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# Attorney General approves Article 27 bylaw

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CHARLTON – A recent letter received by the town has confirmed the controversial Article 27, a bylaw passed at the May 21 Charlton town meeting in regard to marijuana businesses in the community, has been approved by the Attorney General's office albeit with some alternation.

Article 27 has been in the public eye for several months now and after being approved by voters was the subject of several, often contentious debates, at which some claimed they didn't know what they were voting for

and even the Planning Board came forward to denounce the article as being a much looser regulation than they had originally planned.

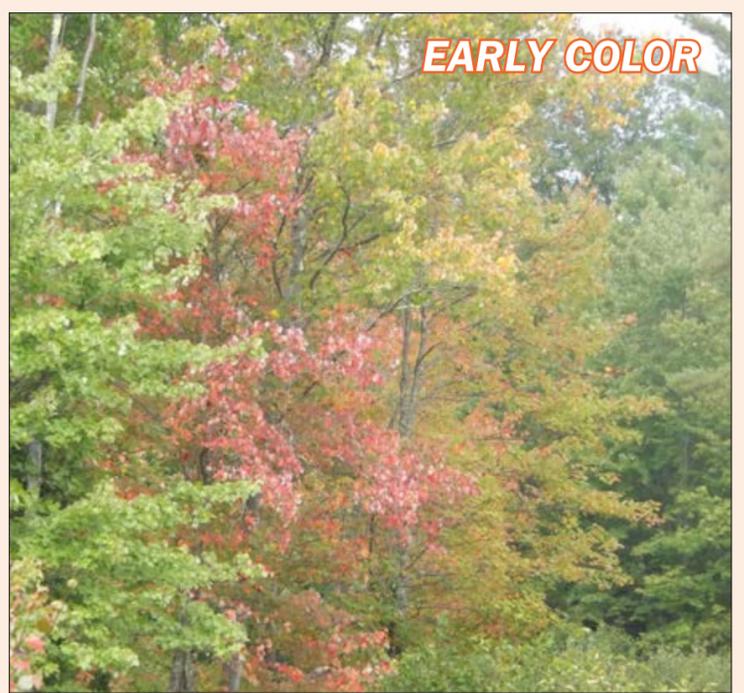
The law allows for marijuana related uses in certain districts, including agricultural, and became controversial after Valley Green Grow announced plans to grow recreational marijuana on the Charlton Orchard property, which is agriculturally zoned.

A vote to strike down the article failed at a more recent town meeting, while the Planning Board has stated they expect to propose a replacement

article in the near future.

However, for now the bylaw stands after receiving recommended changes from Attorney General Maura Healy in a letter to Town Clerk Karen LaCroix dated Sept. 13. The letter indicates the Attorney General approved the bylaw, but included a major change in order to keep the bylaw within the limitations of state law. Originally the bylaw asked any retail establishment not to store product or money after hours, which the Attorney General felt was too restrictive.

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Greg Vine photo

A single tree decides early it's time to change color and stand out from the crowd as fall begins its inexorable march.

## Third marijuana grower exploring business in Charlton

BY JASON BLEAU  
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CHARLTON – A third recreational marijuana company has shown interest in the town as officials continues to sit in limbo unsure of what the future might hold for the grown or distribution of the product for non-medical use in the town's borders.

Breathe Free, LLC made its intentions

known to explore bringing a marijuana growing facility to Charlton during a Board of Selectmen meeting on Sept. 11, only a month after Four Score Holdings, LLC also came forward seeking permission to pursue a similar project. Earlier this year another company, Valley Green Grow, stirred controversy with plans to set up the first recreation-

al marijuana growing facility on the Charlton Orchards property, which spawned public outrage and several contentious town meetings eventually resulting in the approval of a town article limiting the number of such projects in the town to only two. Valley Green Grow is well on

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## Library hosts forum on modern scams and frauds

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT



Jason Bleau photo

Cornerstone Bank Charlton Branch Manager Sabrina Webb and Charlton Police Detective Jason White present details on modern scams and fraud

CHARLTON – In this digital age frauds and scamming are becoming somewhat of an epidemic with the internet and social media opening up new doors for entities looking to take advantage of unsuspecting victims in a variety of new and creative ways.

It's an issue that both the Charlton Police Department and the employees of Cornerstone Bank are familiar with, which is why the two groups have come together to present details about new age financial scams through public forums, including a presentation at the Charlton Public Library Sept. 13.

Cornerstone Bank Charlton Branch Manager Sabrina Webb and Charlton Police Detective Jason White were on hand to present information meant to educate locals on how to identify and respond to frauds with the hope that victims will not be shy about

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## Exploring the Franco-American community

Felix Gatineau's History of Franco-Americans of Southbridge Massachusetts, originally written in French in 199, has recently been translated into English for the first time by Dr. Elizabeth Blood of Salem State University and published by Via Appa Press.

In recognition, a special presentation

is planned Thursday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Jacob Edwards Library at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Blood describing the life for the immigrants of the era.

Between 1840 and 1930, approximately one million French Canadians

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# Restoring respect through self defense

I, like most women, have been attacked. I have been hurt, threatened, mistreated, and made to fear for my life. I have always wanted to take a self-defense class and McCoy's Action Karate in Auburn made this possible.

I have tried other classes before. I spent sometime learning a bit of Krav Maga. I used to kick-box at the local community center. I exercise about five days a week and try to become stronger, faster, and happy with my appearance. This class at McCoy's was different from all the rest and I am so happy I was able to be a part of it.

The class is called Katarina's HIIT&RUN; Practical Self-Defense System for Women. The class teaches you how to grab, how to hit, how to guard, and much more. But, this system is like no other in one main aspect; it teaches you that you are worth protecting. Yes, there are exercises and we practice moves on each other but what truly makes this class inspiring is how it makes you think.

From Katarina herself, "I designed this course with women in mind. (It is to) restore their self-worth and sense

of connection through an accepting and supportive community of women that foster love and respect."

Where I thought I would just be learning some defensive moves, I was also learning more about myself and the amazing women around me.

The class started with introductions and greetings from teachers and students. Next, we started on a few moves. We would use our elbows, pull down to our knees, push out kicks, and wind up blocks. After three rounds we then partnered up and would use the same exercises that were all cleverly designed for self-defense. It felt natural to block and push and hit after the muscle memory was already there from the exercises. Each move was easy to remember and showed purpose in defense.

The motto for this class is "fitness with purpose" and it made complete and total sense.

We learned what to do if someone came at us from the side. We learned moves to protect ourselves if someone



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is came charging head on, and further into the program we would learn more moves to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

It was at the end of class where I, and those around me, saw just how valuable this knowledge is and how valuable we are.

"Why are we here?" asks Barbi McCoy, owner of the gym with her mother Anne McCoy.

We all had different answers in the beginning of this class. We wanted to be able to protect our children. We wanted to be able to grow stronger. We wanted to learn more about ourselves.

At the end of class is where we learned the most important lesson. Not hitting or punching. But loving and respecting ourselves and others around us.

"Together we are stronger. Together we are unstoppable," says McCoy.

Those who have been through the 8-week course share how it changed their lives. Many lost weight and gained confidence. One woman stated that she developed mindful habits. She learned to take care of herself and that she was worth respect from herself and others.

This class started me out on a sub-level of defense. A level I did not realize needed attention until this class. I am worth protecting.

I need to respect myself as much as I respect others.

I am not less, I am not a victim, I am a survivor.

"Despite how beat up you are or how many times you have been hurt. You are still you," says McCoy.

What happens to us does not define who we are. The women at McCoy's know this and they want to help other women accept that they are worth the time, energy, and effort into themselves and their right to protect themselves and others. Barbi McCoy, through fierce dedication to this program and love for each woman in attendance showed us that it is not just about the maneuvers and blocks, but it is our inner strength and dedication to ourselves that makes us strong.

"If my words bring hope. I did the right thing," says Barbi McCoy.

McCoy's Action Karate is located on 770 Southbridge St. in Auburn. They have many classes for anyone two and a half years and older. Katarina's HIIT&RUN class is eight weeks and is accessibly scheduled around school, summer, and holiday breaks. Each week has a challenge, each class has a lesson deeper than defense. Phone number for McCoy's is (508) 832-4110, website is Mccoysactionkarate.com and follow them on Facebook.



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McCoy Karate and its women's practical self defense course teaches more than moves.

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reporting these situations should the need arise. Webb said Cornerstone Bank has seen an alarming number of these fraud cases come through, and their hope is that they can put a stop to this disturbing trend and inspire people to take action when they feel they are being wronged.

"We're seeing a huge increase in fraud and at the bank we see a lot of victims. We're trying to get information out there so we can lower that number, and hopefully prevent it as much as we can. We touch on identity theft, lottery checks, romance scams, internet fraud, auto loans and things like that," said Webb. "We're trying to really reduce the number of victims we have because unfortunately once checks are negotiated if the story isn't shared with us and we're unable to prevent it, then those victims are out money and they owe the money back. It's not just seniors either. We're finding younger kids are victims as well to employment scams."

White has seen many fraud cases come through the Charlton Police Department in recent years with as many as four Social Security scam alerts reported to their department on the day of the presentation alone. He said his goal is to make sure that people know that they can, and should, approach police if they feel something is amiss; and while it might be an uncomfortable experience, his department does its best to make each victim feel like they are being helped and not punished for making a simple mistake.

"If someone has been the victim of fraud they come to the police department and we try to make them feel as comfortable as possible. We sit them down and go through the identity theft package with them so they know what steps to take with the federal commis-

sion and how to go about fixing their credit. We try to follow up with any investigations we can do within our scope. If it's not within our scope we try to pass it along more federally. We try to educate people in internal fraud, like a family matter, and how to go about that because people's feelings get hurt and if they don't want to go forward and prosecute maybe we can work something out. In the end, it's a lesson learned and we want to help them through that," White said.

Both Webb and White stressed the importance of stepping forward and reporting any fraud or scam because waiting too long could result in permanent debt or loss of cash. Sometimes this includes cashing a fraudulent check and other times it includes being scammed out of money for a nonexistent service. Both said the public forums are important ways to spread information and awareness about these issues and White hopes it will help people feel more confident in knowing that these scams and frauds are taken seriously and that the victim should not be afraid or embarrassed to come forward regardless of the situation.

"We want to make sure people feel comfortable reporting these things. A lot of time the people we see are embarrassed. We don't want you to feel that way. We want you to come in and talk to us. We've seen it before. We try to get through it. That's why we help with our identity theft package. We want to get them on target with who they need to call and contact. Bring it up to us, let us see any fraudulent checks. We want to help you," the detective said.

If you do believe you have experienced a scam or fraud it is recommended that you waste no time bringing the situation to police or your local bank and making them aware of the situation immediately. Action is the best way to get results and maybe even bring scammers to justice to prevent others from experiencing a similar situation in the future.

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immigrated to the United States, the vast majority of them settling in New England. In Southbridge a century ago, when state Representative Felix Gatineau published his important chronicle of the Southbridge Franco American community, French speaking immigrants and their American born children represented 60% of the town's population.

In this talk, Dr. Blood will offer a glimpse of what life was like for French Canadians in Southbridge 100 years ago, highlighting the role the community played in establishing many of the town's political, cultural, business and religious institutions and offering insights into the fascinating character of Gatineau himself.

An additional invitation to view the permanent exhibit in honor of Gatineau at the library is also suggested.

Copies of the new book will be available for purchase. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library.

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# Breast cancer expo scheduled in Sturbridge

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
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STURBRIDGE — An integrative therapies expo for breast cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones is set to take place at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 1-5 pm.

The expo is run by PinkHippy.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that strives to help anyone affected by cancer by offering services to calm, relieve, and bring healing to participants.

"There are so many people out there whose lives are touched by cancer, whether they were diagnosed or it's a family member or a friend," said Del Bachand, president of the board of directors for PinkHippy.org and a cancer survivor.

Although PinkHippy.org began about five years ago as a breast cancer organization run by community members who have been affected by the illness in some way, it is very inclusive and provides support for all cancer patients, survivors, and their families through offering services including oncology

message, restorative yoga, reflexology, lymphedema, acupuncture, meditation, hypnosis, reiki, aromatherapy, music therapy, and skincare.

"There was not any organization like this in central Massachusetts or northern Connecticut, so we formed, offered services, and decided to provide them free of charge," said Bachand. "We quickly found that there were a lot of patients in the area and we couldn't turn any of them away, so even though our expertise is on breast cancer, we serve all cancer patients and those with other illnesses."

The upcoming expo is for anyone who wants to learn about the services available or try services they might be curious about. The providers of the services are all trained professionals that PinkHippy.org seeks out and pays to perform the services so that people who are looking for help don't have to worry about expenses or searching for good resources.

"It's not just for people who are sick," said Bachand. "A lot of people are just looking for additional resources than what's out there and they may be a

little nervous because they've heard about them and don't know a lot about them. This gives them the chance to talk to trained practitioners who are specialists in their field and to try some of them."

Included in this year's expo is a music healing concert, featuring a local Native American flute player, healthy food, and trials of the various holistic services.

"They can sit down and get a message or have an acupuncture session," said Bachand. "They can try reflexology and meditation. There's going to be little mini workshops and sessions on all of the therapies."

The expo had an amazing turnout last year and is expected to have an even better turnout this year. It is entirely covered by sponsors, and participants are encouraged to spend the afternoon there so they don't miss ongoing events.

"We hope that even if you yourself aren't affected by a debilitating illness that you may know of someone, so you either come and learn about it so you can pass on the info, or better yet bring someone with you who may need the



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services."

Because PinkHippy.org is based on volunteer work, it is always looking for people to dedicate their time. Volunteers may help with things such as making deliveries to the hospitals, disseminating information, running community events, helping to sew seat-belt pillows that are given to chemotherapy patients.

"If you're willing to volunteer, we will find something that fits what you want to do," said Bachand.

For more information about the expo or the organization, or to volunteer, visit PinkHippy.org.

# Arrest made in West Brookfield murders

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — After an extensive six-month investigation, a Ware man has been charged with the murders of his cousin's wife and three children.

Mathew Locke, age 32, of Ware, was charged with the murders of Sara Bermudez, age 38, and her three children, Madison Bermudez age 8, James Bermudez age 6, and Michael Bermudez age 2. On March 1, the victims were found stabbed to death in their 10 Old Warren Road home.

