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Southwick Regional School teacher surprised with award

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
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SOUTHWICK – The Southwick Regional School marching band took to the school’s hallways Feb. 10 to honor English Language Arts teacher Darrel Grant.

The band played “YMCA” as it circled the center hallway before parading into Grant’s classroom where Superintendent Jennifer Willard surprised him with a Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award, a program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Grant said he was overwhelmed when the band, and his wife and two of his children, entered his classroom. “I’m humbled,” said the 22-year teaching veteran. “It’s

nice to be recognized by the people you work with.”

Several of Grant’s colleagues nominated him for the award, which includes a cash prize, opportunity to apply for a selective Classroom Innovator Prize to bring project-based learning to the classroom, an award plaque, course tuition at a participating college or university, one year membership to WGBY and membership for a limited time at a participating YMCA and the Springfield Jewish Community Center. Grant will also be included in an awards banquet for teachers across the Pioneer Valley.

Willard said Grant goes “above and beyond” the call of duty for his students, co-workers and families.

“He establishes great rela-

tionships with his students and they do more for him and really work hard,” Grant said.

Teacher Rachel Barr said Grant deserves the recognition.

“He collaborates and is ready to learn,” she said.

Ali Anderson, department chair, agreed.

“He’s supportive of his colleagues and kind and gentle with students,” Anderson said. “And he is an innovative and critical thinker.”

Principal Joseph Turmel said Grant is “beloved by students, teachers and administrators alike.”

“He’s a support for everybody in the building,” he said. “He will do anything for the betterment of his students.”

Grant’s ability to connect with students was touted by

those who nominated him. Grant said, having insight into his student’s lives helps him connect with them. His secret to his insight is that he listens.

“I listen to them,” he said, “You listen to them and what they’re doing and what they’re listening to. If you can make it relevant, they can pull more out of it.”

Grant has taught grade 7 and 8 at the Regional School for the past six years and previously taught at the Granville School. He has his certificate in administration and would consider shifting gears at some point, but for now, he wants to stay connected with his students in the classroom.

“Right now, I love coming to class,” he said, noting that after more than two decades



Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional Schools Superintendent Jennifer Willard and Southwick Regional School Principal Joseph Turmel, at right, surprise teacher Darrel Grant with a Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award Feb. 10, 2020. (HOPE E. TREMBLAY/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

in the classroom, some things have changed, but some remain the same.

“At the end of the day, kids are kids and you have to keep your sense of humor and enjoy

these moments with them.”

A second teacher in the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District will also be surprised with the award another day.

Great, great grandson of Pioneer Dairy founder plans to bring back the fudgesicles

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Assistant Managing Editor
SOUTHWICK – Growing up, Pioneer Dairy fudgesicles were a big part of Zack Colson’s life.

Colson’s great, great grandfather Charles Nutter started the business known for its milk, ice-cream and especially for its fudgesicles.

When the Dairy closed its Feeding Hills Road doors in 2004, Colson had a dream to bring back the chocolatey treat that was a mainstay not only for him, but for people across the region.

Now, Colson, a construction estimator full-time, is ready to bring them back and is seeking donations through a Kickstarter fund to help him get started.

“I really started to pursue it about five years ago right after my oldest turned one,” Colson said. “Per the pediatrician, that’s when toddlers can start eating chocolate. The little guy took to chocolate milk like bees to honey. I

remember thinking ‘I have got to make this guy a fudgesicle somehow, he’s going to love it.’”

Colson began trying to recreate the original recipe in his Agawam home. He said it took four or five tries to get it just right, even with his family’s treasured recipe.

“The trick was hunting down the ingredients and proportionately scaling down the recipe and process for tiny tests batches,” he said.

Colson said it took some time to convince his father to give up the coveted recipe.

“It probably would have been easier to get struck by lightning while playing hopscotch with Bigfoot than it was to get my Dad to share the trade secret with me,” he joked. “After two-plus years of asking (aka begging) on a very regular basis, he finally agreed to share it with me, with the condition that I swear to secrecy and agree to guard it with my life.”

Colson’s goal is to raise \$30,000 via Kickstarter.com



Zack Colson with his wife Crystal and sons Jacob, 4 and Lucas, 5. (ZACK COLSON PHOTO)

(search under Pioneer Dairy Fudgesicle).

“I know that it’s a pretty high number but, to do this right it’s going to take the right equipment, and unfortunately it is not cheap,” he said. “The big ticket items needed are a popsicle machine, freezer, small homogenizer, heating and cooling tanks, package equipment, and other pertinent items and fees associated with this type of business.”

Colson said he has “a million memories of Pioneer Dairy and the friends and family that worked there.”

“It was my number one destination since I learned to

cross the street.” He said. “I was very fortunate to grow up with it and to have had the opportunity to work there from a young age. Also, as a kid, the perks of having an ice cream factory in the family were enough to make Willy Wonka jealous, but I am hands down most thankful for the lessons learned from everyone involved along the way.”

Colson recalled being young enough to just barely open the freezer. He said he could back up to the milk cooler and take a leap to the edge of the freezer.

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Artists join forces with poets for writing experience

By LORI SZEPELAK
Correspondent
WESTFIELD—Two artists are sharing their works of art in the hope of stimulating written words for “round 2” of the Westfield Community Poetry Experience.

This month’s open mic event, slated Feb. 11 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Hutghi’s at The Nook on Franklin Street, is the second in a series of four poetry open mic events leading up to the April celebration of National Poetry Month.

“The Community Poetry Experience, an offshoot of the Westfield Poetry Trail and Images & Words poetry events in 2018 and 2019, builds on the success of those previous poetry experiences with the objective of further exploring and sharing with the community the special intensity and expressiveness of feelings and ideas of poetry, and to promote local writers and poets from the Westfield area,” said Bill Westerlind, president of ArtWorks of Westfield.

The first event was conducted in late January at Blue Umbrella Books, and on March 21 at 10 a.m., the third open mic is planned at the



Olver Transit Pavilion. The culmination of the Community Poetry Experience tour is April 18 at 10 a.m. at Blue Umbrella Books.

Westerlind, the principal driver of the poetry open mic series, is also working behind the scenes on the events with Shamiya Marty, a Westfield poet and member of the WhipCity Wordsmiths writing group, and Tara Dasso, a Western Massachusetts poet and photographer and founder of the Write-Up Springfield writers group.

“Poetry is a very different experience relative to other literary platforms,” said Westerlind, adding, “its expressiveness and often intense emotional and personal content makes for some very engaging listening and sharing.”

Westerlind noted even if someone does not consider themselves a poet, anyone can write poetry.

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Students demonstrate spelling skills

By AMY PORTER
Staff Writer
WESTFIELD – Fifteen fifth grade students, the top spellers in the Words with Friends classroom competition at Westfield Intermediate School, competed for the top prize on Devers Stage at Westfield State University on Feb. 5.

“What a special night! The encouragement students gave one another during this tense competition was an incredible example to all,” said Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Coordinator Tina

Macy about the event. VIPS coordinated the competition, which lasted an hour and fifteen minutes, and was sponsored by the University’s Circle K Club and the Kiwanis Club.

At the end of the evening, first place winner was Nathaniel Smith; second place went to Amy Mogan; and third place to Aida Nagle. The trophy will be engraved with Smith’s name, and reside in his teacher Danielle Scherban’s homeroom for the year.

Westfield Intermediate

School Principal Katherine Bourque said that this class of students had competed last year as fourth graders from the individual elementary schools, although the winners were not necessarily the same students. Due to redistricting, they had kept the competition in the elementary schools for one year. From this point forward, the competition will be among fifth graders, as it had been previously.

Bourque said she was proud of the sportsmanship of all the students, who high-fived each other on the way

to the microphone when the students spelled their words correctly. “Nathaniel was a big part of that,” Bourque said.

“Overall, it was my first time being part of the spelling bee. I was very pleased with the effort and the supportive nature of the event. It was really evident that they had been studying,” Bourque added.

“Congratulations to all the competitors who bravely put their skills to the test in front of a large audience,” Macy said.



Judges pose with top three finalists at Words with Friends (L-R): Bob Plasse, George Delisle, third place finisher Aida Nagle, first place, Nathaniel Smith, second place Amy Mogan, Emcee Adam Wright and Leslie Stauffer. (WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO)



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Love was in the air the afternoon of Feb. 8 during the Valentine's Party at Stanton Hall in Huntington. Guests danced to the music of Old Country Road. (LEO PILARES PHOTO)



Beverly and Dave Bishop, Westfield, spend a nice afternoon together at the Valentine's party Saturday at Stanton Hall.



