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Greg Vine photo

A jay huddles next to a feeder during a recent storm.

BY AMY PAUL STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Surviving in these cold and snowy weather conditions is easy if you have a roof over your head, warm foods to eat, and a thick blanket. But how do we best help the wild birds struggling to keep warm while living exposed to winter's chills? A mix of bird-friendly yard plantings for food and shelter. Lots of down perennials and grasses in the fall

plantings and feeders are the best way to maintain bird biodiversity and add to inexpensive winter entertainment.

Ellen Sousa, whose Spencer farm has been a certified wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation since 2006 says, "the best way to help birds in your backyard is to provide bird-friendly shrubs with fruits that persist into winter such as winterberry and American holly, crabapple, chokeberry, and evergreen trees such as pine and juniper, that provide safe cover from predators and a sheltered place to weather the storms. Also, leave areas of your property wild instead of mowing/cutting

the seed stems standing above the snow are a very important winter seed source right now. Though this year much of that is buried in deep snow."

Sousa adds, "Mostly what feeds wild birds in the winter are the seeds, fruits, nuts, buds and insect eggs found on

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Charlton to add traffic-specific police officer

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Charlton Finance Committee approved a reserve fund transfer to pay to add a new officer to Charlton's police force specifically designated to tackle the ongoing traffic concerns of the town.

The Board of Selectmen established a traffic advisory committee in 2017, and the new position is just the first step in trying to resolve traffic concerns in the area of Route 20. Selectmen voted to support adding a new traffic police officer at the end of the year and the final step in that plan was Town Administrator Robin Craver and new Police Chief Graham Maxwell going before

the Finance Committee for a transfer of \$22,683 to cover the officer salary for the remainder of the year with plans to seek a permanent commitment of \$55,295 to make the position permanent in next year's bud-

"The Board of Selectmen voted to approve a traffic police officer so tonight we're coming to (the Finance Committee) asking for funding for the 19th officer," Craver told the Finance Committee. "The chief has a vision and I think it's a really good one. He's looked in his budget to find monies. He's not just coming asking for more money."

Maxwell said he believes adding the new officer will be a significant help to resolving the

traffic situation that has caused outcry from officials and citizens to see a change or increase in enforcement especially with new entities like Tree House Brewing Company setting up shop along the Route 20 corri-

"There is a need. Our budgets been either cut or flat for years. Our call volumes over 10 years have gone up 260 percent yet we have one less person than we had 10 years ago. We just don't have any other room. I did propose that we eliminate a department assistant position to help pay for this now that we have a full-time person that is doing both jobs. This is the amount that I'm comfortable that we can get by to get this job

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28th Amendment proposal on ballot

BY JERRY CARTON

Enough petition signatures have been certified to guarantee a spot on the November ballot an initiative which would add a 28th Amendment to the US Constitution aimed at curbing the influence of special interest money in American elections.

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin okayed the required 85,000 signatures just before Christmas.

A statement from American Promise, the organization guiding the proposal said, "we want to get big money out of politics," specifically calling for the repeal of Citizens United v

Federal Election Commission which struck down the Bi-Partisan Campaign Reform Act. In turn, asserted American Promise, that 2009 Supreme Court ruling opened the floodgates for corporations to pour millions of dollars into campaigns for federal offices.

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State awards fire safety grants, including to Charlton

STOW — The Baker-Polito Administration announced that 253 fire departments have been awarded public fire education grants. Two hundred-fifty fire departments will receive Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program grants to work with classroom teachers to deliver fire and life safety lessons. Of these, 238 fire departments will also receive a Senior SAFE program grant to work with older adults on fire and life safety. Three communities will receive Senior SAFE grants only.

Charlton received \$3,708 in S.A.F.E. funds, and \$2,415 in Senior SAFE funding.

"The S.A.F.E. Program has played an important role in educating the next generation of fire safe children for 23 years," said Governor Baker, "The program is a great example of state and local governments collaborating alongside teachers to improve the lives of young people." The average number of children dying in fires annually has dropped by 72% since the S.A.F.E. Program began. "In its 4th year, the Senior SAFE program is supporting fire educators who deliver fire safety education to seniors who are most at risk of dying in fires in Massachusetts." said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Firefighters use these funds to provide older adults general home safety education and strategies on how to be better prepared to survive a fire," she added. Fire departments partner with local

senior service agencies. State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, "The S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE programs are having a great impact on the fire and life safety of our most vulnerable populations - children and elders." He added, "The fire departments being supported in these public education efforts are increasing the safety of the

people in their communities." The S.A.F.E. Program provides \$1.2M through the Executive Office of the Public Safety and Security to local fire departments. The Senior SAFE program provides \$600,000 in grant funds from fees paid by tobacco companies to the Fire Standard Compliant Cigarette Program to ensure their products meet the fire safety requirements to be sold in Massachusetts. The programs are administered by the state Department of Fire Services.



Gateway Players Theatre of Southbridge announce auditions for: "The Lost World"

Gateway Players Theatre of Southbridge announce Auditions for "The Lost World" written by local playwright Ed Humphries will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m., and on Tuesday. Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. The entrance to the hall is at the back of the build-

This comedy/drama will be directed by Ed Humphries and produced by David Corkum. Auditions will consist of live readings from the script along with some light improv. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday and Tuesday nights. Performance dates are April 13, 14, 20, 21 and 22. For more information please contact Ed Humphries (508) 930-5392, e-mail ehumphries 72@ gmail.com, or David Corkum (508) 729-3999, e-mail mukroc@verizon.net

The 16-member cast consists of four women and four men in the principal roles; ages late 20s to early 40s. There is one additional role that calls for a woman – any age. In addition, seven teens are needed to play younger versions of some principal characters. Mid-teens to early 20s are encouraged to audition for those roles.

Synopsis: 'The Lost World' tells the tale of a 20-year high school reunion attended by only six people. This is not just any six people – these are six individuals who claim to have hated high school the most. Brought together 20 years later by a common friend, the six former classmates find themselves face-to-face in a discount hotel ballroom for one fateful night of laughs, fights, tears, and soul-searching; as they drag their skeletons to the light in a bid to exorcise the personal demons that have haunted them since they last patrolled those hallowed halls of high school. Children of the Eighties now all grown up; they're 'The Breakfast Club' thrust into the Facebook generation - leading them to pine for a simpler time; an age where if you wanted to connect with someone; you reached out and touched them; not texted, tweeted or Skyped. Their world is truly "The Lost World." **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

REILLY McINIS: a cop; having never left home he remains the one constant link to his hometown for so many of his former classmates

HANNAH BELLE: "the artist," she lives on a rural farm; off the grid – making her living and art from the land

PARKER KNOWLES: "the jock," it's been downhill ever since school let out

JAMIE CONNOR: "the theater geek," he and his domestic partner bought a run-down movie theater and restored it, creating a profitable revival house for classic films

DANIELLE TENNEMAN: "the princess," now a mom with so many kids she doesn't know what

MICHAEL DONATELLO: "the brain,"12 years of bullying and abuse have left their mark

HALEY PIERCE: "the town slut," for 20 years she's tried to shake that reputation.

ALYSON HUTCHINS: "the class president," now a Fortune 500 CFO, she still retains that sweet persona that served her well back in school

MILLIE: a small town coffee shop waitress TEEN VERSIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS.

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CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S MARCH

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GOBI OFFICE HOURS

Tyler Wolanin, district aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of January. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they

have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov, or call at (508) 641-3502. Appointments are strongly encouraged in this winter season so that information on cancellations can be shared. Town groupings are not restricted to residents of those towns. He will be at Charlton Senior Center Tuesday, Jan. 23 11 a.m. to noon.

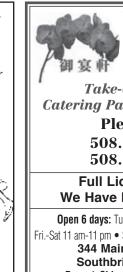
LEARN ABOUT BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop #165 of Charlton is holding a presentation at the Charlton Grange, 10 Main St., Charlton on Wednesday, Jan. 31 7-9 p.m. The Charlton Boy Scout Troop #165 would like to invite the public to a free presentation detailing their recent high-adventure trip to SeaBase, Florida. The trip was funded in part by the Charlton Cultural Council, a Local chapter of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For questions contact Betty Scotti 508-930-











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Opera performance includes local musician

BOSTON — Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Internationally recognized youth musical organization, will bring to life a full opera once again, and it will include a Charlton connection. On Sunday, Jan. 28 BYSO will perform its 11th consecutive, full-length opera in Sanders Theatre at Harvard University and continues to be the only youth orchestra in the US to do so. Under the leadership of BYSO music director Federico Cortese, the, BYSO's premier orchestra will perform Bizet's famous Carmen as part of its 60th anniversary

Ethan Chaves, age 14, of Charlton, will be among the violinists.

More than 100 young musicians from the BYSO, conducted by Cortese, with stage direction by Edward Berkeley, will come center stage to bring to life a tale of love, jealously and power for this one-time only performance of Bizet's Carmen. BYSO's young musicians will have the unique opportunity to work alongside professional singers and a full chorus. The illustrious and international cast includes soprano

Ketevan Kemoklidze, past winner of the Placido Domingo Operalia, taking on the role of Carmen, tenor Kyle van Schoonhoven, 1st year Adler Fellow at the San Francisco Opera, as Don José and Franco Pomponi as bullfighter Escamillo

"The performance of a full opera by a youth orchestra is a remarkable and rare accomplishment of which I am very proud," said Cortese. "Opera is a fantastic tool for the musical and personal growth of our students because of the rich and intricate musical and psychological storylines that weave in and out of the music in ways not seen in a standard symphony."

