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Tantasqua to appear on WGBH's "High School Quiz Show"

LOCAL TEAM WILL FACE OFF AGAINST WESTON IN WILD CARD GAME



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Tantasqua Regional's "High School Quiz Show" team will face off against Weston High School in the Wild Card match on WGBH's "High School Quiz Show." Episodes will begin airing Feb. 1.

B O S T O N —WGBH's "High School Quiz Show®" has announced the 17 schools from across Massachusetts that will compete on the 11th season of the public television academic tournament. Hosted by Boston media personality Billy Costa, the broadcast competition tests students' knowledge in math, science, civics, literature, history, current events and more.

Representing cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth, fourteen of the schools qualified based on their scores on a written quiz at the Super Sunday qualifying event held last month at WGBH's studios. The 15th school qualified by outscoring seven other schools at "High School Quiz Show: Extra Credit," a tournament hosted at An Unlikely Story, the Plainville, MA bookstore owned by Jeff Kinney, author of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." A new wildcard approach

will fill the 16th and final spot on the broadcast.

"As we begin our second decade, 'High School Quiz Show' coaches and team members are becoming increasingly sophisticated with their preparation and strategy, taking everything from player aptitude and commitment to buzzer and gameplay strategy into consideration," said executive producer Hillary Wells.

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Local photographer stresses patience, respect for nature

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — For Dale Monette, the secret of getting good wildlife photos is patience – lots of it. He spends hours at the edge of marshes waiting for birds, beavers and deer to show up, but some of his best shots are accidental: unexpected birds framed by spiderwebs or odd noises that turn out to be curious moose.

Another critical secret is respect.

"I'll never crowd an animal. ... If I see one that's getting upset, I'll leave," he said.

He talked recently at Jacob Edwards Library, bringing his second book of wildlife photos to the public, this one with shots from around New England and the Maritimes, not just Quabbin, as his first book had. It's titled "Voyagers, Visitors and Home."

To him, the patience is a life-long endeavor.

"My folks used to drop me in the forest and picked me up in two or three hours. I lost my



Dale Monette

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Tantasqua alumni invited to reunion

STURBRIDGE — Alumni from Tantasqua Regional High School's graduating classes of 1988 and 1989 are invited to join in a 30th reunion event Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Tickets may be purchased through Venmo on Facebook (look for @tantasquareunion), or through PayPal at paypal.me/THSCClassof89Reunion. The reunion will feature appetizers, a full cash bar, and live music by the same band that provided the soundtrack to our 20th reunion. Rooms have been reserved at the hotel at a discounted rate.

For more information, contact Suzanne Wright (Wheaton) and Melissa Baker (Gagnon) from the Class of '88 or Peter Kotsifas, Mike Saletnick, and Brenda Huetmann (Drury) from the Class of '89.

Capen Hill honors Ray McDuffie

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Staff, friends and supporters of Capen Hill Wildlife Sanctuary came together over the weekend to celebrate the life of Ray McDuffie.

McDuffie, who died in July two years ago, was well known as a staple figure at Capen Hill Wildlife Sanctuary for at least 25 years. Since his passing, the sanctuary and his family have hosted a spaghetti dinner and silent auction in his name the Sunday before Veteran's Day. Several dozen people attended this year's event on Nov 10 at Charlton Grange, feasting on pasta with "secret sauce," garlic rolls, salad and various desserts.

"This was the thing we looked at to honor Ray and honor what he honored," Brigitte Nolin said.

Part of that was his military service. "He was a very, very proud Army veteran," she added. "He loved his time in the Army and loved Capen Hill."

Specifically, McDuffie did a three-year tour of duty in the early 1960s, stationed in Germany, according to his son Richard McDuffie. "He tried to go to Vietnam, but he broke his foot and they wouldn't let him go," he recalled.

During his time at Capen Hill, his father was "very meticulous. There wasn't a tool or a stone out of place," he added. "He took a lot of pride in that place."

According to McDuffie's 2017 obituary, he lived in East Brookfield and retired from 40 years at Smith Valve Co before becoming maintenance manager at Capen Hill.



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The McDuffie family, from left: Alex Hanks, John Gosselin, Susan Gosselin, Michael McDuffie, Xavian and Jacob McDuffie (the boys), Richard McDuffie and Tara Gabriel.

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Hitchcock Happenings

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

Monday, November 18
REMINDER: You can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: hitchcockacademy.org. Please remember to like us on Facebook.

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

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

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM For the month of November this course is FREE. It 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.

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

Tuesday, November 19
ART GROUP: 9 – 11:30 AM Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

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

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

Wednesday, November 20

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

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

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 – 7:30 PM (6 classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

Thursday, November 21
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEM Experiments 9-10:30 AM. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org

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

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM For

the months of September, October and November this course is FREE. It 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

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

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

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23
K9 NOSEWORK® 9 – 1:30 PM This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

Wings of Song presents “An American Christmas”

REGION — This December, Wings of Song—formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers—inaugurates its new name with a program of American Christmas favorites from colonial times to the present. The chorus’s concerts will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 at St. Joachim Chapel, St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), just up from where Routes 20 and 148 meet; and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at Elm Street Congregational Church, just outside the center of Southbridge. A freewill offering will be collected at both concerts; and, as always, the music will be followed by tons of yummy refreshments. Both venues are handicap accessible.

A huge variety of Christmas music will be on the chorus’s program—everything from 18th-century “fuging tune” settings of “While shepherds watched their flocks by night” to the original version of “Jingle Bells” (with a very different refrain from the one we’re used to) to an irresistibly jazzy “Sleigh Ride” to choral works for the season by three Wings of Songs members (Ted Bradley and Donna Duchesne of Woodstock, Conn., and Nym Cooke of Petersham, Mass.). Of course there will also be audience sing-alongs, and stellar keyboardist Brooks Milgate will surely be persuaded to tickle the ivories during intermission.

Music Director Cooke is excited about the level his chorus is reaching.

“They’ve never sounded better,” he says, and adds, “They’re learning pieces faster and more solidly than ever. The musicianship of this group is steadily increasing. It helps that we have some high-caliber musicians in our ranks—professionals like Ted Bradley and Sarah Jo Burke and Terry McGinty. I know of at least five Wingers who write songs or compose choral music. That says something about where the chorus is at these days. And of course, we draw.”

Cooke is also interested in attracting more young singers to the chorus; three teen-aged girls now sing with Wings of Song, and he’d like to see some boys sign on as well. Homeschooled kids without access to school ensembles might especially want to consider joining. Any musical individual who can sing in tune is welcome, from age 10 up.

Don’t miss this dynamic 55-member chorus in its early December performances! Because the chorus tends to sing to packed houses these days, plan to arrive early to be sure of a good seat. You’ll leave thoroughly imbued with the Christmas spirit—“maybe five

different Christmas spirits,” Nym Cooke comments, “—the devotional spirit, the cozy spirit, the jolly spirit, the humorous spirit, and the meditative spirit.”

All these will, indeed, be part of the show.

For more information on the concerts, or on joining Wings of Song (note that a special program about climate change, with projections, readings, and rock-band accompaniment, is planned for Spring 2020), contact Nym or WoS President KT Therrien (Nym is at nym-cooke@gmail.com or 978-724-3438; KT is at kt2nc@aol.com or 508-410-8575).

Harrington earns an “A” in hospital safety report

SOUTHBRIIDGE — In a report just released by The Leapfrog Group, Harrington Hospital has earned an “A” in the Fall 2019 Hospital Safety Grade report.

The report offers transparency on how well hospitals nationwide protect patients from errors, accidents, injuries and infections by offering public letter grades. The score represents how hospi-

tals address common quality concerns, including handwashing and surgical outcomes.

This is the 13th “A” grade awarded to Harrington since the program’s incep-

tion in 2012.

“We are extremely proud to remain one of the safest hospitals in central Massachusetts,” said President and CEO Ed Moore. “Patient safety is everyone’s top priority at Harrington. Our departments work seamlessly to ensure our quality measures are being constantly reviewed. To earn 13 “A” grades in seven years is an incredible accomplishment, but not one that takes me by surprise, given the extraordinary effort and dedication demonstrated by our staff.”

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital

safety data, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,000 U.S. hospitals twice per year.

Leapfrog works under the guidance of an Expert Panel to select appropriate measures and develop a scoring methodology. The Expert Panel is made up of patient safety experts from across the country. The methodology is peer-reviewed and published in the Journal of Patient Safety.

“A’ hospitals show us their leadership in protecting patients from preventable medical harm and error,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “It takes genuine commitment at every level – from clinicians to administrators to the board of directors – and we congratulate the teams who have worked so hard to earn this A.”

In October 2017, Harrington was one of only 59 hospitals in the United States and the only hospital in central Massachusetts to be awarded twelve straight “A” grades since 2012. Since then, Harrington has also earned two “B” grades, in the fall of 2018 and the spring of 2019. Due to a change in methodology which impacted many smaller community hospitals, Harrington was not graded in the spring of 2018.

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Local dancers to be featured in Hanover's "The Nutcracker"



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WORCESTER — The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts' annual production of "The Nutcracker" is undergoing a major design transformation this year. Audiences will be the first to experience all-new scenic and lighting designs by Broadway's Christine Peters and Paul Miller, made possible by a gift of \$202,000 from Mary C. DeFeudis, honorary director of the theatre's board of directors and an original founding member from the theatre's 2008 opening.

"Children and adults alike will be transported into Clara's magical world to take part in her voyage while experiencing their own special journey through this timeless story," said Jennifer Agbay, director of dance.

More than 200 students auditioned for the production this year, a number that continues to grow as the show gets bigger. In addition to professional dancers from Orlando Ballet and Ellison Ballet Company, "The Nutcracker" will feature more than 100 students from across Central Massachusetts.

