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Public meeting to discuss Route 20 project

BY JASON BLEAU
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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.

Vaping laws postponed due to pending legislation

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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 debuted 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 several 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 chewing 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.

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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.

Charlton to receive Community Compact IT grant

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – After an incident in late 2019 that exposed holes in the town’s Web site security, Charlton will now have some financial assistance to help take necessary steps in the form of a Community Compact IT grant.

The competitive grant is a state program geared towards helping communities improve their technology through investments in innovations and other initiatives. Awarded towns

were announced in early January, with State Rep. Paul Frost posting on his social media page that Charlton was among the towns earning money from the newest round of grants. Charlton will receive \$90,950, which Rep. Frost said will be a big help to the town in addressing its security concerns.

“The funding (will go) towards the implementation of a secondary data storage facility in town,” Frost said. “The challenges to fend off and recover from internet hackers are difficult and this grant will help Charlton with those

challenges.”

Charlton suffered a cyber attack in August of 2019 where “malicious software” infected the town’s Web site, freezing documents, emails, and the main servers. The town was given ransom demands by the hackers in order to have the website freed. Town Hall staff worked throughout the Labor Day holiday in order to help resolve the situation and get the town’s Web site back up and running. The FBI was also contacted to handle and investigation into the matter. It took Charlton more

than a month to get everything back up and running properly. The financial impact of the cyber attack has not been disclosed in a public forum.

In the wake of the incident, Charlton and other local communities have begun to examine ways to ensure documents and records are not compromised if another situation were to occur as well as increasing their internet security measures to prevent websites and other computer-based resources from being targeted in the future.

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, Sikorrya 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 fundrais-

er 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.”

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



MOMS Club to host parent resource fair

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CHARLTON – Local parents and guardians are invited to take part in an upcoming parent resource fair this February hosted by the Charlton Library and the MOMS Club of Charlton providing residents of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge and Webster a chance to network with organizations, schools and other entities throughout the day.

Cara Holland, President of the Charlton chapter of the MOMS Club which works to provide support, resources, playdates and networking opportunities for local parents, said

the event called S.O.A.R. to Success will include entities from all four local communities with the goal of sparking conversation and education concerning what opportunities parents and children have at their disposal.

“What we have done is gathered different organizations to represent themselves and offer information so that parents can come and one stop shop. There will be preschools, party and entertainment companies, extracurricular programs like martial arts and dance, the Charlton Activities Center will be there so it’s a gamut of activities that people might not even think about for their kids,” Holland said. “We want to focus on a few unique vendors or

organizations like little league and help parents get the information for that. Maybe parents don’t know what’s available for them and we’re trying to put them in touch with those resources.”

The event is now in its second year after debuting in 2018. The fair was put on hold last year as the MOMS Club of Charlton explored the possibility of creating a permanent online resource center inspired by the event. In the end though Holland and other members found that online resources could not provide the same lasting impact as in person discussion.

“When you are engaging with people directly you can get a better sense of who they are and maybe glean some

information that you wouldn’t be able to get from an online summary of these programs. I think sometimes you’re more apt to get information you didn’t even expect when you have that face to face interaction and conversation,” Holland said. “We’re also trying to make it a bit of an event, something fun that people can stop in to be a part of, socialize and network.”

The S.O.A.R. to Success event will take place at the Charlton Library in Dexter Hall on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. No registration is required and it is a free event. For more information or to inquire as a vendor, please contact charltonmomsclub@gmail.com.

Springfield College recognizes Dean’s List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College recognized the following local students for making the Dean’s List during the 2019 Fall Semester:

Danielle Donnelly from Charlton. Donnelly is studying Athletic Training.

Amelia McKenzie from Charlton. McKenzie is studying Communication Science and Disorders.

Allison Prew from Uxbridge. Prew is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Cassidy Clinton from Uxbridge. Clinton is studying Rehabilitation and Disability Study.

