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Valley Green Grow appeals planning board decision

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – An appeal has been filed in land court arguing against the decision of the Charlton Planning Board to deny the plans of Valley Green Grow to develop what has been called the largest marijuana growing operation in the nation on the site of Charlton Orchards.

The appeal document, dated April 1, argued that the Charlton Planning Board unlawfully denied the plan by Valley Green Grow, also known as VGG, and argued that the company made effective arguments during public hearings on the matter justifying its approval. The 18-page document states Valley Green

Grow's belief that the Planning Board violated Massachusetts law and the town fo Charlton's own subdivision regulations calling the decision "arbitrary," "capricious" and "not grounded in substantial evidence."

"As evident in public record, the Planning Board's determination was motivated by bias and personal animus and was entered in bad faith," the document states, specifically naming Planning Board chair Patricia Rydlak in these accusations. The complaint seeks the annulment of the Planning Board's decision and the approval of the subdivision plan. It also seeks to hold the town responsible for legal and engineering fees associated with the

process.

In addition to laying out the application process undertaken to that point, the document also references YouTube video copies of Planning Board meetings as well as a screenshot allegedly made by Patricia Rydlak (identified as "Patsy Ann") on the Preserve Charlton's Character Facebook page indicating that the chair's position against the VGG project. The Planning Board put its final stamp of disapproval on the project by denying the subdivision plan in March, leading to the challenge in Land

Court.
"Throughout the public hearing process, all of the plantiffs' consultants and representatives testified that the proposaed



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A DAZZLING DISPALY

Students from Charlton Middle School, like this group pictured on the school's Twitter feed, did a fantastic job displaying their projects during the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District's Science Fair last week.

Selectmen remove petitions from warrant

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Board of Selectmen has decided not to include a pair of citizens' petitions on the upcoming annual town meeting agenda, ruling that they would lead to actions or discussion that would create potential legal issues for the town.

The petitions presented votes of no confidence in town leadership stemming from the ongoing debate over the Valley Green Grow project, as well as possibly censoring the Planning Board. During meetings in the month of March, the town attorney argued that the petitions should not be put on the town meeting warrant.

One of the petitioners, Cathy Benjamin, who owns the Charlton Orchard property where Valley Green Grow

hopes to set up shop, spoke during the public comments section of the March 26 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, and said she agreed with the town attorney.

"I would like to express that I am very agreeable to removing the petition from town meeting, as I do agree it only adds fodder to the press and it also will add to the lack of decorum to the town meeting, and that's not something I would like to see. I think we've seen too much of it whenever the subject of Valley Green Grow appears," Benjamin said.

Selectmen noted that the process was not that simple as the petitions had received more than ten signatures meaning everyone who signed them would also have to sign off on removing them. Otherwise, the Board of Selectmen had the power to prevent the

petitions from progressing. A third option was to have the petitions remain on the agenda and be passed over at town meeting. In the end selectmen were mostly in agreement that the petitions overreached the authority of town meeting. Selectman Joe Szafarowicz said the petitions would lead "mudslinging," and would set a negative precedent for any situation where there is a disagreement, no matter how minor, between a town employee and a citizen or group of citizens.

"The Planning Board doesn't deserve to be dragged through the mud during this discussion. The town administrator doesn't deserve to be dragged through the mud. If allowed by precedent - if someone has a disagreement with a police officer or a firefighter, what prevents Turn To **PETITIONS** page **A7**

MARS submits findings to School Committee

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON Changes could be on the horizon for the organization of offices within the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, with the School Committee now mulling over the results of a reorganization assessment performed by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, also known as MARS.

The district partnered with MARS earlier this year with the goal to explore ways to increase efficiency as well as better designate authorities within the district and,

after several months of examinations, the verdict is in. MARS is recommending that several changes be considered including altering job descriptions and specifying who certain employees answer to in order to reduce the workload on the superintendent.

Paul Gagliarducci, a consultant for MARS, led the presentation to the School Committee at the end of March, and said the report was meant to provide information to the new incoming superintendent as well as the committee so that they can consider alterations where appropriate and tailor the recommendations to their liking. One

of the first recommendations was to examine job descriptions to make sure redundancies as well as cross training are properly managed. The goal is to make sure there is a succession plan for each job, a backup plan in case of absences, and an organized hierarchy so that those paid to manage certain departments are the go-to contacts in case of concerns.

"Currently, a number of people walk through the superintendent's door to get a yes or a no and in some cases those people could be handled at another level. Our job was to clean that up,"

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Fire guts Freeman Road home

BY JASON BLEAU

CHARLTON – A late night blaze resulted in no injuries but the loss of a residential home as several fire departments turned out to manage the emergency.

According Fire the Charlton Department, the initial call came in at around 11:31 p.m. on April 2, reporting a structure fire on Freeman Road. Crews arrived to find a building engulfed at 136 Freeman Rd., with Charlton Engine 3 and Car 1 first on the scene. Police also arrived on scene. The situation was quickly upgraded to a 2nd Alarm fire with outside departments called in to assist.

Charlton dispatched

Engines 1 and 2 as well as Tower 1, Taker 2, Forestry Vehicle 1 and Cars 2 and 4 to the scene while Auburn and Oxford fire departments also reported to the scene. Southbridge Fire Department provide station coverage for Charlton while firefighters tackled the fire. By 11:39 p.m., firefighting had begun.

Upon arriving, firefighters immediately noticed flames from the roof of the building. Fire officials said that a 4-inch water supply line that extended up the driveway to the front of the residence which served as the entry point for first responders as they began an interior attack on the fire. Most of the fire was confined to the upper level of the home, with an additional line utilized to extinguish the flames

The fire extinguished within the hour, officially deemed "under control" at 12:19 a.m. on the morning of April 3. Electrical was cut from the home around an hour later. Most of the damage due to fire and water was confined to the second floor of the home. The damage to the home has been assessed at \$100,000 although a cause has yet to be determined. The home was deemed uninhabitable.

The Charlton Fire Department did not return calls requesting information on the fire before press time,

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What remains of a home on Freeman Road that was engulfed in flames on the night of

Library partnering with C/W MARS for tech support

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY – The Pearle L. Crawford library is home to a slew of technological resources for the public to utilize, which can present quite the dilemma when it comes to tech updates and management. However, those inconveniences may now me a thing of the past thanks to a new partnership with a library-based company called C/W

MARS.

Library Director J. Drusilla Carter recently discussed the partnership with the Library Board of Trustees explaining that C/W Mars will be providing tech support for the library at a minor cost for the foreseeable future. C/W MARS, or the Central Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc., is a library consortium that devotes itself to resource sharing

and access to information including keeping technology up to date. According to Carter, the library has often found it difficult to keep up with the maintenance of all of its systems. This new partnership will streamline everything under one entity and take the pressure off of library personnel.

"We do have 36 computers, two self-checkout machines, 11 laptops total in the building and a bunch of printers. It's too much for one person to make sure we have all the updates and everything," Carter said. "Just keeping up with updates for software and operating systems and so on takes hours and hours and they're willing to just take that all off our

Carter said she has been impressed by what C/W MARS has offered communities and feels that the partnership provides cost savings in more ways than one.

"The total cost if you do the math comes out to 20 hours of retrofits time. They come and do two hours on one computer, so the cost savings is significant," Carters said.

The total yearly cost will be \$3,300, which the Library Trustees felt was a tremendous deal for the amount of work the consortium will be doing. Carter said the deal includes "unlimited support" and that one of the technicians lives a mere mile aware from the library. C/W MARS will also be working with the library's HVAC company to allow for remote access to the building through a network making it easier for air conditioning and heating issues to be resolved as well.

Pasture Prime Players hosting auditions for "Wait Until Dark"

CHARLTON — Pasture Prime Players, Inc. is pleased to announce open auditions for "Wait Until Dark" by Frederick Knott.

The production will be directed by Marty Black-Eagle Carl. Auditions will be held Tuesday, April 16th and Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Arts & Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Rd., Charlton. Performances will be held June 21-30.

A sinister con man, Roat, and two ex-convicts, Mike and Carlino, are about to meet their match. They have traced the location of a mysterious doll, which they are much interested in, to the Greenwich Village apartment of Sam Hendrix and his blind wife, Susy. Sam had apparently been persuaded by a strange woman to transport the doll across the Canadian border, not knowing that sewn inside were several grams of heroin. When the woman is murdered the situation becomes more urgent. The con man and his ex-convicts, through a cleverly constructed deception, convince Susy that the police have implicated Sam in the woman's murder, and the doll, which she believes is the key to his innocence, is evidence. She refuses to reveal its location, and with the help of a young neighbor, figures out she is the victim of a bizarre charade. But when Roat kills his associates, a deadly game of cat and mouse ensues between the two. Susy knows the only way to play fair is by her rules, so when darkness falls she turns off all the lights leaving both of them to maneuver in the dark until the game ends.

There are roles for one woman, one girl and six men. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. We are also looking for people to fill non-performing roles. For more information, contact us at pasture.prime. players@gmail.com or our website www.pastureprime. org.

Webster man teaches NRA gun safety course

WEBSTER — Firearm ownership continues to grow exponentially year over year within the United States, and more specifically Massachusetts. Americans enjoy the rights and freedoms that citizens of many other countries do not, the ability to keep and bear arms, which the second amendment of the constitution has empowered us since 1791.

Gun ownership originated to protect individuals from tyrannical government. They have evolved into tools in the 21st century to serve many purposes. Gun ownership varies from reasons today such as hunting, target shooting, competition and personal defense within and outside the home.

Americans enjoy this powerful right that citizens of many other countries cannot experience. With this safe skills and attitude towards handling firearms. Matt Lanava, certified NRA instructor, teaches the home firearm safety course in Webster, and travels to other locations to instruct the high level, four-hour course which individuals enroll in for a multitude of reasons. One of the main reasons includes but is not limited to persons looking to obtain a License to Carry (LTC) firearms within Massachusetts.

With the large amount of firearms in existence, Matt has a goal to educate and reduce the fear of firearms to ensure the safety of the population as a whole. Education and the proper attitude regarding firearm safety will cause the most impactful reduction in firearm related events. The NRA home firearm safety course instructs students that a gun by itself is neither safe nor unsafe. Any of the unfortunate events

happen from one of two reasons, negligence or

If the basic fundamental rules of safe firearm handling are followed, unfortunate events related to firearms will not occur.

The NRA home firearm safety course which teaches the fundamentals of firearm safety as a foundation course that should not be the end all be all of firearms.

Matt also helps students with firearm consultation when students are ready to make a firearm purchase and he also schedules range time for students to try out certain firearms and the ability to practice safe shooting principles.

The course also covers what many find to be confusing laws within the state of Massachusetts and help filling out the application form. Many believe that obtaining firearms is an easy process without much regulation. This is convoluted fact as in Massachusetts, individuals purchasing firearms from a dealer must submit a federal background check and report the sale to the state to be documented in the records bureau.

In addition to these laws and fundamentals, the course also covers proper storage of firearms, cleaning and maintenance of firearms, different ammunition and most importantly,

the safe loading and unloading of firearms.

Gun laws and regulations can often be misguided emotion towards a passionate nerve that strikes individuals. All media platforms as well as political agendas are also often manipulated. When focusing on the safety of firearms, the main objective remains the same across all individuals. No one wants to have unfortunate firearm events. In the case of everyone wanting the population to be safer, firearm safety and education should be a high priority for all individuals.

This is not an issue of liberal versus conservative, nor is it a democrat versus republican issue; this is the priority of safety from a multitude of angles from the handling of firearms that one may come across whether intentionally or not as well as proper storage away from unauthorized persons and making sure everyone takes the proper responsibilities.

Matt is available to conduct your firearm safety courses or field any other questions anyone may have.

