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Vote on bylaw ban will go to May election

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON – After voting on Aug. 1 to put a full-on ban on recreational marijuana in the town to a ballot vote, Charlton voters will have to wait until next year to have their say on the bylaw.

A majority vote by selectmen sent the article to the 2019 annual town election in May instead of the November mid-term elections as called for by numerous voters present for the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Those for and against the ban showed support for pushing the article to a ballot vote as voted by citizens with both sides arguing that voters would be more willing to state their true opinions on the matter in the privacy of a

voting booth rather than in an open town meeting forum. The majority of the 470 voters who turned out on Aug. 1 did vote in favor of the ban going to the polls. If passed the new regulation would set a prohibition on medical marijuana and related businesses in the town of Charlton including, potentially, two companies seeking to set up growing facilities within the town borders.

The proposed ballot question received mixed responses from those present for the Aug. 28 meeting with one person in favor of sending the ban to the polls being Gerard Russell who has been a vocal community member on the marijuana issue for months,

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Unpleasantly warm welcome for DCRSD students

BY JASON BLEAU
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Fall may be on the horizon, but summer has not let go just yet. Just in time for school to start back up a heat wave scorched the region with temperatures reaching the triple-digits in some areas causing some concern about how students were keeping cool in the opening days of school in Dudley and Charlton.

With the concerns in mind Interim Superintendent Kristine Nash quickly addressed the situation through a statement released on Wednesday, Aug. 29, the day after the first day of school for many student for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. Nash said despite several building lacking air

conditioning measures had been taken to ensure that there are sources of cool air flow throughout those buildings.

“While this winter, we will be longing for this hot weather, today is not the case. Thus, I wanted to provide this brief update on how we are dealing with the high temperatures in our four non-air-conditioned school, Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Mason Road School, Charlton Elementary School and Dudley Elementary School,” Nash wrote in her statement. “Yesterday afternoon, I was in all buildings. Principals took temperature readings at the end of the day and most ranged in the low to mid 80s. Charlton

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Opponents say Question 1 endangers patients

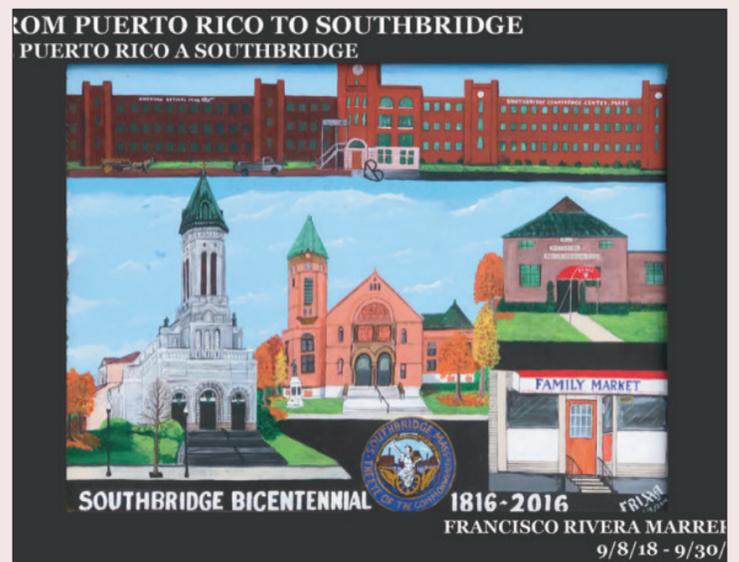
BY GREG VINE
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Massachusetts voters could be forgiven if they find themselves confused over whether nurses in the Commonwealth support or oppose Question 1 on this November's election ballot. The measure, if passed, would mandate the ratio of patients that could be assigned to a single registered nurse at hospitals throughout the state. Rations range from one nurse to one patient in the

intensive care unit, to five patients for each RN in the transitional care unit.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association authored the ballot measure, which opposed by the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts. The MNA represents some 20,000 members statewide while the ANAM has some 2,000 members. Many of ANAM's members are nurse administrators or hold other administrative positions in

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Courtesy photo

This painting, representing the Southbridge bicentennial, will be auctioned at the opening of the exhibit.

EXHIBIT TO FEATURE AUCTION

The Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities will present the works of Francisco Rivera Marrero in an exhibit from Sept. 8 to Sept. 30. An opening reception will be held at the arts center, 111 Main St. in Southbridge, Saturday Sept. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At the opening reception, the arts center will auction off a work by the artist to honor Southbridge's bicentennial. Bids can be placed ahead of time by calling (508) 764-3341 or by using the contact form at www.qvcah.org. The minimum bid is \$1,000.

Organizers at the arts center comment that this painting would be perfect for a public building such as a government building, a bank or other visible spaces, to mark Southbridge's bicentennial with a painting by a celebrated artist.

Charlton using Civic Plus for new website

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The town official website will have a new look very soon as selectmen have approved contract with a new service provider, Civic Plus.

Selectmen voted to accept the contract during a meeting on Aug. 28 effectively putting an end to a longstanding partnership with Westwill's Web Works.

Town Administrator Robin Craver said the transition to a new provider was given the blessing of Westwill's Web Works owner Lisa Westwell, and that the town of Charlton is appreciative of the service they have received from the local company over the last several years.

“(Lisa) has been fantastic and has assisted us over the years. I know she's been doing it since I've been here and as we've talked before the town is growing and moving forward,” Craver said. “I spoke with Lisa and she has been supportive of us taking that next step.”

Charlton's Technology Committee interviewed numerous candidates to succeed Westwill's Web Works and decided on Civic Plus, a government website design company based in Kansas. Craver explained the contract which will cost \$24,610 in the first year and then another \$6,450 in the second and third years.

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GARDEN CLUB MEETING

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specifically in regards to the controversial Valley Green Grow proposal. Russell implored selectmen to not only send the article to the polls but also to do so for the November election rather than waiting until May.

"Frankly the town of Charlton, the selectmen and the planning board, have had a lot of time to study this issue since the vote was taken in 2016. The suggestion has been made that the vote be delayed until the town election come the spring. Clearly a good representation of the voter sentiment in town can better be gauged by a ballot vote on a state election as opposed to a town election. If you really want to gauge how people in town feel, then the best way to do it is to have the ballot during a state election - A vote delayed is a vote denied," Russell said. Others also backed up his statement noting that the reason the legalization of marijuana received so many votes in November of 2016 was because it was a presidential election year which traditional draws more voters.

However, another citizen, Linda Davis, questioned why a ballot vote was required at all and said she looked at surrounding towns including Auburn, Webster, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer, Leicester, Sturbridge and Dudley to see how those communities are dealing with the legalization of marijuana.

"Of all those towns only Southbridge and Spencer have had a town wide ballot vote. All the other towns' actions on marijuana zoning or allowing, in the case of some towns, a moratorium to allow the town to decide how to zone for marijuana have been done via town meeting not by ballot," Davis said adding that Spencer voted not to have marijuana while Southbridge had two different votes with opposite results.

"I think this shows just how close this matter is. In Auburn less than 75 people showed up to town meeting and voted their zoning bylaw

into effect for marijuana. I think what we're seeing in our neighboring towns is not this right to vote, but through the zoning laws and the channels of town meeting. Charlton has a zoning bylaw on marijuana and people who are not happy with that bylaw can work to amend that bylaw through the appropriate process."

Selectmen were advised by Jonathan Silverstein, special town council from KP Law, to add the question to the May election and said that the town should examine any possible legal issues and liabilities should the vote in May be affirmative and the town have contracts in place for the two entities currently in negotiations with town boards including Valley Green Grow. Much of the current discussion on marijuana in Charlton was spawned from the proposed plan by Valley Green Grow to construct a growing facility on the Charlton Orchards property. The Board of Selectmen approved host and development agreements for that project months ago and there is some question as to how a vote to ban recreational marijuana in Charlton would impact that business.

The subject drew mixed reactions from selectmen as well although none of them proposed avoiding the ballot vote. Rather the discussion heavily involved whether or not to try and hold the ballot vote concurrently with the November elections or push the vote off until next year. While the later prevailed Selectman Karen Spiewak made a hard push to hold the vote this fall.

"It is so important that we take the pulse of the community of where we're heading and the sooner we do that the better," Spiewak said. "Regardless of what side you're on its imperative that we know what people want to do sooner rather than later."

Selectman Debra Noble felt rushing the vote would be reckless and urged patience in bringing the article to the polls.

"I think we have a duty to do no harm. I think that's incredibly important that whatever decision we make we have a duty to do no harm in the town to anyone in the town or the town itself. I want to proceed with caution because there is no case law on the books for this and I don't want to hang us out to dry," Noble said. "There is nothing wrong with being cautious. When you rush headlong into something the only thing you hurt is your head."

In the end selectmen voted near unanimously to push the ballot vote to May of 2019. Spiewak was joined by Selectman David Singer in voting against skipping the November election and holding the ballot vote next year.

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Elementary School was hotter than the others except for the third floor at Shepherd Hill. When I checked with principals yesterday, they reported that they had a few incidents where students and/or adults had been sent to the nurse and/or sent home because of heat related symptoms."

Concerned by these heat related illnesses and cases of fatigue Nash said that corrective measures were taken to try and beat the heat and provide at least some source of cool air to level out the hot hallways and classrooms throughout the district.

"All schools have fans in hallways and in most classrooms. In addition, today, we have added more fans to Charlton Elementary School. In buildings where some areas are air conditioned such as libraries, the high school auditorium, and/or other spaces, we have moved groups there or principals have put in place cooling breaks in these areas intermittently during the day. We have moved students to larger more open

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"We are excited about making the website easier to navigate and easier for departments to update their pages. The town clerk will save time as she will be able to post meetings herself," Craver said. "The \$24,610 is for the initial design and complete overhaul and we would also have the police and fire. We're proposing to put new headers in there for them,"

Technology Committee spokeswoman Deborah Ceccarini said they too are excited to see Charlton taking the next step in updating the town website and making the town's homepage much more use friendly over the next few months with Civic Plus' help.

