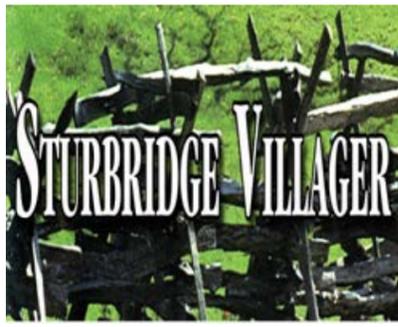


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Ken Rozzen of Warren handles radio duties at Turner Field for last weekend's All-American River Race using the CB in his truck attached to a portable antenna he built. Several friends with similar radios fanned out along the race route to keep tabs on any emergencies that might develop.

BY GUS STEEVES
 STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When most people think of radio, they think of studios with lots of high-tech equipment, giant metal towers and powerful transmitters that pump out tens of thousands of watts.

But some in our community also know another kind: ham radio. Although it generally has low power and tabletop or even handheld equipment, users can talk to people around the world, and have been instrumental in disasters large and small.

Southbridge's Joe Westwell Jr. is one of them. A former police officer, he'd had experience with the small walkie-talkie type of radios cruisers traditionally carried decades

ago, but his interest was born much earlier.

"My dad got me into radio when I was young, years and years ago," he said. "Dad's radio code was 'The Watchmaker,' and he talked to a lot of people. That's what I like about it; it's the camaraderie."

When he was a policeman, Westwell said, the department required officers to buy their own radios, and they often gave citizens who felt uncomfortable calling the station by phone a chance to provide tips. For a while, he ran the Crime Watch in the area around Harrington Hospital, and used it to ensure the safety of hospital staff who walked home at night.

Eventually, after retire-

ment, Westwell ran into Ken Rozzen of Warren and became a member of the Central Mass Amateur Radio Association (CMARA), a group that helps to coordinate activities and education for hundreds of ham operators across the region.

CMARA's website states the group formed under a slightly different name in March 1935 with "24 members, of whom 21 were licensed amateur radio operators." At the time, most operators practiced what's termed "hilltopping," literally going to hilltops and other high points to relay signals from place to place. Many years later, repeater technology evolved to allow that to happen from virtually anywhere.

To some degree, hilltopping still exists, but it's

more of a game today, Rozzen said. Radio folks get points for climbing various mountains with their gear and seeing what places they can contact.

"I got involved to be part of emergency communications," he said. "I really enjoy meeting new folks and talking to people all over the world. I've talked to people from Australia, Japan and several Pacific islands."

One day, he got a signal that was far from ordinary.

"I heard an SOS from a sailboat that was being stalked by what they believed was a pirate" somewhere off South America, Rozzen said. "It was an interesting 45 minutes of listening to their terror" before they said the trailing boat finally veered off and left them

Please Read **HAM RADIO**, page **A19**

Luck is a duck as Harrington plans its fun day

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
 STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Harrington Hospital Auxiliary's 26th annual Lucky Duck & Family Fun Day is coming to a new venue this year. On Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. families are invited to Fay Mountain Farm in Charlton for a day of games, raffles and the Harrington Hospital 5K. And it's all for a good cause.

Lucky Duck & Family Fun Day is the auxiliary's largest fundraiser. It's a day where the entire community comes together. There will be various organizations and business vendors set up throughout the event, letting people

know what services they offer within the community.

There are also a large variety of activities for families, including a pie eating contest, face painting, a corn hole tournament and a carnival games tent. Bay Path will also be coming with duck cookies for people to decorate. Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary is also planning activities and games. Fay Mountain Farm will also be open so people can check out their products and "do a bit of shopping," said auxiliary member Christine Lee.

And then, of course, there's the ducks!

This year, for the first time, the ducks will not be

Please Read **LUCKY DUCK**, page **A16**



BITTERSWEET MEMORIES . . .

The Sturbridge Rotary Club was chartered in 1972, meeting in the Orchard Inn. The history of the Rotary and the popular restaurant site have been intertwined ever since, as this memory posted on their Facebook page can attest:

This week the Publick House tore down a fond memory for Sturbridge Rotary, the former Orchard Inn restaurant. When Sturbridge Rotary was chartered in 1972, the Club met

each week for nine years at the Orchard Inn restaurant. We left the restaurant for eight years and met at Rom's, then returned to the Orchard Inn restaurant having been renamed Crabapples and owned by the Publick House. It had another name change to Charlie Brown's Steakhouse and we continued to meet there until 1999 when Charlie Brown's closed. At that time, we returned to Rom's for only one year and we've been at the



Photos courtesy of PJ White

Machinery makes quick work of the demolition of the building known as Orchard Inn, then Charlie Brown's. The building was demolished in early April.

Publick House for the last 17 years. During the demolition, we wonder if they found the Rotary piano that has been missing for

years. The place of origin for the Club meetings may be gone but will always be remembered fondly.

Friends frolicked at the Teddy Bear tea

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

HOLLAND — The Holland Community Center is inviting the community to join them for future family events.

After the Senior Center was changed to a community center a few years ago after a renovation, the Holland Community Center has been planning programs for residents of all ages.

"We want to better serve everybody in the community, young and old," said Activities Coordinator Tracie Scott, who noticed a lack of family and children programs being held at the center. "We want to give



Photos courtesy of Tracie Scott

Volunteers helped children make their own bracelets at the Teddy Bear Tea Party.

children a place to come and hang out with their friends and do some fun activities."

The first event was a Teddy Bear Tea Party, funded by the Friends of the

Holland Community Center. On Tuesday, April 18, 45

Please Read **TEDDY BEAR TEA**, page **A17**

Sister shelters share safe haven work for canines

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
 STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

BRIMFIELD — The Humane Society of the United States chose the Second Chance Animal Shelter as one of 11 shelters in the United States to mentor their sister shelter in Puerto Rico, part of a program Second Chance calls Operation H.O.P.E., a larger program Humane Puerto Rico.

With an estimated 300,000 street dogs and over 1 million stray cats, this is a vital mission. In Puerto Rico, there's a 95 percent chance an animal in a shelter will be euthanized. The sister shelter, Villa Michelle, currently has a very limited spay and neuter program and

very little space. With spay and neuter limited and not many homes for the stray animals (there are many puppy mills on the island), the animals are reproducing faster than the shelter can find home for them.

On April 6, two employees, a vet and shelter manager, from Villa Michelle visited Second Chance to spend some time with their high volume spay and neuter vets. Second Chance will be helping their sister shelter improve protocols and find ways to deal with the population in their facilities. This includes a transport program, so they can help reduce the

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Annual meeting includes program on American Optical

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The evening will begin with socializing at 6 p.m., dinner will then start at 6:15 p.m., followed by a short business meeting at 7 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. a presentation on American Optical by Dick Whitney is scheduled.

Dick started work with American Optical in their central testing laboratory and recently celebrated his 42nd year of continuous service (now Carl Zeiss Vision). He was inducted into the Vision Council Hall of Fame in Las Vegas in September 2016. Dick is also the executive director of the Zeiss sponsored Optical Heritage Museum in Southbridge. He has worked to restart and grow the Museum for over 15 years,

and thanks to Zeiss, it reopened three years ago greatly expanded and can ever be "walked thru" online at www.opticalheritagemuseum.com.

The Optical Heritage Museum, located at 12 Crane St. in Southbridge, was officially opened on June 18, 1983 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of American Optical (AO). Southbridge had a long history of manufacturing optical products, earning it the unofficial title "Eye of the Commonwealth", in reference to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. AO became the world's largest manufacturer of ophthalmic products, and at its height employed more than 6,000 people around the world. Many of its workers were exempted from the draft during World War II since they were doing vital defense work; including making Norden bombsights to aid the crew of bomber aircraft in dropping

bombs accurately.

Buffet dinner with: bruschetta, salad, rolls & butter, coffee & tea, vegetables, roasted potatoes, meatballs & sausages, and two entrees of the group's choosing. To attend the dinner meeting you must prepay for your reservation to Deb Cardoni no later than April 28, 2017. The cost is \$25 for chapter members and \$27 for non-members. 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.

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.massachusetts-societyofgenealogists.org -or- www.msoginc.org.



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Tuesday, May 16

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Relay fundraiser features benefit hockey game

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — A very unique Relay for Life fundraiser is coming to the Buffone Rink in Worcester on May 6. Relay team F Troop – Harrington Hospital’s pediatric nurses – have teamed up with The Rusty Blades for the fourth annual Peter Brown Memorial Benefit hockey game.

“People won’t believe it until they see it,” said Buff Congdon, who is both a member of F Troop and The Rusty Blades, a hockey team for men over 60 years old. “I’m 70 years old and still playing ice hockey. It’s hard for some people to believe. It’s a very aggressive, fast, physical game that we play. To see a bunch of guys our age come out and still do

this, it’s amazing. We have two people in the game that are 80 years old. It’s amazing. It’s just amazing that we can do what we do at our age.”

People who come to the fundraiser get to watch a fast-paced, action-packed game with some unlikely athletes and participate in a large number of raffles organized by F Troop. There will also be local mascots at the game.

Last year almost 500 people came to the game and they raised \$8,400 for the American Cancer Society.

“It’s fantastic how many people are getting involved,” said Congdon. “Once they see the game they tell their friends and we get more and more support. All the businesses, restaurants, and communities are willing

to donate and help us. We just feel so grateful for everybody’s help. Every year it gets more and more successful so we’re just rolling with it!”

This year The Rusty Blades are looking to raise \$10,000.

“Everyone’s been touched by this terrible disease one way or another,” said Congdon. “Everything we do is for the American Cancer Society. My mom died of lung cancer years ago. My girlfriend lost her nephew a few years ago at 40 years old. It’s a tragic disease. If we can raise money to help end this disease, we’re all for it.”

Currently, there are 75 members registered with The Rusty Blades, but only around 30 will skate in a game. Congdon — who played hockey as a

child, in high school and even played some pro hockey — got involved with the team when he went to the Auburn rink at 63 years old and bumped into a high school teammate.

“We started skating,” he recalled, “and he kept telling me about the team. We ended up getting some equipment and started playing again. When you love hockey... It’s just in your blood. If you love the game, you’ll play forever.”

Congdon grew up on the Auburn pond. His mom had put him on skates when he was three years old. He eventually played in high school at Auburn High. He was drafted by the Bruins but never played for them.

“I was a goal tender for years. I can’t play that position any-

more because my knees just won’t take it,” he said. “But I still keep going! It’s a lovely game. Any time you can put the skates on and play I do it.”

Last August, The Rusty Blades lost one of their friends and teammates Pete Brown at 72 years old. This year’s fundraiser is named after him and it will be each year from now on, said Congdon.

For more information on the upcoming game or to get tickets call Congdon at (413) 668-6330 or his girlfriend and F Troop member Barbara Merrill at (413) 668-4500. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$8 or \$4 for children. There will be door prizes, including a \$100 scratch ticket tree.

Said Congdon: “Come on down and have some fun!”

STURBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ARRESTS:

Friday, April 14

10:43 a.m. - Eduardo M Ayala, 39, of 501 Main Street Apt. #8, was arrested on a warrant

Saturday, April 15

9:49 a.m. - Michelle Leigh Fugere, 24, of 39 Freetown Road Apt. #5, Raymond NH, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class A and class B drug

POLICE LOGS

9:49 a.m. - James Castine, 24, of 97 Jenness Epping, NH, was arrested for possession of a Class A and Class B drug

5:03 p.m. - Nathan G Chicoine, 31, of 34 Gurney Road, E. Freetown, was arrested for driving under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation and no inspection sticker

Wednesday, April 19

10:23 a.m. - Cathy Taty Blanco, 43, of 489 Main Street Apt. #8, was arrested for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and a warrant

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, April 13

3:46 p.m. - Police investigated a suspicious vehicle on Fiske Hill Road

Friday, April 14

Saturday, April 15

Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18

1:00 p.m. - Police responded to an accident, property damage on Main Street

5:33 p.m. - Police responded to an accident, property damage on Main Street

Wednesday, April 19

4:33 p.m. - Police investigated a suspicious vehicle on River Road

8:00 p.m. - Police responded to an accident, property damage on Arnold Road

Thursday, April 20

1:54 a.m. - Police responded to an accident, property damage on Route 15

5:38 p.m. - Police investigated suspicious activity on Main Street

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English				
ENG 102	Composition II	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Finance				
FIN 111	Personal Financial Planning	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Mathematics				
MAT 099	Intermediate Algebra	3	MW	12:00-3:45 p.m.
MAT 122	Statistics	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Psychology				
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	TR	8:00-11:45 a.m.
Speech				
SPH 101	Speech Communication Skills	3	TR	8:00-11:45 a.m.

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Accounting				
ACC 102	Financial Accounting II	3	MW	8:00-11:45 a.m.
Allied Health				
ALH 102	Introduction to Medical Terminology	3	TR	12:00-3:45 p.m.
Computer Information Systems				
CIS 111	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3	MW	6:00-9:45 p.m.
English				
ENG 090	Basic Reading Skills	3	MW	8:00-11:45 a.m.
ENG 096	Intermediate Writing Skills	3	TR	12:00-3:45 p.m.
ENG 101	Composition I	3	TR	8:00-11:45 a.m.
ENG 102	Composition II	3	MW	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Mathematics				
MAT 095	Beginning Algebra	3	MW	12:00-3:45 p.m.
MAT 099	Intermediate Algebra	3	TR	6:00-9:45 p.m.
Psychology				
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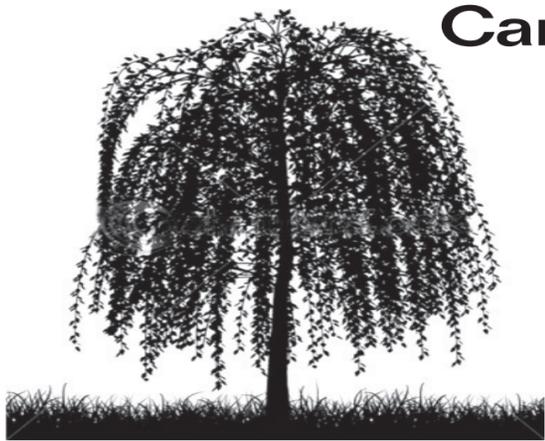
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Ridvan: Opening a door into the Baha'i Faith

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Almost everyone in the US can identify secular, Christian and Jewish holidays, and sometimes Muslim or Hindu. But, statistically, you'd need a room with 1,000 people in it to find one who celebrates Ridvan, the most important 12 days in the Baha'i calendar.

Not coincidentally, those days are now. Ridvan (pronounced "Rizwan") started April 20 and ends May 1, and several family members and friends of Deb Richt of Sturbridge are among those celebrating it.

Richt said she discovered the faith in 1968 at a talk in New Hampshire, where the speaker was a Brahmin Hindu who had just become Baha'i and wrote about how the teachings of Baha'u'llah, the Baha'i prophet-founder, "would eliminate the caste system" in India.

"It answered all the questions I'd always had," she said, noting that for years she and her husband had sampled other churches and found "the basic teachings are all the same." What differed were some of the social prescriptions and attitudes, largely because of the differing historical periods in which they were born.