Chocolate Sunday returns May 19

CHARLTON — Once again, the seductive fragrance from the chocolate fountain will envelop the hall as Chapter R of the P.E.O. Sisterhood presents its third annual Chocolate Sunday, May 19 from 2 to 4 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton.

Enjoy an afternoon sampling multiple chocolate treats, punch, coffee, and tea. There will be a cake-decorating demonstration by The Overlook pastry chef. decorated cake will be raffled at the event, along with baskets, gift certificates, and other items donated by sponsors. All proceeds will be directed to the educational grants, loans, and scholarship funds for women, which are supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a Philanthropic Educational Organization, celebrating its 150th anniversary this

Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For further information, call Sheila Ansley, 508-

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Mountain bikers work toward local NEMBA chapter

BY ANNIE SANDOLI VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—Local mountain bikers in Central Massachusetts communities have formed a Steering Committee to explore interest in the mountain biking community for the establishment of a chapter of the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA) in the Tantasqua Region of Massachusetts.

Each NEMBA chapter is a non-profit organization focused on promoting mountain biking and community networking in the region through maintaining and building trails, organizing regular group rides, skills clinics, and other social events for riders of all abilities, and acting as a liaison between mountain bikers, government agencies, land managers, and local groups. The idea for a chapter in the Tantasqua Region was launched by Sturbridge resident and mountain biker Nick Sokol.

"I'm a local rider who loves the trails and loves connecting people with the environment," said Sokol. "The Tantasqua region is a little non-coverage part of the NEMBA map and we are trying to get everyone to agree that the area needs it. It's a way for us to generate money for trails, but also to rally mountain bikers together to

accomplish a goal of donating or raising awareness and bringing people and trails together.

The proposed new chapter in the Tantasqua Region would include Sturbridge, Brimfield, Southbridge, Wales, Holland, Charlton, Spencer, Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, and any communities in the surrounding areas. The group would be completely run by local mountain bikers with representatives of all the included towns involved in management and members would pay an annual fee to support the organization's efforts.

"There are many riders in the Tantasqua area, but most of their outings are informal," said Willie Jacobsz, a member of the Tantasqua NEMBA Steering Committee advising team along with local mountain bikers Eammon Carleton, Bruce Rioux, Paula Burton, and Brenda Carleton. "Some of them have affiliated themselves with the surrounding chapters such as Wachusett, Blackstone Valley, Pioneer Valley, but they have to drive very far to ride with other people. There are enough riders in the area to establish a separate chap-

The next step is for the Steering Committee to provide evidence to the NEMBA that there is sufficient interest for a Tantasqua Region Chapter, and they are encouraging people to come forward if they would like to get involved or see a chapter

in the area. 'If we find there are enough people who want this chapter and will join a management team and board of directors, we will go the the NEMBA board, the mothership, and petition for a new chapter,' said Jacobsz. "Our call is for people to please step up, show your support, and volunteer to become involved."

Part of the efforts of the Steering Committee includes involving more people in the area, both beginners and experienced riders, and making a special effort to include young people and women.

'There are so many people who want to ride but don't know where to go," said Jacobsz. "It's really not a daredevil sport, it's a pedestrian sport and you can ride at your own pace. It's like walking on a trail but on a bike. You can be a novice and they will help you become better at it."

The Steering Committee wants people to know that the most beneficial thing about establishing a new chapter in Central Massachusetts is that is provides a community for local riders of all ages and abilities to turn to for group activities, instructional courses, and scheduled rides that are close to home.

"It's a community and that

is the most important thing," said Jacobsz. "It's so nice to have like-minded people who love the environment. ride together, and after riding together have a drink of water or beer or whatever you choose and talk. It's about building community around something we love and it helps the health of the community, mental health, build friendships, great for the area."

The Steering Committee for the proposed Tantasqua NEMBA chapter is planning to have a community meeting during the month of May to see if there is positive interest in moving forward with the establishment of the group. The location and details of the meeting will be posted online.

For more information on the establishment of the Tantasqua NEMBA chapter, contact Nick Sokol at NickSokolTrails@gmail. com. To be kept informed with the progress of the group, join the Tantasqua Area MTBers Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1996785643964693.



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Center of Hope hosts Cinco de Mile road race

BY ANNIE SANDOLI

SOUTHBRIDGE—The Center of Hope Foundation, a nonprofit based in Southbridge that focuses on helping people with disabilities, is looking for people to volunteer in its Cinco de Mile road race on Sunday, May 5 to raise money for its Special Olympics and Recreational Program, which gives individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate in unified sporting events throughout the

The event will include a 5K. 10K, and 1 Mile Fun Run with a course that runs through Southbridge. There will be postrace entertainment, including music, food, beer and wine, obstacle courses, and a best Cinco de Mayo outfit contest, with all the proceeds from the day going directly to the Center of Hope.

"This event is really fun — it's outdoors, and we are trying to get as many people as possible,' said Ryan Chauvin, Director of Clinical Services at the Center of Hope foundation. "The Center of Hope has been around for over 60 years helping people with disabilities and it services a great deal of our community. The individuals who are part of our Special Olympics and Recreation Program wouldn't be able to participate without the help and support we receive from our fundraising events.'

Prior to this year, the Center of Hope's annual race to benefit the Special Olympics and Recreational Program was called the Gobble Gobble road race and took place the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. The organization decided to move it to the spring as part of its partnership with the Hoyt foundation and in hopes of nicer weather.

"The race is one of several fundraisers we do, and it's great for our agency," said Chauvin. "The funding to our Special Olympics Program benefits about 150 athletes in a variety of sports and helps pay for their tuition, uniform costs, and staffing. We serve nine sports total over four seasons and each season there are one to three different sports that we oversee.'

Along with helping many individuals get active and involve themselves in an athletic community, Center of Hope also offers day habilitation, vocational employment services, housing services, and does advice outreach work, including supporting Building Bridges, a self-advocacy group made up of people with disabilities. Now that it has such an extensive recreational division, however, it needs even more support and funding to keep doing everything it does for the community.

Registration for the Cinco de Mile road race is open now and includes entry, a road race t-shirt, choice of burrito, a cup of beer or wine, and post-race entertainment. Pre-registration done before May 1 is \$30 per person and registration done after May 1 and on the same day of the event is \$40. The 1 Mile Fun Run is \$20 and does not include alcohol. On the day of the race, registration starts at 8:30am, the 1 Mile Fun Run is at 9:45 a.m., the 5K and 10K are at 10:30 a.m., and the post-race entertainment will go from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.

To pre-register online, go to http://www.thecenterofhope. org/road-race. For more information or to sponsor the event, contact Ryan Chauvin at (508)

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Bay State Games offers 31st scholarship

REGION — The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This marks the thirty-first year of this valuable scholarship program that recognizes the leaders of tomorrow who excel in academics, community service, and athletics. The scholarship program is available to any Massachusetts High School student who is currently in grade 11 as of the 2018-2019 school year and participates in the Bay State Summer or Winter Games. Six \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants.

Bay State Games is proud to provide valuable college scholarships to student-athletes representing high schools and communities from across Massachusetts," said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. "Past recipients have exhibited outstanding accomplishments in academics, community service, leadership, and athletics. I encourage all Bay State Games Summer and Winter Games participants currently in their junior year of high school to apply for this scholar-

Candidates must submit their application information by June 5. The selection process will begin with a review of each applicant's personal statements, written recommendations, and transcripts. A number of students will then be selected for regional interviews which will be conducted June 17-19. At the conclusion of regional interviews, six statewide scholarship winners will be announced.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship. Information on sports to be offered at the 2019 Bay State Summer Games can be found at www.baystategames.org/ summer-sports.

For questions, email info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

About the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation/Bay State Games

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in the 1982 to host the first sanctioned state games of the Commonwealth. It operates with the mission of promoting personal development, education, physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship to Massachusetts citizens of all ages and abilities. The Foundation is recognized for hosting high quality, Olympic-style events through the Bay State Summer and Winter Games, as well as educational programs, including the Future Leaders Scholarship Program, and the High School Ambassador Program.

Brimfield Farmers Market opens Saturday

BRIMFIELD According to the Brimfield Farmer's Market Manager, Linda "You Fuchs: know spring is here when the Farmer's Market opens."

If that's the case, then spring "arrives" in the Hitchcock Academy parking lot on April 13 at 9 a.m.

Nothing enhances taste like freshness and what could be fresher than locally produced food? Every dollar you spend goes right back into the local economy, making it possible for the vendors in the Farmer's Market to continue to bring you

top quality goods week homemade ice cream and after week.

It's a once a week, Saturday treat, to stop in and look over the goods at the Market, which is open until 2 p.m. While some customers might like to shop early for best selection the 2 p.m. closing time means that people who rise early for work all week can sleep in on Saturday.

This year, the Market will feature from among their vendors: fresh baked goods, organic local produce; lavender essentials; in season fresh fruits and vegetables; cut flowers, bouquets and perennials;

ice cream sandwiches made with locally produced maple products; locally produced maple products; orchids and perennials; soaps, salts. washes and balms; various handmade and quilted items, and top quality meats. Start your weekly menu planning with the Brimfield Farmer's Market, Saturday mornings in the Hitchcock Academy parking lot.

Chrissy's Country Stitches,

Farmer's Market.

a vendor at the Brimfield



Simple strategies for a larger tomato harvest

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University Extension Office for a list of recommended tomatoes and always check the plant tags before pur-

Plant tomatoes in a sunny location, that receives at least eight or more hours of sunlight, with rich welldrained soil. Your plants will be healthier and better able to fend off insects and tolerate disease.

No room - no problem. Grow your tomatoes in containers filled with a quality potting mix and drainage holes. Many of the newer containers, like Gardener's Victory Self-Watering Patio Planter are designed to increase success with less effort on your part. Look for containers with built-in trellises, large reservoirs and other features that promote healthy growth and productivity.

Properly space plants to increase airflow and sunlight reaching all parts of the plant. This reduces the risk of disease and increases a plant's ability to produce more fruit. Leaving space between plants also helps reduce the spread of disease from diseased plants to nearby healthy plants.



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Further reduce the risk of disease by lifting the plants off the ground. Supporting plants with strong tomacages

improves air flow and light penetration while keeping the plants and fruit off the ground and away from son-dorne insects and diseases.

Avoid flimsy tomato towers that tend to topple and bulky cages that consume too much storage space. Consider investing in one of the stronger supports like the Gardener's Vertex Lifetime Tomato Cage that stores flat and is strong, but flexible to encourage stouter growth. Another benefit is that it opens, so you can easily place them around larger plants; just in case you waited too long to set the cages in

Use soaker hoses or irrigation systems like the Waterwell Irrigation System that target water to the soil around the plant. Placing water just where it is needed - on the soil conserves moisture while keeping the foliage dry. Overhead irrigation uses more water and increases the risk and spread of many common tomato diseases.

Boost your tomato plants' productivity by as much as 20% with red mulch. The USDA and Clemson University developed a red mulch that reflects far-red wavelengths upward into the plants stimulating growth and development. For more help growing tomatoes successfully and boosting your tomato harvest, visit gar-



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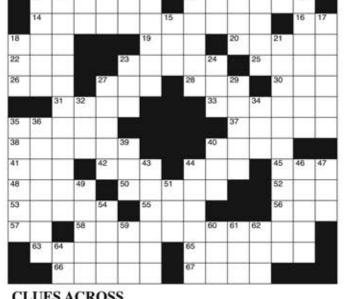
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Rotate plantings from one garden, or area within a garden, to another. Moving related plants to different locations each year reduces the build up of insects and diseases, reducing the risk of future problems. Consider rotating your tomato plantings into containers if space is limited. Start with fresh soil, a clean container and disease-resistant plants.