"We've been without proper funding

spaces where this can be accommodated," Nash said. "We have asked staff to keep student activity at a minimum, especially at the elementary schools. Also, we have kept elementary students inside, except on the occasions where students need to take a walking break. At the high school, we have 'dialed back' sports practices and/or cancelled scrimmages. Teachers, especially at the elementary schools, are making sure that students stay hydrated by making water breaks routine."

The schools also provided additional water to students as needed and even supplied popsicles to further level out their body temperatures. Staff were also recommended to keep their lights off to avoid any added heat from the bulbs and to keep in contact with administrators if their rooms got too hot. While it's not the ideal circumstances under which the Dudley Charlton Regional School District would have liked to start the new school year it appears officials didn't wait long to solve their first big dilemma of the fall of 2018. Nash said any parents with further concerns about the heat or other issues are encouraged to contact her office any time.

for technology for a number of years," Ceccarini said. "Recently the town has hired some very professional and technology driven power users to head up departments, particularly finance, human resource, police, and fire; so we're all anxious to make the website what it should be really and educate the public and use it as a wonderful forum for our community."

Ceccarini said Civic Plus came highly recommended and that the Technology Committee researched their past work during the bidding process. Civic Plus has helped put together government websites for numerous communities including Webster, and that Civic Plus should provide a fair enough service where this should be the start of a new and effective long-term partnership to update Charlton's online profile.

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Southbridge Rocks to hold contest



A painted rock touts the community program.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

When the Southbridge Business Partnership started the “Southbridge Rocks” program in May, no one could have predicted just how much it would take off. The program encourages Southbridge-based business, organi-

zations or individuals to paint rocks and hide them in the community for others to find. The designs may promote a business, relay an encouraging message or just display cool art. When someone else finds the rock, they are encouraged to post a picture of the rock on the “Southbridge Rocks!” Facebook

page with where they found it. Finders may re-hide the rock if they’d like. In line with the original intent of the program, many rocks provide some sort of gift or incentive at a local business.

The organizers of “Southbridge Rocks!” have announced a new phase of the program which will encourage

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a scavenger hunt for three specific rocks. Lisa Brust of Southbridge Credit Union and the Southbridge Business Partnership provides the details of the scavenger hunt with cash prizes.

“I will be hiding three special rocks. Pictures of the rocks that I hide will be posted on the ‘Southbridge Rocks!’ Facebook page on Sept. 1,” she explains.

“I will also post clues if the rocks are not being found, so check back on the ‘Southbridge Rocks!’ page often. When someone finds one rock, they will win \$25. If they find two they will win \$50 and if they find all three they will win \$100,” Brust continues.

All three rocks must be found by the same person to receive the grand prize of \$100. The person finding the rocks must keep the rocks to collect their prize at Southbridge Autumnfest. The Autumnfest celebration will be held on the Southbridge Common Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presentation of the prize or prizes is scheduled for 3 p.m. during the event, and the winner should bring the rocks to the common.

Brust adds that the “Southbridge Rocks!” Facebook page has gained over a thousand members since its launch on May 1.

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hospitals across the state.

The question is also opposed by Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals and the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, among other groups.

Last week we featured arguments in favor of the initiative; this week we hear from opponents.

Chris Baldini, a registered nurse on the behavioral health unit at Heywood Hospital in Gardner and a member of MNA who opposes the measure, cited California as an example of why mandated patient-to-nurse ratios is a bad idea. For example, Question 1 — officially known as the Patient Safety Act — would require a ratio of 1-to-1 for trauma patients in the emergency, and a ratio of 4-to-1 for non-trauma patients.

“We’ve seen this already in California,” she said. “I think they call it the ‘wall of patients,’ where basically patients are on stretchers waiting to be seen. They’re basically waiting to be seen as if they were at a deli counter until a nurse is freed up from a ratio to take care of them. In our community that would be devastating because in most of these communities it’s the fire department that provides most of the EMS care. So, we would be tying up

additional community resources to take care of these patients who are in queue waiting for emergency care.”

When asked about the differing opinion among Massachusetts nurses regarding Question 1, Baldini said, “I am a union member and I’ve worked clinical nursing for 34 years. I feel it’s more of a solidarity initiative in the union to vote ‘yes’ on this bill.”

“It basically takes the independent decision-making, the critical thinking of the bedside nurse, it takes that ability away,” Baldini added. “It should not be mandated. We don’t need a black-and-white law for providing patient care at the bedside.”

So, who determines what staffing levels should be on a day-to-day basis?

Tina Santos, vice president of patient care services and chief operating officer for Heywood, said, “Organizations are tasked with creating staffing guidelines. We usually, for our guidelines, look national professional organizations, specialty organizations, and their recommendations. We also look at our critical indicators for staffing, and those are based on acuity.”

“For example,” she explained, “on a medical/surgical floor most nurses may have about five patients. However, if they have a patient who requires more intervention — maybe they need blood, maybe they need IV therapy — then that nurse would have less patients

because they need to spend more time with that one.”

“The critical piece for this,” Santos continued, “where the rubber hits the road for us, is that acuity is fluid and we need to be able to adjust in real time to take care of the needs of the patient in that moment. And mandated, rigid ratios do not allow for that. I don’t want to abdicate my right to think and do what’s right for my patient.”

The Coalition to Protect Patient Safety, those opposed to Question 1, have dominated the airwaves in recent weeks. That, according to MNA board member and Winchendon resident Michael D’Intinosanto, will change once the primary campaign is over with.

To learn more about the pros and cons of Question 1 visit www.protectpatientsafety.com and www.safepatientlimits.org, the websites of those opposed to and in favor of the ballot initiative, respectively.

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Harrington awarded grant to fund new approach to chronic disease

SOUTHBRIDGE — Harrington HealthCare System has been awarded a \$440,000 grant from the Health and Human Services Department to fund a comprehensive approach to managing chronic disease.

The funding falls under the Alternative Payment Methods Preparation Fund of HHS' Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program, which builds and strengthens the statewide healthcare workforce and healthcare infrastructure by better meeting members' needs through more integrated and coordinated care and moderating the cost trend.

With Harrington's grant money, the health care system plans to focus on a multidisciplinary approach to chronic disease management, beginning with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and pneumonia patients. Through the employment of care navigators and behavioral health specialists, the program will inte-

grate several touchpoints across a patient's continuum of treatment, including primary care, acute care, behavioral health and post-acute settings.

"The grant will allow for a nurse to assist in the clinical needs of the disease and a behavioral health specialist to assist in barriers to leading a healthy life," said Jessica Calcidise, BSN, RN, vice president of nursing and ancillary operations. "Social determinants can prohibit a patient from leading a healthy life with a chronic disease. Behavior modification can be a key to success."

Over the past three years, Harrington has expanded its patient navigation program through funding from the Community Hospital Acceleration, Revitalization, and Transformation Investment Program. Through this grant, Harrington was able to achieve a 34 percent reduction in the number of emergency department revisits for patients with behav-

ioral health comorbidities and create a stronger rapport between the navigator and the patient, among other notable successes.

Calcidise explained that while there will not be an extension of the CHART funding, the DSRIP grant, in addition to \$486,000 recently awarded through the HPC, gives Harrington nearly \$1 million in funding to continue to improve and expand these services to the community. Both grants will employ members of the original CHART programs to continue achieving value-based care.

The APM Fund is a statewide initiative with the focus on building and strengthening PHOs readiness, to enable those providers to join an existing MassHealth ACO, and thus contribute to improved health outcomes and reduce the total cost of care for MassHealth members.

Harrington is planning to participate in the Boston Accountable Care Organization with Boston Medical Center Health Plan to help manage some 10,000 Medicaid patients within its footprint and better align their access to care. The healthcare system has hired Lisa Casasanta, MPH, as its new executive director for the PHO.

"Harrington Healthcare is perfectly positioned for an ACO. The development and growth of the physician network,

diverse/robust behavioral health and the care management model lend the health system to great success in the value-based payment model for MassHealth members," said

Casasanta. "The opportunity for Harrington Healthcare to be part of this statewide initiative to transform care for MassHealth members in an important step forward in our com-

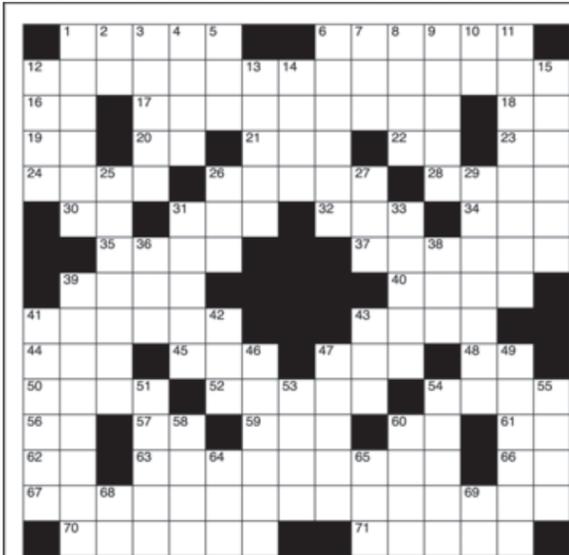
mitment to patient centered care."

To learn more about DSRIP Funding, please visit <http://www.massleague.org/>.