Subsequently, Richt and her husband Peter raised their children as Baha'is, and now her daughter Kristen and husband Michael Graham have continued the tradition with two girls of their own. The three of them, plus friends Eugenio Marcano (a Dominican from Worcester) and Mehrnoosh Watson (an Iranian from Templeton) gathered Wednesday to share their story.

Of them, Watson has the longest roots in the Baha'i faith. Not only has her family practiced it for four generations, her homeland is where the religion was born in the mid-1800s.

At the time, Iran was ruled by the Qajar dynasty, which historian Tamim Ansary describes as "generally lazy, rapacious, short-sighted and weak. The Europeans [British and Russians] pulled the strings that made the puppets jerk and squeak in a most life-like manner."

Indeed, even English Lord Curzon was amazed at how corrupt they were, noting that their sale of a vast range of economic rights to one of his countrymen was "the most complete and extraordinary surrender of the entire industrial resources of a kingdom into foreign hands that has probably ever been dreamed of."

Similar things were happening across the Muslim world. In such a milieu, popular dissent was not surprising; it took the form of several Islamic reform movements whose impacts are sometimes still being felt today, including the semi-secular Modernists, the reactionary Wahhabis, the Jadids, various armed revolts couched in religious terms, and the rise in Iran of the Babis.

For a long time, some Iranian Shia had believed that a person would come they dubbed "the Bab," a term meaning "the gate," because they felt he'd be the one "through which the Hidden Imam could communicate with the faithful," Michael Axworthy writes in *A History*



Courtesy photo

A few dozen central Massachusetts Baha'is gather for a Holy Day celebration last year.

of Iran. "...[A]s the [Islamic] year 1260 approached... some people identified a particular pious young man from Shiraz, Seyyed Ali Muhammad, as the Bab."

He declared that he was the Bab in May 1844, which was "the one-thousandth anniversary of the disappearance of the twelfth Imam."

Over the next few years, his teachings gained followers because of their focus on justice, better treatment of women and children, and other ideas, but when he actually declared himself to be the Hidden Imam and his faith to be "a new belief — one superseding the previous revelation of Islam," things turned violent, including Babi revolt, Qajar crackdown and his execution in 1850, Axworthy writes.

Richt challenges that reading of history, saying there was no revolt, but "there was a Babi genocide happening in the mid-1800s and 20,000 of his followers were slaughtered. A few of them, at a place called Fort Tabarsi, were trying to defend themselves. We have non-Babi recorded eyewitness accounts of what actually happened."

She agrees, however, that many of the survivors, including Baha'u'llah and his family, were exiled to Baghdad, then ruled by the Ottomans. In 1863, in Baghdad's Garden of Ridvan, Baha'u'llah "announc[ed] himself as the new prophet ... predicted by the Bab," and most Babis followed him. Since then, they've been called Baha'is, Axworthy states.

Over the next 40 years — most of them in Turkish prisons — Baha'u'llah wrote the texts that became the Baha'i scriptures. Among his key tenets are the ideas of world peace; all religions have a common source; humanity is one; all people regardless of sex, race, nationality or social class are equal and spiritual beings; there's harmony between science and faith; and people should be educated and encouraged to investigate religious and other ideas.

When Baha'u'llah lived, "there was all

this stirring going on around the world awaiting the coming of the Promised One," Watson notes, later making comparisons to the present. "...The world's in trouble; every institution is failing, struggling. If people knew more about the teachings of Baha'u'llah, they'd see the answers lie in his teachings."

In the US, the era's social ferment featured the "Great Awakening" that spawned Transcendentalism, Mormonism, the Jehovah's Witnesses and several smaller religious groups, plus Native American revival movements and the birth of "Manifest Destiny." In Europe, it saw the creation of Marxism, the rebirth of Druidry and other Pagan ideas, the rise of various kinds of spiritualism, and several revolutions. In China, it saw the brutal Christian Taiping revolt and a couple of Muslim uprisings. In South America, it saw Simon Bolivar lead Spanish colonies to independence and the birth of several new African-rooted religions like Santeria.

"The central principle of the Baha'i Faith is unity," Watson said. "It's a very simple idea that has broad application. There's one Creator, one humanity, tied together with a covenant that will always provide guidance."

She later went on to quote Thoreau, who wrote, "The holy books of all religions will be bound together in one book." It's lovely to see all these little connections.

Indeed, as the conversation swirled around the room, it wove threads from genetics, genealogy, ecology, anthropology and theology, among other sources, into one tapestry. Even the family dog got involved, weaving her way between people for attention.

"All religions are like civilization's grades through school," Richt said, noting Baha'is believe people have periodically needed new spiritual educators to help us refocus on what matters — community and our connections to everything — when possessions, power and other distractions get in the way.

To them, history is full of "cycles of spiritual renewal," which Watson compared to a garden in spring, its growth and life cycle, its annual death and winter repose, then its blooming again the next year.

Eventually, all faiths need renewal, and Baha'i will, too, Marcano said. "In the future, we will need a new revelation from God."

"What happens over time is that people stop investigating reality," and lose themselves in dogma, Graham added.

"We recognize the darkness that's happening on the planet," Kristen Graham agreed. "It's part of the process of growth," akin to the pain that comes with giving birth. "It's going to take a long time" to see the ideas really become effective globally, she admitted.

At present, there are around 7 million Baha'is worldwide, they said. The faith has no priesthood or permanent clergy; instead, members gather to elect representatives annually based on their service to the community, without allowing lobbying or even people declaring they want a leadership post. In some respects, it's a lot like old tribal systems in which people get support for their competence, they agreed.

That extends to jobs, which can be an expression of faith "if done in the spirit of service," Watson said. Graham agreed, noting many jobs today are based on what people can take from society, so we need to focus on how we can give, instead.

He also noted science is seen as "the first emanation from God," and is therefore very important as a vehicle for understanding the world. Baha'is see no conflict between science and religion because they're both aimed at the same thing — a perspective that attracted Marcano, who is a scientist and former Catholic, to the faith.

Marcano said the Ridvan holiday celebrates Baha'u'llah's declaration of himself as "the Manifestation of God for this time in history," which happened near the end of his stay in Baghdad. Ridvan means "Paradise," and the 12-day period features three key holy days: the first, representing that declaration; the ninth, when his family came to join him; and the last, when they departed by Ottoman "invitation" on a long foot journey to Istanbul.

Graham noted the latter was essentially the Ottomans' way of trying to get rid of him quietly; they didn't want to create a martyr, but he survived it. His son, Abdu'l-Baha, accompanied him for the rest of his life, finally being released from an Istanbul prison by the 1908 Young Turks Revolt and migrating to the US. His experiences and loyalty to his father became the religion's most important example of how to live life as a Baha'i. Marcano noted that while most faiths present an abstract image of that, "Baha'u'llah gave us a real person."

For more information on the Baha'is, go to www.Bahai.us or contact Deb Richt by email at deb.richt@gmail.com.

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Writing for children is serious business...sort of



Olivia Richman photos

Children's author Anna Staniszewski read her new book, "Dogosaurus Rex," to an excited audience at the Charlton Public Library. The book will not be released until August 1.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Children's author Anna Staniszewski excited kids and their parents alike when she read two of her picture books to the energetic crowd at the Charlton Public Library Saturday, April 22. One of the books she read, "Dogosaurus Rex," will not be released until Aug. 1 and the families said they couldn't wait to get their hands on a copy this summer.

Staniszewski has been writing her whole life and even studied playwriting in college. But she thought she was writing books for adults until a friend told her that the characters in her book sounded 13.

Instead of being insulted, Staniszewski ended up attending the Writing for Children MFA program at Simmons College in Boston. After graduation, she set out to be published. Her first book was "My Very Fairy Tale Life," published in 2011.

The story came to her while she was the writer in residence at the Boston Public Library. She was working on something serious, something dark, and felt she needed something fun to work on. So, she sat down and wrote a funny scene about a girl who comes home from school to find a talking frog on her bed. The girl throws the frog out the window.

"I kept writing about her," recalled Staniszewski. "I kept thinking, 'Who is this character?' I was writing it to make myself laugh, but it became my very first published novel."

Even though she had started off writing the book for herself,

what really made the book special to Staniszewski was that young readers were able to connect with Jenny and her story.

"Sometimes readers will email me and say, 'You should do a story where Jenny does this...' It's great to know the book has inspired their imaginations to go crazy, too," she gushed.

Because it's the endless possibilities and the exploration of her imagination that has made Staniszewski fall in love with writing for children. While her books set in middle school recall her "emotionally charged" time in middle school, the picture books she later wrote inspire her because "anything can happen."

Anything, like a robot being tucked into bed. Or a boy having a dinosaur as a pet.

While many people may believe that writing a picture book is easy or simple, Staniszewski was quick to clear up that misconception:

"Picture books especially are so, so hard to write. It's like poetry. Every word has to be perfect. It's very few words but every word has to do so much work. Sometimes it takes me longer to write a picture book than a novel. It's boiled down so much."

Her first published picture book was "Power Down, Little Robot." The idea came to her when she turned to her husband one night and jokingly said "dream sequence initiated" in a robot voice. She started wondering if she could write a whole book about a robot going to bed.

She noted: "Sometimes it's just really weird things that



Anna Staniszewski with her first picture book, "Power Down, Little Robot."

I say that inspire me to write these picture books."

While writing is her main occupation, Staniszewski also teaches one class a semester for Simmons College's children's writing program.

When she isn't working, Staniszewski is usually reading. She reads a lot of young adult books, including "Six of Crows," by Leigh Bardugo. She is also always reading books written by her students. She can be reading up to 10 books at once.

"If there was one thing I want people to know about my books," she said, "is that I don't really have a set genre. But that all of my books have humor. That's big to me. There may be emotional points to them, but they always have parts that make people giggle."

Between blue water and blue sky

STURBRIDGE — Sunny, cloudless skies overlooked the 60 boat teams who launched their way down the Quinebaug River Sunday for this year's All American River Race. Organizers said the turnout was lower than expected — last year had 85 boats — but participants said it was a great day for a race. Some were clearly trying to win, while others took the route in a more leisurely fashion.



Lions Club member Jeff Chasse of Sturbridge gives a racer the 10-second countdown.



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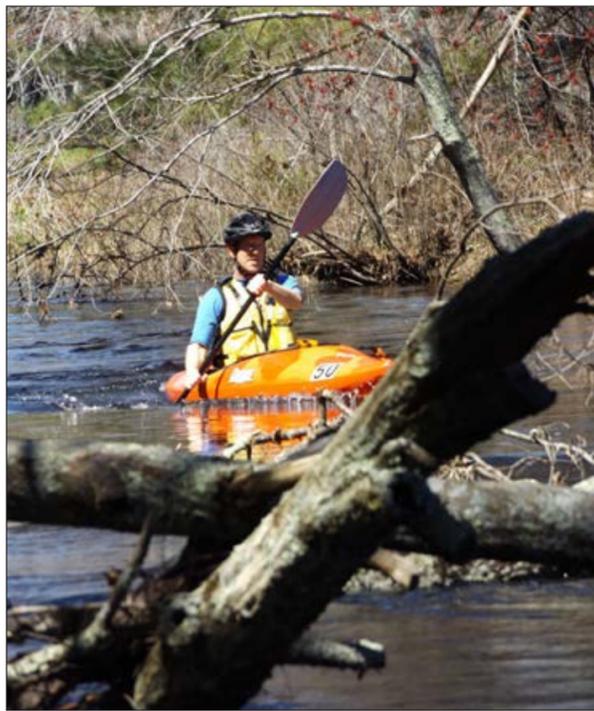
Skiya Waleski of Durham, Conn., could easily hide in the bow of her grandfather Scott Waleski's kayak.



Jason and Eric Gottier of Vernon, CT, pull their boat out after crossing the finish line.



A kayaker paddles through the curve just downstream of Old Sturbridge Village.



A racer evades tree limbs in the river just above the Farquhar Road bridge. Such trees are common along the course; some have been there since the tornado of 2011, other came down in more recent storms.



Abram Lempicki of Sturbridge ratchets his boat to the top of a van at Westville Park.

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EDITORIAL

Into the swing of Summer

Just look at that front page today. It was a busy weekend, and there are more coming.

One thing about this area, there are a lot of outdoor activities. Look at the events coming up and the ones just done.

Canoe race? Check. Trout fishing derby for kids? Check. The family fun day with a whole slew of activities? Check.

And there will be 5k races, and more canoe events, kayaking, triathlons, fishing tournaments, days in the various parks and rec areas, community events...

And those are just the sports related ones.

We are coming into the season for the church fairs, the spring yard sales, the flea markets, the Brimfield weekends, the entire town all day events that give you a map and you travel at your own leisure from garage sale to garage sale. Don't you just love a bargain?

We haven't touched on the programs at the community centers, the libraries, the ones hosted by Historical Societies or service clubs. The garden clubs are just gearing up for their seasons. We know at least one or two will be doing garden tours and outdoor teas later in the season.

So, stretch yourself and give a big sigh. Get into the swing of spring...and summer...because we think it's finally here. We live in the epicenter of these small town activities, the ones that make such a space so great. You can spend a little or spend a lot; go to the used book sales or the fine independent book stores for a lazy afternoon's materials.

You can hike a trail, fish a stream, or stroll a downtown and have lunch at a family owned rather than a chain restaurant.

It's here. It's why we live here. Get out and enjoy it.

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We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

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OPINION

IEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Auxiliary: Lucky Ducks on their way

=To the Editor:

I'm writing to inform you that the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its 26th Annual Lucky Duck and Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 7. Please note that this year Ducks has a new venue, Fay Mountain Farm on Cemetery Road in Charlton. The event will be held in conjunction with Harrington Hospital's 5K Color Run/Walk.

This year Duck Day features some exciting activities for kids as well as adults. We invite everyone to come and enjoy a photo booth, pie eating contest, face painting and much more. The fun begins at 11 a.m. and the "plucking of the duck" takes place at 2 p.m.

Parking is limited, but a shuttle bus will be available to transport visitors from their vehicles to the site of the event.

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For more information on where to purchase tickets, please call the Duck Hotline at (508) 765-6473 or stop by the Duck Ticket Tent on Sunday, May 1. You need not be present to win. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTINE LEE, WAYS & MEANS CHAIR, LUCKY DUCK & FAMILY FUN DAY CHAIR

HELEN LENTI, HARRINGTON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Searching for classmates

To the Editor

The Southbridge High School class of 1967 will be holding its 50th reunion on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Cohasse Country Club.

We have been unable to contact the following members of our class: Michelle LaPierre Darnell, Ruby Jean Earnest DiFederico, Suzanne Lemoine

Garrett, Cheryl Horonzewicz Gilman, and David Savage. If anyone has information or an address for these classmates, please call (508) 765-9419 or send an email to panel18@aol.com. Thank you.

PETE AND BETH COURNOYER SOUTHBRIDGE

Milk bottles and dairy collectibles



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
WAYNE TUISKULA

When the milk man dropped off milk for customers on his route brings back fond memories for many baby boomer and older individuals. Delivering milk wasn't limited to men though. Many women also made milk deliveries to homes as well. Although most people now buy their milk at the grocery store, some local companies still

have milk trucks running routes delivering fresh milk to area homes.

