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Courtesy — Ryan Jacque Photos

Artist Ryan Jacque and some examples of his work.

Local artist looks to expand his reach

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

WALES—Local artist Ryan Jacque has been filling the walls of local homes with pencil drawings of New England wildlife and nature scenes, pets, and people for most of his life and is looking to get his art name out to the local community for more commissions.

Drawing has been his passion for most of his life, with graphite pencil being his sole medium, and even after a hunting accident that left him seriously injured a little over

10 years ago, Jacque never put his artwork to the side.

"I've been doing pencil drawing since I was six years old, and I'm 47 now," said Jacque. "I draw pets and local animals such as birds, deer, horses, things like that. I would eventually like to go out west and draw things like bison and elk, but not yet. My dog commission worked out very well last year and it has helped me because I'm disabled."

Jacque broke his femur and the back of his skull when

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New contract ends Stop & Shop strike

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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STURBRIDGE—After nearly three months of negotiations and 11 days of striking, members of the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1445 who are employed at Stop & Shop returned to work on Monday, April 22 after they reached a contract deal with the grocery store.

The new contract, which was agreed upon on Sunday, April 22 and ratified by the union members on Wednesday, April 25, provides a continuation of health care and retirement benefits, wage increases, and time-and-a-half pay on Sunday for current members among other things.

"We have a good, solid contract, worlds apart from the company's original proposal," said Stacianne Scarafoni, an employee at the Sturbridge Stop & Shop and a UFCW Local 1445 Shop Steward. "More importantly, the company did not succeed in breaking the union, which appears may have been their ultimate goal. As our UFCW Local 1445 president Jeff Bollen said, we now have a lot of power in our pockets. We stood up to corporate greed and brought them to their knees in 11 days. We should be so proud and grateful."

UFCW Local 145 and the Stop & Shop have been trying to make a deal since Feb. 23, when their three-year contract expired and the grocery store did not promise a continuation

of the wage levels or the pension and health insurance benefits its employees were receiving. The strike was formally authorized on Feb. 24 and launched on April 11.

"In the beginning, we all thought this was going to go on for a short period of time," said Scarafoni. "Later, however, many of us felt uncertainty, believing that if we went past Easter, we would be in it for the long haul."

The store was run by management at the beginning of the strike, but eventually brought in temporary help during the final days of the dispute. No orders were received for the entire week and a half, and the grocery store was reported to have lost millions of dollars over the 11 days.

The company released a statement on Sunday, April 21, announcing the new tentative agreements with the union and saying that the chain is "glad to have our associates return to work as the strike has ended."

"Our associates' top priority will be restocking our stores so we can return to taking care of our customers and communities and providing them with the service they deserve," said the company. "We deeply appreciate the patience and understanding of our customers during this time, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Stop & Shop."

The Sturbridge Stop & Shop

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Fire displaces dozens, injures one

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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STURBRIDGE—An early morning three-alarm fire on Sunday, April 21 at the 1738 House apartment complex at 489 Main St. displaced 80 residents and caused smoke-related damage to 42 apartments, sending one resident to a local hospital with a minor injury and causing several others to suffer from smoke inhalation.

The fire was determined to be caused by the improper disposal of smoking materials and was contained to the one room it started in. However, because the smoke conditions were said to have made the building unsafe, the Sturbridge Fire Department said that they decided a total evacuation was necessary to ensure the safety of the residents.

"At first it was 14 apartments, but we ended up closing down the building temporarily due to concerns of hygiene and we had to shut the power off," said Sturbridge Fire Chief John Grasso. "Currently, 80 residents from all 42 apartments

are being provided temporary housing from the American Red Cross."

Firefighters from surrounding towns including Charlton, Spencer, North Brookfield, Brookfield, Warren, Brimfield, Webster, Auburn, and Southbridge helped on and off duty Sturbridge firefighters fight the flames and assist with search and evacuation. They were able to stop the fire and make sure everyone was safe very quickly.

"All responding crews did an excellent in preventing the spread of this fire," wrote the Webster Fire Department on their Facebook page.

On the day of the fire, the Red Cross immediately set up at the Sturbridge Senior Center to offer shelter and assistance to displaced residents and the property manager of the apartment complex put residents up in a local hotel. BT's Smokehouse also offered the people affected by the fire to eat at the restaurant for free and Cumberland Farms provided additional

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Courtesy Photo

OSV MAKES ANIMATED DEBUT

Old Sturbridge Village served as the setting for a recent episode of the popular adult-oriented animated series "Family Guy" on the Fox television network. Titled "You Can't Handle the Booth!" the episode, which aired March 24, sees Lois Griffin taking her children to the Village to show them the way life used to be after getting fed up with their excessive cell phone use. Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning actress Sarah Paulson made a guest appearance voicing a costumed tour guide.

OSV announces spring guest speakers

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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STURBRIDGE—Old Sturbridge Village has announced that it will be hosting three guest speakers of the next few months, a golf historian, a historical biography author, and a magazine edi-

tor, as part of its 2019 Spring Speaker Series.

Taking place at the village for over a decade, the Spring and Fall Speaker Series bring six distinguished academics, writers, artists, or musicians to the Fuller Conference Center each year. A committee decides on which

speakers will be featured and each event somehow relates to American history or the New England region.

"These three speakers are really bringing diversity to the series," said Michael Arnum, Director of Marketing & Public Relations at Old Sturbridge Village. "We have

something for everyone. Sometimes people get the perception that you have to be a history buff to attend, but that's not the case. These topics are relevant to more than just history and everyone can be a part of it."

On Thursday, May 9, golf writer, historian, and

archaeologist Anthony Pioppi, a descendant of Dr. Pioppi in Southbridge who is currently based in Middletown, Connecticut, will talk about his 2018 book *The Finest Nines*, which highlights the twenty-five finest nine-hole courses

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Hitchcock Happenings

Hitchcock Academy calendar

BRIMFIELD — Following is the schedule of activities at Brimfield Academy for the week beginning May 6.

Monday, May 6
FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Dates: Mondays when school is in session until May 2019. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing: union61cfce@tantasqua.org

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

VIOLIN: Private lessons between 2-6 PM with Linda Day Newland.

CHI KUNG: Slow, careful movements to increase flexibility and balance. Time: 6 – 7 PM

HATHA YOGA: Relax and rejuvenate with postures and guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear

comfortable clothing. 7:15-8:15 PM
SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

Tuesday, May 7
ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally without instruction. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will Donations are welcome. Time: 9-11:30AM Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 for more information.

GRANDPARENTS IN THE KNOW: 9 – 10:30 AM a support group for grandparents with custody of their grandchildren. The focus is on providing contacts for resources and support for each other.

PILATES: Floor exercises to target the core muscles and improve flexibility and balance. Time: 5:15 – 6:15 PM; Instructor: Karen Larsen.

Wednesday, May 8

WATERCOLORS WITH BETH: Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every 3 weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. Time: 9:30 to noon. Fee: \$19 per week plus supplies. Instructor: Beth Parys. For information and to register, call Beth at 413-245-3295.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Music

& Movement: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-10:00 AM Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2019. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

BUDDIES BASIC TRAINING AND MANNERS FOR CANINES OF ALL AGES: Positive training methods, good management practices and problem solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog for 6 week course. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

Thursday, May 9
FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: STEAM Group: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-10:00 AM Dates: Thursdays when school is in session until May 2019. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

VIOLIN: Private lessons between 2-5 PM with Linda Day Newland.

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FENCING: Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

K9 NOSEWORK® is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their peo-

ple. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Saturdays 9-10:30; Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11
FARMER'S MARKET: 9 AM – 2 PM in the Hitchcock Academy Parking lot.

TAI CHI: 9 – 11 AM Seminar includes a variety of Tai Chi and Chi Kung. Fee \$23 – pre-registration is required. Instructor: David Masera

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GELATO IN A BAG: 11 – Noon. Cold, smooth, creamy Gelato, a sure sign of spring. Using local goat milk, make your own fresh, individual size Gelato in a bag. Fee: \$5.00

Sunday, May 12

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Time: 11:30 – 1:30. Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information

Tantasqua invites veterans to Memorial Day ceremony

FISKDALE — Veterans from Sturbridge and surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend the annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans' Breakfast at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School, 320B Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale, on Friday, May 24.

Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. in the Junior High cafeteria on the second floor. The annual Memorial Day ceremony remembering those who made that sacrifice to ensure the freedom we have today and to honor our veterans will begin at 9 a.m. The ceremony will consist of musical selections from our band and chorus, distinguished speakers, and student readings.

Please RSVP to Rebecca Perrin at (508) 341-8373 or perrinr@tantasqua.org.

Choral Society presents "Songs That Shaped America"

REGION — The Quaboag Choral Society would like to invite you and yours to attend our spring concert, "Songs That Shaped America." This concert is a musical journey through the rich history of the United States of America.

Nothing tells the story of our country — our culture, passion, spirituality, and history — better than our music. Our journey begins with the very patriotic opening number, "The Star-Spangled Banner," and proceeds through centuries past to the present. From the haunting melody of "Shenandoah," to the rousing strains of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," to the meaning-laden lyrics of "Freedom-A Medley of Spirituals" and "We Shall Overcome," there is

something for everyone to connect with and enjoy. This concert will highlight the great achievements of America, as well as the missteps of the past, and will also touch on the prosperity our nation has experienced and the difficult times our nation has endured. This musical journey through America's history will inspire patriotism, rekindle memories, and bring hope for our future.

We will perform our spring concert, "Songs That Shaped America," on Thursday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Senior Center; Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at The Overlook in Charlton; and Friday, May 17, 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Spencer



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Old Sturbridge Academy participates in Better World Day



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norm at Old Sturbridge Academy, and at more than 160 EL Education schools across the country, where academics are joined to character and service.

Created in celebration of EL

Education’s 25 years of transforming classrooms across the country, the Better World Project showcases 18 student projects that are making positive change in their communities and the world; Old Sturbridge Academy’s project is one that will be highlighted by the national organization.

Old Sturbridge Academy students will lead a procession, grouped by their hometowns, for a morning ceremony at 9 a.m. on May 3, on the Old Sturbridge Village common. The guiding question for the students is “What do we have in common?” Students will lead the opening ceremony with song and poetry; Kindergartners will sing a rendition of “American Chestnut” in reference to their Chestnut tree planting, to the tune of Guess Who’s 1970s pop song “American Woman.” Jim Donahue, President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village, will share his remarks.

“Now more than ever, doing work that matters is important for students, their communities, and the nation. The Better World Project joins character and scholarship, spotlighting the work of students who are taking ownership of their learning and building bridges of understanding across differences,” said Scott Hartl, President and CEO of EL Education.

“The students of Old Sturbridge Academy are infused with the desire to improve their communities, because self-improvement is at the core of their learning experience. Better World Day is their chance to share and implement what they’ve learned with the broader community,” said Jim Donahue,



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President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village.

Following the ceremony, students will fan out to different locations in the Village where they will prepare a field for a fall planting of American Chestnuts, work on a pollinator garden managed by the students, and build bat boxes to provide shelter for those creatures.

After their day at the Village, students will plant shade trees in each of the communities that the school serves, including Sturbridge, Brimfield, West Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Holland, Monson, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer, Wales, and Webster.

Visitors to Old Sturbridge Village on May 3 are welcome to witness the opening ceremony and participate in the activities offered by the students; the museum will open at 9:00 am, one half-hour earlier than it is usually scheduled.

Alyssa Kievra of Holland inducted into Psi Chi Honor Society

WORCESTER — Assumption’s Department of Psychology has announced that Alyssa Kievra, of Holland, has become a member of the Psychology National Honor Society, Psi Chi. Kievra, Class of 2021, was inducted into the honor society during the 2018-19 academic year.

“We are extremely proud of our new inductees into Assumption’s chapter of Psi Chi,” said Assistant Professor of Psychology Leamarie Gordon, Ph.D., and Associate Professor of Maria Parmley, Ph.D., the honor society’s advisors. “This is an intelligent and hard-working group of students and we are happy to recognize them for their hard work, discipline, and love for psychology. This is a great achievement and we look forward to witnessing the many great contributions students will make in their chosen field and communities.”