With these few changes and a bit of cooperation from the weather, your new challenge may be finding ways to use and share your bumper harvest. Your surplus tomatoes and vegetables are always welcome at food pantries and meal programs in your community.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Often romantic composition 37. Della __, singer
- 10. California mountain
- 12. Spiral staircase pillars
- 14. "Heat" director 16. Tellurium
- 18. Gateway (Arabic)
- 19. No (Scottish) 20. Greek prophetess
- 22. A team's best pitcher
- 23. Bard's way of saying "have"
- 25. Indigenous group of the Philippines
- 26. Danish krone 27. Type of squad
- 28. Possesses
- 30. Part of the face
- 31. Very small amount of time (abbr.)
- 33. Churches have lots of them
- 35. Modern day "letter"
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Political action committee
- - 4. Woman who followed Bacchus 39. Hit lightly
 - Green veggie
 - 7. Stiff bristles
 - Pass in Alps
 - 9. Atomic #81
- 10. A sharp blow
- 13. Prevents progress
- 15. Young boy
- 18. Not good
- 21. A ballet enthusiast

- 24. Bar bill
- 27. A genus of badgers 29. "No _!"
- 32. Get off your feet

- 3. When you hope to get there
- 5. Cause to become entangled

- 11. Bears engage in it
- 17. A way to go on
- 23. Ad
- 34. Franklin was one kosh, near Lake Winnebago 35. Removed

40. Type of house

41. Folk singer DiFranco

44. Car mechanics group

50. Forming the bottom layer

63. Respect due to an ancestor

66. Members of a Semitic people

52. How fast you're going

plant or animal

45. Belonging to us

56. Military mailbox

57. Type of lawyer

58. Type of monk

65. Took to the sea

67. A way to march

48. Pack neatly

53. Sea eagles

55. Cool!

42. A baglike structure in a

- 36. Used to catch poachers
- 40. Crony
- 43. Stroke
- 44. One who obtains pleasure by inflicting pain on others
- 47. Greek letter 49. "Wings" actor Steven
- the ante
- 51. Unhappy 54. Hair-like structure
- 59. Pick up 60. Type of transportation
- 61. Worn with a suit
- 62. Something similar to another already referred to 64. Farm state
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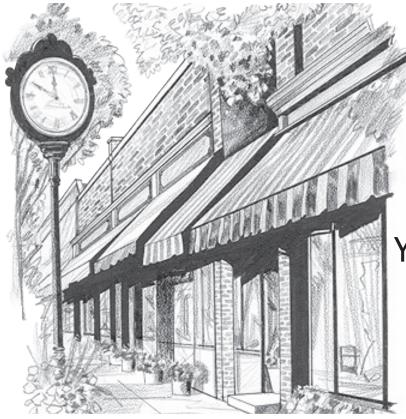
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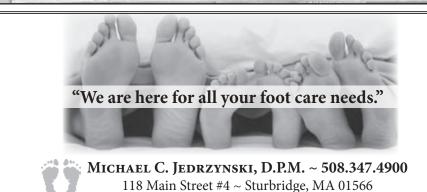


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Wales VFW creating memorial park

WALES-The Wales Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), in cooperation with the Wales Board of Selectmen, is currently working to consolidate the town's war monuments into one Wales Veterans Memorial Park located in front of the Old Town Hall historical building located at 5 Main Street off of Route 19.

The new centralized location will provide much easier access to and free and handicapped parking for the memorial, which will include monuments in honor of veterans of the Revolutionary War, the Spanish American War, the Vietnam War, and the Middle East Crisis and serves as a way to preserve history and honor the Wales residents who fought for

"It's going to be a permanent war memorial park, so it can't be taken away," said Will Jarvis, post commander of the Wales VFW. "All the names on the

memorials are sent to the national war headquarters and verified by the federal government to make sure each person served. Even I was surprised that our small town has 38 people in the Middle East Crisis."

The project has been funded primarily by donations through the sale of engraved bricks, which can be used to honor a loved one, show a business' support for Wales Veterans, or left blank. The bricks will be used in a walkway that is part of the design of the new memorial site and any brick dedicated to a veteran of any branch in the service will have a star incised into the brick. The bricks cost \$35 for four by eight inches and three lines to personalize, \$45 for eight by eight inches and six lines to personalize, and \$95 for 12 by 12 inches with eight lines to personalize, and there are 84 pieces of artwork to choose from that can be added to the bricks for \$6. There are also benches with a personalized plaque available by inquiry.

The Wales Veterans Memorial Park is scheduled to be completed and open to the public on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, when there will be an opening ceremony with the residents, schools in

the district, and the Boy Scouts. The town is asking that veterans and those who know of a veteran come forward before then with the name to make sure that all Wales veterans are honored on the town's monu-

"This is the biggest project I've done so far," said Jarvis. "I would like to keep it a military celebration."

The Wales VFW is also working to make Wales a Purple Heart town, which means it would be formally recognized for its strong commitment to and recognition of veterans with residents who have received the Purple Heart.

For more information on the new Wales Veterans Memorial Park, contact Will Jarvis at 413-245-7571. To purchase a brick, sign up in person at the Transfer Station on some Wednesdays and Saturdays or go to https://polarengraving.com/waleswarmonument. General donations can be mailed to PO Box 324 in Wales, Massachusetts 01081.

Spring Cleaning Tips

Well folks, it's that time of year again. The annual domestic ritual that brings family members everywhere together to work in happy harmony or harried havoc -- the yearly task of Spring Cleaning!

The two magic words to successful spring cleaning are: Prioritize and Delegate. In today's busy world, we can't possibly get our homes spotlessly clean and keep our sanity, so, you must decide what your priorities are. I find if you get the walls and windows clean, then you have fresh surroundings that inspire you to continue onto the floors and organizing the clutter. If you don't have time to reline shelves or reorganize every cupboard, don't fret. Focus your energies on the obvious.

Also, don't hesitate to delegate chores to each family member. If you assign them manageable tasks, they are more apt to cooperate. Read on for some tips to help make Spring Cleaning get done in record time.

This tip is an old favorite of mine, but it works so well, it bears repeating. To work more efficiently, professional house cleaners recommend beginning your work from top to bottom. Also, start cleaning in one corner of a room and work clockwise. Have a trash bag handy so you can toss dirty paper towels and litter away as you travel across the

Here's a great way to sort items that belong in other rooms in the house. Save steps by designating a handled plastic grocery bag to each family member's room. Simply hang the bags on the doorknob or someplace handy in the room you are cleaning. Place each person's misplaced items into their individual bags. When the room is cleaned, you need only pick up the bag and hang it on their bedroom doorknobs to remind them to put their stuff away

Somehow, washing windows gives you a great sense of accomplishment, so I always try to begin my spring cleaning by letting the sun shine in! Never wash windows in direct sunlight, which

causes streaks. This happens because the cleaning liquid dries faster than you can wipe it off.

To boost the cleaning power of regular cleaning solutions, add a teaspoon of white household vinegar to your spray bottle.

After cleaning wood floors, do a final buff this easy way: Simply spray your dry mop with (non greasy/slippery) furniture polish. Go over floor evenly, for a nice top shine.

In the bathroom, rubbing alcohol is an inexpensive and handy cleaning aid. Use it full strength on a cotton ball to polish up chrome bath fixtures on the sink and tub. And, if you have any hair spray residue on your bathroom mirror, a rubbing of alcohol will remove all traces of the chemical better than any window cleaner.

Carpet stains can be a big challenge. Here are some ways to make the task a little less daunting:

Before cleaning carpets, scrape off any solid residue. To coax a greasy stain out of a carpet, sprinkle cornstarch or cornmeal on the stain. Leave on overnight so the grease can be absorbed. Vacuum well the next morning. If stain remains, try applying a non-flammable dry-cleaning agent to the spot with a white towel. Blot from the outside edges in.

If you are dealing with a water soluble stain, there is no need to rush out and buy commercial cleaning products. The secret is blot, blot, blot! Try soaking stain with a solution made of a teaspoon of dishwashing detergent to a pint of water. Dab and blot with a white cloth from the edges to the center of the stain, turning cloth as the stain is absorbed. Finally, place a few layers of absorbent paper towels on top of the stain, cover with heavy books, and let sit for a few hours, replacing towels

every half hour or so until all TAKE traces of stain are gone. Or, my favorite trick is to use THE an absorbent terry towel and HINT blot the stain out by pressing hard with my heel, repeating with a new section of the **KAREN** towel until the stain is no **TRAINOR** longer visible.

Read on for a few more spring cleaning strategies:

For a sparkling glass oven door, wipe the window with household ammonia and let it set for several minutes. Scrape away grease with a spatula and wipe the window clean to a quick shine.

To get at dust on louvered doors or shutters, wrap a cloth around a ruler, spray with polish and run the flat end across each louver.

A capful of liquid fabric softener mixed with a quart of water makes a fast and convenient lint-free cleaner for glass and plexiglass frames and tabletops.

Did you know a dab of silver polish paste easily removes crayon marks from vinyl flooring?

Dust high walls and ceiling fans this way: Simply place an old nylon stocking over your dust mop. When you are done, just discard the stocking and the mop is ready for its next task.

Remember those little eyeglass cleaning tissues? If you use them to dust picture frames, you'll never have to worry about liquid seeping in under the glass.

Use an upholstery shampoo to remove mattress stains. Be sure to spray the area with a disinfectant to prevent mustiness.

Spring cleaning chores are easier if items are in order and easily accessible. One of my best organizing tips is to utilize those good old fashioned vinvl shoe

holders. Not only do they serve their original purpose in the closet, but the inexpensive storage pockets can be used all over the house. Best of all, the clear plastic bags allow for easy identification of the contents. Here are some ideas:

*Hang a shoe bag in the garage or workshop to hold lightweight tools, paintbrushes, work gloves and the like.

*A shoe bag hung out of sight on the inside of a hall closet door keeps gloves, mittens and hats all in one place.

*Hang one in the inside of a pantry cabinet for easy access to spray cleaners, aprons, scrub brushes and cleansers.

*In the laundry room, shoe bags can hold pre-treat sprays, sock holders, dryer sheets and even all the change collected from "heavy pockets."

*Linen closets stocked with the family's health and beauty aids can benefit from a bag to keep shampoo, deodorant, extra toothpaste, facecloths, etc. in place.

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Automotive memorabilia

Regular readers of this column know that antique and vintage automobiles can be very valuable. Automotive memorabilia is also popular with collectors and some pieces can command strong prices.

Automobile hisdates back tory 100 well over The History years. Channel Wilhelm Maybach,

of Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft, for creating the first modern motorcar, a Mercedes in 1901. American manufacturers would later dominate the auto industry. Henry Ford's mass production techniques became standard in manufacturing cars. The "Big Three" auto manufacturers Ford, General Motors and Chrysler led the industry during the 1920's. There had been 253 auto manufacturers in 1908. By 1929, only 44 companies remained, with the "Big Three" accounting for 80 percent of sales. The Great Depression caused many additional auto manufacturers to fold.

Despite fewer manufacturers, cars became more affordable after mass production and were available to middle class families. Many people have fond memories of cars and there are a wide range of automotive collectibles, also called automobilia, that are popular with collectors. One type of automobilia collectors prize are oil cans. A rare Indian motorcycle oil can sold for over \$7,000 in an online auction. License plates are also popular. A 1903 Massachusetts license plate numbered 437 sold for \$6,500 this year. Collectors seek out other types of automo-



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bilia including advertising posters and brochures, hood ornaments, and racing memorabilia.

Vintage gas pumps are some of the most valuable automotive collectibles. Visible gas pumps are among the more popular types. Visible pumps have glass that is marked to show how many gallons were being pumped into a car. Wayne model # 491 "Roman column" pumps credits WAYNE TUISKULA have also brought prices as high as \$31,000 at auc-

tion. A Raymond "4 In 1 Justice" five-gallon visible gas pump went for \$38,500 in 2015. A 10-gallon visible gas pump by Stanocola brought \$50,000 at auction in 2016. There are other styles besides visible gas pumps that are also highly collectible. A Shell Showcase Computing gas pump displayed Shell products like oil and car polish inside a glass case in the pump. One sold for \$34,000 in 2012. The Mobilgas Tokheim 36 Adc showcase pump generated even more interest, selling for \$64,000 in 2016. Even the globes on top of the pumps can produce strong auction results. A Mccoard Airliner Gas pump globe sold for \$33,000. A Pioneer Gasoline Gas globe brought \$40,000 and Refiners Gasoline Gas pump globe went for \$64,000.