Local dancers from the Charlton area include (listed as pictured, left to right, front to back):

Sara Hennigan, age 10, of Charlton Middle School as a polichinelle

Calle Merchant, age 12, of Charlton Middle School as a party girl

Molly Hachey, age 15, of Shepherd Hill Regional High School as an angel and a rat

Katherine Totman, age 11, of Charlton Middle School as a small angel

Juliana Grant, age 9, of Dudley Elementary School as a reindeer

Ashlynn Cuniff, age 8, of Heritage School as a mouse

Charlotte Fredette, age 9, of Heritage School as a polichinelle and the Mini Rat

Madison Rizzo, age 12, of Charlton Middle School as Clara and a party girl Ella Hurley, age 8, of Heritage School as a sheep

Jed McManus (not pictured), as a party boy and an Arabian attendant

"The Nutcracker" is a signature show for the theatre," DeFeudis said. "It inspires our young performers to reach for their dreams. I am happy to enhance our annual production of this timeless show and to encourage our talented teachers and students."

Complete with live music from The Hanover Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra, "The Nutcracker" is a two-act ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky first performed in Russia in December 1892 and based on the stories of E.T.A. Hoffmann and Alexandre Dumas. The story revolves around Clara, a young girl who receives a nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift and then enters a magical world where the Nutcracker and other characters come to life. This year's production features professional dancers from Orlando Ballet and Ellison Ballet out of New York City. The magical holiday tradition returns to Worcester Friday, Nov. 29 – Sunday, Dec. 1, generously sponsored by Commerce Bank, a division of Berkshire Bank.

Tickets to "The Nutcracker" start at \$32, with discounts available for theatre members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online at TheHanoverTheatre.org, by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge St. in downtown Worcester.

About the designers

Christine Peters is an accomplished scenic designer most well-known for

her work on the "ELF the Musical" tour, although she has also worked on numerous other Broadway shows including "Miss Saigon," "The Book of Mormon," "Newsies," "The Addams Family" and "Bonnie and Clyde." Her national tour credits include "Aladdin," "Dirty Dancing," Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Wizard of Oz," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Mary Poppins," "Les Misérables" and "Beauty and the Beast."

Paul Miller's Broadway work includes "Amazing Grace," "The Illusionists," "Legally Blonde," "Freshly Squeezed," "Laughing Room Only" and other Off-Broadway and national touring productions. He also collaborated with Peters on the national tour of "ELF the Musical." Miller's lighting projects include every internationally televised live performance during the New Year's Eve celebration in New York's Times Square for the last 17 years.

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Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Tony Bennett) and everything in between ("A Christmas Carol," Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Alton Brown, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson). POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. After 11 seasons, the award-winning, historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main Street house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory. Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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University at Albany announces welcomes local student

ALBANY, N.Y. — UAlbany has welcomed nearly 5,700 new Great Danes to campus for the fall of 2019, including Monica Quianes, an undergraduate from Sturbridge.

Of the new students, some 2,700 freshmen, from 28,000 applicants, make up the Class of 2023. Approximately 1,400 transfer students and 1,550 graduate students are also joining the campus community this fall.

Some quick facts on the UAlbany's incoming freshman students for fall 2019:

- * The overall high school average is 90 percent
- * 235 students are enrolled as Presidential Scholars
- * 130 students are joining the University's Honors College
- * Students come from 24 states and 16 foreign countries

* More than one third of students are from underrepresented groups

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Markey, McGovern: ‘Everyone is included’ in Green New Deal

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — As part of a continuing effort to build public support for the Green New Deal, US Sen. Edward Markey and US Rep. James McGovern drew hundreds to a “town hall” forum at Worcester’s ClarkUniversity recently.

“There are no emergency rooms for planets, so we have to have preventive care,” Markey said, noting recent studies show Massachusetts could see increases of 7 deg. F in temperature and 11 feet in sea level by 2100.

To address that, they’re proponents of the wide-ranging GND. In its current form, it’s a 14-page resolution calling on the country to change our energy, transportation, food and other systems and create the jobs and infrastructure improvements necessary to implement those changes, to prevent the likely damage from climate change. He later noted, only half in jest, one likely example of the impact: “Mar-al-Lago will turn into Mar-al-Lagoon.”

“It’s not just a resolution, it’s a revolution we’ve filed,” he said, noting it specifically includes “communities that were excluded from the [original] New Deal” by “explicitly



Gus Steeves Photo

US Rep. Jim McGovern, left, and US Sen. Ed Markey listen to a questioner at Clark University’s Atwood Hall recently.

stat[ing] who is included and why. ... Everyone is included.”

He later said the GND is “about front-line communities,” including economically poor areas, minority and Native communities and others, and aims to include and protect them “not because they’re the most politically powerful, but because they’re the most vulnerable.”

“We all have power, and some of us have power we haven’t tapped into yet,” McGovern later said.

Markey noted some have dubbed that “socialism,” but he argues, “What do you call 100 years of tax breaks” for fossil fuel corporations? When some claim it’ll “kill jobs,” he argues it calls for establishing transition training for those who do lose jobs, a “green bank” to upgrade facilities and increase energy efficiency, plans to promote smaller-scale and more local “low-till” farming, and other things.

McGovern agreed, saying Congress needs to redirect funds away from fossil fuels, and both citizen and government should “do business with companies that get it when it comes to the climate crisis.” That includes buying local and organic food “so we’re not shipping food halfway around the world.” In general, he added, we need to have government agencies “care more about the health of the people than profits for the corporations.”

The current administration has pushed rolling back many environmental, consumer protection and oversight regulations, he noted.

As an example of the problem, Markey said Japanese

women in Japan have breast cancer rates of one-third to one-half American women, but see that rate rise to the same rate within one generation of living here.

“It’s something we do to ourselves,” he noted.

One part of the effort will have to be changing our gasoline-fueled transport system to one that includes electric cars and what McGovern hopes to be the world’s best rail system. Markey agreed, noting the president campaigned on having a \$2 trillion infrastructure bill, but still has not proposed it to Congress.

“By 2030, the era of the internal combustion engine will be increasingly seen in the mirror of history,” he said.

Some of the citizen participants raised concerns about the GND plan, with one noting it has “messaging problems” because it doesn’t clearly lay out the steps to achieve its goals and some claim it’s not scientifically or politically feasible.

Markey noted it sets goals and “we need to have the debate around the specific steps needed to meet these goals.” He noted some of the steps are already in progress, citing the increase in solar and wind power in the past 10 years. At

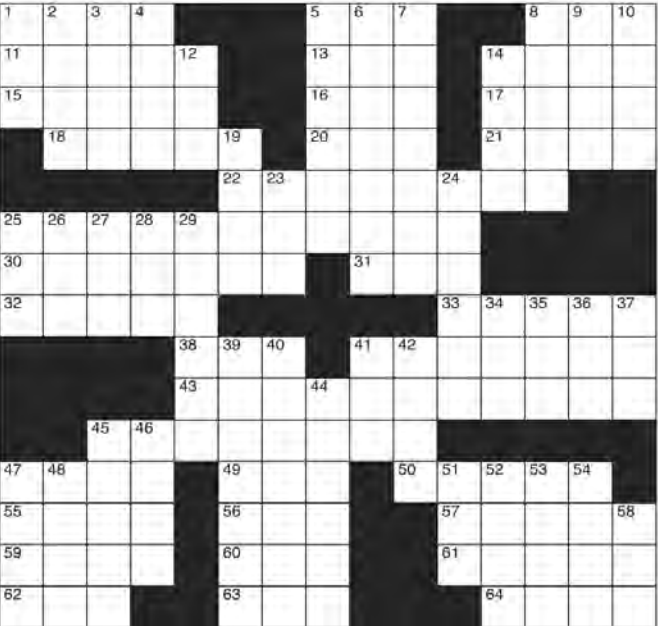
different times, he compared it to both President Kennedy’s setting a goal to get to the moon (which was implemented by years of Congressional acts and funding) and to the detailed Waxman-Markey bill of 2008, which ran for 1400 pages and aimed for an 80 percent greenhouse gas reduction.

Other participants sought to introduce other issues into the forum, including Sen Elizabeth Warren’s presidential run, general lack of trust in government, the impeachment effort in the House, handicapped access to transit and what one person dubbed “corporate crimes in Puerto Rico.” McGovern and Markey generally tried to take anything raised and turn it back to the Green New Deal.

The GND resolution was introduced in Congress early this year by Markey and Rep Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. It faced a late March procedural vote in the Senate which failed 0-57 to take it up for debate, with 43 Democrats (including Markey) voting “present.” CBSnews.com reported at the time that Democrats saw the vote as an attempt by Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell “to use it against them in the upcoming 2020 elections.” McConnell derided it then as “a socialist fantasy,” CBS reported.