Tickets start at \$40; call Sanders Theatre Box Office at (617) 496-2222. Free parking is available at the Broadway Garage on Felton Street. This performance of Bizet's Carmen contains sensitive subject matter for young children and the running time is nearly 3 hours. Therefore, this performance is only recommended for children 10 years of age and older.

The mission of BYSO is to encourage

musical excellence in a professional and supportive environment by providing the highest quality orchestra training and performance opportunities to qualified musicians, grades K-12, while making its programs accessible to underrepresented communities through financial assistance and outreach. Widely regarded as one of the country's finest youth orchestra programs, the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras is recognized as a model music and arts education organization. BYSO serves over 600 students from more than 120 communities from around New England. Under the leadership of Cortese, BYSO has become one of Boston's most prestigious arts organizations with a programmatic scope that includes three full symphonic orchestras, two string training orchestras, a preparatory wind ensemble, six chamber orchestras, a chamber music program, and the Intensive Community Program, a rigorous instrument training program within the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) that brings quality classical music instruction to under-



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represented communities. Since 1958 BYSO has been in residence at Boston University. In 2012 BYSO and Boston Symphony Orchestra announced a new partnership for the future of classical music, BYSO/BSO Partnering for the Future. For more information visit www.BYSOweb.org.

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native perennials, shrubs and trees. Spend time looking at plant and seed catalogs; plan to incorporate some bird and pollinator plantings into your landscape in the spring. Native perennials such as coneflower, aster and milkweed, and flowering shrubs such as dogwood, viburnum, chokeberry and native roses will provide food, shelter and housing at various times of the year for birds and the insect life that birds will feed their nestlings come springtime.'

If birdfeeders, rather than plantings, are your choice for feeding wild birds, Nancy Cormier of The Bird Store and More in Sturbridge says certain seeds are better than others in supplying the energy needed for birds to thrive and survive in the cold tempera-

Cormier says, "Look for seeds high in oil and fat content. Black oil sunflower seeds are the best all-around food for all bird species. Though, partially or completely hulled sunflower seeds and split peanuts are also good choices.'

Cormier also recommends suet as an excellent source of food, "Pre-packaged suet is good for any weather conditions. Yet, many people enjoy making their own suet by picking up beef fat from the butcher. This is fine, and very good for the birds, but it is important to note that if temperatures rise above 40°, butcher suet will rot and make the birds sick enough to die.

Safflower seeds, according to Cormier, are a good choice if squirrels are a problem, "they

are more bitter, making them unappealing to squirrels, but still high in oil content, an excellent option to maintain a bird's energy.'

Finally, Cormier recommends a heated bird bath if attracting many varieties of birds is a goal and to provide the best conditions for all birds you attract, "Having an open water source is important in attracting and feeding birds. The heated bird bath is an excellent choice, maintaining a temperature of 35°. When birds eat snow, their body temperature is reduced, using more energy."

Sousa recognizes the entertainment and gratification feeding wild birds can bring, "When it's too

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"The greatest threat to a government of, for and by the people is the takeover of our political system by concentrated wealth and power," said American Promise President Jeff Clements.

The organization envisions a 15-person volunteer Citizens Commission in Massachusetts to research and assisting in drafting the details of the proposed 28th Amendment.

American Promise associate director Ben Gubtis was bullish on the prospects in the Bay

'Thanks to the support of hundreds of volunteers who collected, sorted and submitted those signatures, 4.5 million Massachusetts voters will have a chance to weigh in on the 28th Amendment in 2018 and stand up for democracy," he said.

Technically known as 'People Govern, Not Money Initiative', the proposal has been approved by voters in California, Colorado, Montana, and Washington.

The Massachusetts volunteer committee said it collected over 100,000 signatures from all 351 cities and towns in the state. That was news to Ianna Arthen, co-founder of the Winchendon Indivisible chapter.

'This is the first I've heard of it," she told the Courier.

Volunteer Kimberly Wass was

"100,000 signatures mean our likewise.

volunteers had over 110,000 faceto-face moments of shared civic engagement, most of this outside in heat, cold, sunshine and rain, all within a nine-week deadline. It's really an extraordinary feeling of what is possible, of hope and optimism and the power of individual citizens to create change," she enthused.

In both 2012 and 2014, the state legislature passed resolutions supporting the proposed amendment, urging Congress to do the same and send it to the states for ratification. American Prospect said 150 of those 351 cities and towns have also passed similar resolutions. Nationally, American Promise says 19 states and over 800 cities and towns across the country have done



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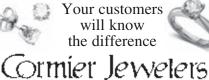
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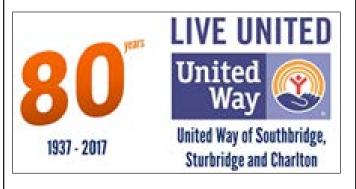
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Another common way to add square footage that I see is converting the garage into another bedroom. This will add value because you have more square footage above grade and another bedroom. However you have now also lost value due to the removal of a garage and home will also possibly lose some

buyers due to excluding buyers that require a garage. A more costly option is to add an addi-

tion onto your home. I always suggest weighing out the cost of the addition compared to the cost of buying a home that already has the square footage you want. The other concern is the setup



REALTOR'S REPORT

> **JAMES BLACK**

ers. The other concern is if you are in a neighborhood where there are all 1000 square foot ranches and you add a 2000 square foot addition. Now you have overimproved for the neighborhood and will never get that investment back. This is why if you think you may want to add onto a house later, try to buy one of the smaller homes in the

neighborhood so you don't overbuild for the location.

I have only talked about the investment part of doing the renovation. We also have to look at our lifestyle and quality of life as well. Lets say we want our parents to move into our home to help out with the kids and to help them out as they are aging and spend more time with them. This scenario may not financially make sense for the home but it could make sense because now between you and your parents the cost is less to have the one home and you get extra benefits that are not financial.

Before doing any renovation I suggest your discuss with a Realtor that you know and trust how it will affect you financially in the long run.

Brookfield outdoor company readies teen for Junior Iditarod

Northern Exposure Dog Sledding Outfitters Company (NEO) is based in Brookfield and has been in business for the past 20 years. As a very active member of the mushing community, NEO has the privilege of educating and providing equipment for mushers across the country.

Approximately five years ago owners Bailey Cross Vitello, age 20 and Brianna Blomgren, age 22, met 15-yearold Lara Renner from Alton, NH at the Northern New England Sled Dog Trade Fair in New Hampshire. Since then NEO has worked with Lara on how to fix lines, correctly size a harness for her dogs and how to select the proper equipment

she would need to compete and succeed in dogsled racing.

This included purchasing a Danler open sled, which she

has used for the past four years. Having firsthand knowledge of Lara's mushing skills reinforced their observations that she has become a force to be reckoned with, and that she has great success written in her future. She is now set to compete in the 2018 Junior Iditarod sled dog race held in Wasilla, Alaska.

In preparation for this 150mile race, she has been diligently working and training her team of 10 Siberian huskies better known as "Team Snowspeeder." Many local companies, friends and family

members have rallied to support her dream to conquer this long and challenging race.

One obstacle that she faced was that a longer race requires a bigger sled to meet race official's standards. Northern Exposure Outfitters wanted to make sure she had a safe, fun and successful race using top-quality gear available to compete and has officially sponsored Team Snowspeeder and Lara in the form of a Danler Grand Odyss dog sled for the race as well as providing access to their outfitting shop for equipment needed for

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She has worked very hard to get here and we hope that she has a great experience and gets to meet and make many new friends along the way. The care she provides for her dogs and her love for mushing and the amazing adventure that she is about to go on reminds me of when I raced the Junior Iditarod in 2012," said Vitello.

"This race was such an eye-opening experience and one that I still talk about to this day. She will create an unbreakable bond with her dogs on this trip and we (Northern Exposure Outfitters) wanted to help her get there."

"We are both very proud of

how far she has come," said Blomgren.

Snowspeeder's adventure has just begun and Northern Exposure Outfitters is behind them all the way.'



Northern Exposure Outfitters owner Bailey Cross Vitello, at left, with Lara Renner and her new sled.

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CHARLTON ALMANAC Scholarship now available

The Charlton Cultural Council is offering a \$300 scholarship to a high school senior who intends to pursue his or her education in the arts. The scholarship is open to Bay Path and Shepherd Hill seniors as well as private and home-school students.

Applications are available at the Bay Path and Shepherd Hill guidance offices and on the town of Charlton website. With the completed application, a student must submit evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities and/or community activities relating to the arts. The applicant must also submit letters of reference from two different instructors who are familiar with his or her work.

A completed application must be submitted to the student's high school guidance office. Private and home-school students must send or drop off a completed application addressed to the Charlton Cultural Council, Charlton Town Hall, 37 Main

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Serving up community and food



Sarah Champagne photo

Cook Jeremy Buteau puts the finishing touches on a dish

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Elm Centre Café has been a hub of the community for decades at its downtown location in Southbridge. Situated between the town hall and the Tiffany Leonard building, longtime home of the Southbridge News, it is an essential spot to get breakfast or lunch and to run into friendly faces from the community.