Some automobile advertising signs are also highly desirable. Older enamel and older neon signs are two of the most popular varieties and command strong prices. As with any antique or collectible, condition is very important. Collectors will pay more for better examples. As I mentioned in a previous column, Oilzum motor oils and lubricants were produced by White and Bagley of Worcester. An Oilzum



standup curb sign sold for for \$52,000 in 2016. Some rarer signs have sold for 6 figures. Also in 2016, a 40 inch "Double Chief Gasoline" sign fetched \$105,000. In 2016 a "Smith-o-Lene Aviation Brand" 48" gasoline sign brought \$110,000. A "Musgo Gasoline" 47 and three-quarter-inch double-sided sign cruised to \$233,000 at a 2016 auction.

Please email any questions about antiques, auctions and estate sales to me at info@centralmassauctions.com. question may be answered in a future column.

We are selling a visible gas pump and other automobilia in our Wilmington online estate auction that is taking place now and ends on May 1. Our next live auction takes place in Worcester on May 30. Other sales and events are being planned. Please see www.centralmassauctions. com for details on these events.

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APPEAL

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project would meet and satisfy the criteria and conditions necessary for approval in accordance with Charlton's subdivision regulations without requiring any waivers,' document states. "At the time of the final

hearing on March 6, 2019, the Planning Board's councel had reviewed the submissions and agreed with plantiffs' experts. Consequently. the Planning Board was without any expert basis on which to rest any conclusions that the definitive site plan was deficient."

The complaint comes

after around a year of debating and division among both citizens and boards within the town of Charlton. While the Planning Board denied the project the majority of the Board of Selectmen have shown support for the initiative while the public has been split on both the initiative and the approval process. Some

have seen it as a potential source of income for the town whose harm and impact has been exaggerated while others have argued that the plan would compromise Charlton's character and showed concerns about its location in relation to schools and homes as well as the impact odor and traffic would have

on Charlton. There have also been arguments as to whether marijuana falls under agricultural use in Massachusetts.

All of this led to an attempt by residents to ban recreational marijuana altogether through a bylaw adopted in August. This was recently shot down by Judge Robert B. Foster who will also

oversee this new appeal, as well as a second appeal previously filed by Valley Green Grow concerning the rejection of the site plan by the Planning Board in January. Both appeals are expected to be heard by Judge Foster later this month.

PETITIONS

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town meeting, then, of wanting to vote a confidence in one of those positions? I think it opens up a huge can of worms,' Szafarowicz said. "If the town doesn't like the decisions that we're making vote us out. If they really don't like it have a recall election. Same thing with the Planning Board. This really opens up our employees to a lot of undue hardship. I believe in protecting our employees because they don't deserve what this could bring them.'

Selectman Deborah Noble referenced court cases brought forward by the town attorney in the past that concluded town meeting votes that would direct selectmen to effect personnel were considered overreaching, thus making the petitions inappropriate for such a

'We've had multiple lawsuits over the last year or two because of votes taken at town meeting. While yes, they are the voice of the people they were overreaching, and it's gotten us in a lot of trouble. I think that moving forward

we need to be extraordinarily cautious and mindful and educated about what we're doing. There has been a level of rancor that I would like to see put aside. I'd like us to not be so contentious and when someone extends and olive branch let's no bat it away," Noble said.

However, not every selectman agreed with this perspective. Selectman Karen Spiewak argued that regardless of any potential legal ramifications the selectmen were setting their own precedent by withdrawing any petitions. From her research she said it would be the first time the board has ever prevented a citizen's petition from going to the annual town meeting.

"I look at it in a different light. I ask myself is it legal, yes. Have we ever said no to a citizen's petition before? I don't believe we have. We are simply a pass through. Regardless of where we stand with our personal opinions and beliefs, we are here to do what the people who voted us in asked us to do and that's to allow citizens petitions like this to come through," Spiewak said, later adding to her statements. "I look at this more as a resolution and I have great faith in our moderator to keep peace quite honestly. I just think we would be doing a disservice in turning a deaf ear to the residents who are asking us to do this - The town meeting is a very powerful vehicle and I have great respect for the residents of this town and to say no, we're not putting this on there after this last year folks, I don't think that's a very good idea."

Spiewak's statements were countered by Selectman David Singer, who said he had a hard time deciding for himself how to handle the petitions. On one hand, he agreed with Spiewak's sentiments but felt the reality of the potential ramifications for the town required the board's intervention.

Singer said he had an entire list of reasons provided to him by the town attorney of why the petitions should be withdrawn, and felt removing them from the warrant was the proper deci-

"On the lowest level of things, it is telling a body to take an action they are not statutorily allowed to take, and it goes from there all the way through contractual violations to the point of even civil rights violations. When you get into this the town attorneys and

the town insurance companies are not going to protect you," Singer said.

Finally, board Chair John McGrath agreed with statements made earlier that if citizens really didn't approve of the actions of selectmen, they will have the chance to make those opinions heard at the polls. They also always have the option of seeing a recall, but from his perspective the board has a responsibility to do what they feel is proper for the town in the end.

"There is a lot of emotion about it. There are a lot of people voicing their opinions in public by signing the petition. What I hang my hat on is what town council says. Town Council says the town meeting has no jurisdiction over the things that the petitioner wants town meeting to have," McGrath said.

With that, the Board of selectmen voted 4-1 to remove the petitions from the town meeting warrant with only Karen Spiewak voting against the motion. The Charlton Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Charlton Middle School on Monday, May 20.

Fire up the smoker for Easter dinner this year



Sunday typically falls during a time of year when the weather outside is still pretty chilly. But this year Easter falls on the third Sunday in April, increasing the chances that temperatures will be more spring-like and less reminiscent of winter.

Warmer temperatures on Easter Sunday means hosts tasked with cooking Easter dinner might be able to expand their culinary horizons and avoid the stove. Though they might not have considered it before, hosts might want to fire up their smokers to give their families something delicious and different to dine on this Easter Sunday. If the weather takes an unexpected turn for the worse, electric smokers can typically be used indoors, but check the manufacturer's instructions to confirm

Big meals are part and parcel for Easter Sunday, this recipe for "Pork Loin Roast with Hot Pepper Jelly Glaze" from Karen Putman and Judith Fertig's "Championship BBQ Secrets for Real Smoked Food" (Robert Rose) is a great way to take advantage of warmer Easter weather while still ensuring everyone has a full belly by the end of

PORK LOIN ROAST WITH HOT PEPPER JELLY GLAZE

Serves 4 to 6

1 boneless pork loin roast (about 2 lbs.)

cups apple juice 1/2 cup Brown Sugar Rib Rub (see

below) cup hot pepper jelly

Additional apple juice for spraying

1. Rinse pork under cold running water and pat dry. Place in a large sealable plastic bag and pour in apple juice. Seal bag and refrigerate for at least 8 hours and up to 12 hours.

2. Remove pork from marinade and pat dry. Discard marinade. Sprinkle dry rub over the surface of the meat, coating evenly. Set aside.

3. Prepare a fire in your smoker.

4. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt hot pepper jelly over medium-low heat. Keep warm by the smoker.

5. Place pork directly on the smoker rack, add wood to the coals and close the lid. Smoke at 225 F to 250 F, spraying with apple juice every 30 minutes, for 2 hours. Brush with hot pepper jelly,

For much of the country, Easter close the lid and smoke, spraying with apple juice every 30 minutes, for 1 to 112 hours, or until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the pork registers 160 F for medium, or until desired doneness. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

BROWN SUGAR RIB RUB MAKES ABOUT 31/2 CUPS

cups packed dark brown sugar or granulated maple

sugar

cup fine kosher or sea salt 1/2 cup sweet Hungarian paprika 1/4

1/4 cup chili powder

1/4 cup ground lemon pepper cup granulated garlic ground

tablespoon freshly black pepper

teaspoon dried basil teaspoon dried thyme

In a medium bowl, combine brown sugar, salt, paprika, chili powder, lemon pepper, garlic, black pepper, basil, and thyme.

MARS

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Gagliarducci said. "The second goal was to create and organizational chart that we feel would enhance communication.'

Two charts were presented to the School Committee to drive home the findings of the MARS study. The first chart explored the current staff and who they report to putting and emphasis on the Director of Finance and Operations, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Technology Services and Director of Student Services as four administrators that should handle daily reports before they go to the superintendent's office. The second chart proposes the creation of a new assistant superintendent position, one a specific focus on curriculum.

"The way we're set up here in Dudley and Charlton now, there needs to be more of a leadership role in the person in charge of curriculum. That's what happens if

you decide to go with an Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction. In our opinion the issue of secession and the issue of curriculum leadership are solved by selecting and assistant superintendent of schools," said Gagliarducci.

Other major recom-

mendations included renaming or reassessing current positions within the district. In addition to shifting the Director Curriculum and Instruction position to an Assistant Superintendent position MARS is also recommending for the Benefits Coordination position to shift to Human Resource Coordinator, the Head Custodian position at Shepherd Hill Regional to change to Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds, and the District Data Specialist and Registrar to be divided into two positions with a parttime Registrar. MARAS also suggested a siew of operational improvements including software updates and a shift in how the district utilizes

certain revenue sources to balance the budget.

"In your budget, you have a fairly heavy reliance on two revenue streams that are sensitive to say the least. One is school choice and the other one is the use of E&D (Excess and Deficiency)," Gagliarducci said. think you need to take a look at that and have a discussion with the two communities. The E&D is designed primarily for emergencies. You have a tendency to rely on it as a revenue stream and I think you need to be careful about that – You need to sort of think about a long-term strategy.'

MARS is also recommending safety audits on the buildings and updating safety to be in line with other districts and state requirements where appropriate.

The School Committee decided not to submit any comments on the plan instead choosing to hold off on their commentary until a later meeting to give members a chance to "digest" the findings for future consideration.

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however they released information on social media updating the public on

the incident. A press release confirmed that an investigation is underway with the assistance of the District 7 Fire Investigation Unit.



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A time for renewal

After a long, frigid, snowy winter, warmer, longer days are finally here. As March turns into April, more and more of our neighbors can be seen emerging from their homes and onto our Main Streets. Folks are out walking their dogs, runners can be seen flying by our windows and people about town seem to have more of a pep in their step.

While each season has its own perks, there is something about spring that seems to surprise us each year. We re-acquaint ourselves with our yards as they slowly reveal themselves as the snow banks melt away. Muddy grass has never been a kinder sight.

Over the past few weeks, the common chatter has been about the Red Sox, springtime fitness goals, gardening, hiking...you know, the usual.

With spring also comes 'spring In modern times, this is a semi-positive term; however, back in colonial times, 'spring fever' referred to the poor quality of health everyone was in after sustaining a winter without fresh vegetables and proper diet. Today's 'spring fever' will have children restless in school, new romances transpire and people attacking their homes with dust cloths and Windex.

Experts say the changes that a person goes through during the springtime are due to hormonal changes in the body. During the winter months, the body secretes a large amount of melatonin, (the sleep hormone). The presence of more sunlight in spring sends the body a message to stop producing as much melatonin. This causes folks to be more awake. Add this to the uptick in your serotonin levels due to the sunlight, and you will not only be awake but enthusiastic.

Interesting to note is that during the springtime, the body becomes more susceptible to illnesses. Way back when, scurvy outbreaks always occurred during this time of year as did rubella and measles. Doctors note that in April, gout, a condition that affects joints, peaks in individuals. Because there are more allergens in the air, you will see more cases of rosacea and other skin irritations on the rise.

