ConCom congratulates contest winners and announces spring activities

The excited shouts of happy children chimed through the clear, frosty air as they descendent to the Sturbridge Rotary’s annual scavenger hunt. Held on the rolling uplands of the town’s Heins Farm Conservation Commission’s eighth annual hunt, young adventurers ran. Organised as informal “teams,” families and small groups scoured across the Pond Long and Codin Loop Trails of the property’s 4 miles of marked trails. When they settled on their favorite tree, with its colorful, shiny decorations, they photographed themselves alongside, and a grand prize winner was selected from a recent random drawing of the submitted collection of pictures.

This year’s grand prize was shared by two brothers, Grant and Luke MacFarlane of Sturbridge. The family got out onto the trails while the weather was still mild in early December, and sent their photos with an enthusiastic note, “Thank you so much for putting together this holiday tree hunt! Our family had the best day exploring and finding trees.”

The brothers received a year’s subscription to “Ranger Rick,” a National Wildlife Federation publication, and a birdhouse specially designed for chickadees. They said they planned to place the birdhouse somewhere close to their windows so they can watch for nesting activity. Other participants of community, the green infrastructure is equally important and requires careful planning. Open space and recreational resources elevate the quality of life for residents, and add to the appeal of a community. Locally, the Green Commission envisions a new multifamily development on an important agricultural area. Sustaining trees and green areas is important for their ability to provide rainwater runoff and reduce flooding, conserve energy, and serve as the backbone of the local landscape for recreation, and vital bird and wildlife habitat. Open spaces provide habitat for native plants and animals that cannot live in urban and suburban settings. Large tracts are particularly

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has partnered with the Southbridge Rotary Club to create a local community garden. Both clubs subsequently approached the Conservation Commission, and a new organizing committee was formed. The RCC’s first project is the creation of the “Community Food Collaborative” located in Sturbridge.

The mission statement of the Community Food Collaborative is to help foster a greater sense of community by involving neighbors, volunteer organizations, as well as monitoring local youth. Through such growing seasons, nutritious vegetable gardens will be grown and donated to the Saint John Paul II Food Pantry, which serves families in need in both

The Sturbridge Police Department is excited to launch a new initiative called Registering surveillance cameras will increase public safety. A complaint may have been filed with the police department and/ or the Sturbridge Police Camera Registry Program. “This new program will help our residents and business owners aid Sturbridge Police Department in solving crimes and various neighborhood problems,” Police Lt. Earl J. Dessert said last week. “The SPACR program allows residents and business owners to voluntarily register their video surveillance systems with the Sturbridge Police Department. When a crime occurs, police will be able to identify the locations of near-by camera via the registry and enlist the assistance of the community to help officers collect pertinent video surveillance and follow up on leads.”

Dessert said so that morning, six residents have up, and no businesses yet. He encouraged businesses to sign up, as businesses owners and employees could be potentially helping to solve crimes in the community. With this program, police will be able to directly con-
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Garden

Marble street behind the Sturbridge Town Hall. The property is a gift to the town by the Sturbridge Federated Church, that gave permission for the BCC to use it for this purpose. Several years ago, it had been a garden for the members of the church. The garden already as a fence, raised beds, and a tool shed. Butterflies cleared the weeds last fall and after further work this year, planting will begin this spring.

The BCC’s other partners for the garden project are the Rotary Club of Sturbridge, the Sustainable Gardening Task Force, Joseph Coan Landscape Architecture, Sturbridge Federated Church Men’s Club, and the Green Tree IT Solutions.

Annual prom dress swap coming up

Why pay hundreds of dollars for a prom dress that you will only wear for a few hours? Come to the Prom Dress Swap and get your own prom dress for free! Meet us in the cafeteria on Saturday, April 13 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sturbridge High School. Admission is $1 per person. Each dress is $15. Donate a prom dress and get another dress free of equal quality.

Please call or text Kristin at 978-904-3245 or email kristin@sturbridgehighschool.com. All proceeds will be donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.

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Tell your friends and come take a prom dress from all schools are wel

Thank you for your questions to BillLeavitt@FordPlace.com

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Powell announces candidacy as clerk of courts

WORKCENTER — Charlton resident Joanne Powell has launched her official campaign to run for the Clerk of Courts for Worcester County. Highlighting the need for professionalism, efficiency and accountability inside the Clerk’s Office, Joanne is eager to share her vision with voters of Worcester County.