The nostalgia with milk delivery is one reason milk bottle collectors seek bottles for their collections, but there are others. Some collectors worked at dairies or on dairy farms. Others collect bottles and other memorabilia from their home town or county. It is a field of collecting where a collector on a budget can buy a bottle for under \$5. An advanced collector may pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars to own a rare one.

There are many factors that affect milk bottle values. The shape is important. Some bottles held cream at the top. The cream top bottles can sometimes be shaped like a face. There are "cop top" bottles that look like police officers and "baby top" bottles that look like baby faces. The printing on milk bottles is called pyroglaze. More interesting graphics and more than one color on a bottle can increase value. Older bottles with embossed writing are also popular with collectors.

There are some dairies that are very popular and their memorabilia is in demand with collectors. Two local examples are Sibley's Dairy and Alta Crest Farms in Spencer. Some colleges also had dairies and their memorabilia can be very desirable.

Along with milk bottles, there are plenty of other dairy collectibles. Rare, small creamer bottles can command prices in the hundreds of dollars. Milk cans, carriers, porch boxes, bottle caps, crates and equipment like milk separators are other items wanted by dairy collectors.



Milk related advertising signs, clocks and other advertising pieces are highly desirable, as they are with most collector groups.

When I was a boy I looked forward to the Hood Milk truck making deliveries to my home. On hot summer days he would give me a piece of ice as he made his way from the truck to my house. Bob Cousy promoted Hood products and I remember seeing a poster of Cousy on the side of some of the Hood trucks. I check online from time to time to see if one ever turns up in my search. I've yet to see one.

If you are interested in learning more about dairy memorabilia, there are collector groups available. The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors website milkbottlecollectors.com offers information on the club and their annual convention. They have a publication called the "Milk Route" that goes out to its members.

Our milk bottle and dairy memorabilia auction takes place on April 27 in Worcester. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events. My next scheduled appraisal event will be held at the Townshend Historical Society on June 10. I'll be appraising items at the Residence at Valley Farm in Ashland that coincides with the summer solstice on June 21.

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@centralmassauctions.com

Can You Free Yourself of Some Investment-related Taxes?



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

Tax Freedom Day generally falls around this time each year. This is the day when the nation as a whole has

earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year, according to the calculations made by the Tax Foundation. So you may want to use Tax Freedom Day to think about ways you can liberate yourself from some of the investment-related taxes you may incur.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways – law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on – that benefit society. Still, you may be able to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to help you work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making investing less "taxing":

Contribute regularly to tax-advantaged retirement plans. Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Traditional IRA earnings grow tax deferred, and your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. (Taxes will be due upon withdrawal, however, and withdrawals made before you turn 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Your 401(k) or similar plan also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. If you sell investments you've owned for less than a year, and their value has increased, you will have to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in early 2017, could be as high as 39.6%. But if you hold investments for at least a year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which tops out at 20%. Be aware, though, that the Trump administration and Congress seem likely to change the tax rates. Early plans call for a maximum personal income tax rate of 33%, with the top rate for capital gains and dividends either staying at 20%, or possibly being reduced to 16.5%. In any case, you'll still come out ahead, tax-wise, by holding your investments long enough to receive the long-term capital gains rate.

Consider municipal bonds. If you are in one of the higher income brackets, you might benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which are typically used to finance public projects, such as roads, schools, airports and infrastructure-related repairs. Interest payments from "munis" are typically exempt from federal income taxes and may also be exempt from state and local taxes, depending on the state in which the bond issuer is located. Interest payments from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Again, though, watch for developments from Washington, as both the Trump administration and some congressional leaders favor eliminating the AMT.

When charting your investment strategy, consider your risk tolerance, time horizon, family situation and estate plans. But investment-related taxes should also be in your strategic mix – so look for opportunities to keep these taxes under control.

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Tips to Garden Large in a Small Space



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

It's finally spring and that means gardeners everywhere are planning their vegetable crops. Did you know escalating food costs coupled with fresh food safety concerns have spurred a backyard gardening movement that translates into more than one third of the country's households growing some type of edible? It's true, and today's gardens know no boundaries — even if you're short on space. Read on for a few unconventional gardening options that promote purposeful planting and promise big yields in a limited space.

DIY Topsy Tomatoes: There are several upside-down tomato plant kits on the market, but you can do it yourself and save money! Perhaps the easiest and most sturdy option is simply to use a common hanging coco fiber basket with a wire frame. Just cut an X in the bottom of the coco material and push the root ball of a tomato plant up through the hole. Fill top of basket with a good soil mix with peat moss added. Carefully distribute soil around the root area and fill the basket enough to allow for ample root spread. Some growers completely fill the basket with soil and plant basil or other complementary herbs in the top, creating a "double duty" planter.

Three Sisters: Another strategy to reap as much volume as possible in a small space is to adopt the "three sisters" planting technique, a Native American tradition. The companion planting of pole beans, corn and squash not only saves space but encourages good growth. The pole beans climb up the corn stalks as the squash leaves form a natural shading to discourage weeds.

The Iroquois Museum website explains it this way: "The bacteria that occur naturally in beans absorb nitrogen from the air and convert it to nitrates, which fertilize the soil for the corn and squash. Beans are supported by winding around the corn stalks and the squash leaves provide ground cover between the corn and beans preventing weeds from growing and increasing the amount of rain that soaks into the ground."

Trellis Planting: Using a trellis is an ideal solution to growing vining vegetables, such as cucumbers and beans, which can take up a lot of ground space. According to Homestead Harvest, cucumbers grown on trellises typically produce uniform fruit and two to three times more fruit than varieties grown on the ground!

Pole beans are avid climbers, and their light weight and lush leaves make an arbor or trellis an ideal support. Pole beans will continue to grow and produce more pods as the beans are picked, offering an attractive visual for the garden area throughout the growing season.

Peas and tomatoes are other

common garden plants that can be trained to grow along a trellis. The National Garden Bureau (NGB) suggests combining vining plants, such as beans and cucumbers on the same A-frame trellis thus yielding double the crop per space. It also notes vegetables grown on trellises should be set on the north side of the plot and toward the back of a row or bed so they do not block the sun from other, low-growing plants.

Trellis To do: The NGB directions to build a trellis with bamboo poles and netting is as follows: Use two poles for each end, tilt them towards each other and tie together about six inches from the top; then lay a fifth pole across the top and tie it securely to the trellis legs with twine. Insert legs about one foot into the soil, separating them at an angle for stability. Drape netting over the top and tie it to the legs in a few places. Sow seeds of plants, such as cucumbers and pole beans, along the length of both sides of the trellis; guide stems up onto the netting as they begin to grow.

To make a teepee simply tie five bamboo poles at the top with twine. Legs should be spread out and about 12 inches into the ground. Sow up to five pole bean seeds around each leg of the teepee.

Straw Bale Gardening: The virtues of straw bale gardening lies in its simplicity. Straw bales offer comfortable raised bed gardening sans the digging and weeding. The method eliminates crop rotation hassles, and at the end of the season, the

decomposed bales "give back" in the form of rich compost. In addition, this "soil free" method of planting is ideal for those with limited yard space and/or less than ideal soil conditions, and can be set up virtually anywhere to take advantage of sunny areas.

Tomatoes, peppers, cucumber, summer squashes, and lettuces are all good candidates for straw bale planting. Planting seedlings is perhaps the easiest and most efficient way for beginners to try their hand at straw planting. Follow the same instruction as conventional soil planting for plant placement (inches deep, inches apart). Using a trowel, dig into the straw to separate it. Plant the seedling down to the first leaf. Carefully close the gap back together. Water thoroughly.

To plant seeds, sprinkle a light layer of a compost/soil mixture over the top of the bale and plant seeds directly in the soil mixture. Cover with a sprinkling of peat moss (or soil) and water well.

Straw bales should be watered frequently; a soaker hose placed on the outside perimeter of the bales makes the task much easier. Straw bale plants require additional fertilizer. Veteran gardeners suggest feeding seedlings a compost tea or liquid fish emulsion once every other week, increasing the feedings to once a week as plant grows.

Tips:
*Only use straw (wheat, oat, or rye) or hay. (Note: pine straw will not work).

*It's important to plan out the location of straw beds. While you'll want to take advantage

of sun position, keep in mind the bales require more water than a conventional bed, so a nearby water source is a necessity.

*Place newspaper or another form of mulch on the ground before you set down the bales to prevent weeds and grass from growing up around the bales. Set bales out about four weeks ahead of time to prepare for planting. Water well and keep bales soaked to condition the straw for planting.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdr@aol.com.

An unforgettable day with Tommy Donahue Fishing for Fun!

I really enjoy seeing my friend Tommy working his job at the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Fortunately, we have built a friendship that I will cherish the rest of my life. Tommy is a fun guy from a great family. Sure, he's had his struggles and I cannot pretend to understand everything that goes on in his world.

One thing I can understand is he smiles continuously, has an infectious laugh and makes others feel good with his complimentary personality.

Tommy sets an example of how to live life to the fullest, overcome disabilities and treat everyone with honor and respect.

Tommy had inquired about a day of fishing. He said he has fished saltwater at the Cape on chartered trips but had not been freshwater fishing in a boat. I said to him, 'how can you grow up with 30 lakes, ponds, rivers all within an hour of your front door and not freshwater fish?' He smiled and said, 'That's a good question? I guess I need more fishing friends.'

We set a date and I rolled up in front of his house to pick him up for a day on the water. I launched the boat at Brimfield Reservoir, showed him the two rods I had set up. One had a Texas



GO FISH DAN
BY DAN KENNEY

rig stick worm, the other a creature bait with a 1/8 ounce jig-head.

I dropped the trolling motor in our first spot, went over how to cast the stick worm out and Tommy was in action. five minutes later his line is moving and he

says, 'I think I feel something'. I assisted on the hook set and he reeled in a solid 1.5 pound large mouth bass.

When he told me that was his first bass I could not contain my excitement and joy for putting another angler on fish and hopefully turning him into a lifelong angler.

We fished all over that reservoir and as the day went on Tommy was casting pretty well for a beginner, with a bit more work his hook-set will be perfected. As if fishing wasn't enough fun, Tommy asked if he could drive the boat. I went to the open area by the boat ramp where I instructed him on throttle, forward, reverse, trim tab etc. I stood behind the driver's seat to be within reach of the throttle. He went forward gently as instructed, then I asked him to gently put it into reverse and back the boat up 10 feet for practice.

NOPE! In a split second he SLAMMED the throttle lever full force forward and



Courtesy photo

Tommy Donahue with his very first large mouth bass

we were bouncing off rocks and the bow of the boat was now perfectly beached on the shore.

Let's just say it was an epic crash landing, my prop was destroyed and Tommy simply smiled at me and with a chuckle stated "I guess I got forward and reverse mixed up" Nothing I could do but laugh and let him know that it may be a while before his next driving lesson.

All told, we were on the water for more than seven hours. It was a day full of fun, fish, damaged property and laughs all around. Tommy caught 5 Bass and 1 Pickerel. We ended our adventurous day eating dinner at a sushi restaurant.

I'll never forget my trip with Tommy and look forward to many more.

Until Next Time, God Bless & Go Fish!

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Vernal pool values



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Egg masses float just beneath the surface of a vernal pool.

If you're like me, you heard peepers in February. Then we had a cold snap, and with all the other crazy, yo-yo weather we've experienced this year, I feared the worst for our amphibian friends in vernal pools.

I mentioned my fear to Leslie Duthie of Opacum Land Trust and she reassured me that the vernal pool animals would re-hibernate and emerge again in warmer weather. And, sure enough, they did. I have seen lots of activity in area pools and have heard frogs again this week.

What is a vernal pool anyway? How does it differ from a pond or lake or other wetland? The Natural Heritage and

Endangered Species Program describes such a pool on its website as having several characteristics. Physically, it is short-lived, does not have another source of water (an inlet or an outlet), and occurs in a depression in the landscape where the snow melt or early spring precipitation gathers. This is its only source of water and it will dry up during the warmer weather of the summer. If it was deep enough, fear not: the nascent species will have matured by then and will be ready to head out on their own.

A crucial difference from lakes or ponds is an absence of fish. But many species of animals do find this a great

place to live, including several salamanders — the mole, spotted, blue-spotted, Jefferson and marbled — plus wood frogs and fairy shrimp. These are known as "indicator species;" every vernal pool has to have at least one. Other species may be present, but they don't have to be. Termed "facultative species," these are the American toad; the spring peeper, green, pickerel and grey tree frogs; four-toed salamander; the spotted turtle; larval caddisfly and dragonfly; fingernail clams and amphibious snails. Fish are predators and would eat egg sacs, pollywogs and larvae, the juvenile forms of these species.

According to Stephen H. Schneider's "Encyclopedia of Climate and Weather," the whole system depends on one thing: available water. Water makes up 80-90 percent of the weight of growing plants, provides rigidity and transports nutrients from the soil into the plant's fruit, stems and roots and the products of photosynthesis from leaves to the plant's other parts. Without water, plants will eventually die, as anyone has seen from not watering one during a vacation. Without plants, including cattails, marsh marigolds and mosses, a vernal pool is vulnerable to drying out from lack of cover, as well as wind and water erosion from lacking enough plants to hold the soil and water in place.

Although vernal pools are necessary spots for certain species to be born and mature, they also serve as "buffets" for

migrating birds and reptiles. That may seem contradictory — why protect these creatures if they are just going to get eaten? But not all amphibians, fairy shrimp and insects born in a vernal pool will be; some will go on to reproduce and start this cycle again. The migrators, some coming from as far as South America, also need food to continue their journeys so they can begin their cycles again.

Do you have a vernal pool near you that you'd like to certify? Please call or email your local Conservation Commission or visit www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/naturalheritage/vernal-pools. While you're there, take a look at their many interesting pages about the drought and our environment. You can also visit Natural Heritage's site (www.nhesp.org).

There were no Southbridge vernal pools listed in the Natural Heritage Atlas of 2000-01, but it did identify three priority habitats of rare species. In 2012's BioMap of Southbridge, however, vernal pools are listed as components of four of the 13 Core Habitats, defined as important areas for "rare, vulnerable, or uncommon mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, invertebrate, and plant species." These habitats surround the urban core of our town.

In the Bay State, two laws protect biodiversity: the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (General Laws c.131A and 321 CMR 10.00)

and the Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.00). Vernal pools are considered wetlands and are protected under the latter, and the several endangered vernal pool species are also protected under MESA. The Jefferson salamander, the blue-spotted salamander, and fairy shrimp are listed as a "special concern" (on the path to being endangered) and the marbled salamander is a "threatened" species. There are many dragonfly and damselfly species that are considered threatened, special concern or endangered, as are numerous vernal pool plants: arrowhead, milkweed, some asters, swamp birch, alder, many sedges, ferns and clovers. The State Wildlife Action Plan, which began in 2005, protects species that don't qualify for these levels of protection.

The vernal pools are valuable and important habitats that nurture biodiversity and give a good start to many of the wonderful creatures you see in the air and along the ground. We need to protect these beautiful incubators and value their contributions to biodiversity. As the BioMap booklet states, "Unless and until the BIOMAP 2 vision is fully realized, we must continue to protect our most imperiled species and their habitats."

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Dipping into the derby: kids' fishing day

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STONEBRIDGE STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — It doesn't matter if you're a youngster with a pole in hand for the first time, or a veteran of countless excursions, it's always a thrill to cast a line into the water and see what you can bring in.