Just to touch on a bit of history as we love to do, the month of April is derived from the word 'Aprillis,' which is derived from the word 'aperire,' meaning "to open." This would make sense as the world becomes abloom again in spring.

Now, back to the Red Sox. It seems as though the team is off to a rough start with just one win and three losses against the Mariners at press time. With 162 games to be played over the season, though, we aren't too worried with these early stats.

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

Is fear keeping you from living your dream?

I was recently stopped in the grocery store by a man who wanted to tell me that he enjoyed my column. During the brief discussion, the person asked, "Do you have a degree in journalism?"

"No," I responded, "My degree is music education."

"How did you become a columnist?"

"I decided I wanted to write a column. I wrote a few samples and submitted them to the managing editors of a few newspapers."

"And?" he asked.

"And they said yes," I responded.

The man had a confused look on his face then asked, "Weren't you afraid they'd say no?"

Fear, for many, is debilitating. Fear keeps people from pursuing their dreams and traps them into living the life they are given rather than striving for the life they want. I think legendary motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar nailed it when he

Most fear is only False **Evidence Appearing Real** Some fears are healthy. It's natural to experience fear when we are in a life-threatening situation and fear is a useful tool to keep us from placing ourselves there. That type of fear was defined by Walter Bradford Cannon as "Fight or Flight" fear. It kept the caveman from being eaten by the sabre tooth tiger and keeps "most of us" from doing dumb and dangerous things. Fear of some situations and circumstances are both normal and healthy. So, when someone tells you to live without fear, that may not be the best advice. However. most other fears are unrealistic and even irrational. They are often triggered, as Zig stated, by false evidence appearing real and can keep us from realizing our dreams. So, what should you do?

Defy the lie!



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The voices in our head are often untruthful. Many, if not most of our fears are rooted in our insecurities and lack of faith in our abilities. The voices in our head that tell us we are not smart enough, good enough or talented enough, create the insecurities that manifest themselves into unrealistic or irrational fear. If the voice sounds familiar, it should ... it is yours. Your internal voice raises the doubt that turns into fear of acting, while discouraging vou from venturing out from the life you have into the life you want.

Author and medical professional, Bronnie Ware, writes in her book, "Regrets of the Dying," that two of the top five regrets are caused only by our fear. Number one is "I wish I had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me" and number three, "I wish I had the courage to express my feelings." Fear of what others might think triggers both.

Authenticity takes courage ...

Being who you are meant to be takes courage but even more so in becoming who you aspire

I'm fortunate. I grew up in a home where there were no available funds for college. I had to take a job selling vacuum on straight commission to earn money for tuition. I was frightened almost beyond my ability to cope. The irrational fear of knocking on doors brought me to tears during my first few weeks, but I quickly learned that all the things I was afraid would happen, did not. Under most circumstances, I would have given up before I started, but my fear of not attending college was greater than my fear of having a door slammed in my face. I survived the summer and earned enough to pay a year's tuition, then came back for more each summer until I graduated from college, debt free. Along my journey, several of my friends saw the money I was earning and decided to give selling a shot, but most gave up before the first day ended. Their fear kept them from the success they could have enjoyed.

I believe that our life's destiny is discovered on the other side of fear

If it's worth having, it's worth overcoming your fear to obtain it. My column is now in its third year, but I still experience the moments of doubt every Monday morning as I press the button to submit it to this publication. The same is true with my books and my video blogs on my YouTube Channel. When we produce or create work that comes from our head and heart, then put it out there for others to experience, there will always be those who will disagree or criticize what we do. That's life. At those moments, I always remind myself that no one ever erects a statue of a critic.

Do not fear criticism. Former Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn is quoted as saying, "Any Jack*ss can kick down a barn but it takes a good carpenter to build one."

Anyone can criticize. It's easy, but to accomplish something that matters, you must overcome your fear.

Gary W. Moore is a columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com

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Try to avoid "Titanic" investment mistakes

It's been 107 years this month since the tragedy of the Titanic. Of course, this disaster has fascinated the world ever since, leading to books, movies, musicals and, ultimately, a successful search for the big ship's remains. On the positive side, commercial shipping lines learned a great deal from the Titanic, resulting in safer travel across the oceans. And as an investor, you, too, may be able to draw some important lessons from what happened on that cold April night more than a century ago.



FINANCIAL Focus JEFF BURDICK

So, to avoid some "titaninvestment mistakes, consider the follow-

Create a financial strategy with a solid foundation. Although considered a technological marvel, the Titanic had some real structural, foundational flaws - such as compartments that weren't fully watertight. To withstand the inevitable rough seas ahead, your investment strategy needs a strong foundation, based on your needs, goals, family situation, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Be receptive to advice. The Titanic's crew had received plenty of Marconi wireless warnings from other ships about ice in the area. Yet they did not take precautions, such as slowing down. When you invest, you can benefit from advice from a financial professional – someone who can caution you when you're making dangerous moves, such as pursuing inappropriate investments, which could ultimately damage your prospects for success.

Be prepared for anything. The Titanic had far fewer lifeboats than it needed, resulting in a tragic loss of life that could have been prevented. As an investor, you need to be prepared for events that could jeopardize your financial well-being, and that of your family. So, at a minimum, you need to maintain adequate life and disability insurance. And it's also a good idea to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account

Don't overreact to perceived threats. When the iceberg loomed directly ahead, the Titanic's crew frantically tried to steer clear of it. While this move was understandable, it inadvertently hastened the ship's demise, because it exposed a more vulnerable part of the hull to the huge ice mass. When you invest, you might also be tempted to overreact when facing perceived dangers - for example, if the financial markets plunge, you might think about selling your stocks. This is often a bad idea, especially if you're taking a big loss on your sales. If your investments are still fundamentally solid, you might well be better off by staying patient and waiting for the markets to recover.

Give yourself time to reach your goals. Edward J. Smith, the Titanic's captain, apparently wanted to break speed records on the Atlantic crossing – and this desire may have contributed to his somewhat reckless passage through fields of ice. As an investor, you could also run into problems if you rush toward a goal. To illustrate: If you wanted to retire at 65 with a certain amount of money, but you didn't start saving and investing until you reached 55, you'd likely have to put a lot more away each year, and possibly invest a lot more aggressively, than if you had started investing when you were 30.

Put to work some of the Titanic's lessons – they might help you improve your chances of smooth sailing toward all your important financial goals.

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Talking turkey...wild turkeys, that is ers on a small

Wild Turkey hunting season will start on April 29 this year in Massachusetts. There is no shortage of birds in the valley, and harvesting a bird during the spring hunt should be no problem.

When wild turkey hunting was first opened



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the Valley area, sportsm e n k n e w very little about to hunt for this

great game bird that was extinct in Massachusetts for many years! When Mass. Fish & Wildlife reintroduced wild turkey back into the state, they were slow to reproduce, but when the correct truly wild birds were stocked in Northern & Western parts of the state, their efforts finally paid off.

When the flocks of wild turkey were well established, many birds were trapped and restocked in the valley. It did not take long for the birds to reproduce, and a hunting season was part of the outdoorsmen's annual things to do. Numerous wild turkey hunting seminars were held at local rod & gun clubs, providing a lot of information for first time turkey hunters. The seminars were a lot of fun, with numerous professional turkey hunters providing all in attendance a lot of laughs and plenty of information on how to harvest there first bird. A great meal was also provided for the seminars by club members.

We have all learned a lot about wild

turkey hunting over the years, by our own experiences. Missed birds because of the hunters inability to wait for a closer shot, and setting up under a turkey on the roost, was one of the big mis-

take that many hunters did to ruin an otherwise successful hunt. Hunting from a ground blind sure made it easier for sportsmen to call in a turkey. Over the past few years, I have used a ground blind, and have had great success calling in birds from a long distance while enjoying a cup of coffee or a quick snack. Ground blinds give you freedom of movement while hunting, which is very important. The keen eyesight of a wild turkey is extremely good, & they can spot something that is out of place from a long distance. Any movement is quickly picked up by the turkeys keen eyesight. Patience is the name of the game!

Turkey decoys work very well under most conditions, but there are times when a bird has been called too often, and becomes a bit more educated, and is weary about decoys. He may have been called in or shot at, which will make it harder to bring the bird in for a good shot. This writer has saved the full tail of the turkey that I harvested in past years and spread them out on a piece of cardboard to dry. Placing the tail feath-



weeks. checked out areas of Webster Lake this past Saturday and found only a handful of shoreline anglers that had very little luck catching trout. The parking lot at the town beach had many boat trailers parked, which was a good sign that bass fishing has started. It sure was a good day to be on the water!

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club will hold their annual spring derby this Saturday for members only. Some real impressive trout were stocked this past Saturday at the club pond. The kitchen will be open for breakfast. The derby starts at 8 a.m.

The Singletary Rod & Gun club will hold their annual trout fishing derby on April 14, starting at 7 a.m. The club will also have a huge buffet breakfast starting at 6 a.m.

Special thanks to all of the volunteers that helped clean up the litter along many streets and roads of Uxbridge. Nice job. Now if we can only

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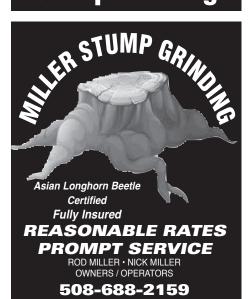
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Eileen G. "Gramma Nelson" Nelson, 91



SPENCER: Eileen G. "Gramma Nelson" (Bugbee) Nelson, 91, of Wilson Street died peacefully, Saturday April 6 in her home surrounded by her family.

Her husband, Walter T. Nelson, Jr. died in 2001. She leaves a son; David R. Nelson of Charlton, four daughters; Audrey L. Benoit of Worcester, Dianna L. Winders and her companion Rick Mauch of Spencer, Gail L. Lacroix and her husband Brian of Spencer and Roberta L. Nelson of Southbridge, 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son Daniel R. Nelson in 1961 and a daughter Sharon L. Nelson in 1995.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Worcester, daughter of Ralph F. and Lucille E. (Phillips) Bugbee. She was a member of the First Congregational

Church of Spencer. She was a former member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 138 in Spencer. She enjoyed playing cards, cribbage, Chinese checkers, fishing and listening to old time country music. She was fun and vivacious, always the life of the party she loved spending time with her family and was always on the go. The family would like to sincerely thank all the nurses and caregivers at the Overlook Hospice.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, April 10 at 11:00 AM in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours were Tuesday, April 9 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, MA 01507.

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Judith R. Hallene, 75



SOUTHBRIDGE -Judith R. (Brouillette) Hallene, 75, of Hilltop Drive, died Monday, April 1, 2019, in her home. She is survived by her hus-band of 11 years, Michael E. Hallene of Southbridge; her son,

Matthew Roy of West Boylston: two daughters, Jocelyn Ulloa and Joleen Hallene, both of Loris, SC; her sister, Sharon LaPointe and her husband George of Auburn; four grandchildren, Madison Lamica of Charlton, Alexis Roy of West Boylston, Jillian Ulloa of Loris, SC, and Joshua Ulloa of Loris, SC; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Ernest A. and Rita (Lachance)

Brouillette, and lived in Oxford before moving to Southbridge 23 years ago. She graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester.

Mrs. Hallene worked at Karl Storz in Charlton for 8 years before retirement. Previously, she worked at Hyde Manufacturing in Southbridge for 10 years. She enjoyed going to the beach and especially loved Hollywood, FL.

Calling hours were Saturday, April 6. 2019, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service will be held on Saturday at 12 noon at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Leonard A. Drake, 80

CHARLTON: Leonard A. Drake, 80 of Hiland Road died peacefully Sunday, March 31 in Harrington Hospital after a hrief illness

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Theresa A. (Langevin) Drake, two sons; Christopher W. Drake of Charlton and Mark J. Drake and his wife Jennifer of Rogers, Ark. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Emily I. Drake.