“It is time for a hands-on manager to create an atmosphere of professionalism, efficiency, and accountability in the Clerk of Courts,” said Powell. “After all, it is your tax dollars that go towards these important services. The voters of Worcester County deserve them to be spent in the most efficient manner possible.

Currently, Joanne is employed at the Probate & Family Court located in the Worcester County Courthouse where she has been heavily involved in making some extraordinary changes with part of her duties. The Office now boasts a dramatically decreased backlog of business, which went from several weeks to just a few days, despite working with a 10% reduction in staff. In addition to her work, Joanne was instrumental in developing a community outreach program to assist Worcester County seniors when they require services provided by the Probate Office. Also, she was the driving force behind a transaction account at Cornerstone Bank. These monies fund.

In addition to Powell’s service in the District Attorney’s Office and Probate & Family Court, in 2017 she was appointed to the Governor’s Baker to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Pappas Schoolhouse. The Women’s Relief Society annual dues are $10, which will be spent in the most efficient manner to the citizens of Worcester County, a partnership with local financial institutions.

Deeply rooted in her community, Joanne enthusiastically looks for- ward to getting to know the voters of Worcester County. Along with her husband Rick, with whom they have five adult children, friends and many supporters, she will make her official campaign announcement at her kickoff in early May.

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Interest rates have increased compared to where they were a couple months ago. According to Bankrate.com as of 3/11/2018 the 30 year fixed loan was 4.34% which is already with escalation the rate was last month. It is easy to compare our most recent rates to those of last month, but the costs are still at risk. Refinancing is definitely still a good option but always look at the effective rate of your mortgage. If you are looking to pay it down for years the better your prepayment may lower your payment but may not help you to pay down your loans as quickly. We have 1221 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 1235 homes for sale which is the first time in many months the inventory increased. We are looking to take back our homes for sale in Worcester County which increased by 6.1% in volume this year over last year. We will go back to the same as your year over your decrease from last month. Low inventory is structurally coming to an end. As the winners of the Village Toastmasters contests: carry and Thibeault move on to the Area 56 contests where they will each compete against four other club-awarded winners. The Area 56 Contest will be held at Atlantic Research Labs in Worcester on Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome at the Village Toastmasters meeting and contests. Village Toastmasters, located in Sturbridge, is focused on improving leadership skills while building confidence in their abilities. The group meets every Thursday night 7-9 p.m. at the Center of the Chamber of Central Massachusetts, 6 Mill Road. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, visit VillageToastmasters.org.

The Good Toys Banjo Band will host the annual Boston Banjo Bash at the Sturbridge Host Hotel April 13 and 14. This year’s event, in addition to hosting many local banjo players performing music from the golden age of jazz and the American Song Book, will feature appearances by Massachusetts local favorites Steve Caddick, national blues hall of famer Tyler Jackson of Dallas TX, as well as internationally renowned banjo star from Portland ME Peter Mezoian. Performances are follows: Mezoian, Friday, March 16, 2018.

The numbers again are all positive and showing continued growth with no immediate signs of a change in the market. This is the first month that we had an increase in inventory however this is normal as we are entering the spring season. It is crucial to have a Realtor familiar with your market especially when buying or selling property when you want to make sure you get the best deal and save the most money for the house in the shortest amount of time.

STURBRIDGE — Village Toastmasters hosted an annual speech and table topics contest March 1.

Chee Carty of Bridgewater and Adam Thibeault of Holland both host the Club’s awards, respectively, and now move on to the next level of competition. Thibeault won the International Speech contest and Carty crafted and delivered a relatable and captivating five- to seven-minute impromptu speeches. Each contestant was asked the same question and was judged on their correct and skilled use of language. Carty delivered an empty story and amazing speech about nervousness and human emotion surrounding public speaking. Using emoticons placards and specific stories, she wowed the judges.

The Table Topics contest centers on short impromptu speeches. Each contestant is asked the same question and is required to engage the audience with a one-to-two-minute off the cuff speech. This year’s question was, “describe a happy memory from a future trip.” Carty hilariously answered, “Travel back to Middle Earth to see Gandalf the Grey.”

For more details and a list of open positions, please visit the Indian Ranch Employment Page: http://indianranch.com/about/employment.
For some individuals, tragedy becomes a catalyst for action and a way to honor the deceased. For Maggie Riordan, a former Harrold School teacher and principal, it was to commemorate his life. During the two years after his death, Mags traveled to Cape MacClear in Malawi to attend a special presentation and to launch this clinic, to offer educational opportunities for local students, and to provide other important services to the community.