Jeremy Buteau has owned and managed the restaurant for the past 11 years, maintaining a busy and thriving business through many fluctuations in the economy. Buteau is grateful to his customers and is glad to remain in business at a time when local businesses often struggle to stay

Buteau has kept the Elm Centre Café relevant by listening to his customers and being flexible with his menu offerings. He says that consistency in quality, paired with a willingness to change and adapt, has helped the business to thrive. On weekends, he has occasionally had more customers waiting in line than the restaurant could serve, so he was in a position to add to the business.

To that end, Buteau recently renovated the Elm Centre Café to increase the capacity to serve more customers. The restaurant was closed from Monday, Dec. 4, to Friday, Dec. 8, for a large-scale expansion of the cooking area. The renovation added new grill and more area for food preparation at the corner of the restaurant near the rear entrance.

"I see a lot of businesses come and go and I am very grateful that we have lasted," comments Buteau, "That is why we have put money into this renovation, so we can keep going

When the Elm Centre Café reopened, some customers were surprised to see that the renovations were more practical than visual. While the doubling of the cooking area might not be obvious to all that enter, Buteau reports that the change will help serve customers in many

The new equipment "works both esthetically and functionally," Buteau comments.

The restaurant will now be able to serve more meals in a shorter time frame and the Elm Centre Café can expand its catering function. The restaurant offers full line catering, including homestyle barbecue and

specialty desserts. Buteau employs 15 people at the restaurant, including six full time employees and a baker who makes all of the restaurant's baked goods

from scratch on-site.

The restaurant has been a labor of love in more ways than one for Buteau. Not long after he started running the restaurant in 2006, he met his wife there. She was a regular customer, and they first connected during their conversations there. The couple have been together now for eight years and married for about four years. They now live in Southbridge and consider the town their home.

"This town gets a lot of negative publicity, but I see a lot of great people in this town. I've seen people come together to help each other out and for different causes. I have a lot of love for Southbridge, to be honest,' reflects Buteau.

The Elm Centre Café is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located at 39 Elm St.

Learning to use Boston archives focus of genealogists in February

The January meeting of the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc. will be held the first Saturday of the month on February 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the BANX Room at the Worcester Public Library (Contact: Reference Department at 508-799-1655 or mywpl.org), located at 3 Salem Square in Worcester. You can arrive from 9:30 a.m. to attend an earlier half hour of socialization time. New members and potential members are always welcome.

The day will begin with a short business meeting followed by the "Why, When and How to Conduct Research at the National Archives in Boston" presentation by Seema-Jayne Kenney.

Seema is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Based on over 20 years of research, her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in genealogical research from BU, completed ProGen and is an active member of several societies, currently vice-president of the Worcester Chapter of MSOG.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in this presentation. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a friend(s), as well as your own non-alcoholic beverage, munchies will be provided. Anyone bringing goodies to share will receive an extra door prize ticket. Membership is encouraged for anyone pursuing the hobby, passion, or profession of genealogy. Annual membership is only \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family living in the same household.

Please note that parking isn't allowed in the "green" areas (further from the door). Note your space number and pay for parking at the outdoor kiosk (credit cards accepted) BEFORE entering the library. Arrive early to avoid the lines at the parking kiosk. Some on-street parking may be available as well.

Questions? Contact: Nancy Schultzberg, Publicity Chairperson, at 774-573-9529. For more information about the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, visit our website: www.massachusettssocietyofgenealogists.org -or- www.msoginc.org



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done," the chief said.

Some members of the Finance Committee were a bit skeptical and pointed out that Tree House's impact on traffic specifically is concerning. There were questions about why Charlton should foot the bill for increased enforcement when Tree House has exceeded the expected patron numbers they projected and thus has contributed to the traffic. Regardless of these talks, everyone at the meeting agreed that Tree House is not the only one to blame and that the company has, in fact, worked closely with Charlton to resolve the issue on their part.

"I want to be clear that we're not coming before the committee because Tree House is here. There are other issues that are going on," Craver said. "It's a perfect storm right now. We're going to be installing more than 10 miles of new

water lines and that's going to take a lot to manage for details and detours. Someone must be paying attention to that - That person would be doing that as well. Basically, what we're looking at is bringing several areas of focus into one person that has the assignment and responsibility to be looking at these details, schedules, or whatever's going on out there for traffic."

Selectman John McGrath attended the Finance Committee's meeting in late December to add his perspective on the situation and said that he and his fellow selectmen feel the move is the right one for Charlton going forward.

'Just this year alone we've had numerous complaints from citizens above and beyond what I've seen in the three years since I've been on the board about traffic issues," McGrath said. "(The selectmen) feel that we were in the support of the chief going for this."

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to support the transfer request from the reserve fund.

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Academy holding open house

Trinity Catholic Academy in Southbridge, will host their annual Open House for families who are exploring educational options for their children in grades Pre-K through eight. Students will be able to enroll in the current school year, or plan to enroll in the 2018-19 school year. This is an opportunity for families to tour the school and meet the faculty and parents of currently enrolled students.

During the Open House, families will be able to learn about everything this unique school has to offer. Trinity Catholic Academy offers traditional values, Catholic formation and Academic

excellence. As a small private school, they are able to provide smaller class sizes, offer art, music and Spanish language instruction for all grade levels, athletics, and much more.

There will be faculty, parents of currently enrolled students, coaches for cheer and basketball, as well as representatives from the golf and Arts Initiatives programs available to answer any questions or to share with you all of the great opportunities available to their students.

Trinity Catholic Academy provides a strong moral and academic foundation for our students, who progress successfully to both public and private high schools. Recent alumni have been recognized as their respective high schools valedictorian or salutatorian.

Enrollment has remained strong, with several students enrolling in January. The middle school grades 6 to 8, retained all but one student during this school year, as they moved out of area. The elementary school grades are growing, and we anticipate a waiting list to enter our preschool program. The commitment to our school is stronger than ever, come see why!

The Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11:30 a.m. until

1:00 p.m.

Trinity Catholic Academy is located at 11 Pine St. in Southbridge. It provides outstanding, affordable education to children in grades Pre-K (age 4) through eight to students from Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton and other surrounding towns. For more information, they may be contacted at (508) 765-5991.

Website: TrinityCatholicAcademy. org Facebook: @TCABobcats Twitter: @TCAElementary



















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Winter hunting and fishing sports still excellent for those willing to brace the weather



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH**

The recent heavy rain sure had a negative effect on ice fishing this past weekend, but other than sloppy ice fishing conditions, there was still plenty of safe ice. The cold weather after the rain hardened the ice, and fishing got back to normal. Many anglers were out ice fishing this past weekend after the heavy wind and rain. Jerry, at Jerry's Bait & Tackle in Milford, reported a brisk business on live bait and worms. Cape waters had plenty of safe ice on them last week and were producing some real nice fish. Jig fishing was great for trout at Hamblin Pond. Hamblin Pond receives a good amount of trout from the state annually and provides some great fishing year around. My brother Ken and the late Dave Parker and this writer had many enjoyable fishing trips to Hamblin pond for years.

A recent post by Toby Lapinski gave me a good laugh last week. He spoke about cod fishing at the rail of a charter boat last week during the extreme cold temperatures that had anglers having cold hands and snotscicles on their noses!! If you can handle the extreme weather conditions it



Massachusetts black bear may be in hibernation at present, but were a challenge to hunters earlier.

is great, but this writer will wait for warmer weather. Been there & done that in my younger years.

This is the time of year that sportsmen take the time to get there gear ready for spring fishing. What better way to start than to attend the upcoming sportsman's shows, and find the latest fishing gear that is available this year, and to meet old friends. The first event will be the New England Fishing Show & Outdoor Expo in Boxboro slated to open on Jan. 26 - through 28. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Friday, & Saturday & Sunday at10:00 a.m.! Check out the full events at the Expo on the web site at nefishingexpo.com! There is plenty of free parking.

The Springfield show at the Big-E will open their doors on Friday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 p.m. & Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.! More on this show in the coming weeks.

The RISAA saltwater fishing show in Providence RI is a must attend show if you fish the saltwater. More than 16,000 saltwater anglers attend the show every year. More on this

show in the coming weeks also. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club had their pheasant pen raided last week by a four legged fur bearer that killed all of the pheasant being held for a final pheasant hunt by members. 60 to be exact!! It is believed to have been a fisher



The elusive fisher cat isn't seen often, but makes its presence known.

cat that climbed into the pen. They are a real killing machine and will kill for the fun of it, which was evident last week at the club's pheasant pen. They are a small carnivorous animal native to North America. It is a member of the weasel family and is related to the American marten. It spends most of its time on the forest floor and rarely eats fish. It normally has its young in the spring, and will have three or four kits annually. The fisher cat has few predators other than man, who have trapped the fisher cat since the 18th century for their prized pelts. They have a delayed reproductive system that is very unique. One thing for sure, there presence is well known in the valley, and more so after last week's

massacre of 60 pheasant.

The Massachusetts black bear season for 2017 had a good number of bear harvested during the three seasons. Numerous bear were harvested with shotgun this year because of the open season during the regular deer season.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold its annual ice fishing derby for members this Saturday, Jan 20. The derby was canceled last week because of the heavy rain and wind. A full breakfast will be served in the morning. Bring the family down for a great day of fishing. The pond was stocked last week with some impressive rainbow and brook trout. Derby starts at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Some great prizes will also be awarded.