Residents of Hampden Village: Gene Paulsen, Betty Paulsen, Karl Lawson, Marie Boccasile, and Tom Lawson, enjoy each other's company at the Valentine Party.

COURT LOGS

Westfield District Court
Monday, Feb. 3, 2020
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020
Herbert J. Lafountain, 48, of 63 Ohio Ave., Apt., 2, Chicopee, was released on his personal recognizance pending a March 24 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery brought by Westfield police.
Dakota G. Avery, 23, of 6

Sackett St., Apt. C, Westfield, was released on his personal recognizance pending an April 1 hearing after he was arraigned on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon brought by Westfield police.
Johnny L. Hundley, 19, of 403 College Highway, Southwick, was released on \$50 cash bail pending a March 3 hearing after he was

arraigned on two charges of assault and battery and a charge of intimidation of a witness brought by Southwick police.
Michael D. Markvart, 49, of 1 Chapman St., Southwick, pleaded guilty to charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, intimidating a police officer, resisting arrest and assault brought by Southwick police

and was sentenced to four concurrent six month terms in the house of correction, suspended, with probation for one year. He was assessed \$50 and a charge of assault was not prosecuted.
Michele L. Churchill, 35, of 126 Union St., Apt. 409, Westfield, submitted to facts sufficient to warrant guilty findings for charges of malicious damage to a motor

vehicle and assault and battery brought by Southwick police and the charges were continued without a finding with probation for nine months. She was assessed \$50. In a second case also brought against **Churchill** by Southwick police, a charge of criminal harassment was dismissed at the request of the Commonwealth.
Joan Rivera, 33, of 556

Page Blvd., Apt. 1, Springfield, was found to be responsible for a charge of speeding at a rate exceeding the posted limit brought by Westfield police and was assessed \$105. A charge operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license was ordered to be dismissed upon payment of court costs of \$100 within a month.

POLICE LOGS

WESTFIELD
Major crime and incident report
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020
11:09 a.m.: identity fraud, Bates Road, a resident came to the station to complain that his identity was fraudulently used

in a traffic violation in Florida and now his Massachusetts driver's license is affected, the responding officer reports the complainant said that he has never been to Florida, an incident report was completed for the victim to use while deal-

ing with the Registry of Motor Vehicles;
1:25 p.m.: found property, Franklin Street, a patrol officer reports he located a black mountain bike which had apparently been abandoned in a Franklin Street parking lot,

the officer reports the owner could not be determined and the bike was transported to the station for safe keeping;
5:33p.m.: accident, Southampton Road, multiple callers report a two-car head-on crash, dual response dis-

patched, the responding officers report one operator was found be deceased and the other was transported to Baystate Medical Center, the roadway was closed and traffic was detoured via Apremont Way until 11:03 p.m. while

investigators from the city and state police began their investigation, both vehicles were towed to the police impound yard, see story in the Thursday, Feb. 6 edition of *The Westfield News*.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

TUES., FEB. 11 2020 IS THE 42ND DAY OF THE YEAR. 324 DAYS REMAIN UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

ON THIS DAY
1534 – Henry VIII of England is recognized as supreme head of the Church of England.
1626 – Emperor Susenyos I of Ethiopia and Patriarch Afonso Mendes declare the primacy of the Roman See over the Ethiopian Church, and Catholicism to be the state religion of Ethiopia.
1659 – The assault on Copenhagen by Swedish forces is beaten back with heavy losses.
1790 – The Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers, petitions U.S. Congress for the abolition of slavery.
1794 – First session of United States Senate opens to the public.
1808 – Jesse Fell burns anthracite on an open grate as an experiment in heating homes with coal.
1812 – Massachusetts governor Elbridge Gerry is accused of "gerrymandering" for the first time.
1823 – Carnival tragedy of 1823: About 110 boys are killed during a stampede at the Convent of the Minori Osservanti in Valletta, Malta.
1826 – University College London is founded as University of London.
1840 – Gaetano Donizetti's opera La fille du régiment receives its first performance in Paris, France.
1843 – Giuseppe Verdi's opera I Lombardi alla prima

crociata receives its first performance in Milan, Italy.
1855 – Kassa Hailu is crowned Tewodros II, Emperor of Ethiopia, by Abuna Salama III in a ceremony at the church of Derasge Maryam.
1856 – The Kingdom of Awadh is annexed by the British East India Company and Wajid Ali Shah, the king of Awadh, is imprisoned and later exiled to Calcutta.
1858 – Bernadette Soubirous's first vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes, France.
1861 – American Civil War: The United States House of Representatives unanimously passes a resolution guaranteeing noninterference with slavery in any state.
1873 – King Amadeo I of Spain abdicates.
1889 – Meiji Constitution of Japan is adopted; the first National Diet convenes in 1890.
1903 – Anton Bruckner's 9th Symphony receives its first performance in Vienna, Austria.
1906 – Pope Pius X publishes the encyclical Vehementer Nos.
1919 – Friedrich Ebert (SPD), is elected President of Germany.
1929 – Kingdom of Italy and the Vatican sign the Lateran Treaty.
1937 – The Flint sit-down strike ends when General Motors recognizes the United Auto Workers trade union.

1938 – BBC Television produces the world's first ever science fiction television program, an adaptation of a section of the Karel Capek play R.U.R., that coined the term "robot".
1939 – A Lockheed P-38 Lightning flies from California to New York in seven hours two minutes.
1942 – World War II: The Battle of Bukit Timah is fought in Singapore.
1943 – World War II: General Dwight D. Eisenhower is selected to command the allied armies in Europe.
1953 – Cold War: U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower denies all appeals for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.
1953 – The Soviet Union breaks off diplomatic relations with Israel.
1959 – The Federation of Arab Emirates of the South, which will later become South Yemen, is created as a protectorate of the United Kingdom.
1964 – Greeks and Turks begin fighting in Limassol, Cyprus.
1971 – Cold War: Eighty-seven countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, and Soviet Union, sign the Seabed Arms Control Treaty outlawing nuclear weapons on the ocean floor in international waters.
1973 – Vietnam War: First release of American prisoners of war from Vietnam takes place.
1978 – Censorship:

China lifts a ban on works by Aristotle, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.
1979 – The Iranian Revolution establishes an Islamic theocracy under the leadership of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.
1981 – Around 100,000 US gallons (380 m3) of radioactive coolant leak into the containment building of TVA Sequoyah 1 nuclear plant in Tennessee, contaminating eight workers.
1990 – Nelson Mandela is released from Victor Verster Prison outside Cape Town, South Africa after 27 years as a political prisoner.
1990 – Buster Douglas, a 42:1 underdog, knocks out Mike Tyson in ten rounds at Tokyo to win boxing's world Heavyweight title.
1997 – Space Shuttle Discovery is launched on a mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope.
1999 – Pluto crosses Neptune's orbit, ending a nearly 20-year period (since 1979) when it was closer to the Sun than the gas giant; Pluto is not expected to interact with Neptune's orbit for another 228 years.
2001 – A Dutch programmer launched the Anna Kournikova virus infecting millions of emails via a trick photo of the tennis star.
2006 – U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney shot Harry Whittington, a 78-year-old Texas attorney,

while participating in a quail hunt on a ranch in Riviera, Texas.
2008 – Rebel East Timorese soldiers seriously wound President José Ramos-Horta. Rebel leader Alfredo Reinado is killed in the attack.
2011 – Arab Spring: The first wave of the Egyptian revolution culminates in the resignation of Hosni Mubarak and the transfer of power to the Supreme Military Council after 18 days of protests.
2013 – The Vatican confirmed that Pope Benedict XVI would resign the papacy on 28 February 2013, as a result of his advanced age.
2014 – A military transport plane crashes in a mountainous area of Oum El Bouaghi Province in eastern Algeria, killing 77 people.
2015 – A university student was murdered as she resisted an attempted rape in Turkey, sparking nationwide protests and public outcry against harassment and violence against women.
2016 – A man shoots six people dead at an education center in Jizan Province, Saudi Arabia.
2017 – North Korea test fires a ballistic missile across the Sea of Japan.
2018 – Saratov Airlines Flight 703 crashes near Moscow, Russia. All 71 people on board die.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
1921 – Lloyd Bentsen, American colonel and politician, 69th United States Secretary of the Treasury (d. 2006)
1925 – Virginia E. Johnson, American psychologist and academic (d. 2013)
1925 – Kim Stanley, American actress (d. 2001)
1926 – Leslie Nielsen, Canadian-American actor and producer (d. 2010)
1934 – Tina Louise, American actress and singer
1962 – Sheryl Crow, American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and actress
1964 – Sarah Palin, American journalist and politician, 9th Governor of Alaska
1964 – Ken Shamrock, American martial artist and wrestler
1967 – Hank Gathers, American basketball player (d. 1990)
1969 – Jennifer Aniston, American actress and producer
1973 – Hernandez, American wrestler and promoter
1975 – Andy Lally, American race car driver
1976 – Peter Hayes, U.S. singer and guitarist
1984 – Aubrey O'Day, American singer-songwriter, dancer, and actress

Fudgesicles

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“From there I could hang over the side, balance at the waist and reeeaaaacchhh down into the bottom of the cooler to retrieve fudgesicles for me and my brother,” he said. “A whole lot of effort, but in the end totally worth it. I guess that’s what I am doing again now — taking a leap and reaching towards the goal of fudgesicles, however it’s in a way taller freezer, and I need a boost to get there so i can bring it back for everyone again.”