Psi Chi was founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and

advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduates, of junior or senior academic standing, who have chosen psychology as their major or minor. Inductees must also have completed nine semester hours of psychology courses, rank in the top 35 percent of their class, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.25, in both psychology classes and in overall cumulative grades. Psi Chi members are invited to submit scholarly articles to the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research, apply for research grants, and attend and present at regional and national conferences.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 35 majors and 47 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master’s and continuing education

degrees and professional certificate programs—each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students—whether on the Worcester campus or at the College’s Rome, Italy, campus—become engaged participants in Assumption’s classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

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May 2019 Happenings at the Brimfield Senior Center

May 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Live right here at the Brimfield Senior Center we welcome back the fabulous Jimmy Mazz with his "Remember When" show for our "Merry May" Party. Jimmy will entertain us with his ultra-smooth vocals with music from the fifties, sixties & seventies as he creates his impressions of Tom Jones, Tony Orlando, Bobby Darin,

Rod Stewart, Joe Cocker, and of course The King "Elvis" (and too many more to list). Relax and enjoy while you nibble on cream cheese spread & crackers followed by Eva's Herb Crusted Roast Pork Loin; Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Gravy and Butternut Squash. May Birthdays will be celebrated with Song & Cake! 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, a state agency. There is no cost for Jimmy's Show but there is a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal. Please reserve your seat prior to May 20. The Brimfield Senior Center located in the

1 Congregational Church, 20 Main St. 413-245-7253 *****
May 29, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday: Our "Strolling through History" series continues with "Henry David Thoreau & His Relevance for Us Today" American author and naturalist Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) is best known for spending one night in jail for nonpayment of the state poll tax, and for living for two years along the shores of Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. More than a century and a half later, his essays and books are still being read, and his words are still printed on inspirational posters and greeting cards. What

were his basic philosophies, and how do they resound with us today? We'll learn a bit more about this "Transcendentalist" and will discuss what threads may connect us to him - including his travels along the Western Railroad through West Brimfield. Corinne H. Smith is a writer who worked as a librarian for more than 30 years. Along the way, she earned a degree in outdoor teacher education. She is the author of "Westward I Go Free: Tracing Thoreau's Last Journey," the first book to follow Henry Thoreau's 1861 trip from Massachusetts to Minnesota; and a biography and activity book for middle-schoolers, "Henry David Thoreau for Kids: His Life and

Ideas, With 21 Activities." She works at the Shop at Walden Pond and also is a licensed tour guide for the Town of Concord. She lives in Gardner. Immediately following the presentation please join us for a complementary luncheon. We will be having Eva's Homemade Pasta Faggioli Soup with Assorted Sandwiches and dessert. This program is supported by a grant from the Brimfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Please call 413-245-7253 prior to May 24 to reserve your space. The Brimfield Senior Center located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St.

School Committee to explore Capital Plan study options

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON - The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee will be considering options for a comprehensive capital plan study that would provide an organized and updated reference form charting the future needs of the district.

The concept was referenced in past meetings in 2019 but now the School Committee has officially voted to start the process of exploring a capital plan study in the wake of a recent presentation that focused on facilities and educational planning. Richard Mathieu, Director of Finance and Operations for

the district, explained that his recommendation would be for the district to focus more on facilities in the foreseeable future.

"It would be nice to do both facets of that study, but the facility portion of it is what's truly needed so that we can set a baseline and start to get into conversations with both towns about our capital needs," Mathieu said. "Having the study done at all seven schools would provide that nice clean baseline and something that, if updated every ten years or every fifteen years in a regular cycle, will keep us ahead of the curve in being proactive with repairs."

The cost projection for such a study range from as low as \$15,000 to as high as \$70,000, the maximum budgeted for the study by the school committee. Mathieu said the committee doesn't have to spend all \$70,000 and explained that the process of finding a company to work with is not as random as a request

for qualifications. This process does not involve bidding, but instead would require a subcommittee to enter into negotiations involving project scope and price meaning the district can work with companies to mold the study as they please, both in scale and in cost.

The concept wasn't outright dismissed by any of the School Committee members but there were mixed opinions on whether or not spending up to \$70,000 on such an initiative was appropriate. Committee member Stephanie Reed looked positively on the idea and felt the plan would help lay out priorities and needs more carefully and professionally to the two district towns.

"We're doing this so both towns know we have capital needs here and we're not on their radar in any shape or form in any of their talks for their budgets," Reed said.

On the other hand, committee member Jamie Terry was one of a few members who felt that if the cost were to hit the \$70,000 maximum it might be a steep price to pay.

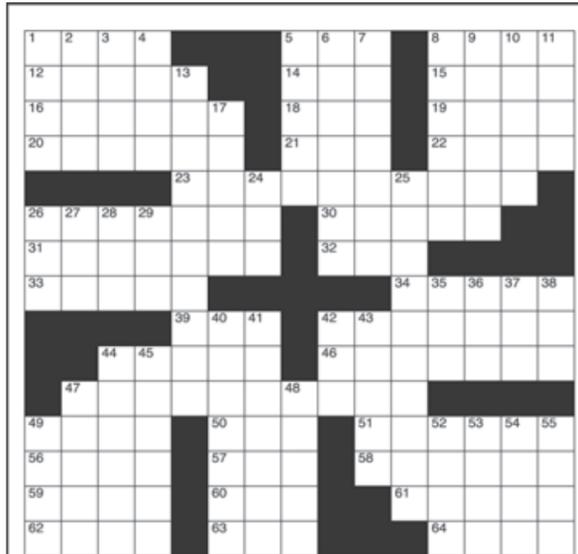
"I'm all for saying we need this, and I think this is obviously good business practice that happens in many different kinds of businesses, but I don't know

that \$70,000 is the correct price tag for that. I've seen studies occur at \$30,000 for communities for things like this and still be a very valid, viable report," Terry said.

Committee vice chair Mary Antocci offered a mixed opinion, agreeing that it's an initiative worth exploring but admitting she felt there was more to discuss and examine before making any final decisions on how to move forward.

"While we have the funds available I think that we should at least move forward with having conversations with various companies to see what they can provide. Having been and being a project manager for more years than I'm going to admit I was a little concerned with the presentation that we did have because I felt that there was a lot of fluff in the plan," Antocci said. "I'm thinking that we can significantly cut down the cost and get the results we're looking for, but I think we should move forward."

The committee moved to at least start the process and get the ball rolling. They plan to discuss and timeline and more details into approaching the study at future meetings.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tenor
- 5. Panthers' signal caller
- 8. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 12. Rulers
- 14. Indonesian coastal town
- 15. Type of cuisine
- 16. Kids
- 18. Single Lens Reflex
- 19. Extra seed-covering
- 20. Force out
- 21. Feline
- 22. ___ & Stitch
- 23. Semantic relations
- 26. A larval frog or toad
- 30. Sport for speedsters
- 31. One who is learning
- 32. Request
- 33. Famed WWII conference
- 34. Relieved
- 39. English broadcaster
- 42. Car signal
- 44. Grass part
- 46. Trivially
- 47. Serve as a warning
- 49. Centers of activity
- 50. An electrically charged atom
- 51. Small swelling of cells
- 56. Irritates
- 57. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
- 58. Removed
- 59. "Death in the Family" author
- 60. When you hope to arrive
- 61. German district
- 62. Turner and Kennedy
- 63. Midway between south and southeast
- 64. Emerald Isle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mathematical optimization search method
- 2. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 3. Pointed parts of pens
- 4. Lake ___, one of the Great
- 5. Peruvian region
- 6. State capital of Georgia
- 7. Those killed for their beliefs
- 8. Typeface
- 9. Shriill cry
- 10. Sends via the Postal Service
- 11. Holds grain
- 13. Occurring at a fitting time
- 17. Vogue
- 24. Born of
- 25. Get the job done
- 26. Teletype (Computers)
- 27. Small southern constellation
- 28. Decaliters
- 29. Area near the concert stage
- 35. Social insect living in organized colonies
- 36. Winter activity
- 37. Snakelike fish
- 38. Not wet
- 40. In addition to
- 41. In league
- 42. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 43. Monetary unit
- 44. Marked
- 45. Emerges
- 47. Shape by heating
- 48. Early Slavic society
- 49. Italian automaker
- 52. Racing legend Earnhardt
- 53. A type of name
- 54. ___ Strauss, jeans maker
- 55. Famed garden

Singer wants audit of town boards

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - In the wake of the recent discord between town boards concerning the Valley Green Grow proposal for the Charlton Orchard property, one selectman is calling for a neutral party to be brought in to hopefully provide peace of mind to the public.

On April 9, Selectman David Singer recommended that a neutral audit be conducted in order to insure the public that no wrongdoing had been committed and mend the relationship between elected officials and the public at large.

"Nothing is more important than the public trust. A lot has been going on as far as the public is concerned, and the way our board and the Planning Board have interacted. I don't believe a board can investigate itself. I think if you're going to have any semblance of credibility, you need to be investigated by somebody else," Singer said.

He recalled a previous situation in the town's history where

a board chair had requested a third-party audit of their own board. Singer is recommending the same action be taken by the Board of Selectmen.

"I would like to do the same to investigate the interactions between our board and the Planning Board so that we can have them given access to videos, meeting minutes, all town emails and they can then do their own independent audit. They can generate their own report which can be made available to the public," said Singer. "I think there's no price you can put on the public's trust. I think that the public is not going to accept any board investigating itself."

Singer's comments came following discussions earlier in the meeting on April 9 between Planning Board Chair Patricia Rydlak and selectmen where she demanded legal representation to counteract false accusations against her in court that she had wrongly recorded a phone conference meeting between attorneys and a judge in Land Court. This was only the latest in a

long line of contentious debates between selectmen and member of the Planning Board who share different opinions about the Valley Green Grow project. Selectmen did agree to consider an internal investigation concerning how those false accusations came about against Rydlak seeing as the information used to justify the accusations had been collected from information allegedly taken out of context from a Board of Selectmen meeting. Singer has proposed taking things a step further to conduct a full audit of the board's activities.

"What I'm looking for is broader. Between the two boards did we or they do anything wrong," Singer said. "I can't investigate myself. We can't investigate ourselves, but an outside auditor can come in with eyes and nothing to gain or lose."

Selectmen agreed to discuss the matter at a future meeting. As of press time, the item had yet to be added to the agenda for the April 23 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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Selectmen bid farewell to Szafarowicz

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Board of Selectmen bid farewell to one of their own on April 23, as it was the final meeting for outgoing Selectman Joe Szafarowicz.

Szafarowicz has been a staple of town politics for the last few years serving as a selectman for several terms and even chairing the board for a time. Szafarowicz has decided not to pursue another term in office leaving the door open for a new candidate to fill his seat in this weekend's municipal election. Before Szafarowicz's departure, though, the members of the board of selectmen took the time to offer their compliments to a man they say has helped the town through some rough patches flawlessly over the last decade.

Board Chair John McGrath was the first to share his comments thanking Szafarowicz for his service, and for serving as a guide for McGrath when he took over as chair of the board.

"Joe has from a young age been very involved in the town Finance Committee and with the Board of Selectmen. He's been a stellar member



Joe Szafarowicz

of this board even before I got on it. He has always tried to do the right thing and has always listened to everybody's discussion. He's eloquently explained his reasoning one way or another why he has voted that way. I, as chair, just want to thank him for the time I spent

on the board when he was chair or vice chair. I learned a lot from watching Joe. He's very even tempered, very understanding and has done a very good job for the town," McGrath said.

The compliments didn't end there. Selectman Deborah Noble admitted she was emotional knowing Szafarowicz would no longer be beside her at the table during meetings but kept her composure as she complimented his character and commitment to the job.

"There are people who sit on the sidelines and throw arrows and barbs and then there are people who actually get up and do something. That's Joe. He got up and did something and he still will, and he always will. It's in his DNA," Noble said. "It has been my privilege to sit next to him for two years."

Selectman David Singer complimented Szafarowicz track record bringing to light his accomplishments in helping Charlton through recession as well as being a part of resolving some tough and, at times, tumultuous and controversial issues and setbacks the community has had to face.

"Joe has been through a lot and overseen a lot. He has a lot to be proud of. He

was part of a team and not only represented the town with dignity and all the taxpayers who live here, but he also was a key part of the team that steered this town through probably one of, if not the biggest economic downturn since the great depression without a tax increase, fee increase or a single layoff. I think the taxpayers, and everyone here have a lot to be grateful for," Singer said.

Finally, Selectman Karen Spiewak, who has spent the least amount of time with Szafarowicz on the board, closed things out thanking Szafarowicz for setting a high bar for her and others still to come in town leadership.

"I admire everything Joe has done for the town. He's been so involved for so very long and I sincerely wish him the best in whatever his future holds," Spiewak said.

For his part, Szafarowicz kept his goodbye very simply saying he couldn't have done anything he accomplished without the rest of the team of elected officials he has worked with over the years beside him to help lead the charge.

Tantasqua Junior High to hold first off-campus recital

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

FISKDALE—Tantasqua Regional Junior High School will be having an off-campus recital for the first time ever on Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church to give the students a new performing experience and share their talents with the wider community.