Locke is a cousin of Moses Bermudez, who was working in California when his wife and three children were murdered. Locke has been held by authorities since March 26 after being arrested for misleading a police investigation into the murders.

"Today's murder charges are the result of an intense six-month investigation. DNA evidence and other evidence contributed to today's charges," said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early Jr., before Locke's Sept. 5 arraignment at East Brookfield District Court.

Locke pleaded not guilty to the charges and was held without bail. Judge Robert Pellegrini continued the case to Oct. 18, when it will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Christopher Hodgins and Brett Dillon.

Back in March, Locke allegedly lied to police by fabricating stories about gang involvement in the killings. Locke pleaded not guilty to those charges during his arraignment on March 26, but police continued to investigate him throughout the summer.

DA Early praised the work of the entire investigative team, including State Police detectives assigned to the District Attorney's office, West Brookfield Police, and the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. Police departments in Ware, Palmer and North Brookfield also contributed to the investigation by researching Locke's checkered past.

Locke has an extensive criminal history, including an arson conviction in Maine in 2012. He was sentenced to nine years in prison, with all but two years suspended and four years eligible for probation. Locke was also convicted of burglary in 2015. He was listed as serving at least two years at Bolduc Correctional Facility in Maine, according to records obtained by the New Leader.

During the initial response

to the Bermudez residence on March 1, police discovered evidence of a fire in the home that had been extinguished. In the days following the homicides, police sought information from anyone who had spotted a discarded yellow fuel can. Investigators reviewed surveillance footage from area homes and businesses, and a State Police helicopter searched the area surrounding the home as the investigation broadened.

Six months later, Moses Bermudez is now grappling with the shock that a family member was allegedly responsible for the murders.

"This cuts so deep to lose a wife and three kids," said Bermudez, who was working in Los Angeles when his family was murdered. "I just have to look forward to my time when I see them in Heaven."

The entire community

remains shaken by the tragedy, especially the school community and law enforcement. Two of the victims attended West Brookfield Elementary School.

Before the Sept. 5 arraignment, DA Early discussed how the murders impacted investigators over the last six months as they hunted for a killer.

"This has been a very difficult case for everyone involved," Early said. "The officers responding to the scene, the first ones at the scene, and the State Police detectives — many of these people have families."

Officials said the investigation remains active, and they are still seeking new details from residents. If you have information regarding the case, you're asked to call State Police detectives at 508-832-9124.

# Art guild seeking submissions

The Massasoit Art Guild will be holding its 15th annual Art Show at the town hall in Spencer on Saturday and Sunday, the 13th and 14th of October. The non-juried show is open to all artists who are members of the Massasoit Art Guild as of the first of Sept. 23.

There are 10 categories of entries: oils, watercolors, acrylics, traditional photography, digitally altered photography, digitally created art, pastels, drawings and prints, 3D and mixed media. Up to five entries per person total, however, the fifth piece is accepted based on hanging space availability. The entry fee is \$5 for each entry (non-refundable). However, if we do not have

enough room for the fifth piece, you will be notified and reimbursed.

This year at the MAG art show there will be a Special Purchase Prize of \$400 offered by a generous donor for a piece of artwork representing a Spencer scene. The chosen piece will be displayed in a Spencer public building. You may enter one or more pieces in the running for this special prize, just make sure you check off which ones will be considered on your entry form.

Also, cash prizes will be awarded in all categories chosen by an independent judge.

All work entered into the show must be framed and wired for hanging. A

membership fee of \$30 may be included with the show entry application for new members. A group of sales tables will be provided by the guild and attended by guild members during the show. In order to sell items you must sign up for a 2-hour shift. Applications are available at the libraries in Spencer, North Brookfield, and East Brookfield. For further information, or to obtain an application visit the guild's website at [www.massasoitartguild.com](http://www.massasoitartguild.com) or email MAG president Amanda Delanski at [amanda.delanski@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.delanski@gmail.com) and at various local businesses.

The Massasoit Art Guild has members from all over central Massachusetts, representing over 23 communities in the region, including: Auburn, Barre, Brimfield, Brookfield, Dudley, East Brookfield, Framingham, Holden, Holland, Leicester, North Brookfield, New Braintree, Oxford, Paxton, Princeton, Rochdale, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Spencer, West Brookfield, Ware, and Worcester. This program is supported in part by a grant from the

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## POLICE LOGS

### Charlton Police Department

Arrests/Summons: Sept. 2-8

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimimized through indirect identification.

Eric Richer of Dudley: Marked lanes violation; Negligent operation of a

motor vehicle

John Bisbee of Charlton: Operating an unregistered motor vehicle; Leaving the scene of an accident

Jonathan Ayala of Auburn: Speeding; Operating a MV with a suspended license subsequent offense

Edward Leonard of Pawtucket, RI: Forgery of a check; Uttering a false check; Larceny over \$1200

Regina Fleet of Charlton: Failure to stop for a red light/stop sign; Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

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Today we have 2165 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1188 single homes for sale. 12 months ago we had 1964 homes for sale

which shows a more than 10% increase in inventory compared to the same day 12 months ago. The average days on market is currently 98 days which has been reasonably stable over the last few months. This means the home are continuing to sell in a reasonably time-frame even with inventory rising. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is a small increase in sales of 1.4% and a 5.6% increase



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in average sales price while it is taking 14.9% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. Every month I keep saying the same thing, that inventory is rising but prices are still rising as well as homes selling quicker. This shows the rise in inventory has not negatively affected

our market yet. It is important to hire a Realtor familiar with your market especially in a market that is changing almost by the day. I would beware of prices ahead of the market even though prices have been increasing you don't want to get caught in a shift in the market. If you price the home correctly you will get a price that is higher than if you price high hoping to get a higher price. This is due to even though inventory is rising, for the right homes that show well, we are still getting multiple offers driving the price sometimes higher than what a bank appraiser can justify.

## Cahill named UNICEF Club advisor



Cheryl Cahill RN

CHARLTON — Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN, of Oxford, an adjunct faculty at Bay Path RVTHS Practical

Nursing Academy, was named UNICEF Club advisor.

The distinct honor of becoming UNICEF Club advisor recognizes Cahill's experience and successful stint as a staff nurse, pediatric emergency room (2006-15) and staff nurse at the adult emergency room at UMass Memorial Medical Center.

"We are pleased to recognize Professor Cahill's spirit of volunteerism," said Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy director. "Professor Cahill is among the most respected faculty and is a trusted advisor and mentor to students and alumni alike. Being named UNICEF Club Advisor solidifies Professor Cahill's com-

mitment to practical nursing education, we are proud of her and value her time, practice, and experience."

When asked about her role as UNICEF advisor, Cahill replied, "Being named advisor from an institution as well respected as UNICEF and working with practical nursing student leaders at Bay Path is quite an honor. All of us at Bay Path PN Academy are lucky to have the opportunity to influence future nurses as we strive to provide the highest level of practical nursing education."

The UNICEF Clubs program is a youth led grassroots movement rooted in a belief that high school and college students in the United States have a vital role to play as the voice for children everywhere. UNICEF Clubs partner with UNICEF USA to activate their local community by advocating, building community, fundraising, and speaking out for UNICEF's child survival work in over 190 countries. It is UNICEF USA's goal to empower youth in the United States with the resources and skills to be effective global cit-

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### ARTICLE 27

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"We approve these by-law amendments except for one sentence: 'No Marijuana Retail Establishment (medical or recreational) shall store or hold any product or money during non-business hours.' We disapprove and delete this sentence from the by-law because it is an unreasonably impracticable regulation of marijuana establishments in violation of (state law)," the letter reads with further clarification found later in the document. "The by-law's requirement that no adult use or medical marijuana retail establishment may hold any product or money during non-business hours poses a clear and unreasonable business risk to the operator. To comply with this requirement, the operator would have to clear out all product and cash from the establishment each evening; store the product at some other location during non-business hours; and transport the product back to the establishment for the start of the next business day. The Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) have promulgated strict regulations governing the conditions under which medical marijuana and adult marijuana product must be stored and transported, and the by-law would essentially require an operator to establish a second DPH/CCC-compliant storage facility for the product during non-business hours. These are not circumstances under which a reasonably prudent businessperson would operate a marijuana establishment."

The Attorney General also reveals in the document that her office received a letter from a current medical marijuana business in Charlton with concerns about the bylaw. This also helped her officer in coming to the decision to strike that limitation from the article.

"During the course of our review of Article 27, we received a letter from Healthwise

Foundation Inc., the operator of a registered medical marijuana dispensary in the Town, explaining the business and safety impacts of a requirement that a marijuana establishment clear the premises of product and cash during non-business hours," the Attorney General explains in the letter. "This operator explains that such a requirement would pose unreasonable safety risks by drastically increasing the number of times product and cash is moved in and out of the facility. In addition, the operator asserts that the requirement would necessitate hiring additional staff and purchasing additional equipment such that the requirement 'would most likely make the Charlton facility economically infeasible.' We appreciate this information, which provides further support for our determination that no reasonably prudent businessperson would operate a marijuana establishment in the Town with this by-law requirement in place."

The letter further states that the Attorney General received other letters asking for the bylaw to be struck completely, including one from Attorney Francis Fennessey, who felt the bylaw was passed through persuasion of town officials due to withheld information. The Attorney General's letter lays out accusations against the Board of Selectmen from Attorney Fennessey who argued that the Board of Selectmen "reportedly voted to enter into a development agreement with Valley Green Grow for the cultivation, manufacture, and distribution of marijuana on the developer's proposed site in an agricultural zone, but this development agreement was not disclosed to the Town Meeting voters."

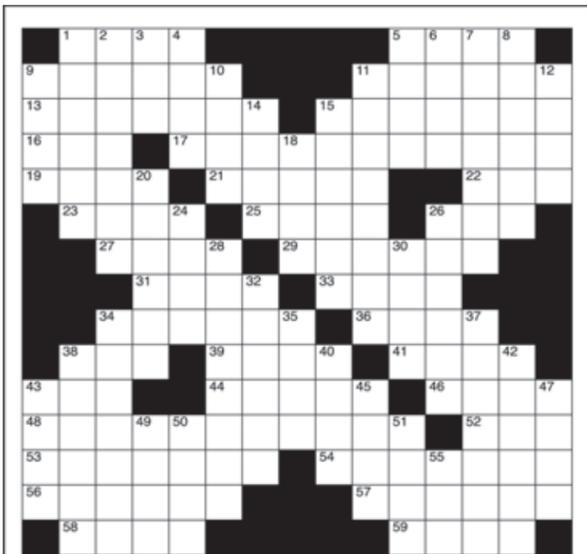
According to the Attorney General, Attorney Fennessey argues that Article 27 allowed for Valley Green Grow's project to proceed in an agricultural zone. However, the Attorney General asserts that her office can not question the validity of the town meeting action based on any alleged motive the town or officials may have had when approaching the by-law.

"Here the zoning by-law adopted under Article 27 appears to be a reasonable exercise of the Town's zoning power, and is substantially related to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the town. In addition, apart from the disapproved text explained, the by-law does not conflict with any statutory provisions," the Attorney General writes. "The Town followed the procedural requirements of (general law) by holding a Planning Board hearing on the amendments after due notice to the public, and the Planning Board recommended that Town Meeting adopt the Article - There is no evidence here that the Selectboard made promises regarding the by-law amendments in exchange for entering into the development agreement. Moreover, as the Town's attorney notes in the Defendants' Memorandum of Law, the project that is the subject of the development agreement 'would be allowed by right' under the Town's existing zoning by-law, and the amendments adopted under Article 27 do not apply to the project."

The letter goes on to address other concerns brought forward, including accusations regarding the town's Zoning Enforcement Officer by Attorney Fennessey, but the Attorney General makes it clear that her office was given no grounds to deny the bylaw beyond the single change they recommended.

"We emphasize that our approval of Article 27 in no way implies any agreement or disagreement with the policy views that led to the passage of the by-law. The Attorney General's limited standard of review requires her to approve or disapprove by-laws based solely on their consistency with state law, not on any policy views she may have on the subject matter or wisdom of the by-law," the letter concludes.

As for the future of Article 27, the Charlton Planning Board is expected to address a possible replacement bylaw on Oct. 15 while a bylaw to impose a prohibition on recreational marijuana in Charlton was approved as a ballot item for the May 2019 election in August.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A greeting
- 5. A type of hall
- 9. Planes need one
- 11. Wealth
- 13. The act of exciting
- 15. A movement downward
- 16. Type of storage
- 17. A funny and sad play
- 19. After cinco
- 21. Dry white Italian wine
- 22. Where golfers begin
- 23. Witnesses
- 25. Relaxing places
- 26. Of she
- 27. Discontinued compact car
- 29. Resulted
- 31. Large Irish castle
- 33. Offer for a price
- 34. One type is Irish
- 36. Free-swimming invertebrate
- 38. A type of tale
- 39. The middle of the month
- 41. Christmas
- 43. \_\_\_ death do us part
- 44. Goes with Gomorrah
- 46. Ethnic group of Thailand
- 48. "Grown Ups" funnyman
- 52. A type of index
- 53. A mass of rocks
- 54. Splashed
- 56. Kids' playground necessities
- 57. Sears and London are two
- 58. Strip of cloth
- 59. Church

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
- 2. Deliberately contrary events
- 3. Unit of mass
- 4. Kill
- 5. Soybean paste
- 6. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 7. Made the bed
- 8. One who mails
- 9. Bar bills
- 10. Automotive vehicles
- 11. Breaks
- 12. Swelling of the eyelid
- 14. Asian country
- 15. Couches
- 18. Stare with mouth wide open
- 20. Member of U.S. Navy
- 24. A sulk
- 26. Greetings
- 28. Craftsmen
- 30. Mongolian city \_\_\_ Bator
- 32. Did again
- 34. Sunrooms
- 35. Start over
- 37. Georgians love them
- 38. Women
- 40. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
- 42. Pariahs
- 43. Caps
- 45. Gradually become less solid
- 47. Goats
- 49. French city Le \_\_\_
- 50. Exhale
- 51. Homes have at least one
- 55. Type of power cable



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# First year of Farmer's Market a success



Cara Germain and Michael Zueger, owners of Free Living Farm at their booth.