This is not the first version of the Green New Deal. During 2016’s presidential campaign, Green Party candidate Jill Stein campaigned on a more comprehensive proposal bearing that name. Among other things, it included Medicare-for-All; a full employment program focused on sustainable energy, mass transit and the like; right to a living wage and tuition-free public education through college; publicly-owned utilities; breaking up big banks and creating nonprofit public banks; making several election reforms; repealing the Patriot Act; and slashing military spending by half. Some of those items are now being promoted, in various forms, by various presidential candidates.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Shelter for pigeons

5. Popular lit genre _-fi

8. Used to harvest agave

11. Wintertime accessory

13. “Gandalf” actor McKellen

14. Taxis

15. Political plot

16. Public television

17. Nigerian ethnic group

18. Informal loan clubs

20. “Wheel of Fortune” host

21. C C C

22. North, South and Central make them up

25. In an early way

30. Lied down in rest

31. Female hip-hop trio

32. Improves

33. Genus of mackerel sharks
38. Electronic countermeasures

41. Emerging

43. Balkan body of water

45. A type of delivery

47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Title given to a monk

50. Partner to “oohed”

55. “Luther” actor Idris

56. Supporting pin (nautical)

57. Golden peas plant

59. One point north of northeast

60. Unit of measurement

61. Where clothes hang

62. Opposite of night

63. A way to change color

64. Korean independence proponent Syngman

CLUES DOWN

1. Reciprocal of sine

2. Political organization

3. Defunct funk record label

4. Geological times

5. One who drinks slowly

6. Nightclub entertainment

7. Establish in one’s mind

8. Restaurants

9. Off-Broadway theater award

10. Requests

12. You don’t watch to catch it

14. Intestinal pouches

19. Satisfy

23. Wet dirt

24. Regularly repeated

25. Before

26. The color of Valentine’s Day

27. Indicates near

28. Bon _ : witty remark

29. One’s holdings
34. Request

35. Prefix meaning “badly”

36. Midway between north and northeast

37. Ottoman military title

39. Teased

40. Happily

41. Pie _ mode

42. Mars crater

44. Sports TV personality

45. Taxi driver

46. Abba _ , Israeli politician

47. The sick are sometimes on it

48. Relating to olives

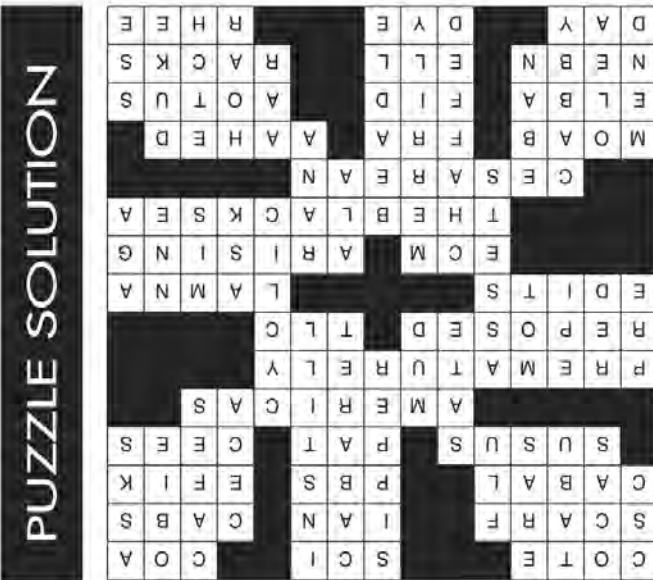
51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. A way to engrave

54. Where Coach K. works

58. Midway between south and southeast



Six things to help evergreens through winter



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Prepare your evergreens now before winter weather takes its toll on your boxwood, arborvitae and rhododendrons. Winter wind, sun, frozen soil, snow and ice can wreak havoc on our plants, especially evergreens.

Water plants, especially evergreens and new plantings, thoroughly before the ground freezes. Evergreens continue to lose moisture throughout the winter even when the soil is frozen or dry.

Apply a layer of mulch to the soil under and around trees and shrubs or freshen existing mulch. A two- to three-inch layer of woodchips or shredded bark insulates roots from temperature extremes, conserves moisture, suppresses weeds during the growing season and improves the soil as it breaks down in the future. Keep mulch several inches away from the trunk of trees and stems of shrubs.

Shelter evergreens from winter winds and sun that increase moisture lost through evergreen needles and leaves. Broadleaf evergreens like rhododendrons and boxwoods are most susceptible and benefit from shelter when planted in exposed locations.

Create an attractive winter shelter with one of the commercially available winterizing products or build your own. Use a bit of decorative fencing or recycle a locally grown Christmas tree to cast a bit of shade and block the wind. Christmas tree windbreaks also add greenery to the winter landscape and shelter for



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Loosely tie together stems of upright yew subject to heavy snow and ice loads.

visiting birds.

Loosely tie together stems of upright arborvitae, junipers and yew hedges subject to heavy snow and ice loads. As the snow and ice pile on, it can cause these plants to split. The shrubs often recover in spring, but years of repeated damage can eventually disfigure these plants.

Use strips of cotton to loosely tie the multiple stems together so the snow rolls off the plant. Or wrap the whole shrub or hedge in bird netting. The netting blends in with the foliage so the plants are secure and still add beauty to the winter landscape. The netting also helps discourage hungry wildlife.

Install fencing, apply repellents or enlist scare tactics to reduce the risk of damage from hungry animals. Applying wildlife protection before critters start feeding increases your chance of success. Monitor plantings for damage, adjust as needed and consider using a combination of animal protections.

Delay major pruning until

the worst of winter weather has passed. The inner needles and leaves of evergreens have been sheltered by the outer layer of growth. Removing the outermost growth in fall exposes the tender inner growth to the harsh weather, increasing the risk of winter damage. It’s better to wait until early spring to shape, if needed, while correcting any winter damage.

A few hours spent preparing evergreens for winter now can save you hours repairing damage next spring and money spent on replacement plants.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses How to Grow Anything* DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV and radio segments. Myers’ website, www.MelindaMyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gardening checklists.

MARIANAPOLIS PREP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

THOMPSON, Conn. — Below are the students who have earned their place on the Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year at Marianapolis Prep School.

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HONOR ROLL

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Harrington nurse educators train others to save lives

SOUTHBIDGE — With more than 40 combined years treating emergency room patients, Harrington Nurses Heather LaFlamme and Amanda White have seen their fair share of traumatic injuries.

So when they had an opportunity to educate others on how to help someone who was experiencing traumatic bleed-

ing, they jumped at the chance.

White and LaFlamme are two of the lead trainers for the healthcare system's 'Stop the Bleed' campaign.

Death from trauma, including post-traumatic bleeding, can occur in 3-5 minutes.

"When people hear the name of the training, they automatically think of a school shooting or another traumatic mass casualty situation," White said. "But in reality, this training can help someone in need on any given day -- from a lawn mowing accident to a mishap in a vocational school workshop."

Stop the Bleed was, in fact, developed by medical professionals following the 2012 Sandy Hook school shootings. However, the program has since expanded into a national campaign to better prepare the public to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding following emergencies and natural disasters.

The program has been adopted and expanded by the Department of Homeland Security, now branded as "Until Help Arrives," and includes several medical and security partners, including the American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma, Federal Bureau of Investigations and Department of Defense.

According to a 2016 National Academies of Science study, trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under age 46. Life-threatening injuries require immediate action to prevent an injured person from dying.

"A training like Stop the Bleed is not just effective, but a critical tool to empower each other and be better prepared in the event of an emergency," LaFlamme said.

Now, LaFlamme and White are taking their mission on the road. Their program structure is largely to "train the trainer"; a grassroots effort that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency. The training includes an educational lecture and a hands-on demonstration.

So far, LaFlamme and White, along with Harrington Emergency Department Nurse Jason Osborne, have successfully educated and trained hundreds of individuals and multiple groups, including the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps and a local group of Park Rangers affiliated with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Lois Luniewicz is the coordinator for the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps, a group that recently received the training.

"[The team] did a phenomenal presentation and we are very grateful. They showed personal dedication toward advancing these life-saving techniques, as well as first-hand experiences," she said.

All of Harrington's 1,400 employees have been invited to become a Stop the Bleed certified trainer at sessions being held on campus during the month of November.

LaFlamme and White are also trying to establish relationships with local schools to train staff and faculty at all grade levels. This past spring,



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Over the past several months, three of Harrington's Emergency Department Nurses have begun a community-wide effort to train everyday bystanders to save lives by raising awareness of basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding.

they taught the course to the Dudley/Charlton district school nurses.

"Many people don't realize that you don't need fancy medical equipment to save a life," LaFlamme said. "We educate people on how to use what they have in front of them--the most basic everyday items can become life-saving tools in an emergency. That's part of what makes this training so important."



SOUTHBIDGE — It's November, and you know what that means -- it's time for Harrington Auxiliary's Annual Bake Sale!

The sale will take place in the lobby of the Southbridge Hospital campus at 100 South Street, Southbridge, on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We invite you to stop by, view the vast array of baked goods and select a mouthwatering cake, pie, bread, muffins or cookies.

This year, the Center of Hope will feature some of its baked goods outside the main entrance of the hospital beginning at 6 a.m. Employees, patients and visitors can choose from a wide selection of pastries, including brownies, cookies, breads, pies and muffins.

Proceeds from all purchases, both inside and outside the hospital, will enable the Auxiliary to provide equipment and programs that benefit the health and well being of the members in the communities the Harrington HealthCare System serves.

The Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided by the Harrington HealthCare System.

The Center of Hope Foundation, Inc. provides people with disabilities and their families the resources, services and opportunities to be contributing members of their communities, and to achieve the most fulfilling and meaningful lives possible.

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Tantasqua craft fair kicks off the season

Kevin Flanders Photos

STURBRIDGE – Tantasqua Regional High School’s eighth annual holiday season craft fair drew one of the most impressive attendances to date. On an unseasonably frigid fall day, residents from throughout the area beat the cold on Nov. 9 by attending the fair. Hundreds of vendors made it easy for guests looking to cross off items from their holiday shopping lists. The event also featured appearances from local nonprofits and school groups.



TRHS students run the raffle tables.



Charlton’s Pam Staney spends the day with her 6-year-old daughter Addison.



Joe and Sandra DeGoff, of Spencer, run a mother-son photography business.



Members of Runners by Four, a Shirley-based group, greet guests at the fair.



Students in the TRHS Allied Health program show youngsters how to perform CPR.



David Miller, of Enfield, Conn., shows off his woodworking creations.



Niki Smith, of North Brookfield, with her 11-year-old daughter Rebecca.