Leonard was an auto-body technician for many years before retiring and becoming an entrepreneur. A true Renaissance man, who always provided

for his family through all hardships. He will be missed and thought of during the best of times.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed vacationing in Maine. He loved spending time with his sons and his wife.

At Leonard's request no funeral services are planned. J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing funeral arrange-

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Norman E. Dugas, 80



CHARLTON-Norman E. Dugas, 80, of Charlton passed away peacefully on April 3, 2019 with his family by his side. He was born June 4, 1938 in Southbridge, MA to Alphonse Dugas and Bertha (Johndro)

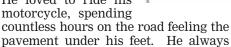
Dugas. He was a loving husband to Nancy (Davis) Dugas for 57 years and a dedicated father to his two children.

He leaves behind his wife, Nancy, his son Brian Dugas and wife Lisa Dugas, and his daughter Amy Dugas and her husband Jeff Robbins. Norman also leaves behind two grandsons, Benjamin Dugas and Nicholas Robbins and his brother Robert Dugas. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Arthur Dugas, sister Rhea Barton, and infant daughter Diana.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Church for many years. Norman was a lifelong resident of Charlton and was actively involved in town politics. He truly loved his hometown. Norman graduated from Charlton High School in 1956 before entering the Army. He served for 3 ½ years stationed in the U.S. and France. He was a patriot who was so proud of his country.

After the Army, Norman worked as a truck driver for 30 years before retiring and working part time for the Heritage Country Club and Gauthier

Excavations. Norman lived life to its fullest. He travelled extensively with his wife in their RV and spent many winters in Ft. Myers where he made so many dear friends. He loved to ride his motorcycle, spending



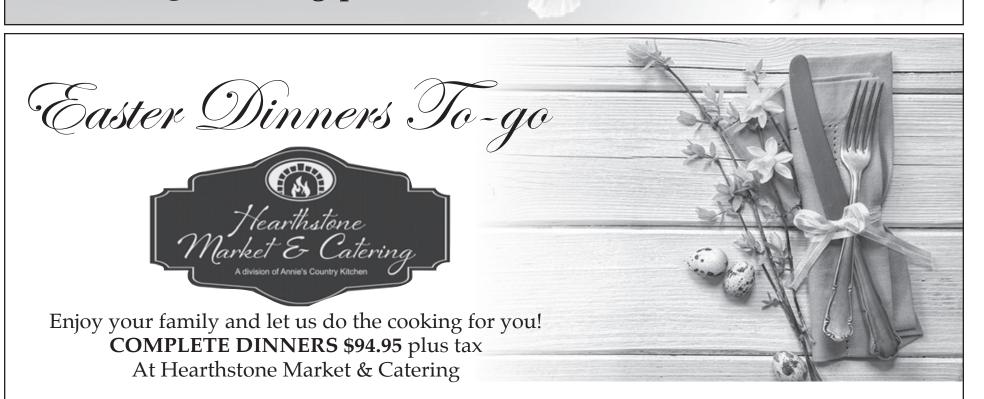
said, "Life is not a spectator sport". Norman was a true people person. He enjoyed visiting with friends at the Quarter Keg, Oxford VFW and the Beagle Club. He was generous to the end. His sense of humor, thoughtfulness, and integrity will be missed by us all. To take a quote from Norman's playbook, "Toodle-loo Buckaroo"

Visitation followed by a funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton, MA on May 4th, 2019 at 11:30. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Veteran of Foreign Wars, www. heroes.vfw.org or VFW, Processing Center, P.O. Box 8958, Topeka, KS 66608-8958

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 12

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STURBRIDGE DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER: The SDTC is holding its annual fundraiser on Friday, April 12 from 7-10 p.m. at 14 Westwood Dr., Sturbridge. This social event is open to any local progressives interested in friendly discussion of politics, good food and drink, and listening to our elected officials and guest speakers. SDTC members will provide appetizers, desserts, and beverages for the event. Guests will only be asked to contribute as they feel able. Checks should be payable to the Sturbridge Democratic Town Committee. Proceeds support the SDTC academic scholarship funds and political activity. Parking is available opposite 14 Westwood (one side only) or on adjacent Woodside Circle. The driveway will be reserved as handicapped

Friday, April 12 & Sunday, April 14

"THE BORROWED TOMB": Friday at 7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church, East Brookfield, and Sunday, April 14, 4 p.m., East Brookfield Baptist Church. The Christian Community Choir will be presenting "The Borrowed Tomb", an Easter Musical of Faith and Belief. It was written by Steven Moore and David Clydesdale and is being conducted by Kathleen Hosterman. "The Borrowed Tomb" tells the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the perspective of two members of the politically powerful Sanhedrin Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. We witness their struggle as they interact with each other, members of the Sanhedrin, Mary Magdalene and Jesus. The participating churches involved include: East Brookfield Baptist Church, Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church, Spencer, St. John the Baptist Church in East Brookfield, First Congregational Church of Leicester, St. Joseph's Church, North Brookfield, Brookfield Congregational Church, Faith Baptist Church in Southbridge.

Saturday, April 13

TURKEY DINNER: 5:30-7 p.m., Charlton City United Methodist Church, 74 Stafford St., Charlton City. We are cooking our famous turkey dinner with the fixings, including turkey, mashed potatoes, peas with pearl onions, stuffing, gravy, squash, and cranberry sauce, plus homemade apple crisp with ice cream.

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Charlton. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild. Six tables of meats, and one each of ham and lobster! Early birds arriving prior to 6 p.m. receive three free tickets to be used on the meat table of their choice. Selected "homemade" food purchases will be available for dinner, as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, etc.

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT OSV: The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Meetinghouse in Old Sturbridge Village on Sunday, April 21 at 6 a.m. This beautiful setting and joyous service is a wonderful way to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter morning! A free will offering will be taken to benefit those in need through St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Assistance, with locations in Southbridge and Sturbridge. The Easter Sunrise Service is an ecumenical effort sponsored by local churches from Charlton, Southbridge, Sturbridge. Please enter through the main gate and proceed to the rear of the parking lot near the security office, where we will gather and proceed in together. All are welcome! For more information, call Chris McTigue at 508-248-4726.

THE MAKING OF "BURNING COLD" WITH AUTHOR LISA LIEBERMAN: 6:30 p.m., Joshua Hyde Public Library, Main St., Sturbridge. Join

Lieberman as she gives insight into the process of writing a mystery set in Budapest during the 1956 revolution, starting with the inspiration behind the book: the classic noir film "The Third Man." Sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library.

Saturday, April 27

CONCERT & DINNER WITH JOSEE VACHON: A concert and dinner with noted French Canadian singer Josee Vachon will take place at the La Salle Reception Center, 444 Main St., Southbridge. The Saturday evening event begins with cocktails at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. Well known in communities throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and now Massachusetts, her new home state, Josee will perform in a dinner/ theatre setting with more than 25 years of music dedication, entertaining by presenting traditional as well as French songs. As singer and songwriter, Josee will bring her warm, engaging sense of humor and her upbeat rhythms to the audience while reflecting upon and celebrating her Franco-American heritage with anecdotes of life as it was when growing up in Maine. Sponsors for the evening are Union Sant-Jean-Baptist Chapter No. 12, Southbridge; Friends of St. Paul II Parish, the Southbridge cultural Council, a local agency and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Tickets are available from Ted Bartlett at (508) 764-7909 and the Parish Office at (508) 765-3701.

Sunday, April 28

BUFFUMVILLE DAM TOUR: Join Park Ranger Jamie today at 1 p.m. at Buffumville Lake, Charlton.

"THE BORROWED TOMB": 3 p.m., Masonic Home/Overlook Charlton. The Christian Community Choir will be presenting "The Borrowed Tomb," an Easter Musical of Faith and Belief. It was written by Steven Moore and David Clydesdale and is being conducted by Kathleen Hosterman. "The Borrowed Tomb" tells the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the perspective of two members of the politically powerful Sanhedrin Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. We witness their struggle as they interact with each other, members of the Sanhedrin, Mary Magdalene and Jesus. The participating churches involved include: East Brookfield Baptist Church, Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church, Spencer, St. John the Baptist Church in East Brookfield, First Congregational Church of Leicester, St. Joseph's Church, North Brookfield, Brookfield Congregational Church, Faith Baptist Church in Southbridge.

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.

BUSINESS NETWORKING: Join us for a FREE Business Networking Meeting! Thursdays - 7am at Old Sturbridge Village Oliver Wight Tavern Grecian Room, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd, Sturbridge, For more info call Tia @ 774-200-6740

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday evening from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: 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 lisirichard15@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)

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

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

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

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

FAMILY **FOUNDATIONS** PLAYGROUP: This free program for preschool-aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. 9-11 a.m. Mondays while school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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

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

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally, without instruction at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield on Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 22. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will donations are welcome. 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Hitchcock at (413) 245-9977 for more information.

GRANDPARENTS IN THE KNOW: Grandparents with custody of their grandchildren meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 9-10:30 a.m. at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH ABC'S: We all know something about our families — it's what we don't know that's intriguing. Genealogical research is becoming very popular, and for good reason. You might be living right next door to a third cousin twice removed! The research can be simple, or it can be a real challenge. "ABC's" will guide you along the right path with tips on research on- and offline. If you would like to have a conversation with your own great grandparents, then your job is to tell your family story to hand down to your descendants. Four classes at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield beginning Tuesday, Jan. 22. Instructor: Dave Robinson, Old Bones Genealogy of New England.

WATERCOLORS WITH Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every three weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at Hitchcock Academy with 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. 9-10 a.m. every Wednesday when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tanta-

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: STEAM GROUP. This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 grant. 9-10 a.m. Thursdays when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua.

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL): American Sign Language is a visual language using hands, facial and body expressions. Learn about deaf culture and mostly come and have fun. Laughter guaranteed. Six classes on Thursdays at Hitchock Academy from 7:15-8:15 p.m. with instructor May Marques, Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Session A — Beginners Part I — goes until March 7 (no class Feb. 21). Session B — Beginners Part II – goes from March 14-April 25.



Thursday, April 25

Rams regain composure, hold on to beat North Middlesex



Adam Lanier of Shepherd Hill tries to maneuver through the North Middlesex defense.

BY KEN POWERS

DUDLEY — The Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team's best example of how playing a controlled, disciplined game can pay dividends came from the Rams themselves in their April 4 game against North Middlesex Regional.

Shepherd Hill, playing under control and within itself, jumped out to a fourgoal halftime lead. After a third quarter filled with temper tantrums and mistakes, however, that lead was pared to just one goal early in the fourth quarter.

The Rams regained their composure in the fourth period, scoring four times in the final nine minutes to hold off the Patriots and emerge with a 12-8 victory at Carmignani Field.

The game was a tale of two halves. The first one penalty free, the second one, not so penalty free. That allowed [North Middlesex] to tighten the game up," Rams' head coach Harry Jones said moments after recording the first win of his Shepherd Hill coaching career.

Juniors Ethan Quinn, Cam Gagnon and Evan Fasolo all scored three goals each for Shepherd Hill, while classmate Nolan Burke added a goal and seven assists. All three of Quinn's goals came in the first half, after which the Rams led, 8-4.

"I thought we looked pretty good in the first half once we figured out they were in a zone. When we realized that we switched our formation, which

caused them a lot of problems because their heads weren't really on a swivel and they weren't picking up cutters and that got us a lot of free points," said Jones, a physical education teacher at Dudley Middle School.

'And then the second half happened," Jones continued. "We just couldn't stay out of the penalty box. That's a problem with this team for some reason. They can't let things go, or they do something that is a detriment to us.

Two third-quarter goals from North Middlesex (0-1) cut the Shepherd Hill lead to a single goal, 8-7, with 10:21 to play on junior Shain Price's second tally of the game.