Since its inception in 2004, the not-for-profit clinic has become a 24/7 operation, employs and trains more than 32 local people, and serves between 80 and 120 patients on a daily basis. In this presentation, Mags will discuss her efforts to launch this clinic, to offer educational opportunities for local students, and to provide other important services to the community.

When hair becomes valuable

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According to The Times, “Making jewelry out of human hair is an old practice that became fashionable in the United States during the 19th century. National Geographic magazine stories quoted the Victorian trend-making mania for hair. Queen Victoria purchased hair for 41 years after the death of Prince Albert in 1861. She often wore a lock of Prince Albert’s hair around her neck. Queen Victoria’s influence extended well beyond Europe. Many in the United States began the practice of wearing mourning jewelry.

Hair jewelry and mourners’ hair was a way to show a connection to a departed relative. The use of hair was more common during this time. Women often exchanged locks of hair as a keepsake. The trend continued as mourning jewelry. Wreaths made of wire and human hair from a deceased person were fashioned together. Sometimes hair from both living and deceased family members were combined into a wreath. Mourning jewelry was sold for a wide range of prices. Some pieces sold for under $100, but others, like other pieces of jewelry, the material they were made of and the craftsmanship are important factors. We sold a 24 karat gold brooch with seed pearls, diamond chips and a compartmental that sold for $20,000 at one of our auctions.

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Regional tournament includes athlete from entire area

AUBURN – Athletes from throughout the region came together to celebrate the thrill of competition during the annual Special Olympics basketball tournament at Auburn High School.
Teams were comprised of athletes of all ages, and a strong group of volunteers once again made the event memorable. This year, the tournament included a game on the court made possible by the efforts of Senator Michael Moore, State Representative Paul Frost, and Auburn Selectmen.
“This event is so much more than just sports – it enables all athletes to feel the enjoyment of coming together with friends and teammates,” Moore said.
 Added Frost, who led the athletes’ oath during opening ceremonies, “You should all be very proud of this moment.
 Organizers thanked all volunteers, coaches, family members, and community leaders who joined the athletes on the court. They also thanked the Auburn-Webster Elks Lodge, which provided a spaghetti lunch to all attendees.
“On behalf of the Stonebridge-Stamford-Sturbridge staff, we want to thank all of the athletes who made this possible,” said Kristen Pappas, the town’s director of recreation and culture.
With strong support from the community, the event continues to grow and adds new teams every year. The program also features children’s games, crafts, and raffles.

Participants unite to recite the athletes’ oath prior to the tournament getting underway.

Free lunches were provided to all guests thanks to members of the Auburn-Webster Elks Lodge.

Several signs were made by local students in support of the athletes.

A team from Danvers is all smiles before the games begin.

Members of the American Legion get ready to display the colors during the opening ceremony.

A unified cheerleading team shows off their moves during the tournament.

Legendary Reporters are all smiles when the colors are presented during opening ceremonies.

Samuel Bates, age 6, of Auburn, tries his luck at a game in the cafeteria.
Fire companies depend on help from this friend

Although separate from the Sturbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Open Space Task Force is critical to fighting fires. That could include smash and grabs, fires set on the soils, or, in some cases, a stove; three sinks to meet fire department needs, a stove; three sinks to meet fire department needs, a freezer and refrigerator to aid in food storage, blanket, and even sandwiches. With the canteen truck, the fire companies are sometimes forced to rely on the truck for hydration, coffee, hot cocoa, and even sandwiches. We would like you to be part of this process. We are trying to gather input from all age groups for this important project. There are several ways you can participate in this planning process. The first is by completing our online survey. The second way to attend is to join our Facebook page and share your comments. The third way is to attend our Open Space Task Force meetings through Zoom. The fourth way is to drop in on the trucks (open to the public) at the Main St. intersection for the Sturbridge Police Station. As always, we hope to see you there! Thank you for your interest.

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Bill of Rights not easily changed

The present asphalt on the 2nd Amendment remains 231 years old, but the 2013 Western States Ranchers Association working group approved Obama’s new 21 executive orders to restrict the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms without authorization from Congress. But today Republicans and Democrats are engaged in a new battle over the 2nd Amendment, because of the rhetoric, the legislative, the public relations battles. Both sides have a stake in this battle. This is one of the few issues that will last throughout the election process.

