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## Charlton announces reprecincting changes

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A small group of residents in Charlton will notice a change when they go to the polls in 2022 as Charlton's Board of Selectmen announced the reprecincting of a little over 50 individuals in town during a meeting on Oct. 26.

Reprecincting is not a new practice and occurs when too many citizens reside in a single voting precinct. This occurs thanks to population growth in a town. Charlton currently has four precincts with the move seeing a handful of citizens shifted from Precinct 3 to Precinct 4.

"We are bound by state law to adjust some of our precincts to have them remain within the target population. The numbers used are from the Federal 2020 Census. We were able to move the fewest people possible to remain within our variance percentage. We will be moving approximately 54 residents, not just voters, from precinct 3 to precinct 4," Town Administrator Andrew Golas said. "All residents and voters will be notified by mail between December and January of the changes."

As of the end of October Precinct 2 was

Charlton's largest precinct was Precinct 3 with 3,116 residents. Precinct 2 is second with 3,115 and Precinct 4 is the third-largest in terms of population count at 2,941. Precinct 1 is the smallest with 2,902 citizens. The Registrar of Voters reports 12,074 citizens in Charlton including 9,893 registered voters. When breaking down the voter numbers Precinct 4 is the smallest in terms of registered voters while Precinct 2 has the most.

Selectmen stressed to citizens that this is a decision they legally had to act on an approve although there was no indication that any selectman objected to the change. The board also clarified that this will not change the location of elections, it will simply mean the 54 affected residents will be in a different line come election day. The 54 residents will also see a change in their state representation with those voters now being under State Representative Paul Frosts jurisdiction rather than State Representative Peter Durant. The change will be effective as of the start of the 2022 calendar year. All residents being moved to Precinct 4 will be notified through mail between the months of December and January.



Lisa Mayville — Courtesy

Tommy Ide and Max Tryba.

## Charlton Dudley Rams enjoy fine seasons

CHARLTON — The Charlton Dudley Rams football teams all had great seasons and began their postseason play last weekend.

The second/third grade tackle team learned a lot this year, getting better every game. They finished their season with a great game in the Mitey Mite Bowl in Clinton on Halloween.

The fourth grade teams started the season slowly, as they played tackle football for the first time. However, after winning their last four games in a row, they finished as the No. 3 seed in the Division 1 playoff bracket. They lost their playoff game to the No. 2 seed Worcester Vikings 26-6.

The sixth grade Rams dominated their division this year, finishing a perfect 8-0. This earned them the No. 1 seed in the Division 1 playoffs. They earned a bye and begin their

playoff run this weekend. They will play Wachusett on Sunday, Nov. 7 at Shepherd Hill Regional at 10:30 a.m.

The seventh grade Rams improved all season. After starting with a win, then a loss, these guys won their last six games. They finished 7-1 and claimed the No. 2 seed in the Division 1 Playoffs. They earned a bye and also begin playoffs this weekend. They will play Northbridge/Uxbridge on Sunday, Nov. 7 at Shepherd Hill Regional at noon.

The eighth grade Rams (two-time defending Massachusetts State Champions) battled injuries all season but made everyone proud by posting a 4-3 record against the toughest schedule in Central Mass. They claimed the No. 5 seed in the Division 1 playoffs and beat No. 4 seed Lunenburg last

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## Charlton weighing options for rescue plan funding

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – With around \$4.1 million in funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act, Charlton's Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator are weighing their options of how to prioritize the funding over the next several years.

Town Administrator Andrew Golas discussed the funding with selectmen during an Oct. 26 meeting laying out some potential initiatives after gathering solicitations from town departments. He presented nine possible initiatives that could be prioritized by the town's highest board with all parties stressing that the discussion was merely the start of many conversations still to come.

The first item brought forward was from the Water & Sewer Department and

would earmark \$585,000 for three projects, including \$85,000 for an engineering study. Department Superintendent Peter Boria discussed the idea providing some insight into the multi-layered proposal.

"It will be a great help. The \$85,000 will do more than a paper study. They'll review those three areas of the treatment plant: the headworks building, which is original to the plant that was built over thirty years ago, and the equalization tanks to see what we can do for improvements to get more effective treatment in that area to help us treat the waste that's coming in and the smaller project would be the chemical storage - making it maybe more compliant," Boria said.

Selectmen were receptive to this proposal with board chair Bill Borowski noting

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## School mask requirement extended through Jan. 15

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Local students should prepare to wear their masks in school for at least a few more months.

Late last month, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) announced that the state's mask requirement in all K-12 public schools will be extended through at least Jan. 15, 2022.

After consulting with medical experts and state health

officials, DESE Commissioner Jeffrey Riley notified school districts of the decision. Reactions across the state and along the Route 9 corridor have been mixed, with some parents and students praising the decision. Others are demanding that students be able to shed the masks at school.

State officials said their decisions are aimed at keeping kids in class and schools open.

"The DESE, in collaboration with medical experts and state health officials, will continue to

evaluate and consider other criteria that could be used in the future to lift the mask requirement based on public health data," read a statement released by Commissioner Riley.

State leaders also cited the imminent vaccine availability for younger students as a reason to extend the mask mandate at schools.

"Massachusetts is a national leader in vaccination rates for adults and eligible children, and in anticipation of the vaccine becoming available in the com-

ing weeks for children ages 5 to 11 years old, this extension of the mask requirement will allow time for the elementary school population to receive the COVID-19 vaccine," said Massachusetts Education Secretary James Peyser. "This will be another big step forward in our efforts to keep school safe for our kids."

State leaders said they understand frustrations among students, parents, and teachers with masks in the classroom. They thank school communities

for their cooperation in creating safe learning spaces for all. "Masks remain a simple and effective measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep students in school safely," added Commissioner Riley. "With the Test and Stay program, high vaccination rates, low transmission rates in schools, and all the hard work in keeping our students safe, our kids are able to stay in school where they belong and can flourish."

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A beautiful fall sunrise lights up the sky over Charlton Middle School. Photo courtesy of the school's Twitter feed.

