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Gaumond previews STM articles

BY TARA VOCINOVILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Town Adminstrator broke down each of the warrant articles in common language in preparation for the special town meeting on Monday, Feb. 26 7 p.m., at Tantasqua Regional High School.

The warrant was released and posted online. In Article 42, the Recreation Committee will give an update as to the building of new fields behind the Department of Public Works building. There won't be anything to be voted on, Town Administrator Leon Gaumond Jr. said.

"It could become controversial, as some people want those fields built immediately, and others don't want the fields built," Gaumond said.

Article 43 is a money transfer and budget fix article. The article is to vote to see if the town will transfer \$4,000 from Free Cash to the Inspector's Personnel Costs account.

"We have to increase our salary line to accommodate an added number of inspections," Gaumond said. "The beginning of each year, we budget for inspections. But what we anticipate is much higher, so we see a shortfall."

In Article 44, it is to see if the town will vote to transfer \$4,000 from the Student Activity account at Burgess Elementary School to cover the cost of an audit, Gaumond said.

Article 45 is a vote to transfer \$5,400 from the Sewer Reserve

account to the Southbridge Fees account to pay for sewer fees in a certain area of town, Gaumond said. The town shares sewer service with the town of Southbridge, and fees are paid to that town for Sturbridge use.

Article 46 is to buy several new voting machines at around \$19,000 total for the Town Clerk's office.

Article 47 references a selectboard meeting about a month ago, when Fire Chief John Grasso asked to change the lighting fixtures at the public safety complex to replace them with energy-efficient lighting, which Gaumond said has a three-year payback.

The vote is to transfer \$31,000 from Free Cash into an energy-efficient program.

Article 48 is looking at appropriating money to improve the HAVOC system at the Joshua Hyde Public Library. The vote would transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash to make heating and

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Courtesy photo

One of Laurie Merritt's students, Amy Matthieu and her partner Echo, competes at the K9 Elite level and will be participating in the Sniff 'n Go event at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield.

Take a Tour of Hitchcock Academy-With Your Nose!

BY DIANA CAISSIE SPECIAL TO THE VILLAGER

BRIMFIELD- Professional dog trainer Laurie Merritt instructs at Hitchcock Academy up to three times a week, both in manners and the sport of K9 Nose Work®, but on Sunday, February 25th, Merritt will be holding

a Winter Sniff 'n Go Event at Hitchcock Academy for at least twenty-seven K9 Nose Work® dogs and their own-

K9 Nose Work® is a sport that utilizes the naturally keen sense of smell that dogs possess. As in many sports, there are several levels of competition in K9 Nose Work® that compete in events called trials. "It's an opportunity for dogs to practice in a trial-like situation," Merritt explains. The smells and number of dogs and people at trials are greater than

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Failure to pay taxes or file lands 'za maker in the sauce

BOSTON – The former owner of a pizza shop in Sturbridge has been indicted in connection with failing to pay more than \$114,000 in state meals taxes and filing false Massachusetts meals tax returns, Attorney General Maura Healey announced.

Theodore Metaxas, age 53, of Southbridge, was indicted Jan. 25 by a Suffolk Superior Court Grand Jury on the charges of Willful Failure to Pay Over Tax and Willful Delivery of a False Tax Return (1 count each). He was arraigned on Feb. 5 in

Suffolk Superior Court.

The AG's Office began its investigation in August 2017 following a referral from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Metaxas managed and later owned Enrico's Brick Oven Pizzeria in Sturbridge. Authorities allege that between 2011 and 2014, Metaxas only reported his credit card sales to DOR and failed to report cash sales, which accounted for approximately 40 percent of Enrico's total sales. As a result, authorities allege that Metaxas

willfully failed to truthfully account for and pay \$114,780 to the DOR in meals taxes collected from customers, and that he willfully filed meals tax returns which inaccurately represented the amount of Enrico's sales.

These charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Peter A. Mullin of AG

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Last chance for vets to receive real estate discount

BY TARA VOCINO VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Active duty, who are deployed in a foreign country, still have a chance to receive a pro-rated or discounted real estate tax until July 1.

The Board of Assessors voted Monday afternoon not to renew the three-year clause since only two veterans applied. An excerpt from Massachusetts General Laws states: "Fifty-sixth. Upon the acceptance of this section by a city or town, the Board of Assessors may grant, real and personal property tax abatement up to 100 percent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign

countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors."

"There hasn't been any major deployment recently," Principal Assessor Ann P. Murphy said Wednesday night. "It was something that happened back then when the Iran and Iraq war was going on."

Murphy said the military should be well-aware of the exemptions that they are entitled to from their commanding officer. The discount rate depends on the term that veterans are deployed, she said.

And if the need arises, Murphy said they will bring it

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Smola backs consumer credit report protections

BOSTON – Representative
Todd M. Smola (R-Warren,
Ranking Member, Committee
on Ways & Means), is supporting legislation that will
enhance consumer protections for Massachusetts residents when dealing with credit
reporting agencies and potential data breaches.

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Under current state law, consumers must pay a \$5 fee to each of the three major credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – to freeze their credit reports and an additional \$5 to lift the freeze. House Bill 4232, which was engrossed by the House of Representatives on February 14 by a vote of 152-0, will eliminate these fees and make it easier for consumers to protect their credit rating.

In 2017, a data breach at Equifax resulted in hackers gaining access to personal information on 145 million Americans, including their Social Security numbers, birthdates, driver's license numbers, and tax identification numbers. At least 3 million Massachusetts residents were affected by the data breach and may be vulnerable to identity theft because their personal information could be used to open lines of credit and to file fraudulent tax returns without their knowledge.

"The unauthorized release of sensitive personal information can have a devastating impact on an individual's credit score," said Representative Smola. "This bill calls for substantive reforms within the credit reporting industry to help protect consumers and make it easier for them to safeguard their personal informa-

tion"

House Bill 4232 prohibits credit reporting agencies from accessing a consumer's credit report in connection with an application for credit without their written, verbal or electronic consent. It also allows consumers to request a credit freeze by telephone or through a secure website. Credit reporting agencies would be required to implement the credit freeze within one business day, and to lift the freeze within 15 minutes of receiving electronic confirmation.

House Bill 4232 also requires credit reporting agencies to provide consumers with immediate notice of a security breach and details on any mitigation services being offered to address the breach. Reporting agencies would be required to provide the Attorney General and the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations with a sample copy of the notification it intends to distribute to consumers so the notice can be posted on their websites.

In the event of a credit breach at any business involving the release of consumers' Social Security numbers, the company must offer free credit monitoring services to affected consumers for one year. The bill also provides protections for residents under the age of 16 by allowing a parent or guardian to act on their behalf to place a freeze on their credit.

The bill now moves to the Senate for further action. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.

Country Bank announces recent promotions

Country Bank President and CEO Paul Scully is pleased to announce recent promotions.

Mark Phillips has been appointed to first vice president of internal audit. Mark has been with the bank for 23 years and is a certified internal auditor and certified bank auditor. He has over 40 years in the financial services industry in various positions, most recently, the Director of Internal Audit. Mark earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting and a Masters of business administration from Nichols College; he is also a graduate of the National School of Banking.

Mark resides in Worcester with his wife, Lisa, and they actively support the Epilepsy Foundation and the Worcester County Food Bank.

Andrew Sullivan has been promoted to small business lending officer and has been with the bank for four years. Andrew began his career as a staff auditor at Wolf & Company in

Springfield where he worked for two years before joining Country Bank as a credit analyst. Andrew has a Bachelor of Science in accounting and business management along with an MBA with a concentration in accounting from Elms College.

In 2015, Andrew started a charity golf tournament "Andrew Sullivan's Swing for a Cure" to support cystic fibrosis and bring awareness to the disease. Over the last three years this event has raised more than \$30,000. Andrew is also a member of the Young Professional Society and was recently selected to receive the Best in Bank award from Country Bank.

Andrew resides in Wilbraham with his wife Amanda.

Sarah Yurkunas has been promoted to commercial portfolio manager and has been with the bank for 11 years. Sarah began her career at Country Bank in the loan servicing area and then moved to a loan coordinator position which inspired her to pursue her career in the commercial lending area. Sarah's recent position as a credit analyst made her the perfect fit for this promotion. Sarah has a Bachelor of Science in business administration and management from Bay Path University. She has also taken classes from Massachusetts Bankers Association and received a certification in Fundamentals of Credit Analysis: Intro to Commercial Lending.

Sarah volunteers many hours of her personal time to support the bank's community programs and enjoys giving back to her community. She resides in Ware with her husband, Joe, and their son, Connor.

Christine Witz has been promoted to retail lending officer. Christine has been with the bank for seven years, most recently as the assistant branch manager in the Charlton office.

"I am truly looking forward to helping my customers achieve their dream of becoming a homeowner and I look

forward to being involved with the Charlton community and surrounding towns as much as possible." stated Witz. "I enjoy helping local communities thrive and volunteer my time whenever possible."

Christine serves on the Buy Ware Committee and recently purchased her first home in Warren where she resides with her boyfriend, Ethan Levasseur.

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manufacturers step up their advertising and incentives to support this goal. The model year changeover is a good time to buy. This is normally the September, October time frame. Incentives on the current model year are usually strong and inventories are still pretty good as the new model year is beginning to show up. Dealers will be making room for the next years vehicles and starting to trim inventories approaching the year end and holiday seasons. At Place Motor we will always do our best to save our customers as much as possible whenever you decide to buy. We will lay out all your options for you to see and make your best decision. We want the time you choose to be the right time to buy your new car or truck.

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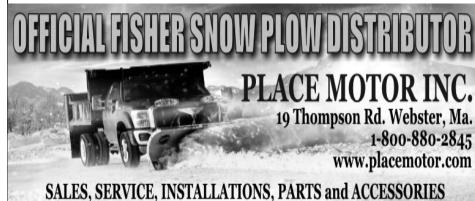


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Rotary supports local United Way

Mary O'Coin, Executive Director of the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton (UWSSC), attended a recent club meeting. She briefly reviewed the history of the local United Way, currently celebrating its 80th year.

We learned about the wide variety of needed services provided in the Tri-Community area by the 17 non-profit partner agencies that UWSSC funds that cover 25 separate programs. Besides volunteering each year during the United Way 'Day of Caring', Sturbridge Rotary also gave Mary a donation to help support the much-needed work of UWSSC.

The Sturbridge Rotary Club meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the Publick House Historic Inn near the Sturbridge Common. For additional information on the Club, please visit www.sturbridgerotary.org. Click the "Contact Us' tab in our website if you wish to attend an upcoming meeting. Also check out the Club's Facebook page and "Like" us at www.facebook. com/sturbridgerotary.



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Rotarian Pauline White with Mary O'Coin of the United Way and Rotary President Davia Zonia

STURBRIDGE SNIPPETS

STEPPIN' OUT

The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a Mardi Gras dance on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm (early rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Charlie Trapp and the cuer will be Margene Jervis. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information on

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WORCESTER — The Holy Name Mock Trial Team has won the 2018 District Championship! This is a program where teams throughout the state are provided an actual court case, and then go to superior court before a superior court judge to either try the case or defend. Having won the District Championship, which they have done in 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, marks them as the best amongst all schools in central Massachusetts, and has them once again heading to the state tournament where they have traditionally excelled as well. We are all so proud of this talented, tenacious, and hard-working group of students. This is a program that has produced many students who have gone on to law school and legal careers. Among the students who participated was Sarah

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Conservation grants boost land protection

WALES—The MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, a regional coalition of land conservation organizations serving 39 towns in south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut, is advancing land protection in the region with the support of two grants totaling \$145,000 from the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust. The first award of \$100,000 in 2017 led to the creation of the MassConn Regional Conservation Fund, which in its first grant cycle supported four land protection projects totaling 472 acres of land. As one of its closing gifts, the Cox Trust recognized the innovation and momentum exhibited by the MassConn collaboration with one of two "Blue Sky Awards" of \$45,000 announced at the 2017 RCP Network Gathering in Nashua, NH.

MassConn Regional Conservation Fund created with the seed grant from the Cox Trust fosters the donation of land of ecological importance to local land trusts and supports private landowner's investment in their community," said Ed Hood, MassConn's coordinator and also the executive director of the Opacum Land Trust based in Sturbridge.