You may want to consider the following factors when evaluating your portfolio to determine if you are prepared for the current market conditions:

1. **Risk Tolerance:** Reassess your risk tolerance. 
   - **Step 1:** Identify your risk tolerance. 
   - **Step 2:** Consider your investment horizon. 
   - **Step 3:** Review your situation.

2. **Market Environment:** Assess the current market conditions.
   - **Step 1:** Identify market conditions. 
   - **Step 2:** Analyze historical performance. 
   - **Step 3:** Anticipate future market conditions.

3. **Portfolio Composition:** Evaluate your portfolio’s current composition.
   - **Step 1:** Identify portfolio assets. 
   - **Step 2:** Rebalance your portfolio. 
   - **Step 3:** Adjust asset allocation.

4. **Diversification:** Review your portfolio’s diversification strategy.
   - **Step 1:** Identify diversification strategies. 
   - **Step 2:** Evaluate the effectiveness of diversification. 
   - **Step 3:** Consider alternative investments.

5. **Tax Considerations:** Consider tax implications.
   - **Step 1:** Identify taxable and tax-advantaged accounts. 
   - **Step 2:** Maximize tax efficiency. 
   - **Step 3:** Consider tax-loss harvesting.

6. **Financial Goals:** Review your financial goals.
   - **Step 1:** Identify short-term and long-term financial goals. 
   - **Step 2:** Adjust your financial plan. 
   - **Step 3:** Revisit your financial goals.

7. **Emergency Fund:** Evaluate your emergency fund.
   - **Step 1:** Identify emergency fund needs. 
   - **Step 2:** Consider fund liquidity. 
   - **Step 3:** Reevaluate your emergency fund.

8. **Income Sources:** Review your income sources.
   - **Step 1:** Identify income sources. 
   - **Step 2:** Consider passive income. 
   - **Step 3:** Evaluate income diversification.

9. **Retirement Planning:** Assess your retirement planning.
   - **Step 1:** Identify retirement goals. 
   - **Step 2:** Review retirement income. 
   - **Step 3:** Consider retirement planning strategies.

10. **Investment Strategy:** Evaluate your investment strategy.
    - **Step 1:** Identify investment goals. 
    - **Step 2:** Review investment strategies. 
    - **Step 3:** Consider alternative investment strategies.

11. **Consultation:** Consider consulting with a financial advisor.
    - **Step 1:** Identify potential advisors. 
    - **Step 2:** Research advisor qualifications. 
    - **Step 3:** Schedule a consultation.

By addressing these factors, you can take steps to ensure that your portfolio is prepared for the current market conditions and aligns with your financial goals. 

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An idea whose time has come

Since the truck itself is 37 years old, this notion, while not new, is still an idea. For people who are not the ones out there when the idea was presented, it can be new and scary. A new idea like this has to be tested in different situations to be understood. But even this idea was not new as an event by people who do indeed know what is going on in that particular moment, can't be underestimated.

1. **Step 1:** Identify the need for a new truck. 
2. **Step 2:** Test the idea in different situations. 
3. **Step 3:** Consider alternative solutions. 
4. **Step 4:** Evaluate the costs and benefits. 

This is firefighters taking care of the community and its innovative steps up and does some of this too; but it has been there. It's not new.

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Turn up the heat and add a bit of your own personal style to soups. Add them to your garden or planter pots. Containers for added growth of herbs and flowers to create stunning garden and bed containers. For those that like the spicy flavor, add a few Cayenne peppers to add heat. With your favorite soup, it can be a healthy soup. Serve hot or cold. Add a full spectrum of color to containers for added growth with your favorite pasta sauce, and use throughout the winter. Don’t be afraid to try a few Giant Ristra peppers together to dry for décor. Add the pepper to a salad. Dried tomatoes and basil can be added to any vinaigrette or a pre-made vinaigrette. Make your own version and add it to your favorite salad. Enjoy the flavor of the pepper and herbs. Add a few Aji Ricos peppers to add flavor. Grow your own red pepper for your next garden. Grow a few Aji Ricos peppers in a few containers and enjoy the flavor. Add a few to your favorite recipe. Add them fresh or cut into smaller pieces. This is a great pepper to grow indoors. Peppers are cooked through and the dish is cooked on low 5 to 6 hours or until vegetables are tender. Remove skins. For easy grilling, small pieces can be marinated in a soy sauce based marinade. Grill for 10 to 15 minutes. Enjoy the flavor of the pepper as a main dish or side dish.