Colson said he is in the very early stages of making the fudgesicle business a reality. He hopes the Kickstarter fund will help “open doors” for him as far as where and when he can begin producing Southwick’s famous fudgesicles.

Colson has contacted the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center about renting a commercial kitchen. “I will most likely get things started there or somewhere similar that’s closer to home. A long-range goal/dream would be to eventually bring the operation back to the original property, get my dad and uncle back into it and rebuild,” he said.

Colson said legend has it that in Nutter’s early years in business, he “used to let a couple of ‘Friendly’ brothers use the ice cream equipment at night, as long as they put it

back the way they found it. I’m not sure if the legend is true, or if that’s even possible in today’s business world, but if one of the local small dairy production plants and/or ice cream makers, with the right equipment, would let me moonlight at their facility that would be a tremendous leg up.”

Colson said he has had a lot of positive response so far.

“I want to relay my thanks and appreciation to all those that have commented, liked and shared my announcement on Facebook and have made a contribution toward the Kickstarter campaign,” he said. “I love reading their stories and positive comments — it’s incredibly motivating. Please continue to spread the word and I will continue to do everything in my power to get this venture going, one way or another, in time for summer.”



Lucas Colson tests out a fudgesicle. (ZACK COLSON PHOTO)



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Our Faces of Carson feature shares experiences from the perspective of Behavioral Health Network’s caregivers and program directors in helping individuals and families in our community.

Amy’s story

Almost immediately after giving birth to her daughter, Amy was visited by the Department of Children and Families and told that she was not fit to raise a child. This visit was a sobering moment for Amy, who had struggled with depression and drug addiction for years. Faced with the possibility of never seeing her daughter again, Amy decided that she needed to make a change in her mental health in order to be a better mother for her daughter— and at BHN, Amy was given that opportunity.

In the past four and a half years, Amy has taken part in several of BHN’s programs in order to better manage her mental health and substance use disorder. The Partial Hospitalization Program gave Amy an alternative to an inpatient hospital stay and set her on the path toward recovery from her substance abuse. Through the program, she took part in intensive group therapy; received access to medication



services; and was given a treatment plan to help her continue in her addiction recovery after she left the program. Amy also received services from BHN’s Intensive Outpatient Program, which she says helped educate her about the connection between her mental health and substance abuse. In the Day Treatment program, Amy participated in a variety of therapy groups that taught her important skills such as self-care and emotional regulation.

Amy graduated from these programs about nine months ago, but continues to see a therapist and receive medication services from BHN. With the help of the different programs she took part in, Amy learned healthy ways to manage her depression and achieved sobriety. Amy, who has been in and out of therapy since she was 11, was stunned by the dramatic impact BHN had on her mental health.

“BHN worked with me, knowing I had a substance abuse issue,” Amy said. “A lot of places only deal with mental health or substance abuse, not both. Through my journey at BHN, I know now that I have to deal with both of them, and



they helped me learn how to do that.”

With BHN’s assistance, Amy has been able to achieve balance in her life instead of having her actions controlled by her depression and drug use. In addition to helping her overcome her struggles with mental illness, BHN’s services have boosted Amy’s self-esteem and provided her with a strong support system that has helped her maintain her mental health. When she graduated from the Day Treatment program several months ago, the staff told her that she could come back if ever needed more help, but

Amy hasn’t needed to. After struggling with her mental health for years, the skills and information that BHN offered her allowed her to gain control over her mental health— and gain custody of her daughter.

“BHN never gave up on me, and they’ve seen me at my lowest,” Amy said. “When they first met me, I was messed up on heavy drugs, had my daughter removed from my care, and facing suicidal ideation and other unsafe behavior. Where I’m at in life now is so much better—and a lot of it has to do to BHN, because I would have given up on myself otherwise.”



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COLUMN

Fudgesicle dreams in February

By HOPE E. TREMBLAY
Assistant Managing Editor

Growing up on the south side of Westfield, my family usually gravitated toward Southwick for frozen summer treats. It was always special when my Poppa would announce that we were taking a ride. I knew that meant one thing: Ice cream!

Usually, we went to Brzoska's on College Highway. For some reason, in addition to the ice cream (which wasn't complete without chocolate dip) I remember that it was extremely well lit. The bright lights shone on the tubs of ice cream, illuminating my choices to my childhood delight.

The Summer House was another favorite. Nothing beat their black raspberry ice cream with a generous coating of sprinkles, well, maybe a soft serve vanilla hot fudge sundae with crushed nuts on a mountain of whipped cream.

Today, we still go to Southwick for summer night ice cream cones. Moolicious and Summer House top our list. But what I've been missing is another childhood favorite – the Pioneer Dairy fudgesicle.

I don't know what it was about those fudgesicles, but they were the best. Everyone around knew about them – they were famous (well, at least in western Mass. and northern Conn.!) So, when I saw a Facebook post that



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someone was attempting to bring them back, I had to get the scoop.

Yes, that pun was intended.

A link to a Kickstarter page was posted and when I clicked on it, I read about Zack Colson, the great, great grandson of Pioneer Dairy founder Charles Nutter. I immediately contacted Zack to learn more about his quest to bring back the fudgesicle.

For the past five years, Zack has been recreating the frosty, fudgey treat that put Southwick on the map for lovers of frozen chocolate. His recipe has been perfected, and now he needs some help starting production of the signature treat of the business that closed 16 years ago.

I wish Zack much luck in his sweet endeavor and am publicly stating that I will happily volunteer to be a taste tester when he is up and running.

Advances from Beacon Hill

State House News Service

BOSTON - As attention pivots north for the New Hampshire presidential primaries on Tuesday, the Senate is poised Thursday to pass an overhaul of mental and behavioral health care policies in Massachusetts and Beacon Hill will open up hearings Tuesday on Gov. Charlie Baker's \$44.6 billion annual budget. Lawmakers are also set to take testimony Monday on a possible November ballot question that would upend retail beer and wine sales in Massachusetts by making more licenses available to supermarkets and larger convenience stores. And for those looking ahead to the Bay State presidential primaries on March 3, the deadline to register to participate in that vote or change party status is Wednesday. Another key election cycle date falls on Tuesday - that's when candidates for an assortment of offices, including legislative seats, can take out nomination papers and start collecting signatures to get their names on the Sept. 1 primary ballot. The week ahead also brings a hearing Monday night in North Andover as the Department of Public Utilities investigates Columbia Gas and its responsibility for and response to the September 2018 fires and explosions caused by an over-pressurization incident in its system.