Criteria for selection to the dean’s list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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.

Kyle Alger, of Uxbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

Katelyn Chalupka, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Jennifer Kindl, of Uxbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media, Game Arts Concentration.

Abigail Leahy, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, Pre-PT/Health Science Concentration.

Jacob Ledoux, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and Programming Concentration.

Megan Meisenheimer, of Charlton is

pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Jenna Savoie, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Marketing Concentration.

Evan Shanks, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media, Game Arts Concentration.

Jesse Van Opijnen, of Uxbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrated Graphic Design and Media.

Jamie Woods, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Max Zielinski, of Charlton is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Audio 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.



Local students 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.

Kristen Gonzales of Uxbridge

Jordan Marrier of Charlton City
Paige Souda of Charlton
Ryann Leaming of Uxbridge

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.



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



Steven and Janet Hall

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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 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.



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CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Local students named to Dean’s List at UConn

- STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut congratulates the following students from central Massachusetts on being named to the Dean’s List for the Fall semester of 2019.
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| Blackstone
Madison Fernandes | Samantha Laflash

Fiskdale
Hope Frew |
| Charlton
Eric Lehmann | Groton
Julianna Elmasri,
Hanna Van Pelt |
| Cherry Valley | Sturbridge
Chuck O’Coin |
| | Sutton
Annika Haelre,
Henry Kulp |
| | Uxbridge
Grace Lemire,
Caitlin Spencer |
| | Webster
Christina Berthiaume |

Charlton American Legion news

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion, Post 391, will meet on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. for it’s regular monthly meeting in the lower Grange Hall at #10 Main Street in the town of Charlton. We welcome all veterans from the community to join us. The upcoming agenda to be discussed will be Boy’s State and Past Commanders banquet and a review of unfinished and new business.

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Wood named Sergeant at Charlton PD

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – The Charlton Police Department has hired a new Sergeant, bringing a very familiar name to the higher ranks of the department.

Charlton Police Chief Graham Maxfield and the Board of Selectmen welcomed Officer Gary Wood to a meeting on Jan. 14 where Wood was named the new Sergeant of the Charlton Police Department after having served the department since 1986. Newly promoted Sgt. Wood served the bulk of his career as a detective bringing a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement to his line of work. His expertise has assisted his outside of Charlton as a forensic scientist with the United States Army. Wood served as a battlefield instructor in Iraq and Afghanistan where he processed IED components.

Sgt. Wood was chosen from a pool of candidates who participated in an assessment center, an often-used form of hiring for local police and fire departments to seek out the top candidate. Wood tied for the top spot making him a prime candidate for the job. His record and seniority with the department led him to be picked for the position earning recommendation from Chief Maxfield and approval from the Board of Selectmen. Wood was to begin his term as a fulltime Sergeant immediately being presented his badge at the Board of Selectmen meeting.



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Charlton Police Chief Graham Maxfield presents Officer Gary Wood to selectmen as a candidate for Sergeant. Wood’s promotion was approved.

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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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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 pub-

lic 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 accompanying “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 create 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 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