The event will include the school's seventh and eighth grade wind students participating in five small ensembles including flute, clarinet, saxophone, brass, and percussion and playing a variety of chamber ensemble pieces specific to their instruments.

"It's something different to

spice things up," said Lucy Colwell, Instrumental Director at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School and the conductor of the Worcester Youth Wind Ensemble. "It gives the kids a different performing opportunity and a new challenge to advance their performance skills."

The recital will also include a performance by the Tantasqua Faculty Hand Chimes group, a relatively new establishment that brings the district's instructors together to practice their hand chimes skills for local performances. The ensemble is directed by Colwell and includes retired speech specialist Beth Plant, TRJHS science teacher Jesse Greene, TRJHS librarian Polly Currier, TRJHS

Vice Principal Heidi Peterson, TRJHS Choral Director Eric Von Bleicken, TRHS Spanish teacher Helena Paez, TRHS math teacher Tracy Carbone, TRJHS instructional assistant Nick Valcour, TRJHS physical education instructor Diane Nichols, private bassoon instructor Glenn Godfrey, and TRHS English teacher Amy Willard.

"The staff get together on Friday afternoons to rehearse," said Colwell. "We have been in existence for a few years and have done events like the candlelight ceremony at Old Sturbridge Village and opening up for school concerts."

The first Tantasqua Regional Junior High School recital is open to the public and there

is plenty of space for a crowd at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church. Family and friends of the students and residents of the towns in the area are encouraged to attend to show support for the students and faculty and give them an opportunity to play in front of an audience outside the school.

"It's about the feeling of a professional gig," said Colwell. "It's just so different for them. I'm excited about the recital, and even though it's hard to start up something new, I'm hoping it continues even if it's just once a year."

Other upcoming Tantasqua Regional Junior High School music department events include the second annu-

al Jazz Night coming up on May 15th at Ye Olde Tavern in West Brookfield. The concert is in partnership with the Tantasqua Community Jazz Band, which will be playing alongside the students, and is free and open to the public. The school will also be participating in a jazz program exchange concert at Dudley Middle School on May 11 and having its annual spring band concert on Wednesday, June 12 from 7 until 9 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

For more information on Tantasqua Regional Junior High School's music program or upcoming events, call the school at 508-347-7381 or go to <http://www.tantasqua.org/tjhs>.

JACQUE

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he was bow hunting by himself in November of 2008 and fell more than 25 feet out of a tree. He was blinded in his left eye and suffered from a brain injury, taking him over six years in addition to a month-long induced coma and rehab to get the right side of his body functioning properly.

"I was hunting by myself and I didn't tell anyone where I was going," he said. "I went out at 4:40 in the morning, and I'm usually back by 10am. I guess my brother and parents were out looking for me because I was supposed to be home for an early dinner with everyone and never showed up. They found me at 4 in the afternoon at the base of the tree. I'd be fine if I had just done things the right way."

Despite everything has been through, Jacque has a positive outlook and his pencil drawings have not only helped him with income, but have also been good for his mental health and given him an outlet for the creativity he has had since he was a young child. It's something he has been able to do even during his years of recovery after the fall.

"It's not going to get better if I'm angry about it forever," he said. "I've learned to have a sense of humor about it. I'm thankful. They put a long metal rod along my femur but I can walk fine now."

Jacques has taken thousands of pictures of nature, animals, and people all over Massachusetts and the rest of New England, using them as a reference for his work rather than sketching in per-



son. He likes drawing dogs more than anything else and has made canine portraits his least expensive commission, hoping that more people will reach out to him for drawings of their pets.

"With dogs, it's so easy for people to send me photographs and if the dog has passed away I can still do the drawing," he said. "I enjoy drawing dogs so much that I don't mind selling them for less than another portrait might be. I'd like to be able to do more of them."

Jacque said he is thankful for the support he has had from his mother and stepfather, brother, wife, and two daughters, who he says have been exceptional in helping him heal and pursue his artwork.

To view more of Jacque's artwork or commission him for a drawing, go to <https://www.ryanjacque.com> or email him directly at ryan@ryanjacque.com.

STRIKE

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union members said that they are grateful for the support they received from the community during the strike and want customers to come back despite this struggle with the company.

"The positive support from the community overwhelmed those of us on the picket line," said Scarafoni. "Every day, customers dropped off coffee and food and offered us words of encouragement. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts. We won this strike because they refused to cross our picket

FIRE

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food and beverages.

The Sturbridge Fire Department is unsure when those who were displaced will be able to go home but hopes that things will keep moving so that their lives can go back to normal as soon as possible.

"As of right now, we don't have an estimate on when that will be," said

line."

The UFCW Local 145 members have said they they are satisfied with the outcome of the strike and the new conditions of the contract, believing that their success has a wider significance for all workers.

"We made history," said Scarafoni. "It was a huge victory, not just for Stop & Shop workers, but for unions and working class people throughout this country."

For further information on the new contract, go to <https://www.ufcw-local1445.org> or <https://stopandshop.com/news-media>.

Grasso. "It all depends on how quickly the cleaning crew can get through it and how quickly the health department can approve the premises."

Until the displaced residents can return to their apartments, the Red Cross has set them up with temporary housing and resources.

For more information on the incident, call the Sturbridge Fire Department at 508-347-2525.

Cornerstone Bank donates to Big Brothers Big Sisters



Courtesy Photo

Pictured L to R: Cornerstone Bank's President and Treasurer Todd M. Tallman; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest, Inc.'s CEO Jeffrey Chin; and Cornerstone Bank's EVP, Chief Administrative Officer and Chairman of the Charitable Donations Committee Susan A. Gunnell.

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank proudly announces its recent donation of \$1,500 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest, Inc. in support of the organization's youth mentoring program. This program helps to make a difference in the lives of nearly 2,000 youth and volunteers they serve.

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest is to provide underserved children with a positive one-to-one adult mentor relationship. These children often face adversity in the community, and the support each child receives from their adult mentor helps them grow into successful citizens. This donation will go toward the hiring and training needs of the program staff, including the recruitment and selection of youth mentors. The funds will also support the ongoing needs of the mentors and help maintain the programs offered.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters provides crucial services to children and adolescents in our community," stated President and Treasurer of

Cornerstone Bank Todd M. Tallman. "We're proud to support an organization that provides mentoring programs that change lives for the better."

For more information on Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest, Inc., visit bbbscm.org or call: 508-752-7868.

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A turkey hunting tale



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chase after the two hens which were all headed in my direction. I barely had time to stick my gun barrel out of the small window of my ground blind, and the toms were all around my decoys. Both birds were displaying and they both had short beards, but I was not as picky as I am today. After all, it was my first turkey and I was lucky to have the opportunity to harvest a bird.

Choosing the bird I wanted did not take long, as I placed the crosshairs of the gun scope on the bird I chose to harvest, I slowly squeezed the trigger. As the gun discharged the huge bird dropped in his tracks, and the roar of the shotguns discharge echoed throughout the valley. The smell of gun powder filled the air for a few seconds. The rest of the birds exited the area very quickly flying in all directions. I exited my ground blind as quickly as I could, which was not very fast, and this year I am even slower. As I walked over to my prize turkey, I took a moment to appreciate all of the open area around me, and for the farmer's permission to hunt there property. Placing the tag on the turkeys leg, I carried the bird & my gear back to the car.

Upon arrival at home it was necessary to clean the bird as soon as possible. It is best to remove the beard and tail feathers first, then remove the



two feet up to the first joint if you plan on saving the spurs of the bird. Next, the easiest method is to skin the bird with all of the feathers, remove the legs and breast, and discard the rest of the bird. Do not forget to register the bird on line before cleaning it.

The breasts are great eating, but the legs may be a bit stringy due to the tough tendons, because of the constant scratching and digging that a turkey does daily to locate food. I am sure you can find a great recipe in any game book or on line for cooking the legs, but the breast can be cooked or smoked like any other domestic or game bird. They are actually very good table fair.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held there annual fishing derby this past Saturday. Although the turn-

out was very light, every angler caught fish with numerous big rainbow trout taking some of the top prizes.

Repos of good tautog fishing on the Cape & at the Westport River, is good news for salt-water anglers. Captain John Boats out of Plymouth Mass. were able to get out fishing only one time this spring because of bad weather, and the bite was slow. They are hoping for a break in the weather soon, as are all other charter boats. This week's picture shows a young unidentified angler holding a nice haddock.

Deer ticks are out big time. Be sure to keep your pets on preventive medication, and be sure to check the family daily for tick bites.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Turkey hunting opened this past Monday in Mass. under somewhat ideal conditions. I can remember my first turkey hunt a number of years ago at a farm in Brookfield. I headed out early to be in my ground blind before first light. The birds were gobbling early from there roost, and as I sat in my ground blind, I could hear the rest of the wildlife awakening from their night's sleep. Numerous song birds were making my early morning stay extremely pleasant, away from the hectic day that the commuters were experiencing. It was getting light fast, and I could make out much of the landscape around me. I was getting anxious, as I knew things were going to happen any time now. A sudden heavy flutter of a turkey dropping down from his roost had my heart pounding and my chest became a bit heavy. This sport of turkey hunting is not for anyone with a bad heart or for the elderly that have health issues.

Peaking out the widow of my ground blind, I could see movement at the far end of the field. I

quickly grabbed my binoculars to take a better look, and I could make out at least three birds slowly working my way. Two of them were big toms displaying for the two hens that were in the flock, as they fed on kernel's of corn left by the farmer after the fall harvested of his crop. I decided to wait for the birds to get closer to my setup of decoys before calling them with my box call. Sitting comfortable in my blind I quickly grabbed a couple of sips of coffee from my thermos bottle which is one of the pleasures of sitting in a ground blind, and not on the ground.

As I looked to my right, I had two hen turkeys also coming in with a couple of tom birds displaying and constantly gobbling. I gave one small hen call and the birds went nuts. Now my heart was really pounding. I was pretty sure I would not need my annual stress test with my heart doctor that year. Suddenly, a couple of hens spotted my decoys and stated to leave the others behind. That is all it took to make the two big toms

Local residents recognized academic performance

DUDLEY — Nichols College honored on April 23 the following students with academic awards, certifications, and scholarships for outstanding performance in their respective fields of study and programs of interest. The seniors will graduate at the College's May 11 Commencement at the DCU Center in Worcester.

EDWIN L. HUBBARD FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Kyle Desjardins, sophomore accounting major, of North Granby, Conn.

Emily Tinyszyn, sophomore accounting major, of Southington, Mass.

JOHN H. MCCLUTCHY JR. '72 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN MATHEMATICS

Brianna Doherty, junior mathematics major, of Webster, Mass.

DANIEL L. VAN LEUVAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Lyons, junior psychology major, of New Milford, Conn.

CLASS OF '55 PROFESSOR JOHN KATORI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN ACCOUNTING

Oliver Arnberg, sophomore general business major, of Stockholm, Sweden.

Emily Faist, sophomore accounting major, of Woodstock Conn.

PROFESSOR KEITH CORKUM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS IN ECONOMICS

Benjamin Carbone, junior management and economics major, of Brooklyn, Conn.

Benjamin Lawson, junior economics major, of Dudley, Mass.

Jared Maymon, junior finance and economics major, of Coventry, R.I.

JAMES L. DUNBAR ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT AND ASIS CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Megan Gardner, junior criminal justice major, of South Deerfield, Mass.

Vanessa Bastardo, junior criminal justice major, of Spencer, Mass.

Ashley Corcoran, junior criminal justice major, of Wrentham, Mass.

JAMES C. GAHAN IV ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Sachelle Mercado, junior general business major, of Worcester, Mass.

HONORS SCHOLAR CERTIFICATES

Kaitlyn Anthes, senior accounting major, of Cumberland, R.I.

Kaitlyn Baron, senior accounting and finance major, of Woodstock, Conn.

Leah Baxendale, senior accounting and criminal justice management major, of Southold, N.Y.

Riley Bishop, senior finance major, of Charlton, Mass.

Sabrina Boormeester, senior accounting major, of Billerica, Mass.

Jessica Booth, senior accelerated accounting major, of Brookfield, Mass.

Alyssa Bronzo, senior hospitality management and human resource management major, of Dudley, Mass.

Rebecca Cleary, senior general business major, of Milford, N.H.

Vincent Crivello, senior finance major, of Quebec, Canada

Benjamin Davidson, senior history and economics major, of Quebec,

Canada

Christina DeMalia, junior psychology major, of Hubbardston, Mass.

Elizabeth DeNoncour, senior marketing major, of Millville, Mass.

Brooke Downey, senior marketing major, of Middleboro, Mass.

Daniel Ferrazano, senior accounting and economics major, of South Grafton, Mass.

Matthew Ferreira, senior sport management major, of Raynham, Mass.