Siobhan Hart, left, and Lynne Brouillette represent Sturbridge-based Kids in the Congo, Inc.



Christa LeBrun, of Brookfield, is eager to meet guests from throughout the area.



Southbridge’s Donna Joyce lights up her corner of the craft fair.

Charlton Receives second renewal for DEP grant

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Town of Charlton will continue to benefit from a state grant that was first received for the 2018 season.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Peter Boria revealed to the Charlton Water & Sewer Commission on Nov. 4 that the \$200,000 grant through the Department of Environmental Protection initially received last year has not only been extended for a second time into 2020 but has also been replenished for a second time back to the full \$200,000 amount,

“In FY19, we probably used approximately \$170,000 to \$180,000 to do the exploration up at Buffumville to find a public water supply. I made the same request to use the remaining funds for FY20 and fortunate enough they extended it with a fresh \$200,000,” Boria said.

A scope of the expected work for 2020 to be funded through the grant has been submitted to the DEP in draft for and will need to be approved by the Water and Sewer Commission pending an changes requested by the DEP.

A lot of the funding will be used to continue the

town’s efforts to add to its well systems in the coming year. Boria presented some details as to what the town can look forward to as that project continues into the new year.

“We’re in the process of hopefully purchasing the 25 acres where the wells will go by the end of December. We’re on track to do that. There’s a few more steps we’d have to take to satisfy DEP but I’m I the process of doing that so we should be good to go,” Boria said.

He added that the next step would be to move forward with site designs and planning as well as designs for the road

and some leveling of the property in question. The town is also working on a preliminary conceptual design of how the water will travel from the property to the existing infrastructure.

“I think this is an important piece so that we can give something to the Army Corp of Engineers for them to consider while we’re in the process of designing the site,” Boria said. “Also getting the proposed plan to work with them to maybe access a portion of their property to run the water line over, get their commitment or buy in and see if we have any concerns

about that and see if we have to redesign it.”

Another task would be the continuation of the water management program screening process, a step required to move on to the long-term pump test once the wells are drill. This, in addition to wetlands considerations and the slew of meetings still to take place with town boards and commissions, will all be part of the forthcoming process.

“It’s pretty inclusive of what can happen this fiscal year. The nice thing is the DEP has awarded us the grant again. I think we’ve been using their money very wisely and they’re happy with the

progress we’re making so they’re continuing to let us use it. Hopefully, they’ll review this and understand the direction we’re going and come back with a thumbs up to continue in this manner,” Boria said.

The superintendent added that the town has used around \$400,000 in grant funding over the last two years on the water wells project showing the significance of the grant to getting the project down and relieving taxpayers of the costs of the initiative.



The night’s chef, Amanda Montville, flavors a batch of sauce.

CAPEN HILL

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“Ray was with us before I started, and I’ve been at Capen Hill 20 years,” Nolin said. “... The first time I met Ray, they were still building the WalMart on Route 20. A family of ducks walked across the street in front of me and the mother got killed. I was horrified, and took [the ducklings] to Capen Hill. That’s how I met Ray – he was chasing a squirrel.”

Amanda Montville, the dinner’s chef, knew him nearly as long.

“Capen Hill is a family tradition,” she said. “My grandfather helped started it with Ruth Wells and built the barn

with the Boy Scouts. He used to drop me off and I’d hang out with Ray. I’ve been going there since I was five.”

Most of the time, Montville is quite happy being on the go as a cook for Charlton Middle School or Chuck’s Steakhouse, and noted her normal day off is Sunday, which she spent cooking for this event. But she especially likes summers off from school, when she volunteers time as a camp counselor at Capen. Her mother Paulette is also involved, including being vice president.

“The best part is just sitting in the field hanging out with the crickets,” Amanda said, describing that as “serenity.”

“We’re hoping that when people come, they look at it as a sanctuary, not just a place,” said Capen Hill President Barbara Frederick, who handled ticket sales at the door Sunday.

She said the board of directors “has a long-term plan to make it more of a venue” for weddings, musical events and the like, as well as building “something that’s entirely run on wind and solar,” fixing the barn McDuffie built years ago, and expanding other services. One of those will be a teen camp next summer for ages 13-17, run by teen counselors.

Sunday’s silent auction featured a wide range of donated prizes, including a \$330 iPad, a \$200 stay at Embassy Suites, a \$260 set of Dexter knives, a cribbage board set, an Amazon Echo, and various gift cards and certificates. Nolin noted that’s where most of the funds have typically been raised, not the dinner itself.

“We don’t do this for the



Most of the seats are full inside Charlton Grange at about 6 p.m.



Attendees check out the silent auction tables.

money, glory or fame,” she said. “We do it to bring the community together.”

And for those who are curious, Amanda Montville open-

ly admits her “secret” sauce ingredient is nothing more than “lots and lots of brown sugar.”

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MONETTE

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mind then,” he said.

Among his favorite subjects are owls, which make up quite a few of the “Voyagers.” He noted some species, particularly great grey owls, are so uncommon they prompt voyages of their own just to see them. The species normally summers in the high Arctic and winters between Hudson Bay and the central US, so it doesn’t normally appear around here. In fact, Monette said he’s only ever seen two alive – one at UMass in the 1980s, the other in Newport, New Hampshire a couple years ago. The latter “was just mobbed. I went up six times to see it,” and people flew from all over to do likewise, he said.

Sometimes, the animals seem to wait for him. In one case, he’d heard of a snowy owl out of its range in a park in Rhode Island. He drove there, and wondered, “How was I going to find a snowy owl in all this acreage? So I drove up to the visitor center and there he was [on the roof] as if saying ‘Where have you been, Dale?’”

A similar feeling has surrounded a specific coyote Monette says he’s seen repeatedly near Quabbin for five years.

“He knows me and I know him,” he said.

One day, the coyote “spotted me and decided it was time to sit down and have a talk.” He let himself be photographed close-up, and before he left “he made sure I got his good side,” Monette said.

This happened close to one of the “three or four beaver ponds I spend way too much time in,” he added. “... I’ve been so close to some of them, they think I’m one of the clan.”

Beavers are a keystone species on which “a lot of animals depend.” Famous for their dam- and lodge-build-

ing skills, they create huge ponds that quickly become homes for numerous species of mammals, fish, birds and plants, several of whom leave if the beavers do.

As most people know, they chew trees. But that’s only partly for food and building material. “They have to chew,” Monette said. “If they don’t, their teeth continue to grow and they [eventually] can’t eat, so they’ll die of starvation.”

One of his images shows a beaver face-on, nibbling a branch and looking as if he’s about to offer Monette some of it.

One series of shots shows one of the various birds beaver ponds are home to – a great blue heron “ripping off sticks from this beaver lodge.” One of them has him bringing a stick to his mate in the nest, who has an expression Monette thought was saying “enough already.”

Heron are themselves very patient – “I’ve seen them wait 15 or 20 minutes for a fish.”

A related bird, the great egret, summers in southeastern Massachusetts and “seem[s] to have no fear of people with cameras.” In one place, he added, “they’d come flying in and just appear out of the fog.”

They might want to cultivate a little fear, since they were hunted to local extinction in the 1800s for women’s hat decorations, he noted. They started returning in 1954, following a similar trajectory to one of our area’s more famous birds, the bald eagle, nearly 30 years later.

Monette worked on the eagle reintroduction project from 1982-88. At the time, the bird was nearly extinct due to DDT poisoning, which thins their eggshells so much the mother’s own weight crushes them. The state collected a few chicks from Michigan and

Nova Scotia, raised them in cages at Quabbin for six to seven weeks, then released them. The first two, named Betsy and Ross, founded the first known nest in Massachusetts since 1906; since then, bald eagles have been see all over the state.

“Any day I see a bald eagle is a good day,” Monette said.

Similar stories of recovery can be told for turkeys, black bears, coyotes, bea-

vers and several other species that were wiped out by development, poisons or hunting (usually for something other than food) but have returned in recent decades. Many of them found their way into Monette’s thousands of images.

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BAY PATH ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2010 school year.

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EDITORIAL

It truly takes a village

The phrase “It takes a village” is thrown around so often, it almost feels cliché; however, nothing could be further from the truth. As we grow older, and watch our children enter into adulthood, that phrase rings loud and clear and as such, a feeling of appreciation is in order.

Recently, a member of our staff received a phone call from her college aged son about a close mentor who had passed away. This gentleman played a transformative role in his life and as a parent, it brought into light just how important that ‘village’ is. Although this gentleman was thanked for his kindness several times, it just never seemed like enough. So to you, Mr. Killam, thank you.

From a parent’s perspective, we sometimes forget the role other adults play in raising our children. A good friend coming over at the drop of a dime to watch our toddler so we can make it to work. An aunt being available to pick up a tired soccer player because work became busy just at closing. A grandparent who is always in the audience during those early years of holiday recorder concerts, or a helpful neighbor who just happens to be good at calculus to help your high school student — it all adds up.

Just one encouraging comment from a teacher or coach, during a random school day or practice, can often times be the catalyst for something great, then the domino effect takes hold. When you see a happy, successful individual, think about what their village must have looked like. What did your village look like? What does it still look like now?

Throughout your lives, think about those people who believed in you enough to make a difference. Those people who at different moments, said or did just the right things, and met you where you were at. Did it happen in high school? Or were you in college when an engaging professor was impressed with a paper you handed in? Maybe you were in your twenties and waiting on tables when a customer handed you a business card for an opportunity you never thought possible. Every person that comes to mind, no matter their role, played a part in your ‘village.’ As life moves on, despite your age, your village will not disappear. When we really start to think about those people, we can connect the dots. What role will you play for someone else?