Lisa Casasanta will do oversight on the new program.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Where to shop
- 6. A descendant of Shem
- 12. NBA big man "Boogie"
- 16. Integrated circuit
- 17. Voice
- 18. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 19. Beloved English princess
- 20. Used to emphasize
- 21. Sun worshippers want one
- 22. Atomic # 44 (abbr.)
- 23. Lincoln's state
- 24. Selects
- 26. Organs present in invertebrates
- 28. Self-immolation by fire
- 30. Trauma center
- 31. Automobile
- 32. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 34. Something to do at auctions
- 35. British School
- 37. San Diego ballplayers
- 39. Drumming pattern
- 40. One-time Portuguese currency
- 41. Honor
- 43. Beaches have it
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Electronic data processing
- 47. Where wrestlers ply their trade
- 48. The Peach State
- 50. Boat post
- 52. Omitted from printed matter
- 54. Witnesses
- 56. Indicates position
- 57. Atomic # 18 (abbr.)
- 59. Obligated to repay
- 60. Lead prosecutor
- 61. Sun God
- 62. The Ocean State
- 63. Seek opportunity without scruples
- 66. Keeps you cool
- 67. Achievements
- 70. A beloved street
- 71. Analyze minutely

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cooks need one
- 2. A mystic syllable
- 3. Male parents
- 4. Greek goddess of discord
- 5. U.S.-based church (abbr.)
- 6. Movies have lots of them
- 7. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 8. Influential naturalist
- 9. Ancient town
- 10. Atlanta-based rapper
- 11. Animosities
- 12. Pop singer
- 13. Speak
- 14. One who lives in Burma
- 15. Not liquids
- 25. A framework
- 26. Peter's last name
- 27. Plants have it
- 29. To shorten a book
- 31. French philosopher
- 33. Murdered in his bathtub
- 36. Greek letter
- 38. A hiding place
- 39. Crazy supporters
- 41. Winged nut
- 42. Doctor of Education
- 43. Unhappy
- 46. Popular celeb magazine
- 47. ___ and greets
- 49. Poke holes in
- 51. Beloved Mexican dish
- 53. Monetary unit of Angola
- 54. More wise
- 55. Pouches
- 58. Hindu's ideal man
- 60. Type of gazelle
- 64. Revolutions per minute
- 65. Energy unit
- 68. Cerium
- 69. Canadian peninsula



Rare race for Secretary of State

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Bill Galvin has been the Commonwealth's Secretary of State for more than 20 years. First elected in 1994, Galvin has faced nothing more than token opposition, when there was opposition at all, every four years since.

This time around is different. This time around Galvin finds himself locked in an increasingly contentious race with Boston city Councilor Josh Zakim and last week the animosity was there for all to see in a televised debate.

Galvin took repeated verbal swipes at Zakim, who had won the preference vote at the Democratic state convention in Worcester earlier this summer, saying the challenger was too young and inexperienced, didn't

vote on a regular basis, and wasn't being honest with voters regarding the incumbent's accomplishments. Galvin contended Zakim has created "a special committee for only his benefit to take in corporate funds."

For his part, Zakim accused Galvin of being an obstructionist regarding issues like same-day voter registration and suggested Galvin set the primary for September 4, the day after Labor Day, to discourage a large turnout. Zakim added he's never seen Galvin at city council meetings when voting issues are on the agenda.

Zakim picked up just under 55-percent of the non-binding vote at the convention, bolstered by support from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Rep. Seth Moulton. He attributed his victory at least in part to his advocacy of making it easier to register to

vote. "There are so many simple common-sense steps we can and should be taking to lead on this issue right now. In fact, every one of these shortcomings should have been fixed years ago," said Zakim.

"We set a standard for the nation," countered Galvin, noting Massachusetts had no central voting registry when he took office in 1995.

The candidates did agree the Electoral College should be abolished, saying the state's electoral votes should automatically go to the winner of the national presidential popular vote.

That, though, was about the only area of consensus as a usually sleepy race hurtled towards the wire with both candidates sharpening their attacks as the primary nears.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald G. "Jerry" Newell, 89



SPENCER: Gerald G. "Jerry" Newell, 89, of Lincoln St., died peacefully Sunday, August 26th at St. Mary's Healthcare in Worcester after a long illness.

He leaves his caring wife of 65 years, Noreen (Allen) Newell, his devoted daughters Elizabeth A. Newell of Barre, Kathryn M. Stewart and her husband James, and Margaret B. Pillsbury all of Spencer, his son Michael A. Newell and his wife Lori of Ohio, sisters Eleanor Broughton and Carolyn Hale both of Ossipee, NH, and Virginia Stotz and her husband Norman of Sterling. He also leaves his grandchildren; Jeffrey Newell of Gloucester, Allen Bercume and his wife Megan of Charlton, Bryan Bercume and his wife Jenny of Rutland, Eric Bercume and his wife Lindsey of Ashville, NC, Emily Stewart of Worcester, Megan Stewart of Boston, Andrew Pillsbury and his wife Jessica of E.Brookfield and Matthew Pillsbury of Worcester, three great grandchildren; Marshall, Mallory, and Madeline Bercume and two "soon to be" great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his grandson Patrick Newell in 2004.

He was born in Spencer, MA on March 25, 1929, son of the late Gerald G. and Carolyn (Fletcher) Newell, Jr. He was a graduate of David Prouty High School in Spencer. He later proudly served his country with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of the Gaudette-Kirk Post 138 American Legion.

Jerry was owner and operator of

the former "Newell's News Etc.", distributor of the Telegram & Gazette on Main St. in Spencer for 25 years, retiring in 1997.

Jerry was a longtime member of the First

Congregational Church of Spencer, former volunteer fireman, charter member of the Spencer Rescue Squad, and later board member and Treasurer. He was a former corporator of Spencer Savings Bank. Jerry was first and foremost a family man. He loved spending time enjoying the beautiful home he created. His craftsmanship was evident in not only his stonewalls but his beautiful holiday mangers. If Jerry wasn't spending time with family, he could be found cheering on the Red Sox, Bruins, or the Patriots in his recliner.

Funeral services for Jerry will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, in the First Congregational Church of Spencer, 205 Main St., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. Visitation is private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Patrick Newell Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o DPHS Permanent Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 172, Spencer, Ma 01562 or Notre Dame Hospice, 555 Plantation St. Unit 110, Worcester, MA 01605. J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer is directing arrangements for the family.

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John A. 'Jay' Lindroos, 59



CHARLTON- John A. 'Jay' Lindroos, 59, passed away unexpectedly on August 24, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge after being stricken in his home.

He leaves his wife of 26 years, Edith 'DeDee' (James) Lindroos, 2 sisters; Kathy Brandenburg and her husband Richard of Iverson, Florida and Diane Morton and her husband Steve of East Greenwich, Rhode Island,

a niece, Stephanie Lindroos of Thornton, New York and 2 grand nephews; Ethan and Kim McDonald.

Jay was born October 23, 1958 in Warwick, Rhode Island, son of the late John S. and Lempi S. (Kiviranta) Lindroos and lived in Uncasville, Ct. for many years prior to moving to Charlton 1 year ago.

He served in the U. S. Army from 1977-1979.

Jay worked for the Casino Gaming Commission of Massachusetts as a senior supervising gaming agent for 3 years, prior to that he worked at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun in surveillance and security.

He helped many police departments with surveillance, which he enjoyed.

Among his hobbies and interests were; NASCAR, Drag Racing and motorcycles and being at the shooting range.

There are no calling hours.

Funeral Services will be private at a later date, as per his wishes.

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton is honored to be assisting Jay's family with arrangements.

To send a message of condolence or to share a memory of Jay, please visit: RJ-Millerfunerals.net



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Fun with the sun

The recent heat wave inspired this week's column that reminds us that the power of the sun is incredible, and never is that fact more evident than on a sizzling hot late summer's day! Today, as solar energy gains even more attention, harnessing the sun's rays via simple solar experiments can translate into fun and educational projects for kids and adults alike. Read on for a roundup of easy projects that are sure to bring new meaning to "fun in the sun" as we wind up the summer season:

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Solar Warming Oven

This interesting project is recommended for older children. It's a bit complicated, but a very rewarding activity. Children love scientific experiments that allow them hands-on experience. The solar oven illustrates how the sun's rays are hot enough to bake food. This oven that gets hot enough to warm up cookies and other treats, like s'mores. It won't get very hot, though, so even young children can have the thrill of "baking" without burning themselves!

Materials: One pizza box from a local pizza delivery store (heavy, thick cardboard); newspapers; tape; scissors; black construction paper; clear plastic wrap; aluminum foil; one sheet of notebook paper; a pen or pencil; ruler or wooden dowel or stick.

Instructions: Place the piece of notebook paper in the center of the closed lid of the pizza box and trace its outline on the lid. Put the piece of paper aside. Carefully cut the two long edges and one of the short edges of the rectangle that you just traced on the lid of the box, forming a flap of cardboard. Fold the flap back along the uncut edge to form a crease. Wrap the underside (inside) face of this flap with aluminum foil. Tape it on the other side so that the foil is held firmly. The foil will help to reflect the sunlight into the box. Open the box and place a piece of black construction paper in to fit the bottom of the box to help to absorb the sun's heat.

Close the box, roll up some newspaper, and fit it around the inside edges of the box for insulation. It should be about one inch thick. Use tape to hold the newspaper in place, tape it only to the bottom of the box only.

Cut two pieces of plastic wrap an inch larger than the flap opening on the box top. Open the box and tape one piece of plastic wrap to the underside of the flap opening. After taping one side, be sure to pull the plastic wrap very tight, and tape down all four sides so the plastic is sealed against the cardboard. Close the box and tape the other piece of plastic wrap to the top of the flap opening. Again, be sure the plastic wrap is tight and tape down all four edges to form a seal.

To Use: On a sunny day, pick a treat to warm up and carry it and the box outside to a sunny spot. If it's cold outside, put a towel or blanket under the box so the bottom doesn't get cold. Open the box, put the treat in the center, and close the box. Open the flap and turn the box so the foil is facing the sun. The shadow of the flap should go straight back from the back of the box. Move the flap up and down and note how it reflects the sunlight. Use a dowel, ruler, or stick to prop up the flap so that it bounces the sunlight into the box. Wait about a half hour for the box to warm up in the sun. Then it's time to relax and enjoy the warmed-up treat.