While communities benefit from permanent conservation of land, the process of donating land has significant costs, primarily in the form of surveys, legal fees and other expenses associated with the transfer of land to a qualified conservation organization. The Cox Trust provided a total of \$1.1 million in funding to promote innovation and the direct conservation work of Regional Conservation Partnerships such as MassConn across New England, with emphasis on reducing transaction

The first round of grants from the MassConn Regional Conservation Fund was announced in November 2017, going to four projects that will permanently protect 472 acres of land. Recipients of this funding include the East Quabbin Land Trust for an 85-acre project in West Brookfield; the Minnechaug Land Trust for a 33-acre project in Hampden; the New England Forestry Foundation for a 310-acre project in Stafford, CT; and the Opacum Land Trust for a 44-acre project in Wales. Each grant recipient is committing its own time and resources to implement their conservation projects, with funding from the MassConn Regional Conservation Fund going to cover the transaction costs of surveys and other related expenses.

"As an all-volunteer organization serving Wilbraham and Hampden, the Minnechaug Land Trust depends on the generosity of those who support our work to permanently protect critical open space," said Sherry Himmelstein, president of the Minnechaug Land "This gift from the Cox Foundation allows us to protect sensitive land that borders Minnechaug Mountain Conservation Land on two sides, enhancing an important local treasure."

"The Northern Connecticut Land Trust (NCLT) greatly appreciates the work of MassConn and the New England Forest Foundation to protect the 310 acre forested area in Stafford, CT. The Stafford property is strategically locat-

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Kowal of Sturbridge and Will Demarski of Spencer.

SPRINGFIELD — Brandon Opitz, of Sturbridge has been named to the President's List at Western New England University for the Fall Semester of 2017. Opitz is working toward a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

WEST HAVEN, CT lowing students received degrees from the University of New Haven at Commencement ceremonies in December at the Toyota Presents Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford, CT. Kalin Chamberlain of Sturbridge, Master of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, industrial/organizational psychology with a concentration in org development & consultation

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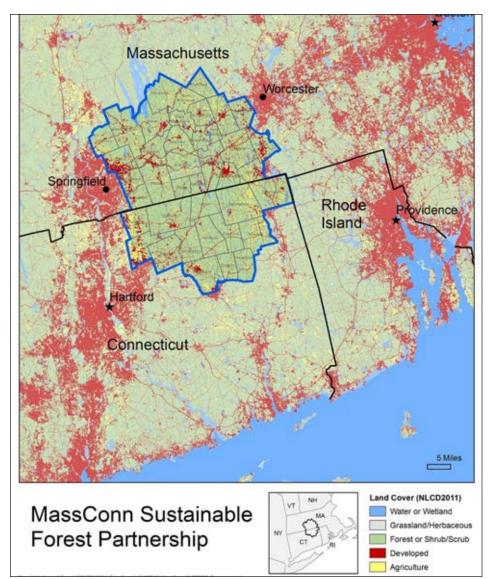


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The map displays the area of conservation properties sustained by the coalition of organiza-

ed abutting 93 acres of forest owned by the land trust," said Jim Gage, treasurer of NCLT, a seven town regional conservation organization with a mission to preserve the natural resources of the northern Connecticut region including agricultural land and other ecologically important open space.

In late 2017, the Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust completed 35 years of charitable giving to several sectors, including environmental protection (www.gmafoundations.com/ cox-trust-closes-philanthropy). Michael Hill, the president of the Jesse B. Cox Charitable Trust, notes that the directors of the Cox Trust wanted to do something significant as they retired the Cox Trust. Using the remaining funds from the Cox Trust grant program for Regional Conservation Partnerships, they awarded two organizations with a final "Blue Sky Award" of \$45,000 each to continue their especially innovative conservation work. The High Peaks Initiative of the Appalachian Trail Land Trust in Maine and the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership were the recipients of this award.

"The MassConn Steering Committee is still exploring its options for using this award, with the goal of maximizing this investment from the Cox Trust for regional land protection," said Hood. "Everyone can help by supporting their local land trust. The rural character and fragile environment of our region are under threat from sprawling development and the impact of climate change in a generation, much of our remaining wildlands and woodlands may be lost if we don't act now to protect important parcels of land today.

MassConn, one of 42 Regional Conservation Partnerships in New England, developed in response to the "Wildlands and Woodlands" vision for regional forest conservation developed by Harvard Forest (www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org) and with support from the Highstead Foundation (www.highstead.net). Highstead worked with the Cox Trust to use the grant program to advance the entire field of collaborative regional conservation.

"These awards from the Cox Trust are strengthening and diversifying the tools Regional Conservation Partnerships use to help individuals and families permanently conserve their land. This strategic approach to collaboration is inspiring a new era of community-based conservation, and paves the way for future innovation in land protection," says Bill Labich, senior conservationist for Highstead and coordinator of the RCP Network, who serves as an advisor to MassConn.

Supported by, and based at the Norcross Wildlife Foundation in Wales, the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership helps to coordinate regional conservation activities and secure funding to protect and enhance the forested landscape in south-central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. In 2016 and 2017, MassConn partnered with local, regional and national partners to provide 25 public programs on sustainable forestry and conservation options for private landowners, reaching more than 300 individual participants. MassConn is a lead partner with the Last Green Valley and the Northern Rhode Island Conservation District to implement a five-year Regional Conservation Partnership Program that will provide over \$12 million in support for sustainable forest management practices and working forests conservation.

For more information on the MassConn Regional Conservation fund, please go to http://www.opacumlt.org/massconn/rcf/. To find your local land trust visit Connecticut Land Conservation Council (http://www. ctconservation.org/) or Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition (http://www. massland.org/).

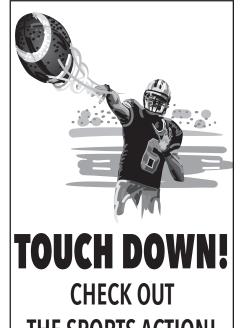


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What is the Spring Market?

One of the most common things I hear from home sellers and home buyer is that they are going to wait until the spring. It technically starts on March 20th. For a seller and buyer this could mean March, April or May. The reason Home Sellers wait until the spring is that they expect to get more money because there are more buyers. The reason the buyers wait till the spring is to ensure that there is enough inventory to buy. Our current market in Worcester county has extremely low inventory right now as well as many buyers unable to find homes due to that low inventory.

If your home was the only home in its price range in its neighborhood and there were 2 buyers for the home then it should get more money that if you waited till spring and now there were 4 homes for sale and 6 buyers in that neighborhood. As a seller you should be more concerned

with the inventory level than of home many buyers are looking. This will ensure your home sells faster and for more money.

Buyers are saying the same thing,



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> **JAMES BLACK**

spring so there is more inventory to choose from. Yes if you have the same scenario listed above you will possibly pay more for the home. However, it is possible to have your

I want to wait till

agent reach out to see if they can find someone looking to sell in the spring who has not listed it yet. Then you may be able to find a home with no compe-

If you are thinking of waiting till the spring for any reason I suggest you meet with an agent at least a month in advance if not 3 or 4 months before to give you the suggestions needed to get the home ready to sell. Right now is a great time for your home to go on the

market because the inventory is low but the buyers are coming out to look now. Get vour home on the market and sold before your neighbor does but make sure it is ready with necessary repairs done, staging and professional

CLUES ACROSS

- Emperor of Russia
- 5. Abounding in rocks Increase in speed
- 14. Music app
- 15. Not nice
- 18. Tables (Span.) 19. Decomposes
- student: learns healing
- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Joke-teller
- 28. Male parent
- 29. Group of countries (abbr.)
- 32. Midway between south
- and southwest
- 33. Cartoon Network (abbr.)
- 35. Peacock network
- 36. Principal ethnic group of China Made of honey and water
- 41. Exclamation of surprise
- 42. Evaluates skill or knowledge
- 44. Stage in ecological succession
- 46. Ethnic group of SE Asia
- 47. Not small
- 49. A cat is one
- 52. Broken piece
- 56. French president
- 58. Artist's workroom
- 30. "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas 60. Ability to apply knowledge
 - and skills
 - 62. Visually stunning
 - 63. Ancient region south of Dead Sea

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used to pour beer
- 2. Con game 3. Skin disorder
- 4. Communists (slang) 5. Subjects to hostility
- 7. Hitting statistic (abbr.) 8. British thermal unit
- 9. Influential envoy to Woodrow 48. Albanian
- Wilson
- Goes on neck of animals 12. Fertile soil
- 13. Type of battery 16. Khoikhoin peoples
- 17. Consist of two parts
- 20. Small group of trees
- 22. Execute or perform
- 25. Millihenry 26. 007's creator
- 36. Position of leadership

Electronic countermeasures

31. Schenectady County Airport

- 34. No (Scottish)
- 37. Statement
- 6. A major division of geological 38. Raccoons belong to this genus
 - 40. One who diagnoses
 - 43. True mosses
 - 45. Blood type
 - Emergency response notification system
 - 51. College reservists
 - 53. Away from wind
 - 54. Tough outer layer
 - 55. Art __, around 1920
 - 57. Born of
 - 58. The greatest of all time 59. Georgia rockers

 - 61. Natural logarithm
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I Spy quilt raffle to benefit Harrington ED renovation

SOUTHBRIDGE — Are you ready to test your sleuthing skills while supporting Harrington Hospital's emergency department renovation? Well, here's your chance.

Inspired by the popular children's book series, I Spy, local resident and seamstress Linda Pronto handcrafted a colorful 41" by 54" quilt destined to become a treasured keepsake. The award-winning, best-selling book series, illustrated by Walter Wick and written by Jean Marzollo, challenges readers of all ages to find numbers, letters, animals and other objects hidden within a larger picture. In a similar manner, the quilt comprises 40 blocks that depict a variety of activities and invite young and old to find concealed clues and solve the riddles.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and can be purchased in the Gift Shop at the Southbridge campus of Harrington Hospital. All proceeds go toward the renovation of Harrington Hospital's emergency department. Drawing will be held later this year.

The Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, helps Harrington Hospital extend and pursue its mission by organizing and sponsoring a variety of volunteer fundraising activities each year. Funds raised by the Auxiliary are used to provide equipment and programs that benefit the health and well-being of members of the communities Harrington HealthCare System serves. For more information, call (508) 765-6472.



Courtesy photo

The quilt is a plethora of fictional fun.

STM ARTICLES

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air conditioning improvements to the system at the library.

"It's a replacement to put aside money prior to the eventual article to potentially replace the whole system," Gaumond said. "The unit could use some refurbishing in the meantime."

Gaumond said Article 49 is an easy explanation for a long, multi-page article.

"It's amending our bylaws to increase revolving funds so that we don't have to do it every year," Gaumond said.

Article 50 gives the town the ability to fine entities for doing wrong things. The article would establish fines for violating town bylaws.

"It gives us more ability to enforce logging operations in town," Gaumond said.

Article 51 is related to the previous article.

"It creates a new section for fines and violations," Gaumond

Article 52 establishes one bylaw to cover both bylaws relating to false alarms. Articles 53 and 54 have the

same explanation - both private streets, Acorn Lane and Old Towne Way, and the article is to ask them to be converted into public streets.

Article 55 would transfer about \$1,000 from Free Cash to pay an unpaid bill from Fiscal 2017

"Any time that there's a bill for any expense that goes to the previous fiscal year, we have to bring the bills to town meeting in order for them to be approved and paid," Gaumond explained.

Article 56 is a house-keeping clause that, due to changes in the act, is needed to accept provisions of a new law, he said. The act would make property tax bills of \$100 or less payable in a single installment, beginning Fiscal 2019.

"If tax bills are less than \$100, we can issue them as one bill," Gaumond said.

Article 57 is a house-keeping article to pay to resurface the basketball and tennis courts for about \$4,000. The article funds half a year of interest payments for the recently bonded recreational courts from the Community Preservation Fund, Gaumond said.

Article 58 is to move \$230,000 from the Stabilization Fund into Free Cash.

"In taking this type of action, we review how fiscally strong we are," Gaumond said. "It indicated that we have good fiscal practices. Because we're fiscally strong, we're able to borrow

more money than some other communities.'