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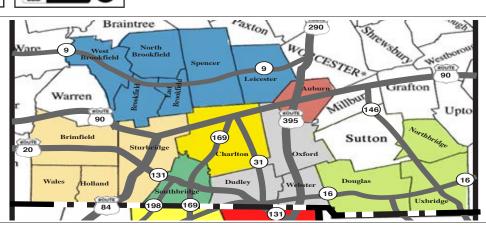
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EDITORIAL

How do you find out?

There is a big taboo in America, actually it is alive and well in most countries, about talking about salaries and

Now, as we see the huge discrepancy in the Wahlberg-Williams movie star fiasco (he got \$1 million, she got \$1,000); we have to wonder, is the big secret so some can keep others from knowing just how big those discrepancies really

(And as a second caveat, Mr. Wahlberg oh so generously gave a big donation to some foundation or other as compensation for that big discrepancy; and his agent kicked in another bit as well to show good faith. Nice guys. How about paying Miss WILLIAMS that money for her hard work instead guys?)

We know, oh yes we do know, that the men Vee women thing is real. Very,

And we have heard some very interesting reasons for it over the years.

Here are a few.

"He has a family to support."

This when this editor was working four part time jobs because the other half of the marriage was in school full

"He needs it more."

How do you know? Ever. No one can ever know the personal circumstances of home life.

'He just bought a house."

Because he could. We never had the funding on short wages.

"The job isn't the same."

Actually, the job differences meant the job this person did was more difficult, not less.

The job is more important." To who?

And the biggest kick yet was when a younger man was hired for the same job, at higher salary than the current one being earned. Then this person had to train said new employee.

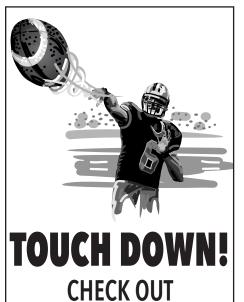
The only reason this was discovered was because this person did the payroll.

We all have the tales. We know. But without knowing that yes, we do the same job as Bob in the next cubicle; we actually accomplish more than Joe who has the other territory; we have the same title as Dick; or maybe we even have what sounds like a more important title than Jack; the paycheck just doesn't reflect equality in numbers in the checking account.

Unless and until that piece of the picture is resolved, some of the other feelings of inequality won't be resolved

See, there is an unequal lord over serf thing that happens when you know your work is valued or not. And the lord does indeed lord it over the serf, the peon, the go-fer. It puts a different spin on interactions in other areas, it's easier to get pushy about other things... maybe even harassment and bullying... and all because you feel you are entitled or worth more.

It might seem trivial to those who don't have to think about it, and forcing them to think about this inequality, just as many have been forced to think about race relations, religious freedoms, political ideals and other matters are just part of where we are at this moment in time.



THE SPORTS ACTION!

Views and commentary from Charleton, Charleton City, Charleton Depot and beyond

Tips to drive safely in snow

Hot on the heels of a major Nor'easter, it's time again to review some winter driving tips to keep safe while navigating icy, snowy roadways. When the wintry weather finds you slip sliding away this season, keep in mind these common sense strategies to up your odds of a safe trip.

And remember readers, send in your best wintertime hints — you could win dinner for two at the Publick House!

Accelerate slowly to reduce wheel spin. If starting from a standstill on slick snow or ice, start in second gear so the vehicle is less likely to spin the tires. The automatic transmissions on some vehicles have a winter mode that automatically starts in a higher gear.

Reduce your speed and drive smoothly. In slippery conditions, tires lose their grip more easily, affecting all aspects of your driving: braking, turning, and accelerating. The key is to drive as smoothly as possible, avoiding sudden actions or rapid movements of any kind. Drive as if you have a bowl of water in your lap and don't want to

Don't lock your wheels when braking. Locked wheels can make the vehicle slide or skid. If you have a vehicle without an antilock braking system (ABS), you may need to gently apply the brakes repeatedly to avoid having them lock up the wheels.

Perform one action at a time when accelerating, braking, and turning. Asking a vehicle to do two things at once — such as braking and turning, or accelerating and turning — can reduce your control. When taking a turn, for instance, slowly apply the brakes while the vehicle is going straight. When it's at the right speed to take the turn, let up on the brakes and smoothly turn the steering wheel. After you're through the turn, slowly depress the accelerator to regain your speed.

From the Archives: Thanks to reader Robert P. Beauregard of North Oxford for pointing us in the right direction when it comes to steering clear of skids. His tip from 2009 is worth remembering:

"What's the best advice when a front wheel drive automobile (and that includes almost all cars on the road) goes into a skid? Most people would say to cut the front wheels in the direction of the skid and gently apply brakes. That's fine if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. But with a front wheel drive, you steer away from the direction of the skid by accelerating the vehicle, since the drive wheels are up front. And there's no reason to tap on the brakes. This way, you'll come out of the skid."



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Did you know tires are your most important weapon against slipping and sliding? Take into account these top tire tips:

Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which adds to the rolling

resistance caused by snow and slush. So be sure to check tire pressure regularly, especially after there has been a sharp drop in temperature.

When buying allweather or snow tires have them installed on all four wheels. This provides even traction all the way around and gives you top notch steering and stopping.

Can't replace all four? If you can only afford two snow tires, some tire experts suggest you get them mounted in the rear. Here's why: If your front tires skid, you can still maintain some control over the car by steering those wheels. But if your rear tires lose contact with the road, it's much harder to control where the car goes. For that reason, the tires with the greatest amount of traction are supposed to go on the back

Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Experts say you should have at least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively.

Note: The driving advice above was culled from various sources including State Farm Insurance Agency, Consumer Reports, and Michelin Tires.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

How can you improve your financial fitness this year?



FINANCIAL Focus IEFF BURDICK

If one of your Year's resolutions is to get healthier, you may already be taking the necessary steps,

as improving your diet and increasing your exercise. Of course, physical fitness is important to your well-being – but, at the same time, don't forget about your financial fitness. Specifically, what can you do to ensure your investment situation is in good shape?

Here are a few "healthy living" suggestions that may also apply to your investment portfolio:

Build endurance - Just as exercise can help build your endurance for the demands of a long life, a vigorous investment strategy can help you work toward your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. In practical terms, this means you will need to own some investments with the potential to provide long-term growth. These are the investments that, ideally, you can hold on to for decades and eventually reap the benefits of capital appreciation. Of course, growth-oriented investments, such as most types of stocks, will rise and fall in value over the short term, and there's no guarantee of profits, or even preserving principal. But if you choose wisely, and you've got the patience and discipline to hold on to your investments through the market's ups and downs, you may well be rewarded.

Maintain an ideal "weight" – You can help yourself stay healthy by maintaining your ideal weight. This can be challenging – as you know from the recently finished holiday season, it's easy to put on a few extra pounds. And, just as inadvertently, your portfolio can tack on some unneeded weight, too, in the form of redundant investments. Over time, you may have picked up too many similar investment vehicles, resulting in an overconcentration, or "flabbiness," that can work against you, especially when a market downturn affects the asset class in which you're overloaded. So, you might be better off liquidating some of your duplicate, or near-duplicate, investments, and using the proceeds to help broaden your investment mix.

Get proper rest – Many studies have shown that we need adequate rest to stay alert and healthy. In your life, you've probably already found that if you over-tax your body, you pay a price in your overall well-being. If you look at your investment portfolio as a living entity – which, in a way, it is, as it certainly provides life to your goals and aspirations - then you can see that it, too, can be weakened by stress. And one of the main stress factors is excessive trading. If you're constantly buying and selling investments in an attempt to boost your returns, you may rack up hefty fees, commissions and taxes - and still not really get the results you wanted. Plus, if you're frequently moving in and out of different investments, you'll find it hard to follow a unified, longterm strategy. So, confine your trading to those moves that are really essential and give your portfolio a rest.

To enjoy your life fully, you'll want to take care of your physical and financial health – and, as it turns out, you can make similar types of moves to help yourself in both areas.

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Antique musical instruments

You may not have a Stradivarius violin in your home, but there are many other musical instruments that may be valuable.

Many people collect musical instruments. Other buyers purchase quality instruments that they can play. Musical instruments are also housed in museum collections including the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

As with other fields of collecting, there are organizations for aficionados. The American WAYNE TUISKULA Musical Society's mission is "to promote better understanding

of all aspects of the history, design, construction, restoration, and usage of musical instruments in all cultures and from all periods." Their website states members include "collectors, historians, curators, performers, instrument makers, restorers, dealers, conservators, teachers, students, and many institutional members." The organization has meetings, a newsletter, a journal and online publications. Their website has links to collections of musical instruments throughout the world, educational programs, instrument manufacturers and dealers.

Many factors can help you determine whether your instrument will only make a nice wall decoration or if you can pay off your mortgage. Age and condition are important with musical instruments, as they are with all



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are also important to collectors. Having an instrument that was owned and played by a famous person will certainly increase value. A guitar played by John Lennon sold for \$2.4 million in 2015. If you have a violin, viola,

antiques and collectibles.