The best way to appreciate those people in your life, whether they are still with us or not, is to live well and, by all means necessary, make your happiness your number one priority...after all, that, we believe, is the secret to life.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Be known by what you are for

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

We’ve all been told to “Be part of the solution” and “If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.” Both statements are good and true. Most people holding elected office and almost all of those running for president, apparently didn’t get that memo.

Beto O’Rourke recently dropped out of the race. I can tell you almost everything he was against, but would be hard-pressed to tell you what he was for. Screaming against or at issues is not the same as proposing and selling solutions. My suggestion to all of those running for office, and especially those holding power is to be for and not against something.

You may say Beto was for gun control ... but I never heard him articulate that. Instead I heard him attacking the National Rifle Association and saying he would seize guns from law abiding citizens. I never heard him propose a positive plan for legal immigration but instead he said he’d abolish ICE and he was against a wall. Attitude of your approach matters. Beto never got his message across because he was negatively attacking rather than positively proposing. He spent all his time telling us what he is against instead of what he is for. When you are against something, you come across as negative. When you are for something you come across as positive and Americans almost always vote for the candidate who gets their positive message across.

Like him or not, Donald Trump won with a simple and positive message. Make America Great Again. His opponents attacked his slogan by calling it racist, homophobic, misogynistic and worse. Instead, maybe they would have been better served by being more “Pro-America” and less “Anti-Trump?”

A positive message sells, while a negative message repels.

This is not a political message nor am I taking a side. I am strongly stating that people who are for something move their agenda forward and attract followers, while those who are against something are obstructionist and attract negative people. You may say, “I’m against racism” and I’ll respond by saying “try being for unity and to love your neighbor regardless of race, color, religion or nationality.” You may say you “are anti-drug” and I’ll respond with, “be pro good health and clear mind.” How we approach our problems matters because people respond to and are drawn to a positive message and approach and turn away from the negative. As such, I believe the negative approach of those who want Donald

Trump out of office are assuring his reelection. Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton were both elected because of their positive and optimistic messages. So, my message to those wanting my vote is “I don’t care what you are against. Tell me what you are for.”

It’s not only true in political elections but also in the workplace and in our homes. Our children need to understand what their parents are for. When a parent is always telling their children what they are doing wrong, they are damaging their child’s self-esteem and teaching them to communicate the negative. Certainly, we must correct our children, but the power of motivation is in building the child up, not tearing them down. Correct them positively.

Employees need to understand the same from their business leadership. Screaming at an employee for making a mistake assures they will never take risks but will also turn them against the boss and the company. When that happens, the employee may work to sabotage their boss and turn down the quality of work they perform. Positive always trumps negative. Employees need to understand what their leadership and their company values. Then, the leadership must model those values in a positive and easy to understand way.

This is a difficult point to make in under eight hundred words but let me try with this simple story.

Mother Teresa is known worldwide for her work with the poor and the tremendous legacy she left behind. If you are ever tempted to ask if its possible for one person to make a difference, remember Mother Teresa. She is credited with saying ...

“I was once asked why I don’t participate in anti-war demonstrations. I said that I will never do that, but as soon as you have a pro-peace rally, I’ll be there.”

Mother Teresa

What did this kind, gentle and positive person who made a profound difference in the world say?

Anti-Anything never works. Be pro something.

I want to be known by what I’m for. How about you?

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Each year, Veterans Day allows us to show our respect for the sacrifices that military veterans have made for our country. But have you ever stopped to think about what lessons our veterans can teach us about how we conduct various aspects of our lives? For example, consider the following traits and how they might apply to your actions as an investor:

Perseverance – Even veterans who have not served in armed combat have had to persevere in challenging situations. The military life is not an easy one, as it often involves frequent moves, living in foreign countries, time away from loved ones, and so on. As an investor, in what ways do you need to show perseverance? For one thing, you’ll need to stick it out even in the face of volatile markets and short-term losses. And you’ll need the discipline to make investing a top priority throughout your life, even with all the other financial demands you face.

Willingness to learn and adapt – During the course of their service, military veterans frequently need to learn new skills for their deployments. Furthermore, living as they often do in foreign countries, they must adapt to new cultures and customs. When you invest, you’re learning new things, not only about changes in the economic environment and new investment opportunities, but also about yourself – your risk tolerance, your investment preferences, and your views about your ideal retirement lifestyle. Your ability to learn new investment behaviors and to adapt to changing circumstances can help determine your long-term success.

Awareness of the “big picture” – All members of the military know that their individual duties, while perhaps highly specific, are nonetheless part of a much bigger picture – the security of their country. When you make an investment decision, it might seem relatively minor, but each move you make should contribute to your larger goals – college for your children (or grandchildren), a comfortable retirement, a legacy for your family or any other objective. And if you can keep in mind that your actions are all designed to help you meet these types of goals, you will find it easier to stay focused on your long-term investment strategy and not overreact to negative events, such as market downturns.

Sense of duty – It goes without saying that veterans and military personnel have felt, and still feel, a sense of duty. As an investor, you are trying to meet some personal goals, such as an enjoyable retirement lifestyle, but you, too, are acting with a sense of duty in some ways, because you’re also investing to help your family. There are the obvious goals, like sending children to college or helping them start a business, but you’re also making their lives easier by maintaining your financial independence throughout your life, freeing them of potential financial burdens. This can be seen quite clearly when you take steps, such as purchasing long-term care insurance, to protect yourself from the potentially catastrophic costs of an extended nursing home stay.

Military veterans have a lot to teach us in many activities of life – and investing is one of them. So, on Veterans Day, do what you can to honor our veterans and follow their behaviors as you chart your own financial future.

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Giving Thanks: For Traditional Native American Dishes

Americans have much to be thankful for, and while details of the “first” Thanksgiving are debatable, there is no denying the major role American Indians played in the lives of early settlers. From teaching Colonists to hunt turkey and deer and cultivate corn to showing them how to tap Maple syrup and cook wild cranberries, Native Americans are credited with preventing mass starvation in early settlements.

In appreciation of the American Indians’ vast contributions to the dinner table, this column will spotlight some Thanksgiving-worthy Native American classics.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

molasses custard, along with the high calories and richness of the old fashioned dish make the “once a year” desert worth waiting all year for.

While the sweet, steamy pudding continues to be served up as a rustic treat in fine Yankee restaurants, the traditional dish boasts a humble history.

Tracing its roots to the Colonists’ love of England’s “hasty pudding”, Indian Pudding was made with cornmeal, which was plentiful in the New World, along with molasses and maple syrup, two common sweeteners of the day.

History reveals President John Adams and First Lady Abigail served homemade Indian Pudding at White House receptions.

Below is an old fashioned recipe, courtesy of the Plimouth Plantation kitchen:

Plimouth Plantation Slow Cooker Indian Pudding

Ingredients: three cups whole milk; 1/2 cup cornmeal; 1/2 teaspoon table salt; two tablespoons unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing cooker; two large eggs; 1/3 cup molasses; one teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon ginger; 1/2 cup dried cranberries (optional); Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Directions: Grease the inside of your slow cooker with butter and preheat on high 15 minutes.

In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, whisk together milk, cornmeal, and salt, and bring to a boil. Continue whisking another 5 minutes; then cover and simmer on low 10 minutes. Remove from the burner and add butter.

In a medium-size bowl, combine eggs, molasses, and spices. Add some of the hot cornmeal mixture to the egg mixture to temper the eggs; then transfer egg mixture into the pot. Stir in cranberries, if you like.

Scrape batter into the slow cooker and cook on high 2 to 3 hours or on low 6 to 8 hours. The center will be not quite set.

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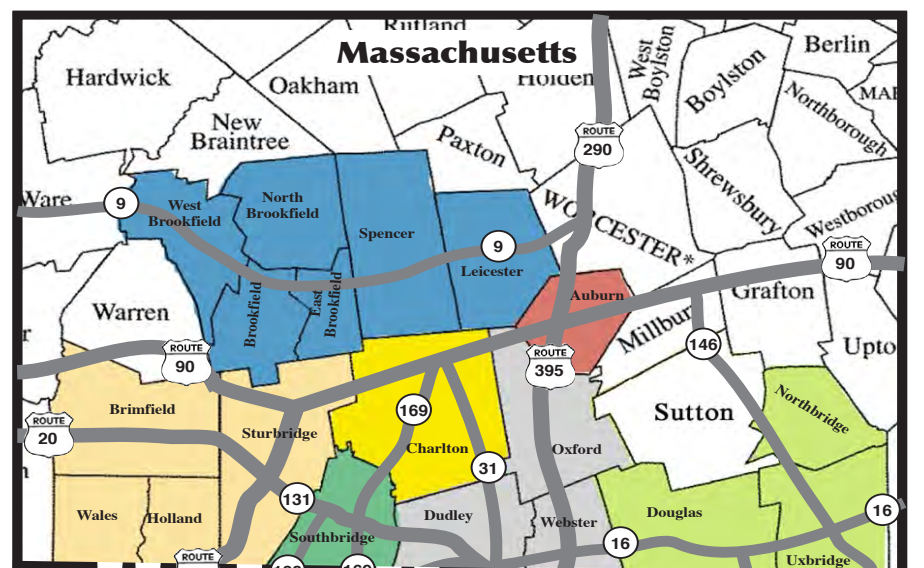
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On the hunt for bear