Article 59 is a budget fix article due to the number of legal cases to pay for legal services from Kopelman and Paige and other attorney firms. The article is to vote to transfer \$60,000 from Free Cash to the Town Counsel line.

Article 60 is a house-keeping act to clean up the language for delinquent taxpayers.

"If someone is looking for a business permit or liquor license, but if they owe taxes, it says that they have to hold off acquiring the license until they settle the account," Gaumond

And Article 61 is for authorization to issue one additional liquor license since the town ran out of package store licenses.

"Luckv Mart has a conve nience store license," Gaumond said. "But they're looking to sell liquor. We don't have any additional licenses to give out, so we have to go before the legislature."

Article 62 is to bring back the Strong (Fire) Chief wording that the town adopted in 1950, Gaumond said.

"It's a petition to try to get the inconsistencies resolved,' Gaumond Jr. said. "It's a petition for the general public.'

Gaumond said he doesn't view any articles as extremely controversial, and he expects the meeting to flow smoothly. However, some articles may stir discus-

The warrant articles are available on the town Web site at town.sturbridge.ma.us under the Administrator Blog's tab on the right hand corner. The Finance Committee and Gaumond collectively provided a summary of each warrant article, separated by a box.

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Healey's White Collar and Public Integrity Division with assistance from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigations Bureau. The Audit Division of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue first noticed irregularities in Enrico's meals tax returns in 2014, while performing a meals tax audit, and referred the case to DOR's Criminal Investigations Bureau.

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before the town to consider renewing the clause.

"The clause expired, and we chose not to renew it," Murphy said. "But veterans can absolutely take advantage of it until then. It doesn't apply to a lot of people right now.'

Board of Assessors Chairman Paul Murphy said it was a nice accommodation, but unfortunately, it wasn't utilized. 'There wasn't any need, but if there is, we'll revisit it, and

bring it before the town," Paul Murphy said.
The next meeting is Monday, March 12, in the Town Hall conference room, at 4 p.m.

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Three churches offering Gobi elected to regional post suppers during Lent

STURBRIDGE Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal and New Hope UCC invite you to join us in a meal and discussion on Wednesdays in Lent, Feb. 21- Mar. 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Our conversation will be framed by the Adam Hamilton book, Half Truths: "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves" and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say.

Join us in exploring popular sayings that miss the point. "They are simple phrases: "God helps those who help themselves," "Love the sinner, hate the sin," and others. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture." - Christianbook.

Lent is the start of an important and sacred season of reflection on our lives,

meaning and purpose. Simple Soup Suppers will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings as a time to socialize and experience the transformational power of community.

Simple Soup Suppers, Topic: Half Truths of the Bible

Wednesdays, Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21. 6:00-7:30pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 345 Main Street, Sturbridge

"Events like 'Simple Soup Suppers' reflect the kind of church and community we are," said Melany Gronski, member. "We work to help the people who attend our church find faith in their daily lives. And we gather with other

congregations to be 'in this' together.' All are invited. All are welcome. We hope you have no trouble finding us off of 131 and 20 – Bethlehem Lutheran Church is shining through the trees.

If you have any questions about these offerings or the church, please contact Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt at 774-318-9306 or pastorkirsten@bethlehemsturbridge.org.

Dems to elect representatives to convention

Registered Democrats in Sturbridge will hold a caucus beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday February 24 at the Sturbridge Senior Center located at 480 Main St. to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester, where Massachusetts Democrats will come together to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide office, including Constitutional Officers and gubernatorial candidates.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Sturbridge and walk-ins are allowed to register on-site. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 18 by Sept. 18, 2018 are allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Sturbridge can elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates to the Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

For those interested in getting more information about the Convention of the Sturbridge DTC please contact David Mitchell (Waterfront2828@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/sturbridge.dem.town.committee/

ACADEMY

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in training sessions, so this is a perfect chance for the dogs to practice before a trial. This Sniff 'n Go is designed to appeal to all levels from beginner dogs searching for food (Primary), beginner level (NW1), intermediate level (NW2)

to NW Elite levels. This event takes the dogs on a tour of Hitchcock area by area. Just as in sanctioned trials, NW1 dogs will have 1 hide per search area, NW2 will one or two hides per search area and NW Elite will not know how many hides will be in each search area.

For more information on K9 Nose Work® and how you can take part in this sport, check out Merritt's K9 Nose Work® classes at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 1-413-245-9977.



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BOSTON - Last week, Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) were unanimously elected chairs of the Regional Transit Authority Caucus for the current legislative session. Senator Eric P. Lesser (D-Longmeadow) and Representative Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox) were elected vice-chairs.

"Our Regional Transit Authorities provide critical services to people throughout the region and I am glad to advocate for adequate funding and serve as Senate Chair of the Regional Transit Authority," said Senator Gobi.

"RTAs are the public transportation lifeline for all communities outside of the MBTA service area," said Representative Peake. "They help improve the quality of life our seniors, students, and everyone in between.'

At the meeting, the caucus also discussed the Fiscal Year 2019 funding request for regional transit authorities and the support of an \$8 million increase.

Regional transit authorities throughout the Commonwealth play a crucial role in access to public transportation outside of the Metro-Boston area. Citizens of all ages rely on public transit to get to and from their place of employment, medical appointments and more.

For more information please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.



COMPLETES BASIC

Courtesy photo

Pvt. Blake Thomas Caron completed basic training February 9, 2018 at The Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island South Carolina, 3rd Battalion, Lima Company, Platoon 3013. He passed the physical fitness test, battalion commander's inspection, water survival, martial arts and was also medaled as a rifle sharpshooter. He will be headed to the School of Infantry/Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger,

Caron, a 2017 graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge, is the son of Rick and Lisa Caron of Brookfield.

* * Triday's Child

HI! My name is McKenzi

"I love to swim!"

McKenzi is an affectionate, outgoing eleven-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. McKenzi loves to cook, swim, paint, watch television, play with her dolls, collect Shopkins and spend quality time with her friends. McKenzi's favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite athlete is Michael Phelps and her favorite singer is Ke\$ha! When she grows up, McKenzi's dream is to become a professional chef.



People who are close to McKenzi would say she is hard working, caring, and a good role model to others. McKenzi is a sixth grade student who does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math. McKenzi likes going to school because she enjoys learning and getting to socialize with her friends.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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LEARNING

DAR announces award winners

The General Ebenezer Learned Oxford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) would like to congratulate the school winners of the Good Citizens Award.

The top honor and representing the General Ebenezer Learned Chapter at the state level is Magdalen Paul of David Prouty High School.

Other school representatives are: Samir Azzoui of Bartlett High School, Dylon Sandstrom of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, Annette Ellis of Millbury Jr./St. High School, Jillian Tully of Oxford High School, Catherine O'Donnell of Quaboag Regional Middle High School, and Abigail Snopkowski of Shepherd Hill Regional High School. A reception is being plan for all the school winners in March where they will receive recognition pins and cards for their achievement.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship.

This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. These students are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate these qualities to an outstanding degree.

- This program is only open to highschool seniors whose schools are accredited by their state board of education.
- Only one student per year may be honored as a school's DAR Good Citizen.
- United States citizenship is not required.
- Additional rules and guidelines can be acquired by contacting your local DAR chapter.

Once a student is chosen as the DAR

Good Citizen the student is invited to participate in the scholarship portion of the program. This consists of a personal statement and an essay.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR



March 2018

Bay Path High School This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Nutrition Tip: Increase veggie intake. Here are some ideas:

- Double the vegetables prepared for dinner and use leftovers in future
- Stuff leftover asparagus or peas with sliced turkey and cheese into a pita. Stock up on frozen and canned vegetables for quick additions to meals.



Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza

All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat assorted milk



Pizza Dippers 5

Buffalo Chicken Tend 6 WW Dinner Roll Steamed Broccoli Veggie Sticks w/Hummus Fruit Variety

Chicken Pot Pie 7 Diced Chicken & Mixed

**Meals are subject

to change without

notice**

Vegetables in a Creamy Gravy Topped with a Biscuit **Tossed Salad** Fruit Variety

½ Day

Skills

Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta in a Creamy Homemade Cheese Sauce WW Dinner Roll

Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety Turkey Bacon Mel 8

Tender slices of Turkey,

toasted with Bacon & Cheese

Sweet Peas

Blueberry Crisp

Pancakes w/ Sausage Links

or Bacon & Cheese Quiche

Hash Brown Patty

Strawberries

Brunch For Lunch 15

Mixed Vegetables Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Fruit Variety

Grilled Cheese

Tomato Soup

Mixed Vegetables

Fruit Variety

Steak & Cheese Su 16

Tender slices of beef topped

with Cheese Sauce

Chicken Nuggets 2

Baked Mozzarella filled Pizza Dough w/ Marinara **Dipping Sauce** Green Beans, Fruit Variety

12 Meatloaf Beef Meatloaf w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Peas & Carrots **Biscuit** Fruit Variety

Nachos

Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese

on a bed of Tortilla Chips

Served w/ assorted toppings

Black Bean and Corn Salad

Fruit Variety

Mozzarella Sticks 20

Chicken Patty Sandv 13

on WW Bun

with Lettuce and Tomato

Steamed Green Beans

Fruit Variety

Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Dipping Sauce Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety

BBQ Chicken 21

Baked BBQ Chicken **Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots** Whole Wheat Biscuit, Fruit Variety

Spaghetti w/Meatball 22 Whole Wheat Pasta topped Meatballs & Marinara Garlic Bread, Broccoli Fruit Variety

Tossed Salad Fruit Variety BBQ Pulled Pork 23 on a Whole Wheat Bun

Chili Bowl

Homemade Beef Chili in a Crispy Whole Wheat Tortilla Bowl Topped with Cheese Tossed Salad, Fruit Variety

Grilled Cheese 27 **Tomato Soup**

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Fiesta Corn Salad

Fruit Variety

Baked Fries Baked Beans Fruit Variety

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LEARNING

Empowering students through hip hop



courtesy photos

Blake Brandes with students at Oliveira Elementary, California

CHARLTON Wednesday, March 14, the students of Bay Path Regional Vocational Tech-nical High School will learn about the growth mindset and grit from Blake Brandes, who has a doctorate in hip-hop and global

youth cultures, and is a TEDx

On speaker and international youth motivational speaker.

Brandes will present the work of Carol Dweck and Angela Duckworth in a fun, accessible man-ner that empowers children of all ages. The presentation will include age-appropriate and engag-ing

growth mindset and grit lessons infused with beatboxing, comedic storytelling, and family-friendly freestyle rapping.

'When students adopt a growth mindset, they become more resilient when facing challenges at school and at home, are less likely to give up, and believe more in their power to learn new things. said Blake Brandes.

Marsha Jones, associate superintendent of Springdale Public Schools in Arkansas, said, "Blake Brandes uses his talents as a hip-hop artist to capture the imagination of students and encourages them to pursue their dreams and aspirations. He is very skilled at reaching into the hearts and minds of students as he engages them in thinking about the endless possibilities for future suc-cess.

Through a demonstration of his passion for beatboxing and freestyle rap, along with stories



Blake Brandes visiting Vienna Elementary School, North Carolina

of his own struggle to achieve his goals, Brandes brings energy and enthusiasm to the stage that allows him to connect with students. Brandes has given this presentation to thousands of students across the coun-

try, and is currently scheduled to visit over 120 schools in 21 states for the 2017-2018 school

See what schools are saving at www.blakebrandes.com/suc-

ety, NTHS emphasizes the

National honor society recognizes local students

CHARLTON — Behind the leadership of Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN CRRN, the Academy director of the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, a total of 22 from Class of 2016 and 2017 were inducted for membership in the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). The 22 inductees will be joined by nine nine from PN Class of 2018.

"We continue to raise the bar each year for the practical nursing students who qualify for membership in the NTHS," said Bolandrina. "The NTHS plays an important role in highlighting that practical nursing students clearly play a leadership role in the classroom as well as on the clinical field. We congratulate each of these students for their commitment to excellence."