The materials used and the

quality of the workmanship

cello or bass, you may be able to identify it by checking for the maker by looking through the f-holes. They are the slots on each side of the bridge. The labels on violins by better makers should be hand written. There should

also be a date and the label might also show the city where the piece was made.

There are many types of musical instruments that can sell for five figure sums. Here are some instruments and makers to look for. Some of the most valuable pianos are made by Steinway. Shigeru Kawai pianos are also sought after by musicians and may bring similar figures. The right Verne Q. Powell flute can bring five figures, as can a Selmer saxophone. Guitars by several notable makers can also sell for five figures. Martin, Fender and Gibson are three of the top guitar makers.

We have auctioned some instruments that have brought strong auction prices. We have sold several violins that fetched prices in the high hundreds. A

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Off duty officer still on the job

CHARLTON — On Wednesday Jan. 10, at approximately 4:30 p.m. a male subject approached an off-duty police officer in the parking lot of Cumberland Farms and reported that he was just held at gunpoint after buying marijuana for a friend. The off-duty police contacted police headquarters and reported the robbery and officers were immediately dispatched to the scene to investigate.

While officers were responding to the scene they were advised that the suspect had just fled the scene in a silver Saturn Ion and was now traveling on Worcester Street with four other occupants in the vehicle. The off-duty police officer remained on the phone with our dispatcher and was able to closely follow the suspect vehicle until our officers were able to conduct a motor vehicle stop in the area of Worcester Street

and Brookside Road.

Officers approached the vehicle and identified the operator as 18 year old Aziz Sawadogo. A passenger in the front seat (identified as 19 year old Heriberto Lopez) was then asked to exit the vehicle at which time a silver .22 caliber derringer firearm was recovered.

Three other passengers were in the back seat of the vehicle and they were identified as 20 year old Daniel Silverio and two juveniles. An amount of marijuana was also recovered and two of the suspects attempted to provide officers with fake names.

During further investigation, it was determined that all five suspects had been involved in the robbery and they were all transported to police headquarters for processing. As a result, the following were charged:

20 year old Daniel Silverio from 22

Dover St. apt#2 in Worcester, was charged with conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery, armed robbery; aiding and abetting, and kidnapping, firearm aiding and abetting

19 year old Heriberto Lopez from 10 Glade St.in Worcester, was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, armed robbery; joint venture, and kidnapping, firearm; joint venture

18 year old Aziz Sawadogo from 42 S Lenxon St. in Worcester, was charged with conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery, providing a false name, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, armed robbery; aiding and abetting and kidnapping, firearm aiding and abetting

A 16 year old juvenile from Worcester, was charged with armed robbery; joint venture, kidnapping, firearm and conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed

A 17 year old juvenile from Worcester, was charged with conspiracy to commit a crime to wit armed robbery, armed robbery; aiding and abetting, kidnapping, firearm aiding and abetting, providing a false name and held on a Department of Youth Services warrant.

One of the juveniles was released to a parent and the other juvenile was released to the custody of the Department of Youth Services. Silverio, Lopez and Sawadogo were all held on bail awaiting release or their arraignment in Dudley District Court on Thursday, January 11.

Arresting officer was Officer Darren Dodge assisted by Sergeant Michael Sullivan, Detectives Jason Bonadies and Jose Altiery and Officers Joel Lopez-Miranda and Kaiten Neill.

What's to do in the winter?

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, 30 Peck $\,\,$ 3 at 1:30 p.m. Road in Monson, has announced th fol-

lowing information for the winter. Our winter lectures are open to the public and offered free of charge on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m., lasting about an hour. For more information please call Jennifer Ohop at 413-267-9654 or email ohop@norcrosswildlife.org Sanctuary hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Trails are open, conditions permitting, please call first. There is no admission charge. Visit us virtually at www.norcrosswildlife.org or find us on Facebook!

2018 WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Introduction to Moths Saturday, Feb.

Let's open the door to the fascinating world of nocturnal insects and welcome folks to the dark side! This program will introduce the families of moths likely to be encountered in central Massachusetts. Presenter David Small is a lifelong Massachusetts resident, is president of the Athol Bird and Nature Club and Director of the Millers River Environmental Center. Dave shares his passion for herps, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and most recently moths through workshops, lectures and field trips around New England. Free. Space is limited. Call (413) 267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to regis-

After the 2011 Tornado: Impacts on

Massachusetts' Forests; Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

The 2011 tornado left a visible scar on our landscape. After the tornado, much of the affected forested land underwent salvage logging to remove the fallen trees; however, Brimfield State Forest did not. Instead, fallen trees were left on the ground. Research conducted in 2012 and 2017 has allowed us to study the effects of the tornado and salvage logging on forest recovery by comparing Brimfield State Forest to salvage-logged areas nearby. Join Danelle Laflower and Jennifer Santoro to look specifically at the tree sapling regrowth to determine how the forest is recovering after the tornado. Free. Space is limited. Call (413) 267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

POLICE LOGS

Charlton Police Department

Arrests/Summons: January 7-13

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

Carlos Ramos of Southbridge: Speeding, Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

Isaac Danna of Southbridge: Operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registra-

Tora White of Auburn: Operating an unregistered motor vehicle, Operating an uninsured motor vehicle, Attaching

Dylan Leboeuf of Charlton: Warrant Maureen Wieloch of Charlton: Speed greater than reasonable, Failure to stop at a stop sign, Negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Sturbridge BNI kicks off new year

On Friday night, the local chapter of BNI conducted a networking dinner at Fins & Tales Restaurant at 858 Main St., Southbridge. The picture shows the pleasantly full and happy attendants gathered around Fins & Tales chef Peter Desforges (seated in white chef

jacket). The folks in the picture represent 18 local businesses out of our total membership of 31 businesses.

Our chapter meets every Thursday morning from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. at Fins & Tales Restaurant. Anyone interested in the opportunities that are available

through BNI in the local community are encouraged to contact Atty. Robert Capera at (508) 764-3297.

This chapter is very active and is comprised of 31 separate local business-



Courtesy photo

Local BNI chapter members and guests gather in appreciation around chef Peter Desforges of Fins & Tales Restaurant after a multi dish buffet feast on Friday night. The local chapter met to conduct networking activities and to enjoy a post-holiday celebration to kick off the new year.

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Hawaiian steel guitar from the mid-20th century went for \$2,800. A cello by a 19th century maker in fair condition sold for over \$1,300. A Rive sterling silver flute brought over \$3,000. An RCA theremin brought over \$6,000 and an Estonia piano reached over \$8,000.

If this column motivates you to look through your musical instruments, take a second look if you see Stradivarius on the label. Odds are that you will see "copy of" before the Stradivarius name.

Our live auction takes place in Worcester on January 25th. On March 5, I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School. We have an estate sale scheduled for January 27 and 28 in Webster. Other sales are being planned. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111), info@centralmass auctions.com







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SPORTS

Algonquin trio combines to score 87 points as Tomahawks tame Shepherd Hill, 95-87



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Shepherd Hill's Cody Adams rises up for an uncontested layup.



Jason O'Regan of Shepherd Hill works the baseline in an attempt to dribble past an Algonquin defender.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDEN

DUDLEY — Better than advertised. The Algonquin Regional boys' varsity basketball team came into its game with Shepherd Hill Regional on Friday, Jan. 12 with a 5-1 record, a mark that included impressive wins over Doherty, Shrewsbury and Marlborough, and a troika of players — Kyle Henderson, Nick Redden and Brian Duffy — all

averaging at least 20 points a game.

All three not only lived up to their advance billing but exceeded it, combining to score 87 points in the Tomahawks' 95-87 win over the Rams.

Duffy, a junior, led the way, pouring in 36 points and hitting six 3-pointers while his classmate Redden added 33 points and dropped in three 3-pointers of his own. Henderson, a senior, added 18 points. Duffy scored 22 of his points in the first half while Redden scored 22 of his points in the second half.

"Their three guys got going; that was the difference in the game," said Shepherd Hill head coach Mike Byrnes, whose team fell to 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the Mid-Wach A with the loss. "We knew coming in that they had three guys averaging about 20 points a game, and we just couldn't slow them down. Coming in Duffy was the third-leading scorer of the three."

Henderson entered the game as Algonquin's leading scorer, averaging 23.1 points per game (ppg), while Redden (21.6 ppg) and Duffy (20.4 ppg) were right behind.

"We've got a bunch of very good players, we're not just Kyle," said Tomahawks' head coach Brian Doherty, whose team improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in league play. "We've got Brian Duffy, he's a junior and he played well, and we've got Nick Redden, another junior, and he's playing very well, too."

Doherty then said something that is sure to send chills down the spine of Algonquin's upcoming opponents.

"We're getting there; we're trying to figure things out," he said. "We're young and we're just trying to figure things out."

Doherty dismissed the notion that at 6-1, Algonquin has already figured things out.

"Not even close," he said. "The kids say to me all the time, 'we've got to get better.' And we do. We're off to a good start so we know teams are going to come at us and they do."

Shepherd Hill led early in the game, 9-5, 11-9 and 13-12, but Algonquin closed the first quarter on a 15-3 run to lead, 27-16, as play entered the second period. The Tomahawks remained ahead by double digits for almost the entire second quarter, but the Rams closed the first half with a 6-1 run to pull to within five, 47-42.