Deposit Insurance Fund Merger Bill

Legislation (H 4176) on Gov. Baker's desk would authorize the Co-operative Central Bank to merge into the Depositors Insurance Fund based on an agreement and merger plan and subject to the approval of the state Banking Commissioner. The funds insure deposits over \$250,000 at state-chartered co-operative and savings banks. According to bill sponsor Rep. Paul McMurtry, the funds are owned and operated by member banks at no cost to depositors. "Like many industries, banking is undergoing a modernization with a trend toward consolidation," McMurtry said in a statement. "It is the opinion of both entities' board of directors that the combination of the two funds will enhance an already strong system of insurance for decades to come." The bill has quietly moved through the Legislature without debate, clearing the House Nov. 6 and the Senate on Dec. 16. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures each depositor to at least \$250,000. The Co-operative Central Bank was established in 1932 to provide a source of cash reserves for all co-operative banks in Massachusetts, and the Share Insurance Fund was established by the Legislature in 1934 to provide protection for deposits in Massachusetts chartered co-operative banks.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES: New Hampshire residents take to the polls to help decide which candidates will represent various political parties during the 2020 U.S. presidential general election. The New Hampshire primaries follow a tumultuous start to election season in Iowa where issues with a smartphone app have raised questions about the results and delayed their release. Massachusetts residents head to the polls on March 3. Previous Democratic winners include Sen. Bernie Sanders (2016), former President Barack Obama (2012), Hillary Clinton (2008), John Kerry (2004), Al Gore (2000), and former President Bill Clinton (1996). Previous Republican winner include President Donald Trump (2016), former Gov. Mitt Romney (2012), John McCain (2008), former President George W. Bush (2004), John McCain (2000), and Pat Buchanan (1996). (Tuesday)

NOMINATION PAPERS: Nomination papers for state primary and general elections in September and November become available at the Secretary of State's Office and satellite offices in Fall River and Springfield. (Tuesday, 9 a.m.)

RESTAURANT PROMOTION: Restaurant Promotion Commission, created as part of the fiscal year 2020 budget, meets at the College of the Holy Cross to discuss the seafood industry and the farm-to-table movement in the agriculture industry. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Hogan Campus Center, Hogan Center Suite B/C, 4th Floor, 1 College St., Worcester)

"SNAP GAP" BRIEFING: Advocates hold a briefing urging lawmakers to pass legislation that would close the "SNAP GAP." The "gap" speaks to the almost 700,000 people enrolled in MassHealth that are likely eligible for food assistance but are not receiving those benefits, according to organizers. Speakers include Rep. Livingstone, Project Bread and Rosie's Place representatives, and Dr. Snehal Shah of Boston Children's Hospital. (Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Room 428)

HOUSE BONDING - HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: House Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets holds an oversight hearing about capital planning and expenditures related to housing and economic development. Mike Kennealy, secretary of housing and economic development, and Carolyn Kirk, executive director of MassTech, will testify. Agenda (Tuesday, 11 a.m., Room A-1)

TURA ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: Administrative Council on Toxics Use Reduction holds a public meeting to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on TURA Improvement and discuss draft policy analysis Per and Polyfluoroalkyl substances. Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Palleschi attends. Full agenda.. (Tuesday, 11 a.m., 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston)

JOINT WAYS AND MEANS BUDGET HEARING KICKOFF: Joint Committee on Ways and Means holds its first hearing dedicated to discussing Gov. Charlie Baker's \$44.6 fiscal 2021 budget. Agencies sending representatives to the hearing include the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, constitutional officers, the inspector general, and Executive Office of Technology Services and Security. Baker's sixth budget (H 2) centers around education and transportation funding. (Tuesday, 11 a.m., Gardner Auditorium)

CANNABIS DONATION: Commonwealth Cannabis Company (CommCan) will make a donation of \$1,500 to Dismas House, a Worcester-area nonprofit that operates a 35-acre farm and three residential facilities for people recently released from prison. (Tuesday, 11 a.m., Dismas House, 30 Richards St., Worcester)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus hosts the second annual "Black Excellence on the Hill" in celebration of Black History Month. The event features a speaking program, a ceremony honoring local leaders, and a lunch reception. Gov. Baker, Lt. Gov. Polito, Senate President Spilka, and House Speaker DeLeo are slated to attend, according to organizers. MBLLC Chairman Rep. Gonzalez, MBLLC Treasurer Rep. Tyler, and MBLLC Clerk Rep. Williams also attend. (Tuesday, 11 a.m., Great Hall)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION: Local Government Advisory Commission, a group made up of municipal officials from around the state, meets to discuss the fiscal 2021 budget Gov. Baker filed last month, particularly what it means for municipal and school aid. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., Room 157)

DPU HEARING: Department of Public Utilities holds a public hearing regarding the petition of National Grid for approval of its annual vegetation management factor compliance filing and cost recovery pursuant to the Vegetation Management Pilot Provision tariff. (Tuesday, 2 p.m., DPU Office, 1 South Station, 5th Floor, Hearing Room A, Boston)

EXIT RENUMBERING: MassDOT hosts a public meeting to discuss a plan to match highway exit numbers with mile markers on highways such as I-90, I-93, I-95, Route 3, and I-495. (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza,

Boston)

BOSTON RED SOX - PLAY BALL: Pitchers and catchers report to Ft. Myers, Florida, for the start of the Boston Red Sox spring training. The Sox, who missed the postseason in 2019, enter the 2020 campaign without a manager and under a cloud of suspicion while MLB investigates allegations of sign stealing impropriety during the Sox's World Series-winning season of 2018. Both issues could be cleared by before the first workout of the season, Wednesday. Reports from the Boston Globe and USA Today on Friday indicated that the Sox were prepared to name bench coach Ron Roenicke as manager once MLB's report is released, which is expected to happen before camp opens. MBTA improvement plans loom as a factor at Fenway this season. (Tuesday)

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020

PREZ PRIMARY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday is the last day to register to vote or change your party status for the March 3, 2020 presidential primaries. Early voting for the Massachusetts presidential primary runs from Feb. 24 through Feb. 28.

PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL: Massachusetts Public Health Council meets with an agenda calling for review of a new batch of opioid-related overdose death data, discussion of a public health awareness campaign and updates from Commissioner Monica Bharel. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Public Health Council Room, 2nd Floor, 250 Washington St., Boston)

SEX ED BRIEFING: Rep. O'Day and the Healthy Youth Coalition hold a briefing titled "Sex Ed for Legislators" to promote a bill that would update sexual education in schools that choose to teach it. (Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., House Members Lounge)

VETERANS COMMITTEE: A single bill that would allow dependents of National Guard members to access state-sponsored higher education benefits is the only topic on the agenda at a Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs hearing. The legislation (S 2502) from Truro Sen. Julian Cyr would allow National Guard members who qualify for state education assistance to split their tuition and fee waivers between dependents. (Wednesday, 11 a.m., Room B-1)

HEALTHY SOIL BRIEFING: Farmers address lawmakers about the environmental benefits of clean soil and a bill (S 2404) promoting soil health. More than a dozen "healthy soil practitioners" will attend the briefing, hosted by Sen. Jo Comerford, Rep. Paul Schmid and the Massachusetts Food System Caucus. (Wednesday, 11 a.m., Room 428)

SENATE DEMS CAUCUS: Senate Democrats caucus privately one day before meeting in a formal session to consider mental health legislation. (Wednesday, 11 a.m., Senate President's Office)

HEAD START FUNDING RALLY: Parents from across the state are slated to rally to urge lawmakers to include funding for the Massachusetts Head Start program in the fiscal 2021 budget. (Wednesday, 11 a.m., Great Hall)

CAMPAIGN CHILD CARE: A special commission studying the possibility of letting state and local candidates use campaign funds to pay for child and family care holds its first meeting. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Room 428)

EAST-WESTRAIL PUBLIC MEETING: East-West Passenger Rail Study Advisory Committee holds a public meeting to hear feedback on a MassDOT study about the ridership, cost, and other impacts of a rail connection between Boston, Springfield and Pittsfield. The study examined six options for the expansion and asserted estimated they could draw 36 to 820 new riders per day at a total capital cost of \$2 billion to almost \$25 billion. (Wednesday, 6 p.m., UMass Center at Springfield, Classroom 14, Tower Square, 1500 Main St., Springfield)

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020

SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY: Mass. School Building Authority meets, with Treasurer Deborah Goldberg chairing the meeting. (Thursday, 10 a.m., MSBA Headquarters, 40 Broad St., Board Room, Boston)

GAMING COMMISSION: Mass. Gaming Commission meets. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gaming Commission, 101 Federal St., 12th floor, Boston)

SENATE FORMAL: Senate meets in a formal session to consider legislation aimed at improving access to mental health care and enforcing existing laws on mental health parity. (Thursday, 11 a.m., Senate Chamber)

HOUSE INFORMAL: House meets in an informal session. (Thursday, 11 a.m., House Chamber)

MCCA COMMITTEE MEETING: Massachusetts Convention Center Authority Administration, Finance, and Personnel Committee meets. Full agenda. (Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Boston Convention & Exhibit Center, Boardroom 201)

MBTA PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETING: MBTA staff host a public meeting to seek feedback on an updated plan being developed to improve customer outreach and public engagement on the future of the T. Agenda (Thursday, 6 p.m., State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston)

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020

OFFSHORE WIND CONFERENCE: Environmental Business Council of New England hosts its 7th annual Offshore Wind Conference, featuring remarks on offshore wind strategy in Massachusetts from Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock and Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Director of Offshore Wind Bruce Carlisle. (Friday, 8 a.m., WilmerHale, 60 State St., Boston)

DISTRACTED DRIVING DISCUSSION: AAA Northeast, state officials and roadway safety advocates host a speaking program to discuss the new distracted driving law that takes effect Feb. 23 and options motorists have for hands-free use of electronic devices as allowed by the law. Four vehicles will be available for cameras to acquire b-roll of hands-free alternatives. (Friday, 10:30 a.m., Rockland AAA Northeast Branch, Driving School Classroom, 900 Hingham St., Rockland)

KENNEDY AT METRO SOUTH CHAMBER: U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III headlines a Good Morning Metro South brunch focused on government affairs. (Friday, 11:45 a.m., Thorny Lea Golf Club, 159 Torrey St., Boston).



GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

SOUTHWICK:

Trustees of the Southwick Public Library at 7 pm

TOLLAND:

Council on Aging at 9 am
Conservation Commission at 3 pm

CHESTER:

Municipal Light Department Meeting at 6 pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SOUTHWICK:

Preliminary Screening Committee at 8 am
Friends of the Southwick Public Library Meeting at 7 pm

BLANDFORD:

LAST DAY to Register to Vote in Presidential Primary
Mass Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Public Listening Session at 6 pm
Fire Department Meeting at 7 pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

BLANDFORD:

TOWN HALL CLOSED
COA Board Meeting at 3:30 pm
Police Department Meeting at 6 pm
Assessor's Meeting at 6 pm
Selectboard Meeting at 7 pm
Zoning Board Meeting at 7 pm

TOLLAND:

Planning Board at 7 pm

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William H. Boyden

RUSSELL – On February 6th, 2020 William H Boyden (Bill) passed away at home. He was a lifelong resident of Russell, MA. He worked for the Westfield River paper and was Fire Chief of Russell for ten years. He enjoyed his summers away at Lake Seymour in Vermont where you would always find him fishing or golfing with his friends. He also loved to tinker around in his basement and make all kinds of wood-work. If there was something that needed to be fixed you could always go to him and he would have a solution. The thing that Bill enjoyed more than anything was spending time with his wife. Whether it was taking 3 hour-long car rides to look at scenery, stopping at new places they have never been to, get a bite to eat or just being in each other's presence made him happiest.



He leaves behind his wife Janet Gafga Boyden of 61 years. His sister Florence. His son David Boyden, two daughter-in-laws, three grandsons, five granddaughters and two great-grandsons. He was predeceased by his two sons James Boyden and Brian Boyden. The family is going to have a private funeral on a later date. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Alzheimer's Association, 264 Cottage St. Springfield, MA 01104.

Thomas W. Schahill

WESTFIELD – Thomas William Schahill, age 71, died February 7th, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Tom is survived by his wife, Karen (Smith), of Westfield; his children, Thomas Schahill (Tiana) of Oxford, MA, Meaghan, Ryan, and Courtney Schahill of Westfield, MA, and Kaitlin Cote (Timothy) of West Springfield, MA; his granddaughters, Siobhan and Shaina Cote, and Hannah Sullivan; and his sister Mary Schahill, and brothers James and Patrick (Jane). He is preceded in death by his father and mother, James and Catherine (Fenton).

Thomas was born on November 18th, 1948 in Springfield, MA. He graduated from WNEC in Springfield with a degree in Accounting. He worked as a manager at MassMutual for many years. Tom was a communicant of Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament in Westfield and was an active member of Cursillo. He was a man of many names.

Tommy loved his wife Karen. Dad was proud of his five children. Poppy adored

his granddaughters and was their biggest fan. Big Tom loved coaching sports when his children were younger. Tom loved God, church, and family. He enjoyed sports, game shows, his dog Moca, playing cards, and was an avid reader.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, February 13th from 4 to 7 pm at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, 109 Main St., West Springfield. His funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament in Westfield at 11 a.m. Friday February 14th. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament in Westfield. For more information please go to curranjones.com.

Roger L. Carboneau

EASTHAMPTON – Roger L. Carboneau, 76, died on February 6, 2020, unexpectedly at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. Born in Westfield on April 22, 1943 he was the son of Norman and Helen (Wall) Carboneau. Roger was born and raised in Westfield and was a graduate of Westfield High School. Roger and his brother opened Westfield TV and Appliance in the mid-70s, he went on to work at JC May in Holyoke, in the sales department, he furthered his career in sales with many positions throughout the years. He also worked for American Lumber in Southwick. Roger was married in 1978 after meeting the love of his life in 1975, Christine (Kowalczyk) Carboneau, they spent over 41 wonderful years together.

Throughout his life Roger always considered himself a very simple man, who enjoyed people and was liked by all. Roger loved going to Burger King each morning to have a coffee and talk sports and politics with his friends.

Roger and his wife Chris spent their summers enjoying their home in Otis at the reservoir where they treasured many happy family memories raising their daughter Shelly and continuing on the tradi-



tion with his grandchildren Ava and Evan. He will always be remembered and never forgotten by his beloved wife Christine and his daughter Shelly and her husband Russell Christie of Norton Mass. The greatest gift he received during his life was the love that was shared as "Pop", between himself and his grandchildren, Ava and Evan Christie. Roger also leaves his brother Gerald and wife Sandra Carboneau of Southamptn, along with his cousins and nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held this Wednesday, February 12 from 3 to 5 at the Boucher-O'Brien Funeral Home, 7 Pleasant St. Easthampton. A Prayer Service will be held at 5 PM. His burial will be private at a later date in Saint Mary's cemetery in Westfield.

Marguerite P. Brisbois

WESTFIELD – Marguerite P. (Lamoureux) Brisbois, 92, died Friday, February 7, 2020 at home. She was born in Chicopee on June 18, 1927 to the late Lionel and Florette (Bellerose) Lamoureux. She grew up in Willimansett and Springfield. She lived in Wilbraham for 10 years and was a resident of Westfield for the past 40 years. She worked for Milton Bradley, Arbella Insurance and Swiss Auto Glass. She was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. She enjoyed playing cards with her brother and sister. Marguerite was pre-deceased by her husband Normand L. Brisbois in 1976. She leaves her daughter Pamela Cross and her husband Ray of Westfield, her grandson Justin Cross of Boston, her brother Normand Lamoureux of Agawam, her sisters Norma Ross of New Smyrna Beach, FL and Gloria Lamoureux of Ludlow. She was predeceased by her sister Anita Logan.



Calling hours will be held on Tuesday February 11th from 4-7 pm from the Firion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad Street, Westfield. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road at 10 am. Burial will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org or to the Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.



Westfield artist Jessica Dion will be one of two artists showcasing their work during the Community Poetry Experience! Round 2 on Feb. 11. Dion's metal print is titled "Asylum." (Jessica Dion Photo)

Artists, Poets

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"The simple act of expressing oneself through words in poetic cadence, rhythm and pitch can be a very enriching, cathartic and evocative action," he said. "Sharing these expressions during an open mic environment adds a new dimension to the written word and enriches those listening to the words."

Area residents do not have to be a poet or writer to attend these events.

"Listening to these heartfelt expressions can be a very unique experience," said Westerlind.

What makes this series unique is how planners have incorporated elements of the 2019 Images & Words poetry concept into the 2020 Community Poetry Experience.

"Local artists are providing images of their work which are posted online before each open mic event," said Westerlind. "Poets are invited to write poetry based on their reaction or interpretation of the art work."

In February, Westfield artist Jessica Dion is showcasing an 11" x 17" metal print titled "Asylum," and Ware artist Greta Gnatek Redzko is showing a framed oil, India ink on canvas board, titled "Twain Blue Magpie."

The artists, along with the art work, will be on hand at each of the open mic events to listen to the poems and share their feelings and emotions that

inspired the creation of the piece of art.

There is no need to sign up ahead of time to attend any of the events.

"Folks can simply show up that evening and share their work," said Westerlind. "Of course, everyone is invited to attend and listen to the readings."

People in attendance at the February event are welcome to purchase refreshments at the host venue. Refreshments will be served at the March and April events.

The series concludes on April 18 with a two-hour community poetry reading event featuring 60 minutes of readings of poems submitted by the public via a "submission call for poets." After a brief intermission, the second 60 minutes will consist of an open mic format where guests and poets will sign up to read their poems, followed by comments, discussion and feedback.