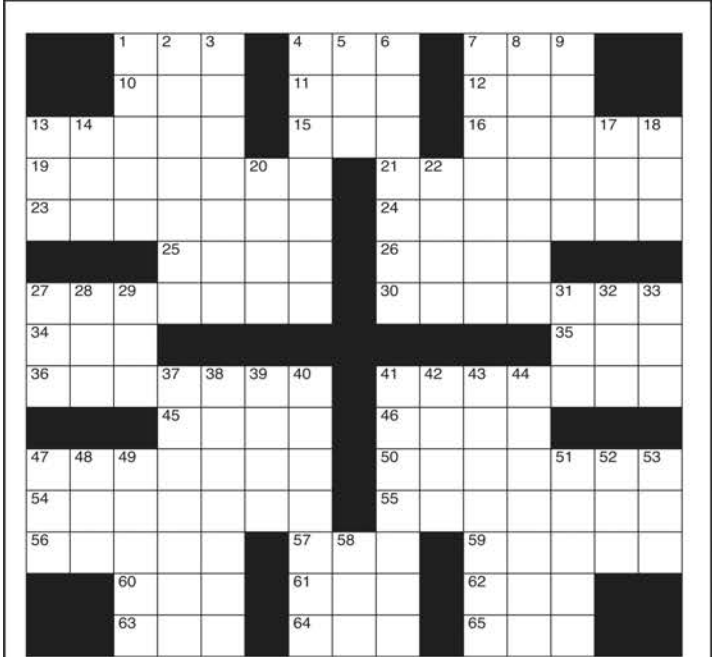
Newton-Wellesley Hospital, specializing in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and a Board Member of Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, I’m very pleased to see the Let’s Talk Prevention: Reducing Toxic Exposures program develop as a resource for patient-doctor engagement. The value of such a program 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 standalone 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.cyndiswan@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

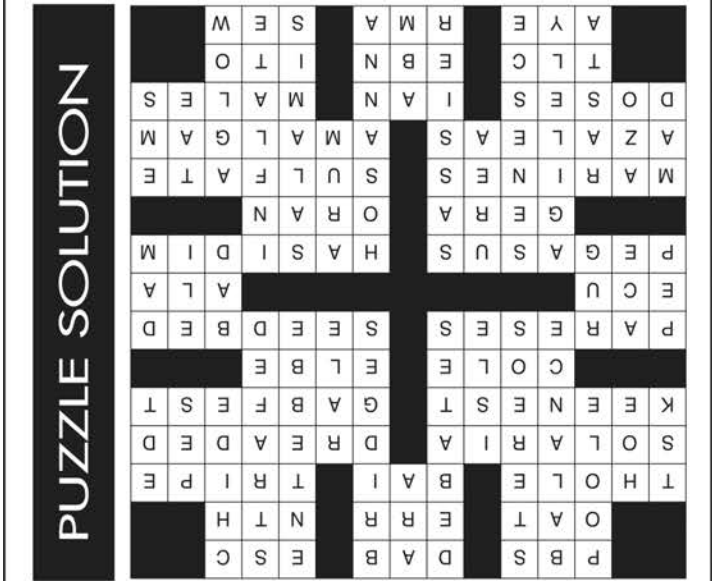
49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion

51. Softly bright or radiant

52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids

53. First responder group

58. Defensive nuclear weapon



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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.

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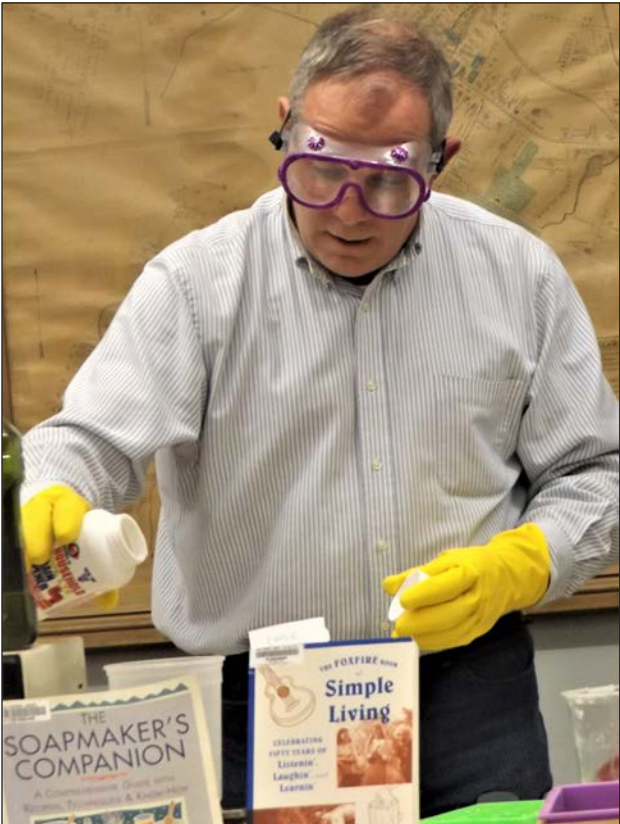