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Hot Dog Cooker

Whether you call them hot dogs, frankfurters or wieners - there's no doubt about it, America has a love affair with franks. Using the sun's energy, this project is a fun summertime project (easier than the previous one) to heat up the sizzling sausages! The design of this simple solar cooker allows sunlight to reflect onto the center hot dog to heat it up faster.

You'll need: A cardboard (shoe or boot) box; heavy duty aluminum foil; poster board.

To do: Cut a curve in the sides of the box (see illustration). Cut poster board to fit flush onto the curved cut. Secure poster board to box with duct tape or other strong tape. Cover the curve with heavy duty tinfoil, shiny side out. Smooth foil over poster board, keeping foil as wrinkle free as possible. Attach two "tabs" to the center sides of the box (use cardboard from shoe box cover). Poke



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one hole in each tab to form a rotisserie type holder. Using a metal barbecue skewer (or straighten out a metal coat hanger section and twist one end), thread hot dog onto skewer and into side tabs. Place directly in sun, angling cooker to

focus heat onto the center hot dog. Turn hot dog as it heats up.

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Sun Power Purifies Water: From Dirty to Drinkable

This amazing demonstration spotlights the power of the sun to purify salt water and make contaminated water drinkable! Using common pantry materials, the project is a great "survival" experiment for all ages.

You'll need: A large clear glass bowl (Pyrex mixing bowl is ideal); a small drinking glass; Saran or other plastic food wrap; food coloring; table salt; a small rock, marble or pebble.

Instructions: Pour tap water into bowl and add a few tablespoons of salt. Add a few drops of food coloring.

Stand up the empty drinking glass in the center of the bowl (water level should be about half way up outside of glass).

Cover the bowl with the plastic food covering. Place a pebble in the exact center of the plastic wrap so it is directly above the top of the glass and forms a dip in the plastic. (There needs to be plenty of space between the glass rim and the plastic wrap to allow for drippage). You might have to loosen wrap a little to allow for dip. Place bowl in direct sun and watch what happens!

Note: The sun's heat is trapped in the bowl. The salty water will evaporate, rise and condense to form clean water that will drip into the glass!

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Solar Science: Sun Saturation

Did you ever wonder if it's true that dark colors absorb more heat? Here's an easy experiment from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that shows sun saturations effect on temperatures.

To do: Cut a three inch circle from white construction paper, and a three inch circle from black construction paper. Place one of each in the bottom of two clear plastic cups or clear

deli containers of equal size. Pour a quarter cup of cold water into each container and check the temperature. Cover each cup in clear plastic (Saran) wrap, taping down if necessary. Place in full sun and record how fast the temperature rises in each cup.

Sun Dried Tomatoes

True "sun dried" tomatoes are a treat worth waiting for. The authentic recipe thanks the sun for its rich flavor and chewy texture.

Ingredients: Garden tomatoes (plum work well); sea salt; screen frame.

Directions: Slice tomatoes (thinner for firmer tomatoes, thicker for chewy). Place in a single layer atop a clean screen mesh frame. Sprinkle with coarse sea salt and/or herbs. Cover with a second layer of screen mesh; secure edges. Allow to dry in the sun for several days.

Tomatoes are done when they have the consistency of a plump raisin. Store in a zip lock plastic bags or pack in a jar with olive oil. May also be frozen.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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Italian picnic draws a crowd

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Southbridge Italian Club's annual picnic at its North Street location drew another large crowd this year. The event was held Sunday, Aug. 27. With classic Italian hospitality, family-friendly activities and games, lively music and of course, plenty of delicious food, the event drew many from Southbridge and beyond.

Those attending the event included Joseph Early, Worcester County District Attorney and candidates for various offices: Jen Caissie (for Governor's Council), Tom Merolli (for state Senate), Katie Toomey (for Registrar of Deeds) and Joanne Powell and Dennis McManus (for Clerk of Courts). Father Juan Herrera of Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge also attended.

"This is a great community event, great for families. We are all about family here," said Mike Bonadies.

"The new generation is doing an amazing job with the club," remarks Sal LeDonne, who led the club for many years. "It is great for the town of Southbridge."



Sarah Champagne photos
Roberto Sinni and Jay DiGregorio fight off the heat of the day while manning the grill.



Anne Pietroburgo sold her quilts and other craft items at the Italian Picnic.



Paolo Sinni, Debbie Parenteau and Catherine Melendez volunteer at the entrance to the festivities.



Al Latine, Linda Garieri and others serve up fresh Italian food.



L-R: Joanne Powell, Katie Toomey, Tom Merolli, Dennis McManus and Jen Caissie, candidates for various offices, attend the Italian Picnic.



Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. and Katie Toomey enjoy the festive environment at the Italian Picnic.



Laurie Placella and Janet Blanco serve up fresh cannoli at the desserts table.



Heather Morgan serves drinks to the crowd.

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L-R, Maximillian, Maura and Grady Lapriore join Tyler Daigle in a friendly game at the picnic.



Owen Logan, one year old, enjoys some delicious food. He is the grandson of Jim Ciprari.



Lydia Logan, age 3 enjoys the festivities. She is the granddaughter of Italian Club board member Jim Ciprari.



Cove Ciprari, one year old, looks around at the activities. Cove is the grandchild of Jim Ciprari.



Madison Diaz, one year old, has fun with her father, Candido Diaz.



Father Juan Herrera of Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge joins the festivities.



Sal LaDonne enjoys the festivities.



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Weekly newspaper worries

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Up to the minute, right now national news is available 24/7 right on your phone, or even your wrist. There is no need to wait to find out what the latest news is from Washington DC; it's right there, right at your fingertips.

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That isn't true, or at least it isn't yet true, of most local news.

Yes, many news outlets attempt to put up websites and Facebook pages, use Twitter feeds and "get the breaking news" out there if it is deemed important enough. The Webster tornado is a good example; a fire, a big accident that affects traffic, that sort of thing.

Otherwise, there's still some problems with online news for local consumption.

And there is equally problems with print news.

We recognize that.

We are a weekly. We have a print schedule that deals with a number of publications, several from other states as well as our own Massachusetts sister newspapers. It means, as an example, the Webster newspaper is finished for print by Tuesday, though the reader isn't going to see it until Thursday or Friday. This week was even worse with a shortened deadline because of a holiday.

Deadlines are not daily because we aren't daily.

NOT being daily causes some unusual difficulties in other areas too. If we miss something, we can't just pick it up the next day, we are in a news cycle of up to 10 days.

Our solution is to find out more about the topic, do a more in depth story, find out more about it and have a better story with more recent facts when we do have a chance to cover it.

Still, things are missed. Missed entirely.

We are fallible.

We have finite resources, the number of people doing newsgathering varies from situation to situation sometimes; it is the reality of the new newsroom.

And we just aren't omniscient.

If someone doesn't tell us about something, we don't always know.

In that same vein, we can't get to events when someone calls us 15 minutes before it happens most of the time either. We don't have people waiting for phone calls to tell them where to be. They are usually already committed somewhere.

And we are definitely doing it with fewer resources, fewer as compared to say 50 years ago. Some of that can be laid directly at the door of technology. We found a page from a publication in the 1970s, listing all the employees and wishing the readers happy holidays. It included photographers (multiple, they had to develop, crop and print their own photos as well as take them); reporters (multiple); production staff (at least three times as many as today); editor(s); print staff; linotypists (that job no longer even exists); daily courier (he went from office to office physically picking up 'stuff', quickly replaced by fax machines); receptionists, typists, billing and accounting people....the staff numbered at least 50 people for that single publication.

The photos are done in the computer, the typing and editing, is all computerized; the layout is computerized as is ad creation and compositing; the fax and email do all the messaging; the reporting staff rarely even come physically to an office, doing all their work remotely, staying in touch by phone and email. It's a different world.

But it is still, very, very much rooted in each town. Each newspaper is indeed locally committed. The intent is real, the need to know what is happening in each town hall, in each school system, in the budgets and the ballots is all too real.

There is a need for the press to be there, to be looking over the shoulders of those Powers That Be; to ask the questions, to get the answers and to then share those answers with you.

That's why while it will continue to be imperfect, and we hope you'll let us know when we make the errors, you will also continue to stand by us and support us.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM CHARLTON, CHARLTON CITY, CHARLTON DEPOT AND BEYOND

Dublin (Pt. 2)

The air on the Appalachian Trail was crisp, and Dublin pretended to be a scout, loping ahead, discovering an interesting smell, and then dancing up to me again when his olfactory desire had been satisfied. Trailing behind his

excited exploring, I could not imagine my life without him. Was I projecting human characteristics onto him, or did he really have a sense of humor? He would lower his head, stare into my eyes, and growl in feigned annoyance until I joined in play. He energized me, kept me in touch with my surroundings, and reminded me that life was to be lived with passion.

Slowly I adjusted to the woods at night. The tree mice that scampered in the dark and rustled the leaves didn't terrify me as much. Besides, I had Dublin the Wonder Dog close by. Nothing big was going to get too close with him around.

I was crossing a brook one morning, and lying on its side, half in the water was what looked like a child's rag doll. On closer inspection, it was a Basset hound, all skin and bones, clearly starved. It was so weak that it couldn't raise its head. I remembered the park ranger talking about the 60 reports of missing dogs just that summer. Dublin came over and sniffed, but didn't stay. Did he smell the imminent death? I removed the dog's collar to give to the Park Rangers when I returned. The collar tag read "Lucky." Death came within an hour.

I left the body there, and followed Dublin who scampered up the hill to the main trail.