Residents from throughout the area will take part in an annual tradition this weekend that is over a century old — the Spencer Fish and Game Club's Trout Derby. Taking place at the club's pond at 155 Mechanic Street, the two-day event is set for April 29-30. Registration will begin bright and early on both days at 6 a.m., with the derby getting started at 8 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories, including the first two catches of each day and top performers for length and weight.

"The first twenty minutes are always so exciting when the kids catch the fish and come running in to get their prizes," said Holly Collette, the club's secretary. "This event is a great tradition. A lot of families come from all over — some of them grew up doing it and are now bringing their own kids back."

The event is free to all members of the club. For non-members ages 12 and under, the cost is \$5. For kids ages 13-17, the cost is \$10, while adults will pay \$10 per day or \$50 for admission and a yearly club membership.

Club members always have the trout

derby date circled on their calendars each year, as well as countless residents who have welcomed in spring with the tradition for their entire lives.

"We had a great crowd here last year, and we're hoping for another great event. This is always a good way to introduce kids to fishing and also introduce people to our club," Collette added.

The April 29 program will take place from 8-3, while the April 30 finale has hours of 8-2. Awards and trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the April 30 program.

The derby will also include an archery shoot, face painting, breakfast and lunch available for purchase each day, and several other fun events for guests of all ages. No matter what your

experience level is, get your gear ready and head out to the club for a weekend of fun. The pond has been fully stocked with trout of varying size, including some heavy hitters and golden trout that will earn a few lucky guests prizes and bragging rights until next year's derby.

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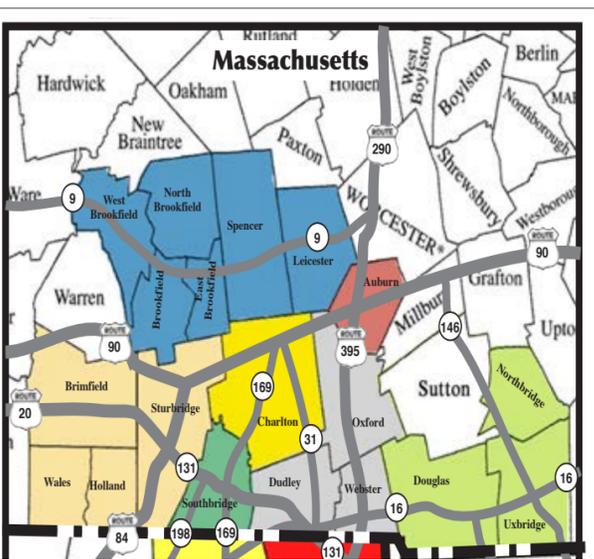
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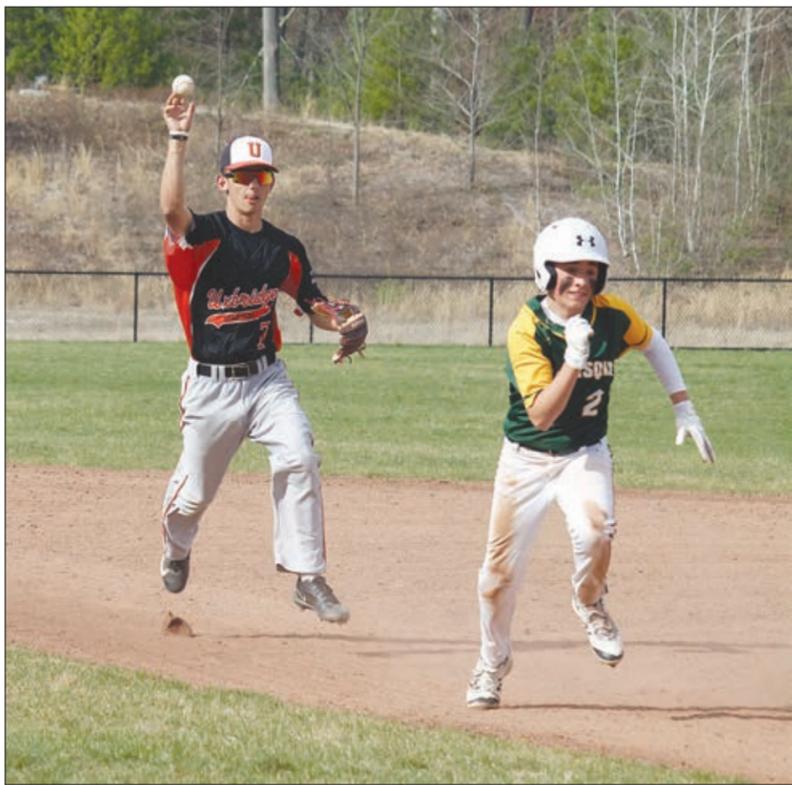
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SPORTS

Six-run fifth inning sparks Spartans past Tantasqua



Uxbridge second baseman Riley Rosborough tosses the ball over to first while Tantasqua's Ryan Slade heads back to the bag in the middle of a rundown.



Dylan Willitts of Tantasqua launches the ball back in from left field.

Nick Ethier photos

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — Facing an early 3-0 deficit after just a half-inning of play, the Uxbridge High varsity baseball team had its work cut out for them versus Tantasqua Regional on Monday afternoon, April 24.

But the Spartans continued to show fight and scored runs in each of their first five times up to bat — including a six-run fifth inning — to defeat the Warriors, 11-6.

“We spotted them four [runs] right out of the gate — three in the first inning — on a couple errors that were key errors,” said Uxbridge head coach Peter Rice. “We knew we had some guys that could put the ball in play. We talked about chipping away at it.”

The Spartans chipped away by scoring once each in the home half of the first, second and third innings before adding two runs in the fourth and then the six-spot in the fifth.

“When we’ve been winning it’s been with a lot of runs,” said Rice, whose Spartans have scored 12, 17 and now 11 runs in their three victories, as they improved to an even 3-3.

The Warriors scored their three first-inning runs when Ryan Bonja’s grounder was mishandled, which plated both

Ryan Slade (2 for 3) and Colin Eliason (2 for 4). Bonja then scored when Devon Kingman (3 for 3, walk) ripped an RBI single.

Uxbridge retaliated with a single run in the first off an Alex Martellio (3 for 4) RBI single, and Tantasqua countered with another run in the top of the second. That was scored when Slade’s single and outfield bobble scored Connor McCaffrey.

Uxbridge’s Ryan Morais (2 for 4) grounded into a fielder’s choice in the home half of the second to make it 4-2, and an inning later the Spartans clipped the deficit down to 4-3 when Harrison Mansfield hit a sacrifice fly.

Uxbridge took its first lead in the bottom of the fourth when Tantasqua reliever Benjamin Kelley took over for McCaffrey, who started and went the first three innings.

The Spartans’ Josh Callinan drove two runners home with a single into left field, but the Warriors tied the score at 5-5 in the top of the fifth when Eliason poked an RBI double.

But Uxbridge got to Kelley in the bottom of the fifth with their six runs. It didn’t help Kelley’s cause that the fielders behind him — primarily underclassmen — booted three balls for errors.

“Very young team,” said

Tantasqua head coach Mark Muska. “At that time we had three freshmen in the game and one senior.”

Kelley was one of those freshmen, but a week earlier he pitched three scoreless innings of relief — a sign that the potential is there, but the Warriors as a whole may have to go through some growing pains first.

The key hits for Uxbridge in the fifth came off the bats of Holden Thiebault (2 for 4), Alex Currie (2 for 3), Riley Rosborough (3 for 4, walk, fielder’s choice), Morais, Dom Cariglia and Dan Page.

“It started with getting the first couple of guys on base,” explained Rice. “Hitting has been contagious with these guys all year.”

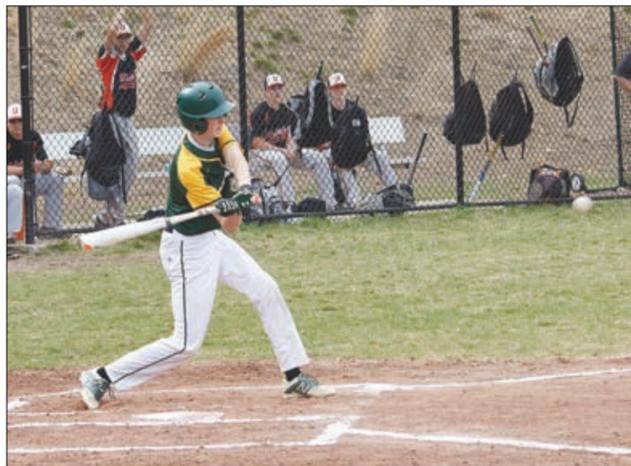
Muska believes that his team’s error count will downgrade with each passing game, which could produce victories and a potential postseason tournament appearance.

“We definitely could come back and play this team again and win if we don’t make errors and mental mistakes,” said Muska after the Warriors dropped to 2-4. “We have two wins and we’re looking for eight more.”

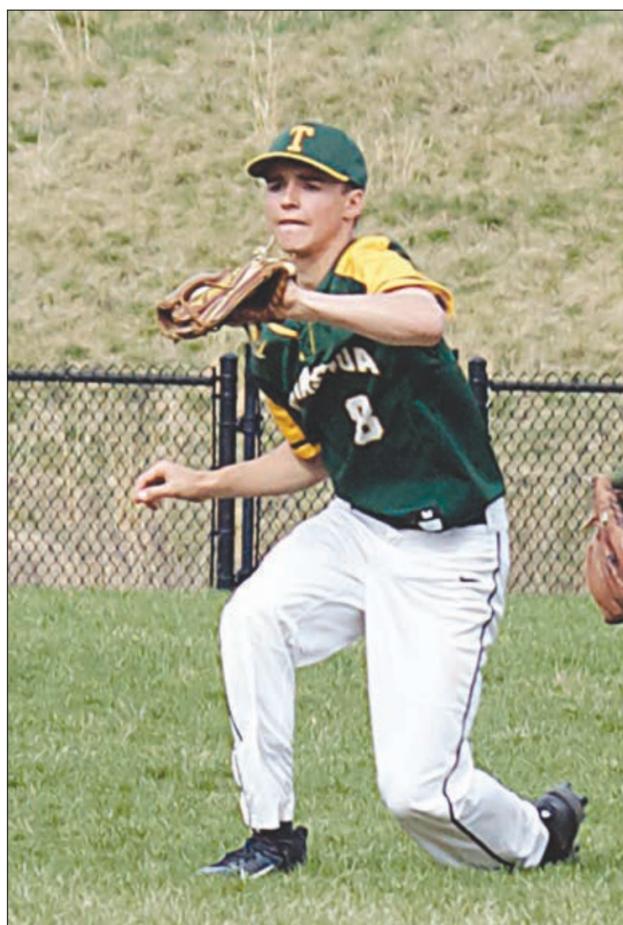
McCaffrey hit an RBI single in the sixth inning for Tantasqua, but that was the last run that Thiebault allowed for the Spartans. His complete game effort included six runs — two earned — on nine hits with two walks, three hit batsmen and four strikeouts.

“He pitched great,” Rice said of Thiebault, adding that fellow pitcher Jack Hughes was the hard-luck loser a day before versus Quaboag Regional when the Spartans lost, 2-1. “He hit his spots. He really settled down.”

If the likes of Thiebault and Hughes continue to pitch well while the offensive continually produces a large number of runs, the postseason may also be on the minds of the Uxbridge faithful like it is for Tantasqua.



Colin Eliason of Tantasqua swings away and hits a first inning single.



Tantasqua's Andrew Parker squeezes the glove to make a catch in right field.



Tantasqua starter Connor McCaffrey watches his pitch sail toward home plate.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball tryouts

Baseball players interested in playing for the Sturbridge American Legion team that are born on Jan. 1, 1998 or later are eligible to play. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. The team will conduct tryouts May 6, 7, and 13 at Tantasqua Regional High School, with times to be determined. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel at (774) 230-1784 or email jimrosseel@hotmail.com, coach Ray Sullivan at (508) 736-7770 or email raysull@charter.

net, or coach Dave Proulx at (774) 230-6490 or email davidp7@hotmail.com.

Rochdale Baseball to join Central New England Baseball Association

The South Central Express of Charlton will now be known as the Rochdale Express, and their new home field will be at Rochdale Park, home of Becker College baseball. The team will be looking for players of all ages (19-plus) who have either graduated from their American Legion program or still want to play competitive baseball. The team is part of the Central New England Baseball Association (cneba.com), a wooden

bat league. Anyone interested in playing in an adult men’s baseball league is encouraged to contact Joel Hart at (508) 864-9709 or at hartattack31573@gmail.com. Tryouts will be in early May when field availability is made known, and spots at all positions are open.

U.S. Baseball Academy coming to Worcester State

The U.S. Baseball Academy, the nation’s largest training program, is coming to Worcester State University from June 26-29. Advance registration is required. Kids sign up for the sessions they want, although most participate all four days from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please visit www.

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SPORTS

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer roundup; U-10 Division 3 girls, U-14 Division 2 girls



Courtesy photos

Tess Alexander keeps her head up looking for options while Rose Wengender comes back in support.

What do you do when you are playing with less half your roster? You play twice as hard!

That's the perfect description for the game played by the spirited U-10, Division 3 girls from Tantasqua Regional Youth (TRY) Soccer in their first game of the season on Saturday, April 15. Holiday weekends and Spring Break normally don't bode well for game-time attendance, and Coach Paul Wengender and Assistant Coach Amy Kearns found themselves in a tough situation in a home game versus next-town rivals, Charlton. The Tantasqua girls fielded only five players from their 12-player roster for a seven-on-seven game. Charlton also didn't bring a large contingent but did bring enough to field a full squad. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, the Charlton coach only played five on the field as well. To further comment on what youth sports is all about, Coach Wengender stated that "[t]hese U10 girls are at such a fantastic age where they are creating new friends on the soccer field and it is a thrill to guide, but mostly be entertained, by their joy for competing together on the pitch."

Tess Alexander set the tone early by applying constant pressure on the Charlton players with steals and good control up the field. Her linemate, Madeline Kadlik, floated into the ample, available space left open by the small-sided game. Elle Kearns and Rose Wengender held a solid back line in front of Isabelle Alden who started the game in net. Kearns made several early stops of Charlton's attack with clears up to the forwards. Alexander

took one of those clears for a solid run forward breaking wide left into the Charlton penalty area and put a zero-angle shot into the back of the net in the eighth minute for the first score of the game. Three minutes later, Alden (rotated out of the keeper position) worked the ball up to Alexander who found the back of the net for her second tally of the day.

In the 19th minute, Alden stole the ball off a Charlton throw-in and passed to Alexander breaking down the middle. Alexander dribbled around in the box until she found an opening for a shot and put it home for the hat trick and getting her team up 3-0.

Kearns then started asserting herself on the field with several overlaps and hard shots on the Charlton goal. With time winding down in the first half, Charlton earned their best chance yet with a run down the left wing and a crossing pass into the box. The Charlton forward fought in the congested area to get off a shot that went just wide of the Tantasqua net.

Play was back-and-forth in the second half with both teams getting chances. Alden had to make repeated stops from the fullback position on Charlton breakaways, putting the ball over the endline yielding several Charlton corner kicks. Kearns then broke the Charlton pressure with firm possession in the midfield, setting herself up for a shot that went just wide of the Charlton net.