Annie Sandoli photos



Hunt Road Berry Farm of West Brookfield are regulars at the Sturbridge Farmers Market.

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

The Sturbridge Farmer's Market has had a successful first year, crowding Sturbridge Common with local farmers and artisans every Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. during the months of June through September.

The market was created earlier this year to encourage local food growers and artisans and strengthen the community by providing a healthy outdoor activity. It includes more than 20 vendors each week, selling everything from organic produce and homemade ice cream to essential oils and handmade soaps.

"It has brought the community together," said Lisa Beaudin, who helps manage the Sturbridge Farmer's Market. "I've lived in town for 18 years, and I've met more people this summer than ever. We've noticed a lot of repeat customers. There are those people who are here right at 10 a.m., who whip in and do their shopping

and leave, and then there are people who come after church and hang out and listen to the music."

More than 60 vendors applied to participate in the first year of the farmer's market free of charge, and the majority were satisfied with the outcome, many setting up to sell their goods on a weekly basis. This year's vendors include Free Living Farm, Hunt Road Berry Farm, Revive Coffee Roaster, Thompson's Maple Farm, Echo Farm, Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Bee Mindful Skin Care, Meadow Stone Farm Artisan Cheese, Crust Bakeshop, and Just a Nibble.

Cara Germain and Michael Zueger own Free Living Farm out of Brookfield, and have been at the Sturbridge Farmer's Market since the start of the season.

"It's been amazing," said Germain. "We grow organic vegetables on a half acre, and we bring as much as we can. The response from people in town and people outside

of town who come here has been awesome. They love that we are here and bringing fresh produce. They love this market and we love this market. It's more than just going to the grocery store. It's an outing, it's an event, it's something that people look forward to every Sunday."

Whitney Deciccio owns Abundance Family Farm out of Charlton, and believes that Sturbridge is the perfect place for this new tradition.

"It's been great," she said. "I feel like Sturbridge has wanted something like this for a very long time. People in this town are foodies and really like local food and buying from local vendors, so it has been a very good community-oriented program."

Nicole Latch, owner of Just a Nibble home bakery out of

lot of positive feedback from customers.

"Everyone I've talked to has been looking for something like this and are all pretty excited to have it every week," she said.

The farmer's market includes live music every week during the second half of the gathering. All the musicians this year have been volunteers, including musical acts Sarah Huber and Haphazard Jazz.

"The music gets everyone going," said Beaudin. "Once it starts, there's a lot more activ-

ity."

The Sturbridge Farmer's Market has undoubtedly been a success and plans to open again at the same time next year.

"We will be here," said Beaudin. "We just did a vendor survey and 95 percent of the respondents said they would be back next year."

The last day of the 2018 Sturbridge Farmer's Market is Sept. 30th, and vendor applications for next year will be available in early 2019.



Welcome to the market.



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Ages: 9 and 11

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Paul is a sweet eight-year old boy who is very engaging. He is very talkative and loves to learn new information. Paul finds a lot of enjoyment from

building with Legos, and creating large structures. He also enjoys playing video games at home

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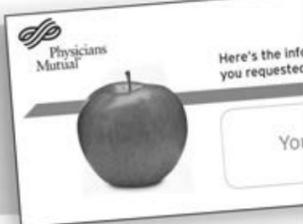


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# Old Sturbridge Village celebrates Festival of New England Makers

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

A celebration of artisans last weekend showcased New England artistry from the 19th century throughout the village and taking a hands-on approach to teaching guests about the history of trade skills.

The event happens annually and involves live demonstrations of traditional, period-relevant crafts, including etching, printing, spinning, woodworking, and shoemaking.

“For this weekend, we really focus on getting as many skilled craftspeople as we can from our staff, and everywhere you go you’re going to see crafts being done of various kinds,” said Derek Heidemann, coordinator of men’s crafts at Old Sturbridge Village. “I always like to say that it’s our best people in our best places doing all the things the museum is known for.”

The event began in the 1990s, but died out and was revived about four years ago. In past years, independent artists were brought in for the weekend, but it now focuses on the museum’s own craftspeople by only inviting one outside craft group, The New England Lace Group, to showcase handmade lace in Bullard Tavern.

“Now we are really just purely looking at this events as what we can actually do here within the museum itself to promote craft and get people excited about all the crafts we do here,” said Heidemann.

The village crafts of the weekend included shoemaking in the Shoe Shop, printing and book binding in the Printing Office, quilting and yarn sewing in the Parsonage, dyeing woolens outside the Fenno Barn, basket making in the Small House, repairing a stake anvil in the Blacksmith Shop, and “Knitting for a Cause,” an interactive knitting activity that allowed visitors to help make scarves for American soldiers.

The event also features the firing of the 24-foot tall pottery kiln, which only happens once a year because it takes over 48 hours to heat up, reaching 1800 degrees. Over 1200 pottery items were in the kiln during the weekend.

“It’s really just a celebration of all the stuff that we’re doing every day,” said Heidemann. “We definitely don’t always get the opportunity to have all

these things happening on a daily basis. Any possible craft we have that ties in is featured this weekend.”

Although most the crafts that are shown during the Festival of New England makers all take place in the village on a regular basis, they are never all demonstrated on the same two days, making the event the ultimate time to visit the village.

“We always have the craft shops open,” said Heidemann. “Craft has always been a big part of what the museum is trying to do. This is our big push for the year for the most crafts we can possibly do, but all the shops will still be open and all the buildings and households will be operating and doing all sorts of crafts throughout the year. Craft is just what this event is all about.”

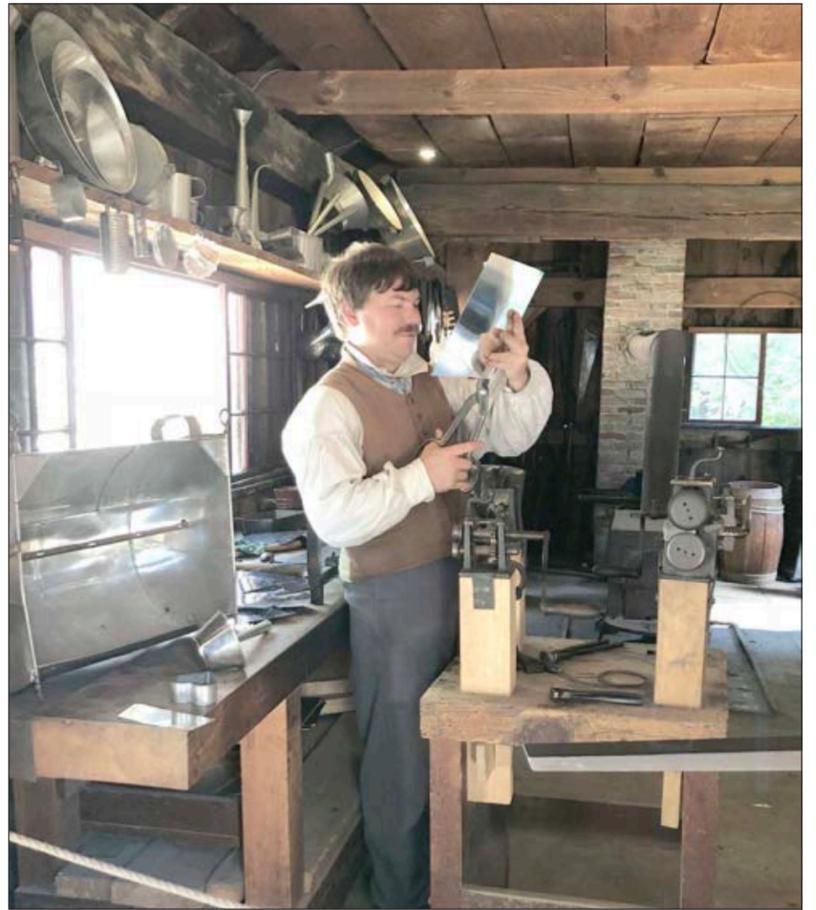
Jean Contino, the coordinator of households and domestic crafts at Old Sturbridge Village, spent her weekend focusing on the household trades, guiding a tour of 19th century quilts and demonstrating the process of making a coat.

“We wanted to be able to show some of the domestic crafts, so things that were done in this country and often done at home by ladies or family members,” she said. “Sometimes they’re done just for the family, but some things women might have been doing as a career.”

Contino said the weekend is very significant to her because Old Sturbridge Village is an educational institution with the purpose of sharing more about the past and how things were done long ago with visitors. It also gives her the opportunity to inspire people to try crafts or look up more information about trades.

“My goal is to peak that interest in people to make them want to look at things, even in the modern world, a little differently,” said Contino.

As New England’s largest living history museum, Old Sturbridge Village works to host hands-on learning events like the Festival of New England Makers. Upcoming events include Garden Thyme — Seed Saving: Methods for Harvesting, Preserving, Cleaning and Selecting Seed in the 19th Century on Sept. 22 and Apple and Agriculture Days during the first two weekends of October.



Making a tin baker.



The pottery kiln is only lit once a year.

Annie Sandoli photos



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EDITORIAL

# Living with fears

The incidents in the Merrimack Valley this week were stark reminders of modern age dangers we live with daily.

Pressurized natural gas, traveling underground even through country sides where it isn't piped into homes for use; surround us. (You've seen those odd candy cane "chimneys.") How safe are we from the possibility of the pipelines becoming unstable?

Or the regulating centers that control the pressure have no problems?

We admit to being fascinated by television shows like Life after People; showing how the breakdown of systems happen when humans no longer maintain or regulate.

Then we see slightly less explosive but no less damaging destruction when water mains and sewer pipes collapse, or when abandoned petroleum tanks rupture and leak the contents into surrounding soils.

Then there are collapsing bridges and roadways.

These can claim lives; tragically. We've seen sinkholes open up; underground fires smoldering unchecked; and the wildfires continue on.

Some of this is controllable of course; we as a society could focus on our infrastructure more; make the roads and bridges and pipes sturdier and safer.

We can regulate to death the industries that dig and delve under our earth and pull out both minerals and water; leaving behind the potential of collapse and explosion both.

And something like the gas pipelines are interconnected; albeit with a lot of regulation between and among the branches. So while the Merrimack Valley seems contained, it could have been far, far worse had the incident been further spreading.

Blame will be placed, and the infrastructure will most likely be the cause. The oversight of the various parts feeding into the situation will be examined closely and, we hope, be repaired and upgraded to the most modern and safe standards.

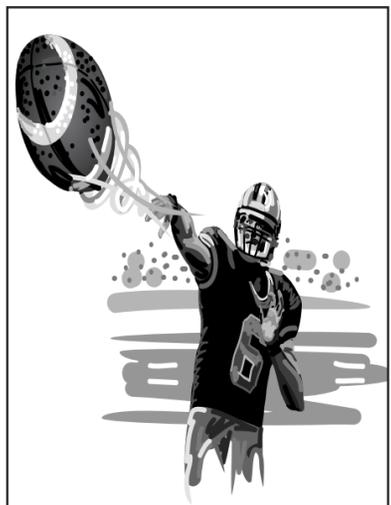
Then, we can again only hope, the rest of the interconnected system, from one end of the pipelines to the other, will be tested, examined and re-tested to be certain there is no possibility of a repeat.

Larger metropolitan areas like Boston and its closer suburbs are dependent on the natural gas pipelines. The fleets of oil trucks seen out here in the 'hinterlands' of the state are not a normal sight in the cities.

We did fight Kinder Morgan and the pipeline planned through our area, citing and rightly so, how it was not well planned, would disrupt much too much protected land and private land; and was in fact not actually needed.

Kinder Morgan changed the route. But the company and its subsidiaries still insist the need continues to exist for an additional pipeline.

Not sure that is so, and with the activities just cited, if the companies can't keep up with the pipelines they have, why would we trust any of them with more?



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## TO THE EDITOR

### Powell: vote for my mm

To the Editor:  
 My mother, Joanne Powell, is running for Clerk of Courts for Worcester County. This will be the incumbent's first opponent in his two terms (12 years) in office.

One of my mother's main objectives is to save the Worcester County taxpayers money by using tax dollars more efficiently. She has proven her ability to increase the efficiency of government during her time at the Probate and Family Court. During her tenure there, she has been able to decrease the processing time from several weeks to just days without adding staff. She is someone who has spent her career practicing bipartisanship to help the people of our

county. As the next Clerk of Courts, I know that she will continue to interact with the public as she has been on the campaign trail. As I have seen firsthand during the campaign – and throughout my entire life – my mother loves to meet voters and discuss whatever issue they are most passionate about – and then take action to try to solve problems. My mother is the hardest worker I know, and will not let you down while serving as your next Clerk of Courts for Worcester County. Please join me in showing your support by voting for Joanne Powell on November 6th.

MATT POWELL  
 CHARLTON

### Abrajano: keep up the good work

To the Editor:  
 Be it weekly or daily, print news is taking financial hit. Readers on the other end of ink worry too.

It is especially noticeable to older generations who trusted past favorite TV anchors or local opinion writers who daily filled the news after a hard day's work.

Technology changed the course of opinion, leaving accountability behind, with a click for fame and response. Deadlines in most cases insure accuracy.

Readers stand by you.

SANDRA J. ABRAJANO  
 CHARLTON

# Fall leaf peeping primer

Each year Mother Nature puts on a spectacular show across New England. Blazing colors paint the landscape as lush crimson and gold canopies line the winding roads of our region. People travel from across the nation (and the world) to view the majestic foliage that is uniquely "New England."

While the highly anticipated show of colors typically arrive in mid- to late-September through October, it's impossible to accurately track the path of nature's paintbrush. Factors that affect the timing of autumn leaves changing colors include biology of the trees and environmental influences such as rainfall, sunshine and nutrients in the soil. Therefore, this week's column will offer some foliage facts and tracking tips:

The USDA Forest Service reports the three most important influences on fall foliage is a tree's particular leaf pigment, the length of night hours, and the weather.

As fall approaches and the nights are longer, production of chlorophyll (which accounts for the green in leaves) is slowed and eventually halted. It's during this time that the carotenoids (yellow, orange and brown) and anthocyanins (red) in the leaves are exposed. Autumn is when most of the anthocyanins are produced as the plant responds to sunshine and the stored plant sugars.

