set for Monday, July 23 at Sutton's Pleasant Valley Country Club. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcome — and there will be a hole-in-one contest as well as a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. There will be 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, and chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with bag rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner follows the tournament. For additional information and registration please call Ken (Golf Committee) at (508) 277-5314 or Ted (Foundation Trustee) at (508) 764-7909. Golfers who make entire payment by July 1 will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the Pleasant Valley Pro Shop.

Auburn 24th annual School/Business Partnership Golf Tournament set for Sept. 10

The proceeds of this year's golf tournament go directly to support the Auburn Chamber's mini-grants for teachers, and scholarships to graduating seniors, of both the local community and for our Chamber member businesses. Due to all local support, the Chamber has awarded \$297,000 since 1995.

The tournament will be held Sept. 10 at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. The 10 a.m. shotgun start will begin its registration at 9 a.m. Tournament sponsors, partnership sponsors and tee signs are all available. Please email Virginia Parent at vp@auburnchamberma.org or visit <http://auburnchamberma.org/> for more information.



Stephanie Valladares 6 years old



Arianna Martin age 6 and Xander Martin age 4



Charlotte Myhre age 3, Jakob Myhre age 5, Mia Dodge age 3



Griffin Rondeau, age 6 and Orion Rondeau age 9 months with the princesses

PRINCESSES

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one little girl. "A lion!", "a tiger!" "a dragon!" and one child yelled "I would be a salamander!"

This brought giggles and joy to the princesses. Moana started to sing everyone's favorite song, "How Far I'll Go." All the kids jumped up and joined in.

Princess Ariel played a funny game with the children called Princess says instead of Simon says because "who is this Simon and why do you listen to him?" laughs Ariel.

So, Ariel had the children playing the game and she went faster and faster.

"I told you this was going to be silly, didn't I?" Ariel laughed.

Ariel sang more of her songs including "Part of your World" and "Kiss the Girl."

Ariel and Moana exhibited poise, grace, personality and amazing talent. Moana had every child up and practicing a hula dance. At the end of the performance each child was able to go up and meet the princesses and take pictures with them. The show filled quickly and the library added one more show time for the waiting list children to be able to see these wonderful princesses. Every child had a marvelously magical time!

Ariel was played by the talented Rochelle Weinrauch.

Moana was played by the talented Michaela Pendola

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Addie, age 3, hugging Moana



Savanika Dargan 3 years old with the princesses



Magnus Gonyea, Marlane Gonyea and Corrina King

TRAINOR

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Bartletts: pale to rich yellow; Boscs: green to brown yellow.

Watermelon:

Should be symmetrical with bright green rind with a creamy yellow underside. Choose a watermelon that's heavy for its size.

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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 renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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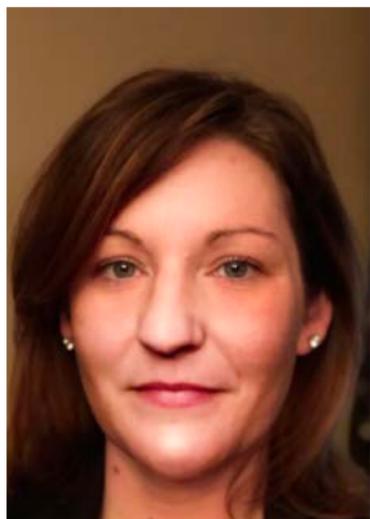
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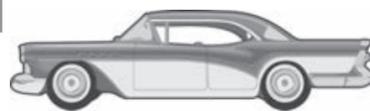
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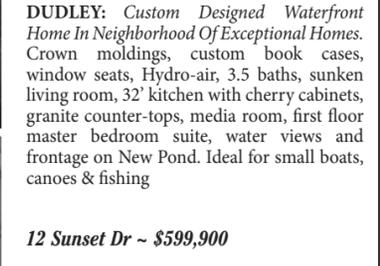