Mekaela Fithian-Giantonio, senior international business and sport management major, of Plainville, Conn.

Gregory Giglio, senior marketing major, of Deer Park, N.Y.

Kaylin Goncalves, senior international business major, of Norwood, Mass.

Nathan Healy, senior accounting and finance major, of Charlton, Mass.

Mikayla Henault, senior marketing major, of Grafton, Mass.

Cole Houghton, senior general business major, of Gorham, Maine

Tiana Johnson, junior accounting major, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Sabrina LaDeau, senior accounting major, of Athol, Mass.

Corey McEvoy, senior finance major, of Bohemia, N.Y.

Janina Messerlian, senior general business major, of Greenville, R.I.

Rebecca Messier, senior general business major, of Woodstock, Conn.

Marissa Piedmonte, senior psychology major, of Blackstone, Mass.

Jason Radzik, senior finance and mathematics major, of Leicester, Mass.

Joyce Albernaz Salles, senior marketing major, of Lancaster, Mass.

Joseph Santese, sophomore accounting and finance major, of Danielson, Conn.

Katherine Shannon, senior marketing major, of North Grafton, Mass.

Megan Cassy Sheehan, junior international business major, of Foxborough, Mass.

Karen Velasco, senior international business and finance major, of Stamford, Conn.

Tyler Weinhardt, senior accounting and finance major, of Dudley, Mass.

Courteney White, senior sport management major, of Orange, Mass.

ACADEMIC PEER TUTOR CERTIFICATIONS

Level 1 Certification

Patryk Ciosmak, senior finance major, of Webster, Mass.

Zachary Conlon, junior general business major, of Wakefield, Mass.

Vincent Crivello, senior finance major, of Quebec, Canada

Brianna Doherty, junior mathematics major, of Webster, Mass.

Matthew Dumont, junior sport management major, of Derby, Vermont

Linzi Fitzgerald, sophomore general business major, of Worcester, Mass.

Kaylin Goncalves, senior international business major, of Norwood, Mass.

Michael Lassalle, junior mathematics major, of Upton, Mass.

Rachel McDonald, junior human resource management and finance major, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Shannon Sly, sophomore psychology major, of Rehoboth, Mass.

Emily Sprague, senior accounting and finance major, of Charlton, Mass.

Level 2 Certification

Jessica Booth, senior accounting major, of Brookfield, Mass.

Bethany Faford, senior accounting major, of Charlton, Mass.

Megan LaMare, senior criminal justice management major, of Morrisville, Vt.

Kevin Radavich, junior finance major, of East Hampton, Conn.

TUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nathan Healy, senior accounting and finance major, of Charlton, Mass.

FIRST-YEAR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Kamarie Eddington, senior management major, of Springfield, Mass.

Raymond "RJ" LeBrun, senior general business major, of Sturbridge, Mass.

McKayla Pratte, senior accounting and finance major, of Newington, Conn.

Richard Vazquez, senior accounting and criminal justice management major, of Methuen, Mass.

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CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy - Please call 978-424-7010

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June 18 (Tues) 3 Redneck Tenors - Musical comedy with downhome laughs and big city music - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

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August 28 (Wed) Ultimate Tribute Show - Experience some of the greatest hits from some of the greatest entertainers of all times - Lake Pearl, Wrentham - \$92.00

Sept 17 (Tues) Atlantic City Boys - Four dynamic lead singers perform an exciting mix of world class vocals and interactive comedy - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

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Nov. 14 (Thurs) Ricky Nelson Remembered - Ricky Nelson's twin sons perform their father's hit songs - Venus DeMilo, Swansea \$95.00

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2019 Overnight Trips

June 9 - 11 Bar Harbor, Boothbay Harbor & Arcadia National Park - 3 days, 2 nights - \$459pp double, \$599 single

Sept 20 - 22 Lake George Balloon Festival - 3 days, 2 nights - \$449pp double, \$599 single

Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

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Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92

Scenic rail tour round Lake Winnepesaukee and lunch! 9 a.m. Southbridge, 9:30 a.m. Webster. Spectacular New England footage! New Hampshire awaits!

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DUDLEY SENIORS

For information and reservations contact Evelyn Grovesteen at (508) 764-8254

Also next year, Sept.13-21, we will be going to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Included is transportation, lodging, 14 meals, guided tours of Acadia National park, Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, Prince Edward Island including Anne of Green Gables' home, admission to King's Landing Historical Settlement, admission to Hopewell Rocks, and a visit to St. John. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is \$1065 pp/ double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Friday, April 19: Trip to Foxwoods Casino and Captain Jack's. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. Cost is \$79. Free buffet and \$10 for free slot play. Choice of lobster or prime rib at Captain Jack's.

Friday, April 26: Trip to Foxwoods Casino and Captain Jack's. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. Cost is \$79. Free buffet and \$10 for free slot play. Choice of lobster or prime rib at Captain Jack's.

Thursday, May 16: Trip to Newport Playhouse for "Clothes Encounter." Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost is \$89 for show, buffet and cabaret.

Monday-Thursday, June 1-13: Trip to Wildwood Crest & Cape May and a day at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. Cost is \$599, including driver's tip and all one-day guides.

Wednesday, June 12: Trip to the North Shore Music Theatre to see "Oklahoma" and lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club. Cost is \$119. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 12: Trip to the Gloucester Lobster Cruise with clam bake and buffet aboard the ship. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost is \$99. On the way home, we can enjoy ice cream at Kimball's Farm.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: Trip to the Summer Theatre for "Saturday Night Fever" and Hart's Turkey Farm. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Friday, Sept. 13: Trip to Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise. Buffet luncheon & scenic sights and a visit to Moulton Farm Market. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Thursday, Oct. 17: Trip to Twin Rivers and Wright's Chicken Farm. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. \$7 food credit and \$10 slot play. Cost is \$59.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019
USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: May 20 to June 4, 2019
JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020
JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020
SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

PAXTON SENIORS

Paxton's bus tour season starts Wednesday, April 24, on the Maine / New Hampshire seacoast topped off with a visit to a Winery. First stop is the Kittery Historical & Naval Museum where you will wander through Kittery's past as you browse the exhibits, from colonial times to grand hotels, shipbuilding and lighthouses, up to the present day. Find out what makes Kittery special... at the Museum!

Next stop is lunch at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery, Maine. Our prior visits to Warren's have always been wonderful. Warren's has the Seacoast's Finest Salad Bar, which offers over 60 selections and homemade pumpkin bread, soup and rolls — For an entrée you may select from; Seafood Casserole, Fried Baby Shrimp, Ritz Filet of Haddock, Crab Crusted Salmon, Top Sirloin Steak and Chicken Parmesan. Beverages and dessert will be included.

After a delightful lunch on the River separating Maine and New Hampshire, we move on to Zorvino Vineyard. A family-owned and operated winery, that originally started as a hobby. Jim and Cheryl Zanello purchased the 80-acre lot in Sandown, NH in 2000 after retiring. Four years later Zorvino Vineyards was established. The "Zor" in Zorvino comes from the original family name Zorzanello and "Vino" means wine. Family and Wine, the perfect pairing.

In the first years, 150 cold climate vines, mostly hybrids, were planted. To date, there are roughly 2,000 vines on site. The bulk of the grapes are brought in from Italy, California and South America. They are mostly known for their "off dry" fruit wines. blends and unusual 100% fruit or vegetable wines like Pumpkin, Beet and Rhubarb to name a few. New favorites include their red wines and white wines aged in American White Oak.

Our bus trip leaves the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24. Barring any traffic concerns on Route 495, we plan to be back in Paxton around 5 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$82 per person. Reservations, payment and your choice of entree at Warren's should be mailed to Bob Wilby, 11 Tanglewood Rd., Paxton, by Monday April 15. Checks should be made payable to the FRIENDS OF PAXTON COA.

For more details, please contact Bob at 508-792-4662.

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

A group of Seniors from Paxton and surrounding towns are planning a trip this year to Italy. The group plans to leave Paxton on Sept. 9, with transportation provided to Logan and return. Our flight will take us to Rome, Italy for 10 days visiting many historical sites of Italy. Rome has many beautiful attractions that many of us have not seen on previous visits. After two nights in Rome, we will move on to one night in Perugia where we will have the opportunity to visit Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Following our stay in Perugia, we move on to Florence, "the Cradle of Italian Renaissance," where we will view Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. After two nights in beautiful Florence, we will move on to Venice. On the way to Venice, we will stop at a 12th century castle and learn about the famous Tuscan wines and enjoy a cooking class and lunch. Next we are off to Venice for two nights. During that time, we have an opportunity to visit many of the wonderful sites of the Canal City.

After Venice, our next and last night will be Milan where we will have an opportunity to visit and shop at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. We will depart for home from Milan.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or

e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE
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March 12, 2019 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$25 – 8:30 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble or PLAY BINGO as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 3:30 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

April 30 - May 2, 2019 – Tuesday – Thursday - Atlantic City

You will get 2 nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see 2 stage shows. Trolley's available.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

May 19, 2019 – Sunday – Newport rail tour.

Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dining car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella - or Atlantic Cod.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

June 9, 2019 – Sunday – Gloucester Beaufort princess cruise.

Board the ship for a New England clam bake including clams, lobster chowder BBQ chicken and more finish with chocolate mousse. Cruise the harbor for 2 1/2 hours with music on board. Visit the Salem visitor center and shops.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

July 23, 2019 – Tuesday - Mohegan Sun \$25 - 10 AM Bus

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

August 28, 2019 – Wednesday – Diamonds and Pearls the ultimate tribute show.

For \$95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Lake Pearl in Wrentham MA. where you will hear the music of Neil Diamond, Carol King, Janice Joplin and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or schrod

September 17, 2019 Tuesday - Atlantic City Boys For \$95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Danvers Yacht Club in Danvers MA. where you will hear the music of the Beach Boys, The Drifters, the Bee Gees and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or schrod.

October 8th - 15th , 2019 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip and for 2020 trip

November 12, 2019 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$25 - 10 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

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EDITORIAL

Big changes

Local business advertising has taken an amazing number of twists and turns in the past 20 years. Technology we could not have foreseen or even dreamed of in the 1990s has caused majors changes in nearly every aspect of our daily lives, including how and where businesses choose to advertise.

In 1999, the “go-to” print advertising choices were obvious and simple: the daily newspaper and the phone book. Placing an ad in the local weekly community newspaper was a sort of enhancement to both of those. It was important, but not the focus. It was “extra.”

By 2009, Facebook, which was then a relatively new and rapidly growing social media site, gained popularity as a place to advertise. The Yellow Pages – both print and the new online version – remained a strong presence. Local, weekly newspapers remained relevant, but still as an “add on” to most advertisers. Daily newspapers had already fallen out favor.

In 2019, some of what is old is new again, some of what was once popular is obsolete, and trust issues have clouded the former favorite. When was the last time anyone picked up a phone book? And daily newspapers have had issues with readership for years. Facebook has experienced serious identity-theft and security breaches, and is no longer the trusted platform it was five years ago. What is the new front-runner for local business advertising? You’re reading it. Local, weekly hometown newspapers have survived the many, many changes in print and digital media and are emerging as the preferred advertising method.

Sometimes, in looking for the best version of something, it makes sense to look at what has lasted. Web sites come and go; blogs are followed and then forgotten; apps are replaced by better apps; social media sites are subject to suspicion. So, what remains? Community newspapers.

Our long-established local paper, in keeping with the 21st century, exists not only in print versions, but also on our Web site. Our advertisers know and trust us. We provide a consistently hometown-focused weekly newspaper with the emphasis on local news, local sports, local businesses and local residents.

Our newspaper reflects the vibrant, thriving communities we serve. Our advertisers are part of those communities. We work hard for you and for them, to earn your trust and your loyalty, by providing a quality product printed right in our own printing plant, and always accessible online. We are constantly learning how to be better and how to roll with the big changes in media. We will continue to embrace change without giving up quality and hard work. Our readers and advertisers deserve nothing less.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

The world needs more people like the ump

I first noticed him as he stood at the rear of his car, trunk open, slipping his chest protector over his head. He’s tall, slender and an athletic appearing African American man. He had white hair and a white moustache. It made a striking appearance against his dark skin. I’m guessing he was at least six feet five inches tall and slender. Maybe sixty-five years old. Dignified. Deliberate. Purposeful.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

The ump raises his hands and bellows. “I need some hustle here!”

The managers on both sides begin pushing their kids to run, not walk to the plate. There is a change in both dugouts. A sense of importance. Purpose.

The ump looks down at the next batter and shakes his head, then looks at the manager. “Hey coach, don’t send these ball players up here with their shoes untied. Somebody is gonna get hurt!”