"Poems written and read during the Community Poetry Experience tour will be reviewed and recognized," said Westerlind. "We are exploring the possibility of publishing a small booklet featuring some of the poems written for the poetry events."

For more details on the series, visit ArtWorks of Westfield on Facebook.



A framed oil titled "Twain Blue Magpie" by Ware artist Greta Gnatek Redzko will be featured during the Community Poetry Experience! Round 2 on Feb. 11. (Greta Gnatek Redzko Photo)

Westfield State University student earns national honor at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival

WESTFIELD —Westfield State University senior Madeleine Hebert was among 125 outstanding theater students nationwide selected at the Region 1 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) to represent this region April 6-10 at the KCACTF National Festival 2020 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington D.C. There, she will present her work to some of the industry's top designers, while meeting and networking with other regional facilities and attending productions at professional theaters in the nation's capital.

Hebert, a Framingham native majoring in design and technology theater arts, was among 21 Westfield State students who attended the Region 1 KCACTF Jan. 29-Feb. 2 in West Barnstable, Mass., where they participated in competitions for acting, musical theater, directing, and design technology, as well as a job fair and open auditions for New England's summer theater programs.

KCACTF's Region 1 is comprised of colleges and universities in New England and eastern New York.

"I am thrilled," Hebert said. "I am so excited to return to D.C. for lighting, which is my passion. I cannot wait to grow and learn from the other finalists and mentors. KCACTF has reminded me that I love creating and working on this art form, and I look forward to trying to do it for the rest of my life."

Hebert also received the

KCACTF/Barbizon Award for Excellence in Lighting for her lighting design for the spring 2019 Westfield State Theatre Arts Program's production of "The Tempest." In addition, Hebert won a scholarship to attend The Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas, Nev., a one-of-a-kind intensive training program for students from around the world to meet, learn from, and network with leading experts in live entertainment.

"Maddy's growth as a theater artist has been recognized by professionals from regional theaters and New York City," said James McNamara, Westfield State University associate professor of lighting and sound design. "Few students have presented their work on a national level, and we are incredibly proud to have Maddy represent a small focused undergraduate B.A.

Theater Arts Program alongside major bachelor and master of fine arts programs." McNamara described Hebert as a passionate, talented, and driven student.

Founded in 1839 by Horace Mann, Westfield State University is an education leader committed to providing every generation of students with a learning experience built on its founding principle as the first public co-educational college in America to offer an education without a barrier to race, gender or economic status. This spirit of innovative thinking and social responsibility is forged in a curriculum of liberal arts and professional studies that create a vital community of engaged learners who become confident, capable individuals prepared for leadership and service to society. For more information about Westfield State

University, visit www.westfield.ma.edu, www.twitter.com/westfieldstate, or <https://www.facebook.com/WestfieldStateUniversity>.



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Jessica Menard, NP



Hannah Elizabeth Bean, Jillian Rose Conroy, 2020 Westfield Colleen Brigid Mary Moriarty, Emily Marie Langlois, Mackenzie Grace Augustine Kiltonic



The thirteen contestants line up on stage.

2020 Westfield Sons of Erin Colleen Ball

(PHOTOS BY MARC ST.ONGE/THE WESTFIELD NEWS)



Mayor Don Humason gives the Mayor's Message.



Helen Tymeson greets the crowd at the 2020 Sons of Erin Colleen Ball.



2020 Westfield Sons of Erin Colleen Brigid Mary Moriarty.



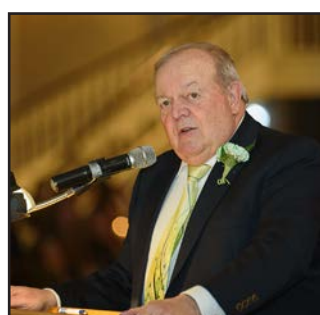
Hannah Jury, 2019 Colleen, places the tiara on the 2020 Colleen Brigid Mary Moriarty



Master of Ceremonies Bo Sullivan hosting the festivities.



Mark Hanrahan, the 2020 Thomas M. Kane Memorial Irishman of the Year Awardee.



Sons of Erin President Jim Laverty delivers the opening speech.



Rev. Daniel Pacholec, pastor of Blessed Sacrament church, gives the invocation.



Beth Burns, 2020 Dorothy Griffin Irishwoman of the Year awardee.



Packie Smith, 2020 Westfield St. Patrick's Day Parade Marshall.



Serena Lichwan, Salina Sarat, and Karina Popoli-Sarat



Ellen Jury, 2019 Colleen Hannah Jury, Elizabeth Jury, and Colleen Committee member Lauren Mayhew.



The Burns Family: Jeremy, Cara, Carrie, Beth Burns, Irish Woman of the Year, and Jim Burns.



John Danahey, Amber Danahey, and Karen Regan.



The Durkee Family: Mike, Sr., Tracy, and Mike Jr.



Kelly Pellegrino with Kelly, Patrick, Rose, and Ashley Baker.



2019 Colleen Court member Shaunessey Lambert, 2018 Colleen Mackenzie Rogers, and escort Dillon Rabacsi.



Sheila and Billy Kelly dance to the music of Leo Doherty and The Shamrocks.



Attendees arrive for the 2020 Sons of Erin Ball at Chez Josef in Agawam.



The crowd at Friday's 2020 Sons of Erin Colleen Ball.



The Bean Family get ready to enjoy dinner at the Colleen Ball.



Sarah O'Neil, Chelsea Conroy, and Hannah Sullivan.

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

Bean wins track title; Russell swims to gold

**By CHRIS PUTZ
Sports Editor**
NORTHAMPTON – Westfield junior female indoor track athlete Catie Bean tried her best to overtake Putnam senior Yulive Peralta in the 55-meter dash at Friday night’s Western Massachusetts Championships at Smith College in Northampton, but fell a tenth-of-a-second short.

That would only happen once. In the 300-meter dash, the event’s top seed, Bean, opened as the favorite and quickly closed the door on the competition. She won the event in 42.12 seconds, just ahead of Peralta (42.84). It was her first career first-place medal at WMass.

“I knew I was seated first so I kind of wanted to keep that throughout the race,” Bean said, regarding the 300. “Seated first puts a lot of pressure on you so I was stressed out, but it helped that I’m so competitive. I knew I had to have it.”

Bean got off to a fast start, keeping the rest of the field in her rear-view mirror.

“I really wanted to win,” she said. “When I came around that last cor-

ner, I just pushed it. I kicked it.”

Bean said while she typically is not as quick coming off the blocks for a shorter race like the 55 meters, she felt her endurance level and ability to maintain top speeds for longer distances proved to be the difference in the 300.

“It was one of the best feelings ever,” she said.

It has been a victory tour of sorts for Bean as she entered the winter outdoor track season, having helped lead her team to the Western Massachusetts Division 1 girls soccer championship last fall.

“It’s been awesome,” she said, “being able to rep my school like that.”

Other top 10 finishers for the Westfield girls track team included: junior Nina Prenosil (600 meters/6th/1:47.55), junior Abigail Daley (1000 meters/8th/3:32.99), junior Marissa Feary (high jump/7th/4-9), the 4×200 meter relay team (7th, 1:57.90) and the 4×400 meter relay team (5th, 4:31.07).

As a team, Westfield placed ninth overall with 29.5 points. South

Hadley finished first with 74. Northampton (69) and Amherst-Pelham (45) rounded out the top three.

Senior Samir Ghalayini led the Westfield boys indoor track team with a bronze medal in the 55 meter hurdles (8.44). Other top 10 Bombers’ finishers were: senior Nick Stathatos (600 meters/5th/1:29.63), sophomore Antonio Phaneuf (mile/7th/4:44.61), senior Robert Piper (high jump/T8th/5-4), the 4×400 meter relay team (4th, 3:41.33) and the 4×800 meter relay team (8th, 9:45).

Westfield finished 10th overall with 18.2 points. Northampton (93), Longmeadow (68.2) and Amherst-Pelham (59) finished 1-2-3, respectively.

WMASS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Westfield senior Tommy Russell had a day for the boys swim team.

Russell won the 100-yard backstroke, posting a time of 51.95. That was not all as he also secured a silver medal in the 50-yard freestyle



Westfield’s Tommy Russell swims his way to first place in the 100 yard backstroke during the Western Massachusetts Swim Championships Sunday at Springfield College. (MARC ST.ONGE / THE WESTFIELD NEWS)

(21.47), runner-up only to Minnechaug’s Chase Konstantakos (21.35).