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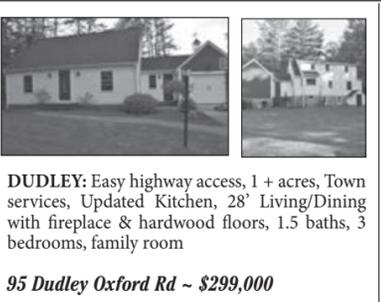
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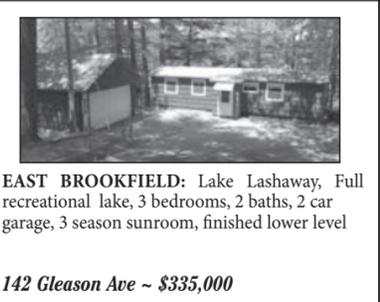
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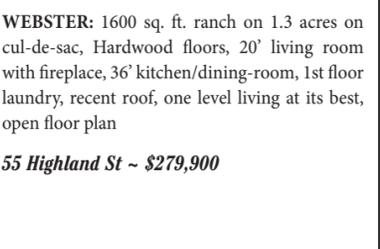
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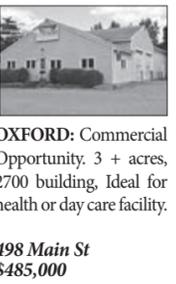
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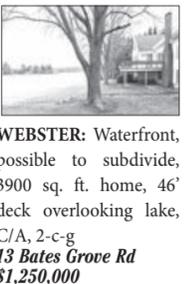
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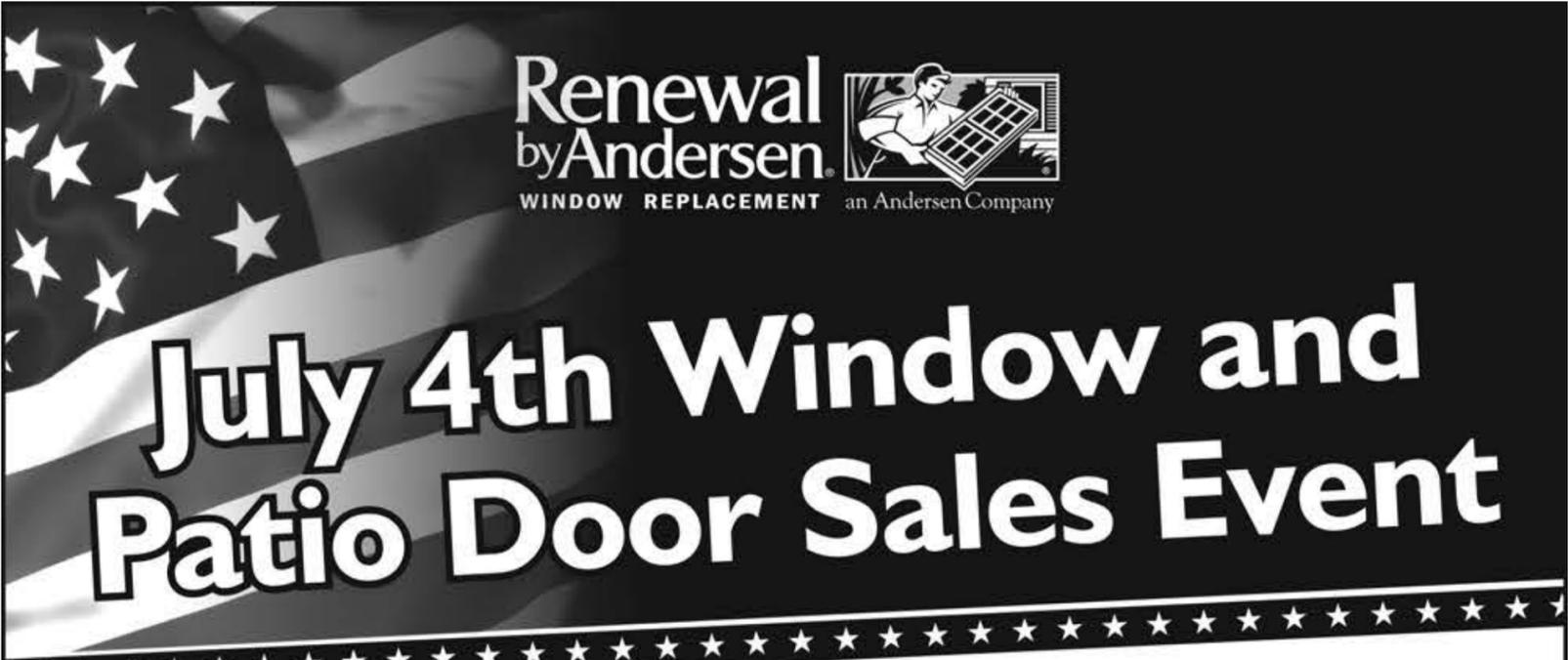
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My students have also studied with me on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, and voice. When there are enough interested students, I create small ensembles. Presently there is a jazz band that meets once a week. We will be performing on Saturday, August 11 at 4PM at The Music Room in the backyard. This is our second annual concert. Our first was a huge success!!!