Nine outstanding Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy students will be the newest members of the NTHS. NTHS is the acknowledged leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. Students must have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) to be eligible for membership and be rec- of Conduct. NTHS members civic or service organizations). ply an academic honor soci-



Courtesy photo

Inducted into the honor society of their field are these students at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

ommended by faculty without reservations. NTHS members should be good, honest, responsible student-citizens who have made a personal commitment to excellence and who agree also adhere to PN graduation competencies, exhibit excellent clinical performance, maintain professional integrity (including attendance) and community involvement (active involve-

This is the third year that Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is welcoming members into its chapter of NTHS that was nationally chartered on campus, February

importance of seven (7) attributes: Skill, Honesty, Service, Responsibility, Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership. NTHS membership is the highest honor awarded for excellence in workforce education in America and is considered the benchmark performance and leadership in business and industry. This year's induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 10 at the Hill Top Restaurant. To be inducted on the evening ceremony are: Krisanne Koebke of Dudley; Heather Lynds-Aldrich of Three Rivers; Erin Martin of Cherry Valley; Nicholas McElroy of Webster; Erin McTiernan of Spencer; Heather Monks of Auburn; Marissa Mungham of Thompson, CT; Antony Njoroge of Worcester and Brooke Sawinski of Danielson, CT.

To be inducted as honorary members for their contribution to the PN program are: Jacqueline Njuiri, LPN of Worcester, Lori Sheldon, LPN of Thompson, CT, and Kathryn Voorhis, LPN of Fiskdale.

Hitchcock Happenings

Hitchcock Academy Free Academy 2 Brookfield Road Brimfield (413) 245-9977 www.hitchcockacademy.org

Linda Day teaches Violin and Viola lessons at Hitchcock Academy on Mondays and Thursdays!

Irish Step Dancing (ages 7-13): This is an older style Irish step. Done in soft shoes or bare feet It is called Sean-nos. It was a form of dance that was used to tell stories around the campfire and is a non-competitive style for children (6 classes) Students need a completed consent form. Three sessions planned: Tuesdays, Jan 16-Feb 27 (no class 2/20), March 6-April 10 and April 24-June 5 (No class May 8). Time will be 5:30-6:15 p.m. with instructor Karen Larsen. Fee:

Circus Yoga (ages 6-13): This class is a playful expression of yoga poses where children and adults combine poses together, and use each other for balance. It is a safe and fun way to

employer's plan or an IRA.

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explore movement, flexibility and trust. Ages 6-13. (6 classes). Three sessions: Tuesdays 4-5 p.m., Jan 16-Feb 27 (no class Feb 20); March 6-April 10 and April 24-June 5 (No class May 8) with instructor Karen Larson. Fee: \$70.

Monday, February 26

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2018. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano

at 508-867-2232 or emailing union-61cfce@tantasqua.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings! Times: Weigh-in/ Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM Leader:

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Tuesday, February 27

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally without instruction. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will Donations are welcome. Time: 9-11:30AM Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 for more information.

Wednesday, February 28

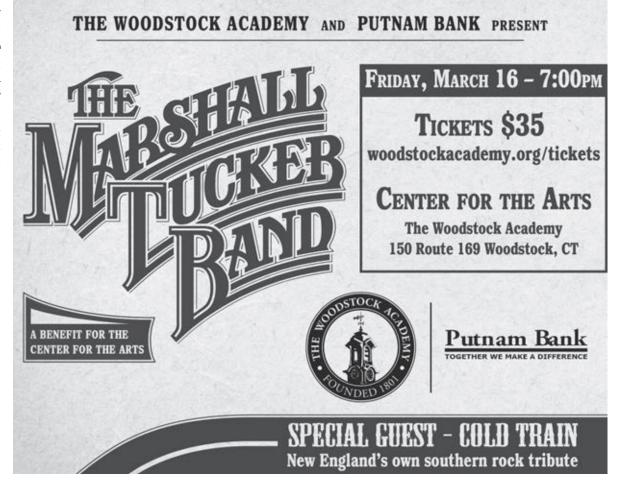
WATERCOLORS WITH BETH: Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every 3 weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. Time: 9:30 AM-12 PM Fee: \$17

per week plus supplies. Instructor: Beth Parys. For information and to register, call Beth at 413-245-3295.

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: This dog training basics class is for canines of all ages (puppies welcome) and provides positive training methods, good management practices, and problem-solving strategies. The first week is mandatory, and dogs do not attend. Vaccinations must be up-to-date. Children under 14 must be with an adult. (6 classes) Dates: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed, certified professional dog T\trainer. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to reg-

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EDITORIAL

Young at heart? Too much so

Another act of domestic terrorism. Among our own children. With a child pulling the trigger.

Don't for a minute think this young man was a "grown up" in any way that mattered.

Americans, as a rule, keep our children "young" much longer than most other countries. We do not place adult responsibilities and expectations on our younger people for many extended years beyond those expected as a rule by other developed countries.

Our children remain children well into their teens and twenties, not just for the sake of schooling; but for other expectations as well.

We do not, as a rule have very adult expectations of 18 year olds, or 19 year olds, or even 22 year olds.

No, we don't. Not that some of them aren't very

much their own people, very mature and very much young adults on their own; but they are an exception; not the rule. Whenever Americans decided to

extend the childhoods of our young people as we have, perhaps it was following the Great War, the first world war not the second, when so many young people were decimated from our population. It frightened us. We did not want to lose our children. And 20 years later, here was another war doing it again. Taking our young into a meat grinder once more. Then Korea. Then Vietnam. Then the deserts of the Middle East.

We fear for their lives, so we try to protect their young-ness. Keep them close to us by keeping them dependent and innocent.

Of course, it didn't (and doesn't) work. They grow up anyway, and now, they grow up clueless.

They grow up without skills. Without necessary information. Without someone teaching them adulthood.

There are now classes in how to "adult.'

How sad is that?

We have done our young people a horrible disservice.

By trying to give them a carefree vouth, protect them from the ugly realities like chores, and responsibilities and losing even at (scoreless) soccer games, bolstering fragile egos instead of teaching resourcefulness; we've created a generation unsure of themselves. Unable to cope.

They can't cook, they can't sew on a button, they can't change a tire or balance a checkbook. They have been taught how to find facts but not how to learn.

They have been taught they are amazing, but not competent.

And when the real world knocks them down, a boss has expectations, a higher education teacher is not coddling, a real life experience leaves them helplessly, ineptly, unable to find someone else to fix the problem...

This is where we are. And not every parent has done this; but many have. Not every young person is a helpless wimp, but many are. And when they add a few years, and some experiences to their history, and feel competent enough to marry and have families, what examples will they have for parenting? What will the NEXT generation

We know, every generation thinks the current one is the end of the world, but when we see the unfortunate reality of the children who can only find the solution to their problems by buying an AK47, we really do have a problem.



VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Signs of Hope

Call me a contrarian. Or even a Pollyanna. But when everyone around me is filled with gloom and despair, seeing dire portents in every political headline, I try to find trends that encourage me.

And I'm finding them. It could be that my hopes outrun the realities. But

I'm guardedly optimistic that's not the case.

If there's a single theme that ties them together, it seems to me that many people are beginning to view government with greater realism as to what it can do about improving the quality of life of our people. Don't get me wrong there are still plenty of Americans who believe that government is best which governs least, and many others who reflexively turn to government to solve our problems. Including some who profess to dislike government.

Still, amidst all of the past year's political turmoil — in fact, in no small part because of it — there's been a renewed understanding that this country is a work in progress; that it's not yet finished creating itself. And so, Americans of all ideological stripes are determined to question and challenge features of the political environment that concern them.

They're looking at divisive issues like immigration with a dose of realism an assessment of what should and can be accomplished — that hasn't always been evident before. They're standing up for better treatment of women and confronting the costs of past assumptions. They're marching and protesting. They're running for office. They're scrutinizing public figures more carefully than in the past. In other words, there's an energy and a vitality in the system that were hard to glimpse before.

Because politicians are pretty good at adjusting to the public mood, they're becoming a shade less divisive, less polarized, less partisan, and maybe even less intolerant of different opinions. I've even seen some strike a note of humility. It's possible I'm reading too much into this, but I think a growing number of Americans are tired of rancor, and are reasserting their respect for a nation founded on the principles of "out of many, one" and "freedom and justice for all.'

And so there are signs of more flexand ordinary Americans shying away Representatives for 34 years. from implacable positions. They rec-



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ognize that it's a big country and we have to make it work. They are beginning to see, I hope, what it means to be an American citizen: that you can't be too dogmatic, that we

need to accept differences and extend to everyone the opportunity to become the best they can be.

This is crucial, because the United States is changing in dramatic ways becoming less white, less rural and suburban, more urban, more racially diverse, possibly a bit less religious. In many parts of the country there's an understanding that whether we like it or not, our daily lives are affected by globalization and by forces exerted from far outside our immediate communities.

Now, there are plenty of counter-trends to everything I just said, and these get a lot of attention — indeed, they dominate our view of where the country stands right now. But as I survey the country and speak to different groups, I keep getting glimpses of the more hopeful trends I outline. So the question I come away with is, can they be sustained, nurtured, and enhanced?

And there, I'm afraid, I'm less hopeful. Because the answer depends upon the quality of our political leadership. For the most part, I don't see our most prominent leaders stepping forward with the determination to move the country in a more unified direction. We've always risen to the challenge of deep-seated, fundamental change in the past, but that doesn't mean we always will.

So where does that leave us as citizens? I think it falls to us to push the hopeful trends forward, to make them so obvious that they can't be ignored. If we're not at a crossroads, we're certainly not far from one, and in the end, it's up to each of us which direction we'll take as a nation.

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Beyond this basic structure, managed accounts can vary greatly in terms of administration, reporting, fees and minimum balance.

So, assuming you meet the requirements for a managed account, should you consider one? There's really no one right answer for everyone. But three factors to consider are cost, control and confidence.

Cost - Different managed accounts may have different payment arrangements. However, it's common for a money manger to be paid based on a percentage of assets under management. So, if your manager's fee is 1% and your portfolio contains \$100,000, the manager earns \$1,000 per year, but if the value of your portfolio rises to \$200,000, the manager earns \$2,000. Because the manager has a personal stake in the portfolio's success, this arrangement could work to your advantage. Be aware, though, that other fees may be associated with your account.

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Confidence – It's essential that you feel confident in a managed account's ability to help you meet your goals. And the various elements of a managed account may well give you that assurance. For example, some managed accounts include automatic rebalancing of assets, which, among other things, can help you achieve tax efficiency. Other features of a managed account – such as the experience and track record of the manager – also may bolster your confidence.

Ultimately, you'll need to weigh all factors before deciding whether a managed account is right for you. In any case, it's an option worth considering.

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Paint Tips

Nothing makes such a dramatic difference and gives a home decorator more bang for the buck than painting. With many color choices for both wall and surface finishes, transforming an object or room from dull to delightful is easi-

er than ever. The following practical pointers are sure to make your painting chores a little easier this season.

Painting a room, but not sure how much paint to buy? Use this rule of thumb: Multiply the height and width of your walls and divide by 300. Keep in mind a gallon of paint covers approximately 350 square feet (with enough left over for touch ups).

Ensure a smooth surface: Before painting over an old bureau or other piece of furniture, you can easily clean the finish by wiping it down with a lint-free cloth dampened with straight turpentine. This method picks up any stray dust and helps smooth out the surface to prepare it for painting.

Painting over knotty wood? Knots often seep through newly painted surfaces. To prevent the transparency, try this: When using water-based paint, be sure to take the time to apply a waterbased paint made to cover knots first. This preventative step not only seals knots, but will prevent them from showing through subsequent coats of paint.

Gilding vintage frames or furniture pieces doesn't have to require the artistry of a pro. Try achieving the effect of gild by using enamel paint to produce a rich gilded effect. Simply apply gold enamel paint very sparingly with a thin brush to the edges of frame and furniture moldings.

Don't you just hate it when paintbrush bristles "shed" on a freshly painted surface? Even the best of brushes sometimes come loose. To prevent this, try soaking a new brush in linseed oil



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overnight before using it. As a bonus, the pre-treated brush will last longer and be easier to clean!

After cleaning brushes, place a rubber band around the tip of the bristles until dry. It will keep the shape of the bristles and prevent them from

fanning out during drying.

Achieving an even paint application when using aerosol paint cans can be tricky. For a finer spray, make sure your can of paint is room temperature. Paint stored in cold areas such as the basement or garage doesn't always dispense as smoothly. Better yet, dip vour can in warm water before using to ensure a nice, even coat of paint.