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*How to show your appreciation for the military in a unique time*

United States military personnel serve both domestically and abroad. Active-duty personnel are following in the footsteps of retired veterans and protecting the freedoms of their fellow Americans while also playing a vital role in protecting millions of non-Americans across the globe.

United States military personnel make myriad sacrifices every day. Recognition of those sacrifices is just one of the many ways Americans can show their appreciation for the military, even during the era of social distancing.

• Help a veteran. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2019 there

were 17.4 million military veterans living in the United States. More than half of those veterans are 65 or older. As difficult as social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic has proven for everyone, perhaps no group has sacrificed more than men and women over 65, millions of whom have been separated from their families. Aging men and women spent a year or more isolated at home to protect themselves from a virus that public health officials acknowledged was especially lethal to people over 65. Adults who want to show their appreciation for military veterans can reach out to local veterans' organizations and offer to lend a hand. Such

organizations may be delivering meals to vulnerable veterans, driving veterans to appointments to see their doctors or get vaccinated or organizing events for veterans who have already been vaccinated. Pitching in to help with such efforts is a great way to show veterans their efforts are still appreciated, even if it's been decades since they last served.

• Help a military family. Data from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense indicates that there were roughly 1.3 million active-duty military personnel in 2018. Many of those service members serve overseas for months at a time. Their families back home can use a helping hand even in the best

of times, but they might be especially needy while confronting the pandemic. Though vaccination projections suggest hundreds of millions of Americans will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer, in the meantime neighbors can help local military families handle life at home. Invite a local military family over for a weekly meal, offer to take kids to a sports practice if it's safe to do so or help out with chores like mowing the lawn or washing the car.

• Donate to charities that serve the military. Adults who have not been vaccinated and are hesitant to be around others can still show their appreciation for military service members. Various organizations help both active-duty military and veterans, and donating to such charities can be a great way to help an excellent cause. If you're unsure about which organization to support, visit Charity Navigator at charitynavigator.org. Charity Navigator evaluates hundreds of thousands of charitable organizations and can be an invaluable resource for prospective donors.

Veterans and active military personnel deserve support. There are various ways for people to express that support, even as the world continues to confront the pandemic.

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# Trinity Catholic Academy launches exciting science lab project

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Nov. 15 – 30, we look to respond to the needs of our thriving students by building the future of science education and further enhance our commitment of academic excellence.

Last year's first experience with GivingTuesday was amazing, bringing technology into the classroom allowing our students to enhance their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to prepare them for a high-tech future with new Chromebooks. We cannot thank the community enough for their support through matching gift options, donors, and volunteer participation.

This year, we have an ambitious goal to give our students the gift of science through a state-of-the-art Science Lab. The current science classroom is the same space that St. Mary's HS students used back in the early 1960's. It's time to bring us into the twenty-first century! Community support will enable us to take our science curriculum to a whole new level, providing our students with a premium education.

Trinity Catholic Academy has focused on providing students with a quality education and a solid foundation for



over 30 years. We strive to continue this legacy by providing our students with the tools and resources needed to secure a bright future. We look forward to an exciting fundraiser, but it surely takes "a village"! Anyone can follow the progress on Facebook or the TCA Web site this fall.

This GivingTuesday is made possible through JustGiving® from Blackbaud along with the TCA Advisory Board,

Endowment Board, Local Community Partners, and our faithful supporters.

Trinity Catholic Academy, a Pre-K to Grade 8 school, promotes academic excellence, athletics, and the arts with respect, compassion, and service among our diverse family, inspired by the communion of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. www.trinitycatholicacademy.org.

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 \$330,000, 94 Harrington Rd, Arcouette, Kerrie, to Presutti, Shane.

## Southbridge Garden Club holding pre-sale on holiday wreaths



SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Garden Club is proud to offer the opportunity to pre-order their popular, custom-made holiday wreaths this year.

The wreaths are available in three different styles. The traditional red bow wreath is a 24-inch Noble fir wreath with assorted greens, faux red berries and white-tipped pinecones, topped with a red bow (\$40).

The birch and bird wreath has a horizontal birch branch across a 24-inch Noble fir wreath, decorated with assorted greens, white-tipped pinecones and faux red berries. A weather-proof red bird sits atop the branch (\$45).

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To place an order, send your name, address, phone number, email and choice of wreath with a check to Southbridge Garden Club, P.O. Box 912, Southbridge, MA 01550. Orders must be submitted before Thursday, November 25. For questions, please call Paige Szugda at 774-230-7330.

Wreaths will be available for curbside pick-up at The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main St., Southbridge, on Thursday, Dec. 2 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 3 between 5 and 7 p.m.

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BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Summer 2021 semester.

- \*Sylvia Costa of Brimfield
- \*Aiden Bishop of Charlton
- \*Erik Fuhrmann of Charlton
- \*Keith Manseau of Charlton
- \*Patrick Crowley of Sturbridge
- \*Robert Mulder of Sturbridge

agement, and design. Its 31 acres are situated in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston, Mass., within walking distance of leading several cultural, educational, sports, and medical hubs. Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through its leading co-op programs, hands-on learning approach, and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

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Butch Jackson  
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# A new, and old, way to enjoy shrimp

Exploring new types of cuisine is one of the joys of cooking. Whether you're a fan of spicy Indian food or partial to French fare, chances are the journey to finding your favorite flavors will be both enjoyable and insightful, teaching you a little something about history along the way.

Take this recipe for "Shrimp Potato Patties" from "Eula Mae's Cajun Kitchen" by Eula Mae Doré and Marcelle R. Bienvenu. This dish, which works as both a main course and a side dish, can be traced to Acadians who ventured to Louisiana in the late 18th century. While that was a long time ago, the recipe is just as delicious today as it was then.

- Shrimp Potato Patties**  
**Makes about 2 dozen**
- 6 medium-size red potatoes, peeled and quartered
  - 12 cup (1 stick) butter
  - 1 cup finely chopped yellow onions
  - 14 cup chopped celery
  - 12 cup seeded and chopped red bell peppers
  - 12 cup seeded and chopped green bell peppers
  - 12 cup seeded and chopped yellow bell peppers
  - 34 teaspoon salt
  - 14 teaspoon cayenne
  - 14 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 14 teaspoon Tabasco brand

- 2 pepper sauce
- 2 pounds medium-size shrimp, peeled, deveined and coarsely ground in a food processor
- 2 large eggs, well beaten
- 14 cup chopped freshly parsley leaves
- 12 cup peanut oil
- 12 cup all-purpose flour

cook, stirring, until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring until they turn pink, about 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool for about 5 minutes.