Other factors also affect the leaves' coloring, including the amount of rainfall in a season. According to the Forest Service a late spring or summertime drought can delay the time it takes for leaves to change color while a warm period during the autumn season can result in muted hues. In addition, heavy winds and rains can cause leaves to fall before they've changed color.

So what are the best weather conditions for show-stopping fall foliage?

"A warm wet spring, favorable summer weather, and warm sunny fall days with cool nights should produce the most brilliant autumn colors," the Forest Service reports.

It's obvious different species of trees typically turn a particular color. Most anticipated in New England is the sugar maple, which explodes in brilliant orange hues. Red maple trees turn scarlet as aspens and poplar add a rich gold color to the landscape. Oak trees offer bronze and brown leaves as black maples burst with bright yellow foliage.

During "peak" leaf peeping season, New England back roads, strewn with colorful fallen leaves, are a sight to behold. Thankfully, such scenes have been captured via a myriad of snapshots, picture postcards and calendar scenes.

Tracking the Trees: Timing when the trees will change color in New England has been a favorite pastime for generations of leaf peepers. Thanks to the internet, there are several "leaf tracking" sites that can help you plan a scenic autumn road trip.

\*foliagenetwork.com: This website is

an interactive foliage tracker that logs information from "foliage spotters" twice a week. It's a reliable tool to check before you head out on a sightseeing journey.

\*yankeefoliage.com: From Yankee Magazine, this interactive website offers a "real time" foliage map that is updated even during off season. A peak foliage prediction map offers a "heads up" for leaf peepers. A foliage driving tour includes visuals that are live during peak foliage season. Want more? You can download Yankee's Leaf Peeper app for iPhone and Android for free!

\*jeff-foliage.com: For those who need a "fall foliage fix", this website is all about the autumn landscape. From regional color updates and a fall foliage forum to spectacular landscape photography and foliage forecast, this is an informative and entertaining site.

\*massvacation.com: As autumn nears, this site offers a foliage map of Massachusetts that highlights peak dates for statewide regions. A "must see" for those serious about viewing the color show at its peak.

**Scenic Routes**  
 The Massachusetts Bureau of Travel and Tourism has rounded up top foliage destinations that include the following scenic routes that are a comfortable drive from our area.

**Central Massachusetts:** Enjoy superb color at a relaxed pace when you drive along the less frequently traveled routes to the Quabbin Reservoir: From Rt. 128, follow Rt. 117 to Stow, in the heart of apple country, then Rt. 62 South and west to Princeton. Turn north on the unnumbered route to Wachusett Mountain Reservation. There you can drive, hike or take a "skyride" to the summit for a sweeping view of the countryside. Return to Rt. 62 and head west to Barre, then south on Rt. 32 to Old Furnace Road. Follow the unnumbered road west to Hardwick. Turn north on Rt. 32A, which runs along the Quabbin Reservoir to Petersham. At Petersham follow Rt. 101 east through Templeton, Gardner and the Ashburnhams to the junction with Rt. 119. Head east on Rt. 119 through the Willard Brook State Forest in Ashby and Townsend.

**Greater Springfield/Franklin County:** The secondary roads of Rt. 116 and Rt. 9 wind through rolling countryside and hill towns. Rt. 116 passes through the picturesque towns of Conway and Ashfield; Rt. 9 leads through the village centers of Cummington and Goshen and the college towns of Northampton and Amherst. Scenic routes 143 and 112 travel through rolling New England countryside in the towns of Goshen, Chesterfield, Worthington and Huntington.

**The Berkshires:** Follow Rt. 7 north from Sheffield to Williamstown. Rt. 8 runs from Sandisfield to Dalton and is a superb route between two state forests. Rt. 183, from Great Barrington to Lenox, follows the Housatonic River

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## How can life insurance help you?



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You may not be aware of it, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. Of course, you

probably recognize, at least in a general sense, the importance of life insurance, but do you know the various ways in which it can help you?

Life insurance can play a sizable role in your ability to achieve some important financial goals, such as these:

Helping your family maintain its lifestyle – If you are married and have young children at home, you and your spouse may need to work. If you were no longer around and your earnings were gone, could your family still afford to live as they do now? Adequate life insurance can help them preserve their lifestyle.

Helping your children continue their education – Even if you weren't planning to foot the entire bill for your children's college education, you still might be doing what you can, such as contributing to a 529 education savings plan. If your income was lost, could your family still afford to continue these contributions? With enough life insurance, you can improve the chances that your children will at least get some financial help for college or vocational training.

Helping your survivors pay off debts – Are all your debts paid off? If not, you could be leaving your family on the hook for some of them, such as credit cards and car loans – not to mention your mortgage. Also, as uncomfortable as it may be to consider it, funeral and burial costs can easily run into the thousands. The proceeds of your life insurance policy can help pay down debts, handle your final expenses – and relieve your family of costly burdens.

Helping your spouse build resources for retirement – It's almost impossible for most of us to save too much for retirement. Your spouse may already have some retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) and an IRA, but will these be enough to sustain a long retirement? Through life insurance, you can potentially add significant amounts to your spouse's retirement assets.

As we've seen, you can accomplish a lot with life insurance. But how much do you need?

If you want the appropriate amount of coverage, you should consider a variety of factors. How much do you earn? How much does your spouse earn? How many children do you have? How old are they? How much do you owe on your home? By answering these and other, similar questions, you can arrive at a coverage level that's suitable for your needs. Also, keep in mind that those needs will change – for example, if your children are grown and you've downsized your living arrangements, you may require less insurance than at earlier times in your life.

Life Insurance Awareness Month is a good time to remind yourself of the importance of insurance and of the need to own the correct amount. So, review your coverage soon – after all, you can't predict the future, but you can still prepare for it.

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# What I don't like about life in post-9/11 America

"A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government."

-Edward Abbey, American author

Life in a post-9/11 America increasingly feels like an endless free fall down a rabbit hole into a terrifying, dystopian alternative reality in which the citizenry has no rights, the government is no friend to freedom, and everything we ever knew and loved about the values and principles that once made this country great has been turned on its head.

We've walked a strange and harrowing road since September 11, 2001, littered with the debris of our once-vaunted liberties.

We have gone from a nation that took great pride in being a model of a representative democracy to being a model of how to persuade the citizenry to march in lockstep with a police state.

Osama Bin Laden right warned that "freedom and human rights in America are doomed. The U.S. government will lead the American people in — and the West in general — into an unbearable hell and a choking life."

These past 17 years have proven Bin Laden right in his prediction.

What began with the passage of the USA Patriot Act in October 2001 has snowballed into the eradication of every vital safeguard against government overreach, corruption and abuse.

The citizenry's unquestioning acquiescence to anything the government wants to do in exchange for the phantom promise of safety and security has resulted in a society where the nation is being locked down into a militarized, mechanized, hypersensitive, legalistic, self-righteous, goose-stepping antithesis of every principle upon which this nation was founded.

This is not freedom.

This is a jail cell.

Set against a backdrop of government surveillance, militarized police, SWAT team raids, asset forfeiture, eminent domain, overcriminalization, armed surveillance drones, whole body scanners, stop and frisk searches, roving VIPR raids and the like—all of which have been sanctioned by Congress, the White House and the courts—our constitutional freedoms have been steadily chipped away at, undermined, eroded, whittled down, and generally discarded.

Our losses are mounting with every passing day.

Free speech, the right to protest, the right to challenge government wrongdoing, due process, a presumption of innocence, the right to self-defense, accountability and transparency in government, privacy, press, sovereignty, assembly, bodily integrity, representative government: all of these and more have become casualties in the government's war on the American people, a war that has grown more pronounced since 9/11.

Since the towers fell on 9/11, the American people have been treated like enemy combatants, to be spied on, tracked, scanned, frisked, searched, subjected to all manner of intrusions, intimidated, invaded, raided, manhandled, censored, silenced, shot at, locked up, and denied due process.

In allowing ourselves to be distracted by terror drills, foreign wars, color-coded warnings, underwear bombers and other carefully constructed exercises in propaganda, sleight of hand, and obfuscation, we failed to recognize that the true enemy to freedom was lurking among us all the while.

The U.S. government now poses a greater threat to our freedoms than any terrorist, extremist or foreign entity ever could.

While nearly 3,000 people died in the 9/11 attacks, the U.S. government and its agents have easily killed at least ten times that number of civilians in the U.S. and abroad since 9/11 through its police shootings, SWAT team raids, drone strikes and profit-driven efforts to police the globe, sell weapons to foreign nations, and foment civil unrest in order to keep the military industrial complex gainfully employed.

No, the U.S. government is not the citizenry's friend, nor is it our protector, and life in the United States of America post-9/11 is no picnic.

In the interest of full disclosure, here are some of the things I don't like about life in a post-9/11 America:

I don't like being treated as if my only value to the government is as a source of labor and funds.

I don't like being viewed as a consumer and bits of data.

I don't like being spied on and treated as if I have no right to privacy, especially in my own home.

I don't like government officials who lobby for my vote only to ignore me once elected. I don't like having representatives incapable of and unwilling to represent me. I don't like taxation without representation.

I don't like being bullied by government bureaucrats, vigilantes masquerading as cops, or faceless technicians.

I don't like being railroaded into financing government programs whose only purpose is to increase the power and wealth of the corporate elite.

I don't like being forced to pay for wars abroad that serve no other purpose except to expand the reach of the military industrial complex.

I don't like being subjected to scans, searches, pat downs and other indigni-

ties by the TSA.

I don't like VIPR raids on so-called "soft" targets like shopping malls and bus depots by black-clad, Darth Vader look-alikes.

I don't like fusion centers, which represent the combined surveillance efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement.

I don't like being treated like an underling by government agents who are supposed to be working for me. I don't like being threatened, intimidated, bribed, beaten and robbed by individuals entrusted with safeguarding my rights. I don't like being silenced, censored and marginalized. I don't like my movements being tracked, my conversations being recorded, and my transactions being catalogued.

I don't like free speech zones, roving bubble zones and trespass laws that restrict Americans' First Amendment rights.

I don't like laws that criminalize Americans for otherwise lawful activities such as holding religious studies at home, growing vegetables in their yard, and collecting rainwater.

I don't like the NDAA, which allows the president and the military to arrest and detain American citizens indefinitely.

I don't like the Patriot Act, which opened the door to all manner of government abuses and intrusions on our privacy.

I don't like the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which has become America's standing army in direct opposition to the dire warnings of those who founded our country.

I don't like military weapons such as armored vehicles, sound cannons and the like being used against the American citizens.

I don't like government agencies such as the DHS, Post Office, Social Security Administration and Wildlife stocking up on hollow-point bullets. And I definitely don't like the implications of detention centers being built that could house American citizens.

I don't like the fact that police departments across the country "have received tens of thousands of machine guns; nearly 200,000 ammunition magazines; thousands of pieces of camouflage and night-vision equipment; and hundreds of silencers, armored cars and aircraft."

I don't like America's infatuation with locking people up for life for non-violent crimes. There are thousands of people in America serving life sentences for non-violent crimes, including theft of a jacket, siphoning gasoline from a truck, stealing tools, and attempting to cash a stolen check.

I don't like paying roughly \$29,000 a year per inmate just to keep these non-violent offenders in prison.

I don't like having my hard-earned taxpayer dollars used against me.

I don't like the partisan nature of politics today, which has so polarized Americans that they are incapable of standing in unity against the government's abuses.

I don't like the entertainment drivel that passes for news coverage today.

I don't like the fact that those within a 25-mile range of the border are getting a front row seat to the American police state, as Border Patrol agents are now allowed to search people's homes, intimately probe their bodies, and rifle through their belongings, all without a warrant.

I don't like public schools that treat students as if they were prison inmates. I don't like zero tolerance laws that criminalize childish behavior. I don't like a public educational system that emphasizes rote memorization and test-taking over learning, synthesizing and critical thinking.

I don't like police precincts whose primary purpose—whether through the use of asset forfeiture laws, speed traps, or red light cameras—is making a profit at the expense of those they have sworn to protect. I don't like militarized police and their onerous SWAT team raids.

I don't like Department of Defense and DHS programs that transfer surplus military hardware to local and state police. I don't like local police dressing and acting as if they were the military



## FREEDOM WATCH

JOHN WHITEHEAD

no rights.

I don't like cash-strapped states cutting deals with private corporations to run the prisons in exchange for maintaining 90% occupancy rates for at least 20 years. I don't like the fact that American prisons have become the source of cheap labor for Corporate America.

I don't like answering to an imperial president who operates above the law.

I don't like the injustice that passes for justice in the courts.

I don't like prosecutors so hell bent on winning that they allow innocent people to suffer for crimes they didn't commit.

I don't like the double standards that allow government officials to break laws with immunity, while average Americans get the book thrown at them.

I don't like cops who shoot first and ask questions later.

I don't like police dogs being treated with more respect and afforded more rights than American citizens.

I don't like living in a suspect society.

I don't like Americans being assumed guilty until they prove their innocence.

I don't like technology being used as a double-edged sword against us.

Most of all, I don't like feeling as if there's no hope for turning things around.

Now there are those who would suggest that if I don't like things about this country, I should leave and go elsewhere. Certainly, there are those among my fellow citizens who are leaving for friendlier shores.

However, I'm not giving up on this country without a fight.

I plan to keep fighting, writing, speaking up, speaking out, shouting if necessary, filing lawsuits, challenging the status quo, writing letters to the editor, holding my representatives accountable, thinking nationally but acting locally, and generally raising a ruckus anytime the government attempts to undermine the Constitution and ride roughshod over the rights of the citizenry.

Our country may be in deep trouble, but all is not yet lost.

The first step begins with you.

1. Get educated. Know your rights. Take time to read the Constitution. Study and understand history because the tales of those who seek power and those who resist them is an age-old one. The Declaration of Independence is a testament to this struggle and the revolutionary spirit that overcame tyranny. Understand the vital issues of the day so that you can be cognizant of the threats to freedom. Stay informed about current events and legislation.