Halfway through the second half, Tantasqua started to show visible signs of fatigue. But, in one of the great plays of the game, Alden sucked

up the weariness for a great defensive run back on a Charlton breakaway to poke the ball over the endline before the striker could set up for a shot. Charlton then won several successive corners, one resulting in a Charlton forward making a nifty pull-back move in the box setting up a shot that went just left of the Tantasqua net. A pink-faced Alden then put her team on her back for the final few minutes of the half with stingy forward pressure, resulting in a steal and pass across Charlton's penalty area to Alexander, setting up a nice shot which needed a splendid save by the Charlton keeper. Minutes later, Alden then won the ball in the Tantasqua half which paid off with a breakaway to the Charlton net. Advancing into the Charlton penalty area, Alden beat the keeper with a low-and-hard shot in the 47th minute to put Tantasqua up 4-0. The Tantasqua girls were extremely glad to hear the referee's whistle for time just moments later.

The Tantasqua U10 Girls had several things going against them: numbers, first game jitters, and playing unfamiliar positions. However, Tantasqua showed grit and kept going forward to the ball, resulting in their making many steals and winning 50-50 balls, limiting Charlton's chances.

Assistant Coach Kearns reflected that "[i]t is enjoyable to watch these girls play hard while still laughing and smiling together on the field. Today's win was a great start to the season."

Coach Wengender remarked, "it does feel good to see their unselfish teamwork today result in a W!"

For the week of April

23, the featured game is the U-14 Division 2 girls matchup between the TRY Soccer team coached by Nate Jones versus the visitors from Uxbridge Youth Soccer League. It was supposed to be a mild day at kick-off, but remained raw and overcast throughout the game. Nevertheless, both teams put their best efforts forward since soccer is played in most any condition.

The Tantasqua girls came out in a 4-4-2 alignment against Uxbridge's 4-3-3. It didn't take too long after kickoff for Tantasqua to get things started. After a little back-and-forth, a pass from forward Jordan Clark found winger Paige Alexander on the left side of the Uxbridge box and she shot one home for the opening goal of the contest.

The next 20 minutes were played essentially even with the ball staying on either side of the midline with neither team being able to advance a sustained attack. Every time Uxbridge would surge into the middle, Tantasqua's back line of Mary Godek, Jill Reardon, McKenna Lowell and Kaitlyn Anderson would close ranks and keep the ball well away from Ally Parker, who started in goal. They were helped with some extremely strong play by Regan Jones, who controlled the midfield and advanced the ball forward either with solid on-the-ground distribution or to the open girl with strong chips time and again. She was aided in the midfield by a rotation of Isabella Balian, Alexa Pechie and Cassidy Cousineau, who kept getting open for passes and tracking down their marks. At the 25-minute mark, Clark had another attempt on goal with a shot from the right side but the Uxbridge keeper was well positioned and collected it for the save.

Uxbridge then tested the Tantasqua defense with a push through the middle with a ball filtering in to Parker. Not long after, Uxbridge had another solid run up, but Jones tracked down the ball and cleared it up-field and out of trouble. This defensive hold paid dividends moments later as Carol DeRose, playing forward, worked hard against the Uxbridge back line in the box and put a left-footed shot just wide right of the net. However, Uxbridge regained their previous momentum and put the Tantasqua girls on their back foot. After a goal kick, Uxbridge was able to mount another nice attack which was cleared, but they came right back and, in the 33rd minute, their efforts resulted in a scramble in the Tantasqua box forcing Tantasqua defenders to throw everything they had at the ball to kick it out and up-field. Uxbridge collected that ball and put another shot on net, but Parker coolly came up with it without a problem. Halftime came and it was Tantasqua 1, Uxbridge 0.

Coach Jones took advantage of the half to work his team into new positions. Alexander replaced Parker in net, and several forwards and fullbacks switched positions, offering all a chance to gain experience in different parts of the formation. The switch, though, took awhile to set in as Uxbridge, just after the second-half kickoff, was able to work a ball in from an offensive side-



Ava DeBruin goes hard to a lofted ball.

line throw across the field ending up with a pass to a striker in the middle who put a shot by Alexander drawing Uxbridge even at 1-1.

It then looked like Uxbridge was about to get another opportunity for a goal as Tantasqua crossed a ball across their own defensive middle. Fortunately, Tantasqua got away with the miscue and the midfield took the ball forward finding Parker on a breakaway and she picked up her fellow net-minder by zipping a shot past the Uxbridge goalie to put Tantasqua up by a goal once again at the 44th minute. Minutes later, strong midfield play by Reardon resulted in a pass into the Uxbridge box to Godek who, after a quick scramble in the box and diving save attempt by the goalie, picked up the loose ball and tucked it away to put Tantasqua up 3-1 at the 48th minute.

Uxbridge was able to set up a nice cross in the 70th minute to a player in the midfield who knocked in a looping shot over the top of Alexander's fingertips for their second goal, bringing the score to 3-2. But, that would be the last play of the game as time was up after the ensuing kick-off. Tantasqua would go home the victors thanks to some extremely solid play at key positions.

Following the game, Coach Jones had this to say: "It has been a slow start to the season, but I think the girls have come together well with just a few practices. I really like the way they play together as a team and I thought we maintained possession for the majority of the match. I think we could improve on finishing, as we had a lot of opportunities that went wide or were played to their keeper. One of my favorite things about this

team is that they really seem to have a lot of fun together. I am looking forward to the remainder of the season."

Other TRY results across Midland Area Youth Soccer:

U10 Boys, Division 1 at Shrewsbury
Shrewsbury 7,
Tantasqua 1

U10 Boys, Division 2 at North Brookfield
North Brookfield 1,
Tantasqua 1

U12 Boys, Division 3 versus Shrewsbury at Sturbridge Town Barn
Tantasqua 1,
Shrewsbury 5

U10 Girls, Division 3 versus Grafton at Lewis Field

Tantasqua 0, Grafton 3
U10 Boys, Division 1 versus Sutton at Lewis Field

Tantasqua 0, Sutton 3
U10 Boys, Division 2 versus Millbury
Tantasqua 0, Millbury 7

U10 Boys, Division 3 versus Quaboag
Tantasqua 8, Quaboag 1

U12 Boys, Division 2 at Shrewsbury
Shrewsbury (2-0-0) 6;
Tantasqua (0-1-0) 0

U14 Boys, Division 1 versus Shrewsbury at Brimfield Acres

Tantasqua (1-1-0) 2,
Shrewsbury (1-1-0) 0
U14 Boys, Division 2 at Auburn

Auburn (3-0-0) 9,
Tantasqua (0-1-0) 1

U14 Boys, Division 3 versus Southbridge at Brimfield Acres

Tantasqua (0-0-1) 1,
Southbridge (0-0-1) 1

U16 Girls, Division 2 versus Mt. Club at Brimfield Acres
Tantasqua (1-0-0) 3, Mt. Club (0-1-0) 1

U16 Boys, Division 2 versus Webster at Brimfield Acres

Tantasqua (0-1-0) 0,
Webster (2-0-0) 5



Isabelle Alden and Elle Kearns hold a stiff defensive front in front of netminder Madeline Kadlik.



Regan Jones gets off a lengthy still kick following an Uxbridge foul.

OBITUARIES

Marie Louise (Haling) Montigny, 79

STURBRIDGE — Marie Louise (Haling) Montigny, age 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, April 21, 2017, at Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, West Brookfield.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence "Red" J. Montigny; a son, Marc A. Montigny of Sturbridge; a daughter, Martha M. Girouard and her husband, Paul, of Sturbridge; her grandchildren, Paul "PJ" J. Girouard Jr. of Astoria, NY, and Abby R. Girouard of Hudson; a brother, Raymond F. Haling of Charlottesville, VA, and a sister, Madeleine R. Haling of Southbridge. She was predeceased by her son, Michael A. Montigny.

Marie was born July 14, 1937 in Southbridge, daughter of the late Dr. Raymond F. and Leah A. (Allen) Haling. She was a graduate of Worcester State University and Clark University. In addition to raising her family, Marie was a reading specialist and a fifth grade teacher in the Southbridge

school system for many years. She was an avid reader and took pleasure in cooking for her family, completing crossword puzzles, and knitting for her loved ones. She will be remembered as a loving mother and grandmother, always generous and thoughtful.

Marie's family wishes to thank the compassionate and tender care taken of her by the Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center and the Hospice of Western and Central Massachusetts.

Sansoucy Funeral Home (sansoucyfuneral.com), 40 Marcy St., Southbridge is handling arrangements. A funeral Mass for Marie will be Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 10 a.m. in Notre Dame Church, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Please go directly to church. Burial will immediately follow at New Notre Dame Cemetery, North Woodstock Road, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorial donations be made to the charity of one's choice.

Marilyn (Merton) Blundell, 87

HOLLAND — Marilyn (Merton) Blundell, age 87, of Mashapaug Road died Friday, April 7, in Southbridge Rehabilitation. Her husband Alfred Blundell died in 2002.

She leaves a son Theodore Blundell and his wife Jamie of Naperville, IL. A daughter Stephanie Gardner and her longtime companion David Ingraham of Wethersfield, CT. Three grandchildren, her caretaker Tracie Gardner and her partner Melissa Benson both of Holland, Tim and his wife Chris of Wethersfield, CT. and Phil Blundell of Belfast, Ireland and a great grandson Max.

She was predeceased by her granddaughter Stacey Blundell and brothers Henry Merton, Arnold Dalaba.

Marilyn was born in Saratoga Springs, NY the daughter of Harry and

Larita (Sigsby) Merton and lived in Porter, TX before moving to Holland in 1998.

She enjoyed lunches with her friends, the cat Joby, traveling and loved animals.

The family would like to thank Fran Gallo for her care and compassion throughout the years.

A life celebration will be held Sunday, April 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the People for Animal League, 6 Kingsbury Rd. Spencer, MA. 01562

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home (BelangerFuneralHome.com), 51 Marcy St. Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

Ruth E. (Bridgewater) Johnston, 90

Brimfield — Ruth E. (Bridgewater) Johnston, 90, of East Old Sturbridge Road, passed away on Saturday, April 8th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an illness.

Her husband of 41 years, Roger M. Johnston, died in 1986. She leaves her two daughters, Elaine R. Knowlton and her husband Keith of Brooklyn, CT and Judith L. Andre and her husband Donald of Southbridge; her son, John R. Johnston of Brimfield; her four grandchildren, Richard E. Curboy and his wife Monique of Sturbridge, Heidi A. Curboy of Sturbridge, Sean P. Curboy of Southbridge and Gretchen Orenstein and her husband Neil of Portland, ME; her nine great grandchil-

dren, Owen Curboy, Michael Curboy, Nicole Curboy, Megan Curboy, Jade Fraser, July Fraser, Judith Blanchard, Evan Provost, and Jacob Orenstein; and six great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two grandsons, James Fraser in 2013 and Casey Curboy in 2014.

She was born in Vincennes, IN the daughter of Arthur and Beatrice (White) Bridgewater.

Ruth enjoyed reading and socializing at the local area senior centers. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Her funeral services and burial in Brimfield Cemetery will be private. There are no calling hours.

Joslyn Antanavica, 11



STURBRIDGE — Joslyn Antanavica age 11, of 25 Library Lane South, died Saturday, April 22 at home following a long illness.

She leaves her parents, Michael and Roberta (Welch) Antanavica, her brothers Garrett Antanavica and his wife Elizabeth of Reading, and Quinn Antanavica at home., her sisters Marci Prockett and her husband David of Hudson, Immaculata and Jenny Antanavica both at home, her paternal grandparents Theodore and Judith Antanavica of Leicester. She is predeceased by her brother Shamal Antanavica Barr, her sister Tynisha Antanavica and her maternal grandparents Robert and Theresa Welch.

She was born in in Wareham and moved to her adoptive home with the Antanavica's on July 17, 2008.

Joslyn attended Burgess Elementary School in Sturbridge, and previously attended Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative and The Perkins School for the Blind. She was a member of St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish. She loved the sunshine, sitting under a tree and being cuddled.

Her funeral Mass was held Wednesday, April 26 in St. Anne-St. Patrick Church, 16 Church St., Fiskdale. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to V.N.A. Care Hospice, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, Ma. 01923 or vnacare.org/donors.

Morin Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 1131 Main St., Leicester was entrusted with arrangements.

Roger J. 'Buster' LeBoeuf, 93



SOUTHBRIDGE — Roger J. "Buster" LeBoeuf, age 93, formerly of Roosevelt Drive, passed away on Tuesday, April 18th, in the Overlook Masonic Healthcare Center, Charlton, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 71 years, Georgette T. (Desaulniers) LeBoeuf; his son, Lawrence LeBoeuf and his wife Donna of Webster; his daughter, Susan Vallee and her husband Normand of Southbridge; his sister, Rejane Gaumond of Southbridge; five grandchildren, Eric LeBoeuf and his wife Wendy of Woodstock, CT, Jennifer Orsi of Florida, Tobe McLeish and her husband Bruce of Southbridge, Craig Vallee and his wife Amy of Brimfield and Cristy Morgan and her husband Jeff of North Easton; 14 great grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Hermas LeBoeuf.

He was born in Southbridge the son of Romeo and Yvonne (Lippe)

LeBoeuf. Buster was a US Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 296th Engineer Combat Battalion of the Army Corps of Engineers in the European Theatre.

Buster owned and operated Buster's Rubbish Removal for many years. He later worked at Gentex in Dudley, retiring many years ago. He enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida. He also enjoyed gardening. Most of all he had a great love for his children and grandchildren.

His funeral was held on Saturday, April 22nd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfuneralhome.com), 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial was in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.



Gordon G. LaFond, 63

WARE — Gordon G. LaFond, age 63, of Old Belchertown Road, died Thursday, April 20, 2017 in the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield surrounded by his family.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Cathy A. (Serwa) LaFond; one son, Jesse LaFond of Ware; two daughters, Jill Laboy and her husband Carlos of Holyoke and Heather LaFond of Ware; two brothers, Wayne LaFond of West Brookfield and Gary LaFond; two grandchildren, Tyler and Janiah and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Norman LaFond, Jr. He was born and grew up in Holyoke, son of the late Norman and Lois (Agin) LaFond and has lived in Ware for 35 years.

Mr. Lafond worked 15 years for a plastic manufacturing company in Palmer and then 12 years at the University

of Massachusetts in Amherst.

He was a United States Army veteran and loved fishing and hunting.

Funeral services for Gordon will be held privately and burial with military honors will be in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

Charbonneau Funeral Home (charbonneau.com), 30 Pleasant St. in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.



Marjorie E. (Devine) LeBlanc, 73



STURBRIDGE — Marjorie E. (Devine) LeBlanc, age 73, of Cedar Street, passed away on Sunday, April 16th, in the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, West Brookfield, after an illness.

She leaves her husband of 52 years, Neal M. LeBlanc; her son, Sean T. LeBlanc and his wife Brenda of Ashland; her daughter, Michelle E. LeBlanc of Sturbridge; and her granddaughter, Samantha LeBlanc of Ashland. She

was born in Norwood the daughter of the late Bernard W. and Madeleine M. (Morse) Devine.