Here a few tips from the pros to prepare walls for painting:

*Need to patch a crack in the wall quickly? You can do the job with items on hand if you just mix equal parts of starch and salt, with just enough water to make a thick paste. Apply and smooth over cracks or small holes.

*Did you know you when mixing up commercial plaster, you'll reduce lumps if you add the powdered plaster to the water instead of adding water to the plaster?

*Want to reduce sanding your plastered walls? Go over freshly applied joint compound with a wet paint brush for a smooth finish.

Vintage Patina Finish: This application, which gives objects a faux aged patina, is ideal for flea market birdbaths, outdoor plant hangers, base planters and other items you want to have a showy vintage finish. It is easy to do and the results are truly impressive!

Materials: Oil based enamel in three hues of green (recommended Verdigris green, Sage green and Pine green; oil base semi gloss in Bronze; four kitchen

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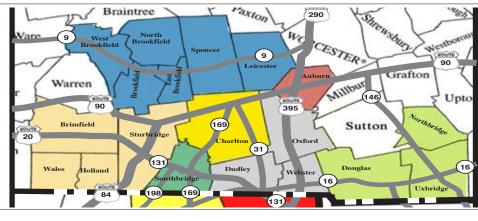
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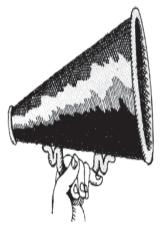
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SPORTS

Warriors rally in fourth quarter, but fall just short to Oakmont



Tantasqua's Lindsey Zak reaches out and nearly comes away with the steal on a pass intended for Oakmont's Jessica Lee.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

ASHBURNHAM Riding a 17-game winning streak, the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team concluded its regular season up at Oakmont Regional on Friday, Feb. 16. The Warriors, looking to make it 18 wins in a row, fell behind early against the Spartans and found themselves down 18 points, 49-31, heading into the fourth quarter.

Most teams, especially one playing its fourth game in five nights all on the road — would have packed it in, but not Tantasqua. They scored the final frame's first 17 points and eventually grabbed a 52-51 lead, only to fall in the final seconds, 53-52.

As a result, the Warriors will enter the Western Mass. Division 2 tournament with a still-impressive record of

"We were concerned about our legs...so we had some questions coming in if we had the legs

defender Leah Pelkev.

for this," said Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette. "We looked a little sluggish there, but these kids play with heart and they play with passion. They dug deep and they kicked it in in the fourth quarter. Offensively, we just attacked."

Having already opened the fourth quarter on a 10-0 run, Warriors' junior Lindsey Zak (11 points, 9 rebounds) came up with a steal with 2:36 to play and went in for a coastto-coast layup, finishing with a Euro-step move and a nice touch off the glass to cut the deficit

Tantasqua freshman Ainsley Way (12 points, 7 rebounds) followed with a pair of free throws and Morgan Smith next grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back up for two. Way then hit one free throw with 1:14 left to make it a one-point game at 49-48.

Then, with 55 seconds remaining, Oakmont finally scored its first points of the quarter when Irini Stefanakos

buried a pair of free throws to make it 51-48.

The resilient Warriors continued to show fight, though, as Smith collected another offensive rebound and coinciding putback with 34 seconds left and, after the Spartans missed and Tantasqua freshman Madison Varney corralled the rebound, Smith eventually scored again on another offensive board and layup.

With 6.5 seconds showing on the clock, the Warriors rallied all the way back to take a 52-51 lead. Smith, a 6-foot freshman, had team-high totals of 18 points and 18 rebounds for an impressive double-double.

"She's our leading rebounder every night and she pitches in some big, valuable points, but tonight she turned it up,' Goyette said of Smith's play. "The basket at the end to put us up by one was phenomenal. It was a hustle play and she's a hustle kid, that's for sure."

Unfortunately for

Tantasqua, Oakmont's Hannah Cravedi received the inbounds pass and drove the length of the court, getting fouled with 1.4 seconds to go. She calmly sank both free throws to win the game for the Spartans.

"We wanted a district-type game, and we certainly got it," said Goyette. "This will benefit us going into districts for sure.'

Oakmont head coach Jeff O'Neill said that the game will also benefit his team, who improved to 16-3 with a game to play before partaking in the 3 tournament. O'Neill then gave praise to the Warriors, saying, "They were playing to win because they were driving to the hoop. Give them all the credit in the world.



Tantasqua's Madison Varney keeps her feet inbounds while reaching out to save a loose ball.

They made the comeback and I wish them nothing

but luck in the districts. Goyette was also pleased with how Tantasqua's defense didn't allow a single basket in the fourth quarter, just four free throws.

"Defense is not much skill, it's more of an effort and a choice. Anyone can play good, hard defense, and we certainly did

that," he said.

Now the Southern Worcester County League A Division champions, who exhilarated their fans with an impressive winning streak, are excited for postseason play.

We've had a great season and we want to keep it going," Goyette concluded.



Ainsley Way of Tantasqua, right, and Oakmont's Jessica Lee jockey for position while racing after the ball.



Tantasqua's Lydia Boland eyes the interior before passing the ball down low.

Morgan Smith of Tantasqua gets position inside the paint to shoot up and over Oakmont

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK Warriors hang on for ANOTHER WIN

Tantasqua 43, South 41 (OT) — The undefeated season remained alive for the Warriors' freshman boys' basketball team, as they outlasted the Colonels. Defense was the story for Tantasqua, which held South scoreless in the second quarter to lead at halftime, 13-10. Offensively, Cooper Hurt and Brandon Jarzabski led the charge with eight points apiece.

SPORTS

Three-goal third period helps Auburn fend off Patriots



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Caleb Bartlett of Auburn reaches down to settle a bouncing puck with his glove.

Auburn's Drew Darger chips the puck down the ice and chases after it.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Playing against a desperate team in North Middlesex Regional that's trying to accumulate enough points to gain entry into the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament, the Auburn High co-op varsity ice hockey team was deadlocked in a 2-2 tie heading into the third period in their game that took place Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Horgan Arena.

The Rockets, which also includes athletes from Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional and Millbury High, then played their best period in the third, scoring three goals in a one minute, 43 second span to ultimately win a 5-3 decision.



Auburn's Kyle Spurr looks ahead while handling the puck down the ice.

"We've been playing four in a row like this, teams that needed wins to get in," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard. "I think we knew we could win the game, we just had to put the effort in. I said to them in the third period, 'they're in desperation. If we don't go out and get 14 shots and put a couple in and only give up six and shut the door, you'll win the game.' We ended up getting 13 shots and three goals and only gave up eight [and one goal]. I'm happy with the third peri-

Auburn, who punched their ticket into the CMass. Division 3 tournament many games ago, finished the regular season with an impressive mark of 12-5-3

With the third period at its midpoint and the score still tied at 2-2, the Rockets headed to the power play and quickly took advantage. Kyle Spurr got the puck over to Ryan Slade, who then passed to Alex Surmis. Surmis' slap shot from the point was tucked just under the glove of North Middlesex goalie Thomas Kelly (18 saves) for the go-ahead goal.

Seconds later, the Patriots were called for another penalty and Auburn scored again. This time, just five seconds into the power play, Ryan Lempicki took a similar slap shot. His blast was of similar height as Surmis' — about three feet off the ice — and it got past Kelly for the eventual game-winning goal. Adam Lanier and Colin McKeon were credited with the assists.

"We said shoot three feet off the ice, and when we did that we scored goals. He [Kelly] can't see it," explained Bombard.

"He [Bombard] made sure before I went on the ice to shoot three feet above, and I did what he said and put it home," Lempicki said of the goal.

Spurr added an insurance goal for Auburn with just under five minutes to go, scoring off a rebound. McKeon and Joel Miller had the assists.

North Middlesex's Nick White scored with 42 seconds left, but it wasn't enough as Auburn goalie Cam Carpenter finished with 22 saves to pick up the victory.

McKeon scored the Rockets' first goal, just 3:20 into the first period. Anthony List curled around the net and slid a pass into the slot, where McKeon was to send a shot through Kelly's five-hole and across the goal line.

"I just yelled 'middle, middle' and he just slid it to me," McKeon said of the goal. "We've been clicking all year,

The Patriots' White then scored late in the first period and North Middlesex took a 2-1 lead 2:28 into the second (Cam Stairs goal) before the Rockets battled back with a goal from List a minute later. Lanier slid a pass up the ice to List, who deked out Kelly.

McKeon picked up the second assist.

Auburn then had the terrific third period to end the year on a high note, going 4-0-1 in its final five games.

"It's an excellent year. I don't think we've lost since somewhere in January," said Bombard, as the Rockets last lost on Jan. 20. "We're on a good roll and overall I'm happy, thrilled."

"We just exploded," McKeon said of the recent stretch. "For playoffs, seeding-wise, we needed that win."

Lempicki believes that the team can achieve some lofty expectations this postseason.

"We're feeling good, looking to keep the pressure going and hopefully win the state championship. That's the goal," he said.



Adam Lanier of Auburn stick-handles the puck down the ice with North Middlesex's Cam Stairs in tow.



Auburn's Colin McKeon skates ahead of North Middlesex defender Joe Murphy.

Tantasqua's Zahr medals at indoor track state meet

On Saturday, Feb. 17, with the Leggie Lewis Track in Boston playing host to the Division 2 State Meet, Tantasqua Regional's Ryan Zahr medaled in the high jump event. Zahr's best leap of an even 6-feet earned him a tie for sixth place and 2.5 points toward the team total.

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Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

There will be women's pickup basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or mzd531@charter.net for more information. daguerreotype cameras, in

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Collecting cameras

good condition.

There has been some debate as to whether or not photographs can be considered fine art. However, there is no doubt that photographs can elicit a wide range of emotions in those who view them, just like paintings and other works of art. There are professional and amateur photographers, among others, who appreciate photography. Many collectors seek out photographs, while others who are interested in photography search for cam-

I'll share some camera history first. Britannica states that WAYNE TUISKULA the camera obscura was used by Chinese and Greeks more than

2,000 years ago. Images would be projected on the wall of a dark room. The first permanent photograph was created by French doctor Nicéphore Niépce according to the Harvard University website. In 1839 Louis Jacques Mandé Daguerre invented the daguerreotype. The process produced crisp images and became very popular. Daguerreotype cameras are scarce. Some look like wooden boxes with brass lenses mounted on the front. Others are more complex and have bellows. Auction prices can range from four to six figures for



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multiple lenses to create several images at once.

Kodak may be the most well known name in cameras but most Kodak cameras aren't very valuable. Some exceptions are Kodak matchbox spy cameras. Kodak also designed cameras designed for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts that are very collectible.

There are some cameras that are more popular with collectors. Japanese cameras by Nikon, Canon, Olympus, Minolta and Pentax are well made and sought after by collectors and photographers. Some of the rarest models can be highly valuable. A Nikon 1 camera from 1948 was reported to be the third camera body produced by the company. It was manufactured in occupied Japan during 1948 and is the earliest example known to exist. The camera brought over \$400,000 at auction in 2016

German cameras are some of the most finely crafted cameras in the world. Auction listings show that a Leica Bundeswehr M4 camera in olive green paint was one of only 31 made for the German army. It sold for over \$400,000 in 2014. Only 25 Leica O-series cameras were believed to be produced in 1923. In 2011, an auction record for a camera was reached when one sold for \$1.89 million. The next year, another went on the auction block and reached \$2.79 million. Prices like that will make you view cameras through a different lens.

We will be selling several cameras from a Holland, MA estate in our spring auction. We will also be running an estate sale February 24th and 25th in Westford, MA. I'll be appraising items for the public on March 4th from 12:00 to 3:00 at the New Braintree Town Hall for the Quaboag Historical Society. My Evaluating your Antiques class will be held at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on March 5th. Other events



are being scheduled. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com details.

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Opioids larger focus than pot

BY JERRY CARTON

The US Attorney for Massachusetts recently appointed by President Donald Trump says his office is going to focus primarily on the worsening opioid epidemic in the state, not marijuana issues.

But Andrew Lelling wouldn't promise that those involved in Massachusetts' legalized marijuana industry will never be prosecuted since pot remains illegal nationally.

'The number one enforcement priority for my office is the opioid crisis. Twentyone hundred people in Massachusetts were killed by opioid overdoses last year, not marijuana overdoses, so that is where my resources are going right now," said Lelling.