Shepherd Hill stayed within striking distance for much of the third quarter. A 3-pointer by junior Cody Adams (a team-high 22 points) pulled the Rams to within four points, 58-54, with 3:35 left in the third. Redden answered with a three-point play six seconds later to extend the lead to seven points, 61-54, however, and the Tomahawks then closed the quarter on an 8-5 run to push their lead back to 10, 69-59. Algonquin led, 72-62, after three quarters.

A 3-pointer by Shepherd Hill senior Jason O'Regan (18 points, four 3-pointers) and a free throw by Adams cut the Algonquin lead down to six, 72-66, just 28 seconds into the fourth quarter, but a Duffy drive sparked a 9-4 run and the Tomahawks were again ahead by double digits, 81-70, with 5:43 remaining.

A three-point play by Duffy on a reverse layup put Algonquin ahead, 87-66, with 3:34 to go, but that's when things got interesting. O'Regan drained back-to-back 3-pointers for the Rams on consecutive possessions and the Algonquin lead was down to five, 87-82, with 2:59 to play.

The Tomahawks, however, scored the next five points, the last three coming on a three-point play by Henderson, who was fouled driving to the basket. Henderson pumped his fist vigorously when he saw the ball drop through the hoop. He then swished the free throw and Algonquin was back up by 10, 92-82, with 32 seconds to play.

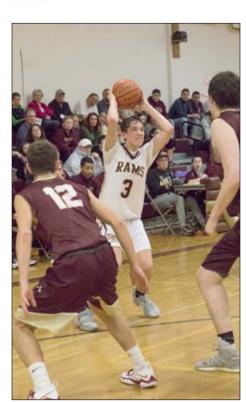
Also scoring in double figures for Shepherd Hill were Dan Cavic (20 points) and Kenny Flynn (11).

The teams meet again Tuesday, Feb. 6, in Northborough.

"We have to find a way to slow them down, or try to slow them down; at least a couple of them, by the time we see them again," said Byrnes, who knows that is easier said than done since both teams like to play up-tempo. "Our game is playing fast. We can't slow anyone down. We're not a half-court team. We scored a lot tonight, but their three guys beat us, big time."



Shepherd Hill's Kenny Flynn goes up and over Algonquin's Riley Garrand on his way to the basket.



Dan Cavic of Shepherd Hill ponders what to do next with the ball while standing beyond the 3-point line.



Shepherd Hill's Dan Cavic drives right around an Algonquin defender.

SPORTS BRIEF

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

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

OBITUARIES

Franco L. F. D'Annunzio,78



C H A R L T O N - Franco L. F. D'Annunzio,78, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. He leaves behind his wife of 49 years, Lina

(Esposito) D'Annunzio, and their three children; Christian O. D'Annunzio and his wife Victoria of Norwood, Gabriel F. D'Annunzio and his wife Giesla of Charlton, and Jennifer G. Houghtaling and her husband Alan of North Grafton. He also leaves behind 6 grandchildren; Gabriella, Isabella, Sofia, Julia, Maia, and Tanner, and two sisters; Maria Pia Nardone of Newton, and Silvana Bonelli of Italy.

Franco was born April 23, 1939 in Atina, Italy son of the late Orazio and Ginevra (Ricciardi) D'Annunzio and moved to the United States as a young man. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in engineering in Italy and worked for various contracting firms. Franco and Lina proudly started their own firm, F&L General Contractors, and also owned and operated their own restaurant, Ciao Napoli in Marlborough for fifteen years.

Franco was a member of St. Joseph's Church, and his interests and talents were incredibly wide ranging. He was a master gardener, tending his vegetable and fruit crops with great care. He loved

working outdoors tending his property and his chickens. Took great pride in his landscape and still life paintings. He loved making and sharing his homemade wine with everyone.

Franco lived life fully, and enjoyed so very many things. Traveling to places such as Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, Paris and the Caribbean and Mexico with his wife Lina, whom he loved completely and dearly, and who was always special to him. He also cherished Sunday meals with his children and grandchildren around him, the Patriarch at the head of the table.

A Memorial Mass for Franco will be Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd.,Ext. in Charlton.

Everyone is welcome to meet with the family from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Mass (At the Church). A reception will follow at the church from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions in the name of Franco D'Annunzio may be made to: Foodforthepoor.org or Foodforthechildren.org. These organizations Franco supported every month, to help others.

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd., Charlton is honored to be assisting Franco's family with arrangements.

An On Line Guest book for Franco, to leave a condolence or share a memory, please visit:RJMillerfunerals.net

Gerald R Berube, 82

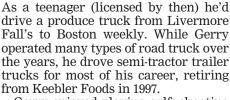


Gerald R Berube, age 82, of Dudley died peacefully Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Overlook Masonic Health Center of Charlton, MA. Gerald was born June 18, 1935 in Livermore Falls, ME. He is the son

ME. He is the son of the late Wilfred and the late Marie (Gilbert) Berube.

Gerry is survived by his wife of 60 years Rose (Mula) Berube, three daughters: Monica Stevens and her husband Joseph of Charlton, MA, Susan Berube of Worcester, MA, Mary Ann Johansen of Dudley, MA and five sons: Gerald Berube Jr. of Dudley, MA, David Berube of Dudley, MA, Kenneth Berube of Groton, CT, Daniel Berube and his wife Missy of Thompson, CT, Thomas Berube of Putnam, CT; Brother: Richard Berube of Remsen, NY; ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Gerry was predeceased by sibling's Norman, Lucille, and Robert. Gerry served in the Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany for a time.

Gerry was a truck driver and "truly enjoyed" his vocation. Gerry's truck driving began a bit before he was of driving age, when he drove a dump truck for a local farmer in his home town of Livermore Falls.



Gerry enjoyed playing golf, shooting pool, spending time with family and friends, and watching sports and wildlife.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday Jan. 17 at 10 AM in St. Anthony Of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd. Burial followed in Waldron Cemetery, Dudley, Calling hours were Tuesday Jan. 16 from 6 to 8 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue Dudley www.bartelfuneralhome.com

Cynthia L. (French) Mason, 69

SOUTHBRIDGE- Cynthia L. (French) Mason, 69, died at home Sunday, January 7, 2018, after a long illness. Her husband of 47 years was the late William D. Mason who died September 10, 2016. She is survived by her son Scott and his wife Kathy Mason of Southbridge, her daughter Wendy Mason and her fiance William Rolfe of Southbridge, and 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her sister, Maxine Dunn, of Charlton, MA; 3 brothers, Thomas Beattie of Williamsburg, MA, Steven French of Sturbridge, MA,

and David French of Sturbridge, MA, and nieces and nephews.

She was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Earl R. and Mary L. (Houde) French, and has lived here all her life. She attended local schools, and was a homemaker who enjoyed maintaining her home.

Calling hours will be Friday, January 12, 2018, from 5-7pm at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. A Prayer Service will be held at 5PM with Rev. Juan Herrera officiating. Burial will be private.

Mary A. (Podedworny) Gosselin, 76



UXBRIDGE- Mary
A. (Podedworny)
Gosselin, 76, passed
away on Wed. Jan. 10,
2018 at Milford hospital after an illness.
She is survived by
her loving husband
of 55 years, Paul H.
Gosselin.

She is also survived by 3 sons; Paul J. Gosselin and his wife Susan of Charlton, Patrick J. Gosselin of Red Feather Lakes, CO., and Daniel M. Gosselin and his wife Emily of Manchester, NH.; 5 grandchildren, Sarah, Brian, Matthew, Megan, and Alexandra; a brother Francis P. Podedworny and his wife Barbara of Webster and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Peter J. Gosselin in 1978.

Born in Providence, RI on October 16, 1941 she was daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Fitzpatrick) Podedworny and was raised in Providence and Milford and moved to Uxbridge in 1959. She worked for Victory Supermarket in Uxbridge and then also when it became Hannaford's for 18 years, prior to that, she worked many years for Bernat Yarns in Uxbridge. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed cooking, baking, and date nights with her husband. A very giving woman, Mary donated to numerous non- profit organizations, and especially Veteran Associations. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Church.

Her funeral Mass was held on Mon. Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 71 Mendon St., Uxbridge. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours at Tancrell- Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge were held on Sun. Jan. 14 from 5-7pm. To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit www.jackmanfuneral-homes.com

Harold A. Wentworth, 86



ROCHDALE – Harold A. Wentworth, 86, of Clark Street, died Saturday, January 6, 2017, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Emma (Whitaker) Wentworth

of Rochdale; two daughters, Debra J. Carlson and her husband Harold of Rochdale, and Doris E. Simon and her companion Mike Inman of Howland, ME; three grandchildren, Andrew C. Wentworth and his wife Jessica of Tampa, FL, Joseph H. Simon of Wyoming, and Mardy J. Simon of Rochdale; two brothers, Lester Wentworth and his wife Vivian of Thompson, CT, and Charles St. Germain and his wife Terry of Charlton; a sister, Irene Vancelette and her husband Stanley of Nashua, NH; and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by five brothers and one sister. He was born in

Oxford, son of the late Alphonse Wentworth and Myrtle (Bennett) St. Germain, and lived in Oxford before moving to Rochdale in 1956. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.



spending time at the ocean.
Calling hours were Wednesday,
January 10, 2018, from 3-7 p.m. at
Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357
Main St., Oxford. Burial will be private
at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the
American Heart Association, P.O. Box
417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Eileen Beaudry

SOUTHBRIDGE- Eileen Beaudry died this past weekend after a short illness.