3. Combine the shrimp mixture with the potato mixture. Add the eggs and parsley and mix well. Let cool for 10 minutes.

4. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

5. Form the shrimp mixture into patties, using 1/4 to 1/2 cup of the mixture, depending on what size you desire, and pat lightly with the flour. Cook two to three at a time in the hot oil until golden brown, about 3 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot. PC189344

1. In a large saucepan, boil the potatoes in lightly salted water to cover until fork tender. Remove from the heat and drain. Transfer them to a large mixing bowl and mash with a fork. Let cool.

2. Melt the butter over medium heat in a medium-size skillet. Add the onions, celery, bell peppers, salt, cayenne, black pepper, and Tabasco, and

## Turn to slow cookers for easy meals

Busy families who do not have the time to spend an hour or more in the kitchen preparing weeknight dinners can turn to slow cookers to do the work for them. Slow cookers cook foods on a low temperature over several hours. Slow cookers do not require constant attention, making them ideal for people who want to prep meals before leaving the house and then return to a hot meal in the evening.

Many foods, from breakfasts to appetizers to desserts, can be prepared with slow cookers. But slow cookers are perhaps best suited for hearty meals, such as this recipe for "Creamy Ham 'n' Broccoli" from "Casseroles, Slow Cooker & Soups" (RDA Enthusiast Brands) by Taste of Home editors.



- Creamy Ham 'n' Broccoli**  
**Serves 6-8**
- 3 cups cubed, fully cooked ham
  - 1 10-ounce package frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
  - 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
  - 1 jar processed cheese sauce
  - 1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained
  - 1 1/4 cups uncooked instant rice

- 1 cup milk
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika

In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine the first 10 ingredients. Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours, or until the rice is tender. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with paprika. PC191640

### Clerk for the Police Department (part-time position)

The Town of Wales is seeking applicants for the part time position of Clerk for the Police Department. This position works under the direction of the Chief of Police and performs administrative and secretarial services for the Chief and department. This position maintains confidential departmental information, receives telephone calls and visitors, develops office procedures, maintains filing systems, prepares reports and a variety of correspondence, responds to requests for public records, schedules and coordinates appointments, gathers, duplicates and distributes information as necessary.

Applicants must have a high school diploma; three (3) to five (5) years experience in an advanced clerical position preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Complete job description available at [www.townofwales.net](http://www.townofwales.net). Successful candidate will be subject to an extensive background investigation.

Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume and three (3) professional references to: Thomas Ford, Chief of Police, Town of Wales, 3 Hollow Road, P.O. Box 262, Wales, MA 01081 or via email to [tford.police@townofwales.net](mailto:tford.police@townofwales.net). Resumes will be accepted until 12PM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. The Town of Wales is an AA/EOE.

### Road Commissioner (full-time position)

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Complete job description available at [www.townofwales.net](http://www.townofwales.net). Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume and three (3) professional references to: Ms. Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary, Town of Wales, P.O. Box 834, Wales, MA 01081 or via email to [select@townofwales.net](mailto:select@townofwales.net). Resumes will be accepted until 12PM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. The Town of Wales is an AA/EOE.



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## TO THE EDITOR

### Let's not wonder "if only..."

To the Editor:  
"If only..." Two words that are almost always associated with remorse and regret. An opportunity lost, not to be regained.

On Nov. 15 at our Special Town Meeting, we have an opportunity to choose a new path. Article 11 presents a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement to voters. In its simplest form, this agreement will grant Amazon a tax incentive to build their new distribution center on Route 20 in the area where May Town Meeting voters overwhelmingly updated our Zoning bylaws to accommodate the initiative.

The facts are simple, the capital investment in the facility is estimated to net a \$300 million increase to the local tax base. Our town will receive a projected \$19 million in net new Real Estate taxes over the 10-year term of the TIF Agreement (not including Personal Property Tax). In the ten years following the conclusion of the TIF, the Town will receive a projected \$30.6 million, making for a total of approximately \$49.6 million in projected net new property taxes over a period of 20 years. Personal property (furniture, fixtures, equipment, etc.) is estimated to generate an additional \$16 million over the 20-year period. The total amount is \$65MM in projected net new revenue over 20 years. This is in addition to the \$5.3 million that Amazon is committing to improvements along Routes 20 and 169 to help mitigate the increase in traffic, as well as \$4.5 million-plus in funding for sidewalk/street repairs, STEM education in our schools, public safety equipment, recreation, and arts

and activities.

Rest assured that Central Massachusetts will be developed, so we can embrace the future and welcome new businesses, or we can stagnate and allow others to prosper while we deal with the repercussions such as increases in traffic without any of the benefits or control. Make no mistake, the mythology that our beloved town is still a Currier and Ives print is simply a myth. We have grown and must evolve in order to survive. We fund 83 percent of our budget with residential real estate taxes and this is not sustainable. Just a quick look around sees that we are in dire need of capital improvements – a new Fire Station, updates to the Police station, updates to the Senior Center, renovations to Shepherd Hill, and much needed repairs/updates at Charlton Middle School along with Charlton Elementary. Combine all these with town water improvements, infrastructure needs, and much, much more, the choices are clear. We can decimate our operating budget to fund these needs, increase taxes, continue to turn a blind eye to our problems, or we can take a new approach and vote "Yes" on Article 11.

Let's not look back in five, 10 or 20 years and say "If only..." Our time for change is now, our time for controlled growth is now, and the time to make sure Charlton maintains what we love most about it while ensuring it remains that way for our children is Nov. 15.

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## Build your 'cash' account before retiring

If you're going to retire in the next few years, you'll want to start thinking about making some changes to your investment portfolio. And one area you may want to look at is whatever type of cash account you might have – because, when you're retired, the amount of cash you have readily available may be even more important than when you were working.