Lelling added he thinks marijuana is a dangerous drug and though voters approved launching the industry, he refused to specifically rule out prosecution. He said most federal prosecutors look at marijuana issues on a case-by-case basis, adding his Bay State predecessors usually got involved primarily when bulk importation from foreign countries was involved.

As is the case in other states where pot is legal, industry officials in Massachusetts want to know exactly what Lelling's intentions might be. That might impact Winchendon since the town was among those which voted in favor of a 2016 referendum legalizing pot and thus can be home to sales operations. Last month Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the Department of Justice was going to roll back Obama Administration policies which declined to get involved with marijuana operations in those states where it's legal.

Lelling has suggested, but wouldn't guarantee, he's likely to continue that approach. Additionally, he won't be meeting with the Cannabis Control Commission because he's not allowed to meet with state regulatory bodies.

Meanwhile, the state District Attorneys Association is asking for a pause on licensing cannabis cafes, saying suggested regulations exceed the voter-approved marijuana law and "greatly increase the risks to public safety." In a letter to the Cannabis Control

Commission, the DAs noted, "we have security concerns for these businesses, their employees and customers. Moreover, these businesses heighten our concerns relative to such issues as operating under the influence, increased marijuana access by persons under the age of 21, theft and diversion to the black market."

Proposed regulations would permit adults to use marijuana at fully licensed cafes and mixed-use facilities like the movies. Prospective home delivery rules are expected to be written as well.

The sportsmen's expo should be a real winner



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH** TRUE

This Friday Feb. 23, the OSEG Sportsmen's show at the Big-E in Springfield will open their doors at noon. The thee day event is sure to draw a large number of sportsmen this year because of the added booths with the latest in fishing gear, guides, seminars, and hunting gear etc.! The three day event is one of the highest rated shows in the Northeast. Show hours are Friday noon to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.!

If you are a waterfowl hunter you should stop by to visit Joe Judd at his booth for Quaker Boy Calls. He will also be giving a seminar on turkey hunting. Numerous big game hunters will also be at the show to give expert advice on their tactics of harvesting some trophy big game animals. Geoffrey English will also be there again this year with his waterdog show, and is pictured in this week column. For more information go to the web site at wwwoutdoorexpogroupinc.com. Hope to see you there!!

It looks as though ice fishing will stop early this year due to the recent rain and thaw. Although some ponds and lakes still have safe ice on them they need to be used with extreme caution. Lakes and ponds north & west of the valley have a bit more ice, but the warm weather predicted for this week will have a huge impact on



A Maine catch by Jerry Gareri included this monster large mouth catch and release.



Geoffrey English and his waterdog show are part of the OSEG Sportsmen's Show this year.

their ice also. Jerry Gareri of Milford headed out to his camp in Maine to do a bit of ice fishing and had a great time catching monster large mouth bass and huge brown trout. This week's second picture shows a 6 lb. 9 oz. largemouth bass he caught and released last week, along with numerous other big bass and trout.

The 2017 striped bass season in Massachusetts was about as good as it gets according to a release by the Division of Marine Fisheries this month. A surprising catch of striped bass were caught the week before Memorial Day last year with a monster 64.6 fish on May 16. The 13 minute battle earned the angler

a Mass saltwater derby winning fish. Indeed, it was a year for the books with some anglers stating it was the best strip-

er fishing in decades. On the other side of the coin were the many poachers caught with illegal fish by Massachusetts Environmental police on the banks of the Canal. Many were charged with criminal and noncriminal fines.

New interstate plan for Atlantic Menhaden: Revised Quotas, Same Reference Points, were released for this year's commercial catch. The DMF supported the fixed minimum approach for quota allocations this year. For a complete listing of the 2018 menhaden catch allocation, go to the DMF website to get the full approved Amendment 3, which will take effect in 2018. The commercial trawlers that take thousands of pounds of menhaden each year have had striper sportsmen continuously fighting to keep the trawlers away from many sections of the bays, in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters. Menhaden are a valuable resource to migrating stripers and other fish that depend on them for food. The Providence River in Rhode Island had set new regulations on the areas that the commercial netters could go to a few years back, and the sportsmen enjoyed some of the best striper fishing ever. Schools of menha-

den remained in the area

for many weeks. Did you know that softshell clams take two or three years to reach the legal size limit of two inches long in Massachusetts waters? Reproduction is determined by size not age and clams are able to reproduce at an average of 12,000 eggs annually, with some female clams reproducing when they are only 3/4 of an inch in size. Female clams will release their eggs and sperm during a spawning event which happens when environmental conditions are just right. Female clams are capable of producing up to three million eggs annually according to a recent release by the DMF. Hopefully the

clams will continue to enjoy a good life, as millions of Americans love to dine on these tasty saltwater clams, including this writer.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is planning a huge flea market for used hunting, fishing and camping equipment at the club grounds on April 29. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Mark Kuras is chairman of the event and can be contacted by calling him at (508) 234-9270.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

OBITUARIES

Rose L. Madelle, 72



STURBRIDGE-Rose L. (Kearns) Madelle, 72, formerly of Woodstock, CT, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 10th, with her only son Steven by her side after a brief struggle with cancer.

Her Husband of 43 years, Wilfred N. "Butch" Madelle, died in 2013. She leaves her son, Steven K. Madelle of Sturbridge; her two grandchildren, Madison and Evan Madelle; a sister-inlaw, Patty Madero of Florida; a brother-in-law, James Madelle, Sr. and his wife Tess of Virginia; her longtime friend, Leona Thibeault and many nieces and nephews. Rose was born in Spencer, MA on Sept. 1st 1945. She was the

daughter of the late Ernest and Marion (Mae) Kearns. Rose retired from Russell Harrington in Southbridge after many years of service. She will be deeply missed by those whom were blessed to have known her.

A graveside service for Rose will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17th at 11:00am in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers Rose's family requests that memorial donations be made to Brigham and Women's Hospital, 116 Huntington Ave., 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02116 or Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



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

Helen Podles, 94



Helen (Gressak)
Podles, age 94 ,died
Thursday, February
15, 2018 at St.Vincent
Hospital after a
period of declining
health. Her beloved
husband of almost
70 years Theodore
Podles passed in July.

Helen was born in Uxbridge, MA. She is the daughter of the late Charles and Catherine (Polacek) Gressak. Helen was the youngest of 14 children predeceased by 7 sisters and 6 brothers

She is survived by two children, Karen D'Alessandro and her husband Gary of Shrewsbury and Thomas Podles and his wife Janine of Webster and daughter in law Cynthia Podles of Sturbridge. Predeceased by a son David in 2009. She leaves seven grand children: Nicholas D'Alessandro, Julie D'Alessandro Daly, Kathleen Podles Small, Christina Podles, Thomas Podles, Jr, Gregory Podles, & Brittany Podles and 8 great grandchildren. Many Treasured Nieces and Nephews. She was employed by local tex-

tile mills, Webster Candy Co., and retired from the former Webster Lens Co. During WWII she worked at Quonset Point, R.I. painting airplane dials for the Army Air Corps. She was a communicant and a member of the Holy Rosary Sodality there.

Helen was happiest in her kitchen

cooking and baking, especially yummy pies and traditional Polish and Slovak specialties. She delighted in planning family gatherings and being surrounded by the joyful noise of family fun. She loved to dance!! She enjoyed travel with Ted in retirement, especially to Hawaii and California to visit friends and tour national parks and attractions.

Helen set an example of commitment to family, the spirit of giving, and practiced an unwavering faith in God through prayer. She was thankful to be blessed with a long and active life and expressed gratitude often for the love and many kindnesses given by family and friends, and to the Reliant medical team who provided the expert care and thoughtful attention she needed to remain active and comfortable at home. She remains in our hearts forever.

A Mass of Christian burial was held 11:00 am on Monday, February 19 at St. Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main St., Dudley, MA Burial followed in St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery Calling hours were Sunday, February 18 from 3 to 6 pm at Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. In lieu offlowers Donations to St. Andrew Bobola Church Kitchen Renovation Fund, 54 West Main St., PO Box 98, Dudley, MA 01571 or National Kidney Foundation 209 West Central St. Suite 220 Natick.MA 01760

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 24

STEPPIN' OUT: The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a Mardi Gras dance on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm (early rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Charlie Trapp and the cuer will be Margene Jervis. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Sue at (860) 576-5328 or visit our website at www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

Sunday, February 25

BUFFUMVILLE DAM: Would you like to know why the lake is lower in the winter months? Have you ever wondered what the Park Rangers do in the winter? Do you like to learn about weather and perhaps learn a little about flood water storage and protection? Then-join Park Ranger Jamie at 1:00 p.m. on the following Sundays this winter and spring: Feb. 25, March 25, April 29. Meet at the gate house doors (48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton) for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain

or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour.

Sunday, March 11

SPAY-GHETTI! Please Brimfield's Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary for their annual "Spay" ghetti Supper on Sunday, March 11. There are 2 seatings: 4:30-6:00 pm and 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Advance ticket prices: \$10/Adult; \$5/ senior 60+ and kids under 12. Ticket prices at the door are: \$15/Adult: \$10 seniors 60+ and \$5 kids under 12. Kids 5 and under eat free. Gluten free option available. Take out available at the above prices. Pickup time for take-out is 4:00-4:30pm. Tickets available by visiting www.heretodaysanctuary.org or call 413-324-8224. Location: Brimfield Congregational Church, 20 Main Street, Brimfield.

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 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.

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.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www. hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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.

Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church

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.

Local level lobby attracts activists

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD – Determined to help address a global crisis by starting at the local level, a group of area activists continues to gain membership and momentum.

At last month's meeting, the central Massachusetts chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby came together to discuss ways to advocate for change. But before they looked too far ahead to the future, members decided it was important to gain a strong sense of identity and cohesion.

"We spent a long time in introduce."

"We spent a long time in introductions, mostly what led us to become active in slowing and reversing climate change," said Gene Fry, a longtime climate researcher who heads up the central Massachusetts chapter of the organization. "The attendees represented many years of professional experience in energy and the environment."

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Members have been busy this winter

crafting letters to local and state politicians, as well as messages sent to newspaper editors to spread the message. Fry has worked with several legislators over the years, and he understands the vital link they have between local organizations and state leaders. In order for grassroots visions to have any traction on Beacon Hill, they must first gain the support of local legislators, members agree.

And Fry is hoping that chapters of Citizens Climate Lobby across the state will continue to expand to promote a common message revolving around reducing carbon in the atmosphere.

"We reviewed how the carbon fee and dividend works, and how its impact is to put more money in the pockets of low-carbon users," Fry said of the January event. "We touched on the levers of power, including in-person lobby meetings, letters to the editor and to politicians, grassroots organizing,

and grass-tops organizing."

The meeting went well beyond identifying ways to spread the message. Members also examined deeper issues that gave them insights into legislative motivations and operations, as well as how to transform an idea from vision to reality at the local and state levels.

Moreover, members discussed the importance of nonpartisanship, especially in a contentious national political climate. Organizational leaders don't want their efforts to be aligned solely with liberal or conservative viewpoints, instead striving to include all ends of the spectrum in an effort to address a global issue. Nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy is a core value found in all of the organization's chapters across the country, which focus more on promoting messages than rallying or protesting

The central Massachusetts chapter will next meet on Sunday, Feb. 18, from

2-4 p.m. at Fry's home (17 Fox Run in Brookfield). With new and returning members, Fry is hoping to see the following towns represented, as well as other central Massachusetts communities: Spencer, Brookfield, Westboro, Worcester, Sterling, Hardwick and

Meanwhile, Fry and his fellow members are looking forward to the annual northeast regional meeting of the Citizens Climate Lobby, which will take place on March 16-18 in Amherst at the University of Massachusetts campus.

The Citizens Climate Lobby is an international environmental group that includes thousands of volunteers in grassroots groups around the world. The organization currently has over 80,000 members, and new chapters continue to spring up throughout the state.

For more information about the organization, visit www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

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sponges; masking tape.
Instructions: It is important you prep the piece well so the paint layers adhere properly. Sand if needed, and remove any rust. Tape off areas with masking tape. To prime, paint surface with a good rust proofing primer. Paint item with the

als list), allow to dry.