2. Get involved. Become actively involved in local community affairs, politics and legal battles. As the adage goes, "Think nationally, act locally." America was meant to be primarily a system of local governments, which is a far cry from the colossal federal bureaucracy we have today. Yet if our freedoms are to be restored, understanding what is transpiring practically in your own backyard—in one's home, neighborhood, school district, town council—and taking action at that local level must be the starting point. Responding to unmet local needs and reacting to injustices is what grassroots activism is all about. Getting involved in local politics is one way to bring about change.

3. Get organized. Understand your

strengths and weaknesses and tap into your resources. Play to your strengths and assets. Conduct strategy sessions to develop both the methods and ways to attack the problem. Prioritize your issues and battles. Don't limit yourself to protests and paper petitions. Think outside the box. Time is short, and resources are limited, so use your resources in the way they count the most.

4. Be creative. Be bold and imaginative, for this is guerilla warfare—not to be fought with tanks and guns but through creative methods of dissent and resistance. Creatively responding to circumstances will often be one of your few resources if you are to be an effective agent of change. Every creative effort, no matter how small, is significant.

5. Use the media. Effective use of the media is essential. Attracting media coverage not only enhances and magnifies your efforts, it is also a valuable education tool. It publicizes your message to a much wider audience.

6. Start brushfires for freedom. Take heart that you are not alone. You come from a long, historic line of individuals who have put their beliefs and lives on the line to keep freedom alive. Engage those around you in discussions about issues of importance. Challenge them to be part of a national dialogue. As I have often said, one person at a city planning meeting with a protest sign is an irritant. Three individuals at the same meeting with the same sign are a movement. You will find that those in power fear and respect numbers. This is not to say that lone crusaders are not important. There are times when you will find yourself totally alone in the stand you take. However, there is power in numbers. Politicians understand this. So get out there and start drumming up support for your cause.

7. Take action. Be prepared to mobilize at a moment's notice. It doesn't matter who you are, where you're located or what resources are at your disposal. What matters is that you recognize the problems and care enough to do something about them. Whether you're 8, 28 or 88 years old, you have something unique to contribute. You don't have to be a hero. You just have to show up and be ready to take action.

8. Be forward-looking. Beware of being so "in the moment" that you neglect to think of the bigger picture. Develop a vision for the future. Is what you're hoping to achieve enduring? Have you developed a plan to continue to educate others about the problems you're hoping to tackle and ensure that others will continue in your stead? Take the time to impart the value of freedom to younger generations, for they will be at the vanguard of these battles someday.

9. Develop fortitude. What is it that led to the successful protest movements of the past headed by people such as Martin Luther King Jr.? Resolve. King refused to be put off. And when the time came, he was willing to take to the streets for what he believed and even go to jail if necessary. King risked having an arrest record by committing acts of nonviolent civil disobedience. A caveat is appropriate here. Before resorting to nonviolent civil disobedience, all reasonable alternatives should be exhausted. If there is an opportunity to alter the course of events through normal channels (for example, negotiation, legal action or legislation), they should be attempted.

10. Be selfless and sacrificial. Freedom is not free—there is always a price to be paid and a sacrifice to be made. If any movement is to be truly successful, it must be manned by individuals who seek a greater good and do not waver from their purposes. It will take

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# The trail and its end: an adventure recited



Sam Ducharme at the Oxford Library sharing his story



Sam I Am and Red Hot reunited

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Through snow, rocks, roots, and water Sam Ducharme forged through the Appalachian Trail and came out victorious. With many experiences he shares his tales of struggle, resilience, and strength. On Thursday, Sept. 6, Ducharme visited the Oxford Public Library and gave an in-depth view into what it was like to be on such an adventure.

"I would like to give a big thank you to the friends of the Oxford Library for making this visit possible," says Ducharme.

Ducharme began his presentation of, Thru Hiking the Appalachian Trail with a bit about his past. Ducharme lives in Woodstock, where he raised two sons. Ducharme hiked, fished, hunted and explored with his children and has a deep connection to the outdoors. Ducharme retired from the prison he worked at, his sons had grown, and he lost his best friend in the world, his dog. Ducharme grew tired of his empty home and decided it was the right time to go on an adventure that would change his life. He planned for a month before heading down to Georgia to start his amazing journey.

In Georgia is where the Appalachian Trail begins. The trail is 2,190 miles long, expands through 14 states, and has a vast array of terrain and elevation. The trail usually takes about 5 to 7 months to complete. It took Ducharme about six months to finish.

"My first month was miser-

able," says Ducharme. "Every day was brutal. Everything hurt, my legs, my butt, my lungs, and my heart."

Ducharme struggled but overcame every harsh day and night.

"We walk 5 million steps on this hike, if you miss one, you go home."

Many who set out on this journey may not make it to the end. Many get injured or just cannot complete a hike that requires such dedication and preparation.

Over 2,000 miles of wilderness is full of danger, beauty and wonder.

"Wildlife will just walk right up to you," reminisces Ducharme.

Through the slide show pictures of spiders, snakes, deer, and an enormous black bear were all captured by Ducharme. Many stories accompanied each picture. Along the way, Ducharme experienced many kindnesses called trail magic. Coolers of ice cold water and soda were set out for hikers. Some even cooked meals for the weary travelers. Trail magic is a big part of the Appalachian Trail, "the trail will provide," says Ducharme.

Ducharme learned more about life while on this incredible journey.

"We are all the same here," says Ducharme.

The people he has met while hiking, no matter what profession, age, or ethnicity, they are all the same here, they are just hikers. When on such a journey, hikers will forge friendships and often give trail names, Sam Ducharme became



Can't carry much on your back.

Sam I am. Many friendships were forged and none forgotten. Ducharme met a man who had prepared for his hike for four years before he headed out, His trail name is Red Hot. Red Hot helped Ducharme get through the last 500 miles of the trail. When Ducharme wanted to give up and found each step getting harder and harder, Red Hot arrived and they teamed up. The pair worked together for the rest of the journey. Through acts of kindness, uplifting friends, and beautiful experiences; Ducharme made it to the end of the trail in Maine on Mount Katahdin.

"This trip means so much to so many people," says Ducharme.

Ducharme states that he became a new person through his experience. His number one tip to those who wish to take on this amazingly difficult and rewarding experience is to take your time. There is so much to see, so much to experience that those hiking should take their time and enjoy their adventure. In a surprise ending to all who attended the presentation, Red Hot made a special appearance and Sam I Am reunited with his amazing friend. Ducharme returned to



Gear used on his journey

the trail, after he finished his hike, to share some trail magic of his own. He went back and cooked meals and shared stories with those who were on the same journey. Ducharme, Sam I Am, accomplished a momentous adventure that many wish to take but few may actually finish. Ducharme

began the trail in Georgia and came out a different man in Maine. The Appalachian Trail "renewed my faith in people," says Ducharme.

You can view this Sam Ducharme's story and videos of his journey on his Youtube page, Sam Ducharme.

## TRAINOR

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and passes through small villages. Take Richmond Road, off Rt. 183, just south of Tanglewood, and stop at the overlook for views of Stockbridge Bowl and the southern Berkshire Hills. Rt. 43 East, off Rt. 7, is the lower road to Williamstown, and passes through lovely farmland. Rt. 23, from Great Barrington to Monterey, and then right onto Tyringham Road, takes you through the Tyringham

Valley and eventually to Lee.

Mohawk Trail: The Mohawk Trail, which runs 63 miles along Rt. 2 from Orange to North Adams, is one of the state's most popular foliage routes. Excellent "up-country" viewing sites include: the Whitcomb Summit; the hairpin turn before North Adams; the 10-mile drive to the summit of Mt. Greylock; the French King Bridge, Miller's Falls; the Bissell Covered Bridge, Charlemont; and the enchanting Bridge of Flowers, Shelburne Falls. Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

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helpful hints!

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# SPORTS

## Rams battle back to .500 after edging past Fitchburg, 35-32

DUDLEY — After a season-opening loss to Shrewsbury High, 34-13, the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team bounced back in a big way at Carmignani Field on Friday evening, Sept. 14. The Rams held on to defeat Fitchburg High, 35-32, improving to 1-1 in the process.

Shepherd Hill will now look to get above the .500 ledger when they Grafton High for a 7 p.m. meeting with the Indians on Friday, Sept. 21.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Shepherd Hill's Gabe dos Santos sprints up-field on a kickoff return.



Anthony Oriente of Shepherd Hill barrels through a scrum to make his way to a first down.



John McCabe of Shepherd Hill finishes his tackle as he plants a Fitchburg ball carrier into the turf



Shepherd Hill's Ben Carpenter makes his way around the sideline on his way to the end zone.



Ben Carpenter of Shepherd Hill eyes the end zone as he makes his way in for the game-winning touchdown.



Shepherd Hill's Anthony Oriente secures a fumbled ball as he clinches the Rams' win over Fitchburg.

## Momentum gained in first set loss for Shepherd Hill, who rally past Sutton



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Kiley Wong-Li spikes the ball back to Sutton's side of the court.

win came in the Rams' first-set loss to the Suzies.

Trailing, 23-15, Shepherd Hill took a timeout and collectively took a deep breath and then proceeded to scratch back into the set, cutting the Sutton lead to a single point, 24-23, before a shot by Lindstrom, which would not have been returnable, just caught a sliver of the right sideline.

Set to Sutton, momentum to Shepherd Hill.

"Coming back like that was huge coming back because the momentum we created at the end of that game carried into the second set and then to the rest of the match," said Rams' assistant coach Tony Wong-Li, who was filling in for head coach Chris Lindstrom, who was away tending to some of his duties as an NFL alum.

"Even though we were down by eight points we still wanted to take the first set," said Ingrid Lindstrom, a senior captain on the team. "But we also knew we had to get our energy up and that's exactly what that comeback did for us, it raised our energy and we carried that energy with us into the second set and the rest of the match."

Shepherd Hill won the second set 25-20, the third set 25-19 and the match-clinching fourth set 25-19.

The Rams, who improved to 3-1 with the win, have no shortage of offensive weapons. Ingrid Lindstrom led the way with nine kills, three blocks and four service aces, but it seemed like every player who stepped on the court for Shepherd Hill played a role in the win. Kiley Wong-Li added six kills and Hughes served up five aces.

Tony Wong-Li felt, however, that the play of defensive specialists Mackenzie

"Mack" Woods, a sophomore, and Mary Vallancourt, a junior, was a key role in the victory.

"Our defense is coming along," Tony Wong-Li said. "We've got Mary and Mack in the back and they're both playing very good defense. Our offense starts with those two in the back. We cannot have Ingrid hit without a good pass. Everything, for us, starts with a pass from the back."

Woods said the key to making a good pass from the back is, not surprisingly, stopping the ball.

"Stopping the ball is all about lining [your body] up with the seams of the hit," said Woods, who serves as the team's Libero. "In the back you're just trying to get to the right spot where you think the ball is going to be coming in and then kind of catch it into your body and get it to a setter as quickly as possible. We have to make sure we can get a good pass up so that so that setter can get a good set to one of our hitters."

Those hitters include Ingrid Lindstrom, Hughes, seniors Molly Springer and Cayley Fagan, junior Gabby Eberhart and freshman Annaka Lindstrom, Ingrid's younger sister. Eda Lindstrom, Annaka's twin, is also on the team.

"I wouldn't be able to hit the ball where I hit it or as hard as I hit it without their passing," Ingrid Lindstrom said of Woods and Vallancourt. "They do a lot of the hard work. They get that perfect pass and the setter sets it up and all I really do is go up and swing as hard as I can. The girls in the back, they do the tough job."

Serving the ball appears to be a team-wide strength. Recording service aces against Sutton in addition



Ingrid Lindstrom of Shepherd Hill follows through upon spiking the ball over the net.

to Ingrid Lindstrom and Hughes were junior Kerry Greenough (three), Fagan, Springer Kiley Wong-Li and Eberhart.

While Kiley Wong-Li is dangerous as an outside hitter, she kept Sutton off-balance all match by going up to spike the ball and then, at the last possible moment, lightly tapping the ball over the net into an open spot in the Suzies' defense. She scored five points in the match on these tap-ins.

"Kylie will go up to swing and then all of a sudden she'll just softly tip it over the net — it's great," Ingrid Lindstrom said. "That's another part of the game. It doesn't matter how hard you hit the ball. Is it great to smash the ball really, really hard and get those kills? Yeah, it is. But the game is also about deception and being smart. Being a smart player is so much more important than just being the hardest hitter. Kylie is a smart player and she is very deceptive. She's awesome to play with."

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The seeds to the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity volleyball team's 3-1 victory over Sutton High on Wednesday, Sept. 12 did not come via an impressive spike by Ingrid Lindstrom, or a perfectly-placed serve by Maddi Hughes, or even a bit of misdirection by Kiley Wong-Li. The framework of the

## SPORTS

# Defensive adjustments help Bay Path beat Indians



Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie runs the ball through a hole provided by the offensive line.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Bay Path's defense was the key in the second half, leading to the Minutemen's victory.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Bay Path Regional senior captain Daniel Keefe capped a big performance with a 48-yard interception return with 4:03 remaining to seal a 36-14 win over Bartlett High on Friday, Sept. 14 at Memorial Athletic Field.

With the win the Minutemen improved to 2-0, while the Indians slipped to 1-1.

"He is a captain for a reason, he is a leader," Bay Path head coach Matt Fall praised. "He is a football smart kid where if I relay a message to get to the defensive backs he is going to get that across. He does a great

job leading his group behind and the kids rally behind him. It was a great game by him."

Keefe also caught two touchdowns on the night for the Minutemen. The captain also was an eraser on defense setting in front of two Bartlett passes for two interceptions.

"It was one of my best games I have had in awhile and it feels great," Keefe explained about his standout night. "It was an overall team effort, it wasn't just me."

Bay Path scored on its first drive of the game to quickly go ahead, 8-0, but Bartlett bounced back and scored twice to take a lead at the end of the first

quarter.

Bartlett scored on back-to-back drives on a four-yard touchdown run by Romeo Soto followed by a 69-yard touchdown by Troy Johnson. This gave the Indians a 14-8 lead with 4:32 left in the first quarter.

Bay Path, however, scored on a 13-yard touchdown run by Tyler Gillespie to tie it at 14-14 with 4:30 left in the first half. Gillespie ran 17 times for 144 yards and two touchdowns in the win.

Defensive adjustments then stonewalled the Bartlett offense the rest of the way and Bay Path scored 22 unanswered points in the second half.