Marjorie's greatest joy and purpose in her life was taking care of her family. Marjorie also had a passion for cooking and collecting cook books.

Her funeral was held on Thursday, April 20th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfuneralhome.com), 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge.

LUCKY DUCK

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in a kiddie pool but a pond! Throughout the day people can purchase rubber duckies to be entered in the raffle. One duck is \$5. A "six quack" is \$25. And a flock of 13 is \$50.

At 2 p.m. Harrington's "Big Lucky Duck" will pluck the five lucky winning ducks. The

first duck plucked wins \$1,000. Second place gets \$500, third place \$300, fourth place \$200 and \$100 to fifth place.

"It's a fun day to spend time outside with your family. There's just so much to check out, a lot to do and there's a chance to win a prize at the same time," said Lee. "It also helps raise money for the community."

The money raised at the

Lucky Duck event goes directly to the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary, which donates money to the hospital and to scholarships in the medical field throughout the community.

The Harrington Hospital services 17 communities, among them Oxford, Webster, Dudley, Charlton, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Thompson and Woodstock.

In the past, the auxiliary has used the funds to help support the addition of an ER unit and mental health unit in the Webster campus and purchased expensive equipment for various hospital departments in Southbridge. They've also donated to churches and organizations throughout Southbridge. They also offer scholarships to seniors within the community who are going

into the medical field.

"We have so much to offer," said Lee. "It's a volunteer opportunity where you get to see the smile on people's faces. You just know it's all going to a good cause. It will help keep the hospital alive and help us have a community hospital."

For more information on the Lucky Duck event call the hospital's volunteer office and ask for Lisa at (508) 765-6473.

SHELTERS

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numbers until Villa Michelle can get caught up.

Villa Michelle currently has 150 animals at their packed shelter. They care for over 12,000 pets a year. Only 500 leave the shelter.

"We received nine dogs from them [in early April]," stated Executive Director Sheryl Blancato. "They are beautiful and have completed their medical evaluation and are ready

for adoption. Helping these little dogs to get a second chance at life is what it is all about."

While nine dogs may not sound like much, getting numbers of stray animals under control is not new to Second Chance. Twenty years ago, New England had animals everywhere and pets being constantly put down. Second Chance and other shelters throughout New England were able to make a difference with their spay and neuter programs. Now the euthanasia rate in New England is around

zero. For Blancato it's "hard to imagine" that New England used to have this overwhelming problem.

"You don't want to see animals suffer," she said. "We want to make sure animals that don't make it into shelters still get the help they need."

Second Chance "felt very honored" and "excited" to take on this project. After visiting Puerto Rico in February, Second Chance employees couldn't help but feel passionate about the animals on the island.

"When we were driving to the shelter, it was just heart-breaking," recalled Blancato. "We saw 20 dead dogs on the side of the road. They have such an overwhelming issue there. They can't even pick them up. There's just so many. We walked the streets in San Juan and there were cats everywhere. We were touching the cats and they were all pregnant."

Despite the immense number of strays, Villa Michelle show no signs of slowing down. Said Blancato: "They do a

great job at their place. They have so much passion. To do so much with so little; it's heart-warming to see that. They really are fighting to get help."

For anyone who wants to help support Operation H.O.P.E., donations can be made to Second Chance Animal Shelter. Donations will help the shelter transport the animals, which can be very expensive and labor intensive. Visit secondchanceanimals.org.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

WELCOME SPRING: April 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: The Brimfield Senior Center is celebrating Spring with our Spring Extravaganza Party! With winter behind us let's celebrate April as it brings in our beautiful spring flowers and draws on sweet memories of times before. And what better time to welcome back Jerome Riley (a former lead singer for the Platters). Jerome's smooth vocals will delight as he takes us back in time with the memorable hit songs of the Platters. Your menu for this party is: antipasto salad with fresh spring greens; warm, herbed buttered Italian bread; Eva's Italian wedding soup, lasagna filled with ground beef, ricotta, parmesan and mozzarella cheeses; and for dessert freshly made pannacotta topped with fresh berries. April birthdays will be celebrated. Reserve your space early as seating is limited. The suggested donation for this party is \$5. Please reserve before Tuesday, April 25th.

The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. Call (413) 245-7253 to register.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

BUSINESS FAIR: 10th annual East Meets West health & business fair fundraiser and blood drive, Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Bartlett High School gymnasium, 52 Lake Parkway, Webster. Presented by Life-Skills, Inc. and Page Chiropractic Health Center. FREE admission, raffles, screenings, demonstrations, giveaways & more! Enter to win a flat screen TV sponsored by Commerce Bank. Something for everyone. For a list of participants & activities, please visit life-skillsinc.org and click on News/Events. Vendors & Sponsors wanted - please email frs@life-skillsinc.org for more information. Proceeds benefit adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities served by Life-Skills, Inc.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: The Oxford Girls Softball League is sponsoring its 18th annual Father Daughter Dance on April 30 from 5-7 p.m. at the Oxford Middle School. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Robbins Garden Center in Oxford. They can also be purchased at the door the day of the dance for \$6. All proceeds benefit the Oxford Lassie League. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Any questions contact John Guillotte at (508) 736-0046

LEARN MORE: FREE Mass Incarceration open discussion and lunch - April 30 at noon. Join Arthur Bembury, executive director of Partakers, and Gary Strickhartz and Pastor Dawn Adams, who work with Partakers, to discuss issues around mass incarceration. You are also invited to attend our worship service at 10:30 a.m., which will also be about mass incarceration. Visit www.partakers.org for more information. RSVP for the luncheon helpful but not necessary. First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main St., Brimfield. (413) 245-7162 or brimfielducc@gmail.com.

MAY 5-13

PASTURE PRIME PLAYERS: Pasture Prime Players, Inc. announces performance dates for its spring production: «A Bedfull of Foreigners» by Dave Freeman and directed by Lynn Boucher. This production is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Performances will be held May 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m. and May 7 & 14 at 2 p.m. at the Charlton Arts & Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Road. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors (60+) and students (18 & under), with discount rates for advanced sales to groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available for purchase at the Bittersweet Country Crafts Co-op at the Activities Center or reserved by calling (508) 248-5448. For more information, contact pasture.prime.players@gmail.com or website www.pastureprime.org

SATURDAY, MAY 6

STEPPIN' OUT: The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a Spring Evening dance on Saturday, May 6 from 8-10:30 p.m. (early rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Rick Gittleman and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Al at (413) 436-7849 or visit our website at www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY: from a gurgling chocolate fountain to a cake decorating demonstration, the second Chocolate Sunday at the Overlook Performing Arts Center, 88 Masonic Home Road, 2-4 p.m. will have something for everyone. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For further information or to order tickets in advance, call Sheila Ansley at 508-434-2649 or Georgeanne Roe at 508-278-3589. To benefit the philanthropies of the local PEO Chapter.

SPRING CONCERT: Across America, from sea to shining sea! From east to west, come be our guest, as we journey musically! The Quaboag Choral Society invites you to the Spring Concert, a musical journey across America. Under the direction of Eric von Bleicken, embark on a musical journey through such iconic tunes as Chattanooga Choo Choo, Georgia on My Mind, Moonlight in Vermont, and Old Cape Cod. Experience Americana through folk songs such as Red River Valley and The House of the Rising Sun. As a fellow traveler on this musical journey across America, have the opportunity to test your knowledge of geography, as you chart our course on the map as we travel. Come along with us and get your kicks on Route 66! Join us for one (or more) of our concert stops: Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. at Sturbridge Federated Church; Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m. at Workshop 13, Ware; and Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. at Overlook, Charlton.

SATURDAY,

MAY 13

FLEA AND CRAFTS: Women of Christ Church, 1089 Stafford St., Rochdale, will hold its 5th annual Flea Market and Craft Fair on May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be something for everyone; beautifully handcrafted items, attic treasures, collectibles, children's, household and exercise equipment and much more. There will also be additional tables with numerous items contributed by Christ Church members. A food concession will be available throughout the day offering freshly made breakfast, lunch and snack items. In the event of inclement weather, vendors will set up in the parish hall. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Susan at (508) 864-0660 or steixeira925@gmail.com.

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

FOCAS ANNUAL MEETING: Friends of Charlton Animal Shelter will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlton Municipal Animal Shelter, 15 Old Town Road, Charlton. Members and the general public are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

CINCO DE MAYO: May 19th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: The Brimfield Senior Center is going "South of the Border" for a Cinco de Mayo taco salad bar extravaganza. So get out the sombreros and slip away with some south of the border music and refreshing taco salad bar with all the fixings. There will be: seasoned ground beef and/or shredded chicken taco fillings; sour cream; salsa; corn chips; black olives; Mexican rice; guacamole; fresh cilantro; chopped tomatoes; cheese; fresh lettuce; fruited iced tea punch; birthday cake and vanilla ice cream with sweet cinnamon topping. May birthdays will be celebrated! Please reserve your space prior to May 16. Suggested donation of \$5. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield (413) 245-7253.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

SPRING CONCERT: Across America, from sea to shining sea! From east to west, come be our guest, as we journey musically! The Quaboag Choral Society invites you to the Spring Concert, a musical journey across America. Under the direction of Eric von Bleicken, embark on a musical journey through such iconic tunes as Chattanooga Choo Choo, Georgia on My Mind, Moonlight in Vermont, and Old Cape Cod. Experience Americana through folk songs such as Red River Valley and The House of the Rising Sun. As a fellow traveler on this musical journey across America, have the opportunity to test your knowledge of geography, as you chart our course on the map as we travel. Come along with us and get your kicks on Route 66! Join us for one (or more) of our concert stops: Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. at Overlook, Charlton.

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

SENIOR EVENTS: Weekly classes at the Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. Senior Daytime Events: Mondays and Wednesdays lunch is served at noon, reservations required by calling (413) 245-3163 and a \$2 donation is requested. Mondays at 10 a.m. join us for "Fit for Life", strength training class & also at 10 a.m., Mah Jongg. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. we have Open Crafts and at 4 p.m. join us for Walking Club (rain or shine). Wednesdays at 10 a.m. we have Movin' and Groovin' and at 1 p.m. we have Mah Jongg. Thursdays at 10 am we have Stained Glass as well as Tai Chi, and at 12:15 p.m. join us for Cribbage. We also have a monthly book club, and assorted presentations. Community Evening Events: Mondays at 6 p.m.: Texas Hold 'Em, Tuesdays at 4 p.m.: Walking Club, Wednesdays at 5 p.m.: Yoga, Thursdays at 6 p.m.: Stained Glass & Pitch the Billiard Room is open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information call (413) 245-3163.

TEDDY BEAR TEA

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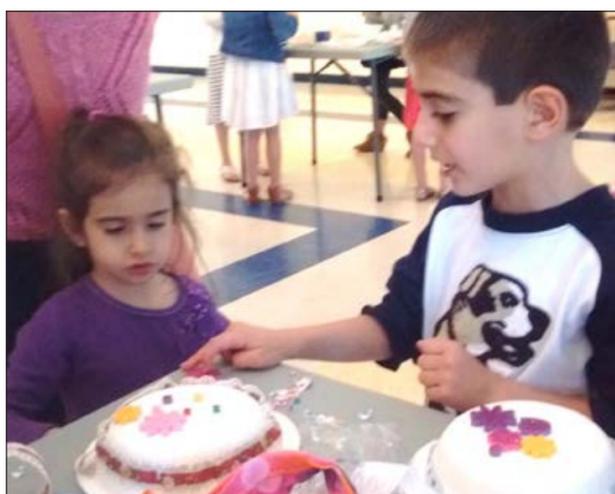
people came to the community center, "which is a great turnout for Holland, a small town."

Said Scott: "I was so excited. The turnout was fantastic. Holland Elementary PTO provided great support, putting flyers and posters up at the school. It ended up being a great family event."

The children who participated in the first children's program had a great time with four different crafts, which included hat decorating, a bracelet station, coffee filter flowers and puppets. There was also cupcake decorating and various cookies and treats for the kids. Music was also playing.

Scott came up with the crafts, something she is passionate about since she used to be a children's librarian for many years. The crafts were things that had worked well in the past and were a "big hit" with the children.

"The children could also bring a teddy bear or other stuffed animal friend," she added, "and they had the option to keep them at the community center overnight. I took pictures of the teddy bears getting into mischief and posted them on Facebook so the kids could follow it at home and see what their stuffed animals got into."



Over 45 children participated in Holland Community Center's first family event, a great turnout for such a small town, noted Tracie Scott.

The Holland Community Center is currently brainstorming what programs they'll be having in the next few months. Some of Scott's ideas are a hair and nail program for tweens, a tie-dye program, a police dog demonstration, and a cake decorating program. They're also planning a drive-in movie night, where the children will come and watch a movie inside in cars they made out of cardboard boxes.

While no dates are confirmed yet, the plan is to have the events during school vacation weeks and during the summer on a bi-weekly basis.

The town's annual Zucchini Festival is also in the process of being planned. The Aug. 20 event will feature a Kid's Corner this year, a new addition still being planned by Scott.

All of the Holland Community Center programs are open to the community, not just Holland.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Holland Community Center or providing their email to be put on the mailing list for the monthly newsletter - which will include upcoming family events at the center - can reach out to hcctracie@gmail.com. You can also visit their Facebook page at Holland Community Center, Holland, Massachusetts.



The Teddy Bear Tea Party included a lot of crafts, including decorating hats, which was a big hit with the children.

Getting Out Your Lawn Mower: Safety Tips To Remember

(NAPS)

Spring is on its way and home owners are eager to get out their lawn mowers and start planting, trimming and sprucing. Before you fire up your outdoor power equipment, look over these smart tips.

"We know everyone is eager to get outside and start working in their yards. But remember to keep safety in mind," said Kris Kiser, president and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing more than 100 power equipment, engine and utility vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

"Doing some basic maintenance will ensure your equipment operates safely and gets the job done," said Kiser.

Before you use a mower, trimmer, blower, chain saw, pruner or other piece of outdoor power equipment this season, OPEI says, remember to inspect the equipment, review owner's manuals, and review safety procedures. Here are tips to help:

1. Get out your owner's manual. Follow all guidelines for your outdoor power equipment and familiarize yourself with the controls. If you have lost your manual, look it up online.

2. Inspect your equipment. Check for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Replace



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any parts needed or take your equipment to a qualified service representative.

3. Drain old fuel. Don't leave fuel sitting in the tank for more than 30 days. Untreated gasoline (without a fuel stabilizer) left in the system will deteriorate, which may cause starting or running

problems and, in some cases, damage to the fuel system.

4. Use only E10 or less fuel. Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher ethanol fuel blends, but any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage—and is illegal to use in—small

engine equipment not designed for it.

5. Label your fuel can with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. Never put "old" gas in your outdoor power equipment. If you don't know the date of purchase, dispose of the fuel in the can safely and buy fresh fuel.

6. Clean your equipment. Remove any dirt, oil or grass stuck to it. A clean machine will run more efficiently and last longer.

"Now is also a good time to assess your outdoor power equipment needs," adds Kiser. "Whether you're needing battery-, gasoline-, propane-, die-

sel- or hybrid-powered equipment, there is a product to fit you and any job."

Learn More
For more safety tips, go to www.opei.org. For further information on proper fueling, go to www.LookBeforeYouPump.com.