Russell and fellow teammates Anton Bonacci, Jack Beaulieu, and Matt Morash also locked down a third-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay (1:40.70); and, Morash, Beaulieu, Jaden Noel and Russell placed third in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:21.45).

Morash (100 free, 49.85) and Noel (100 backstroke, 56.78) each had fifth-place finishes, respectively, in their individual events.

Westfield placed fifth overall (175 points) behind Minnechaug (286), Belchertown (231.5), Nashoba (228), and Longmeadow (219.5).

Westfield junior Kathryn O’Connor recorded the top finish for the girls’ swim team, placing fifth in the 500 yard freestyle. O’Connor recorded a time of 5:34.21.

Easthampton freshman Natalia Roback won the event in 5:21.21.

Minnechaug won the team competition with a total of 314 points. The Falcons were followed by Longmeadow (234) and Amherst-Pelham (157). Westfield finished 16th overall with 56.



**Ellie Glynn
- 200 yard medley relay**



**Lauren Nubile
- 500 yard freestyle**



**Kathryn O’Connor
- 500 yard freestyle**



**Emily Langlois
- 200 yard IM**



MEGAN DANAHEY



Bomber coaches and students provide encouragement to swimmers.



GRACE MORASH



**Ally Russell
- 100 yard freestyle**



**Jack Beaulieu
- 400 yard freestyle**



**Matt Morash
- 400 yard freestyle**



**Patrick Callahan
- 200 yard freestyle**



WHS BOMBERS GIRLS SWIM TEAM



**Anton Bonacci
- 100 yard breaststroke**



**Jaden Noel
- 200 yard IM**



WHS BOMBERS BOYS SWIM TEAM

2020 HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS WINTER SCHEDULE

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL			
Tues., Feb. 11		BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Westborough, Amelia Park Arena, noon	
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Chicopee Comp HS, 7 p.m.		GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) @ Dedham, Noble and Greenough, noon	
Wed., Feb. 12			
BOYS BASKETBALL @ HS of Sci-Tech, 7 p.m.			
Thurs., Feb. 13		Tues., Feb. 18	
BOYS ICE HOCKEY @ East Longmeadow, Olympia Ice Center, 8:30 p.m.		No Sports Scheduled	
Fri., Feb. 14		Wed., Feb. 19	
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Agawam, 7 p.m.		GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Minnechaug Regional HS, 7 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ East Longmeadow HS, 7 p.m.		Thurs., Feb. 20	
		GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) vs. Woodstock Academy, Olympia Ice Center (West Springfield), 8 p.m.	
Sat., Feb. 15		Sat., Feb. 22	
GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) vs. Algonquin, Olympia Ice Center (West Springfield), 6 p.m.		GIRLS ICE HOCKEY (Longmeadow Co-Op) @ Suffield, Enfield Twin Rinks, 4:20 p.m.	
Mon., Feb. 17			
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Chicopee HS, 7 p.m.			

SOUTHWICK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL			
Tues., Feb. 11		Sat., Feb. 15	
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Putnam HS, 7 p.m.		BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Drury, Amelia Park Arena, 6 p.m.	
Wed., Feb. 12		Mon., Feb. 17	
BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Monson, 7 p.m.		No Sports Scheduled	
BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. Ludlow, Amelia Park Arena, 7 p.m.		Tues., Feb. 18	
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Palmer HS, 7 p.m.		BOYS BASKETBALL @ Frontier Regional School, 7:30 p.m.	
Thurs., Feb. 13		GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Sutton, 7 p.m.	
No Sports Scheduled		Wed., Feb. 19	
Fri., Feb. 14		BOYS ICE HOCKEY vs. South Hadley, Amelia Park Arena, 7 p.m.	
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Renaissance School, 7 p.m.			
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Turners Falls, 7 p.m.			

WESTFIELD TECHNICAL ACADEMY			
Tues., Feb. 11		Fri., Feb. 14	
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ St. Mary's, Westfield Intermediate School, 5:30 p.m.		No Sports Scheduled	
Wed., Feb. 12		Mon., Feb. 17	
No Sports Scheduled		BOYS BASKETBALL vs. Smith Voke, 7 p.m.	
Thurs., Feb. 13		Tues., Feb. 18	
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Pathfinder Regional-Vocational-Technical HS, 7 p.m.		GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Commerce, 6 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Gateway, 6 p.m.			

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL			
Tues., Feb. 11		Fri., Feb. 14	
GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Westfield Technical Academy, Westfield Intermediate School, 5:30 p.m.		GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Smith Voke, 6:30 p.m.	
Wed., Feb. 12		Mon., Feb. 17	
No Sports Scheduled		BOYS BASKETBALL @ Gateway Regional HS, 6:30 p.m.	
Thurs., Feb. 13		Tues., Feb. 18	
BOYS BASKETBALL @ Smith Voke HS, 6:30 p.m.		GIRLS BASKETBALL vs. Hampden Charter School of Science, Westfield Intermediate School, 5:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL @ Monson HS, 6 p.m.			

2019-2020 Westfield State University Women's Basketball Schedule			
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Wed	Feb. 12	BRIDGEWATER STATE	5:30
Wed	Feb. 19	at Salem State	5:00
Sat	Feb. 22	MCLA	12:00
Tues	Feb. 25	MASCAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Thur	Feb. 27	MASCAC Semifinals	TBA
Sat	Feb. 29	MASCAC Championship	TBA

2019-2020 Westfield State University Women's Swimming & Diving Schedule			
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thur	Feb. 13	New England Championships	
Fri	Feb. 14	New England Championships	
Sat	Feb. 15	New England Championships	
Sun	Feb. 16	New England Championships @ University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI	

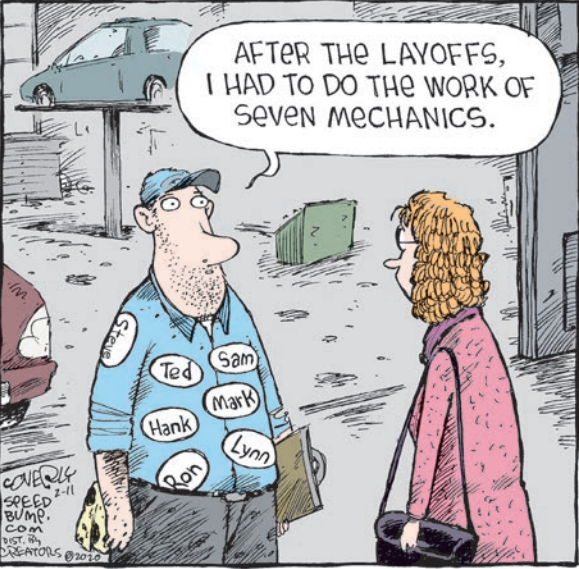
2019-2020 Westfield State University Men's Basketball Schedule			
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Wed	Feb. 12	BRIDGEWATER STATE	7:30
Wed	Feb. 19	at Salem State	7:00
Sat	Feb. 22	MCLA	2:00
Tues	Feb. 25	MASCAC Quarterfinals	TBA
Thur	Feb. 27	MASCAC Semifinals	TBA
Sat	Feb. 29	MASCAC Championship	TBA

2019-2020 Westfield State University Ice Hockey Schedule			
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thur	Feb. 13	at Plymouth State	6:00
Thur	Feb. 20	at Fitchburg State	7:00
Sat	Feb. 22	FRAMINGHAM STATE	5:35
Tue	Feb. 25	UMASS DARTMOUTH	7:35
Sat	Feb. 29	MASCAC Quarterfinals	TBD
Tues	March 3	MASCAC Semifinals	TBD
Sat	March 7	MASCAC Championship	TBD

2019-2020 Westfield State University • Men's-Women's Indoor Track and Field			
DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	Feb. 15	MASCAC Championships	Smith College- Northampton, Mass.
Saturday	Feb. 22	Triangle Classic	Springfield College- Springfield, Mass.
Saturday	March 7	Last Chance Meet	TBD
Fri.-Sat.	March 8-9	NCAA Division III Championships	Charlotte, N.C.