"With our adjustments at half with the offensive line with their blocking and the defense, we had to adjust a couple things back," explained Fall. "We were able to turn the tide a little bit.

"We had a game plan coming in. They run a unique offense that not a lot of people are running now," Fall added. "We made our own defensive adjustment during the week that we thought would be a good way to stop them, but realized we were just putting our kids at a disadvantage. We adjusted and tweaked a couple things back and got a little more pressure

with our linebackers."

Bartlett was unable to score in the second half, but learning from the loss is the best way to move on.

"We have to get mentally ready, leave the past in the past," Bartlett head coach Dane

Laboissonniere said. "What happened this week doesn't matter next Friday, learn from the mistakes and correct them and sometimes in life you learn more in a loss than you do in a win."



Bay Path's Brian Lavoie takes a handoff and looks for a hole in Bartlett's defense.



Bay Path's Michael Keeler heaves a pass downfield.



A trio of Bay Path defenders combine to bring down Bartlett's Romeo Soto.



Zachary Whittemore, left, and Jonathan Schrader of Bay Path break off the snap to make their blocks.



Xavier Adamuska of Bay Path looks for space up-field during a kickoff return.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Charlton Youth Basketball announce travel division tryout schedule

The Charlton Wildcats travel teams play in the SCMYBL, which is a competitive basketball league in South Central Mass. Participating would require a three-day commitment each week (all games are played on Sundays) from November through mid-March. Unlike in-town basketball, playing time is not equal and travel to other towns is required.

Please note that the below dates/times are for the Travel Division only. The In-town evaluation dates will be announced at a later time.

#### Girls

Fifth Grade: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6-7 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 5-6 p.m. Fourth grade girls may try out for the fifth grade team.

Sixth Grade: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7-8 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 7-8 p.m.

Seventh and Eighth Grade: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 8-9 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 8-9 p.m. The grades will try out together but have separate teams.

#### Boys

Fourth Grade: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 5-6 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 1, 6-7 p.m. Third grade boys may try out for the fourth grade team.

Fifth Grade: Monday, Sept. 24, 5-6 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 6-7 p.m.

Sixth Grade: Monday, Sept. 24, 6-7 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 5-6 p.m.

Seventh Grade: Monday, Sept. 24, 7-8 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m.

Eighth Grade: Monday, Sept. 24, 8-9 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 8-9 p.m.

All tryouts are held at Charlton Middle School. Please check the Charlton Youth Basketball website for any updates to dates and times of tryouts: <http://www.sportsmanager.us/CharltonBasketball.htm>. For more information

email [rschulman@charter.net](mailto:rschulman@charter.net).

### Charlton Youth Basketball to hold In-Town Registration Night

Charlton Youth Basketball will be holding its Registration Night for the In-Town Recreational Winter Season on Monday, Sept. 24 at the Charlton Elementary School Cafeteria from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Or one can register online anytime at [www.sportsmanager.us/CharltonBasketball.htm](http://www.sportsmanager.us/CharltonBasketball.htm).

Fees for grades 1-2 are \$50, while grades 3-12 is \$70. The family maximum is \$175. First time players must show a copy of a birth certificate. Sponsors are needed — sponsor a team and get \$25 off. Volunteer coaches are also needed. Assessment nights and times will be posted on the website soon.

# Deer hunting season begins soon, starting with youth



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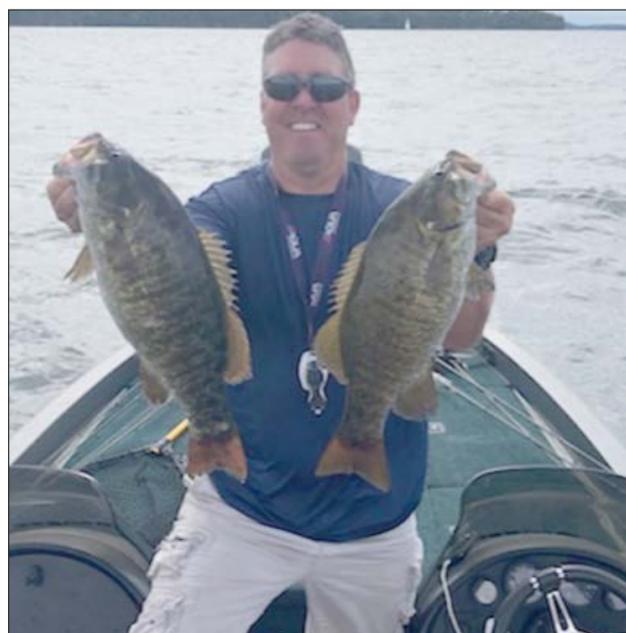
Archery deer hunting season is only a few weeks away in Massachusetts. Pro shops are busy tuning up bows for local hunters, ensuring they are ready for opening day. If you have not check out your bow hunting equipment, you should get started as soon as possible. Some archers have already placed their deer hunting stands in preparation of the deer hunting season.

The new early archery deer season in zone 10-14 will open on October 1, 2018. Antlerless deer permits for Zone 11 will be available on line starting Sept. 25, at 8:00 a.m. Zone 10 will go on sale Wednesday Sept. 25 at 8:00 a.m. All permits must be paid for within 15 minutes of the sale. These are all surplus permits.

The youth deer season will start on Sept. 29 this year, and the paraplegic hunt will start on Nov. 1 and will run to Nov. 3. The regular archery season starts on Oct. 15, for zones 1-9. With all of the sightings reported by local residents of deer in their back yards, and also observed in local fields, hunters are looking for a record harvest again this year.

The acorn crop is expected to be a bit better this year, providing plenty of food for numerous wildlife. The acorn crop will also draw deer to the acorns providing hunters with some great opportunities of harvesting a deer.

The Massachusetts Outdoor Expo will be held again this year Sept. 23. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club in Sturbridge.



Courtesy photos

Both pictures are of Mike Keup of Douglas and his fishing partner at the NEBA Massachusetts State Finals with a variety of smallmouth bass. Keup and his partner came in first place.

Admission, parking & all activities are free. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their family in the great outdoors. Do not miss this great event that is run by all volunteers. Hundreds of people attend the event every year and keep coming back. Firing numerous rifles and handguns, along with shooting archery, fishing and other activities are all free to everyone in attendance. Great food will also be available at the Expo. For more information go to the web site at [www.FawnsExpo.com](http://www.FawnsExpo.com).

Mike Keup of Douglas is a registered guide, and is owner of Castin Tracks Guide Service. He won the Mass State finals with the NEBA fishing on Lake Champlain out of Port Henry NY last weekend. The two man team of Keup and White caught a limit of smallmouth bass both days for a total weight of 52 pounds! They beat out the second place team by 5 1/2 pounds. Mike has a camp on Sebago

Lake and provides bass fishing charters annually. Check him out on his web site at [www.castintracksguideservice.com](http://www.castintracksguideservice.com). This week's two pictures show Mike and his partner Mr. White with a few of their monster small mouth bass.

The 200 Sportsmen's club in Webster no longer hold their annual fall picnic, but have replaced it with a similar event on Oct. 15 starting at 1 p.m. The chicken & ribs barbecue will be held on the club grounds & will be open to the public. Tickets are \$15 each. To reserve your tickets, call (508) 943-9722. They do have some great cooks at the club, and I expect the food to be fantastic as always.

This past week I watched the TV. show Rocky Mountain Vet. It is a great show for animal lovers, and can show how to care for your sick or injured animal. When a vet is needed, the hospital charges a minimal fee or no charge at all. It is something that is needed in

every state. Many more people would own a pet, but the high cost of veterinarian bills scare them away. I know that becoming a veterinarian is extremely costly, almost as much as becoming a doctor or surgeon.

Clinics are available that do not charge high fees for vaccine shots and normal care, but when surgery needs to be done on your pet only a veterinarian is the last chance to save their life. Most families do not have that type of money for surgery, and the pet is often put down. Losing a pet is very heartbreaking and traumatic for the owner, as my granddaughter found out a few weeks ago. Their 12 year old English bulldog became very sick and needed to be euthanized. It broke their hearts. Insurance is available for the pets, but that to does not cover everything and is also very expensive. Tufts veterinary school would be a great place to set up a lot less expensive

hospital for pets. It is a state funded school and should try to set up a clinic like the Rocky Mountain Vet is running. A number of years ago my two dogs "Twig" & "Molly" were both spayed at Tufts for little to no cost by students, and supervised by a licensed veterinarian. It was greatly appreciated. Similar programs for surgery need to be set up at this great facility, without draining your Visa Gold card.

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Enjoy the colorful fruit of the native American bittersweet on the vine or in fall decorations. A

late season blooms with fall-flowering sedums. Autumn Joy has been a long time favorite, but Autumn Fire is an improvement with larger flowers and a longer bloom time. Mr. Goodbud is another upright sedum with purple stems and smoky green foliage, provid-

ing the perfect backdrop for the purple-pink flowers.

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Sweet autumn clematis with white flowers and fragrant beauty quickly climbs up trellises and arbors.

# OBITUARIES

## James Robert Wheeler



AUBURN - James Robert Wheeler, (October 14, 1926 - September 9, 2018) passed away Sunday, in Worcester from complications due to a stroke. Born in Portland, ME, he was the third of four children born to the late Cecil Leroy and Florence F. (Wilkinson) Wheeler. James graduated from Portland High School and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine. He joined the U.S. Navy at the end of WWII, and was enlisted in Officer Training School, but then was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve overseas during the Korean War.

Returning to Maine, he married Helen Joan Lynch from Thomaston, Maine. They relocated to central Massachusetts, where he was employed by the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Together, Helen and Jim built a large beautiful home in Upton for their four children, Candace, Thad, Matthew and Penelope. James was an attentive father and good provider for his family. The children grew up as members of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

During the 20 years of his first marriage, Mr. Wheeler worked through many positions at the Worcester Telegram and Gazette; reporter, colum-

nist, editorialist, and ascending to be managing editor.

After his divorce to Helen, he travelled to the West Coast and San Francisco area where he pursued interests in sailing, calligraphy and writing of poetry. He relocated to Mattapoisett, Massachusetts where he met his third wife, Nancy, both originally from Maine. Together they relocated to Kennebunkport area where they lived happily until ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Howe) Wheeler of Auburn; four children, Dr. Candace Wheeler of Hollywood, FL, Thad Wheeler and his wife Francesca Vasasco of New York City, Matthew Wheeler of Central America, and Penelope Wheeler of Blue Hill, ME, his brother, Cecil Wheeler of Auburn, ME, five nieces, one nephew, two stepdaughters, Pamela Ethridge of Burrillville, RI, and Kim Sterczala of Charlton; two grandchildren, Jovian James and Nedra; one great-grandson, Bodhi; and six step grandchildren.

Services are private. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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## Norman H. Gosselin, 72



SPENCER- Norman H. Gosselin, 72, of Robin Rd., passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Sept. 15th.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, Dorothy M. (Hackett) Gosselin, his four sons Rodney G. Gosselin of Worcester, Kenneth R. Gosselin and his wife Michelle, Brian N. Gosselin and his wife Diane and Peter J. Gosselin and his wife Traci all of Spencer, a brother Albert Gosselin of Millbury, sisters Lucille Jacques and her husband Gerald of Rochdale, and Beatrice Boudreau and her husband Ronald of Charlton, 16 grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by brothers Raymond, Ernest, Gerald Gosselin and sister Annette Joncas.

Norman was a sheet metal worker and teacher at Worcester Vocational Technical High School, retiring in 2008. Previously he owned and oper-

ated Century Heating & Air Conditioning in Southbridge for 18-1/2 years.

Born in Worcester, he was the son of Zoel and Yvonne (Arsenault) Gosselin, he graduated from Worcester Boys Trade High School and later served his country with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Norman's funeral was held on Thursday, Sept. 20 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours were Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Spencer Rescue Squad, Inc., P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA 01562.

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## Eugena E. Chambers, 84



WEBSTER - Eugena E. Chambers, 84, died peacefully on August 18, 2018, at Beaumont Skilled Nursing Center in Westboro. She is survived by her sister, Nancy J. Cierpich of Dudley; several nieces and

nephews, including Beth J. Aulenback of Shrewsbury, and Mark J. Cierpich of Charlton; and several great nephews and nieces. Predeceased by four sisters, Jessie Tryba, Elaine Gilrein, Janet Christian, and Beverly Strader. She was born in Webster, daughter of the late Howard I. and Mildred A. (Olson) Chambers, and lived most of her life in

Webster. She graduated from Oxford High School.

Ms. Chambers was a bookkeeper for several area businesses for many years. She was an accomplished golfer and a member of Worcester County Women's Golf League for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

A memorial service was held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. There were no calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

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## John J Mckanas, 71



John J Mckanas, 71, of Dudley died Sunday, September 9, 2018 at Overlook Masonic Health Center of Charlton. He was predeceased in 2016 by the love of his life his wife for 47 1/2 years Phyllis Ellis

McKanas

He is survived by two step-daughters: Bonnie J. and her husband Chye Khoo of Dudley, Kay Comptois wife Of Late Kenneth of Douglas. Four brothers: Edward McKanas and his wife Cindy of Lynn, Alfred McKanas Jr and his wife Kathleen of Middleton, Michael McKanas and his wife Sheryl of Melrose and William McKanas of Lynn; Three sisters: Patricia Pierga and her husband Richard of Apopka, FLA, Mary Perry and her husband Dave of Saugus, Sandra Marston and her husband James of Lynn .Sister In-law, Leona wife of late Richard McKanas of Saugus A proud god father to his god Son, Steven McKanas of Middleton, John also leaves 6 step grand children and

6 great step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

John was born in Lynn, MA. He is the son of the late Alfred and the late Margaret (Quigley) Mckanas He was employed by Capitol Market as a meat cutter lucky enough to find his true love Phyllis. He was a member of the Charlton Baptist Church.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his dogs and the outdoors . He was affectionately known as "John the geese hunter"

The funeral was held 11:00 am on Thursday, September 13 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Burial followed in St. Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours were Wednesday, September 12 from 5 to 8 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. Flowers may be sent or donations to Overlook Hospice 88 Masonic Home Rd. Charlton Ma 01507 . John's family would like to thank Overlook Hospice for the love and support given to John. www.bartel-funeralhome.com.