The boy seems frightened and just stares down at his untied shoes. Frozen.

The ump, three feet taller than the boy, drops to a knee and ties the youngster’s shoe. I can’t hear the conversation, but I see a smile spread across the young boy’s face as the ump stands up and pats him on his head.

That gesture ... this giant of a man, stooping down and tying an eight-year-olds shoes ... then standing and patting him on the head ... told me everything I wanted to know about him.

The managers quickly began inspecting their players. They seemed unsure what to think about the umpire, but his spirit is contagious. The ump expects discipline and hustle. I said aloud to no one, “He’s teaching them life-skills.”

This all took place at a little league game in Sierra Madre, California. My daughter and son-in-law live there with my two grandsons. We try to visit four times a year and always during spring and fall baseball. Both my grandsons, six- and eight-years old play. At this game I had the pleasure of meeting and watching Mr. Isreal “Dino” Charles in action as umpire and a loving mentor to a group of kids he has never met.

After the game, I introduced myself and complimented him. I asked why he volunteers.

“I love baseball and I want the kids to learn to respect each other and respect the game. What I try to teach them through baseball are life skills they need on and off the field. Be on time. Hustle. Be prepared. Look sharp. Try hard and be the best you can be.”

I shook his hand and thanked him. I wanted to say more but the words didn’t come out, but now they are. As I walked away, the phrases “thundering kindness and tough love” kept sounding in my head.

The world needs more people like Mr. Charles. He cares enough in his retirement to spend time on a hot, dusty baseball field to help the children of strangers learn valuable life skills. He has experience he wishes to share and does. I am grateful that my grandson met and spent time with this man. Mr. Charles wants the world to be a better place and volunteers his time to make it so.

I will probably never see him again, but I will never forget my encounter with “the ump,” Mr. Isreal “Dino” Charles. He is making the world a better place, one baseball game at a time.

Our little family entourage headed toward the baseball field, not giving the apparent umpire another thought. Caleb prepared for his little league game. At 8 years old, Caleb is focused. Determined. Ready. He loves baseball.

As both teams warm up, the old umpire walked onto the field, looked at his watch and bellowed. “It’s time. We gonna play ball or warm-up all night?”

The two young teams casually move into place.

“We can play ball, or I can go home. It’s up to you.” The ump looks at both managers. It seemed to be the casualness that the ump finds irritating.

I see the managers and coaches glancing at each other. They seem caught off guard by his directness.

Before taking his place behind the plate, he calls the coaches over and gives them stern instructions. “Keep the kids in the dugout behind the fence. If you are not in a defensive position or up to bat, you’ll remain in the dugout. Get the dropped bats off the field, fast. I don’t want anyone tripping or getting hurt. And I wanna see some hustle. I ain’t gonna hang around here all night.”

The managers agree and walk back to their teams.

I was surprised by his abrupt nature. “These are kids,” I mumble.

The first eight-year-old batter cautiously approaches the plate. Head down. Shirt untucked.

“You don’t walk up to this plate with your shirt untucked. You hustle up to bat and you act like a ball player. Tuck in your shirt.”

The young man looks at the ump, then back to his manager.

“Don’t look at him,” the ump complains. “It’s not his job to dress you. Now tuck in that shirt and step up to the plate,” the ump says, this time with a changed voice. Soft. Encouraging. Mentoring.

He is old school. A bit crotchety but in his heart, I sense that he believes he’s protecting a sacred tradition. There is no question who is in control. The ump runs a very tight ship.

The young ball player swings and seems surprised he made contact. He drops his bat, looks at the ump who smiles and makes a ‘shooing’ motion with his hands. The batter runs to first base. The ump nods his approval towards first, as the next young boy walks up to the plate.

Should you borrow from your 401(k)?



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If you work for a business that offers a 401(k) plan, consider yourself fortunate, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and variety of investment options, is a great way to save for retirement. But what if you need to tap into your plan before you retire? Is it a good idea to borrow from your 401(k)?

To begin with, you need to determine if a loan is even available. You can only borrow from your 401(k) if you’re still working for the company that offers the plan, but even so, you’ll have to check with your human resources area to determine if loans are allowed. If they are, you’ll want to weigh the pros and cons before taking action.

On the “pro” side, it’s pretty easy to get a 401(k) loan – there’s no formal loan application and no minimum credit score required. Plus, you’re only borrowing from yourself, and you can generally repay the loan with automatic paycheck deductions, typically over a five-year period.

However, you’ll also encounter some “cons” when taking out a 401(k) loan, particularly concerning taxes. If you had not borrowed from your 401(k), the money you took out could have been growing on a tax-deferred basis, assuming you used pre-tax dollars to fund your plan, and your withdrawals will only be taxed once. But when you borrow from your plan, you will have to repay it, along with interest, with money you’ve earned – and been taxed on – and then, when you withdraw it later, you’ll pay taxes on it again.

Furthermore, if you leave your employer before fully repaying your loan, the outstanding balance likely will be taxable, although you may have a grace period in which to pay it off and avoid taxes.

And perhaps even more important, taking money from your 401(k), even if you repay it later, will almost certainly slow the growth potential of your account – which, in plain terms, means you may have less money available for retirement.

Of course, if you encounter an emergency, and you have nowhere else to turn, you may need to borrow from your 401(k). And some plans allow hardship withdrawals for medical expenses and other needs, although you’ll still be taxed on the amount you withdraw.

But you’d probably be better off if you can prepare, well in advance, for situations in which you need immediate access to a sizable sum. One way of doing this is to build an emergency fund containing six months to a year’s worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. You also might find some resources in the part of your investment portfolio held outside your 401(k). For example, you can always withdraw contributions to a Roth IRA without incurring taxes (although the earnings on these contributions could be taxable if you take the money out before you’re 59½ and you’ve had your account less than five years).

In any case, you work hard to build your 401(k) – so, no matter where you are in life, think carefully about how you will use the money.

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Chamber Corner



Meet at The Village After Hours for Spring Networking!

Come to Fun at Five on May 7, where a costumed historian will greet you at the Old Sturbridge Village Visitor Center entrance and guide you to the Bullard Tavern. Chamber attendees will be the only ones in the Village after hours! Guests will enjoy some tasty food options while toasting to the upcoming summer months with Rapsallion Honey Pale Ale and other refreshing beverages at a full cash bar. Join us for

this wonderful spring evening as we mingle, network and catch up with our members and friends. Also, you won’t want to miss getting your exclusive Village Dining Deal, entering a cool contest, or the chance to win exciting door prizes. Our guests will take home samples of delicious fudge from the OSV Gift Shop and try out free mini-chair massages at the event. Party Time Caricatures will also be there, drawing free toons of our guests. Come enjoy a unique networking experience at the largest outdoor living history museum in the Northeast. You are invited to this exclusive event just for CMS Chamber Members and our friends! The Fun starts at 5 p.m.

Thank you to our May Fun at Five sponsor! Alternatives For Health Herbal Apothecary

Owner Salli Greene began her herbal career with a cart in Quincy Market in Boston in 1977, where she sold live herb plants and home products. Salli moved back to Sturbridge in 2001 and, in 2004,

she took a 10-month herbal class that introduced her to the world of medicinal herbs. It was a life changing experience. She learned there is nothing more wonderful than making products for your family’s health. Salli continued studies with Rosemary Gladstar and other herbalists and now teaches Rosemary’s 10-month Herbal Apprenticeship. Salli’s shop, Alternatives For Health located at 426 Main St. in Sturbridge, carries dried bulk herbs, teas and bath products, herbal products and blends for health, essential oils, flower essences, homeopathy, supplies, gifts, and much more. The goal at Alternatives For Health Herbal Apothecary is to provide quality products and services to help you get and stay healthy.

Register for Fun at Five by email or phone. 508-347-2761 or info@cmschamber.org

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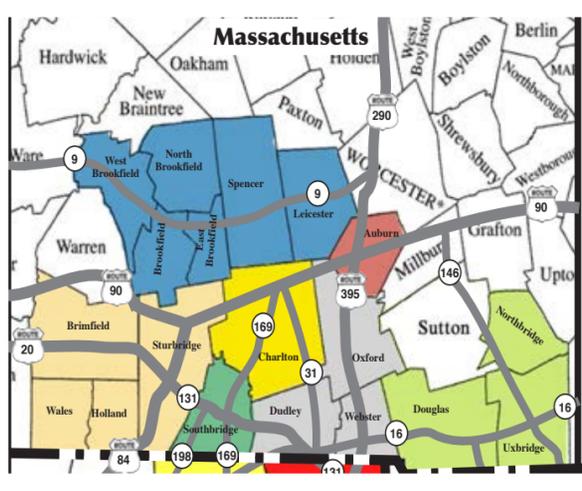
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DYI Fix-It Tips for Vintage Finds

It's flea market season and while great scores can be exciting, few vintage treasures are perfect. In fact, most require a little TLC to be at their best. For the "Do it Yourselfer" a little effort and elbow grease on an aged piece can pay off in increased value (not to mention the satisfaction of a job well done!)

Read on for some easily applied "do it yourself" ideas to fix up your less than perfect flea market finds.

***Note:** The information below is offered as a suggestive guideline only and not meant as instructional. Any application should be tested first and applied strictly at the user's own risk and responsibility.

Doll Up: Childhood toys are hot collectibles and few are as endearing as vintage dolls. Many dolls from the 1920s to the 1940s, especially baby and Mama type dolls have a body or limbs made from composition material, which is a combination of molded wood pulp and glue and not always easy to clean.

It's important never to clean these dolls with water, as water can seep into crazing and cracks, which can cause damage to the material. The alternative? Try waterless hand cleaners such as Goop. Apply it with a clean cloth in a circular motion to rub off dirt and grime. Wipe off immediately.

Always apply Goop cleaner carefully over facial features to avoid removing painted areas. Apply with a cotton swab to dimples, nose crevices and ears. Or, try the trick some restorers use and apply petroleum jelly or cold cream to surface clean composition.

If you must use a stronger cleaner, such as household cleaners with ammonia, apply with the corner of a soft cloth one section at a time and dry immediately. Avoid areas with crazing or cracking. Once clean, buff it up with a careful application of clear paste wax. Apply wax to the palm of your hand, rub your hands together and apply to the surface, buff and wipe for a finished look.

Gussie up Glass: Glass pieces such as decanters, cruets or vases sometimes develop cloudiness or stubborn stains

from liquid that settled in the bottle. If a wash in sudsy water doesn't work, try dropping a denture tablet or two inside with water for a self scrub treatment. If that also fails, pour household vinegar into the glass piece, covering the stain. Allow it to soak overnight. Before spilling out the vinegar, add some uncooked rice and shake vigorously to scour the stain. Repeat if necessary.

If homemade treatments don't thoroughly remove bottle stains, try commercial products made for porcelain such as Lime Away.

Pro Tip: The U.S. General Services Administration Historic Preservation Technical Procedures Manual suggests cleaning old glass as follows: To wash the glass with a solution of non sudsing household ammonia in water. Or wash in vinegar and water (do not mix the two). For discoloration, wash clear glass with a non toxic detergent and very fine 0000 steel wool. Do not apply too much pressure or it will break the glass or scratch the surface of the glass.

Salt cellars are another great collectible that are not always found in tip top shape. Oftentimes the top and bottom of a salt cellar has corroded together. Usually a good soak in warm water will loosen the bond. If that doesn't work and if the piece is sturdy glass with metal top, try this method: Soak the salt cellar in a rust breaking penetrating oil (from the hardware store). It may take several days. Once the pieces come apart, remove corrosion first with a rag, then with sandpaper. To prevent the problem in the future, be sure to store salt cellars in a dry environment and periodically remove the top to clean.

Furniture Fixes: Don't be too hasty to refinish an antique piece. Remember that an original finish on vintage wood is more desirable than a refinished surface. Before you delve into any refinishing project, try cleaning and polishing the wood first. You may be surprised at how good a vintage piece can look with



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a bit of effort. *** If white cloudy marks or rings from careless drinks set on the surface have marred the top of a dresser or table, try removing the stain before resorting to a cover up job. Pour some denatured alcohol (available at the hardware or paint store) on a folded piece of cheesecloth and wipe over the offending stain. Be careful not to overwork your strokes. When done, be sure to polish with a good wax and buff.

Mineral spirits or paint thinner can be an effective wood cleaner, but you must test it first to make sure the wood responds well. After removing dirt and grime with the thinner, clean the wood with a weak solution of mild dishwashing liquid and water. Rub a small section at a time with cheesecloth or rag, turning rag to work with a clean area. If the wood is in unacceptable condition, proceed with a good wax and buff. If the cleaning reveals a dull surface or cracks, lightly sandpaper to rejuvenate the surface. Just be careful not to sand so deep that you damage the original finish. Use a wood wax in a brown hue to brighten and camouflage any tiny imperfections. Apply wax as directed and use a soft cloth to buff to a pleasant patina.