This was the night that a black bear sniffed into my camp and Dublin's ferocious baying scared him up a tree. I couldn't believe something so large could scale a tree trunk so fast. I had a flashlight on the bear, but I could see that he was getting tired. The dark mass began to slide slowly down the side of the trunk, scraping off large chunks of bark with his claws. That threatening din mixed with rain pattered unnerved me. I jumped out of my sleeping bag and took off through the bushes. The bear spooked Dublin badly too; he passed me with frightened yelps as we ran through the undergrowth.

I smile now but it didn't seem so funny then, especially running in wet socks and long underwear. Dublin's yelps had gotten farther away and then stopped. Now it seemed deathly quiet except for the sound of the rain. I still had my flashlight and made plenty of noise when I returned to the campsite. The bear had torn the tent and dragged some of my clothing outside, but a quick glance showed my backpack still hanging in the tree. Now I just had to find Dublin.

Then the sudden vision hit me: Dublin, skin and bones, dying in the vast wilderness. Dublin was really smart. But there was nothing to make me believe that he would have anymore of a chance in these woods than the unlucky Lucky. I reasoned that he would head down the main trail back the way we had come. The rain slapped the dead leaves with a loud patter.

For the next few hours, I walked and whistled and called...then stopped to listen...and began again. My pack became soaked, heavier, and cut into my shoulders. At about five a.m., I reached the campground. The Ranger Station was closed and the posted hours said opening at 7 a.m. I trudged to my car.

A park ranger later reported that there was a campsite with a lost Airedale. Yes! An Irish terrier certainly looked like an Airedale. The camp-



IN THAT GREAT TIME
PATRICK MOON

site was a distance away, but I began walking with a little more spring in my step. The near empty tent section fell behind and I entered the campsites for RVs, mostly Airstreams. They were shiny and lights were coming on, and the smell of frying bacon mixed with the pine. This was luxury camping, bringing your living room to the wilderness.

I stopped. Underneath a large awning, an elderly woman was talking to Dublin.

He was sitting on the seat of a picnic table, comfortable, up off the ground, as if he belonged there. I stage whispered his name; he turned, wagged his tail once, and then returned his gaze to the front. He was focused on the woman across the table who was cooking with a large fry pan on a portable stove. We both watched as she finished his scrambled eggs, and delivered them to him...on a plate.

The woman smiled: "Is this your dog? He is so well trained!"

It should be noted that Dublin did not wolf down the food. In an almost dainty fashion, he ate slowly. He seemed to savor the steaming eggs. I thanked her for holding onto Dublin, yes, a beautiful name for an Irish terrier, and for letting the Rangers know; we had coffee under the tarp and a good laugh at the bear story. I was so relieved at finding Dublin alive that I didn't have the heart to address his late night, ahem, "strategic retreat." Much later I took great delight in telling the story of his passing me in the dark, yelping in fear; he never seemed to pay any attention. But every once in a while, he would get a "snarky" gleam in his eye. I worried that one-day he would turn, raise an eyebrow, and whisper, "Who had the eggs?"

Months later in a group training exercise at the Maryland School of Social Work, I stood in the center of a circle of fellow students who lay on the carpet, feet towards me. We were each to stand, step to the center, and look down at each face until slowly completing the 360-degree pivot. Then it was the next person's turn. Most of the students on the floor had their eyes closed. I stood, stepped to the center, and began the slow movement. Suddenly I found myself rushing the turn, and laying back down abruptly. A few of us had experienced the same whirl, and on reflection, my hurry had begun with a glance at Sam's face, an older gentleman with eyes shut tight. And that day at Ocean City came back, the victim's face, and I began to talk about the incident that brought me into intimate contact with death.

It was an epiphany. Mine took place with strangers I had come to trust. They encouraged me to examine a profound memory. I flinched. I tried to hide from it. But there it was: once Death kissed me on a sunny beach, a forced kiss, cold and indifferent. I had buried that horror deep in my mind. What I did not grasp immediately was how that memory was bound to the joy of a bouncing Irish terrier.

Years later, I wept for days when Dublin died. In that great time, I lost the unconditional love of a friend, and mourned that loss, mourned his death, and my death to come, and yours, and all who lived or would ever live. With Dublin, I learned that fear makes the bear bigger. And with Dublin I learned to embrace anything that makes you feel glad to be alive. But the real lesson of Dublin was that death leaves a heartache nothing can heal.

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Have you planned for long-term care?



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If you are fortunate, you will retain your physical and mental capacities throughout your life and can always live independently. But there are no guarantees for any of us. If you ever require some form of long-term care, will you be prepared?

So what is the risk of needing long-term care services? According to the Department of Health & Human Services, about 40% of individuals over age 65 receive some form of paid in-home care, with an average care period lasting less than one year. However, about one-third of the population receives care in a nursing home: Of those individuals, about half stay less than one year, 30% stay between one and three years, and 20% stay longer than five years.

And, unfortunately, this care can be expensive. For example, it costs \$97,500 per year, on average, for a private room in a nursing home, according to the 2017 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, an insurance company. In some major metropolitan areas, the cost is much higher. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of these expenses.

So, how do you protect yourself against these potentially catastrophic costs? Essentially, you have four options:

Self-insure – You can try to build enough financial assets to cover the costs of a long-term care event. However, you would need to accumulate an extremely large sum to fully protect yourself, and you'd be diverting assets that could be used to help fund your retirement.

Long-term care insurance – A traditional long-term care (LTC) insurance policy will pay for qualified long-term care costs. The younger you are when you purchase your policy, the lower your annual premiums are likely to be. Keep in mind, though, that a basic LTC policy offers no death benefit or cash value – your premiums are only paying for a nursing home stay, home health care or other type of long-term care service. (Also, even a good LTC policy will include a waiting period before the insurance kicks in and a maximum amount of coverage, such as three years.)

Hybrid/linked benefit insurance – Because of some concerns about paying for insurance but never needing care with traditional long-term care insurance, this type of insurance provides a death benefit plus long-term care coverage. You can accelerate the death benefit to help pay for long-term care costs, and you can also choose to create an additional pool for these costs after the death benefit has been exhausted. But if you don't need long-term care, you still have the life insurance death benefit. Due to the death benefit, your premiums will be higher than those of a traditional long-term care policy.

Life insurance with long-term care/chronic illness rider – By choosing a permanent life insurance policy with this rider, you can accelerate all or part of the death benefit to pay for long-term care costs. (Your death benefit will then be reduced.) This option generally provides more flexibility in paying premiums than a hybrid policy, which may require a larger dollar commitment. Similar to hybrid, you still have the life insurance benefit if you don't need care.

Which option is best for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone, but a financial professional can help you choose the method that's most appropriate for your situation. And from an economic standpoint – and possibly an emotional one, too – you may be better off by taking action sooner, rather than later.

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Busy Bond impresses bevy of visitors

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – With infrastructure crumbling across the state, legislators recently visited a local manufacturing plant to learn how small producers are impacting a large problem.

On Aug. 27, legislators and town officials visited Bond Sand, Gravel and Asphalt, a family-owned business for over 40 years. At Bond's North Spencer Road facility, employees produce several aggregate products for road construction, building projects, and landscaping. Though the company has fewer than 20 employees, it maintains a busy schedule and helps ensure that construction projects are completed on time.

If you've recently driven through a nearby road construction zone, chances are good that the materials were supplied by Bond. From road and bridge renovation materials, to residential

project supplies, all of the company's products are used at sites within 50 miles of its manufacturing plant. And with a backlog of road construction projects throughout the state, the production facility is kept busy with a constant stream of dump trucks picking up products.

At the August 27 event, the Bond staff invited officials to see what a day on the job is like. Attendees of the tour included Congressman Jim McGovern, Senator Anne Gobi, state Representative Donald Berthiaume, Town Administrator Thomas Gregory, selectmen, and representatives of the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association.

"It is critical to engage our lawmakers at every level of government," said Karen Hubacz-Kiley, the director and chief operations officer at Bond. "The state of U.S. roads creates unsafe conditions for the public, and it is so import-

ant to make the necessary improvements to our roads and bridges."

After watching the loading process for products ready for shipment, officials got a look at Bond's asphalt production equipment. The process begins when liquid asphalt is fed into a mixer from a large storage tank, then heated to 350 degrees and combined with other materials. The aggregate is eventually poured from a gantry into awaiting trucks.

With heavy machinery in operation and frequent truck traffic each day at the plant, Bond takes safety and employee training seriously. Unlike larger companies, which have entire divisions dedicated to in-house training on safety and environmental protection, the Bond staff must obtain employee training through the Department of Labor. Emphasizing safe practices each day, the company has received several awards for safety on the job site.

"Safety is our number one priority. We are extremely proud of our safety record," added Hubacz-Kiley, a third-generation owner. "The majority of our employees are lifelong employees. Many of them have been here since I was a girl."

To help enhance safety training, Bond leaders are asking legislators to support the reinstatement of the Small Mines Office, which was closed in 2014. Prior to its closing, the office was utilized heavily by small producers throughout the country.

Hubacz-Kiley and her team are also hoping legislators will push for a highway trust bill to help accelerate road repair projects.

"It would be a great way to fix the roads and help with the economy," she said.

To learn more about Bond, visit www.bondsandandgravel.com.



The Bond team joins legislators and town officials for a photo after the tour.



Kevin Flanders photos

Legislators get a look at the Bond operation in action.



A constant stream of dump trucks arrive to pick up products and then distribute them throughout the area.



Bond Chief Operations Officer Karen Hubacz-Kiley talks with Congressman Jim McGovern.



Bond Chief Operations Officer Karen Hubacz-Kiley answers questions from guests.



A bucket loader arrives to pick up its next load.



Bond Chief Operations Officer Karen Hubacz-Kiley explains how the equipment works.



After being heated to 350 degrees in this mixer, the liquid asphalt is eventually readied for delivery.