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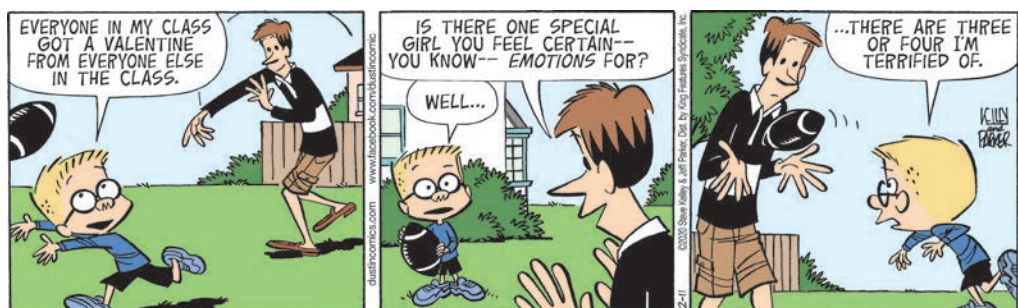
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Dear Annie

By ANNIE LANE

Digestive Discomfort

Dear Annie: I am writing in regard to "Concerned Mom," whose daughter suffers from dumping syndrome. I am a retired pediatric nurse, and many years ago I took care of a small child with dumping syndrome. The way he was fed was by continuous gavage (tube feeding). This avoided his stomach from ever being too full. I'm not sure what Concerned Mom meant by "strict diet," but perhaps her daughter should try eating small amounts every hour or two (if her lifestyle permits) to make it easier for her stomach to digest as opposed to digesting a full meal. I hope this helps. -- Retired Nurse

Dear Nurse: I always love hearing from professionals. Thank you for these professional tips.

Dear Annie: Please let the mother know that her daughter should be tested for gluten intolerance. It's a simple blood test, and it could improve her life dramatically. I speak from experience. I was tested a year ago after a lifetime -- 50 years of illnesses. I'm a success story. This is a new concept that most doctors are not trained in: food allergies causing inflammation and many other illnesses we've been suffering with for lifetimes. -- Success Story

Dear Success Story: Congratulations on your success. Here is another letter about gluten being the culprit.

Dear Annie: I am writing regarding "Concerned Mom," whose 23-year-old daughter is suffering from gastronomic issues. Her letter

describes similar symptoms that I experience when eating foods with gluten. Three times I ate foods with gluten accidentally. Within a few hours, I vomited until my stomach was empty. That's because I have been diagnosed with celiac sprue, which is an autoimmune disease.

This disease is difficult to diagnose because it mimics the symptoms of other diseases. I was given an endoscopy to find this out. Celiac sprue should not be taken lightly because it can result in a serious health condition. -- *Gluten-Free*

Dear Gluten-Free: Other readers agree with you but have added additional foods that could be the source of the problem and certain types of digestive enzymes that provided relief. Here is a sampling:

Dear Annie: I, too, was suffering from digestive problems, and the doctors wanted to medicate instead of finding the real issues that were causing my problems.

After many months of suffering, I found a "Digestion Doctor" from an ad in the newspaper. Within two weeks of treatment with natural, plant-based digestive enzymes, I was feeling like myself again. Unbelievable! This may or may not work for her, but it is sure worth a try. -- *Enzymes Are Key*

Dear Annie: I read with sadness your recent column about the young woman struggling with digestive issues. I have had digestive issues my whole life, and they were made worse by the removal of my gall

bladder. Finally, I found relief when the woman who does holistic healing with our horses suggested I try digestive enzymes. It is an inexpensive, noninvasive answer that made perfect sense. I am so disappointed that no medical doctor ever made such a suggestion. I hope "Concerned Mom" can help her daughter find help with these. There are many kinds, so they should do some research and talk to a knowledgeable person, perhaps in a health food store. -- *Relief*

Dear Annie: Please urge the mom of the 23-year-old with digestive problems to visit with an allergist to be tested for food/metal allergies. After issues for years, I was finally diagnosed as celiac (no wheat, rye or barley for me). If I do eat gluten accidentally, I will violently throw up everything. My daughter had been diagnosed as allergic to gold, silver and nickel. Surprisingly, there is nickel in many common foods, and she has to watch what she eats. This young woman may be dealing with some allergy on top of the dumping syndrome and that should be ruled out. -- *Been There and Healthy Now*

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book -- featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette -- is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.



HINTS FROM HELOISE

Is a home DNA test legit?

Dear Heloise: What about these HOME DNA TESTS I see advertised? Can they really tell me about my ancestors and health risks I may incur? -- Carol in Montana

Carol, once you supply a saliva sample, these kits purport to identify where your family originated from (your ancestry) and what genetic health concerns you may be in line for.

Your saliva contains DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid), which is a blueprint of info about you, Mom, Dad, grandparents and other family members, and this blueprint can tell you about you: the color of your eyes, how tall you are and if you may be predisposed to health problems.

But hold the phone. Experts from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (www.FDA.gov) and the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) agree: These DNA kits are mostly just for fun and entertainment. The info from the test could be wrong or misleading.

Always combine any "medical results" of these DNA tests with a doctor's consultation. -- *Heloise*

TECH TUESDAY

Dear Readers: A "thumbnail" in the 21st century is not just on your hand. A thumbnail is also a small-sized version of a picture or video used to organize or identify images, just like you would title a written file with text. -- *Heloise*

SAY WHAT?

Dear Readers: Text messages afford us lots of ways to be brief. Here are some common abbreviations:

BBS	be back soon
CM	call me
LOL	laughing out loud
PSOS	parents standing
over shoulder	
PU	that stinks
SLAP	sounds like a plan
W?	why?
UGTBK	you've got to be kidding
-- Heloise	

A CALL FOR HELP

Dear Heloise: My friend was with her boyfriend when he threatened her, so she got on her phone, called 911 and began to order a pizza. The 911 operator knew she was in trouble and sent help for her. This is a tactic that domestic violence prevention groups support. -- *Carla W. in Ohio*

FRAGILE OR NOT?

Dear Heloise: I put a "FRAGILE" sticker on my suitcase when I check it at the airport. This way, it usually gets treated better and is first to come off the luggage carousel. -- Marta in Pennsylvania

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

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

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February 11, 2020

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Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-748-7758

Docket No. 20P0146EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Beverly J Demers
Also Known as:
Beverly J Quigley
Date of Death
10/14/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Sharon M Henn of Agawam, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Sharon M Henn of Agawam, MA

Be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/24/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 03, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

February 11, 2020

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-748-7758

Docket No. HD20P0116EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
James C Krupienski
Also Known as:
James Charles Krupienski
Date of Death
12/02/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

James E Krupienski
of Westfield, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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James E Krupienski
of Westfield, MA

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 22, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICES

February 11, 2020

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

20 SM 000365

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Ross Dukette

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of the CVALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2007-16CB Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-16CB claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Westfield, numbered 66 Stony Lane, given by Ross Dukette to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender, dated May 16, 2007, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16736, Page 442, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 09, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper,
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The City of Westfield is seeking applicants to fill several skilled seasonal positions for the Parks and Recreation Department's 2020 spring and summer programs. Positions will be posted from February 10, 2020 and will close March 26, 2020 with candidate selections being made by April. Subject to funding. These positions are considered seasonal employees and receive no benefits.

Adult Softball Supervisors

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Supervising men and women's adult softball league. Evenings or weekends. Flexible schedule. Previous experience preferred. Spring-Summer.

Baseball Supervisors

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Supervising children in the t-ball program. Experience working with children and thorough knowledge of T-ball preferred. April - June. Flexible schedule. Previous experience preferred.

Applications are available online or at City Hall, Personnel Department, 59 Court Street, Room 109. Westfield, MA 01085 Hours are from Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

As a condition of employment, all candidates must submit to CORI/SORI (a criminal background check) and complete the Conflict of Interest Law form. The City of Westfield is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer (M/F/H)

Any questions regarding positions, please call the Parks and Recreation office at 572-6263.



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Town of Southwick - Park & Recreation Commission

Seasonal Groundskeeper & Maintenance Personnel

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Requirements: High School Diploma, 2+ years experience operating and maintain lawn care equipment. A copy of the job descriptions and employment application can be obtained at www.southwickma.org or by contacting the Board of Selectmen's Office @ 569-5995.

Applications must be submitted to: The Board of Selectmen's Office, 454 College Hwy, Southwick, MA 01077 by the end of business February 28, 2020.

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HELP WANTED

The City of Westfield is seeking applicants to fill several skilled seasonal positions for the Parks and Recreation Department's 2020 summer program. Positions will be posted from February 7, 2020 will close March 12 with candidate selections being made by March 31. Subject to funding. This position is considered seasonal and employees receive no benefits.

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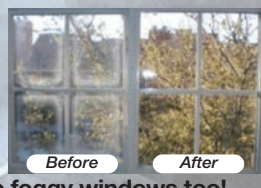
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