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Your cash management account could pay a slightly higher rate than a typical savings account, as well as serving as a holding place for funds that may eventually be transferred to other investments. Furthermore, it can provide you with these benefits:

You can pay for emergency expenses. You might be retired, but life goes on – and life is full of

unexpected expenses, such as a new furnace or a costly auto repair. It's a good idea for retirees to keep at least three months of living expenses in a separate cash account, which can help pay for emergencies without forcing you to dip into your longer-term investments.

You can save for a short-term goal. You may have several short-term goals, such as a long vacation or a kitchen remodeling project. If you are trying to reach this type of goal within a year or two, you may want to start moving funds into your cash management account. For goals with longer time frames, you may want to consider using other types of investments appropriate for the specific goal and your risk tolerance.

You can protect some money from market volatility. When you're a long way from retirement, you may not be particularly bothered when the financial markets drop, leading to a decline in the value of your investment portfolio. However, once you're retired, those downturns might not be quite so tolerable. As a retiree, you may want to maintain one year of expenses (adjusted for outside income sources such as Social Security) in a cash management account for spending purposes. Knowing you have this cash set aside may help you feel more comfortable when markets are volatile. Nevertheless, holding too much cash has risks of its own. Retirement can last for more than 30 years, so you'll want to be invested in enough equities and fixed-income vehicles to provide your portfolio with the balance and growth potential necessary to help you avoid outliving your money.

As you can see, building your cash management account can be helpful in several ways. So, in the years preceding your retirement, look for opportunities to add to this account. For example, you could use some of the money from a tax refund or a bonus at work. And, if you haven't already done so, you might direct your bank to move a certain amount each month from your checking or savings account into your cash management. When you're retired, do what you can to replenish your cash account as much as possible.

Your cash management account is important at every point in your life, but it may take on even greater meaning when you're retired – so do whatever you can to keep it in good shape.

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## Remembering our roots

We remember the 'good ol' days' when the thought of a video phone conversation would be epic. We thought the best we might get is something along the lines of Max Hedroom, who was introduced in 1984. What we ended up with is substantially better. What a great way to keep in touch with family members and friends across a far distance.

That being said, the rate at which technology is advancing is moving a bit too fast. It seems as though once an item has been unveiled, it becomes obsolete in a nano-second, paving the way for something better, faster and with more bells and whistles.

As time moves forward, how can we maintain a solid grip on our past? A recent trip to a local Historical Society had us speaking with those in charge, in regard to how 'most people just don't care about history anymore'.

The destruction of old buildings is becoming more and more common, and we wonder how that will affect future generations. It is one thing to look at old photographs of old schools, buildings, churches and other landmarks, however the history becomes more alive when you have something you can stand next to, observe with your own eyes in person, touch it, walk around and get a feel for how things once were. There really is a magic to it. History is fascinating. The way things once were, the way human beings have evolved over the years and how things have changed are some of the best stories one can hear. History keeps us grounded and in tune with who we are, especially family history dating back as far as you can go. You could find out that your great grandfather was an Editor of a newspaper in Philadelphia and have an 'a-ha' moment, that perhaps that is why you're sitting in front of a newfangled typewriter, writing, which is the case for this Editor. DNA is a pretty neat thing.

History is what has shaped us into who we are as a society. Preserving history is crucial in that it, if it can be done, represents different aspects of our culture, politics and economy. Being able to walk through Paul Revere's house in Boston, gives us a direct connection to that specific time and place, often representing major milestones. The ability for those sites to connect the dots to where you're standing over the years is something that should never be taken for granted. If old buildings and structures continually are demolished, what will be left of our past? While we do understand that sometimes this is a necessity due to safety or financial reasons, we also have the motto, "If they can put a man on the moon, they can save a building."

Preserving history is a way to appreciate our local and national heritage. Some buildings may be the only iconic ones left in a small New England town. Those are the places that give these small towns and big cities character. Often, even just one old building is enough to define a town. While new structures can draw in investments into a town, it is the history of a place that lures people to it. Every major city, and every town worth its salt has a historic village. We feel it is our duty, as we move throughout our lives, to do what we can to protect the past.

In the words of Marcus Garvey, "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

## Accomplish your goals

All of us have dreams that we would love to accomplish during our life. For some people, their dreams are merely fantasies, and they do nothing to bring them to fruition; some take small steps but never fully commit, and then some transform their dreams into reality.

Many techniques in the positive thinking world can help you accomplish your goals but let's not pretend that hard work and sacrifice won't be required. If you're going to achieve a big goal, hard work and sacrifice will become a daily activity.

I believe in the power of positive thinking, and if you're optimistic, you'll always get closer to your goals than if you're pessimistic. I've also learned positivity alone will not bring you to the life you want; you'll also need to work. You'll need to put in the time, and you'll need to burn the midnight oil; you'll have to work harder than expected.

When you're moving towards your goals, inevitably, obstacles will arise. You'll find yourself working many hours doing things that seemingly have nothing to do with your goals. Still, if you approach every activity that crosses your path by doing the best you can, you'll become a person of excellence, and a person of excellence will eventually get what they want.

One of my favorite speakers, Jim Rohn, said something profound, "How hard should you work? As hard as you can. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. How high does a tree grow? As high as it can!"

Working as hard as you can requires motivation. Finding motivation requires a goal; you'll have to know where you want to go with a clear, detailed plan on how to accomplish it.

I haven't always accomplished my goals. I've failed a lot, but in doing so,



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I've found a pattern in my successes and failures.

When I have a clear goal written on a piece of paper and hanging on the wall in my bedroom, I almost always accomplish it.

I wake up in the morning, and before I walk out of my room, I read the goals, and I'm reminded of where I'm headed and how I will get there. Before I go to sleep, I read them. It's easy to get sidetracked, and reminding yourself of your goals several times a day is necessary.

Norman Vincent Peale wrote his goals on a card and put them in his shirt pocket over his heart. He read them several times a day.

If you have a big goal, you'll need to think about it several times a day. Empty your mind of negativity, believe with all your heart that you will turn your goal into reality. If you do this, you'll find the desire inside of you to do whatever it takes. You'll wake up early, you'll stay up late, you'll show up early, and you'll be the last to leave. You'll excel in every area of your life.