Revitalizing Veneer: Old wood dressers are a common flea market offering, but the bureau you find at your flea market may have suffered moisture or heat damage. Since veneer is typically sensitive to temperature fluctuations, such wood is often found loose or bubbled. Before you rip off the veneer to start anew, try this tried and true method for a relative easy repair: If veneer on old furniture is loose, use a razor blade to make a small slit in the wood, working in the direction of the grain. Work a small amount of wood glue under the veneer and weight down to press until dry.

If the veneer is bubbled up, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue

and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has dried.

SOS for Drawer Pulls: Damaged drawer pulls and knobs are another common defect in old furniture. Happily, there are easy and effective ways to remedy the problem. If a wood knob is loose, you can simply cut two small doughnut pieces from medium grade sandpaper to act as washers. Glue the pieces back to back and fit it between the knob and the drawer. If a knob is loose because the screw hole in the back of it has become enlarged, fill the hole with plastic glue and reset screw immediately.

If the nut on your drawer knobs pulls off because the threads on the old metal are worn, try replacing with a smaller nut. If that fails, rub liquid steel onto threads, tighten the old nut and coat the joint between the nut and bolt with more of the liquid steel.

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es in the North America and details how to play each one. His presentation will include a discussion of two local golf courses, including Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge and Whitinsville Golf Club in Whitinsville. Pioppi has also written To the Nines, a book on nineteen nine-hole layouts across the country, "Haunted Golf: Spirited Tales from the Rough," a book on supernatu-

ral golf stories, and two books on club histories, "The History of the Minikahda Club and Shoreacres: the First 100 Years, 1916-2016."

On Thursday, May 23, historical nonfiction author Christian Di Spigna, who is based in New York city and Williamsburg, Virginia, will discuss his 2018 biography of Dr. Joseph Warren, "Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero." Warren was American physician who was deeply

involved in American Patriot organizations during the American Revolution. The book follows Warren's life from beginning to end and covers everything from his farming childhood and years at Harvard College to his professional success, role in the colonial rebellion, and death at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Di Spigna is a regular speaker and volunteer at Colonial Williamsburg.

On Thursday, June 6, Mel Allen, the editor of Yankee Magazine, will discuss his time at the magazine from 1977 to

the present. He is the fifth editor since Yankee Magazine's beginning in 1935 and has edited and written for every section of the publication, covering topics related to food, living, and travel. Allen taught magazine writing at UMass Amherst for 12 years and now teaches in the creative nonfiction program at Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

All OSV Spring Speaker Series programs have a reception that begins at 6:00pm, followed by the program at 7 p.m. Tickets for

each program are \$12 for Non-Members and \$10 for Members. There is also a 10 percent discount for on the Village Prime Rib Feast at the Oliver Wright Tavern for ticket holders. The meal takes place Thursday evenings from 5 until 7:30 p.m.

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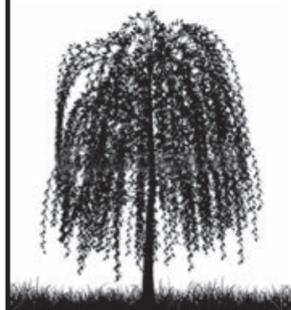
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SPORTS

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Tantasqua second baseman Marie Stewart reaches up and out to haul in a pop fly.

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STURBRIDGE — It's not how you start, it's how you finish. If you don't believe that, ask Tantasqua Regional pitcher Rachel Flamand.

Flamand, a junior, allowed a hit, a walk and a run to the first three Northbridge batters she faced, but then she took a little stroll behind the pitching circle, collected herself, took a deep breath and proceeded to strike out 14 of the next 24 batters she faced and not allow the Rams another hit in the game.

With Flamand dominating from the circle — her seventh strikeout of the day was the 200th of her career — and Emily Locke, Erin McCarthy, Jenna Casine (two hits each) and Marie Stewart (two RBIs) getting it done at the plate, the Warriors scored a pair of runs in the second inning and three more in the third to defeat the Rams, 5-1, down on the Reservation on Tuesday, April 23.

With the win Tantasqua improved to 2-5 overall and evened its record at 2-2 in the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL). Northbridge dropped to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in SWCL play with

the loss.

"As a team we always talk about having a short memory," Flamand said. "So yeah, we made errors in that first inning but after it was over [catcher] Jillian [Dunn] called pitches and I threw the ball. I try not to think about what happened. I just throw the ball."

"Things happened in the first inning," Flamand continued. "One of the umpires was late getting to the game so we weren't throwing like we usually do. We weren't in our regular routine. Stuff like that happens, but when it does I just try to stay calm and focus on my pitching."

Northbridge's Shannon Timmons opened the game by reaching on a Tantasqua throwing error and then promptly stole second base. She advanced to third on a wild pitch and then scored to give the Rams a 1-0 lead when her sister, Susie Timmons, drove her in with an infield single. Susie Timmons then moved to second base when Hailey Bober, the No. 3 hitter in the Northbridge batting order, walked. The Rams, at that point, appeared to be headed for a big inning.



Tantasqua's Rachel Flamand pitched brilliantly en route to defeating Northbridge.

That's when Flamand took her walk. As a result her focus — tunneling, she calls it — returned, and she proceeded to strike out the next three Northbridge batters.

"Rachel has been struggling a little bit with her control early on in games, so it was nice to see after that first inning how she was able to regain her focus," Tantasqua head coach Phil Desroches said. "They [Flamand and Dunn] had a good game out there. Jillian calls a great game behind the plate."

After the game Northbridge head coach Dave Mills winced when asked about his team's inability to hang up a crooked number in the top of the first inning.

"We got the first three batters on and scored a run and then she shut us down pretty much the rest of the game," Mills said. "After that we didn't have more than one baserunner in an inning. When you have two good teams playing — and I think that was the case today — it's the team that takes advantage of its opportunities that usually ends up winning. With two teams like this, there is a very fine line between winning and losing."

Tantasqua took the lead for good with a two-run second inning.

Casine got things started with a one-out single to left-center field. She was out on a force play at second base when the next batter, Linda Barbieri, hit a groundball to second. But McCarthy followed with an infield single to short, which moved Barbieri to second.

Shannon Dunn then kept the inning alive and loaded the bases with a hot

smash to short that handcuffed Susie Timmons. Barbieri went to third on the play, McCarthy to second. Both Barbieri and McCarthy scored to give the Warriors a 2-1 lead when Stewart followed with a single up the middle, her line drive ticking off the glove of Chloe Frabotta, Northbridge's second baseman.

Tantasqua extended its lead to 5-1 in the third inning, scoring three times on two singles, a walk, a Northbridge error and a fielder's choice.

"That was the big thing today, stringing together some hits and getting runners on base," Desroches said. "We haven't been able to do that so far this season. We haven't been getting hits together like we did today."

After the game Jillian Dunn, who will continue her softball career next year for the Le Moyne College Dolphins in Syracuse, N.Y., said she was never worried about her pitcher, despite the first-inning dust-up.

"Rachel is a very focused and determined pitcher. You give her a pitch, you tell her where to throw it and she does it," Jillian Dunn said. "She is very easy to work with. She tells me what works and what doesn't. We trust each other; she hasn't shaken me off in three years."

Jillian Dunn said she and Flamand discuss how the game is unfolding between every inning.

"I don't get off her back the whole game," Jillian Dunn said. "She's my pitcher; she's like a bird under my wing."



Catcher Jillian Dunn of Tantasqua sees the ball hit its spot right into her glove.



Tantasqua shortstop Emily Locke sees the ball into her glove as a Northbridge player steals second base.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

April 23

Tantasqua 3, Northbridge 2 — The Warriors took a close matchup from the Rams in boys' tennis. Winning for Tantasqua were Ryan Shanahan (No. 2 singles), Tim Taudel (No. 3 singles) and Eli Currier/Troy Reed (No. 2 doubles).

April 24

Tantasqua 3, Uxbridge 2 — A home victory was in store for the Warriors' boys' tennis team when Ryan Shanahan (No. 2 singles), Tim Taudel (No. 3 singles) and Eli Currier/Troy Reed (No. 2 doubles) won their respective matches.

Uxbridge 5, Tantasqua 4 — Kaitlyn Boone was the hard-luck loser for the Warriors' softball team as she gave up six hits and struck out four. Offensively for Tantasqua, Niya Talcott had three hits and an RBI, and Emily Locke drove in two.

Uxbridge 3, Tantasqua 2 — The Warriors slipped to 2-4 in girls' tennis when they lost a close decision to the host Spartans. Morgan Mascolo (No. 1 singles) and Ava DeBruin (No. 3 singles) had the victories for Tantasqua.

April 25

Minnechaug 5, Tantasqua 1 — A pair of homers helped pace Minnechaug past the Warriors in a varsity softball game. For Tantasqua, Emily Locke had the lone RBI and Marie Stewart provided two base hits.

April 25

Tantasqua 13, Notre Dame 8 — The Warriors' girls' lacrosse team improved to 3-4 after defeating NDA. Tantasqua's goal-scorers included Cami Freeland (four), Maddi Varney (two), Addie Ellithorpe (two), Ainsley Way (two), Liz Beaumont, Megan Frisella and Maddy Ricci.

SPORTS

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer Results — U12 Division 3 boys take on Worcester



Gary Ankin takes off down the right wing after receiving a pass from his back line.



Alex Wilson sprints down the field on a breakaway.

Courtesy photos

HOLLAND — The rain-drops stopped just long enough on Saturday, April 27 for Coach Mark Wilson's U12 Division 3 boys' team to

get in their match against the visitors from Worcester at Hitchcock Park. Alongside Coaches Gary Ankin, Sr. and Michael Beckerdite, Coach

Wilson marshaled a roster of nine starters and five subs to keep everyone playing and warm.

Ben Beckerdite-Kane played goal for Tantasqua throughout the contest. Cole Hendrick centered the back line between Jack Glennon and Eli Gabree. Zach Berthiaume and Braydon Fillios provided depth at midfield, while Gary Ankin and Greg Surozenski ran the wings. Alex Wilson posted up at the high striker spot. Ben Bachand, Caleb Robidoux and Marcus Santo took their turns in the front of the formation while Shane Belinskas, Ben Insull and Benjamin Percival filled in on the back line.

Tantasqua got off squarely on their front foot by keeping Worcester on their back foot. At 5-minutes, Surozenski made a great hustling play from across the field to gather a loose ball and fed it up to Wilson who put Tantasqua up, 1-0. Minutes later, Surozenski continued his aggressive play and took advantage of a Worcester miscue to make it 2-0. Worcester dug deep and forced Beckerdite-Kane to make a brilliant save just moments after the kickoff. Worcester took advantage of this momentum in the waning minutes of the half to score on both a breakaway and heavy pressure in the box to knot the score at 2-2 before half.

The second half featured a very back-and-forth game for the first 15 minutes. Worcester then seemed to gain the advantage and forced both Glennon to execute some fine defensive sweeps and for Beckerdite-Kane to make some fabulous, heart-stopping saves in his penalty area. Berthiaume did his best to make sure Worcester was stymied at midfield. At the tail end of the half, Bachand got off a low shot in traffic in the Worcester box that took a favorable skip of a defender's foot and trickled past the goalie to put Tantasqua up by the final score of 3-2.



Zach Berthiaume clears a ball out of the defensive middle.



Eli Gabree prepares to throw in a ball to a teammate past the Worcester defense.



Ben Beckerdite-Kane reaches out after one save to make another in heavy traffic in the penalty area.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sturbridge Legion Baseball to hold player tryouts

Baseball players interested in playing for the Sturbridge American Legion team that are born on Jan. 1, 2000 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 18, 19 and 25, with times from 10 a.m. to noon on all three try-out dates at Tantasqua Regional's varsity baseball field. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel at (774) 230-1784 or jim.rosseel@hotmail.com, or Coach Ray Sullivan at (508) 736-7770 or raysull_2@yahoo.com.

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OBITUARIES

Constance T. Couture Forand, 92



SOUTHBRIDGE/WEBSTER - Constance T. (Martel) Couture Forand, 92, died Monday, April 22, 2019, at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

Her husband was the late William Forand who died in 1999, and her first husband was the late Normand Couture who died in 1973.

She is survived by her children Patricia Couture of Southbridge, Robert F. Couture of

Constableville, NY, Judith Charves and her husband David of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Karen (Couture) Morin and her husband Roger of Southbridge, Paula (Couture) Palmerino and her husband Greg of Woodstock CT, 15 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, and her close friend Sandra Palmerino of Southbridge. She was predeceased by her son Richard Couture who died

in March 2008, and her brother Rene "George" Martel of Sturbridge.