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Jacob Edwards Library hosts soap making class



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

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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 rec-

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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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 be- tween 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 re- member 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 CHARLTON, CHARLTON CITY, CHARLTON DEPOT AND BEYOND

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



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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 wider 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 unpoppable. 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 ernels 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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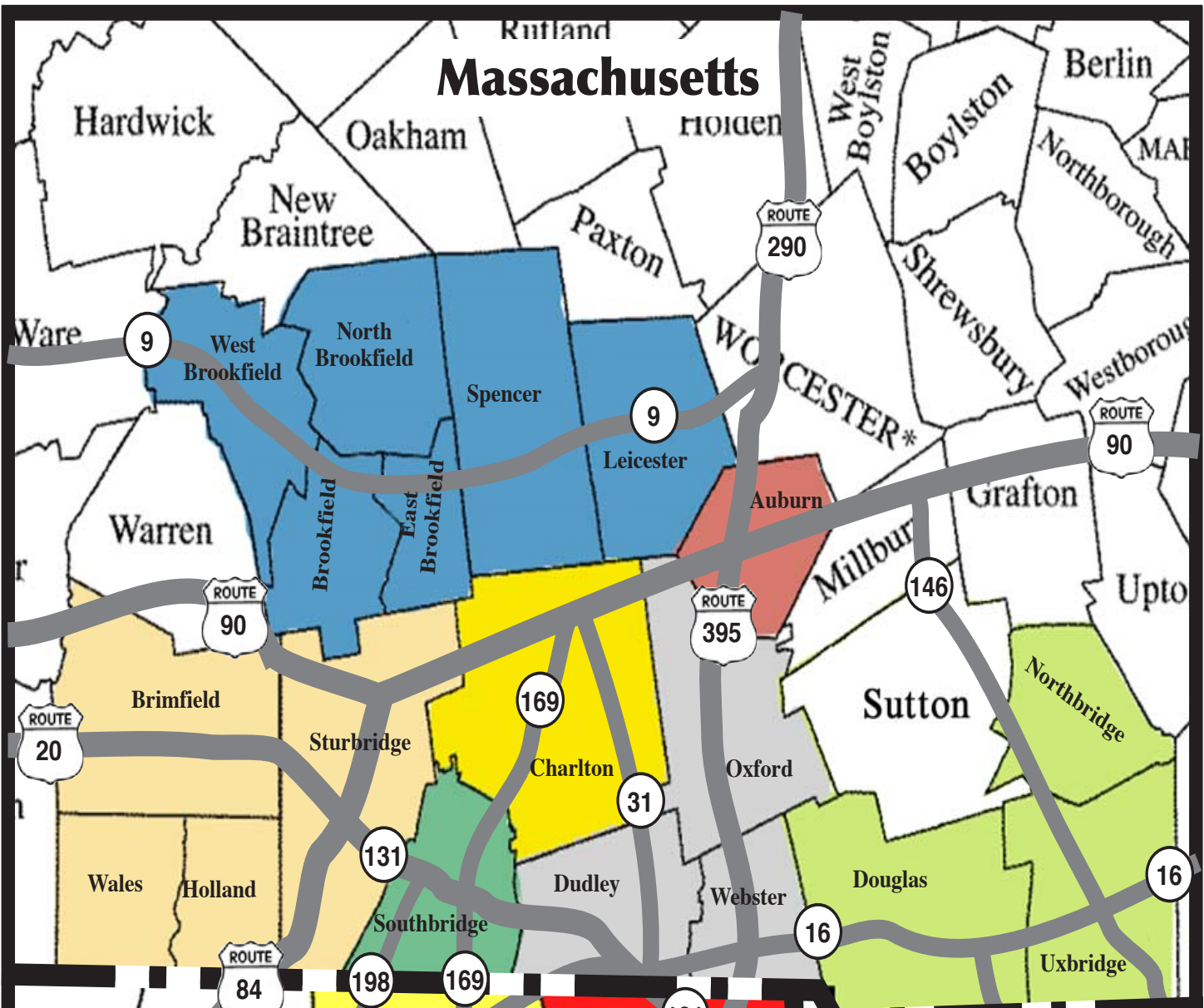
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Remembering the founders of your Fish & Game Club