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As the shotgun season approaches for Massachusetts deer hunters (Dec. 2), numerous big game hunters that hold a Massachusetts hunting license are contemplating purchasing a bear hunting license because of all the sightings of bear in the area during the last few weeks. Douglas, Northbridge and Uxbridge residents have reported numerous bear sightings. The second season of bear

hunting in Massachusetts runs from Nov. 4-23. The bear may only be taken with bow or rifle, which includes a muzzle-loader gun. See page 31, of the 2019 Mass. Fish & Game for all regulations pertaining to bear hunting. Shotguns are only permitted during part of the shotgun deer season. For a \$5 permit to hunt bear in Mass., it could be the best \$5 you have ever spent. A 205-pound, 10-point buck was harvested recently by a bow hunter in Uxbridge. Numerous other impressive deer in the 160-pound-plus range were harvested last week in the valley, and the action is only going to get better as the rut heats up. Noel Rabidor harvested another nice buck last




week in Uxbridge with his compound bow. Drivers are reminded that the chances of having a car deer collision is extremely high in the next few weeks, and requires constant attention while driving, especially during dawn and dusk. Only drivers can retain any deer that are struck and killed, but must be reported to the Mass. Fish & Wildlife. Bear and moose may not be retained. Fisher Cat & Bob Cat populations are on the increase in the valley area. Numerous reports by bow hunters spotting them while hunting are a sure sign of their significant increase in numbers. They are often looking for an easy meal and can kill cats and small dogs when the opportunity arises. Coyote numbers are also on the increase. Never let your pets out alone in a back yard, or they could become a meal for these free roaming killers. This week's second picture shows what a fisher Cat looks like. With the recent cold snap,

Ice fishermen are getting their gear ready for first ice. Back in this writer's younger years I can remember ice fishing on Thanksgiving Day at New Pond in Whitinsville, and the coves on Meadow Pond known as Kane's Cove. The last few years ice fishing days were few, but hopefully we will have a better season this year. Checking on the condition of your ice tilts and ice auger now will, insure that you are ready for first ice. Always use an ice chisel to check the thickness of first ice as you slowly navigate across any pond or lake. Every year, someone loses their life on thin ice. This is a good time to talk to your family members, especially youngsters about the dangers of thin ice. They should never be walking on ice without adult supervision. Many ponds and lakes have springs that often stop the ice from freezing, and can prove to be deadly if residents are not aware of them. The most dangerous ice conditions are

when the lakes and ponds are snow covered. Snow insulates the ice, keeping it from freezing. Please use caution. The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will host their annual Roast Beef supper this Saturday Nov. 16 at their club's headquarters on White Court in Douglas. The annual event still had a few tickets left as of this past Saturday. Be sure to call the club for tickets at 508-476-7204. You will be in for a great meal if you attend. This week's first picture shows young Aiden Walker, grandson of Steve Rondeau, holding my yellow lab. Twig during last week's pheasant hunt at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Twig managed to track down a couple of pheasant that we harvested, & Aiden carried back our two Pheasant, which he thought was awesome. A new hunter was born! Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

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Zadrik
Age 15

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Zadrik is very resourceful and is very good at advocating for himself. He is in the 8th grade. He has friends at school and gets along well with both adults and his peers.


Legally freed for adoption, a very structured home and a consistent parenting style seems to works best with Zadrik. He would do well in most any family constellations with or without children as long as he receives love, attention and encouragement to help build his self-esteem. Zadrik would like to maintain contact with his 2 sisters, his paternal grandmother and his last pre -adoptive father.

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Cranberry Chutney & Sauce

Wild cranberries have long held an important rank in Native American culture. American Indians ate cranberries in a variety of dishes and used the bright red berries as a natural dye to color textiles. The native fruit was also hailed as valuable medicine, as a poultice of the berries was applied to wounds, including serious war injuries. Native Americans introduced the tart berry to the settlers who gave the cranberry its current name. The pink flower blossoms on the cranberry reminded early Colonists of the Sandhill Crane in their native land, thus they called the fruit "craneberries."

Raw cranberries, which are an excellent source of Vitamin C, were also coveted by early 19th century whalers as they brought cranberries on board their vessels to prevent scurvy.

Today, cranberry sauce served along with a traditional turkey is a much anticipated Thanksgiving Day tradition. Read on for an old fashioned homemade cranberry sauce and an authentic chutney, both from Native American recipe files.

Cranberry Sauce Sweetened with Maple

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups pure maple syrup; one half cup water; one tsp. ground ginger; four cups fresh cranberries.

Directions: In a medium saucepan of heavy weight, bring syrup, water and ginger to boil over medium heat. Stir in whole cranberries. Simmer until the cranberries start to pop, stirring occasionally. Mash lightly. Pour into a bowl and cool before refrigerating.

Cranberry Chutney, American Indian Style

Ingredients: Three cups cranberries; one dozen cored apples; one onion, sliced; one cup golden raisins; 1 ½ tablespoons ground ginger; two ounces chili peppers; four cups apple cider vinegar; two tablespoons salt; one pound dark brown sugar; two tablespoons flour dissolved in ¼ cup water.

Directions: In a heavy large saucepan mix together apples, onion, raisins, ginger, chilies, vinegar, salt and brown sugar. Cook over low heat for about 30 minutes. Add cranberries and flour/

water mixture. Simmer until cranberries pop and mixture thickens, about ten minutes. Let set to cool and further thicken. Refrigerate after cooling.

Succotash

Corn was a staple crop of American Indians and they prided themselves on cooking it many different ways. Succotash, of which corn in a main ingredient, is a simple yet delicious dish that is familiar to most folks of Native American descent. The hearty "stew" typically consists of corn, beans, and sweet peppers. The low cost and relatively easy access to homegrown ingredients made this common fare at Thanksgiving time and all year round.

Succotash Stew

Ingredients: Four ears of fresh sweet corn; four cups of fresh lima beans (frozen may be substituted) ; 1 ½ cups of water ; ½ cup butter; 1 ½ cups of sliced green onions; one green and one red bell pepper, diced

Directions: Cut corn cobs into 1 ½ inch lengths. Place corn, beans, water, and butter in a large saucepan. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in onions and peppers and continue to simmer for 6 to 10 minutes, until beans are tender and peppers are slightly tender. Remove lid and cook over high heat for 3 to 4 minutes, until liquid is reduced to about a half cup.

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SPORTS

Tantasqua takes control on the ground to get past Groton-Dunstable



Tantasqua's Liam Kent hunts down Groton-Dunstable's Bradley teDuits.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

That was the mindset of the Tantasqua Regional varsity football team in its Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament semifinal at The Reservation Friday night, Nov. 8 against Groton-Dunstable Regional.

The Warriors, who have run the ball well all season, did so against the Crusaders as well, rolling up 306 yards on the ground and scoring six rushing touchdowns during a 39-15 win.

With the win second-seeded Tantasqua (7-2) advances to the Division 4 championship game, where it will play top-seeded Fitchburg High (7-2) at 11 a.m., Nov. 16, at Worcester's Foley Stadium after the Red Raiders beat No. 4 Nashoba Regional, 7-0, in the other semifinal. Third-seeded Groton-Dunstable fell to 6-3 with the loss.

The Warriors met Fitchburg earlier this season, back on Sept. 20, Tantasqua winning the game, 17-10.

Senior co-captains Ryan Sears and Liam Gore paced the Warriors' potent ground game, each scoring three touchdowns.

Sears finished with a game-high 153 yards on 26 carries and he found the end zone on runs of 5, 14 and 29 yards. Gore gained 60 yards on 10 carries and scored from 2, 5 and 7 yards out. Not to be outdone, classmate Dom Brown rushed for 93 yards on eight carries.

"The offensive line played great and Liam Gore and Ryan Sears ran the ball very well up the middle and Dom Brown ran the ball very well on our [jet] sweeps," Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis said. "We challenged our guys up front; we kind of figured they'd have a lot of guys up in the box to try and stop, or slow down, our run game."

The Warriors let Groton-Dunstable know what kind of game it was going to be right off the rip, taking the opening kickoff and marching 57 yards in seven plays, Sears going the final 29 around left end and

into the end zone, helping to give Tantasqua a 7-0 lead with 7:51 left to play in the first quarter.

"Our goal was to win the toss, get the ball and go down the field and score and set the tone for the game," Hargis said. "I was very pleased we were able to do that."

Gore said scoring on the first drive of the game was huge.

"We came in knowing that they knew we were going to run the ball, but we wanted to show them we were determined to run the ball anyway, even though they were setting up their defense to stop the run," Gore said. "Our offensive line helped with that; we had some great blocks and Ryan and Dom ran the ball well. We played great as a team; that's why we win."

Tantasqua led at all the stops in the game, 7-0 after the first quarter, 20-8 at halftime and 26-8 after three periods.

Brown may not have scored a touchdown against the Crusaders, but he did collect two big interceptions on defense, the second one leading to the Warriors' third-quarter TD, a 14-yard run by Sears.

On a third-and-8 on his own 32-yard line, Groton-Dunstable quarterback Bradley teDuits, looking for Tim Stark, found Brown instead and he returned the ball to the Crusaders' 17-yard line. Sears scored two plays later.

"On my second interception [the first pick came on the final play of the first half] I was right there," Brown said. "I read the quarterback, saw where he was throwing it and jumped up and made the play. I go into every game trying to get two or three picks."

Hargis said he was happy the Warriors played their way back into the Division 4 final.

"It feels good," Hargis said. "Our goal was to make it back to the District final this year, so we accomplished that goal."

In last year's Division 4 championship game, Tantasqua lost to Nashoba Regional, 28-0.

"Moving on feels great," Brown said "Our goal coming into the season was to get back to the final. We've got unfin-

ished business to take care of in that game. Losing in that game last year left a sour taste in my mouth. We know the outcome is going to be different this year."



Jason McKay photos

Tantasqua quarterback Dante Reno has time to search for an open teammate to pass to, as Noah Galonek stands nearby for pocket protection.



Liam Gore of Tantasqua powers through Groton-Dunstable's defensive line.



Tantasqua's Liam Gore won't be stopped as he muscled his way through multiple Groton-Dunstable defenders.