Home Improvement On The Level



A laser level can be a bright idea for just about any home improvement project.

(NAPS)

Whether your idea of a home improvement project involves DIY construction or hanging pictures, there's one tool that saves time on these jobs and more—the self-leveling cross-line laser.

The highly functional cross-line laser projects bright horizontal and vertical laser lines against a surface to ensure straight and level placement. You can use a line laser for wall positioning or to simplify time-consuming tasks like hanging artwork or placing holiday decorations.

For example, if you want to install a shelf the most important task is making sure it's level. Some DIYers use a tape measure and a carpenter's level for this project, but the accuracy can be spotty. However, with a self-leveling cross-line laser the light beams both horizontally and vertically to outline precise shelf placement that's perfectly level. For an expert finish, just double check that your lines are at the right height and wall location. That also goes for installing items like a wall sconce or light fixture.

Picture-Hanging Hints

1. Set your horizontal line at preferred height
2. Set vertical line to intersect at lower left corner of picture frame
3. Measure distance from top of

picture frame to hanging wire

4. Mark preferred location of hanging wire on wall

5. Locate nail or fastener on wall

6. Use laser to ensure picture is level top and bottom.

Any room or surface where a straight or level line is required will benefit from a self-leveling cross-line laser. It's easy to use, makes any job faster, offers extreme accuracy and can often mean you can polish off a two-person job by yourself. Just set the laser on a tripod or mounting device and you're ready for almost any project—from installing ceiling tile to precise chair rail placement. And if you come across great ideas on websites like Houzz.com or Pinterest, this device can help you build collages and other crafts that have a professional touch.

One self-leveling cross-line laser that fits homeowner requirements is the Bosch GLL 30. It features a compact design for easy movement around the home and projects easy-to-see cross lines at distances up to 30 ft. And it comes with a flexible mounting device with micro-fine adjustment that clamps on virtually any surface to project lines from every height or angle. It's the tool you didn't think you needed, but can't do without. To learn more visit Boschtools.com.

Versatile Tools, One Beautiful Yard



A garden tool of many parts can help you have a yard that turns the neighbors green with envy.

(NAPS)

Want to get your outdoors in shape quickly and without a garage full of equipment? It all starts with power equipment that provides consumers maximum versatility, ease of operation and the ultimate in convenient storage.

Now, you can use just one power shaft with interchangeable attachments to carry out a range of finishing touches, including edging, trimming, blowing, pruning and cultivating.

For example, the new Honda VersAttach™ Multi-Purpose System pairs best-in-class Honda engines with six optional attachments. What's more, a SureLoc™ joint-locking system lets you click and twist the attachments easily and securely into the shaft.

Two models, powered by either the Honda GX25 Mini four-stroke engine or

the GX35 Mini four-stroke engine, provide for even greater flexibility. Both Honda VersAttach™ models are exceptionally easy to start, use and maintain, with 360-degree operation, less vibration, reduced noise, an easily accessible spark plug and no need to mix oil and gas. Both durable models provide tenacious power and torque with exceptional fuel efficiency and dependable performance.

Learn More
Further facts are at www.hondapower.com, www.honda.com, www.powerequipment.honda.com, www.engines.honda.com, www.facebook.com/HondaPowerEquipment and www.youtube.com/honda.

HAM RADIO

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alone. He said he also spoke to people near New Orleans after Katrina plowed through the area. "They told me they didn't see any assistance for two weeks after the government said assistance was there," he recalled.

It was a closer disaster that prompted Rozzen to convert his home radio to solar power and take it "completely off the grid." That happened about a year after he took up the hobby — the massive 2003 blackout that hit a huge swath of the Northeast (but not New England). "It was pretty exciting listening to the radio because we got a lot of traffic from that part of the country,"

he added.

As a newcomer to the field, West Brookfield's Richard Murphy has experienced one such event: Hurricane Sandy.

"Down in New York, [ham radio] was the only way to communicate. That was it. Natural disasters happen, and I wanted to be part of that," he recalled. "... I have a license, but I've done very little with it yet. I'm still trying to learn."

Murphy said he's wanted to get into radio since youth, but only took it up when his son expressed interest. They studied together.

To get a license, people need to pass a \$15 FCC test, which comes in three levels of difficulty: technician (entry-level), general and extra class, with books, a cellphone app and sample tests for each level available. Such tests happen

periodically in many locations, and a schedule is available at www.arrl.org. Putting in the Southbridge zip code calls up four dates in Slaterville, RI, for the rest of this year (the first on May 20), while a Worcester zip code adds three in Framingham (the first on May 10). Using Sturbridge or Spencer, however, gets no results.

"You don't have to spend a lot to get started," Westwell observed, adding that he feels it'd be a good activity for teenagers. Having a small portable radio and hooking it to an antenna will give you a one-band radio that covers much of southern New England. Building that antenna is fairly easy, but the system will work just by connecting it to a wire strung between two trees. Just don't touch either form of antenna while transmitting

-- you'll get burned.

Even a weak signal can, if the atmospheric conditions are right, carry a very long distance because amateur radio works by bouncing signals off the ionosphere. They noted a 10 watt or 100 watt radio "will get you all around the world."

"Ham radio brings countries together," Rozzen said. "I've talked to a lot of people from Russia, and they're just like you and I, and you won't believe how many people speak English around the world."

The term "ham radio" dates to the earliest days of radio, according to www.rfcafe.com, which reprinted an article from Florida Skip Magazine of 1959 detailing the history. It states "HAM" was the call signal for a 1908 amateur wireless station at Harvard University run by three men — Albert Hyman,

Bob Almy and "Poogie" Murray. After some confusion with a station in Mexico, the three chose to use the first letters of their surnames as their on-air identification.

A few years later, Hyman wrote his thesis on the Wireless Regulation Bill and testified before Congress on the issue, saying if it passed, continued operation would be unaffordable to small stations like his. During the subsequent debate "little station 'HAM' became the symbol for all the little amateur stations in the country crying to be saved from the menace and greed of the big commercial stations," and the name stuck, the website states.

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STURBRIDGE CAPSULES

CINCO DE MAYO

BRIMFIELD — May 19th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: The Brimfield Senior Center is going "South of the Border" for a Cinco de Mayo taco salad bar extravaganza. So get out the sombreros and slip away with some south of the border music and a refreshing taco salad bar with all the fixings. There will be: seasoned ground beef and/or shredded chicken taco fillings; sour cream; salsa; corn chips; black olives; Mexican rice; guacamole; fresh cilantro; chopped tomatoes; cheese; fresh lettuce; fruited iced tea punch; birthday cake and vanilla ice cream with sweet cinnamon topping. May birthdays will be celebrated! Please reserve your space prior to May 16. Suggested donation of \$5. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield (413) 245-7253.

FLEA AND CRAFTS:

Women of Christ Church, 1089 Stafford St., Rochdale, will hold its 5th annual Flea Market and Craft Fair on May 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be something for everyone; beautifully handcrafted items, attic treasures, collectibles, children's, household and exercise equipment and much more. There will also be additional tables with numerous items contributed by Christ Church members. A food concession will be available throughout the day

offering freshly made breakfast, lunch and snack items. In the event of inclement weather, vendors will set up in the parish hall. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Susan at (508) 864-0660 or steira925@gmail.com.

NEW MEETING PLACE

STURBRIDGE — After more than a decade of meeting every Thursday night in the community room of the Southbridge Savings Bank Village Toastmasters moves its weekly meetings to the offices of the Chamber of Central Mass South.

The Club will continue to meet every Thursday night from 7-8:15 p.m., but now the meetings will be held at the Chamber's offices at 46 Hall Road, Sturbridge.

Village Toastmasters is sincerely grateful to Southbridge Savings Bank for accommodating the club's regular meeting schedule for many years. It was a great space in which scores of people from the community worked on developing their professional skill set and confidence through public speaking.

But now that the bank is repurposing their community room, Village Toastmasters looked around the community for a meeting space and found new home at the Chamber of Central Mass South.

"Since Village Toastmasters is a

member of the Chamber," said Charlie Cook, Village Toastmasters' President, "we think our new location is a perfect fit and are excited about using the space and keeping our club moving forward."

Visitors are encouraged to check out the new meeting location.

STEPPIN' OUT

The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a Spring Evening dance on Saturday, May 6 from 8-10:30 p.m. (early rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Rick Gittleman and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Al at (413) 436-7849 or visit our website at www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

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Sun. As a fellow traveler on this musical journey across America, have the opportunity to test your knowledge of geography, as you chart our course on the map as we travel. Come along with us and get your kicks on Route 66! Join us for one (or more) of our concert stops: Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. at West Brookfield Senior Center; Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. at Sturbridge Federated Church; Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m. at Workshop 13, Ware; and Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. at Overlook, Charlton.

LUNCH & A COMEDY

The Brimfield Senior Center is pleased to welcome Comedy for the Ages in their one act play "The Haverston Mills Town Meeting" by Steve Henderson. The citizens of Haverston Mills may be eccentric to zany, but they are fun to watch. Now they face an important decision, and it's up to the town moderator to keep them together. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Brimfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Lunch is available immediately after for a suggested donation of \$2. Please reserve your lunch prior to 11 a.m. on May 22. For just the play please call to reserve your seat prior to May 19. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. (413) 245-7253.



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<p>SOLD</p> <p>DOUGLAS - 15 Mt Daniels Way! 8 Rm Custom Colonial! 2.2 Acres! 2 Story Grand Entry Foyer! New Appliances Granite Kit! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Hrwd's! Frplc Fam Rm! Frplc Master Suite w/Cathedral! 2.5 Baths! Expandable 3rd Level! New Roof & Furnace! Cvac Security, Irrigation! 2 Car Garage! \$429,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 11 Johnathan Pass! 11 Rm 3,372' Center Hall Colonial includes 3 Rm In-law! Granite Kit w/Island, Formal Din Rm, Frplcd Liv Rm, Frplcd Den & 3 Bdrms All w/Hrwd's! 4 Total Bdrms! 3.5 Total Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Shed! Fence! Privacy - 3 Acres! \$474,000.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 377 Dudley Oxford Rd! 7 Rm Split! 2+ Acres! Appliances! Kitchen w/ Breakfast Bar! Den w/Pellet Stove! 12x20 Liv Rm w/Cathedral! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Slyght! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Hearth! 12x20 Deck! 2 Car Detached Garage! 2 Sheds! New Roof! \$234,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>OXFORD - 39 Fort Hill Rd! Fantastic 9 Rm Colonial w/Solar Electric Panels, In-ground Pool! Just under an Acre! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Is & Hrwd's! Formal Din, Liv, Frplc Fam Rm w/Hrwd's! Great Rm w/Cathedral, Skylights & Fans! Master Bath! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! 4 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! \$399,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>CHARLTON - 175 Oxford Rd! 6+ Rm Split! 1.53 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit w/ Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrwd's, Anderson Slider to Trex Deck! Brick Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrwd's & Bow Window! Master w/Hrwd's, Slider to Deck! Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Garage! Quality Updates Through Out! \$279,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 8 Oakwood Dr! 12 Rm Hip Roof! 5,165' Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w/ In-ground Pool! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frplc Fam Rm & Frplc Den! Master Suite! Master Bath! 6 Bdrms! 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrwd's & Wall to Wall! C/Air! In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! \$539,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>OXFORD - 11 Daniel Dr! 55+ Adult Community! Twin Elm Estates! Nice 9 Rm End Unit! Appliances, Granite Eat-in Kit! All Hrwd's! Frplc Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck! Master Walk-in Closet, Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Fam Rm! Craft Rm/Office! C/Air! Attached Garage! \$234,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>DUDLEY - 4 Laura Way! Country but yet Contemporary 6 Rm Cape set on 1.14 Acres! Built 2010 but Better than New! Stainless Appliances! Eat-in Granite Kit w/Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Hrwd Floor! Ceiling Fan! 1st Master Suite! Master Bath! 3/4 Bdrms! 1st Master Bath! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! \$287,900.00</p>	
<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling! Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling! 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</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 13 Scenic Ave! 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Eat-in Kit w/Granite Island! Formal Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Cathedral Liv Rm w/2 Skylights & Hrwd's! Den/Office w/Hrwd's! 3 Bdrms! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2.5 Baths! 10x14 Deck! In-Grd Pool! Shed! 2 Car Detached Garage! \$289,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 59 East Main St! Best Street for Business in Webster! Highest Traffic Count! Ideal for Most Business Applications! Complete Recent Remodel Inside & Out! Formally a Polish Deli & Convenience - Fully Equipped As Such - Full Kitchen! With Almost New Equipment - \$395,900! Without - \$299,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>GRAFTON - 23 Maplewood Dr! Unique 5 Rm Brick Ranch! 3 Bedrooms! Corner Lot! Enjoy the Convenience of One Floor Easy Access Living! Kit w/ Breakfast Bar! Fireplaced Liv Rm/ Dining Area! Master Bdrm w/Full Bath! 2 Baths Total! Florida Rm! Private Back Yard! Attached 2 Car Garage! \$289,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrwd's! Cathedral Ceiling! Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! \$359,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths! Master! Appliances! Granite! Hrwd's, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! From \$234,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 19 Lakeside Dr! Updated 5+ Rm Ranch! Appliances! Custom Built 10 Rm! Liv Rm w/Hrwd Floor! Master w/Hrwd Floor & Ceiling Fan! All 3 Bedrooms w/Hrwd Floors! Remodeled Bath! Granite Vanity! Deck! Garage! Shed! Overlooking Merino Pond, Walk to Beach! \$229,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>SUTTON - 4 Blueberry Meadow Dr! Spacious Hip Roof 8 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Kit! Formal Dining & Living Rms! Frplcd Fam Rm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Finished Lower Level! 2 Car Attached Garage! Nice Half Acre Lot - Cul-de-Sac! \$409,900.00</p>	
<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER - 56 Poland St! 6 Rm Cape! Appliances! Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Chair Rail! Liv Rm w/Hrwd's under Carpet! Den w/Hrwd's! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Hrwd's! Ceramic Tile Bath! 2nd Flr Bdrms! 3 Season Porch! 2 Car Garage! \$229,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 29 Crystal St! Convenient 6 Rm Ranch Set on a Nice 10,899' Lot! Appliances! Eat-in Kit w/Pantry! Closet! Liv Rm w/Picture Window & Hrwd Floor! Master w/Hrwd's & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms! Total! Finished Lower Level! Breezyway! 3 Seasons Porch! Garage! \$164,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 38 Brook St! Ideal 2 Family! 5.5 Rooms! 22 Bedrooms! Appliances! Dining Rooms, Living Rooms and Bedrooms w/Hrwd Floors! Eat-in Pantry! Kitchen w/Vinyl Flooring! Nice Bathrooms! Recent Roof! Updated Throughout! Convenient Location! \$199,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 327 School St! 9 Rm Cape! Liv Rm, Foyer & Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Eat-in Country Kit w/Pantry! Half Bath w/Laundry! Fam Rm w/Hrwd's! Master w/Hrwd's! Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Tub/Shower! 3 Bdrms! 2 Hrwd's! Bonus Rm! Enclosed Porch! 2 Car Garage! \$179,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>SOUTHBRIDGE - 24 Lynn Lane! 5+ Rm Split! On a Cul De Sac! Liv Rm w/Hrwd's & Ceiling Fan! Appliances! Kit w/Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets! Full Bath w/Ceramic Tile Floor! Expandable Lower Level w/Brick Hearth! Replacement Windows! Shed! 1 Acre! \$169,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 16 Eddy St! Spacious 5 Rm Ranch! Appliances! Kit w/New Vinyl Flr! Liv Rm w/Hrwd's & Built-ins! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Tile Bath! Sun Rm! Rms Freshly Painted! Newer Windows! Partially Finished Basement w/Pellet Stove! Oil Heat! Town Services! Attached Garage! \$199,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 5 Church Court! Close to Everything! 8 Rm Cape! Many Updates! Country Kitchen w/Cathedral Ceiling & Skylights! Dining Rm & Living Rm w/Wood Floors! 3 Bedrooms! Unique Full Bath! 22x7' Detached 2 Story Barn w/Basement - Many Uses! \$139,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Access to Webster Lake! Appliances! Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! \$281,900.00</p>	
<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WOODSTOCK - 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154' Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 9ft Ceilings! Loads of Upgrades! Appliances! Kitchen w/Huge Granite Island! Formal Dining w/Hrwd's! Fireplaced Family Room! Master w/Hrwd's! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! \$389,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WOODSTOCK - 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliances! Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! \$259,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6Rms! 1,874! Open Floor Plan! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Hrwd's! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrwd's! Cathedral Ceiling! 3 Season Sunrm! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! \$469,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Shore Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Cathedral Ceiling! Liv Rm w/Lake Views! w/Hrwd's! 3 Season Sunrm! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! \$469,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 701 Treasure Island! Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Sliders to Patio! New C/Air! Garage w/Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$284,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 56 Laurelwood Dr! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 12 Rms! 2,517' of Comfortable Living w/ Super 4 Rm In-Law Apartment! Custom Built 2011 from Ground Up! Stainless Appliances! Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! Wine Cooler, Pantry & Cherry Hrdw's! Exquisite Formal Dining Rm w/Chair Rails, Crown Molding! Dining Room w/Walk-in Closet, Cherry Hrdw's & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Walk-in Closet, Slider to Private Deck, Master Bath w/Glass Multi Head Shower, Separate Tub & Dble Granite Vanity! 3.5 Granite Baths! Total! 3/5 Bedrooms! 2nd Granite Kitchen! Ceiling Stereo Throughout! 32 Gas Heat! 32 C/Air! C/Vac! Security! Anderson's! 2 Car Garage! One of the Newest & Best Homes For Sale on the Lake in Years! \$849,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 103 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$259,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>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! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Baths! Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Bath! 2 Car Garage! Dock! Add Lot Access! Recent Roof! \$699,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100' of Shoreline! 53'94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147' Town Water & Sewer available! 2 Decks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity. Don't let this Slip by without Your Consideration! \$179,900.00</p>
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Featured New Webster Lake Listing