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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.*

Select a quality potting mix for gardening success



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Quality potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist to keep plants, like this coleus, healthy.

Melinda Myers Photo

Improve your indoor and outdoor container gardening success with a quality potting mix. This can be more difficult than it sounds since you can't see or feel the product you are about to buy. Ask your gardening friends for recommendations and once at the garden center, check the package, and compare label information before making a

purchase. You'll find a variety of bags labeled as planting mix, potting mix, container mix and more. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use. Look for mixes, we'll refer to as potting mixes, blended for growing indoor, ornamental and edible plants in containers. They are a mix of

organic and inorganic materials that retain moisture while draining well. Some mixes include sand and mineral soil while many are labeled as "soil-less." These lightweight mixes consist of peat moss, sphagnum moss and compost for moisture retention, vermiculite or perlite for drainage but do not contain mineral soils such as sand or clay.

Potting mixes may be modified to accommodate the needs of certain plants. Orchid mixes often contain more bark for better aeration, cacti and succulent mixes have more sand or perlite for better drainage and African violet potting mix contains more organic matter to create a moist, rich growing medium. Organic potting mixes are also available if you prefer to know the ingredients are free of pesticides and other contaminants. Check for the word organic and OMRI listed on the bag. Potting mixes may or may not be sterilized to kill weed seeds and pests. If it doesn't say sterilized, it probably isn't. As you narrow down your choices, continue checking the label for more details. Potting mixes often contain a "starter charge" of fertilizer. This minimal amount of fertilizer is usually gone after two or three waterings. Some include additional fertilizer that provides small amounts of nutrients over a longer period of time. The label may say controlled-release, time-release or slow release fertilizer, providing nutrients for the allotment of time specified. Natural or synthetic wetting agents are often included to reduce the surface tension of water, so it's better able to penetrate and evenly moisten the potting mix. Organic mixes often use yucca extract as a wetting agent. Potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist. Avoid bags that are waterlogged and heavy. The mix can break down, become compacted and some of the slow release fertilizer may be pre-released and damage young seedlings when saturated with water. Moisten the potting mix with warm water before potting your plants. This helps ensure even moisture throughout. If the potting mix becomes overly dry, you may need to do a bit more work to rewet all the mix in the container. Set the pot in a container of warm water and wait for the potting mix to rehydrate. Or water thoroughly, wait 20 minutes and water again. Repeat until you achieve success. Take the time to do a bit of research before buying your next bag of potting mix. Your efforts will be rewarded with healthy plants, beautiful blooms and a bountiful harvest from your indoor and outdoor potted plants. Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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

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

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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 pop-

corn 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."

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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill, improving on daily basis, keeps it close in loss to Grey Ghosts



Shepherd Hill's Paula Barbale shoots the 3-pointer from the left corner.

Jason Mckay photos



Triniti Sughrue of Shepherd Hill searches for an open teammate on the court while a Westford Academy defender pushes hard.



Shepherd Hill's Emma Lanpher slices through Westford Academy's defense on her way to the basket.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The 2019-2020 high school girls' varsity basketball season is not about wins and losses for the Shepherd Hill Regional Rams.