What if you don't have the time? So many of us think that if we have a full

Time job and a family to take care of, and other obligations that we don't have enough time to accomplish our goals.

What if you only spend one hour a day working toward your goals? It may not seem like much, but if you commit yourself to one hour a day for an entire year, you'll have spent three hundred and sixty-five hours working on your dream! For some of us, that may be all that's required.

Try it out, write your goal down with a plan to accomplish it, read it several times a day, work hard even if it's just for an hour a day, stay committed and see what happens. I'm betting you'll like the results.

## Recipes for Leftover Pumpkin

ues to please!

Ingredients: one half cup brown sugar; two teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, divided; two tablespoons granulated sugar; two cups half-and-half; two tablespoons pumpkin puree; one half teaspoon vanilla extract; ice cubes; four ounces vanilla vodka; one liter sparkling water

Instructions: In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the brown sugar, one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice, and a half cup water. Stir until the sugar is dissolved and bring it to a boil. Remove from heat and cool for 30 minutes. Syrup can be stored in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Mix together the granulated sugar and remaining one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice and put it onto a shallow plate. Pour two tablespoons of the simple syrup onto a plate.

Dip the rims of four martini glasses into the syrup, and then in the spiced sugar. Set aside.

In a large measuring cup, combine the half-and-half, pumpkin puree, vanilla, and half the simple syrup and whisk until well blended. Pour in to a pitcher filled with ice. If using the vodka, add it to the pitcher before serving and stir. Pour into the prepared glasses. Top with sparkling water. Makes four servings.

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### Homemade Pumpkin Soup

What can be better than homemade pumpkin soup? How about a recipe from the kitchen of Food Network's "Pioneer Woman" Ree Drummond?

Ingredients: Two whole pie pumpkins; one quart vegetable or chicken stock; one half cup heavy cream; one

third cup maple syrup; dash of nutmeg; salt to taste; extra cream for serving.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place pumpkins on a cookie sheet and roast them until slightly shriveled and soft. Allow to cool slightly, then slice in half and carefully scoop out seeds and pulp. Scoop yummy flesh into a bowl. Set aside.

In a pot, heat up the pumpkin flesh with the stock and maple syrup until simmering. Mash out the big chunks, the transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor (or use an immersion blender) and puree until velvety smooth. Add cream and nutmeg, and then blend again.

Reheat if you need to, or just go ahead and serve in a hollowed-out pumpkin of whatever size you'd like.

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Halloween might be over, but the pumpkins live on. Whether leftover pumpkins were used as harvest decorations, or were passed over for carving, the big question is: What to do with the perfectly good sugar pumpkins? Each year, this column tackles the annual dilemma by promoting pumpkin repurposing! Read on for some recipes that use up pumpkin leftovers.

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### Pumpkin Martini

Talk about pushing pumpkin power up a notch! Several years ago Food Network star Sandra Lee came come up with this pumpkin cocktail that contin-



# Changing of the seasons

It is hard to believe that October has come & gone already. One thing about New England — if you do not like the weather, just wait a while. The four seasons are the one thing this writer enjoys. This past week, I decided to winterize my boat and put it in storage in my back yard. Removing the batteries from the boat every year, and storing them in my cellar, prolong their life for many years. Storing them away after a full battery charge will ensure me that they are ready for the first fishing trip in the Spring. Winterizing my outboard motor takes little time. The lower unit needs to be drained and new oil is added.



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Deer hunting continues to improve for archers, as the bucks come into the rutting season. Numerous impressive bucks have been harvested to date, along with some huge does. Archers now harvest more deer, than during the shotgun season annually! It may turn out that the 2021 Massachusetts hunting season will again have a record harvest, if mother nature cooperates.

Fogging the motors pistons and carburetors is done every year, and gasoline is protected by a gas stabilizer. Time to cover the boat with a good tarp, and securing it with some bungee cords, is the final step. Protecting the wheels by placing the tires on a piece of wood, will help extend the life of the tires, especially if the trailer is parked on a grassy area.

Fishing rods need to be cleaned and reels oiled to ensure that they are ready for the start of the fishing season in the spring. As I was putting my fishing gear away, I spotted my ice auger in the shed, and realized it was time to give the motor a quick start. A couple of pulls on the starter cord and away it went. It sure pays to add gas stabilizer to the gas prior to storing it for the summer. I use it in all of my power lawn equipment, to keep them running. The gas today has numerous parts of ethanol that can eat up the seals in your carburetors, not only in your outboard motors, but in all of your power yard equipment. This writer loves ice fishing, but I still like to jig fish over fishing with ice tip ups (tilts). It is not far off. More in the coming weeks.

Deer do the strangest things to survive or move from one piece of property to meet new friends. A number of years ago, I was fishing with the late Doc Fenzel of Douglas. He was a highly respected Veterinarian in the valley, and had a practice for many years on Quarry Hill. We had decided to fish around the Block Island area. As we headed out, we were half way to the island, when I noticed something in the water. I pointed it out to the Doc, and he slowed the engine to get a better look at the strange object in the water. We were both shocked and amazed that the object was a good size buck, swimming from the Island to the Mainland. I guess he just got tired of the scenery at the island, and was looking for love somewhere else.

Deer are good swimmers as their hairs are filled with air to keep them buoyant, but their navigation is very slow. Our main concern was that it may get run over by a vessel, but we never heard of any deer collision in the coming days and weeks after the incident. Just recently, I read in the Hawkeye magazine in New Hampshire about a buck that had gotten himself into a precarious situation. A homeowner heard the grunting of a deer, he thought. As he waked down to the end of his driveway, he noticed a six-point buck with his antler stuck in the rear leg. He must have had a serious itch and



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This week's picture of an English pointer holding a beautiful point on a pheasant in a local field.

decided to scratching the area with his antler which they often do, & ended up piercing through the flesh and lodging in the back leg between the bone and tendon. The resident walked around the deer and made a quick decision to help the animal by very quickly grabbing the rear leg and gave it a quick tug. It was a dangerous move, but it worked and the buck was free and scampered off into the nearby woods.