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# CALENDAR

## Saturday September 22

**GIANT MEAT RAFFLE:** On Saturday, September 22 at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Charlton beginning at 6 p.m. 6 Meat Tables and 1 Lobster Table; 3 Early Bird Tickets for arrival before 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild

## Sunday September 23

**INTEGRATIVE THERAPIES EXPO:** At Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, 366 Main Street, Sunday Sept. 23 1:00-5:00 pm, Free admission. Connect with local practitioners in the complementary holistic fields of Oncology Massage, Restorative Yoga, Reflexology, Lymphedema, Acupuncture, Meditation, Hypnosis, Reiki, Aromatherapy, Music Therapy, Skincare, and more

## Saturday September 29

**AUTUMN FEST & CRAFT FAIR:** St. Joseph Church of Charlton, 10 H Putnam Road, hosts its annual Autumn Fest and Craft Fair Saturday, Sept. 29 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Included will be craft booths, food and drink, bake sale, children's activities, a Big Money raffle, meat pie sale and a theme basket auction. On Sunday, Sept. 30, following 10 a.m. Mass, a breakfast will be held followed by the drawing for raffles.

**SALUTE TO BOOKS DANCE:** The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a "Salute to Books" dance on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Dave Perrault and the cuer will be Bev Boudreau. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information on our Beginner Classes, call Moe (508)344-3430 or Deanna (413)436-7849 or visit our website at [www.hayloftsteppers.org](http://www.hayloftsteppers.org). The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

## Saturday October 27

**HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR** On Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer a Halloween event to benefit Second Chance is planned. Indoor and outdoor event activities including costume contest and trick-or-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle, Walk 'N Wag pledge raising trail walk with scavenger hunt, doggie games and contests, music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include indoor RC racetrack sponsored by Turn4 HobbyTown, guest appearance by the Pike's Adam Webster, CGC certification by 4 Paws Academy and agility 'Try Its'. **FREE ADMISSION!** Families and pets are welcome!

**"Parade of Costumes"** Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Matt McGovern and the cuer will be Birgit Maguire. Admission is \$9 per person. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net

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## Saturday November 3

**"Harvest Ball"** Hay Loft Steppers dance on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The

caller will be Bob Butler and the cuer will be Harriett Clarke. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net

## Sunday November 18

**"Advanced Level"** Hayloft Steppers dance on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2:00-4:30 pm (No Rounds). The caller will be Kevin Bersing. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net

## Saturday November 24

**"Pie Night"** Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Darrell Sprague and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430.

## Sunday November 25

**"Special Fund Raiser"** Hayloft Steppers Mainstream/Plus dance on Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2:30-5:00 pm. (early rounds at 2:00) Various callers from OCCA and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net.

## ONGOING

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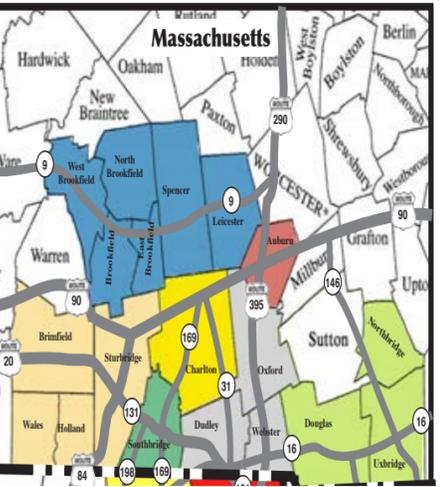
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its way to receiving approvals to move into Charlton leaving Four Score and Breathe Free to contend for the remaining allotted license to operating a cultivation facility in Charlton under the new regulation.

Breathe Free's plan would see the company set up a facility at 99A Dresser Hill Road on just over 20 acres of land. The company approached selectmen simply for discussion with Breathe Free's representing attorney Blake Mensing sharing some insight into his clients' concept for the project.

"My clients are not seeking to be the Budweiser of cannabis, but they are looking to have a higher quality product of the craft cultivation variety. The plan is to put a 30,000 square foot steel building with two floors on the property very much set back," Attorney Mensing said. Town Administrator Robin Craver acknowledged that she requested Breathe Free appear before selectmen during a meeting as she wanted to seek the board's recommendation on how to proceed seeing as the idea of marijuana cultivation has been

nothing short of contentious over the last few months.

However, selectmen showed little interest in discussing the matter at the time not because they didn't want Breathe Free to come to the community but rather to make sure every board member had a chance to chime in on the subject. Selectmen David Singer said he wanted to table to matter because Selectman Karen Spiewak was unable to attend the meeting and he wanted her to have an opportunity to share her input.

"My initial response is I'd like a full board. We don't have a full board to discuss it. With what's going on right now I'm a little hesitant to proceed down any road until we see what happens at the town meetings and what's coming up," Selectman Singer said. "Also, because there are others as well that are in play and there could be other restrictions that are in play that could change everything for everybody. I just want to proceed with caution and with a full board."

Singer and several others at the meeting referenced the recently scheduled ballot vote in May of 2019 that would ask whether or not the town of Charlton will

ban recreational marijuana cultivation and sales despite the town being one of many to vote in favor of legalizing the substance for such use in 2016. While the impending results of that vote have cast a shadow over the future legality of marijuana businesses in the community Attorney Mensing warned selectmen that they can only make decisions based on current bylaws rather than ones yet to be. He also challenged holding off conversations with Breathe Free based on the absence of a single selectman because the Board of Selectmen had a quorum, which sparked a reaction from Selectman Singer who blatantly said the selectmen weren't required to have the conversation without awaiting a full board.

Board of Selectman Chair John McGrath agreed with holding off extended conversations until the full board is on hand.

"I agree with Mr. Singer because one of the board members isn't here. We would like to have all five members of the board here because everybody has a very good opinion on this and we'd like to hear from them," McGrath said. "Really, the board is in no rush to do anything. There's no need for us

to rush. Now that we know where the address is I think that's a good thing."

Kyle Stevens, one of the owners of Breathe Free, LLC, did offer some information for consideration before the 15-minute discussion with selectmen closed out. He explained that the company plans on building a single level of the building first totaling 10,000 square feet and hiring 15 to 20 employees to staff the facility. The plans right now don't include distribution as the company is planning a facility in Boston for that purpose although future plans for distributing project in the town weren't ruled out.

"We're not trying to bring more traffic to (Charlton). We're just want to be the guy that's not there," Stevens told selectmen, clarifying that their goal is not to draw attention to the town of their facility but rather to operate in a town they respect that they feels has the same aesthetic and atmosphere of a farming community like their hometown of Middlefield, CT.

The representatives of Breathe Free did ask to be put on the next Board of Selectmen agenda with the hopes that the full board will be on hand to continue the discussion.

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boldness, courage and great sacrifice. Rarely will fame, power and riches be found at the end of this particular road. Those who travel it inevitably find the way marked by hardship, persecution and strife. Yet there is no easy way.

11. Remain optimistic and keep hope alive. Although our rights are increasingly coming under attack, we still have

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Practice persistence, along with per-

severance, and the possibilities are endless. You can be the voice of reason. Use your voice to encourage others. Much can be accomplished by merely speaking out. Oftentimes, all it takes is one lone voice to get things started. So if you really care and you're serious and want to help change things for the better, dust off your First Amendment tools and take a stand—even if it means being ostracized by those who would otherwise support you.

It won't be easy, but take heart. And don't give up.

*Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute. His books Battlefield America: The War on the American People and A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State are available online at www.amazon.com. He can be contacted at johnw@rutherford.org.*

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

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Schedule:  
a) Wednesday 9/26/2018: Documents available  
b) Wednesday 10/03/2018: Site Walk Thru 9:00 - 9:30.  
c) Thursday 10/18/2018: Bids Due on or before 2:00  
d) Thursday 11/15/2018: Notification of Selected Contractor.  
e) Monday 12/03/2018: Start of Construction, Notice to Proceed Issued.  
f) Monday 02/04/2019: Substantial Completion - 60 consecutive calendar days from date of Notice to Proceed.  
Quotes are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A (2)(B) & to state prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.  
Written Quotes will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 18, 2018.  
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and received no later than the date & time specified above. Quotes may be hand delivered, mailed, faxed or emailed.  
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**Brookfield Town Hall, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506**  
Contractors requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$50 per set, payable to the Town of Brookfield, to cover mail handling costs.  
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**Public Hearing Notice**  
**The Brimfield Planning Board will be holding a CONTINUANCE (9/5/18 first hearing date) Site Plan Review Public Hearing for** SWEB Development USA, LLC **for the proposed project of a 2.3 megawatt direct current solar project, which is located at** 0 Palmer Road (parcel id: Map #13 Block# A, Lot 4) on **October 3, 2018** **at the Brimfield Town Hall (21 Main Street) at** 7:30pm.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Brimfield Planning Board or appear at the time and place designated above. A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Board Office in the Town Hall, please call 413-245-4100 x153 or email [planning@brimfieldma.org](mailto:planning@brimfieldma.org).  
 September 21, 2018  
 September 28, 2018

**TOWN OF BRIMFIELD PLANNING BOARD**

The Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 10, 2018 7:00PM in the Town Hall (21 Main Street) regarding the special town meeting articles proposed zoning by-law changes. The proposed zoning by-law changes will affect the following sections:

By Planning Board: To amend Section 7A-Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations In The Business District, to strike out "In the Business District" and under

Section 3.1 Lot Requirements (under Section 7A), which reads: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be permitted on lots larger than 5 acres in the Business District. To amend as follows: Strike out "5" and insert 15 and to strike out "in the Business District".

To amend Section 12.2, Temporary Moratorium, under Section 12 Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments. To strike out September 30, 2018 and insert June 30, 2019.

For the complete narrative of this proposed changes please visit <http://www.brimfieldma.org> under "town news", visit the Town Hall Annex at 23 Main Street or contact the Planning Board at [planning@brimfieldma.org](mailto:planning@brimfieldma.org).  
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ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</b>				
<b>THOMPSON, CT</b> 25 Bonette Ave	S	12-2	\$275,000	Hope Realty/June Cazeault 860-377-2044
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</b>				
<b>CHARLTON</b> 114 Ramshorn Rd	S	11-12	\$324,900	George P. Goulas Realtor, Keller Williams Realty 508-509-3833
22 Morton Station Rd	S	12:30-1:30	\$499,900	George P. Goulas Realtor, Keller Williams Realty 508-509-3833
<b>DUDLEY</b> 26 River St	S	1-2:30	\$279,900	ReMax Advantage 1/Maria Reed 508-873-9254
<b>LEICESTER</b> 11 Crestwood Rd	S	2-3	\$249,000	George P. Goulas Realtor, Keller Williams Realty 508-509-3833
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**Southbridge • 112 Riverview Pl.**  
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<p><b>Ashford \$189,900</b></p> <p>Great owner/occupy opportunity. Side by side units. Updated in 2003. Sits on 2.44 lovely acres. Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363</p>	<p><b>Woodstock \$450,000</b></p> <p>Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4000 SF, 4 BR 3 full BA on 1.17 acres w/lovely views! Chef's kitchen extraordinaire &amp; gorgeous 3-car garage! The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p><b>Brooklyn \$224,000</b></p> <p>Private, 4 BR, 2 BA Cape with 3 bay garage, paved drive nestled in the woods, back deck overlooks a pond! Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343</p>	<p><b>Putnam \$499,900</b></p> <p>Truly one of a kind architectural masterpiece. Amazing grounds, 3 BR 2.5 BA. Catherine Howard 860-234-2901</p>	<p><b>Eastford \$314,900</b></p> <p>Pristine Eastford home, frontage on year-round babbling brook. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, granite kitchen, expand bonus room. John Rich 860-315-2615</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$275,000</b></p> <p>Private 3 acres Custom Ranch 1,478 SF FP in living room, dining room, 3 BR, 2 BA, woodstove, 2 car garage. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>
<p><b>Thompson \$399,900</b></p> <p>Elegant home with a two story glassed great room &amp; fireplace. Corian kitchen, finished lower level and 1st floor master. John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$575,000</b></p> <p>Over 4900 SF sprawled on 3 floors of living! 6 BR &amp; 3.5 BA w/new kitchen, baths &amp; a park-like back yard. Pool, pool house &amp; barn/garage! The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p><b>E. Killingly \$279,000</b></p> <p>Pristine 2,100 SF 1870 farmhouse on 2.5 acres &amp; privately nestled w/in acres of open space &amp; recreational land. Robert Viani 860-264-5921</p>	<p><b>Canterbury \$324,900</b></p> <p>Unique home on 19 acres, this 3 BR, 3 BA home is spacious &amp; inviting! 2 car garage w/potential in-law, storage, man town or teenage haven! Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343</p>	<p><b>Woodstock \$475,000</b></p> <p>Sweeping valley views! Stunning Antique home. 19.55 acres with pasture, developable land and 4 outbuildings. John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$539,900</b></p> <p>Custom Colonial built for entertaining. Cooks kitchen &amp; great rm w/ fireplace &amp; cathedral ceiling. Detached &amp; attached garages. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>
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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

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10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
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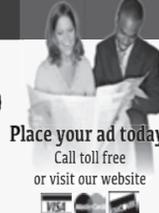


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**Holy Spirit,** You who make me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideals, You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and You who are in all instances of my life with me, I want to thank You for every thing and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen, In Jesus Christ, Your Son's name, I ask that you grant me (state your specific request or intention here). While making the request, you must promise either: (a) publish this prayer or (b) to circulate the favor. This prayer should be said for 3 consecutive days or 3 hours straight. After the 3rd day, the request will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. In thanksgiving for requests received. LMP

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## Moving? This Is Why You Need To Get Your Next Mattress Online



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If you're one of the 35 million Americans moving this year—and even if you're not—consider replacing your old mattress with an easy direct-to-consumer online brand. Here's why:

1. **Price**—After all the costs of hiring professionals to wrap and ship your mattress, you may already be looking at more than it would cost to buy a new one. Also, it's worth taking into account that the Better Sleep Council recommends replacing your mattress every seven to 10 years, so if your mattress falls into that category, it's time for an upgrade anyway.