Sure, a few more W's would be nice — they have one so far — but head coach Maura Hackenson's main objective this season is to educate her three senior, five junior, four sophomore, one freshman team and get them all — especially the underclassmen — some much-needed playing experience against some top-tier teams.

That was certainly the case on Tuesday, Jan. 16 when Shepherd Hill hosted the Grey Ghosts of Westford Academy, a perennial Eastern Mass. powerhouse. The Rams, who trailed for much of the game, battled Westford throughout, cutting the Grey Ghosts' lead to three points with 97 seconds

to play.

Westford (5-5) had just a little too much at the end, however, and held off now 1-7 Shepherd Hill 48-41.

"We've made some vast improvements since the beginning of the season," Hackenson said. "We have a bunch of girls who really try hard and who want to be successful. We could play any girl on any given night and they're all going to give it everything they've got. The girls have been great all year. They've remained upbeat and positive. They have all bought into our system and they are proving it with games like this."

The Rams started slow and trailed by three after the first quarter, 13-10. It would have been a six-point deficit, but senior Grace Nellis' desperation 3-pointer hit nothing but net at the buzzer. Early in the second quarter Nellis (8 points) cut the Shepherd Hill deficit to

one, 14-13, with another trey from almost the same spot.

The 3-pointer was really working for the Rams against the Grey Ghosts. They connected on nine of their attempts from beyond the arc and now have 35 for the season.

Nellis, junior Emma Lanpher (a team-high 11 points), freshman Emery Mullen (6 points) and senior Paula Barbale (8 points) all hit on a pair of the 3-point shots. Senior Kerry Greenough also hit on a shot from distance.

"Three-point shooting is not part of our offensive philosophy; it just happens to happen. We do have a lot of girls who can shoot the 3 and they all have a lot of confidence in their shot," Hackenson said. "I would prefer the ball go down low more. I like driving and then dishing the ball back out or getting it in low to a player in the post and having her kick it out to an open shooter."



Sydney Fitzgerald of Shepherd Hill tries to muscle a shot up and over a Westford Academy defender.

"If the 3s are falling, then they're falling and I have to let them roll with that," Hackenson added. "We've had a few nights where they've hit some 3-point shots and they were hitting them tonight."

After taking the lead 6-5 with four minutes remaining in the first quarter, Westford led the rest of the way. The game remained close, however. The Grey Ghosts led 26-22 at half-time and 36-28 after three quarters. In addition, after giving up the lead, Shepherd Hill cut the Westford lead to one point on three occasions.

Trailing 42-34 with 3:48 remaining the game, The Rams scored five straight points to pull within three points, 42-39, with 1:37 to play. Junior Megan Burdett began the run with a free throw, Nellis followed

with a pair of free throws and sophomore Triniti Sughrue capped off the spurt with a put-back of an offensive rebound.

Westford, which answered the Rams' run with a six-point run of its own, hit four of six free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

"It's amazing to look back to the beginning of the season and see how much we've changed as a team," Hackenson said. "The team chemistry has improved, our basketball knowledge has improved and the whole team, especially the upperclassmen, have a willingness to play with our younger players. We had a bunch of sophomores playing tonight. The seniors leading the sophomores, that has been really beneficial for us."



With no defenders in sight, Grace Nellis of Shepherd Hill lets go of a 3-pointer.

SPORTS BRIEF

Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

On Monday evenings at the Heritage School from 7-9 p.m., you will find women playing pickup basketball. We play every Monday from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams or fees. Ages 18 and older are welcome. Come for some fun exercise. Contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 for more information.

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.



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com
Matt Schirm of Auburn controls the puck while a Leominster defender reaches in.



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



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



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



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



Joel Miller of Auburn skates after a loose puck.



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

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OBITUARIES

Robert B. Nelson, 79



WEBSTER— Robert B. Nelson, 79, of Webster passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 12th at the Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center after an extended illness.

Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife of 56 years, Judith M. (Girouard) Nelson; a daughter, Karen Griffin and her hus-

band, T. Roger of Charlton; three sons, Erik Nelson and his wife, Kristen of Spanaway, WA, Steven Nelson and his wife, Laurie and Michael Nelson and his wife, Amy of Dudley; 8 grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

Robert was born in Worcester, son of the late Vernon and Lucy (Blair) Nelson. He graduated from South High School in Worcester and also attended Worcester State Teachers College. Mr. Nelson worked for many years as a purchasing agent with Gessner, Curtis

and Marble.

Robert could often be found working on model airplanes and listening to his polka music. He had a true love for polka music and also hosted a polka show on 91.3 WCUW for many years. He was also an active member of the Worcester Scale Modelers Association and some of his models can be found on the Battleship Massachusetts in Fall River, MA.

A funeral was held on Saturday, January 18th, from the Alfred Roy &

Sons Funeral Home 12 Hammond St. Worcester with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in Saint Peter's Church 929 Main St. Worcester. Entombment will follow in Notre Dame Mausoleum, Worcester. Calling hours were held in the funeral home on Friday, January 17th from 5 to 7 PM.

To share a memory of Robert or to sign his online guestbook, please visit www.Royfuneral.com

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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.

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We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3

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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.

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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.

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UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 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. 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.



To place a Card of Thanks In-Memoriam, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting,

the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

(Memoriams will run on the Obituary pages)

Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3") or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7" X 4") or 4x3 (5" x 3"). You can add a photo at no additional cost.

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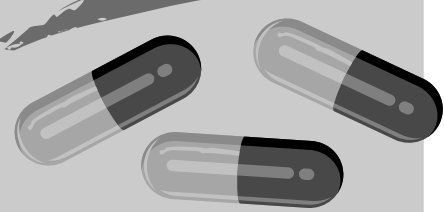
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ANSWER: POPCORN


What’s the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A




B



Answers: 1. Ketchup is mustard 2. Missing straw 3. Pickles next to burger 4. Pizza slice eaten

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY



- **1885:** LAMARCUS A. THOMPSON OF CONEY ISLAND PATENTS THE ROLLER COASTER.
- **1964:** THE BEATLES RELEASE THEIR FIRST ALBUM IN THE UNITED STATES.
- **1986:** MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR, DAY IS CELEBRATED AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

New Word

KERNEL


softer, edible part of a seed or plant

How they SAY that in...


ENGLISH: Corn
SPANISH: Maíz
ITALIAN: Granoturco
FRENCH: Maïs
GERMAN: Mais

Did You Know?

NOT EVERY TYPE OF CORN CAN POP. A SPECIAL VARIETY THAT IS CALLED POPCORN, A FORM OF FLINT CORN, HAS THE RIGHT QUALITIES TO TURN THE KERNEL INSIDE OUT AND POP.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: POPCORN

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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to creativity. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25= i)

A. 20 8 1 25 15 1 25 3
Clue: Natural skill

B. 25 2 16 20 15
Clue: Suggestions

C. 3 8 20 6 1
Clue: Activity involving a skill

D. 25 22 22 5 11 20 1 25 11 16
Clue: New methods

Answers: A. artistic B. ideas C. craft D. innovative

SUDOKU

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8					5		3	6
2	9	1		6				8
	6			7	1			
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Level: Intermediate

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6	1	8	7	3	4	6	2	5
8	1	5	6	9	7	8	3	4
4	1	3	2	8	6	5	7	9
7	5	4	8	3	6	2	9	1
9	6	2	1	5	7	4	8	3
4	2	1	5	6	9	8	3	7
8	7	3	4	6	1	5	2	9
5	8	7	9	6	4	2	3	1
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ANSWER:

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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 Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor – National Association of Canine Scent Work.

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

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



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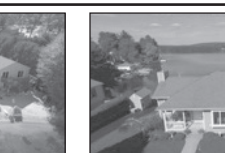


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WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm 1 1/2 Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As 1st! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



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