Numerous bucks have lost their life during the rutting season by getting their antlers locked together while fighting for their does. Many times, they end up dying locked together with their antlers, unable to free themselves from each other. One local hunter found a pair of deceased big bucks in the Maine woods a few years ago and reported the find to the state environmental police. He had cut the antlers free from the animals, with the antlers still locked together. The environmental police confiscated the antlers, and it took some time before they were

returned to the hunter. It was the proper thing to do.

Local freshwater fishing continues to provide anglers with numerous trout and bass with an occasional pickerel mixed in. Hornpout fishing is also improving on the Wet River, for anglers that enjoy catching them, and they also provide great eating. Most hornpout (a member of the catfish family) are caught bottom fishing with worms and nightcrawlers. At this time of year, the hornpout is migrating up or down river to their winter home. During the summer, hornpout fishing is best at night, but this time of year can be caught during the daytime hours. Give it a try and bring the kids. Be careful when handling the fish as they have sharp horns on both sides of the head, and at the top, which can be somewhat painful if your skin is accidentally punctured by the fish.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Tips for selling your antiques and collectibles



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
WAYNE TUISKULA

If you're interested in selling your antiques and collectibles, today's column is for you. I'll share some tips to help you get the most of your sale.

My first tip relates to timing: sell holiday collectibles in season. If you have Halloween collectibles, selling them in early October is best because Halloween is on peoples' minds. November and early December would be the right time to sell your vintage Christmas bulbs.

Second, sell items where they were made. I often get

calls or emails from people around the country who have Massachusetts-related items because they realize their local items will sell better here. I collect old Worcester-related photos, advertising pieces and other items because I live in the area.

Beyond photos and ephemera, additional items do well when sold locally. Joseph Greenwood was a Worcester impressionist painter. Whenever we auction one of his paintings, it sells very well because so many of our local bidders are interested in his works.

Third, decide how you want to sell your items. You can sell them to a dealer, hire an estate sale company or auction house, or sell on your own. If you decide to sell things on your own, research your items. Be sure to check what similar

items sold for, not the price the seller asked for. If you sell on your own, you can have a tag sale, sell on Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, eBay, ad in this paper or on other platforms. It's important to consider that you will need to pay a fee if you list on eBay. You will also have to describe your item taking note of any defects, take detailed photographs, answer bidder questions, and handle shipping. With Craigslist, you may have people you don't know coming to see your items so you may want to have someone else with you or take other safety precautions. With Facebook Marketplace, you can do some vetting of the buyer by viewing their profile before you meet them.

If you decide to hire an auction house or estate sale company, see if any family



members or friends have recommendations. Check reviews. Then talk with the companies you are considering. No matter what you decide, if you have something that is very valuable, auction is the preferred

method. Estate sale companies around the country often contract with auction houses to sell highly valuable items.

As we emerge from the pandemic, many auction houses

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#### Pumpkin Cake Squares

A boxed cake mix makes this homemade pumpkin dessert quick and easy!

Ingredients: one pound pumpkin, pureed (see method below); one can evaporated milk (12 oz); one cup granulated sugar; one half cup brown sugar; four beaten eggs; one tsp. cinnamon; one quarter tsp each salt, ginger, and cloves; one box yellow cake mix; one cup butter, melted

Instructions: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Mix the pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugars and spices together. Pour mixture into a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over top of mixture; then pour melted butter over all. Bake for about an hour or so until cake is fully cooked. Cover top loosely with foil if top becomes too brown. Cut into squares to serve.

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Pureeing Pumpkin: Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin for use in holiday recipes. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender, then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

To store, freeze in Ziploc bags or frost safe containers.

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Pumpkin Raisin Bread Pudding  
Warm, bread pudding merged with spicy pumpkin creates a double dose of comfort food!

Ingredients: 12 slices cinnamon-rai-

sin bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 8 cups); four eggs; one cup milk; 15 oz fresh pumpkin; one cup plus one Tbsp. packed brown sugar, divided; one tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided; tsp. vanilla; one half cup pecans; one half cup sour cream; one cup Cool Whip, thawed; one quarter cup maple syrup.

Instructions: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place bread cubes in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Beat eggs, milk, pumpkin, one cup brown sugar, one half tsp. pumpkin pie spice and vanilla with whisk until well blended. Pour evenly over bread; sprinkle with nuts. Bake 45 min. or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, mix sour cream, remaining sugar and remaining pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl until blended. Stir in Cool Whip.

Drizzle syrup over pudding. Serve warm topped with sour cream mixture.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House - Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in

historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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Southbridge: Mario Piccione, 83, of Harrington Rd., Charlton, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 24th in the Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT, after an illness. He was predeceased by his companion of many years, Rita M. Naratelli in 2015. He leaves his brother, Frank Piccione of Canterbury, CT; his sister, Mary Taylor of Savannah, GA; his step daughter, Pamela Moynagh of Madison, CT; his close cousin, Anna Piccione Mercure of Charlton; and

## Mario Piccione, 84



many nieces and nephews. He was born in Southbridge the son of Gregorio and Anna (Summa) Piccione. Mario served in the US Army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. Mario owned and operated Mario's Restaurant in Southbridge. He started the restaurant in 1967 and continued to run the restaurant until his very recent illness. Mario was a former member of the Southbridge Town Council. He was a member of the American Legion