2. **Sleep Trials**—Trying out dozens of mattresses in-store for a few seconds at a time isn't a good indication of how you're going to actually like sleeping on it day in and day out. The only way to truly tell if it's the right fit for you is to be able to sleep on it at your home for an extended time. No brick-and-mortar mattress brand offers that type of super-extend sleep trial. However, Nectar Sleep, an online mattress brand, offers a 365-Night Trial that lets you actually try out the mattress in the comfort of your own home to be totally sure it's

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## Owning A Vacation Home Is More Affordable Than Many Realize



When you're not on vacation, your second home can be at work, too, earning money as a rental.

(NAPS)

Relaxing by the water or in the mountains is more than a once-a-year vacation for people who own a second home, and the explosive growth of the vacation home rental industry has put the dream of affording a vacation home within reach for more people. For those who already own a second home, the increasing popularity of renting those homes to others is boosting retirement savings, college tuition payments and disposable income.

How It Works

Here's helpful information to know when estimating how much you can earn by renting out a second home to others: Vacation home owners who list their properties for rent on one site, HomeAway.com®, garner an average of \$32,000 each year, according to HomeAway data. That income lets most owners cover a significant chunk of their mortgage payment each year, 75 percent or more. The numbers get even more appealing if house payments are split among more than one owner. In fact, nearly one in three vacation homes are owned by multiple people, typically family members and friends.

What You Should Know

Here's what potential buyers should consider before taking the plunge into buying and renting out a vacation home:

- HomeAway.com offers a free online tool called "Earn" that lets you enter a home's address and other information, then presents a range of rental income potential based on nearby high-performing, like-sized properties already being rented out. The tool is available at HomeAway.com by clicking on "List Your Property" or going

directly to [www.homeaway.com/earn](http://www.homeaway.com/earn).

- Calculate more than the mortgage. Vacation home owners often must pay for additional insurance coverage and may want to hire professional cleaners between guests. New owners may need to invest money to get a house guest-ready with fresh paint and linens, as well as for professional photography for the online listing. Also consider the tax obligations on the home's income, as well as any local or state tax that may apply to the home as a rental property.

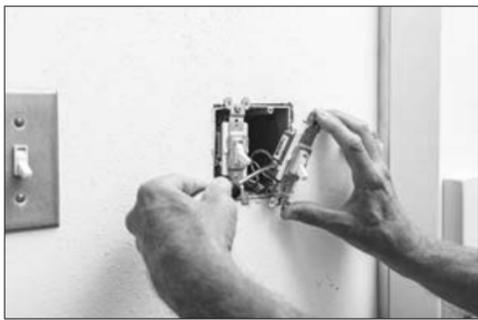
- Be realistic about how much time the house will be available to renters. The typical vacation home on VRBO.com is occupied by renters 18 weeks a year, leaving plenty of time for use by the owners' family and friends. Owners who use their homes during peak travel times will earn less than those who block their calendars during less popular vacation times.

- Decide whether managing the property is a do-it-yourself project or is better left to a professional property manager to handle reservations, guest communications, cleaning and maintenance. Homeowners report they spend seven hours a week managing their vacation homes when they do it themselves.

Vacation rentals continue to grow in popularity each year. Travel research firm Phocuswright measures the private accommodation industry in the U.S. alone to be worth nearly \$37 billion by the end of this year, a figure that is growing at twice the rate of the travel industry's.

For further information on the financial opportunity of renting a second home, visit [www.homeaway.com/earn](http://www.homeaway.com/earn).

## How to avoid electrical mishaps around the house



Accidents around the home happen. Some are minor and easily brushed off, while others can lead to serious injury or financial peril.

Many accidents, even those that are relatively minor, can be prevented. Such is often the case with electrical accidents, which may be more common than many people think. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, home electrical fires account for an estimated 51,000 fires each year, resulting in roughly 500 deaths and more than \$1 billion in property damage.

Homeowners who want to do all they can to reduce the likelihood of electrical mishaps at home can employ various strategies.

- Be mindful of cords and plugs. Cords and plugs can be found throughout the typical home. While few people may perceive cords and plugs as threats, they can serve as catalysts for accident and/or injury. Cords and

plugs should always be kept clear of heat and water sources, and cords should not be placed in areas where they can pose any tripping hazards. Even if residents grow accustomed to cord locations and know to maneuver around them, guests won't be as familiar. When pulling plugs from outlets, always pull the plug, and not the cord, to reduce injury risk.

- Periodically take inventory of electrical appliances and components. Some electrical appliances age well, while others may not. Periodic inspections of appliances and their components, such as their cords, can reveal wear and tear that can lead to fires or injuries. Replace any items that pose a threat and stop using these items immediately.

- Avoid DIY electrical work. Many homeowners are handy with hammers and other tools, but professionals are better trusted to perform electrical work on a home. The risk of accident or

injury when working with wiring and other electrical components is simply too great for untrained homeowners to do on their own.

- Unplug appliances before flipping a fuse. Fuses blow from time to time. Some may be knocked out by especially powerful storms, while others may blow because they're overloaded. Regardless of why fuses blow, homeowners should turn off appliances on blown fuses before flipping those fuses back on. Leaving appliances running when flipping a fuse can increase the risk of fire or accident. Turn off appliances, unplug them and then turn them back on one by one after the fuse has been flipped.

- Be especially cautious if anyone smells gas. Gas leaks are often detected by the aroma of the gas in the air. When such leaks are detected, homeowners should not touch or turn any electrical switches. Doing so may create a spark that can react with the gas in the air, leading to fire. If a gas leak is detected, go outside and contact a local emergency service.

Many home electrical mishaps can be prevented if homeowners exercise caution and hire certified electrical contractors to handle wiring and other electrical tasks around their homes.

## How to choose the right window treatments for your home

Plantation shutters? Mini-blinds? Cafe curtains? Formal draperies? Homeowners' options in regard to window treatments for their homes are extensive, which can make outfitting home interiors challenging for novice decorators.

Some people do not pay a lot of attention to window treatments, failing to realize just how great an impact the right window treatments can have on a space. According to the design experts at Hunter Douglas, window treatments are often an afterthought because residents may not consider them necessities. As a result, homeowners may install whatever is on hand or accept window treatments that came with a house or apartment. But ignoring window treatments, especially when they can fulfill certain needs, is a missed design opportunity.

One of the first steps to choosing window treatments is determining your end goal. Is privacy your main goal? Are you seeking more natural light in a room? Is there too much light and you need to darken the room? Window treatments can serve multiple functions, and some treatments may make better fits depending on homeowners' ultimate goals.

Semi-sheer window treatments

Semi-sheer window treatments are often fabric and can help brighten rooms with natural light but offer little privacy. They're usu-

ally appropriate for spaces where people gather, such as living rooms, dens or dining rooms. Semi-sheer curtains may be paired with another complementary window treatment so privacy can be customized as needed. For example, sheer curtains let light into a bedroom, but shades can be drawn at night.

Maximum privacy

Bedrooms, work spaces or bathrooms can benefit from extra privacy. While some people may think that privacy comes at the cost of light, that's not always the case.

Functional curtain panels can be drawn closed when privacy is desired and then opened to let in light. The thickness of the fabric will also dictate the amount of privacy the panels create.

Tiers are hung on a short rod-pocket panel and usually cover the lower one-third of a window. They're popular choices to let light in from the top, but obscure views from the bottom portion of the window.

Cellular shades are another option that provide privacy but still let light in. Cellular shades come in hard and fabric varieties and their use depends on the room. Many cellular shades are constructed with a honeycomb design, offers the design resource Houzz, so they can insulate as well as decorate windows.

Blackout shades/shutters

Perfect for rooms where



babies nap, shift workers rest during daylight hours or external lights, such as that from a street lamp, need to be blocked out, blackout shades do just what their name implies. A dense fabric lining helps keep light out entirely.

Shutters also can block out light but add to the character of the room. They can be painted a bright color to make a statement or match wall colors to blend in seamlessly.

When selecting window treatments, shoppers can choose retail options or custom treatments. Many designers recommend custom window treatments because they are measured, manufactured and installed specifically for homeowners' windows. However, there are many DIY options available at budget-friendly retailers.

# HOME

## Remodel Unused Living Space To Maximize Your Home's Potential



When you get down to it, remodeling your basement can be a great way to have a new home at the old address.

(NAPS)

If the real estate market has you frazzled or if the notion of trading up leaves you with sticker shock, a home remodeling project may be just the right answer.

An Idea

A finished basement, for example, can offer a little extra room to give a growing family space to breathe or to create an income suite to offset mortgage costs. It can also offer the added benefit of bolstering the value of your

home. With so many uses, a remodeled basement may be the exact solution to what your home is missing, whether it's additional storage space, a soundproofed media room, craft room, guest room or home gym. The possibilities

are practically endless.

The Advantages

An unfinished basement, on the other hand, can be a source of energy loss, so with a remodeling you can expect to see savings on your monthly heating and cooling costs. Industry experts recommend finishing the space with the proper framing, insulation and vapor barrier to guarantee cozy and inviting rooms. Insulation plays a key role in the comfort of your newly remodeled space and although hidden within your walls, it will make sure the basement stays cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

A Problem

Unfortunately, moisture can be a common challenge in many basements. Starting with a dry space is important.

An Answer

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Remodeling a basement can be very worthwhile, especially when you consider that moving to a larger home can add significant bulk to your mortgage. To get the most from the project, be sure to practice due diligence, obtain the right permits, and educate yourself on building codes. If you don't have the know-how, it's worth the peace of mind to hire a qualified professional.

Learn More

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## Raising The Bar And Wine Cellar To New Heights

(NAPS)

When you're looking for a great place to unwind with friends, as more and more Americans are discovering, few spots can beat your own home bar or wine cellar.

What's Cool In Wine Cellars

A recent survey of home decorators, designers and fabricators found four facts and trends to consider when you want to install your own bar.

1. What are the new technologies for bars and wine cellars? The majority of designers brought up LED lighting, flexible lighting, appliance lighting and the addition of more lighting displays. "Bars and wine cellars will trend toward backlighting in the future with the increasing prevalence of LED lighting," according to Paul Menninger, owner of Capitol Granite. "The options for LED come with reduced costs, longer life and lower heat generation."

2. What materials or appliances are trending? The hottest materials today

include ultracompact surfacing—more commonly known as "thin" tile. These surfaces have the advantage of stain resistance and durability—you can have a marble look, for instance, without having to worry about stains. Mixed textures were also a common answer. These are spaces designed to "stand out."

3. What trends do you anticipate for the future? Designers and fabricators anticipate the use of more glass, unique surface materials such as porcelain countertops, or looks such as a mitered drop edge. Cheryl Clendenon, owner of InDetail Design, states, "I would say unique wine storage in unusual places—we have proposed one in a large foyer. Sounds odd but it will be part of a built-in area with a bench and the wine will become drinkable art! Also, more clients want wine refrigeration."

"Clients tend to want a bar or wine cellar that is a conversation piece," states Krista Lake, owner of Signature

Interior Expressions. "They like for their bar/wine cellar to have a unique look that stands out from the rest of the home."

"The products we feel are currently trending are wine barrel and winepress furniture," states Brad Burns, partner/owner of Cutting Edge Countertops. That may help explain the appeal of Blanco's new Empressa faucet collection, which coordinates bar and kitchen sink faucet styles with a vintage winepress-inspired handle shape.

4. What colors are in for bars and wine cellars? Mostly whites and grays, automotive and industrial finishes. "Whites and grays with dark-colored woods contrasting in the wine cellars, like walnut and cherry," are popular, adds Menninger. What's working, he said, is contrasting light and dark colors for entertaining spaces. For example, the Empressa faucet ranges from contemporary polished chrome or stainless, to more traditional polished



The best bar around could be the one in your own home.

nickel and even oil-rubbed bronze.

The award-winning design team at Blanco foresaw the fusion of old-world influences and contemporary style in today's kitchens and bars. Traditional finishes such as oil-rubbed bronze are making a comeback, even as modern

design is surpassing traditional. The result is a transitional look with one foot in the familiar past and another in the functional present. It can be the best of both worlds.

Learn More

For further facts about faucets, go to [www.blancoamerica.com](http://www.blancoamerica.com).

## Make the most of your home improvement dollars

Home improvement projects provide homeowners with a chance to put their own stamp on their homes. In addition, many such projects make homes safer and, in some instances, more eco-friendly.

The opportunity to make a home more comfortable, safer and/or more eco-friendly entices many homeowners to open their wallets. In fact, the Home Improvement Research Institute estimates that the home improvement products market will grow by more than 5 percent in 2018.

Homeowners might experience some sticker shock when researching home improvement projects or receiving estimates from contractors. But there are ways for budget-conscious homeowners to transform their homes and still



make the most of their home improvement dollars.

• Do your homework. Each year, Remodeling magazine publishes its "Cost vs. Value Report," a comprehensive study of 21 popular remodeling projects in

149 United States markets. The report notes the value each project retains at resale in 100 markets across the country. Homeowners who want to get the strongest return on investment can access the "Cost vs. Value Report" ([www remodel-ing.how.net](http://www remodel-ing.how.net)) to see which home improvement projects are best suited for them.

• Do some of the labor yourself. Homeowners willing to swing a hammer also can stretch their home improvement dollars. For exam-

ple, the home improvement resource This Old House® notes that homeowners willing to do their own demolition before the contractors arrive can save substantial amounts of money. A professional contractor may charge \$1,000 to demo a 200-square-foot deck, but This Old House estimates that homeowners who demo their own decks may spend only \$450 (for the dumpster rental and parking permit).

• Hire a consultant. The DIY movement is incredibly popular, no doubt thanks to television channels such as HGTV and the DIY Network. Homeowners with DIY experience may be able to complete projects on their own with little consultation from professional contractors. Some contractors may not offer consulting services, however. The consultation

route, which typically requires paying licensed contractors hourly fees to offer guidance, should only be considered by homeowners with legitimate DIY skills, for whom this option can be a great way to save money.

• Schedule renovations during homeowner-friendly times of year. Summer and fall tend to be contractors' busy seasons, and homeowners will likely pay more for projects during this time of year. If possible, delay starting projects until right after the new year, when contractors aren't so busy and might be more flexible with pricing.

Budget-conscious homeowners can employ various strategies to make the most of their home improvement dollars without sacrificing quality.

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