She was born in Southbridge, daughter of Alphonse and Rosalie (St. Laurent) Martel, and lived in Southbridge most of her life before moving to Christopher Heights in Webster.

Mrs Forand graduated from Mary E. Wells High School, Class of 1945, and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse, working at Harrington Memorial Hospital for 42 years. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, reading, Bingo, doing crossword puzzles, and making "large" piece jigsaw puzzles, but mostly enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Mildred K. Elmore, 88

STURBRIDGE - Mildred K. (Zelasko) Elmore, 88, passed away on Tuesday, April 9th, after a brief illness.

She leaves her son, Gary P. Elmore of Sturbridge; and her two grandsons, Gary G. Elmore Jr. and Brian Aaron Elmore of Ware. She was predeceased by two sons, Gerald G. Elmore Jr. and Charles Elmore; and by her daughter, Debbie Elmore. She was also predeceased by 11 brothers and sisters. Mildred was born in Ware the daughter of Szymon and Antonia (Armata) Zelasko and lived there for most of her life until moving to Sturbridge in recent years.

Mildred worked at Quabbin Spinners, Inc., in Ware for many years, retiring many years ago. Along with being a hard worker she was a loving and devoted mother to her four children.

A funeral Mass for Mildred will be held on Friday, May 3rd, at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge, will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

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

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Wayne Paul Shepard Jr., 40

STURBRIDGE - Wayne Paul Shepard Jr. passed away on April 11, 2019 in the ICU of UMass Worcester, due to complications of drug abuse at the age of 40.

Wayne is survived by his mother, Diane Shepard, his father, Wayne Shepard Sr., his two sisters, Tammy and Katrina, his two sons, Hunter and Greyson, his daughter Samantha, his grandmother Isabel Moore, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

In his free time, Wayne enjoyed hunting with his father and fishing with his two sons. Wayne had a strong work ethic and the family is thankful to his wonderful and supportive boss for sticking by Wayne through his long hard battle.

Wayne battled his drug addiction for 25 years of his life. "When he was good, he was good. When he was bad, he was bad" says his family. Wayne's family feels that his story should be shared

with the world and not seen as a drug overdose statistic. Wayne had sober periods but could never completely distance himself from the drug that took his life. Wayne was an inspiration to those around him to keep striving for sobriety not only for family but for himself. The connection and tie that someone feels to such a fatal chemical is sorrowful. Opioids engulf their user and drag them down into a deep abyss of pain. Wayne, unfortunately, was not able to overcome and conquer the pain he felt.

The family of Wayne Paul Shepard Jr. will be holding a private service where they will grieve and mourn his heartbreaking death. At a later date there will be a celebration of his life.

An online guestbook is available at <http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com>

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CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4

65TH ANNUAL WINDHAM COUNTY 4-H AUCTION & TAG SALE: Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center, 326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret, Conn. Auction preview at 5 p.m. both nights. Unique and antique goods and services, live plants, tickets to events, venues and vacation spots for the whole family. Silent auction baskets and 50/50 raffle both nights. Auction starts at 5 p.m. on Friday. New this year, auction of outdoor equipment and furniture starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Early bird buy in to 3,500 square of bargains at the tag sale from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Friday, May 3. Tag sale open free to all from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Mary's Kitchen open during all open hours both days.

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5

DISNEY'S "MARY POPPINS, JR.": 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Charlton Middle School auditorium.

Monday, May 13

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB MEETING: Don Post from the Farmer's Daughter in Auburn will speak on New Hybrid Plants. 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. Suggested donation for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300, Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

Friday, June 7

DANCE PARTY: 6:30-9 p.m., Brimfield Town Hall, Main Street (Route 20). Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock with DJ Dave O'Gara. Dance lessons, food, basket raffles. Advance tickets available by calling (413) 245-7253 or emailing sking19@comcast.net. This is a fundraiser for the Brimfield Senior Center. Wear your hippie duds and dance the night away to the oldies. Peace, Love, and Rock 'n Roll!

ONGOING

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

"A CARING PLACE" MEMORY CAFÉ: A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free and fun place for people to go where they can be themselves and enjoy the company of loved ones and never have to worry about

what others are thinking. We will never ask for a diagnosis and anyone from any town or city and any age are welcome. We only ask that all guests have a caregiver with them and that the guest has a cognitive related illness or injury. Staff is not responsible for the personal care of any guest. We are accepting to any level of ability and always welcome new people. Our Memory Café is run on donations and sponsors. Light refreshments are often served. Our atmosphere is geared toward fun yet comfortable and always safe. Our Café often hosts singers, dancers and performers who will help bring back old memories and days gone by. Our Café also hosts fun interactive activities but never educational events; we feel this should be a fun time spent together. Please see the upcoming scheduled events coming to our Memory Café over the next few months. Signups are encouraged. We are open the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

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Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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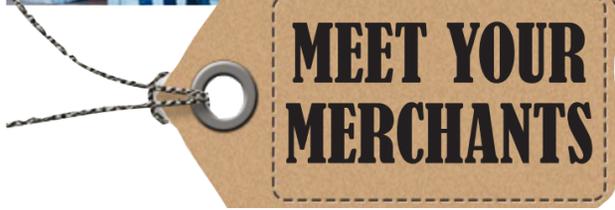
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisrichard15@yahoo.com.

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.

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.



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Northeast Energy Center LLC

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, Northeast Energy Center LLC (“NEC” or the “Company”) on February 28, 2019 filed an Amended and Restated Petition to Construct with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”), and on April 19, 2019 filed an Amended and Restated Zoning Petition, in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct a new facility to liquefy natural gas, to store the liquefied gas, and to load the liquefied gas onto trucks (“Facility”) in the Town of Charlton, Massachusetts, along with interconnecting natural gas pipelines (together, the “Project”).

The Siting Board will conduct an additional public comment hearing on the NEC Project:

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
Charlton Middle School Auditorium
2 Oxford Road, Charlton, MA 01507**

NEC filed its original petition to construct and zoning exemption petitions on August 31, 2018. The Siting Board conducted a public comment hearing on the original petitions on November 13, 2018 in Charlton. On December 13, 2018, the Company notified the Siting Board that it was considering revisions to the location and design of the Facility. On January 9, 2019, the Siting Board directed the Company to re-notice the Project and provide amended petitions and supporting materials due to the anticipated changes to the Project.

On February 28, 2019, NEC filed an Amended and Restated Petition to Construct the Project (“amended petition to construct”). The amended petition to construct the Facility identifies a new preferred site at 304 Southbridge Road (“Route 169 Site”) in Charlton, and two alternative sites: the originally preferred site at 249 Sturbridge Road (“Route 20 Site”); and a site located west of Sherwood Lane and south of the Millennium Power facility (“Sherwood Lane Site”). The amended petition to construct also describes a revised Facility design, which includes a single, field-erected LNG storage tank with a capacity of two million gallons, instead of the originally proposed ten pre-fabricated 100,000-gallon tanks. Each site would also require either newly constructed or modified driveways for access to the Facility. On April 19, 2019, the Company filed an Amended and Restated Zoning Exemption Petition seeking individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive exemption from the Town of Charlton Zoning Bylaw to allow construction and operation of the Facility at each of three proposed sites (“amended zoning petition”).

The Company proposes to take natural gas from an existing underground Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (“TGP”) pipeline in Charlton, and transport the gas to the Facility via a new underground pipeline, which would be approximately one-half mile long for NEC’s preferred pipeline route to the Route 169 Site. This pipeline route, as well as several alternative routes, are described below. A new station and/or metering equipment would be installed in connection with the Facility. At the Facility the gas would be cooled to a liquid state, which would be stored on-site in the two-million-gallon tank. The liquefaction system would be capable of producing approximately 250,000 gallons of LNG per day. LNG from the Facility would subsequently be transported by truck to gas company customers such as National Grid. NEC states that the Facility would enable its gas company customers to maintain reliable and economic natural gas service.

The Company also filed an amended petition pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, for several individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive exemption from the Town of Charlton Zoning Bylaw. NEC’s two petitions have been consolidated into one proceeding and will be heard by the Siting Board. The docket number for this consolidated proceeding is EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96.

Opportunity for Public Comment

At the May 29, 2019 public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the updated Project and its new preferred and alternative sites. Public officials and the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the updated Project. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter.

Written comments may be submitted at the additional public comment hearing or filed with the Siting Board through Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Comments should be filed by email attachment to both email addresses below, and a hard copy filed with the Siting Board at the mailing address below:

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Siting Board Jurisdiction

The Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the revised Project will provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H, 69J. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Siting Board will also consider whether such Project is “reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public” and whether the requested zoning exemptions are warranted.

Preferred Site for the Project

NEC has identified the Route 169 Site, an approximately nine-acre site at 304 Southbridge Road in Charlton, as its new preferred site for the Project. The Project would include a new approximately one-half-mile-long interconnecting pipeline to connect to existing TGP facilities. If constructed at the Route 169 Site, the Facility could potentially be adapted in the future to provide gas to the adjacent Millennium Power Plant.

Alternative Sites for the Project

NEC has identified two alternative locations for the Project. The Route 20 Site is a twelve-acre site within a 220-acre parcel located at 249 Sturbridge Road in Charlton, which was NEC’s original preferred site. The Project at this site would include a new 1.5-mile interconnecting pipeline, connecting to existing TGP facilities. The Sherwood Lane Site is an eight-acre site directly south of the Millennium Power facility off Southbridge Road.

Proposed and Alternative Pipeline Routes

For the Route 169 Site, the Company proposed one preferred pipeline route and five alternative routes. For the noticed alternative sites, each has one preferred pipeline interconnection route and one alternative route.

Public Review of the Company’s Amended Petitions

The general location, layout, dimensions and configuration of the Project are shown on maps and plans included in the Company’s amended petitions.

Copies of the Company’s amended petitions and attachments are available for public inspection at the Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, and at the office of the Company’s counsel at Pierce Atwood LLP, 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110. Copies are also available at the following locations:

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In addition, the Company’s Petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Department of Public Utilities’ website at: <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB18-04>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at ADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

Intervention and Participation

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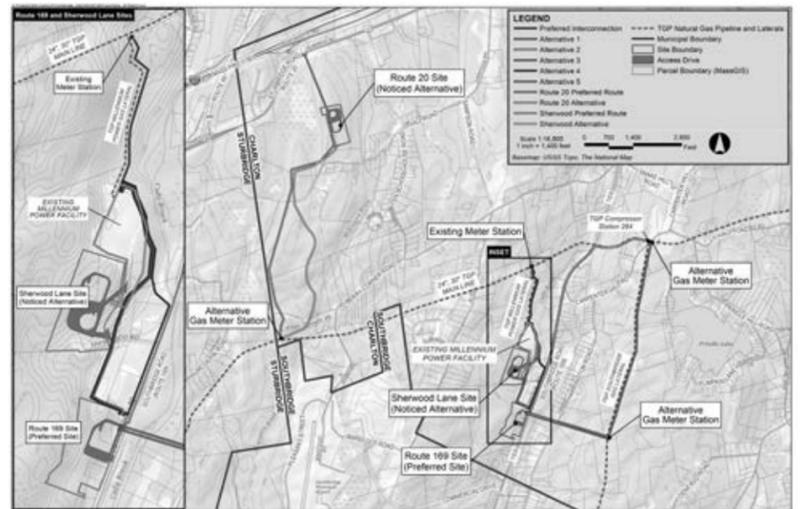
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Serves: 6

Ingredients:

- 2 10.5 ounce packages Mann's Southwest Chipotle Nourish Bowls
- 4 beef flat iron steaks (about 7 ounces each)
- Juice of 2 limes
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 package whole wheat tortillas
- 1 avocado, sliced

Chipotle Mayonnaise

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 to 2 teaspoons adobo sauce (the sauce that canned chipotle peppers are packed in)

Directions:

1. Prepare the Nourish Bowls according to package instructions. Squeeze lime juice over the vegetables and season with a bit of salt and pepper. Toss to combine, then set aside.
2. Season steaks with salt and pepper. Place on grill and cook with the lid closed for 10 to 14 minutes over medium-heat for medium to medium-rare doneness, turning occasionally. Allow to rest off the grill for 5 minutes, then carve into slices.
3. To make the mayonnaise, add all ingredients to a small mixing bowl and stir well to combine.
4. Place the tortillas on the grill and cook until warm and slightly charred.
5. To assemble the tacos, place a couple slices of grilled steak on the bottom. Add vegetables and top with a slice of avocado. Drizzle the top with chipotle mayonnaise.