The Rams responded quickly however, pushing the lead back to two goals, at 9-7, on Fasolo's second goal of the game, with 8:24 to play.

Gagnon extended the Shepherd Hill lead to 10-7 with 5:57 remaining in the game off a set play in front of the Patriots' net. Fasolo's third goal — a missile that sailed past North Middlesex goalie Tyler Melanson — gave the Rams an 11-7 lead with 3:13 to play. Gagnon closed out the Shepherd Hill scoring with 2:10 remaining, scoring an unassisted goal.

"I thought the team rectified the situation it had gotten itself in with those four fourth-quarter goals," said Jones, who grew up in Syracuse, N.Y., and played collegiately at Herkimer Community College and Syracuse University. "I felt like we were pretty

confident on the offensive end. A lack of possession in the second half, especially in the third quarter, hurt us because of all the time spent in the penalty box."

Senior Anthony List picked up the win in goal for the Rams, making 10 saves in the game, three early in the fourth quarter while his team was clinging to that one-goal lead.

"I was pleased with our offense today, especially because we're still trying to find our groove and find the right personnel in any type of situation," said Jones, whose team lost to King Phillip, 16-3, in its season-opening game. "We're a pretty good passing team when we move our feet and we don't stay stagnant or make straight-line passes where a guy can intercept it.
"When our catcher and our passer

are moving we're pretty good," Jones, a Charlton resident, added. "I thought we did a really nice job moving the ball. Ethan Quinn scored on a crease at one point on a play where he did a nice job of catching the ball and releasing it quickly. That all started with the pass and I thought our guys did a nice job of Shepherd Hill's Drew Montigny surveys the catching the ball and finding the right field while possessing the ball.



Jason Mckay photos



Evan Fasolo of Shepherd Hill races past a North Middlesex defender.



Shepherd Hill's Zach Christianson and Cam Gagnon celebrate together following a Rams'



Shepherd Hill's Nolan Burke keeps the ball away from the reach of a North Middlesex long pole defender.



The Shepherd Hill boys' varsity lacrosse team defeated North Middlesex, 12-8, for their first victory of the 2019 season.

Pirates pack offensive punch to get past Bay Path

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

the Oxford High varsity softball team lost its season-opener to Millbury High, 12-0, on Wednesday April 3, the Pirates produced just one hit. That needed to change when they hosted Bay Path Regional on Friday, April

"We came out knowing we were going to swing the bat today no matter what and we were going to have fun and go right at them," explained Oxford head coach Jamie Hetherman.

The Pirates connected on 12 hits and scored 11 runs en route to a

back-and-forth 11-7 victory over the Minutemen.

"I'm very proud of the effort the whole game," said Hetherman, which included an instance where Oxford trailed, 7-4, heading into the bottom of the fifth inning before tallying six runs in the frame to take a 10-7 lead.

"They stuck in there and kept battling," Hetherman said of the rally. "We hit the ball hard today, very hard.

Bay Path struck first for two runs in the top of the first when Kyleigh Sutherland scored on a passed ball and



Bay Path first baseman Lizzie McLam reaches her glove out to secure the ball and make an out.

Emily Johnson ripped an RBI single up the middle.

The Pirates tied the score at 2-2 with two runs in the home half of the first. There, Crystal Nelson had an RBI single and Sam Meech added an RBI via sacrifice fly.

The game remained deadlocked at 2-2 until the bottom of the third when Oxford added two more runs. Nelson ran out an inside-the-park home run to left field and Hannah Buxton added an RBI single.

Bay Path didn't back down, though, and scored a run in the top of the fourth.



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Stella Traina swings away and makes contact with the ball.

Paige Osche drove home pinch runner Jackie Ross to make it 4-3, and the Minutemen added four more in the fifth inning to take a 7-4 lead.

In the fifth Stella Traina (2-for-4) blooped an RBI single into left field, Johnson (3-for-4, 3 RBI) doubled two more in and a throwing error ultimately scored Johnson.

But that's when the Pirates didn't hang their heads and scored six times to grab the lead and ultimately the win. Nelson (3-for-3, HBP, 3 RBI; also complete game victory pitching) started it off with an RBI single, and Buxton (3-for-4, 2 RBI) and Madison Kahn followed suit and did the same. Isabella Buxton then cranked a triple to right field to score a pair and she later scored on a passed ball.

Oxford added a final run in the sixth inning via an Audrey Hayes fielder's choice to plate Skyla Hodson.

Hetherman noted that his once youthful team has grown into the upperclass-

"Now we're all juniors. They've been playing a lot of games for three years and now it's their time," he said.

Bay Path head coach Rick Carrero attributed his team's three errors and other untimely mistakes to a potential reason for surrendering 11 runs.

"Defensively we freaked and started whipping them," he said.

Carrero was quick to add, however, that he likes the direction his team is going for the spring ahead.

"I expect that we're going to bounce back and we'll be fine," he said. "I expect to make a [postseason] run — I think we have the talent to do it.'

In an interesting side story, Carrero has never beaten Hetherman while coaching against one another. Carrero, who had Hetherman as a Pop Warner football coach with the Webster Beavers back in the day, is now 0-11 over his time coaching Southbridge High and now Bay Path.

There were people from Webster here watching because it's like, 'when are you going to beat the old man,' and he doesn't want to lose to me," Carrero

'He's getting closer and closer to beating me," added Hetherman. "Sooner or later he's going to catch me, but not

Both teams, now 1-1, will meet again next month. Oxford will travel to Bay Path on May 9 with the first pitch to be thrown at 3:30 p.m.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Apply for 2018-19 Charlton Youth Basketball scholarship

Charlton Youth Basketball proudly sponsors a scholarship program for four Charlton high school seniors accepted for enrollment at a university or college

for the 2019-20 academic year. The requirements include being a Charlton resident and graduating senior who participated in Charlton Youth Basketball for a minimum of two years and must complete a typed essay (250word minimum) about how playing Charlton Youth Basketball has had a positive impact on your youth.

The due date for the application (postmarked by) is May 3. Four winners will receive \$500 scholarships upon review of all applications. Also include your name, address, telephone number, email address, numbers of years played in Charlton Youth Basketball, grades participated, additional Charlton Youth Basketball involvement (coaching, refereeing, volunteering, etc.), the names of your Charlton Youth Basketball coaches, the high school you attend, the college you're attending and a signature. Mail the application to: Charlton Youth Basketball, PO Box 811, Charlton, MA

Sturbridge Legion Baseball to hold player signups, 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. Signup dates will be held on April 13 and 27 between 10 a.m. and noon on both days at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion Post (507 Main Street in Fiskdale). Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure your eligibility. 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 tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional's varsity baseball field. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel at (774) 230-1784 or jimrosseel@hotmail. com, or Coach Ray Sullivan at (508) 736-7770 or raysull_2@yahoo.com.

Izzy Tanacea of Bay Path takes a heavy hack at an Oxford offering,

At right:

Sarah Gosselin of Bay Path delivers a pitch to the plate versus Oxford.

Bay Path's Paige Osche hustles out in right field to track down a fly ball and ultimately make a great catch.







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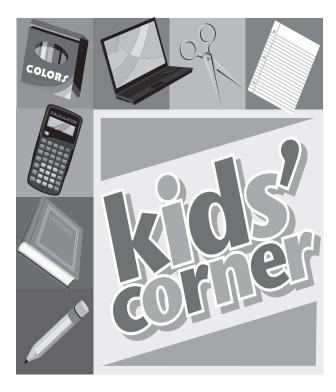
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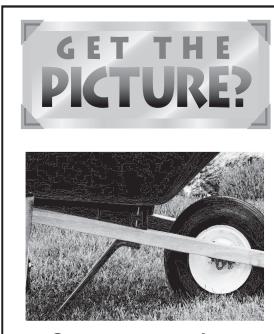
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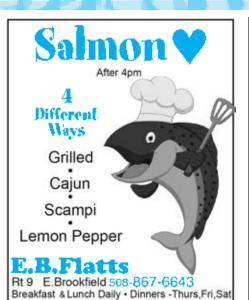
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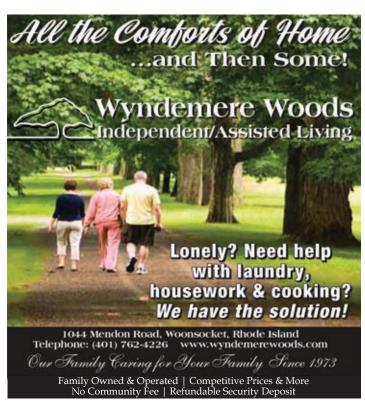
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To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 12: Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments; to Adult Use Marijuana Establishments

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 3, by inserting a new paragraph in Section 3.1 prohibiting the operation of so called "recreational" or "adult use" marijuana estab-

lishments in the Town of Brimfield To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 7A: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations in the Business District; by inserting "and Residential/Agricultural Districts" and by adding the following: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations may be permitted only upon issuance of a special permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA is the Zoning Board of Appeals) and upon issuance of Site Plan approval by the by the Planning Board under such conditions as each board may require. And further amend Section 3.1 Lot Requirements; Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be permitted on lots larger than 5 acres in the Business District; to strike out 5 insert 15

acres, and insert "and Residential/Agricultural Districts"

By Petition: To amend Section 1.2 as it pertains to the Business District to add the following (prior to; as laid out by the Commonwealth of MA) and inserting: "An additional exception, adding specific parcels to the Business District exclusively for the construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installation (as allowed under the terms and definitions of Section 7A of these by-laws) on the following parcel on Holland Road, 17-0-6 as shown on the Assessors Maps for the Town of Brimfield"

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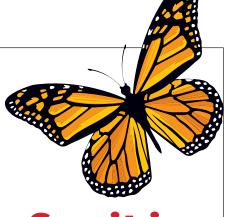
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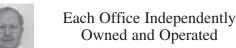
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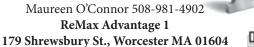
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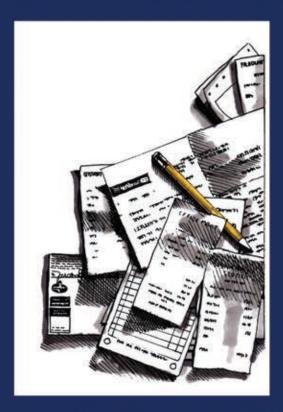
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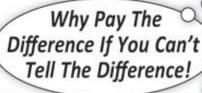


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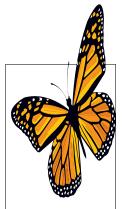
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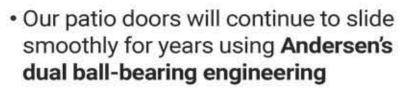
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EASTER

The history of Easter bonnets



When celebrating Easter, many Christians don their best apparel to attend church services and family gatherings. On Easter Sunday, gentlemen often put on their best suits and women their fanciest dresses. Children, too, wear formal clothing on Easter Sunday. Girls in particular tend to wear an item of interest that seems to only appear once per year.

Bonnets are part of the Easter attire for many girls, and even some women. Bonnets are part of long tradition of wearing new clothes on Easter that originated in parts of Europe, such as Great Britain. In fact, the tradition even dates back to Shakespearean times, as an "Easter suit" is referenced in "Romeo and Juliet."

According to some historians, there was a notion that ill-luck would affect a person who did not have something new to wear on Easter, and the bonnet is an element of newness that fits the bill for many young girls and women.

It wasn't until the 19th century that the Easter bonnet gained popularity in the Americas. Women and children participating in Easter parades, notably the New York City Easter Parade, could be seen in their finest clothes with intricate bonnets—often wreathed in flowers—on their heads. Because Easter coincides with spring, lilies, daffodils, azaleas, hyacinths, and other blooms would adorn hats and hair.