and the Leonide J. Lemire post 6055 of the VFW, both in Southbridge. He was also a member of the Southbridge Optimist Club. Calling hours for Mario will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13th, from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a service to follow in the funeral home at 11:00am. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Center, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515 or online at www.secondchanceanimals.org. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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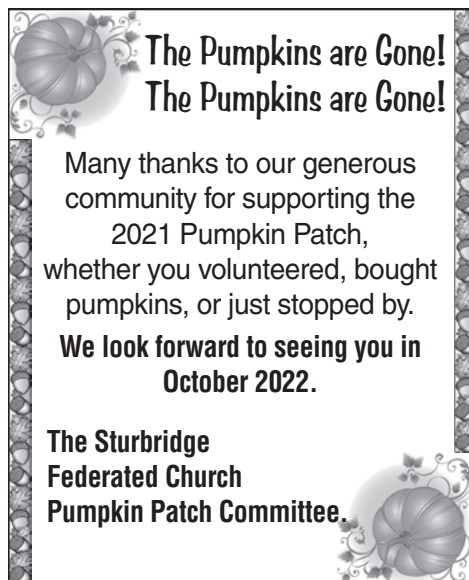
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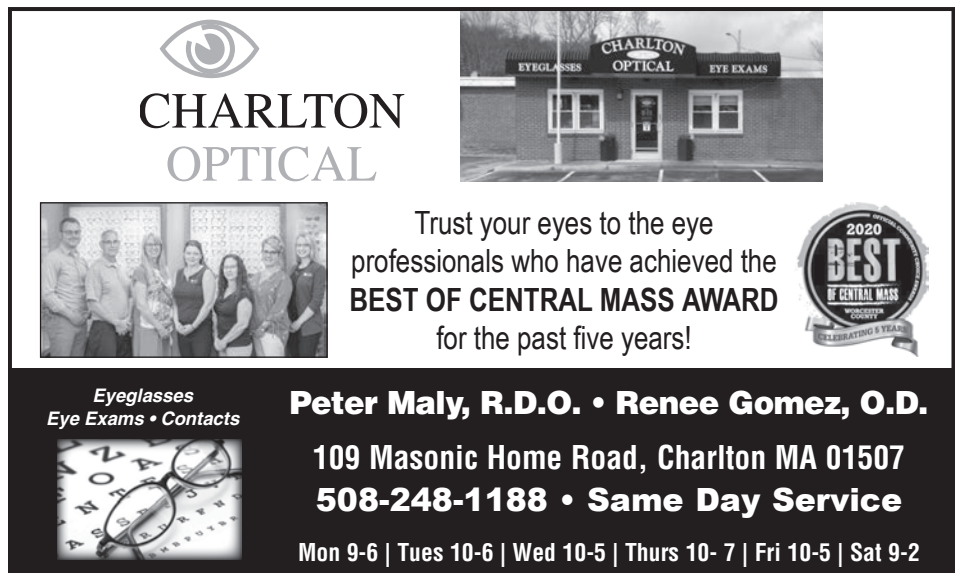
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# Delight friends and family with winter-blooming bulbs



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The flower petals of Giant Amadeus amaryllis start out white and turn to pink, coral and salmon.

Give a holiday gift that is guaranteed to bring joy and feelings of well-being. Research by Rutgers University found the gift of flowers generates a smile, elevates the recipient's mood, and provides feelings of happiness that last for days. Amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs make it easy for anyone to enjoy these benefits by growing their own living bouquet of flowers.

Non-gardeners will appreciate receiving an amaryllis or paperwhite gift kit that includes the bulb, soil, and pot. All they need to do is open the box, water the soil, and wait for the beauty to unfurl. Or make your own ready-to-grow gifts by purchasing bulbs and planting them in decorative pots.

Each amaryllis bulb sends up multiple stems topped with flowers that can measure up to eight inches across. Nurturing amaryllis or paperwhites from bulb to bloom requires no experience or special care, but

answers to any questions can be found at LongfieldGardens.com.

Are there gardeners on your list? Keep it simple by selecting some winter-blooming amaryllis or paperwhite bulbs and tucking them into an attractive gift bag. While most people are familiar with the classic red amaryllis, there are many other colors and flower styles to choose from. Make your gift extra special by ordering some of these less-common varieties.

Elvas is a double white amaryllis with petals outlined in red. As the flowers mature, they gradually open wider and the red highlights become more apparent.

Giant Amadeus features layers of petals that start out white and blush to pink, coral and salmon. The color and intensity increase as the petals open.

For a twist on traditional red, consider Magical Touch. Its cherry red blossoms have broad, ruffled petals edged in white. When the flowers are fully open, they are flat rather than trumpet shaped.

Ruby Star is another uncommon amaryllis. Classified as a papillon or butterfly-shaped amaryllis, it has large, irregular-shaped petals in a striking color combination of wine red and apple green.

Brighten dark winter days with the cheery, lemony yellow flowers of amaryllis Yellow Star. Each bulb will send up multiple stems topped with four to six long-lasting flowers.

The flowers of amaryllis Cape Horn feature big, rounded petals in a lovely shade of rose-pink. Each blossom has a white star at the center and a lime green throat.

Most amaryllis bulbs begin flowering eight to ten weeks after planting. Paperwhite narcissus bulbs bloom in half the time and can be grown in soil or a shallow bowl of stones and water. For maximum fragrance, plant Ziva paperwhites. Varieties such as Nir and Inbal produce the same snowy-white flowers but have a much lighter fragrance.

Store winter-blooming bulbs in a cool, dry and dark place until you are ready

to plant. Once you pot up the bulbs and place them in a warm, bright location, they will break dormancy and begin to sprout. Watching as the stems emerge, buds develop, and flowers appear is all part of the fun.

Be sure to order a couple extra bulbs for yourself. You will enjoy the stress relief these beautiful winter bulbs provide during the holiday season and long winter months.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## Friday's Child



Maxxon  
Age 13

Hi! My name is Maxxon and I love music!

Maxxon is a sweet, inquisitive, and kind boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent. He is generally easy-going and calm. His favorite activities include riding his bike and watching television. Maxxon is fascinated with broadcasting and radio. He also enjoys interacting with adults and loves music, especially classic rock. Maxxon has a good sense of humor and will often surprise everyone with a funny joke out of nowhere.

Maxxon is currently attending a therapeutic school with extra supports. He is doing well overall

in school and gets along with his peers. He can do his own daily care and hygiene, and with a little adult support is comfortable accessing his community.

Legally freed for adoption, Maxxon is eagerly awaiting his forever home. His social worker believes that he will thrive in a nurturing family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Maxxon has an Open Adoption Agreement and an adoptive family must be willing to help him visit with his birth father three times a year. Maxxon also has two half-sisters in Massachusetts who he would like to remain connected to. Maxxon can be placed outside of Massachusetts but must be within driving distance of the central part of the state.

### Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



## ANTIQUES

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continue to run live auctions. We have switched to all online auctions since the pandemic began and they have been producing good results. We plan to continue with online auctions for the foreseeable future. We have been auctioning entire estates when they have valuable items such as antiques, collectibles, and automobiles. We also run multi-estate auctions with gold jewelry, coins, Sterling silver, paintings, vintage sports cards and comic books, and a wide range of other antiques and collectibles that sell to local buyers or are shipped around the globe.

Selling your antiques and collectibles is a great way to earn some extra cash before the holidays. Speaking from experience, you may even like selling so much you start your own business.

Our next multi-estate online auction will begin on Nov. 10. I'll also be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Beginning in late November, we will be running an online auction of the contents of a West

Boylston estate with a newer model car and three wheeled motorcycle. The virtual antique appraisal event for the Townsend Historical Society has been postponed until next year. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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## LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Division**  
**Docket No. HD21P2002EA**  
**Estate of:**  
Clyde J Dumas  
**Date Of Death: April 23, 2021**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE**  
**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
**G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate by Petition of **Tyler L Reynolds of Spencer MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Tyler L Reynolds of Spencer MA** has been informally appointed as the of Personal Representative of the estate, to serve **without surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the

administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

November 15, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge MA  
The Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. regarding an application for well drilling. The applicant is requesting a variance of the local well regulations to install a water well for the property at 126 Westwood Drive. The applicant is proposing to install a new

well.

Any concerns, please contact: Sturbridge Board of Health at (508) 347-2504  
November 5, 2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**  
**PLAN SITE MEETING**  
**MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE**  
**SERVICE AREA 6W**  
**(GOULD-CEMETERY ROAD**  
**SAMPLE AREA)**  
**CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**RTN 2-0000760**

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 21E §14(a) and 310 CMR 40.1404, the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for Mass Turnpike 6W Service Area (i.e., the Site) was updated in January 2021. A Public Meeting was held on March 15, 2021 to present the updated PIP to the public and solicit/respond to comments. On July 9, 2021, ExxonMobil submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) a report presenting its findings regarding the source of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in the Gould-Cemetery Road Area of Charlton. This report has

been reviewed by the MADEP's technical expert. A virtual public meeting has been scheduled via Zoom on November 17, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., to present the findings of the July 9, 2021 report and solicit comments. Copies of the report and comments provided by MADEP's technical expert are available through eDEP (refer to link below) and will also be made available during the meeting. Any questions regarding this meeting should be directed to Elizabeth Zinkevich of ExxonMobil at (207) 363-8345. The entire disposal site file can be reviewed on the MADEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 2-0000760 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at the MADEP Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606, (508) 767-2884. The meeting can be joined via web browser at <https://tinyurl.com/bdru3aj2> or by phone at +1 (929) 436-2866 using the Meeting ID 833 9724 9104 and Passcode 298320.  
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Evan Remillard checks his plays while waiting for play to resume.

The Rams' defense prepares to attack.



The seventh grade team pose for a photo after the game.



Jack Hanlon, with a convoy, heads back up-field after intercepting his second Boylston/West Boylston pass of the game.



Jack Grenier breaks away and scores a first half touchdown.



Breaking the huddle.



The Rams' offensive line attacks.



Josh LaBarge pulls away from a Boylston/West Boylston player on his way to a touchdown.

**MASKS**

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Officials in individual school districts are able to lift the mask requirement if they demonstrate that at least 80 percent of all students and staff in a particular school building are vaccinated. Requisite documentation of these numbers must be submitted to the DESE.

"Lifting the mask mandate through the vaccination threshold is a local decision made by school and district leaders if they choose to take advantage of it," read a statement released by DESE leaders.

For all other districts, all staff members and students ages 5 and older are required to wear masks indoors in schools, except when eating, drinking, or during mask breaks. Additionally, all visitors are expected to wear a

mask in school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

It is strongly recommended that students younger than 5 also wear a mask in school, state officials said.

Students and staff members who cannot wear a mask due to medical reasons are exempted from the mask requirement. The exemption also applies to students who cannot wear a mask due to behavioral reasons.

Masks are not required outdoors.

"Since the start of the year, approximately 920,000 public school students have been learning in schools with minimal disruptions," Commissioner Riley said. "In addition to masking, this progress has been possible thanks to school communities working together to participate in

the state's COVID-19 testing program, combined with high vaccination rates among eligible populations."

Massachusetts has also become a national model for surveillance and rapid testing in schools. More than 2,200 public and private schools have opted into either one or multiple forms of COVID-19 testing provided free by the state.

Recently, the DESE and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services launched a groundbreaking Test and Stay program for students identified as close contacts in school, allowing students to be tested daily and remain in class if they test negative. This program has already saved students across the Commonwealth more than 48,000 combined days of in-person learning this school year, officials said.

**OPTIONS**

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that these were initiatives they would eventually have to invest in regardless.

The next two proposals were an \$800,000 commitment for improving the town's radio system, a project that Charlton is already investing in as a "multi-generational plan," and \$200,000 for body cameras for the Charlton Police. The later proposal sparked some debate over whether or not the investment should be made before consulting the police union, however Town Administrator Golas confirmed talks between the town and union are already underway. The fourth proposal was to cre-

ate a community paramedicine program through the fire department and local EMS, something Golas said would respond to "non-emergency" care situations. "This type of program would deliver pre-hospital care, almost like an urgent care program. It's been piloted in a few different towns in Massachusetts and the fire department has been looking into this for a few years," Golas said.

Other potential investments included continued COVID-19 mitigation, a feasibility study for a new home for the Charlton Senior Center and Council on Aging, technology and cybersecurity upgrades, and connecting the water system to the police

department. The proposal that got the most debate however was and idea to use funds to explore and possibly start an Economic Development Coordinator program which proved to be divisive among selectmen. Some felt investing in a program or position that would eventually fall on the taxpayers was not the best use of the money while others felt that the current staff has proven capable of helping manage Charlton's economic growth. The selectmen tasked Golas with presenting a slimmed down proposal of this plan in future discussions.

No final decisions were made with town officials stating that the funding will be a regular part of upcoming meetings.

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