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I have also offered exams through the National Guild of Piano Teachers and the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music. As a student I participated in both organizations having received outstanding grades. My students have also done exceptionally well. My students who enter the Central District auditions do well. Many are recommended to audition for All-State, and make it!

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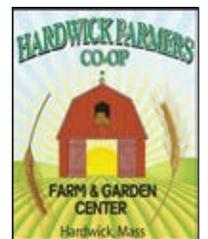
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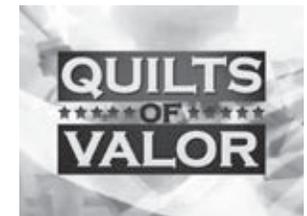
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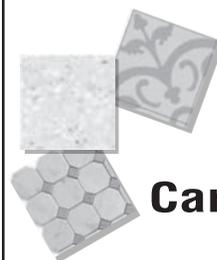
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grandfather used to ride in Mendon parades, and family photos and antiques.

Several celebrities, including singer Tina Turner, the band Aerosmith, actor John Ratzenberger, actor Chuck Connors, children's show host Major Mudd, and a performing monkey named Zip have visited the restaurant. Zip wore a tuxedo and bow-tie to order a shrimp cocktail for dinner.

Quirk prides himself in the quality of the food he serves, specifically the steak and prime rib that is cut to order. The Andelman brothers, local food critics from the television show Phantom Gourmet, are regular customers and friends, he said. They have named the restaurant as one of the top five places to go for steak or prime rib.

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Bill's wife and business partner Nancy keeps the Bird Store behind the scenes running smoothly. Nancy has also researched and written every

newsletter since 1993, and credits customer questions as the inspiration for many of the articles! If there is something you want to know just ask, and maybe it will turn up in one of our newsletters.

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kin picking. As a supplier of raw fiber material, Ivy & John take special care of their alpaca herd. They shear the herd annually, and skirt and hand-sort the fleece to determine its best use. The beautiful, high-quality alpaca products are available for purchase at Quissett Hill Farm.

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Additionally, and arriving just in time for the holidays, the farm will be selling a limited edition Aged Bourbon maple syrup.

Other products available for purchase include: Buttermilk Pancake Mix, Local Raw Honey, Raw Creamed Honey, Alpaca Felted Organic Soaps, &



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Quissett Hill Farm products are available at their online store at quissetthillfarm.com, where they offer reasonable shipping or local pickup options at checkout. Follow Quissett Hill Farm on Facebook at facebook.com/QuissettHillFarm/ for upcoming events and products at the farm. Quissett Hill Farm's products can also be



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Number of employees: 122

How long has your business been in operation? More than 125 years

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I was originally a math teacher and always had an interest in real estate. When I acquired a license I approached a local broker and began my real estate career. I am still actively involved in teaching. I do teach real estate licensing and conduct numerous real estate education classes in buying foreclosures and landlord/tenant classes in Night-life programs at Bay Path Vocational and Assabet Valley Technical School, and the Central Mass Association of Realtors.

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How did you get into this business? After graduating college, I knew someone in the business and thought I'd give it a try.

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Special awards/recognition: Most recent - AYFS (Auburn Youth & Family Services) Children's Friend Award, Chamber of Commerce - Best Used Car Dealer, Better Business Bureau A+ Rating accreditation for over 9 years, Citation of Recognition from State Senate and House of Representatives for AYFS Award.

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