Dab dry sponge into first green paint color, then blot off excess and dab on the object.

Don't squeeze the sponge in your hand, but hold it lightly, parallel to the surface of the

base color Bronze (see materi-

object. Apply the paint randomly to create light and dark spots. Leave some gaps. These will be filled in with the rest of the paint colors. Repeat the process with the two other colors of green. Use your brush to push paint into cracks and crevices. Let the first color dry before moving to the next. This should take about a half hour for it to dry because so little paint is used. Reapply the base coat color in spots to bring up the back ground. Let dry. Remove the tape but do not varnish for a true aged effect.

Floral Faux: This simple application results in a designer look wall that rivals expen-

sive floral wallpaper. Best of all you control how dense the pattern is. Use a few colors or just one to customize your design and achieve the desired effect.

Materials: Latex wall paint in two or more colors; a new feather duster; paint applicators such as roller, brushes, etc

Directions: Paint wall a base color in either flat or semigloss finish. Thin out latex paint with a little water. Dip tip of feather duster in water and shake off excess water. Dip end of feathers in a small amount of desired color and dab wall lightly with one color, leaving space for one or more additional colors. Use your imagination

to create a unique floral pattern for the walls.

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! ***

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 The Southbridge Evening News? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO BOX 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol. com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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objects or beads into your piece (bring vour own if vou wish). Create a lovely display piece reflecting your own style. Date: Wed, Feb 28, 7:00-9 PM Fee: \$20 supplies included. Instructor: Marcia Beal. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to reg-

Thursday, March 1

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

K9® NOSEWORK ADVANCED: K9 Nose Work® is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered from basic to advanced. (6 classes) Time: 7-8:30 PM Fee: \$145/dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

Friday, March 2

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

For information or to sign up call the Academy or visit the website

Fencing

Join in an activity that is both sport and art. Andrew Bloch's teaching style puts an emphasis on footwork and proper technique. This class is offered to students in two groups, ages 8-16 and 16 and up.

Buddies

Join Laurie Merritt as she shows you more than just the basics of dog training! "My goal is to help people understand how dogs learn." When you understand how your dog learns, you can do anything with your buddy!

K9 Nosework® Advanced

This advanced level of K9 Nosework® is perfect for those looking to compete in K9 Nosework® events. For those interested in the sport, but not yet at this level, check out trainer Laurie Merritt's K9 NoseWork® Foundation or Continuing classes.

Meal Planning for Healthy Eating Healthy eating is easy when you plan! Join organizing professional Anne Bernardin as she helps you to take control of your cabinets, pantry and refrigerator. P.S. This class is a great value at only \$15!

Divine Sleep® Yoga Nidra

Join Sharon Palmer for a relaxing evening of Divine Sleep®! Start off with a brief yoga experience and then lay down and get comfortable as you listen to guided meditations that will lead you into "Yoga Nidra" a state of deep relaxation.

UPCOMING EVENTS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

FOUNDATIONS FAMILY Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2018. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

VIOLIN/VIOLA WITH LINDA: Ongoing private violin or viola lessons offered by Linda Day. Linda enjoys teaching all ages and levels and offers a variety of musical styles to suit the interests of her students. Please note, children ages 5-7 must be accompanied by an adult and you must fill out a consent form for students under 18. (6 classes) Time: ½ hour lessons scheduled between 2 and 6 PM. Fee: \$148 Instructor: Linda Day. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Back on Track: Each year, over 158 million Americans make a decision to participate in a time-honored event, the New Year's Resolution; however; 92% will not reach their goal. It's a process that begins with self-reflection, followed by a strategic plan of action! Join resilience strategist Rita Schiano to uncover the habits that got you off your New Year's Resolutions track so you, too, can be of the 8% who succeed! Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$20 Instructor: Rita Schiano, author: Live a Flourishing Life. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally without instruction. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will Donations are welcome. Time: 9-11:30AM Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 for more information.

CAKE DECORATING FOR THE SEASON: Valentine's Sweetie Cake: Come have fun and leave with a decorated cake while learning and/or practicing detailed decorating skills! Learn how to level, torte, fill, and decorate a golden 6" Cake with raspberry mousse filling with a Sweet Valentine Face. Appropriate for adults but ages 8 and up are welcome, too! Students under 18 must complete a consent form prior to the start of class. Time: 6:00-8:00 PM Fee: \$27/participant, Instructor: Susan Gaulin, Certified Wilton Instructor. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to reg-

ZUMBA® with KAREN: New Instructor! A fusion of Latin & International music/dance themes create a dynamic, exciting and based on the principles that a workout should be "FUN AND EASY TO DO". The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast & slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. (6 classes) Dates: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee: \$42 Instructor: Karen Larsen. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

WATERCOLORS WITH BETH: Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every 3 weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. Time: 9:30 AM-12 PM Fee: \$17 per week plus supplies. Instructor: Beth Parys. For information and to register, call Beth at 413-245-3295.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

BRAIN GYM®: Introduction: Brain Gym® is a movement-based educational experience which promotes communication between the brain & the rest of the body. New neural pathways grow when we move with intention. As founder Paul Dennison states, "Movement is the door to learning." Come learn some basics about Brain Gym® and go home with a few easy, self-help movements as tools to optimize your daily performance in just minutes of use each day. Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Fee: \$15 per person or \$20 age 6-12 youth+adult teams. Instructor: Linda Fuchs, Certified Brain Gym® Instructor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

K9® NOSEWORK: K9 Nose Work® is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Explore a new hobby with your best friend or improve on you and your friend's current knowledge! Progressive training levels offered from basic to advanced. (6 classes)

Times:

K9 Nose Work® Foundation: 12-1:30

K9 Nose Work® Continuing: 10:30

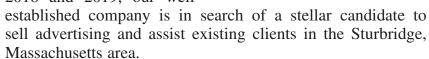
a.m.-12 p.m. K9 Nose Work® Advanced: 9-10:30

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Why—And How—To 'Heart' Your Kidneys, Every Day



Angelica Hale, National Kidney Foundation Kid Ambassador, transplant recipient, and "America's Got Talent" runner-up.

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Many people don't know it, but when your kidneys stop working, so do you. Your kidneys are as essential to life as other vital organs, such as your heart. Kidney healthy is also heart healthy, so when you "Heart Your Kidneys," you also show love for your heart. That's because the No. 1 cause of death in people with kidney disease is heart disease.

The Problem More than 30 million American adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease, and most are unaware of it. One in three American adults is at risk for chronic kidney disease. It's the ninth leading cause of death in the U.S., and growing in prevalence. For many people, dialysis or a transplant is needed just to

stay alive. What To Watch For

Risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and a family history of kidney failure. People of African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander descent are at increased risk for developing the disease. African Americans are three times more likely than whites, and Hispanics are nearly 1½ times more likely than non-Hispanics, to develop end-stage renal disease, also known as kidney failure.

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) urges everyone with risk factors to speak with their doctor about taking the two simple tests, blood and urine, to check for kidney health. And if you don't have major risk factors for chronic kidney disease, you should still discuss your kidney health with your doctor. Even if you inherit kidney disease, you may be able to slow its progression with lifestyle changes. You can join the conversation on social media and post

#HeartYourKidneys. NKF is the largest, most comprehensive and long-standing organization dedicated to the awareness. prevention and treatment of kidney dis-

What To Do About It

On World Kidney Day, March 8, throughout March—National Kidney Month-and at any time of year, NKF says, all Americans should "Heart Your Kidneys" by following some simple tips.

"Eat right, exercise, drink water, and keep your kidneys healthy, because whatever you're good at, there's only one you," says 10-year-old "America's Got Talent" singer, kidney transplant recipient, and first-ever NKF Kid Ambassador Angelica Hale in a new "Heart Your Kidneys" video public service announce-

At age 4, Angelica's kidneys failed. Her mother, Eva Hale, donated one of her own kidneys to her daughter to save her life. Today, both mother and daughter are healthy. Angelica has also become NKF's newest kidney advocate on Capitol Hill at the Kidney Patient Summit in Washington, D.C., by supporting NKF legislative priorities.

Fast Kidney Facts

Your kidneys are located in the back just below your rib cage. Each of your kidneys is about

the size of your fist. The kidneys' major function is

to remove waste products and excess fluid from the body.

Kidney disease usually affects both kidneys.

Nearly 100,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for a kidney transplant.

Learn More For more information about kidney

health, visit www.kidney.org.

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It's time to break out the seeds and potting mix to start your garden plants indoors. It's a great way to keep your green thumb in shape over winter. Plus, you'll save money, increase your variety of plants and jump start the growing season when you start seeds under LED grow lights.

Indoor growing conditions often offer limited light and that can mean tall leggy transplants with weak stems. You can greatly increase your success by investing in quality grow lights. Adding artificial light to your seed starting regime results in stout transplants with strong stems and deep green leaves.

Invest wisely when shopping for indoor plant lights. Fluorescent tubes used to be the standard because they provided a wide spectrum of light needed for plant growth and flowering, were relatively inexpensive and readily available. Unfortunately, they used significant amounts of electrici-

ty and needed to be replaced every few years. Then many gardeners shifted to full spectrum fluorescent grow lights. Many last longer than the older and larger fluorescent tubes, but new LED grow lights (gardeners.com) provide even better light intensity with much less energy.

If you've looked at LED lights in the past, you may have suffered sticker shock. Fortunately, the prices have dropped. And if you consider LED plant lights typically use half the energy of fluorescent tubes, provide consistent light quality and last up to five times longer, the long-term savings outweighs the initial investment. Plus, they're mercury-free and won't add contaminates to landfills.

When replacing fluorescent tubes with LED grow lights, look for compatibility. Some of the newer LED grow lights are compatible with existing T-5 light setups. You just replace the bulb, not your whole lighting system.

You will get the most out of your investment and grow better transplants with proper use. Move seedlings under lights as soon as they start breaking through the soil surface. Keep the lights about six inches above the top of seedlings. This means you'll need





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From a shelf system to a table top, LED grow lights provide greater light intensity, making it easier to grow strong transplants for your gardens and containers.

to raise the lights or lower the plants as the seedlings grow. Make your own light stand using adjustable supports to raise and lower lights as needed. Use a reflector above grow light tubes to direct the light downward toward the plants. Bounce light back onto seedlings by using reflective surfaces under and around the plants. Even easier, invest in a quality grow light stand like the SunLite® Garden.

Set the lights on a timer. Seedlings need about 14 to 16 hours of light. Plants do need

a dark period, so running the lights longer wastes electricity and is not good for the plants. If you are using grow lights to supplement natural daylight, you may only need to run the lights a few hours a day. Monitor plant growth and increase the duration if plants appear leggy or pale.

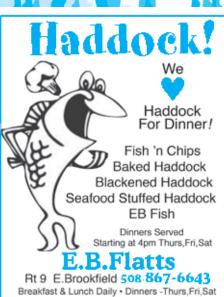
Increased light along with proper watering, fertilizer and growing temperatures will ensure you have a bumper crop of transplants for your gardens and containers.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" DVD set 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 Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Myers's web site is www.melindamvers.com.