Traffic signals, microwave ovens, and bridge work alert emails will be used to help inform markets about pending line restrictions and bridge work. To sign up for bridge work alerts in Massachusetts, visit the USACE Armymil website at www.usace.army.mil with the subject title “Bridge Work Alerts.” An email alert will be sent when there is a need to close a bridge work status or update.

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Hottest pepper varieties to try this year

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SPORTS

How They Got There

Tantasqua takes down Spartans en route to first district final appearance in 31 years

Auburn sees season end at hands of Tomahawks, 4-1

Friday, March 16, 2018 • STURBRIDGE VILLAGER

SPRINGFIELD — Team defense and a strong offensive fourth quarter provided No. 2 Tantasqua Regional the magical potion it needed to defeat No. 3 East Longmeadow High, 4-1, in a Western Mass. Div. 2 girls varsity basketball contest at Western New England University on Tuesday, March 6. The win gave the Warriors their first district final appearance in 31 years, with plans to take on the top-seeded Northampton (19-3) in the District final, where they will play No. 1 Amherst’s Curry Hicks Cap. Tantasqua hasn’t advanced that far in the tournament since the 1986-87 team won the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament.

“I’m kind of just in shock right now,” said junior Lindsey Zak. “I think that we came out knowing that we wanted it more,” added sophomore Lydia Boland. The fact that Tantasqua is as young — they start Zak, Boland and a freshmen troika of Morgan Smith, Madison Varney and Ainsley Way — and yet can make their first district final is testament to their team-first mentality.

“Our young team, they know what they’re doing,” said Zak, “I really think them (the freshmen) on our team are amazing.”

“We all play well together, it’s not just one player,” added Boland. Boland led the way with 15 points, while Zak finished with 12 points and nine rebounds. Varney chipped in seven points, Smith provided six points and nine rebounds, and Way produced four points and 10 rebounds.

Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette noted that the game was a defensive struggle in the first half — the Warriors led, 17-13, at intermission — before coming alive in the second half.

“We both locked down defensively in the first half, but in the second half we started to get better flow with the ball,” said Zak. “We executed a little better as well and we found people getting open.”

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“With the Warriors leading in the first few minutes of the fourth quarter, 39-30, Boland took a charge on the defensive end to provide the Warriors with even more momentum. And when the Rockets took on the Tomahawks in the semifinals of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament at the Civic Center in Worcester on Tuesday, March 6, Auburn and Algonquin again found themselves tied, 1-1, through two periods of play.

But the second ranked Tomahawks scored three times in the third period — one being an empty-netter late in the contest — to end the third seed of Rockets season, 4-1. Goalie Cam Carpenter was outstanding in net for Auburn, as he turned aside 33 shots.

The Rockets whose co-op team also includes athletes from Shepherd Hill Regional, Tantasqua Regional and Milbury High, finished with a record of 13-6-3. Algonquin advanced to the District final to face No. 1 Shrewsbury, 4-1.
Ernest L. Thibaudeau

STURBRIDGE- Ernest L. Thibaudeau, 70, passed away on Wednesday, March 14th, in the Harrington Memory Care Center, Southbridge, after a brief illness. He was born in Southbridge, the son of Paul Albert Thibaudeau predeceased him.

He was preceded by his son, Robert A. Thibaudeau, his mother Pearl Zaiak and his brother Thomas Mosher.

Ernest graduated from the U.S. Navy in 1954 and served until 1957. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He had an entrepreneurial spirit as well as an eye for things. He owned and operated Mos’e Aquapuim and Pet in Sturbridge and opened Puppy Paradise in Southbridge.

He worked for Wright Engineering Co. in the research and development department for 25 years, and later opened Rocking “M” Ranch & Outings in Southbridge.

He lived with his wife until his death in Sturbridge Retirement Co-op. He had 14 wonderful children, 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

His hobbies were painting, wood carving, playing music, lasercuts and playing cards and traveling.

He was a loving husband and father and held his family very special.

Calling Hours were Wednesday, March 14th 6-9 PM at the J. MILLER & CARR FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton.

His Funeral was Thursday, March 15th at 10:30 AM at Notre Dame Church, 20 Main St., Southbridge. Burial will be at the Rochester Village Cemetery in Rochester.

To leave a message of condolences, please visit R&Mfoodluners.net.