The joy of a simple bello



Sarah Champagne photo

Zachary Wolfe 1.jpg: Zachary Wolfe, age 16, provides a warm hello.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Vehicles driving by the busy corner near Monro Muffler and Brake in the Sandersdale section of Southbridge may occasionally receive a warm welcome from a young man who derives great joy just from saying hello. Now and then in that spot, Zachary Wolfe can be seen, energetically waving to each vehicle that passes.

The fun Wolfe has greeting passing vehicles is visible in his enthusiastic and happy demeanor. Wolfe was diagnosed with autism at the age of 18 months, but he has had a lot of support growing up. His mother, Carla DiGregorio-Wolfe, is a speech therapist. Zachary's father, Jeff Wolfe, can be seen as a supportive presence just further back from the road when the younger man gets a chance to wave to cars.

Wolfe gets a variety of reac-

tions from passers-by. Some drivers seem puzzled, and others disregard his enthusiastic waving. Many more drivers will wave back. Some will honk their horns to say hello, and sometimes drivers of larger trucks will pull their air horn to acknowledge Wolfe.

Wolfe, now 16 years old, is a student at Southbridge High School who has just started his junior year. His father, who is involved with the Southbridge Softball Association, says that Zachary is well known to players and friends of the league.

"We go down to the field, and he knows every name and their jersey number," the proud father says.

The young man was "in the zone" waving to cars and was a man of few words when asked for comment, staying on task.

"It's a good idea. I like saying hi to people," Zachary

offered before catching the next car to pass by. Each vehicle that passes is met with the same enthusiasm and warmth as the last one.

Rick Plante, store manager for Monro Muffler and Brake in Southbridge, says that he enjoys Zachary's presence whenever Jeff comes in for an oil change or service.

"It's an inspiration to watch him," Plante remarks. "He has such positive energy."

Drivers will sometimes ask Monro employees if they are having a sale or promotion, but Wolfe's waving is all his own. His father reports that on rare occasion, someone will pull into the parking lot to find out if the young man waving is distressed and needs help. For the most part though, the young man just hopes to brighten the day of those he greets with a simple but enthusiastic salutation.

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Friday, Sept. 21 at Grafton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 29 vs. Algonquin, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5 at Wachusett, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12 vs. St. John's, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20 at Leominster, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26 at Groton-Dunstable, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 22 at Tantasqua, 10 a.m.



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St. John's comes to town on Oct. 12 for a 7 p.m. kickoff at Shepherd Hill.

BAY PATH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

All schedules are subject to change.

Friday, Sept. 7 at Southbridge, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14 at Bartlett, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 21 vs. David Prouty, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 29 vs. Monty Tech, 1:30 p.m.
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After a pair of road games to open the season, Bay Path's home opener is slated for Sept. 21 versus David Prouty at 7 p.m.

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Ushering in the fall season anticipating fowl hunting



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A bit of nostalgia as hunters from left to right: The late Chuck Miedema, late Reno Grassi, Bob Brooks, and the late Stan Oleksyk after a goose hunt in the Valley many years ago.

It sure will be great to see the heat & humidity leave New England. We have had enough heat, and it is now time to enjoy some great fall weather. The first segment of goose hunting in Massachusetts opened this past Tuesday September 4. The daily bag limit is 15 birds and the special season will run through to September 21. At one time, goose populations were high in the local area, and although there are still a few thousand resident geese in Massachusetts we noticed their feeding patterns have changed dramatically during the past five years or more.



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flocks of birds circle our spread of decoys on that day, and we filled our limit in a couple of hours. After picking up the decoys and birds, we headed to Peg's Diner in Whitinsville to have a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. We had walked

in a bit of recently spread cow manure in the field we hunted, and did not realize that we had a smell of manure on our boots. After sitting down to place our order for breakfast we noticed that some of the patrons were leaving. The look we received soon made us realize that we were part of the problem!!! Taking off our boots and putting on a clean pair of shoes after future hunts, rectified the problem at the diner.

Because of the warm weather during most hunts in early September, it is essential to clean the birds as soon as possible. Cleaning the birds is fast if you know what you are doing. Laying the birds upside down and making a cut just under the breast, the skin is easily removed from the breast meat. A single cut along each side of the breast bone allows the breast to be totally removed with a few simple cuts. Wash and wrap the meat as soon as possible, packaging two breasts together. Next week we will discuss two great recipes for this tasty bird.

A federal and state waterfowl stamp is needed to hunt waterfowl, along with steel shot and a gun that can hold no more than three shots. No lead shot is allowed!! This week's first picture shows from left to right: The late Chuck Miedema, late Reno Grassi, Bob Brooks, and the late Stan Oleksyk after a goose hunt in the Valley many years ago. They are sadly missed by all that knew them.

Upstate New York is providing anglers with some great king salmon fishing. If you enjoy catching big fish Lake Ontario is the place to go at this time of year. For up to date reports on fishing the Pulaski area go to www.fatnancy.com! This week's second picture shows a happy angler with a nice king salmon.

After a few cold nights, the Mass Fish & Wildlife trucks can start rolling restocking many of the lakes and ponds



A very happy angler with a king salmon hooked in upstate New York.

in the state with trout. That could be a bit later this month because of the high water temperature.

After receiving my August copy of the New England Outdoors newsletter, I always take time out of my day to read some of my fellow writers' columns. Randy Julius is president of the organization and always writes a very informative story about his hunting and fishing adventures. This month he wrote about his bird hunting for grouse in Maine over the past few years and in his home town of East Bridgewater. The lack of grouse has caused a lot of controversy over what is happening to the ruffed grouse in New England and even parts of Maine. Some thoughts are blaming West Nile virus but the loss of good grouse cover is also being targeted. The grouse population locally has also become very poor, almost to the point of extinction. Hopefully it will be turned around soon, but we do not have high hopes for this once abundant, fast flying, great eating, bird to return to our bird covers.

Fellow writer Paul Renolds discussed the loss of many young moose to tick

bites in Maine, and they are depleting the herd buy as much as 50 %. Biologist are considering more moose permits to help reduce the herd. In 2012 Maine had a conservative estimate of "76,000 moose in the North Woods," Renolds stated. Biologist are reluctant to give a present estimate of moose populations, but are taking aerial surveys to help determine the exact amount of moose in Maine. Disease is always a frightening thing among our wildlife, and we depend on our biologists to stay on top of any situation that may arise, that threatens any species. Stay Tuned.

Uxbridge lost a great human being and sportsman last week. John Emrick, former police chief of Uxbridge, loved deer hunting and always enjoyed hunting in Petersham. His favorite hunting spot was on a hillside overlooking a swampy area, that had numerous deer runs through it. He also enjoyed fishing with his buddies in his early years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and many friends.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Back in the year 2000 to 2010 or so, myself and a hunting acquaintance had very few problems limiting out on resident Canadian geese. Of course, it helped to have permission to hunt private cornfields and grass fields, but the birds were in the area big time. Climbing out of bed during the early morning hours, we soon found ourselves sitting in a corn field waiting for first light. We had two dogs between us, one German shorthair and my black Lab Max! One of our fields was overlooking a portion of the valley and as first light approached we observed our two dogs were on high alert!!!

"Get ready, the birds are flying," was my remark to my hunting partner.

The dogs keen hearing alerted us to a few dozen birds just clearing the tree tops, and were on a glide path to our blind, and set up of decoys.

We both picked up our guns and barely had time to stand up in our blinds to take aim at the flock of Canadian geese, as they barely cleared the blinds. As the guns discharged, the roar of the shots echoed thru the valley. The smell of spent gunpowder in the early morning air, was better than any fragrance that women wear on a night on the town. The dogs were already running from the blinds to retrieve the downed birds. The excitement of the first hunt had allowed my dog to break prematurely, and we could have had another shot at the birds as they circled around to take another look at our spread of decoys, but they flared just short of shooting range because of the uncontrolled dog.

We were lucky to have numerous

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Tuesday, Nov. 13: Foxwoods \$25 - 10 a.m. bus.

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UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2018
2018 is the Society's 26th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

September 11-13: three day excursion for the performance of Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA, the Amish Country and Philadelphia. Two nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, four meals, wine and cheese reception, a post dinner show, trip insurance, all gratuities included (two local guides, escort and driver). The production has taken three years in the making and involving about 650 individuals in all phases of its completion for the upcoming 2018 presentation. Cost: \$519 pp/dbl. Waiver insurance and a budget plan available. Early reservation recommended.

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Saturday September 8

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PADDLE POKER: The Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QLLA) will hold its fifth annual Paddle Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 8, with registration starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Lake Quaboag (North Pond) boat ramp. The family event starts at noon and proceeds approximately four miles into Lake Quacumquasit (South Pond) and back. Paddlers will pick up one playing card at each of five locations around both lakes and return to the boat ramp with a five-card poker hand. The top hand will win the grand prize of \$250. Prizes will also be awarded for the second and third best hands, and the worst hand. Participants may compete in kayaks, canoes, row boats or on paddle boards. The competition begins at noon and ends at 4:00 p.m. at the Quaboag boat ramp. The entrance fee is \$20 per boat.

Sunday September 9

STURBRIDGE PLANNING HALF-MARATHON: a half-marathon road race to honor Sturbridge resident and ESPN's ESPY award winner, Rick Hoyt will be held on Sept. 9 at 10:00 a.m. Registration page can be found at: <https://app.race-reach.com/event/the-rick-hoyt-sturbridge-half-marathon>. If you have questions about the event or wish to participate, please contact Kevin Filchak at kfilchak@town.sturbridge.ma.us

STURBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET: Sturbridge Farmers Market every Sunday June 24 until September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Live music from noon until 2 p.m.

Monday September 10

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: Sept. 10 Charlton Garden Club Meeting. at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Meeting will feature Gretel Anspach from the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association speaking on Using Cold Frames to Extend the Season. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300 or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

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

Month of October

PUMPKINS! The Pumpkins are Coming! The Pumpkins are Coming! Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is at the Sturbridge Federated Church where the best pumpkins and gourds will be for the month of October. Proceeds will benefit many local and regional charities as well as support the daily operation of the church.