She brought up four children who were her pride and joy; Ken, Alan, Cindy and Deborah. Her children gave her the gift of a wonderful daughter-in-law, Nancy and son-in-law, Paul whom she thought of as daughter and son. More joys were bestowed on her when next she became a Grandmother to Jason, Kelly, and Marina. Then she was so proud to be a great grandmother to

three bundles of joy; Kaylee, Julie and Chloe (and one on the way).

Eileen was founder and owner of Speedy Answering Service where she had over 100 clients including many of the doctors, lawyers, and businesses in the Southbridge area for 25 years. After that time, she retired but decided to go back to work at the Crackle Barrel restaurant and gift shop in Sturbridge and became top salesperson for most of the months she was there.

ne months she was there. She was blessed to have all the fine people of the VNA, VNA Hospice, St. Mary's Church in Holden, and Meals on Wheels who helped her during her

She and her sister, Rita Riel were close and did many projects together at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. She was very blessed to have many friends at St. Joseph's. Her family would like to thank all her friends at St. Joseph's for all of their prayers which made her journey from illness to heaven comfortable, dignified, and with anticipation.

A funeral Mass for Eileen will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at 1:00pm in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton, will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 20

DUCK STAMPS FOR KIDS: Create YOUR own Junior Duck Stamp on Saturday, Jan. 20 during an open house 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, 30 Peck Road, Wales. Students in grades 3-12 are invited to join Holland artist Marcia Beal to create their own original artwork to enter into the Massachusetts Junior Duck Stamp contest. Drop in anytime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for this free event! All materials will be provided and we will have a pizza for lunch, so please RSVP to ohop@norcrosswildlife.org or 413-267-9654.

Sunday, January 21

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S MARCH: On Sunday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Charlton Arts and Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Road, a celebration of the one year anniversary of the Woman's March is scheduled. Speakers will include Sen. Anne Gobi and new Charlton Selectboard member Deb Noble. Others are expected. This is an open meeting, bring food to share if you want to since it is right at lunch time, but not necessary; we need YOU to discuss the future, the past and the present. Where do go from here? What are the goals. Open to anyone interested.

Monday, January 22

BUST THE BLUES! Let's Bust the Winter Blues! Italian Fest Party at the Brimfield Senior Center, Jan. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's cold outside so come on down for some of Eva's fantastic homemade lasagna layered with seasoned ground beef, homemade sauce, creamy ricotta cheese and gooey mozzarella. On the side enjoy warm garlic bread and garden salad tossed with Italian dressing. Local entertainer Dwayne Carlson will be here to perform a variety of popular songs. Feel free to sing along, tap your feet or get up and dance! January birthdays will be celebrated with cake and song. There is a \$5 suggested donation for this event. Please reserve prior to January 19. The Senior Center is located in the 1stCongregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield 413-245-7253

Tuesday, January 23

FEASTING ON SOUPS: On Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Dexter Hall, Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. join us for a fantastic soup feast.

Nothing is better than a delicious, healthy soup; unless you could take that one delicious soup and add a few ingredients to create an entirely different soup. Chef Liz Barbour of Creative Feasts calls this a "progressive" soup and she is eager to walk you through the steps to prepare two soup recipes you can prepare at home. Enjoy a cooking demonstration of two recipes and samples for all to taste. Recipes provided. Seating is limited so register now on the library calendar events at www. charltonlibrary.org or call (508) 248-0452.

Wednesday, January 24

OPEN HOUSE: The Sturbridge

Cooperative Nursery School is having an open house on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come to tour the school and meet the teachers! Two and three day programs are available for children 2.9 and up. The school day runs from 9:00-11:45 a.m. The Sturbridge Nursery School is located at 518 Main St., Sturbridge. For more information please call (508) 347-9131.

Saturday, January 27

TASTE OF THE TOWNS: Charlton Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors annual Taste of the Towns on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10 H Putnam Road Extension, Charlton. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at the Charlton Senior Center, Cornerstone Bank in Charlton and sold at the door. For more information on the Charlton REAS Foundation, Inc., PO Box 793, Charlton, MA 01507 please visit our website at www.reascharlton.org or contact Elaine at (508) 868-5289 or (508) 248-2231.

Wednesday, January 31

LEARN ABOUT BOY SCOUTS: Boy Scout Troop #165 of Charlton is holding a presentation at the Charlton Grange, 10 Main St., Charlton on Wednesday, Jan. 31 7-9 p.m. The Charlton Boy Scout Troop #165 would like to invite the public to a free presentation detailing their recent high-adventure trip to SeaBase, Florida. The trip was funded in part by the Charlton Cultural Council, a Local chapter of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For questions contact Betty Scotti 508-930-1181.

Thursday, February 15

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS: The Sturbridge Republican Town Committee will caucus on Feb. 15 to choose candidates for the RTC. The meeting will be held in the board room of All Star Premium Products at 660 Main St, Fiskdale. We will Caucus from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information or questions, please call Mike Young at (774) 230-3672.

Friday, February 2

DECADENT DESSERTS: Join us! Decadent desserts & appetizers, good friends and live music! Tastefully Ted. is a pre-Valentine's celebration benefiting the Tantasqua Education Foundation. Indulge in decadent desserts and delicious appetizers, mingle with friends, and enjoy local entertainment. Cash bar and silent auction. Friday, Feb. 2, 7-10 p.m. \$20 per person in advance, (\$25 per person at the door) Enjoy specialties from: Publick House, BT's Smokehouse, Rovezzi's Ristorante, Table 3 Chefs & Catering, Cornerstone Café (TRHS culinary arts students), Whoopie Doo and Cupcakes Too, Buster's Bark, and the Southbridge Italian American Club. A special thank you to Publick House for once again generously hosting Tastefully Ted this year. As always, awesome silent auction including Red Sox tickets, Wachusett Mountain ski tickets and more. Live music. Proceeds benefit Tantasqua Education Foundation. Visit TedFound. org for more info.



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The health benefits of avocados

Food trends come and go. But one such trend that has seemingly enjoyed more staying power than other flavors of the month is avocado toast, a popular dish that might trace some of that admiration to how easy it is to prepare.

The popularity of avocado toast has exploded in recent years, but it has actually been around for decades. Many trace the origins of avocado toast to Australia, though it's hard for food historians to say with utmost certainty where the dish was first served.

Avocado toast might be as healthy as it is popular. Avocados boast a host of health benefits, some of which might surprise even the most ardent devotee of avocado toast.

· Avocados are loaded with vitamins. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Nutrient Database, avocados are a great source of numerous vitamins, including C, E, K, and B-6. Avocados also contain beta-carotene, which



the human body converts into vitamin A that promotes healthy skin and a strong immune system.

 Avocados can benefit vision. Avocados contain lutein and zeaxanthin, a pair phytochemicals concentrated in the tissues in the eyes. Lutein and

zeaxanthin are believed to block blue light from reaching structures in the retina, thereby reducing a person's risk of developing macular degeneration. In fact, studies published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, the American Journal

of Ophthalmology and The Archives of Ophthalmology found that diets high in lutein and zeaxanthin are associated with a lower risk of macular degeneration, which the American Macular Degeneration Foundation notes is the

leading cause of vision loss in the United States.

· Avocados can promote healthier bones. Because they're high in vitamin K. a nutrient that is crucial for bone health, avocados may help reduce a person's risk of developing osteoporosis,

a condition characterized by bones becoming fragile and brittle due to loss of tissue. Vitamin K may help improve the intestinal absorption of calcium. That's a significant benefit, as calcium deficiency has long been associated with a greater risk for osteoporosis.

Avocados help fight depression. Avocados are loaded with omega-3 fatty acids, which benefit the body in myriad ways. One of those ways is by helping to reduce the symptoms of depression. Polyunsaturated such as omega-3 fatty acids are thought to antagonize inflammatory cytokines that can contribute to feelings of depression.

Trendy foods come and go, oftentimes falling off the radar when their health benefits are overstated or proven dubious. However, the documented benefits of avocados may ensure the staying power of avocado toast.

More Matters: Plant Breeding Innovation Key To Increased Vegetable Consumption can help provide 40 percent of daily recommended vitamin C and 20 percent of recommended vitamin vegetable seeds industry.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans of all ages consume too few fruits and vegetables1, while the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends that Americans fill half their plate with fruit and vegeta-

A focus on healthier lifestyles is having an impact, though. In 2016, for example, U.S. farmers sold \$390 million worth of cauliflower, a significant increase from 20122 and a trend that can be attributed to the growing frequency with which cauliflower is showing up on menus and being used as a replacement for rice and potatoes.

Seed companies are doing their part to help increase vegetable consumption through plant breeding practices designed to help make vegetables tastier and more convenient to consume. Through breeding innovation, consumers enjoy flavorful tomatoes yearround, helping round out a healthy diet in any season. The consumption of just one medium tomato per day

A combination of consumer research and a deep understanding of needs from field to fork, including those of growers, packers, shippers and retailers, helps seed companies to guide their plant breeding programs. Taste, for example, is a complex interaction between taste, smell, color and texture. Shelf life is another area where plant breeding can make a significant difference, developing varieties that stay fresher, longer.