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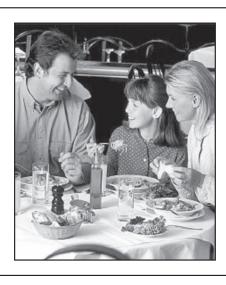
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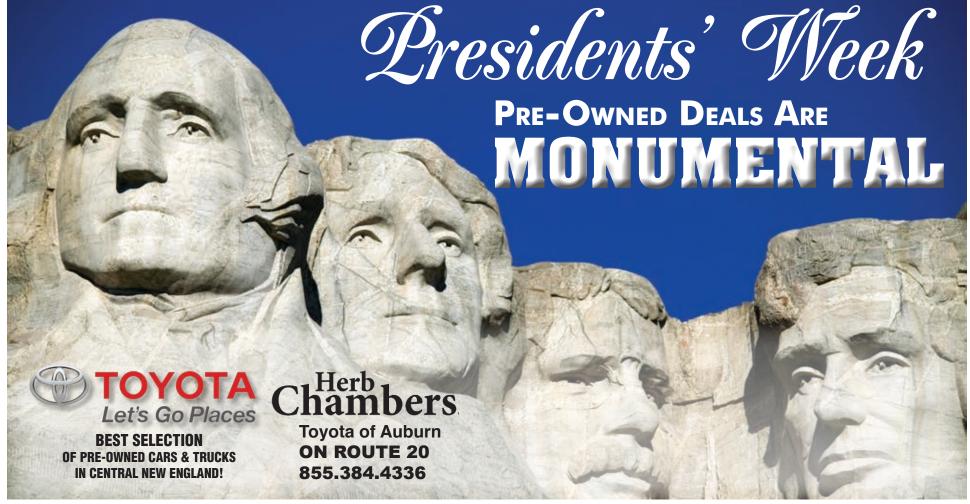
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WEBSTER – 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 64 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! Applianced Eat-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Lir Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Baths! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel Drs! 2Z Oil Heat! Furnaces 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! \$219,900.00



NEW LISTING

ON DEPOSIT

AUBURN - 5 Pinedale Rd! Updated 7

Rm, 4 Bdrm Cape! Appliance Cabinet Kit! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwds! NEW 20x22 Liv

Rm out to 14x20 Deck! 1st Flr 2 Bdrms

Laminate Flrs! Recent Full Bath! 2nd Fl

w/2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Laundry w

\$222,900.00

Unit D! Contemp 5 Rm 2 Bdrm Townhouse Condo! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Dining Area! Sunken Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck &



Rms! 3/3/3 Bdrms! Excellent Investment or from #122! Fantastic 2.72 Acre Lot with Owner Occupied! Ouiet Side Street! Easy 300' of Road Frontage! Area of Nice Owner Occupied! Quiet Side Street! Easy Access! Off Street Parking! Large Eat-in Kits w/Gallev/Pantry, Formal Dining & Liv in Basement! \$259,000.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Pano Lake Views Most Rms! Open Flr Plan!



WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! WESTER LAKE – 334 Killdeer Island!
Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained
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WEBSTER LAKE – 3 Lakeview Rd!
Middle Pond – Reid Smith Covel Ideal
Summer or Yr Round! Western Expo
– Beautiful Sunsests I & Rm Anach! New
Quartz & Stainless Kit! 3 Remodeled
Bdrms! 2 New Baths – Master Bath!
Tile & Hrdwds! Prplc! Oil Heat! Unique
Waterfront! \$575,000.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront Townhouse! 6Rms! 1,874*1 Open Floor Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/ Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent CAir, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! \$424.900.00



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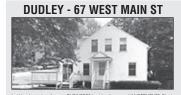


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WEBSTER - 6 BOYDEN ST EXT

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WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST



me home to this Huge, Sprawling, Custom Built, Very Attractive, Ranch Home! No Kidding - there is 2.848 SF+/- of Living Area on One Level Meander on up the curved brick walkway and open the door to a very unique and private property! Half acrey-! level lot! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, a poolside cabana w/kitchen & full bath, Gated driveway! Huge carport/pavilion for

WEBSTER - 24 STEPHEN DR



THOMPSON - 12 OAKWOOD DR



kept Ranch! 3 generous size bedrooms! Large living room with Bow Window, eat in kitchen. Oversized carport! Level fenced yard! Forced hot water by oil! Large shed! \$192,500

WEBSTER - 13 MORRIS

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THOMPSON - 57 HIGHLAND DR



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EAST LYME CT - 27 HOLMES RD.



rooms upstairs!Master w/vaulted ceiling! Upgraded bath! Hardwoods! Porcelain tile! New baths upstairs. Large deck overlooking beautiful level yard and professional landscape, blue stone patio W/ fire pit. Buderus heating system and assisted sale \$ 289,900.

WEBSTER - 1195 SCHOOL ST



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Oxford - 4 Leicester St., 8.47 acres, mostly cleared

Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! \$99,900.

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WEBSTER LAKE - 7 CEDAR DR



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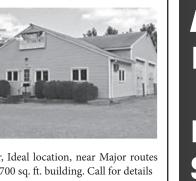
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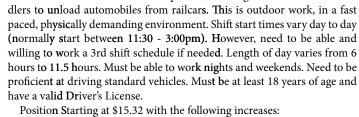
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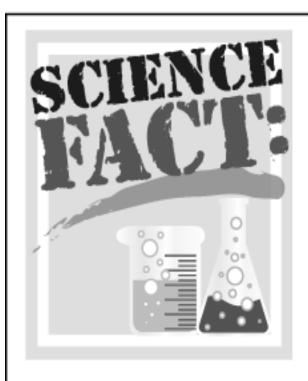
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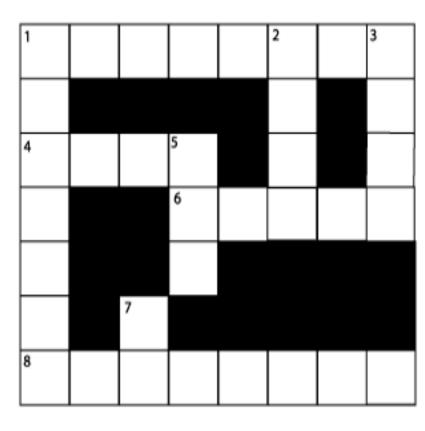




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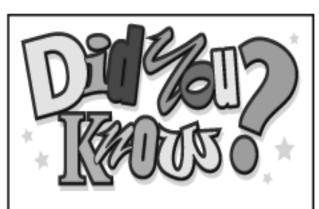
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HEALTH

Facing a Serious Health Condition—Stories of Strength and Life with a Rare Lung Disease

Being diagnosed with a serious disease can be devastating. That's how Nick, 72, felt when he discovered he has a rare and severe lung condition called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, or IPF. Ginger, 68, said learning she has IPF was the scariest time of her life.

Chronic diseases such as IPF—which causes permanent scarring to the lungs, making breathing difficult—have an emotional impact in addition to the physical limitations they may cause. Caregivers and other loved ones share the burden too. It isn't easy to adjust to the "new normal" of life with a serious health condition, whether it affects you or someone you are caring for, but learning how to manage the condition can empower you or your loved one to face the chal-

To encourage others with serious health conditions to take action in managing their diseases, Nick, Ginger and their families and friends share their stories of strength and support in facing IPF on www.aarp. org/ipf. Here are some of the lessons they've

learned in their journeys:

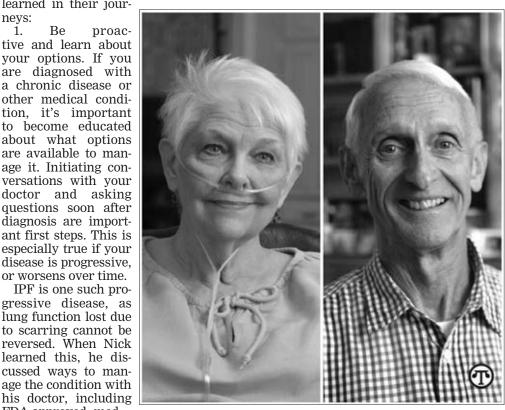
proactive and learn about your options. If you are diagnosed with a chronic disease or other medical condition, it's important to become educated about what options are available to manage it. Initiating conversations with your doctor and asking questions soon after diagnosis are important first steps. This is

or worsens over time. IPF is one such progressive disease, as lung function lost due to scarring cannot be reversed. When Nick learned this, he discussed ways to manage the condition with his doctor, including icines and a pulmo-

disease is progressive,

nary rehabilitation program, which can help ease symptoms of breathlessness.

"Through pulmonary rehab, I've learned how to recognize the signs of my oxygen level dropping and how to breathe efficiently, and those two things have made a big difference," Nick says.



FDA-approved med- Ginger and Nick are living with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).

In addition to participating in pulmonary rehab, Ginger learned about the importance of using oxygen therapy during day-to-day activities to help manage her

If you are living with a serious health condition, it's important to manage your symptoms and also discuss recommended lifestyle changes with your doctor that may help you be healthier overall, such as adjusting your diet and quitting smoking.

Seek out and lean on your support system. Support groups

nity to connect with others with similar experiences, and the mental and emotional support they offer helps people develop a more resilient mindset. You can find online or in-person IPF support groups on the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation's website at www.pulmonaryfi-

brosis.org/life-with-

pf/support-groups.

Nick and Ginger have also found comfort in leaning on their loved ones during difficult times. For Ginger, it's her son Kenny, daughter-in-law Megan and many dear friends. For Nick, it's his wife Barbara, his children and his community. where he taught and coached at the local high school for 39

"The love of my wife and family reminds me that, despite the challenges, life is good, and there are too many moments of joy to be thankful for. They remind me to do everything I can do to stay on the right track with my health and keep moving forward," says

3. Focus on the present and make the most of everyday moments. Feeling down in the face of a chronic disease is understandable, but living in the present instead of fearing the future or dwelling on the past may help you appreciate the everyday moments that make you

Nick says he focuses on what he can do instead of what he can't. He may not be able to go for runs anymore but he can still enjoy walks around a nearby lake and being outside.

Ginger finds strength through time and laughter with family and friends. "I want to continue being a good mom and a good grandma. I love to laugh and I want my loved ones to know I'm happy even though I have IPF. I fight for my family. They're my world," she

says. Learn More

For additional information about IPF and to watch videos of Nick, Ginger and their loved ones, visit www.aarp.org/

Keep Your Brain Fit



A hearing health checkup may be your best defense against cognitive decline.

(NAPS)

While many strategies for "healthy aging" exist, recent evidence points to the important role of hearing health in maintaining quality of life long-term.

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A study Journal of the American

Geriatrics Society found that people with hearing loss who wear hearing aids had the same risk for age-related cognitive decline as people without hearing loss. When you actively use hearing aids, you are more likely to stay socially engaged, one of the primary ways to stimulate your brain. Like any exercise, the mental give-and-take of social interaction helps to keep your brain fit and slows down accelerated cognitive decline.

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Why—And How—To 'Heart' Your Kidneys, Every Day



Angelica Hale, National Kidney Foundation Kid Ambassador, transplant recipient, and "America's Got Talent" runner-up.

(NAPS)

Many people don't know it, but when your kidneys stop working, so do you. Your kidneys are as essential to life as other vital organs, such as your heart. Kidney healthy is also heart healthy, so when you "Heart Your Kidneys." you also show love for your heart. That's because the No. 1 cause of death in people with kidney disease is heart disease.

The Problem

More than 30 million American adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease, and most are unaware of it. One in three American adults is at risk for chronic kidney disease. It's the ninth leading cause of death in the U.S., and growing in prevalence. For many people, dialysis or a transplant is needed just to stay alive.

What To Watch For

Risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, and a family history of kidney failure. People of African American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian or Pacific Islander descent are at increased risk for developing the disease. African Americans are three times more likely than whites, and Hispanics are nearly 1½ times more likely than non-Hispanics, to develop end-stage renal disease, also known as kidney failure.

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) urges everyone with risk factors to speak with their doctor about taking the two simple tests, blood and urine, to check for kidney health. And if vou don't have major risk factors for chronic kidney disease, you should still discuss your kidney health with your doctor. Even if you inherit kidney disease, you may be able to slow its progression with lifestyle changes. You can

join the conversation on social media and post #HeartYourKidneys. NKF is the largest, most comprehensive and long-standing organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treat-

ment of kidney disease. What To Do About It

On World Kidney Day, March 8, throughout March—National Kidney Month—and at any time of year, NKF says, all Americans should "Heart Your Kidneys" by following some simple tips.

'Eat right, exercise, drink water, and keep your kidneys healthy, because whatever you're good at, there's only one you," says 10-year-old "America's Got Talent" singer, kidney transplant recipient, and first-ever NKF Kid Ambassador Angelica Hale in a new 'Heart Your Kidneys" video public service announcement.

At age 4, Angelica's kidneys failed. Her mother, Eva Hale, donated one of her own kidneys to her daughter to save her life. Today, both mother and daughter are healthy. Angelica has also become NKF's newest kidney advocate on Capitol Hill at the Kidney Patient Summit in Washington, D.C., by supporting NKF legislative priorities.

Fast Kidney Facts Your kidneys are located in the

back just below your rib cage. Each of your kidneys is about

the size of your fist. The kidneys' major function is to remove waste products and excess

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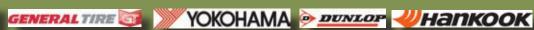
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