Owen Stanton of Tantasqua sprints down the middle of the field, with Groton-Dunstable players hoping to make a tackle.

POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

TANTASQUA TEAMS FALL IN PLAYOFF ACTION

Monday, Nov. 4
Central Mass. Division 2 Volleyball Quarterfinal
(2) Canton 3, (10) Tantasqua 0 — The Warriors finished their season with a record of 13-9, as Canton eventually made its way through the entire bracket before winning the District Title versus No. 4 Westborough High, 3-1. Canton is now 20-3 as they move to the State Semifinals.

Central Mass. Division 1 Boys' Soccer First Round
(8) Groton-Dunstable 4, (9) Tantasqua 1 — Although the Warriors were one of the top teams in their league (SWCL), they couldn't get over the hump in the tournament, finishing 13-6. Groton-Dunstable then battled top-seeded St. John's High tough in the quarterfinals, but lost by a goal, 3-2. The Crusaders wound up 11-7-2.

SPORTS

Buzzell’s goal-scoring boosts Warriors by Fitchburg

TANTASQUA’S SEASON THEN ENDS AT HANDS OF TOMAHAWKS



Tantasqua's Amber Almeida attempts to maneuver her way around a pair of Fitchburg defenders.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The number 13 is considered by many to be unlucky, but there’s a good chance that the members of Tantasqua Regional’s girls’ varsity soccer team are totally fine with the number that falls after 12 and before 14, especially after the Warriors’ 2-0 victory over Fitchburg High in the first-round of the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament.

That’s because, at the Reservation on Monday, Nov. 4, Tantasqua took a 1-0 lead over the Red Raiders on its 13th shot of the game on a goal by quick-thinking junior Lexie Buzzell with 27 minutes, 15 seconds left in the game.

Up to that point the Warriors had been stoned by Fitchburg goalie Tanila Council, 10 of her 12 saves at that point

coming in the first half. And, in addition to the 12 official shots the Warriors recorded before Buzzell put the ball past Council, Tantasqua had several shots that went left and right of the goal, a couple that went over the goal, and one that banged off the left post.

“She is a very active goalkeeper,” Warriors’ head coach Matt Rickson said of Council. “She likes to move around and she is quick; she has quick hands and quick feet. I think her aggressiveness in the 18 box might have caused us to rush some shots, especially in the first half.”

Buzzell put Tantasqua ahead, 1-0, ironically enough, in the 13th minute of the second half with a heady play that allowed her to take advantage of a defensive miscue by the Red Raiders.

“One of their defenders was passing the ball back to the goalie and the goalie



Erin McCarthy of Tantasqua bumps the ball off her chest in an attempt to settle it before being pressured by Fitchburg players.

Jason McKay photos

dropped the ball,” Buzzell explained. “I was able to get to it before the goalie could get control of it again and I slid the ball over to my right foot and took the shot, and it went in.”

Rickson said he was not surprised Buzzell scored against Fitchburg.

“Lexie is a very capable player; she comes up big in big spots in big games. When she’s on, she’s on,” Rickson said. “She was one-v-one with the goalkeeper and she relaxed and took the shot. Her placement of the shot was perfect.”

Buzzell also scored Tantasqua’s second goal, this one coming on a more conventional soccer play with just under — you guessed it — 13 minutes remaining in the game. Warriors’ junior Gwen Madore assisted on Buzzell’s second goal.

“Gwen got the ball to me along the right sideline and I was dribbling toward the goal thinking I would cross the ball into the middle of the field,” Buzzell said. “When I looked at the goal before passing, I realized I might have an angle for a shot on net, so I stopped and took the shot and that one went in, too.”

For Buzzell, who entered the game having scored just two goals all season, it was the third two-goal outing of her career.

“I’ve been playing different positions this year,” said Buzzell, who is listed on the roster as a forward, “so sometimes there’s not always chances to score.”

Rickson said Buzzell’s second goal was a result of the player taking what the defense was giving her.

“The Fitchburg defense pushed her to the right and when she turned the corner and she had enough of an angle to take the shot, so she did, and she just power-housed it right into the back of the net,” he said.

Ainsley Way, Tantasqua’s junior goaltender, made five saves en route to posting the shutout.

With the win over ninth-seeded Fitchburg (9-7-1), the Warriors, the No. 8 seed, advanced to the quarterfinal round of the Division 1 Tournament,

where they faced top-seeded Algonquin Regional (14-1-3) on Wednesday, Nov. 6, in Northborough. The Tomahawks defeated Tantasqua, 2-0, in the only meeting of the teams this season, and Algonquin won again, this time 3-1, ending the Warriors’ season with a record of 9-8-3.

SPORTS
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Tantasqua’s Lexie Buzzell dribbles the ball through a pack of Fitchburg’s defense.



Gwen Madore of Tantasqua uses her head to move the ball past a Fitchburg defender.

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SPORTS

Warriors do battle in Cross-Country Championships, with Blodgett nearly qualifying for All-States



The Tantasqua girls take off in the Central Mass. Division 1 Cross-Country Championship race.

GARDNER — When all was said and done at the Central Mass. Cross-Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 9 — once again held at Gardner Municipal Golf Course — Tantasqua Regional senior Dani Blodgett posted a time of 22:19 over the 5k course

in the Division 1 race. That was good for a 28th place finish to lead the Warriors. But, once runners from the top three teams in the race (Shepherd Hill, Algonquin and Wachusett Regionals) were taken out due to those teams automati-

cally qualifying for All-States, the next 10 best runners also received a big to the State Meet. Unfortunately for Blodgett, she had the 11th best time among those runners. Tantasqua's other racers included freshman Molly Segatore

(71st place, 25:12), senior Lannaya Brandt (74th, 25:39) and sophomore Danielle Icaobucci (75th, 25:46). The Warriors didn't employ a fifth runner, so they weren't part of the team total. In the boys' Division 1 race, Tantasqua's team finished in 16th. Scoring



Ethan Kenyon of Tantasqua crosses the finish line first for the Warriors at the District Meet, finishing in 19:46 for 66th place.

for the Warriors were junior Ethan Kenyon (66th place, 19:46), sophomore Tristan Vallee (85th, 20:20), freshman

Eric Romanoff (88th, 20:38), sophomore Dylan Thompson (95th, 20:50) and junior Clemson Carson (106th, 21:42).

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer — seniors shine in shutout of Rutland



Courtesy photos

Tantasqua's Sandy Jones races by a Rutland defender.

Sunday, Nov. 3 saw Senior Day for Coach Blakeley's U19 Warriors as five players saw their last fall action for the home side: Joseph Adams, Patrick Hussey, Jordan LaPierre, Alexander Majewski, Zach Schirm and James Sisco. The Warriors opened brightly with May Adams running onto a Jack Schneider pass, peppering the net with a shot just missing to the right. After some back-and-forth action, keeper Noah Brown denied the visitors from Rutland with an outstanding save on a close quarter rocket to keep the score level 0-0. The Warriors created maybe their best opportunity of the half when LaPierre found an open Jace Phillips 30 minutes into the contest, but his shot finesse attempt at the finish missed just wide. The home side settled to return to their sideline for the half 0-0. Coaches Blakeley and Majewski rallied their troops to start the second half and the deadlock was broken 15 minutes in when Alexander Majewski floated a free-kick 60 yards into the area to Sisco, who chipped the keeper to make it 1-0 Warriors. The Warriors found a second in the 30th minute when Samuel Bachand found Sisco open again in front of

the opposing net, volley, score — 2-0 Tantasqua. The visiting Rutland team fought to come back into the game with steady pressure, only to be denied by defensive stalwart Gavin Lataille, who helped anchor the backline alongside Majewski. The Warriors weren't finished. A corner kick found its way to Sisco, who saw LaPierre in front of the net — and she elevated for a header to make it 3-0 Tantasqua. LaPierre wasn't done for the day either when moments later her high pressure provided an opportunity to dispossess a Rutland defender and an educated finish brought the score to 4-0 for the home side. Four would prove plenty on the day as Jace Phillips spelled Brown in net for the final 20 and made a nice save on a last-minute free kick by Rutland to preserve the clean sheet. Congrats to the home Warriors and a thank you to the six seniors for their commitment and contribution to the program. When Joseph Adams was asked of his Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer experience he summed it up by saying, "It's been fun...this gives me an opportunity to do what I love!"



Coach Doug Blakeley looks on as his squad defeats Rutland, 4-0.



Tantasqua's Noah Brown distributes the ball after another fine save.

OBITUARIES

Vicki L. Costello, 51



CHARLTON—Vicki L. Costello, 51, of Haggerty Road, died Monday, November 4, 2019, in her home after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Michael A. Costello of Charlton;

two children, Matthew E. Vertucci and his fiancée Alyssa Mackey of Medford, and Megan A. Vertucci of Charlton; her parents, Richard J. Bonnette and his wife Susan of Charlton, and Louise C. Bonnette of Sturbridge; her sister, Karen M. Fournier and her fiancé Carl Cannata of Charlton; two stepchildren, Jodie L. Steele and Cameron P. Costello; a step-granddaughter, Quinn Santello; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; two step-sisters and a step brother; two nephews, Korey and Nathan Fournier; and her grand-niece, Sequoia. She was born in Worcester and was a lifelong resident of Charlton.

Mrs. Costello was an auditor for Mapfre/Commerce Insurance in Webster for 26 years, retiring in 2017 due to her illness. In addition, she worked as an internal auditor for the

office of the president at UMass in Worcester. She enjoyed volunteering in the NICU at UMass as a baby cuddler, and at Linda's House caring for children. She was a dedicated mother participated in her children's sports through fundraising, coaching, and as a friend of the high school football and cheerleading teams. She enjoyed traveling with her husband.