ONGOING

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323

Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisrichard15@yahoo.com.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9:9-4:5 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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

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

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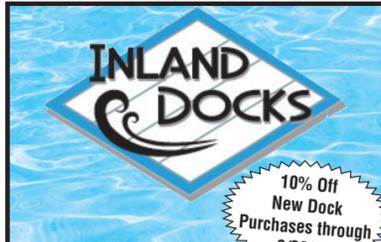
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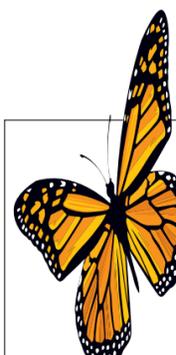
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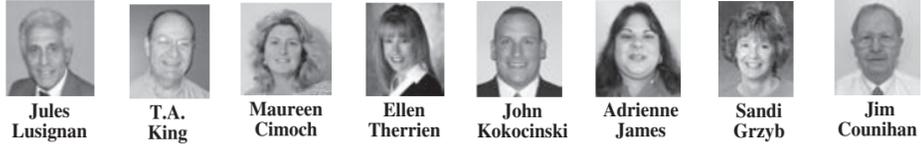


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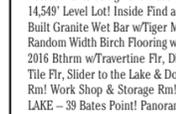
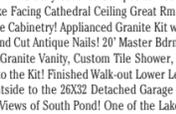
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 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Ceater! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Fr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frpk, Recent Wood Fr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frpk, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! \$579,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwd's & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frpk! Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrwd's! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frp/Lv Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! \$729,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 210 Beacon Park! 5 Rm 1,100' Corner Garden Unit! Applianced Kitchen! Dining Room! Spacious Living Room! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bedroom with Master Bath! 1.5 Bathrooms! The Floors Throughout! C/Air! Garage! Gazebo! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! \$239,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Frontal! 4 Bdrms w/Hrwd's, 2 Lake Facing! Frpk! Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach! \$475,000.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpk! Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" The Floors Throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/2 Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrwd's, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bthrm Access! Lake Facing Bthrm w/Hrwd's, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrwd's & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Fr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x30' 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! \$789,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 100 Union Point Rd! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! 11 Rooms! 2,300' Recently Renovated! Hardwood Floors! 5 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Expansive Decks! Garage! Extra Lot! Parking Across Street! Still In Time for Summer! \$629,000.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERFRONT! 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced! Galley Kit! Frp/Lv Liv Rm w/8" Smart TV & Hrwd's! Master Bath w/Recessed Skylight! 2.5 Baths w/Recent Vanities & New Toilets! 2013 A/C & Heat! Large! Great Lakeside! Pool! Sandy Beach! \$284,900.00</p>

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 <p>MILLBURY - WATERFRONT! Ramshorn Lake! 51 Davis Rd! Beautifully Landscaped & Private 1.22 Acres with 500' On the Water! One of Ramshorn's Premier Properties "Royale"! Sprawling 3,117' French Country Villa with Panoramic Water Views from this Perfect Peninsula! Ideal for Entertaining! Stonewalled Gated Entry, Long Private Driveway to its Stately Appearance! Sprawling Stone & Slate 6+ Room Masterpiece! Light Abounds Throughout! Cathedral & Tray Ceilings with Skylights! Unique Country Kitchen! Formal Dining Room! Fireplace! Great Room! Lake Facing Spacious Master Suite with Everything You'd Expect! 3 Comfortable Bedrooms! 13 Full Bathrooms! Central Air! Garages - 2 Car Detached & 1 Car Detached! Reward Yourself! \$999,000.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,688' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,524' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Fr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frpk, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrwd's! Granite Kit w/8, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrwd's & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Fr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frpk, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Fr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! \$724,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 810 Beacon Park! 5 Rms, 1,100' Garden Unit! Fantastic Lake Views! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Brand New Heat & A/C Unit! Applianced! Din Rm w/Bay Window! Large Covered Patio & Manicured Courtyard! Garage! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! Best Seat for July 4th Fireworks! \$259,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpk! Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recessed C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$324,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpk! Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recessed C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! \$324,900.00</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hrwd! Floors! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frp/Lv Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! \$334,900.00</p>

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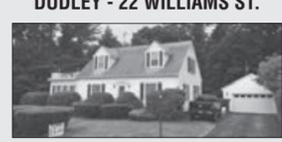
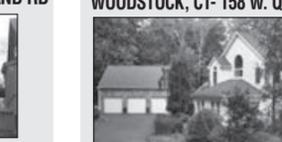
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 <p>DUDLEY - 22 WILLIAMS ST.</p> <p>Adorable Oversized 6 room, 4 bedroom Cape! 2200+ sq ft of Living area. Eat in kitchen! front to Back Living room! 2 baths! Game room, Hardwoods! Lovely landscaped level yard! Large detached 1-1/2 car garage! NEW PRICE \$238,900</p>	 <p>PUTNAM, CT - 10 KNOLLWOOD LN</p> <p>NEW LISTING! Spacious Townhouse! 2 Large Bedrooms w/ plenty of closet space, 1-1/2 Baths, Open Floor Plan, Applianced Kitchen with Breakfast Bar & Pantry Closet, Living Room with Sliders to Private Deck, 1 Car Garage Under, Basement for Laundry/Storage. Convenient Location, near Interstate 395! Fabulous area amenities like restaurants, shopping, walking trails along the river, community events, and recreation! NEW PRICE \$139,900.</p>	 <p>WEBSTER - 7 ARKWRIGHT RD.</p> <p>First Time Offered! Beautiful & Spacious 1600+/- SF 3BR Ranch! Freshly painted! Updated Kitchen & Bath. Large Formal Living Rm w/ lighter bay window. Great RM w/cathedral ceilings, fireplace, ceiling fan, & skylights! 3 BRs. Whole house fan. Private back yard, & in-ground pool! 10' x 12' - 3 season porch! Patio w/outdoor fireplace. Room in basement served as a large workshop. 15' x 20' Carport & 2 storage sheds! \$248,800.</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>New Listing! 2 Family on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to I-95! Walkout basement & storage area. Panoramic views! \$412,900</p>	 <p>WOODSTOCK, CT - 158 W. QUASSET RD</p> <p>Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quaslet Lake! Unique, Transat, Quiet, Secluded & Private Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Paved, covered patios & balconies, stone faced 3 car deck garage w/ heated studio, Cape Cod shower, winding granite path to 265' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft of roof 2 story Colonial! 2 story Cape! Extremely impressive kitchen w/ granite counter-top! Offers formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite w/ study! bedrooms, exercise studio, LL kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & most Master BRs w/ private full baths. \$1,299,000.</p>
 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POND BREEZE RD</p> <p>Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,097 +/- SF Lot, 52' Rd & Water Frontage & a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/ 2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/ hardwoods potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. \$345,000</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD.</p> <p>KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/364 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & entertain in the tiled, stone fireplace family rm, wet bar w/sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36' x 49' open concept concept living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway, & interior 2nd flr balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32 +/- 2nd flr garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplace patio! Family owned gen for 60+ years! \$1,495,000</p>	 <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR</p> <p>1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700+/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscap, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/ Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information \$1,150,000.</p>		

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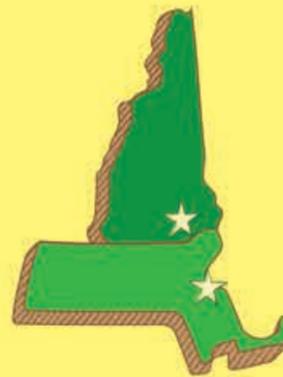
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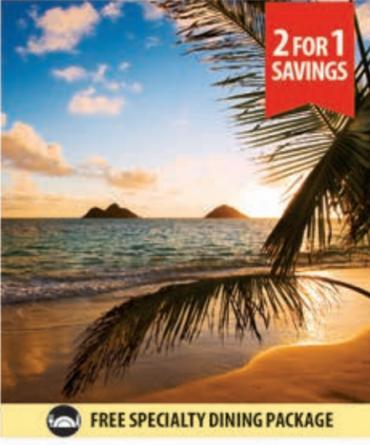


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FOOD

Embrace a reason to indulge in Mexican cuisine

Few styles of cuisine are as widely beloved as Mexican cuisine. When celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike won't want to miss the opportunity to indulge in some delicious Mexican food.

Many Mexican dishes include chipotle peppers. Smoked hot chili peppers, chipotle peppers can add spiciness to a meal for fans who can never get enough kick from their favorite Mexican dishes. The following recipe for "Chipotle Beef with Fresh Tomato Salsa" from Kathy Moore and Roxanne Wyss' "Triple Slow Cooker Entertaining" (Robert Rose) packs a punch and won't disappoint aficionados of Mexican cuisine.

Chipotle Beef with Fresh Tomato Salsa
Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 2 to 2½-lb. beef brisket, well trimmed
- 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, chopped (see tip below)
- 1 tablespoon dry minced (granulated) garlic
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup tomato juice
- ¼ cup minced fresh cilantro
- Tomato salsa (see below)
- Flour tortillas, warmed

Arrange onion slices in bottom of one slow cooker stoneware, overlapping as necessary. Cut brisket in half and place on top of onions. Sprinkle with chipotle pepper, garlic, cumin, and salt. Pour tomato juice over top.
Cover and cook on low for 9 to 11

hours or on high for 4½ to 5½ hours, until beef is very tender.

Using a slotted spoon, transfer beef and onions to a tray. Pour liquid into a deep bowl. Using two forks, shred beef. Return beef and onions to the stoneware. Skim fat from liquid and pour over beef mixture. Sprinkle with cilantro. Turn to warm for serving.

To serve, spoon beef mixture and salsa into center of each warm tortilla, then fold tortilla over filling.