WEBSTER LAKE - 198 KILLDEER ISLAND RD

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Southbridge: Move In Condition Home with farmer's porch! Great 5 room 2 bedroom home! Blown in insulation. Replacement windows. Updated gas heat. 2 car attached garage. Walk to hospital and close to Westville Rec Area! Sturbridge side of Town-great for commuters.
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Southbridge: \$115,000!
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\$289,900.

HOME & GARDEN

How To Keep Your Garden Growing

(NAPS)

When it comes to creating a yard that makes the neighbors green with envy, many Americans are saving time and trouble by turning to a surprising “garden tool.”

The driving force behind the latest in backyard maintenance is a utility task vehicle (UTV).

Your UTV And You

A hardworking and smooth-riding vehicle, not only is it good for pulling out stumps and hauling rocks, mulch and heavy equipment, but a variety of attachments are available to turn it into a sprayer, tiller, rake or mower. Plus, when your yard work is done, you can use it for off-road adventures.

The No. 1-selling UTV lineup is that of the Polaris RANGER. The new XP 1000, available in base, EPS and new special editions, offers an industry-leading 1,000 ccs and 80-horsepower ProStar engine with gobs of torque, and a Three-Mode Throttle Control switch on the dash to enhance the driving experience. The Performance mode offers maximum and instant throttle response for snappier acceleration



Yard work can be easier, faster and more comfortable with the help of a hardworking UTV.

and is used predominantly for recreational purposes. For a traditional blend of torque and high-speed performance, the operator would select the Standard mode. The Work mode provides lengthened low-RPM

band for better low-speed control, which is perfect for towing a trailer or when navigating tight spaces.

The limited-edition HVAC vehicles are the first gas-powered UTVs to offer an HVAC system

for all-weather comfort. The Ranch Edition offers an innovative, self-leveling, rear suspension with Nivomat shocks that automatically adjust the suspension depending on load, for a higher-loaded ground clearance and a

smoother ride.

What Else You Can Do Here are five more tips to help your garden grow:

1. When you're dealing with Mother Nature, remember Father Time. Plant as early and as late in the

season as you can with the help of row covers, cold frames, tunnels and similar devices.

2. Go for perennials—let your crops plant themselves. Plants that come back year after year save time and maintenance, usually limited to annual weeding, fertilizing and mulching.

3. Resist rows. According to Colorado State University, you can quadruple per-square-foot production of many vegetables such as lettuce, carrots and beets by planting them in blocks within wide beds rather than in rows. Block planting makes efficient use of space by keeping the spacing between plants tight and eliminating unnecessary pathways.

4. Be bright about bulbs. Keep the local wildlife from dining on your daffodils and onions by staking netting over the bed. Cut holes in the cloth to let the plants grow through.

5. Be a good egg to your garden. Give your plants a calcium boost by grinding up empty egg shells and sprinkling them on the plants.

Learn More For further facts, visit www.Polaris.com.

Gardening Tool Care



How does your garden grow? It could grow even better if you're smart about keeping your tools sharp and in good shape.

(NAPS)

Before diving into yard care, make sure your lawn and gardening tools are up to the task with proper maintenance. The tips below could save you money and time by extending the life of your tools.

Hand Tool Maintenance

To protect your investment in quality hand and gardening tools, clean them after each use, removing any dirt and debris. Then, wash and dry them, and lightly rub rusted areas with fine sandpaper.

Pruning shears should be placed in a bucket with water and scrubbed with a wire brush until the metal is clean after each use. Coat the blades and moving parts with a water displacement lubricant with a controllable spray pattern, such as the non-aerosol WD-40® Multi-Use Product Trigger Pro®. Its narrow spray pattern will give you more control, eliminating overspray for less mess, while preventing rust from building up and helping shears open and

close smoothly.

Sharpening Tools

Sharp tools make yard chores easier for you and help plants heal faster after a trim. Pruning shears, hedge shears and grass clippers function in a similar scissor-like manner. To sharpen them, tighten the pivot nut and file the edge of the pruning blade following the factory-cut bevel in single strokes until fresh steel is exposed.

Power Equipment Maintenance

Check your power tools carefully for worn parts that may need replacement, and for loose screws, nuts or bolts. To stay in good condition, lawn mowers need yearly tune-ups. Protect the blades by coating them with WD-40 Multi-Use Product Trigger Pro's wide spray pattern to help prevent rust, and dirt and debris, from sticking to the blade.

Make sure your gardening tools are up for all tasks. For more information about how non-aerosol WD-40 Trigger Pro can help make your gardening tool maintenance easier, visit wd40.com.

Protect Our Environment Year-Round—Here's How



Any time is a good time to help protect trees and plants from Hungry Pests.

(NAPS)

Invasive pests threaten to destroy the forests and crops that beautify our lives and put food on our tables. Fortunately, no matter the season, you can take simple steps to help stop the spread of these damaging, non-native insects and other species.

The USDA has identified 19 destructive “Hungry Pests,” the invasive species that people are most likely to spread accidentally. While Hungry Pests often arrive through commercial trade, members of the public can unknowingly spread them once they are here. But by learning a few simple actions, you help to protect so much that we value. In fact, you could decide to take just two actions each season of the year and make a huge difference!

Spring

As you come out to enjoy the warming days, invasive pests are also becoming more active. April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month and a good time to learn the signs of these pests and how you can help stop their spread. When buying plants, buy from dealers—including those online or “pop-up” vendors—who follow USDA regulations to ensure plants are free of invasive pests. If you live in the northeast part of the country, look for gypsy moth egg masses on patio furniture and other outdoor items. Carefully remove and dunk them in warm, soapy water.

Summer

Planning to travel this summer? Bring back happy memories but leave plants and produce—and the Hungry Pests that may be infesting them—behind. If

traveling in the United States, be sure to wash trailers, campers and even bikes that you have kept outdoors, before taking them elsewhere. Also, clean camping gear free of dirt that may hide pests. In August, Tree Check Month, protect your trees from invasive, tree-killing beetles. Look for dime-sized, round holes in your trees. They could be signs of the invasive Asian longhorned beetle. If you see any holes, report them to local agricultural officials.

Fall

Enjoy campfires and roasting s'mores in the crisp, cool weather. But remember: If you move firewood to another area, you may also move invasive pests on or inside the wood. So buy or responsibly gather firewood near the place you plan to burn it. If you bring in the harvest from your garden, but you live in an area known to have invasive pests, please keep your homegrown plants and produce at home.

Winter

Take your mind off the cold and plan for your spring garden. When buying seeds online, take care to only buy from established sources that follow USDA's regulations to keep plants pest-free. And please be careful when sending or receiving international gifts. Greenery, seeds, plants and citrus may be packing Hungry Pests.

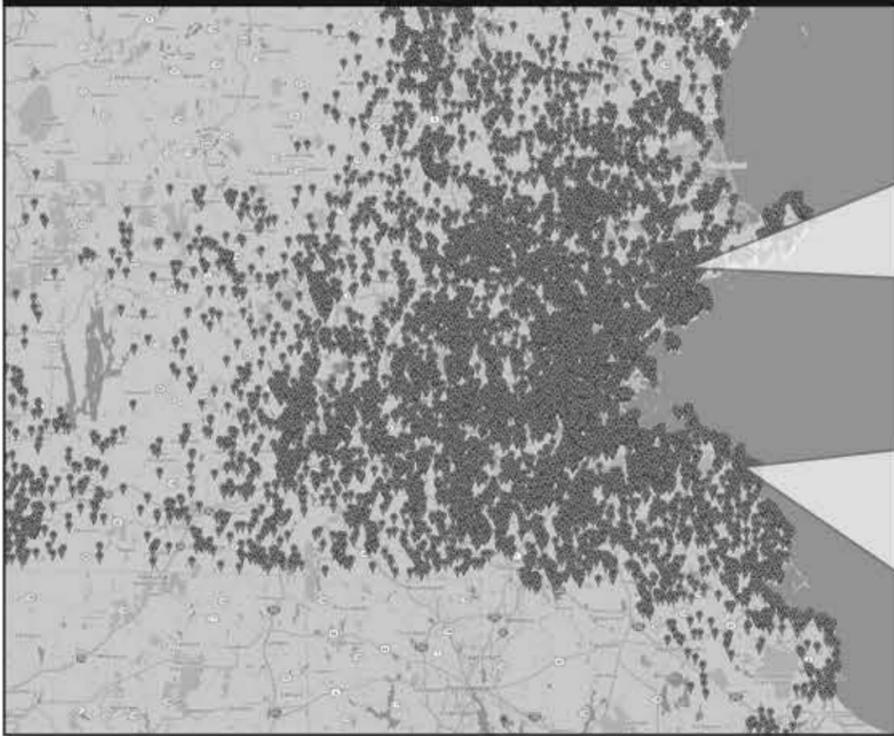
When it comes to protecting our country from invasive pests, you make all the difference. Keep these tips as handy reminders of ways you can help throughout the year. Learn more about the pests of concern in your area by visiting www.HungryPests.com.

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LEGALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

The Town of Brimfield is requesting proposals for Structural repairs to annex and connector to Salisbury house located in the Town of Brimfield. Estimate submitted must include:

- Fireproof area under existing stairway to basement
- Remove 12 existing temporary metal Tel-A Posts columns
- Supply and install 12 new structural steel rectangular support columns with fabricated top saddles fasten to beam. (Approx. seven Ft. Long)
- Steel column base will be anchored to new solid concrete bases
- Where accessible, under offices, jack up floor joists and install five stub columns under beams to eliminate deflection and movement in floor.
- Supply and install rectangular support columns as noted above. (approx. five Ft. long)
- Project can be seen on site and reviewed with the Building Commissioner
- Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance

(attached) must be included in all bid submissions. Bids received without the executed certificates will not be considered.

- OSHA training required
- A bid deposit of 50% of the total price bid must be submitted.
- 100% Performance Bond to be included
- Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of Chapter 149, M.G.L., Section 26-27D.

Please submit a proposal for the site listed above. **All quotes due May 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

- Location: 23 Main St., Salisbury House, aka: Annex.

Any further questions may be directed to the Building Commissioner, at 413-245-4100 X 5 or email: building@brimfieldma.org. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids, or, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield. Board of Selectmen will award the winning bid on May 30, 2017. All proposals must be submitted to:

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April 28, 2017

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) TOWN OF BRIMFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

The Town of Brimfield is requesting estimates for the demolition or dismantling and disposal of The Carriage House located behind 23 Main St., in the Town of Brimfield. Estimate submitted must include:

- Total cost of demolition and or dismantling, debris removal and site grading (to include leveling to surrounding grade, loam 4 inch, York rake and seed finish.
- Copy of workmen's comp and liability insurance.
- Location of waste disposal site.
- Two story Post and beam building approximately 34-6 wide X 23-6 long, Can be seen on site and go over details with building Commissioner.
- Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) must be included in all bid

submissions. Bids received without the executed certificates will not be considered.

- Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of Chapter 149, M.G.L., Section 26-27D.

Note: Town to have asbestos survey done and possible abatement
Please submit a proposal for the site listed above. **Quote due May 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

- Location: 23 Main St., in back of Town Annex. (Salisbury House)

Any further questions may be directed to the Building Commissioner, at 413-245-4100 X 5 or email: building@brimfieldma.org. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids, or, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield. Board of Selectmen will award the winning bid on May 30, 2017. All proposals must be submitted to:
Selectmen's Office
23 Main St.
Brimfield, MA 010010
April 28, 2017

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4-H Center
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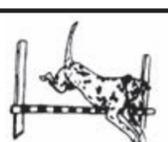


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- 2) Heavy Equipment Operator
- 3) Light Equipment Operator

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310 GENERAL HELP WANTED

TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Title: Water Treatment Operator Location: North Brookfield Water Department

The Town of North Brookfield Water Department is seeking a candidate for the full-time position of Water Operator.

The North Brookfield Water Department provides drinking water to 80% of the population of the town, drawn from our surface water reservoir, Horse (North) Pond. This position requires operation of the Bell Hill Water Treatment Plant, a US Filter Microfloc package plant including upflow clarifiers run by the SCADA operating system. This position includes meter readings, replacement and repair as well as distribution system maintenance, construction and repair. Also included are lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general cleaning, brush cutting and all similar chores to maintain area in and around the treatment plant, raw water pump station, reservoir and distribution system. A complete job description is available upon request.

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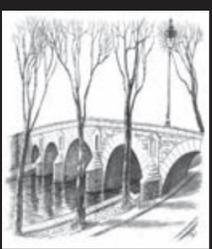


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