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Zucchini and tomato provide excellent nutrition and can be hydrating, which can come in handy once the weather starts to warm. These versatile ingredients can be combined to form a robust salad to accompany any meal or one that can be enjoyed on its own. Such is the case with this recipe for "Raw Zucchini Salad" from "The Mediterranean Diet Cookbook" (Rockridge Press) by the editors of the Rockridge Press. Refreshing and filling, this salad may quickly become a staple of your diet.

RAW ZUCCHINI SALAD

(Serves 2)

- 1 medium zucchini, shredded or sliced paper thin
- 6 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 3 to 4 basil leaves, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated low-fat Parmesan cheese

Layer the zucchini slices on two plates in even layers. Top with the tomatoes. Drizzle with the olive oil and lemon juice. Season to taste.

Top with the basil and sprinkle with cheese before serving.

Explore your culinary curiosity with Creole jambalaya



You don't need to live in Louisiana to enjoy jambalaya. But perhaps nowhere is jambalaya more serious business than it is in the Pelican State. Cajun jambalaya might be the dish most familiar to the masses, but Creole jambalaya is just as tasty.

Creole chefs in New Orleans serve this type of jambalaya, which is different from the Cajun dish due to the inclusion of tomatoes. Tomatoes might have been hard to come by in the Louisiana bayous, which might be why there were not included in traditional Cajun jambalaya recipes. Mardi Gras and its focus on food and drink is a perfect time to explore one's culinary horizons, and those curious about Creole jambalaya can do just that by whipping up this recipe from Neal Corman and Chris Peterson's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

JAMBALAYA SERVES 4 TO 6

Seasoning Mix

- 1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
- 1 1/4 teaspoons cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/4 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 3/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder

Jambalaya

- 2 pounds boneless, skin-on chicken thighs
- 12 shrimp, peeled, deveined, tail on
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 1/4 cup olive oil, divided

- 5 ounces andouille sausage, finely diced
- 4 ounces Tasso ham, finely diced
- 2 cups finely diced yellow onions
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- 1 1/2 cups finely diced green bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 3 dried bay leaves
- 1 3/4 cups converted rice
- 2 cups finely diced fresh plum tomatoes
- 1 cup clam juice
- 2 cups chicken stock
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. In a small bowl, blend the seasoning mix together and set aside.

2. Cut each chicken thigh in half, and evenly dust the thighs with 1 1/2 tablespoons of the seasoning mix. Dust the shrimp with about 1 1/2 teaspoons of the mix.

3. In a low and wide 6-quart (or larger) stockpot, add 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Sauté the shrimp for about 1 minute per side. Remove the shrimp and set aside.

4. Repeat the process with the chicken, using the remaining oil. Remove the chicken and set aside.

5. In the same pot, brown the sausage and ham. Add the remaining butter, onions, celery, bell pepper, garlic, and bay leaves, and cook for 4 minutes.

6. Add the rice, stirring to coat it with the mixture. Sauté for 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook for 3 minutes more.

7. Add the clam juice, chicken stock and chicken thighs. Bring to a boil, and then reduce to a simmer. Cook for 30 minutes, and then check the rice for tenderness and ensure the chicken is cooked through.

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- 1/4 c. fresh sage leaves
- 2 T. fresh rosemary leaves
- 2 T. fresh thyme leaves
- 1 1/2 c. cream
- 1 c. shredded Asiago cheese

- Salt and pepper
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 c. chopped walnuts
- 1/4 c. panko

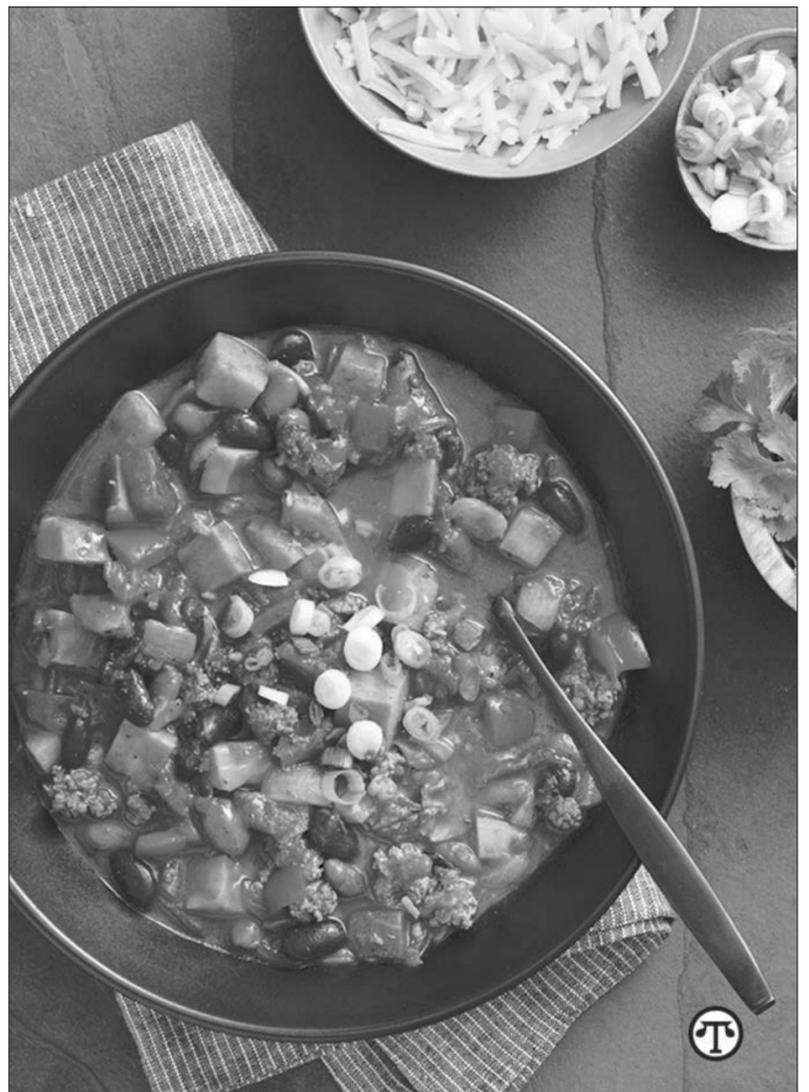
Preheat oven to 350° F. Arrange sweet

potatoes on two large rimmed baking sheets, cut side down, and bake until tender, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Set aside. Increase oven to 400° F. In medium saucepan over medium heat, combine butter, shallots and herbs. Cook, stirring occasionally, until butter browns, shallots are tender, and herbs are crisped, about 6 minutes. Scoop flesh from sweet potatoes into large bowl. Add half of butter mixture, mash. Add cream, cheese, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir in eggs. Transfer to 2-qt. baking dish and bake until almost heated through, 20 to 25 minutes. Stir walnuts and panko into remaining butter mixture, sprinkle on casserole, and continue baking until heated through and browned on top, 5 to 10 minutes.

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Hearty And Healthy California Sweet Potato Chili



There's always a good reason to indulge in this utterly delicious, year-round comfort food.

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Here's a new take on an old favorite. Loaded with fiber, vitamins and minerals, it's easy to make. Serve with an array of garnishes, allowing diners to customize their bowls.

CALIFORNIA SWEET POTATO CHILI

SERVES 6

- 2 T oil
- 1 lb ground beef, turkey, chicken or pork
- Salt and pepper
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 T chili powder
- 1 T smoked paprika
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/4 tsp ground cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

- 2 14.5-oz cans diced tomatoes
- 2 c low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 15-oz cans kidney or pinto beans (with their juices)
- 1 1/2 lb orange- or yellow-fleshed sweet potatoes, or a combination, diced

In large saucepan or small stockpot over medium-high, warm 1 T oil. Add meat and cook until brown. Add salt and pepper, transfer to bowl, set aside. Return to medium-high. Add 1 T oil. Add onion and bell pepper, cook until crisp-tender, 2 minutes. Add garlic, spices, and 1 tsp salt and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer until sweet potatoes are tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

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A Sweet And Savory Side

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CREAMY, CHEESY, SCALLOPED SWEET POTATOES

SERVES 8 TO 10

- 1 1/2 pounds each orange-fleshed and yellow/white-fleshed sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices, divided
- 2 cups shredded Gruyère cheese, divided
- 2 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme

- 1 1/2 teaspoons each salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon each garlic and onion powder

Preheat oven to 400° F. Oil 9-by-13-inch baking pan or 2 1/2- to 3-quart casserole dish. Layer half of sweet potatoes in dish, mixing colors. Sprinkle with half of cheese. Add remaining sweet potatoes and set aside. In small saucepan over medium-high heat, combine cream with herbs and spices. Cook until bubbles appear at edges of saucepan. Pour cream mixture over sweet potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining cheese, cover loosely and bake until almost tender, about 45 minutes. Uncover and continue baking until tender, about 15 minutes.

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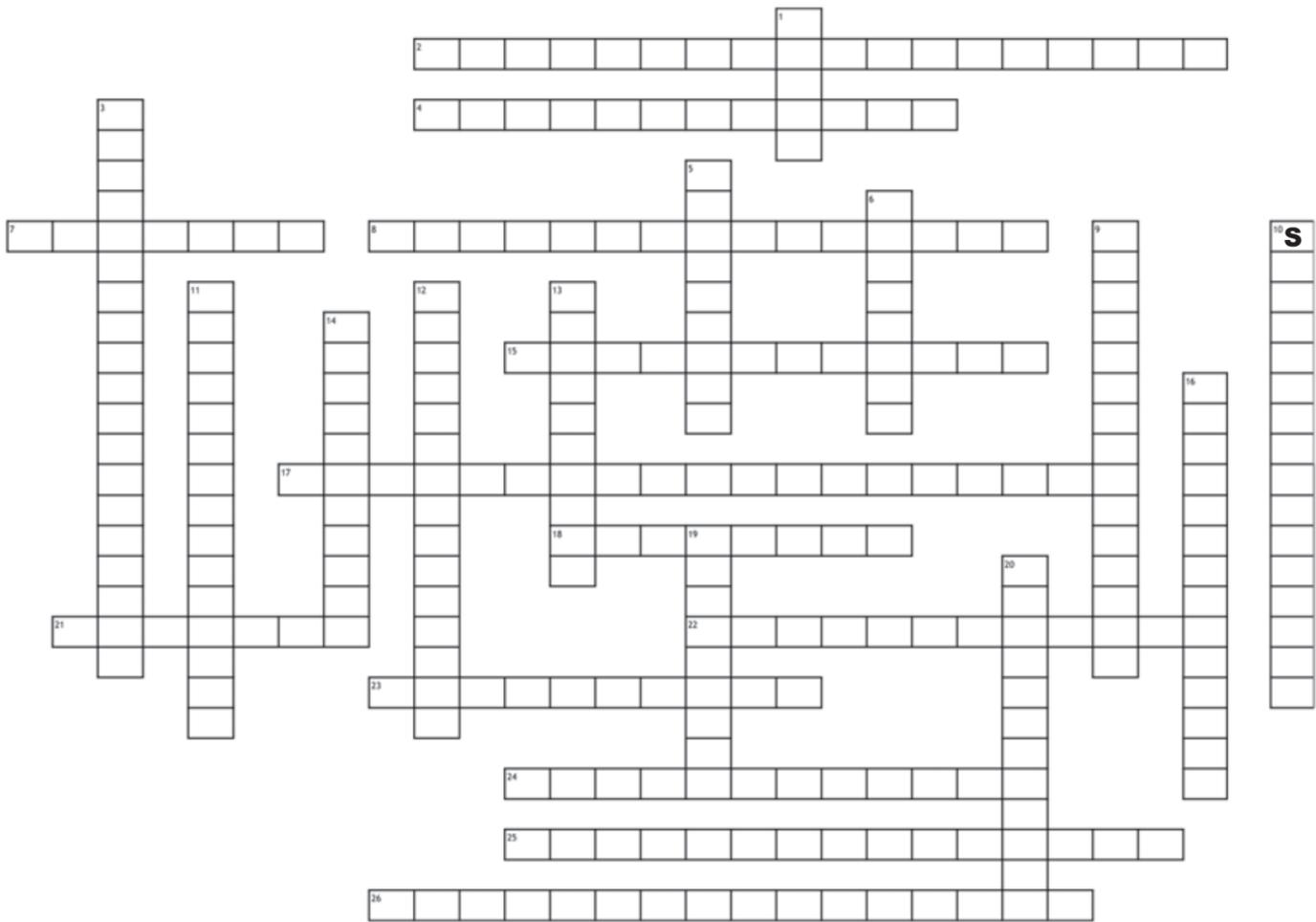
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