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- 1 Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2013 2 Time, July 24, 2017
- 3 Produce for Better Health Foundation
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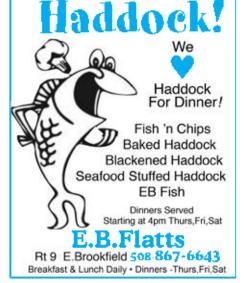


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Food is a necessity and an expense that simply cannot be avoided. A 2012 Gallup poll found that Americans reported spending \$151 on food per week. Around one in 10 said they spent \$300 or more per week, and those with higher

incomes tend to spend more on weekly food bills than people who earn less.

Compounding high food bills is the fact that people tend to waste food. According to the American Chemistry Council, roughly 80 billion pounds of food are thrown out every year in the United States. Britons throw away around seven million tons of food and drink per year, says BBC Good Food.

Saving money on food may seem challenging, but it doesn't have to be. With some

smart strategies, individuals can reduce their food budgets and still have enough to eat. 1. Store food

properly. Pay attention to correct the ways to store food, including promptly refrigerating or freezing items to prevent spoiling.

2. Do your work. Prepackaged, presliced, or preportioned foods take longer for manufacturers to prepare, and those costs are passed on to consumers. Separating foods oneself and putting them into manageable

portions may take a little time, but the savings for consumers could be considerable.

3. Buy in bulk when it makes sense. Bulk warehouse stores can make it easier to stock up on essentials. But they also can entice people to buy items they really do not need. Consumers should only purchase items that make fiscal sense or ones that cannot be purchased elsewhere for less. Always compare the price per weight or per unit when shopping.

4. Stock up on staples. Be on the lookout for sales on items used frequently, particularly staples that can be stored away. Watch for low prices on coffee, oils and canned goods, stocking up when such items go on sale.

5. Embrace dried and canned beans. Beans offer filling fiber and protein for relatively little

cost. They also can be added to meat or vegetable recipes to bulk up dishes.

6. Plan ahead. Planning ahead can save big bucks. Peruse sales before leaving the house and spend time visiting a few different stores to save more money. Make use of store coupon apps to preload savings that can be used at checkout.

7. Explore frugal recipes. Skipping meat or other expensive items once in awhile can help reduce food bills. Save expensive items for treats. which can make you appreciate them that much more. The same concept can be used for dining out.

It is relatively easy to save money on the cost of food when consumers make a commitment to being more frugal.







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DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel I Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! **\$299,900.00**



WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rdl 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit wSS Appliances & Tile FIr! Dining Area wCorner Hutch! Fr-ple Liv Rm wHrdwds! 3 Bdrms wHrdwds! Full Bath w/Tile FIr! Den wNew Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! \$239,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd FIrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14X20 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! \$524,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/ Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage!





WEBSTER LAKE - 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp



104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft, or .77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Lawn to Beach/Shore!
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Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frpled Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level Frplcd Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! \$1,100,000.00



WEBSTER – 124 Lower Gore Rd! Completely Renovated 7 Rm, 3 Bdrm Ranch! Kit w/New Tile Flr, SS Appliances, Granite Counters & Backsplash! Spacious Liv Rm! Refinished Hrdwds! Updated Bthrm! New Siding, Entry Doors, Electrical Service! Finished Lower Level! Fenced Backpard! Shull \$238, \$300,00 WEBSTER – 24 Linwood St! Well Maintained 2 Family! Each Unit Consists Of An Eat-In Kit w/Gas Range, Pantry w/ Abundant Cabinets! 2 Carpeted Bdrms! Knotty Pine Heated Sun Room Or Den! Full Baths w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Screened Porch! Newer Roof, Siding & W



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CHARLTON – 2 Ponnakin Hill Rd! Nice Updated 7 Rm Split! .92Acre Corner Ld! SS Applianced Kit wCenter Isl, Cathedrals & Skylight! Din Rm wSlider to 12x16 Deck! Cathedral Liv Rm wBrick Frplc & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths, Whirlpool Tub! Frplcd Fam Rm! Garage! \$289,900.00





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WEBSTER – 8 Oakwood Dr! 12 Rm Hip Roof 5,165 'Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w' In-ground Poo!! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frplc Fam Rm & Frplc Den! Master Suite/Master Bath 6 Bdrmsl 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrdwds & Wall to Wall! C/Airl In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! \$499,900.00



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WEBSTER LAKE - 30 S. Point Rd! 913

Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! NEW Kit w/Din! Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/Lake

Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout

Lower Level w/Fam Rm w/Summer Kit!

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WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure

Isl! Prime Beachfront Townhouse!

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CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm OXFORD - 74 Walnut St! 5 Rm Ranch! Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Ouartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm 2 Bdrms w/3rd Possible! Full Bath! Hrdwds w/Hrdwds! Froled Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Liv Rm & Bdrms! Cedar Closet! Basement Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16X30 Deck! 2 Car w/2 Finished Rms! Vinyl Siding! Older Replacement Windows! Deck! AG Pool! d! Cosmetics Needed! \$174,900.00



WEBSTER - 56 Chase Ave! Well WLESTER - 36 Chase Avel Well Maintained 2 Fam 164 Rms 137 Bdrms! Applianced Eal-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Baths! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Fanel Drs! 22 Oil Heat! Furnaces! 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! \$219,900.00



WEBSTER – 47 Harris St! Custom Built 6 Rm Ranch! 43 Acre Lot! Eat-in Kit w/ Oversized Pantry! Frpled Liv Rm wBay Window! 3 Large Bdrms wWall to Wall Carpets & Large Closets! Den! Full Bath w/Linen Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level w/Full Bath! 10yr Young Roof! Newer Gas Furnace! \$229,900.00



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WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Pano Lake Views Most Rms! Open Flr Plan! Frolcd Liv Rm! 42nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Baths!



WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Applianced Oak Kit! Din Rm

W/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Lake
Views! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunrm
Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite,
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Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din

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Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3

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WEBSTER LAKE — 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunrises! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities (9pen Fir Plan wMagnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings wSkylights! European Kit WCenter IsH Modern Fipe Liz Kin wGlass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm wen-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi

Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air!

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WEBSTER- 24 STEPHEN DR





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WEBSTER- 13 MORRIS



kitchen, granite counters, Recent stainless appliances! Nice level 1/3 acre level yard. Skylight providing loads of natural lite! Full bath with double vanity. Hardwood floors in main level. Garage! Gen 3 season room w/ slider!

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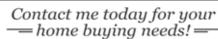
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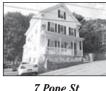
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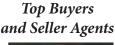
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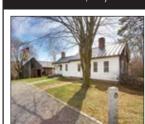
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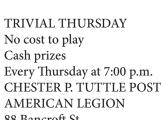


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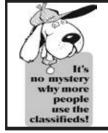
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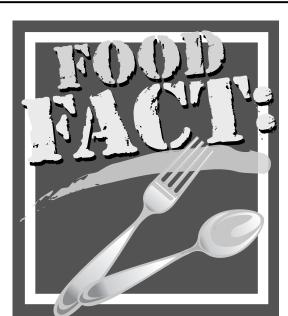
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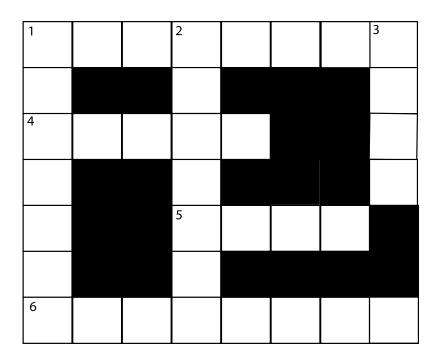




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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Starchy side dish
- 4. Mexican-style food in shells
- 5. To eat
- 6. Food between bread slices

DOWN

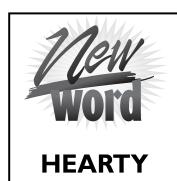
- 1. Meat and vegetable in pasty
 - doughs
- 2. Stayed away
 - from
- 3. Hot broth

1. Pot pies 2. Avoided 3. Soup UMOM 1. Potatoes 4. Tacos 5. Dine 6. Sandwich

Across :SIOMSUY



- 1706: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, WHICH WAS THEN A **COLONY IN BRITISH** NORTH AMERICA.
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GLISH: Noodles

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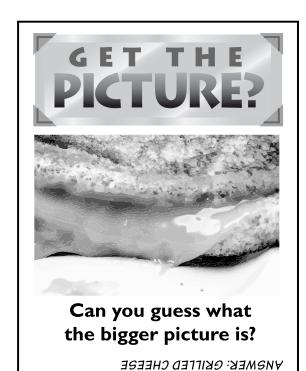
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SOUP CAN CHASE AWAY WINTER'S CHILL, FOOD HISTORIANS SAY THAT SOUP IS PROBABLY AS OLD AS THE HISTORY OF COOKING.

Answers: A. fitness B. gym

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Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to fitness. Each number corresponds to a letter.

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Clue: Good physical health

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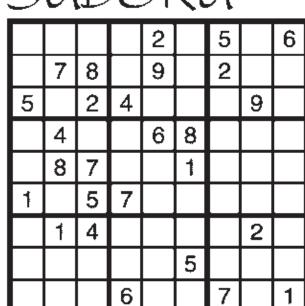
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