Even though the Easter bonnet may not be as popular as it once was, many people still embrace this tradition. In areas of the United Kingdom, for example, children and women design elaborate and ostentatious bonnets. In the United States, some hat-decorating contests still coincide with Easter festivities. Children in primary grades also may design Easter- or springthemed hats that they can wear during holiday celebrations.

Easter bonnets have a storied history. From European beginnings to parade staples, they're often a hallmark of the spring season.

Sweet treats make Easter special

From chocolates to marshmallows to caramel eggs to jelly beans, Easter is chockful of candy. And for those who think Easter is only child's play, guess again.

Americans spend up to \$2 billion on Easter candy each year, according to Sweet Services, an online candy retailer. The National Confectioner's Association says people in the United States consume nearly seven billion pounds of candy during the year, and Easter is the second-most popular holiday (behind Halloween) for indulging a sweet tooth.

Faith comes first for many Easter celebrants. But there's nothing wrong with enjoying some candy come Easter Sunday. Here's a look at the history behind some of the sweets the Easter Bunny might leave in your basket this year.

• Chocolate eggs: The first chocolate eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th century. Since then, they have become one of the most popular and recognizable treats associated with Easter. The chocolate egg is predated by edible Easter eggs made from sugar and pas-



try first designed in Germany. According to the "Guinness Book of World Records," the largest chocolate Easter egg ever made debuted in 2011. It was just over 34 feet high and weighed nearly 16,000 lbs.

• Chocolate bunny: The Easter Bunny also is a German incarnation. The season-

al bunny was introduced to America in the 18th century by German immigrants who believed in the "Osterhase," an egg-laying hare they believed was a sign of new life and prosperity. Germans also introduced the first edible chocolate bunnies. The NCA says 76 percent of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.

• Jelly beans: People aren't quite sure where the jelly bean originated, but some think it was based on a soft, chewy Middle Eastern sweet called Turkish delight and the hard candy shell of Jordan almonds. William Shraft, a Boston-based confectioner, may have coined the phrase "jelly bean" when he urged people to send these sweets to Union soldiers fighting in the Civil War.

• Peeps: Peeps are owned and made by Just Born Inc., a Pennsylvania-based company started by Russian immigrants when they acquired the Rodda Candy Company in 1953. Just Born figured out a way to automate and streamline the process of making Peeps, and today they can produce 5.5 million per day.

Easter is a day filled with fun and lots of sweetness. Candy is a big part of the celebration.

Create colorful Easter eggs

Beautifully colored Easter eggs are a beloved holiday tradition. In many cultures, eggs represent new life, fertility and rebirth. For Christians, the Easter egg is symbolic of the resurrection, or the eternal life, of Jesus Christ. The practice of coloring eggs and offering them as decorative items is embraced during both secular and religious Easter celebrations.

Many fond memories and traditions are tied to Easter egg coloring, and some people may have their preferential kits or practices to achieve beautiful eggs. But embracing some new tips and tricks can produce beautiful eggs and make this beloved tradition even more fun.

• Begin with firm, hard-boiled eggs. Bring a pot of water to a rolling boil. Then use a large spoon to gently lower the eggs into the water. Lower the heat to maintain a simmer and boil for just about 12 minutes. Transfer the eggs to a bowl with ice cold water and let them cool. Allow the eggs to cool completely before coloring.

• Lay out newspaper or an old tablecloth to soak up any spills. Spills are inevitable, so don't let them spoil the fun. In addition, empty egg cartons make ideal drying racks, so do not

discard them.
• Make patterns or other designs on

the eggs. Use a white crayon to draw on the egg directly. The dye will not stick to the wax. Or use string, rubber bands, tape, stickers, or other items to create your pattern. Dip the egg and then remove the materials afterward to reveal the design.

• Swirl a few drops of food coloring into shaving cream on a flat surface. Roll the eggs into the mixture, let dry, and then gently clean to remove the excess shaving cream. The result is a marbled effect.

• Recognize that you don't have to "dye" eggs at all. Use a sponge to dab on a design. Strips of tissue paper can be adhered to the egg with glue or shellac. Children may enjoy submerging the egg in glue and then coating it in glitter.

The potential to create creative Easter eggs is limitless. Embracing new strategies can set this year's eggs apart.

Explore various Easter egg coloring techniques this season.



EASTER

Your guide to Holy Week events

Holv Week marks the most solemn and revered period on the Christian calendar. Holy Week helps to mark the Paschal Mystery, which includes the Passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

Many events unfolded in a short period of time during the final days of Christ's physical existence on earth. These events are marked during Holy Week. To understand them further, here's a day-by-day guide.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, a 40-day period of solemn prayer and repentance. Palm Sunday recalls Christ's arrival in Jerusalem when he was received with lavish praise and excitement. Catholic Online, the online guide to the Catholic faith, says Jesus arrived humbly on a donkey to show he came in peace as a man of the people. As signs of respect, townspeople placed clothes, branches and palm fronds in front of Jesus.



HOLY MONDAY

Matthew 21 and Mark 11 indicate that Christ returned to Jerusalem this day and cleansed the Temple area from shameful practices. Luke 19 indicates that Pharisees warn Jesus that he should silence the crowd's praises toward him.

HOLY TUESDAY

As described in John 12:20-36 and John 13:21-38, some people observed Christ's predictions of his own death on this day. He was also confronted by Temple leadership for the cleansing of the Temple the day before, and they questioned his authority.

Holy (Spy) Wednesday This day marks Judas' betrayal of Jesus when he met with high priests. Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver for his informa-

HOLY THURSDAY

On this evening Christ dined for Passover with his disciples at The Last Supper, creating a template for Holy Mass and Holy Eucharist celebrations. During the meal, Jesus predicted events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection.

GOOD FRIDAY

Pontius Pilate bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, condemning Jesus to death by crucifixion. Christ was forced to parade through crowds wearing a crown of thorns to symbolize his status as King of the Jews, and carried a massive wooden cross on his back. He was nailed to the cross by the ankles and wrists and hanged for three hours. He died at 3 pm. His body was hastily removed and put in a tomb.

HOLY SATURDAY

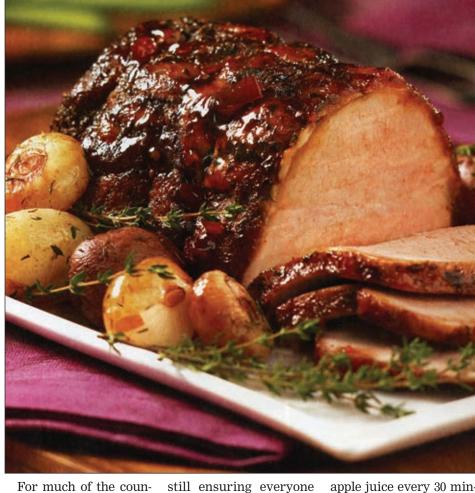
Christ's disciples were heartbroken at his death and observed the Jewish Sabbath in sorrow, forgetting about the promise of resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY

The public discovered that Jesus' tomb was empty and that he fulfilled his promise to rise from the dead. This is a great feast day with worship and celebration. Easter Sunday is the foremost day of religious observance within the Christian faith.

To learn more about Holy Week and the miracle of Easter, visit www. catholic.org.

Fire up the smoker for Easter dinner this year



For much of the countrv. Easter Sunday typically falls during a time of year when the weather outside is still pretty chilly. But this year Easter falls on the third Sunday in April, increasing the chances that temperatures will be more spring-like and less reminiscent of winter.

Warmer temperatures on Easter Sunday means hosts tasked with cooking Easter dinner might be able to expand their culinary horizons and avoid the stove. Though they might not have considered it before, hosts might want to fire up their smokers to give their families something delicious and different to dine on this Easter Sunday. If the weather takes an unexpected turn for the worse, electric smokers can typically be used indoors, but check the manufacturer's instructions to confirm that.

Big meals are part and parcel for Easter Sunday, this recipe for "Pork Loin Roast with Hot Pepper Jelly Glaze" from Karen Putman and Judith Fertig's "Championship Judith BBQ Secrets for Real Smoked Food" (Robert Rose) is a great way to take advantage of warmer Easter weather while

has a full belly by the end of the meal.

PORK LOIN ROAST WITH HOT PEPPER **JELLY GLAZE**

Serves 4 to 6

boneless pork loin roast (about 2 lbs.) cups apple juice

cup Brown Sugar 1/2 Rib Rub (see below) cup hot pepper

Additional apple juice for spraying

1. Rinse pork under cold running water and pat dry. Place in a large sealable plastic bag and pour in apple juice. Seal bag and refrigerate for at least 8 hours and up to 12 hours.

2. Remove pork from marinade and pat dry. Discard marinade. Sprinkle dry rub over the surface of the meat, coating evenly. Set aside.

3. Prepare a fire in your smoker.

4. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, melt hot pepper jelly over medium-low heat. Keep warm by the smoker.

5. Place pork directly on the smoker rack, add wood to the coals and close the lid. Smoke at 225 F to 250 F, spraying with

apple juice every 30 minutes, for 2 hours. Brush with hot pepper jelly, close the lid and smoke, spraying with apple juice every 30 minutes, for 1 to 11/2 hours, or until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the pork registers 160 F for medium, or until desired doneness. Let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

BROWN SUGAR RIB RUB MAKES ABOUT 31/2 CUPS

cups packed dark brown sugar or granulated maple sugar

cup fine kosher or sea salt

1/4 sweet cup Hungarian paprika cup chili powder 1/4 1/4 cup ground

lemon pepper cup granulated 1/4garlic

tablespoon fresh-1 ly ground black pepper teaspoon dried

basil teaspoon dried thyme

In a medium bowl, combine brown sugar, salt, paprika, chili powder, lemon pepper, garlic, black pepper, basil, and thyme.

Tasty bites for Easter meals

Easter dinner is a special occasion, presenting an opportunity for family and friends to gather, celebrate their faith and give thanks for their bless-

Traditional dishes tend to find their way to the Easter dinner table, but no meal would be complete without some sort of deviled eggs appetizer. Deviled eggs make good use of hard-boiled eggs that may not have been colored, or even those that have been dyed and can now be safely repurposed as food.

"Debonaire Deviled Eggs" from "Southern Appetizers" by Denise Gee (Chronicle Books) teaches home chefs how to craft tasty, aesthetically pleasing eggs.

DEBONAIRE DEVILED EGGS

Serves 8 to 12

12 large eggs cup mayonnaise 1/4

slices bacon, cooked and crumbled (optional)

tablespoons sweet pickle relish 3

2 teaspoons prepared mustard 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper Sprigs of fresh savory or another herb for garnish

Turn the eggs bottom- (wider-) side up in the carton. Use a pushpin to delicately poke one hole squarely in each center.

Fill a large saucepan or small Dutch oven with 2 to 21/2 quarts of water (enough to cover the eggs; use two pans if cooking all the eggs at once). Bring the water to a rolling boil.

Use a slotted spoon to add six eggs to the pan (working quickly but carefully to get them in at the same time); boil the eggs for 6 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat. Let the eggs sit for 6 minutes for slightly soft yolks; add about 40 seconds for firmer yolks).

Remove each egg with a slotted spoon and place it on a kitchen towel. Repeat with the remaining six eggs. Let the eggs cool to room temperature, about 20 minutes, before peeling. (Store in the refrigerator, unpeeled, for up to 1 week; peeled for up to 4 days).

Peel the eggs under cool running water. Slice the eggs in half lengthwise, gently scooping out the yolks into a medium bowl. Add the mayonnaise, three-fourths of the crumbled bacon (if using), pickle relish, mustard, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine (and adjust seasonings as desired). Use a small spoon (or better yet, a piping bag) to insert the filling into the egg halves. Garnish with the remaining chopped bacon and savory, if desired, before serving.

Note: Large eggs are best used for egg plates and are easier to eat in one or



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