Jacquelyn D. Young, 77

CHARLTON- Jacquelyn D. (Davis) Young, 77, of Charlton, passed away on Monday, March 5th, 2018, at the Life Care Center of Warren, her residence of 15 years. She was the beloved wife of Robert W. Young who died in 2015.

She is survived by her children, Annette Davis, Betty A. Gusher and her husband Michael of Putnam, CT; Paul A. Young and his fiancé Lisa of Southbridge, MA; and Jennifer D. Davy and her husband William of Oxford, MA.

She is also survived by her brother, Richard W. Young of Southbridge, a great granddaughter, Claire G. Lavoie of Malden, a daughter of Southbridge, a granddaughter Alexis D. Desroches of Southbridge; her friends and her loving family.

She was predeceased by her son, Edmond D. Davis, her brother, John Davis and her parents, Kenneth and Elizabeth Davis.

She was a customer service representative at Apple Computer in the reserves for another 3 years. He was an associate accountant at Coppus Engineering (later budget office), and worked for Wright Engineering Co. in the research and development department for 25 years, and later opened Rocking “M” Ranch & Outings in Southbridge. He lived with his wife until his death in Sturbridge Retirement Co-op. He had 14 wonderful children, 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Ainsworth W. Adams, 90

WARREN- Ainsworth W. “Ains” Adams, 90, of Webster, died Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Page and her family, his daughter, Susan M. Adams.

He was born in North Grosvenordale, MA, the son of Ernest and Lorraine (Beauchamp) Adams.

A Memorial service will be held at 10:15 AM Monday at the funeral home in Warren with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Louis Church, 14 Lake Street. Burial will be at the Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster, MA.

Ainsworth was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1944-1945, where he was stationed in Japan.

He was predeceased by his wife and hanging out with his family.

Calling Hours were held Sunday, March 11th, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

Calling hours will be held privately, and there are no burial services.

More recently, he took in the homeless veterans who struggled with addic- tion to the Townsman Lowel 71 in Worcester.

Chuck enjoyed fishing, oil painting, making his own wine and playing the guitar. He was best known for the amazing food he prepared for family and friends.

Ainsworth was an electrician, and owned an electric business in the United States Airforce. He also leaves two very special friends, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Adams.

Services for Ainsworth will be held on Sunday, March 11th, and there are no calling hours. Varnum Funeral Home, 51 West Main Street, Webster is assisting his family with arrange- ments.

Varnumfuneralhome.com
Now that are fishing season is open in Massachusetts on local ponds and lakes, anglers are still fishing for warm water species such as bass, channel catfish, pickerel, and sunfish. Some local fishermen are setting up their sights on some steelhead and brown troutfish in upper New York state. Although this isn’t the peak of steelhead season, anglers who are patient and ready to make the long trip can still find some decent action. The steelhead trout are the most arctic fish in the river, and will grow a fisherman the thrill of a lifetime. Some anglers, however, have hooked into one of these hard-fighting fish and still have not needed to fish a guide to get it ready for harvest.

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ONLINE

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Saturday, April 21

TOWN WIDE EFFORT: Let’s Clean Up Holliston! April 21st 8:30-11:30 am. Participate in our second annual town wide effort against LITTER! Meet at Holland Elementary at 8 am. From a team, in part of a team, or on your own. With support and funding from The Last Green Valley, Neighborhood Assistance Program and the Holliston Police and Fire departments it will be a bigger effort. If you have been participating, this year WANT YOU! A party with treats for all participants will follow from 12-3 PM! Food good our your potluck town! Bring gloves & rough clothes, suitable footwear. For more info call (617) 480-1687.

Sunday, May 20

CHOCOLATE: Oreo once again, the seductive fragrance from the chocolate foun- tain will melt the heart as Chapter III of the F.O. Sisterhood presents its 2nd annual chocolate Sunday. May 20 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 41 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. Tickets for the event are $5 in advance, $8 at the door. For more information, call (508) 276-5389, georgeanne.roe@att.net.

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ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP: The Alzheimer’s Association of MA/NH offers monthly support groups for individuals affected by Alzheimer’s disease and their families. Gathering at 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The third annual Chocolate Sunday, May 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 41 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. Tickets for the event are $5 in advance, $8 at the door. For more information, call (508) 276-5389, georgeanne.roe@att.net.

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3. Stone, 8” minus, Typ. 1, 30 & 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment (Must be pre-qualified)
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6. Gravel, 4” minus, Typ. 3
7. Gravel, 0-2” minus, Typ. 3

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