Vicki was a very caring, positive person who had many, many friends. She was a member of the "Haggerty Road Crew" and who would do anything for anyone. She will be remembered by her family as someone who was everybody's friend and always put others first. She always kept a positive attitude, even through her battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Calling hours are Friday, November 8, 2019, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to the Adam Bullen Memorial Foundation, 24 Charlton St., Oxford, MA 01540. paradisfuneralhome.com

John J. Balderelli, 77



STURBRIDGE—John J. Balderelli, 77, of Park Circle, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 27th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Southbridge, after an illness.

He leaves his longtime companion of 24 years, Sandra Partlow of Sturbridge; four sons, Mark Balderelli and his wife Laura of Odenton, MD, Scott Balderelli and his wife Diane of Holland, Todd Balderelli of Southbridge and Keith Balderelli of Holland; a sister, Dorothy Hawkings of Brookfield; seven grand-

children and two great grandchildren.

He was born in Southbridge the son of Americo and Jeannette (Gauthier) Balderelli.

John work for many years as a machinist for FLEXcon in Spencer as well as a mason.

He enjoyed playing golf as well as hunting and fishing.

A graveside service for John will be held on Friday, Nov. 15th at 1:00 pm in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

Daniel T. Morrill funeral home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com
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Gertrude "Joan" O'Brien, 94



Gertrude "Joan" O'Brien passed peacefully away on November 5 in Southbridge, Massachusetts at the hearty age of 94. Joan is survived by her loving brothers, Brendan O'Brien of

Sturbridge, Massachusetts and John Thyne of Los Angeles, California; as well as her 17 adoring nieces and nephews and numerous great grand nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Hazel Pritchard O'Brien and Thomas J. O'Brien as well as her siblings Richard, Patricia, Winifred, Paul, Thomas, Francis, Lawrence, Gail, and Theresa. Joan enriched the lives of many students, faculty, and staff in her long-standing role as a Coordinator of Management Services at the University of Massachusetts; she dedicated her efforts to our country as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II; and as an amateur genealogist, Joan great-

ly enjoyed tracing family history. Her research led her to discover some of her ancestors (Prichard) were part of the founding families of Quaboag Plantation in 1660. A brief viewing is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 from 9AM to 11AM at Gormley Funeral Home at 2055 Centre Street in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. A funeral mass will follow at St. Theresa-Avila Catholic Chapel at 2078 Centre Street in West Roxbury, then burial at Knollwood Memorial Park at 319 High St in Canton, Massachusetts. Joan's boundless sense of humor never waned. As a testament to this, She conveyed that she much preferred flowers in life than in death. As such, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joan's name to the compassionate and supportive staff at Harrington Hospital: Attn: Development Department, 100 South Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 (508) 765-3029 <https://www.harrington-hospital.org/support-harrington/>

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CALENDAR

Saturday, November 16

LET'S BUILD A SNOWMAN GREETING CARD WORKSHOP, 2:30 p.m., Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Join us and facilitator Cathy Carroll as children ages 9-14 years create 3 awesome snowman-themed greeting cards with Stampin' Up stamps, inks, paper cutting, and more. Limited to 10 participants. Supplies provided. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Pre-register please.

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: 6 p.m., St. Joseph's Church Hall, Charlton. 6 meat, 1 turkey, 1 lobster table! Early Bird tickets for arrival before 6 p.m. Selected "homemade" food purchases will be available for dinner, as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, etc. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 56.

Saturday, November 23

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: St. Christopher's Parish Rt. 20, Brimfield will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Santa will be visiting both days from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Just visit with him or take a photo. Over 35 vendors offering anything from handcrafted jewelry, primitives, blankets, quilts, scarfs, Christmas decorations and ornaments, organic lotions and soaps, knitted goods, pet gifts, wood art and burning and so much more! Winter boxes will be available for holiday decorating at your home or cemetery. We will accept donations on behalf of the Tri-Town Food Pantry. There will be raffles offering great prizes too. The kitchen opens at 8 a.m., and will be serving delicious food throughout the fair. Admission to the craft fair is free. For more information contact the parish at 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com or check it out on the church's Facebook page.

Wednesday, November 27

TURKEY DAY TALES, Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Family is here for the holiday! All are welcome to join us for Thanksgiving stories and a fun craft activity. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Pre-register, please.

Friday, November 29

ART WITH AVA, 2 p.m., Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Ava, a young inspiring artist, will guide children ages 4-9 years in basic drawing skills. Participants will leave with two sketches that they create. Materials will be provided. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Free.

Saturday, December 7

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Christmas items, raffles, handmade items, holiday items, baked goods, white elephant items, homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more.

SANTA CLAUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Bay Path Education Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast will be held at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Families are provided with a free five-by-seven-inch photograph with Santa donated by Casson-Foster Photographers. There will also be a raffle and free face painting. Tickets are \$5 each, with children under five admitted free of charge. All funds raised are used for student scholarships and classroom mini-grants.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton. Hosted by the Charlton Helping Hand Society. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. Offerings include our popular "Gramma's Attic," Bake and Cookie by the Pound table, raffle tickets, Chinese auction, etc. Introducing a 'Bag Lunch to Go.' You won't have to stop for lunch — take it with you as you visit the other fairs in the area! All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains, and especially to

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GINGERBREAD FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find unique gifts for everyone. Handcrafts, jewelry, plants, Grandma's Attic, baked goods and cookie table, a silent auction, gourmet delights and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9 - 11 a.m., followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Charlton City UMC, 74 Stafford St., Charlton. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available.

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Hosted by the Friends of the Library. We will have various raffles available that day, and our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library.

ONGOING

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

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

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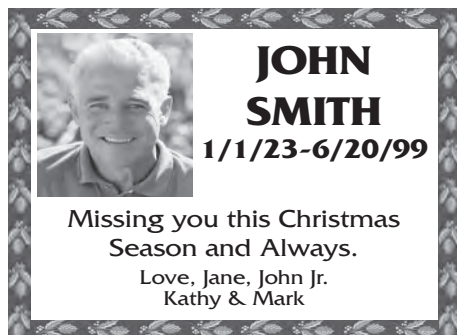
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AG clears planning board of open meeting violation

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Planning Board has been cleared of accusations brought forth alleging an Opening Meeting Law violation dating back to the beginning of 2019.

The accusations stem from debates concerning the fate of the Valley Green Grown project that has dominated town news in Charlton over the past couple years. The initial complaint was filed on Feb. 11, 2019 by resident Nicole Caruso leading to a written response from the Planning Board later that month. In May Caruso's complaints were filed with the Office of the Attorney General. The complaints asserted that the Planning Board had posed and "overly vague" agenda topic titled "Open Forum" for a meeting on Feb. 6 where discussions concerning the Valley Green Grow project were had. The changes were made meeting less than 48 hours before the meeting was slated to be held. Resident Kelly Longden also filed a separate Open Meeting Law violation claim concerning that same meeting.

In a letter dated addressed to Rydlak on Oct. 23, 2019 and made available on the State Attorney General's Office website Assistant Attorney General

Sarah Chase states that the Attorney General's Office did not find sufficient evidence to justify the accusations against the Planning Board and that the complaints stem from a misunderstanding of the events that transpired and the Planning Board's intentions for adding the open forum article.

"Following our review, we find that the Planning Board did not violate the Open Meeting Law. In reaching a determination, we reviewed the complaint, the Planning Board's response and the request for further review. We also viewed a video of the Feb. 6 meeting of the Planning Board as well as the original and revised meeting notices for the February 6 meeting. We also reviewed a February 8 letter sent by Town Administrator Robin Craver to Chair Rydlak about her concerns that the Chair's actions had exposed the town to Open Meeting Law liability. Finally, we spoke by phone to (Board Chair Patricia Rydlak) on Oct. 4, and to Attorney Michael Pill on October 15," Chase wrote.

In her letter, Chase further states that boards are allowed to revise their agendas within a 48-period prior to a meeting including adding new topics of discussion. The letter notes that the

item was added to the agenda as "Open Forum" at the recommendation of an Open Meeting Law trainer after the Planning Board had taken part in an Open Meeting Law training session organized by the Charlton Selectmen the day before the agenda was revised. When the Planning Board meeting convened Chair Rydlak opened the meeting explaining that adding the item to the agenda in that fashion was the result of what they had learned the training. The AG letter goes on to delve into the finer details of the meeting in question that sparked the complaints. It explains that Valley Green Grow was not specified as a topic in the open forum and the status of the project was questioned by a citizen leading to discussion. Attorney Michael Pill, a land use attorney who offered his input on the ongoing debate, also arrived to speak on the matter only introducing himself just prior to the Planning Board meeting and was allowed to address the board once the VGG topic had been brought forth.

Chase's letter says that after considering all details the Attorney General's office concluded the Planning Board followed proper protocol and did not violated state law.

"Here, we find that the 'Open Forum'

was truly guided by public questions and comments. Although the Chair had learned about the VGG negotiations the night before, she did not know that a member of the public would ask about the status of the project at the February 6 meeting. The Chair also did not reasonably anticipate that Attorney Pill would speak about the VGG project at the time that the meeting notice was amended at 9:35 a.m. on Feb. 6. The Chair assures us, and we have confirmed in our independent discussion with Attorney Pill, that the Chair had never met Attorney Pill before he introduced himself in the few minutes before the meeting. Attorney Pill has stated to us, and we credit his account, that his explanation of the Planning Board's legal rights was extemporaneous and not planned in advance by either himself or the Chair." The letter concludes.

The Attorney General's Office further concluded that the discussion of the VGG topic under the open forum section of the agenda, typically reserved for items not on the agenda at times of posting, and Attorney Pill's last minute contributions to that discussion gave the public the impression of wrongdoing where there was none.

CALENDAR

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to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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