Tip: Chipotle peppers are smoked jalapeño peppers and are often found canned in adobo sauce. Use one for this recipe, then freeze the rest in an airtight container for up to 6 months. For even more convenience, separate the peppers and place in a single layer on a tray, topped with a little adobo sauce; freeze until firm, then transfer each pepper to a sealable freezer bag. You can then use just the amount you need for each recipe.

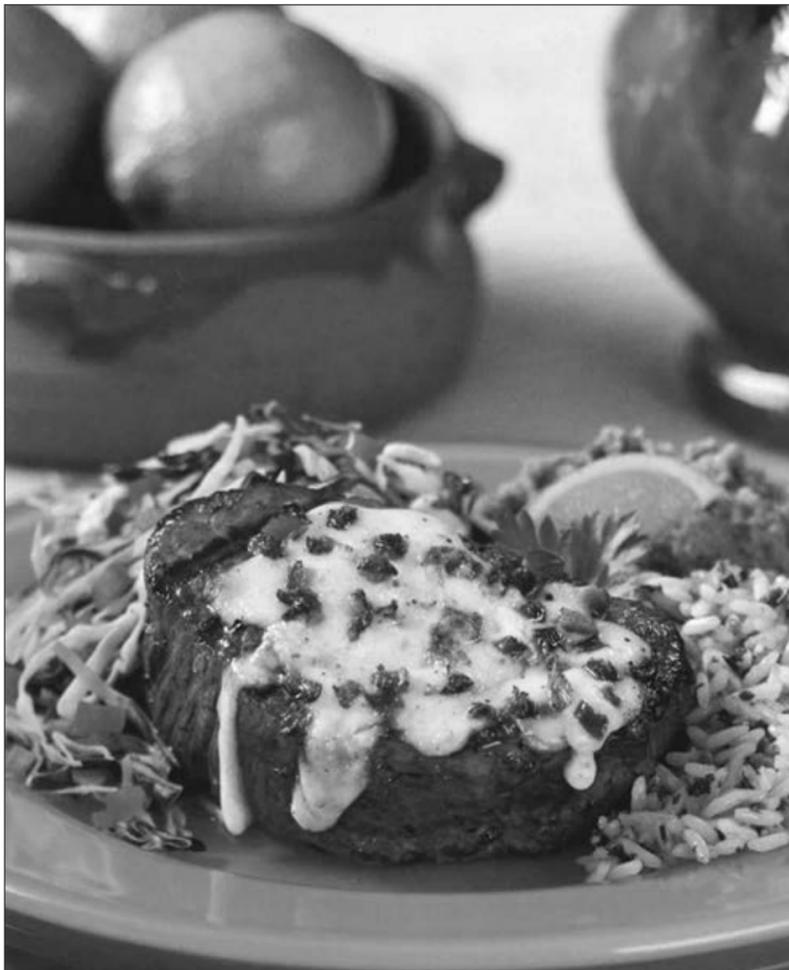
Tomato Salsa
Makes 3 cups

- 3 ripe tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh cilantro
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a bowl, combine tomatoes, green onions, jalapeño, cilantro, and lime juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to one day.



A spicy taste of Mexico from the comforts of home



An idyllic country with extensive mountain ranges and miles of coastal beaches, Mexico also is home to beloved cuisine. Men and women who want to create a taste of Mexico in their own kitchens can consider this recipe for "Spicy Steak Tampico" from Kelley Cleary Coffeen's "200 Easy Mexican Recipes" (Robert Rose).

SPICY STEAK TAMPICO
MAKES 4 SERVINGS

- 4 beef tenderloin medallions (each 6 ounces and ¾-inch thick)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Seasoned salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup roasted green chile peppers (see below)
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1. Brush steaks thoroughly with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
2. Place medallions on preheated grill, close lid and grill, turning once, until an instant-read thermometer registers 145 F for medium rare, 5 to 8 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, tent with foil and let stand for 10 minutes.
3. Preheat broiler with rack 3 to 4 inches away from heat. Place steaks on individual ovenproof plates. Top each steak with equal amounts of chile and cheese. Broil until cheese melts, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

To roast chiles: Preheat greased outdoor grill to medium or preheat an oven broiler. Place fresh chiles on outdoor grill or gas stovetop over medium heat or arrange on a baking sheet and place 2 to 3 inches away from heat under broiler. Grill or broil, turning often with tongs, until surfaces of skin are lightly charred and blistered. Immediately place peppers in a paper bag or an airtight container and close tightly. Let peppers cool for 12 to 15 minutes. Peel off charred skin and remove stems and seeds. Tear into strips or chop as needed according to the recipe. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling chiles. Refrigerate peppers for up to 3 days or freeze in airtight container for up to 6 months.

Celebrate Hispanic culture at the dinner table



Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the people who trace their origins to South America, Central America, Mexico, Spain, and certain areas of the Caribbean. Each Hispanic country has its own unique cultural traditions, and many of these traditions revolve around food. Those who want to toast Spanish culture and cuisine can whip up the following recipe for "Morcilla con Setas (Blood Sausage with Mushrooms, Spring Peas and Mint Oil)" from James Campbell Caruso's "España: Exploring the Flavors of Spain" (Gibbs Smith).

MORCILLA CON SETAS (BLOOD SAUSAGE WITH MUSHROOMS, SPRING PEAS AND MINT OIL)

SERVES 4

- 1 pound morcilla blood sausage
- 1 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, slivered
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons white wine
- 1 cup shelled spring peas
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
- 2 tablespoons mint oil

Mint Oil

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ cup chopped mint
- Pinch of salt

Cut the blood sausage into 12 slices. Sauté the mushrooms in olive oil with garlic, salt and pepper for 5 minutes. Add the wine and cook for 2 more minutes. Boil the peas for 2 minutes and drain. When mushrooms are done, remove from heat and stir in the peas.

In a cast-iron skillet, sear the morcilla in a dry pan for 2 minutes per side. Arrange the slices of morcilla down the middle of a platter. Surround with mushroom/pea mixture and drizzle the plate with the mint oil.

For the mint oil: In a small saucepan over medium heat, heat olive oil to warm. Remove from heat and add the mint and a small pinch of salt. Allow to rest for 1 hour. Drain through a sieve. Reserve extra mint oil for other uses, such as vinaigrette.

FOOD

A realistic guide to organic food



In a perfect world, chemicals would not be needed to produce any foods, all of which would be made in sustainable conditions and from all-natural ingredients. But even the most eco-conscious foodie routinely faces difficult decisions at the grocery store.

The Organic Trade Association says organic food is the fastest-growing sector of the American food industry, and organic food now accounts for more than 5 percent of total food sales. While many people understand the benefits

to consuming organic produce, such foods tend to cost more, compromising shoppers' budgets as a result. Making smart choices and getting the facts about organic food can help consumers make informed decisions.

SMARTER ORGANIC CHOICES

According to the food and health resource the Environmental Working Group, certain fruits and vegetables are more likely to feature residual pesticides than others.

They dub these foods the "Dirty Dozen," which include strawberries, spinach, nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches, cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery, potatoes, and sweet bell peppers. Shoppers who cannot afford strictly organic foods can opt for non-organic items that are less likely to contain residual pesticides.

FEARING ANTIBIOTICS

Many people are con-

cerned about milk, meat and poultry treated with antibiotics. Organic foods are antibiotic-free. The Food and Drug Administration has strict guidelines in place to phase out the use of antibiotics in food animals to enhance growth or improve feed efficiency. They're also requiring farmers to select strains of microbials that are less medically important to humans who would need them to treat disease. This means that conventional milk, meat and poultry may contain less antibiotics than con-

sumers know.

Also, according to the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association, poultry are not given growth hormones, so there's little need to pay more for hormone-free.

Organic and pesticides To be "organic," foods produced and sold in the United States and Canada must be shown to conserve natural resources and be devoid of GMOs, among other requirements. However, USDA organic certification allows for natural substances, such as phero-

mones, vaccines for animals and a limited number of natural pesticides. Also, a 2011 survey by the USDA showed 39 percent of 571 organic samples were found to have pesticide residues, but well below tolerance levels set by the EPA. Therefore, pesticide-free and organic are not exclusive.

Organic foods are seen as a healthy alternative to foods that do not fall into this category. While there are many positive reasons to go organic, including conventional foods in one's diet is not necessarily unhealthy.

How to preserve ethnic diversity while maintaining one's sense of patriotism



People emigrate for various reasons. Some do so for employment opportunities, while others seek religious or personal freedom. Many others move to be closer to family.

North America is home to scores of emigrants. Many of those people would note that

it's important to maintain pride in one's home country and its culture. And being loyal to one's adoptive country does not have to come at the expense of pride in one's homeland.

TALK ABOUT FAMILIAL HISTORY

Older generations can share stories about their youth and potentially regale young relatives with tales of time spent in their home countries. Stories can compare and contrast

the two living environments and speak to the benefits each offered, but also discuss the decision to move.

CELEBRATE ETHNIC AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

People can embrace all cele-

brations, including those that pay homage to their birth and adopted countries. Individual celebrations of culture, such as Hispanic Heritage Month, also can be embraced. Individuals also can take part in the celebrations of other cultural groups, so they can learn more about all of the unique people who come together to make their country what it is today.

DINE ON ETHNIC CUISINE

Americanized food certainly can be tasty and make up a good portion of daily diets. However, routinely incorporate family recipes and ethnic cuisine into cooking so that younger generations can retain that connection to their culture. Think about setting aside one day a week for cultural cooking, trying new recipes each and every time.

RESEARCH IMPACT ON THE NATION

Go online or visit the library to see how certain ethnic groups played key roles in shaping United States history. Understanding the pivotal role immigrants have played throughout the history of the United States can be eye-opening and a great way to develop a sense of appreciation for all members of society.

It is possible to show pride in one's ancestral home while remaining loyal to the country a person now calls home.

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