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MOMS Club hosts S.O.A.R. to Success Fair

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CHARLTON – The Charlton MOMS Club help the second S.O.A.R. to Success fair at the Charlton Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 8, giving local parents and guardians a chance to network and learn about the many different programs and organizations serving local youth in the Charlton and Worcester County area. Charlton MOMS Club President Cara Holland called the event a great success with 19 vendors on hand from across the region to connect with local residents throughout the late morning and early afternoon.

“I think the vendors are really excited to be here. I’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback about having the opportunity to have a one stop shop with these sorts of activities and programs. I think most people are finding things they didn’t even know about in the area. There are a couple new organizations and a couple of groups that are doing things with kids they may not have done in the past, so I feel it’s been successful,” said Holland.

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Jason Bleau Photos

Amy Stanley was on hand representing Charlton Youth Soccer at the S.O.A.R. to Success Fair.

New committee seeking solutions for yard debris

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – A new informal committee in Charlton is seeking to help reduce the spread of diseases spread through ticks and other insects by spreading awareness of risks and best practices when it comes to yard debris and disposal.

During a meeting on Jan. 28, Selectman Deborah Noble introduced selectmen to the idea of a Charlton Sustainability Center, an unofficial committee of five individuals led by resident Bill Caulway seeking to provide advice and answers to questions about the proper disposal of yard debris. Selectman Noble said she had been in contact with the group and felt that it was a commendable community effort being put together by concerned citizens to address an often-overlooked issue in the community.

“I received an email from a group of individuals because they were interested in discussing how to deal with yard waste and debris - Because there is an issue with people getting rid of yard waste, in addition to that we have to start thinking long term about what we’re going to do when we can no longer count on Casella because that will come up sooner rather than later. This is sort of an ad hoc committee. It’s nothing formalized but I know that we’re

working towards that down the road,” Noble said.

Bill Caulway, a 30-year resident of Charlton, said he helped spearhead the committee with the support of the Board of Health to address the lack of disposal locations for yard debris in town. Caulway noticed that many properties have simply left their debris stacked in their yards making it a primary habitat for disease spreading insects like mosquitoes and ticks. With lime disease also a relevant concern and the EEE scare of 2019 still fresh in people’s minds, Caulway and his fellow committee members felt something needed to be done.

“I contracted lime disease pretty seriously and I wanted to do something about it. My effort is in these concentrated areas of housing, cul-de-sacs things like that, to try to give an avenue. Most people I know were bringing yard trimmings down 169 and you got rid of it. It was great. A change occurred where the address changed and specifically said ‘no yard debris.’ So now, at least in my neighborhood, everybody’s back yard is up to their shoulders with this stuff which is a vector place for things that carry lime disease and the other five diseases that are happening,” Caulway told selectmen.

After visiting with his doctor to discuss his diagnoses

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On the trail of Bonnie and Clyde

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – The story of Bonnie and Clyde is a legendary one — two outlaws who met their end together in a barrage of bullets after tearing their way through the American south. The Texas bandits have been immortalized in pop culture through movies, documentaries and internet videos for decades but for historian Christopher Daley the real-life tale of these two lovers is so much more than just a classic example of the gangster era.

Daley, a history teacher and author, has long been fascinated with the gangster era of American crime especially the story of Bonnie and Clyde

and their infamous escapades. This fascination eventually led him and his wife to visit numerous landmarks in the American south pertinent to the lives of the famed bandits. Their research and experience led Daley to put together a lecture called “On the Trail of Bonnie and Clyde” which he presented at the Charlton Public Library on Jan. 28.

“This is the story of Bonnie and Clyde but it’s also part travel log because my wife and I went down and visited all of these sites where the hid out, where they robbed banks, where they lived and the place where they were shot down in Louisiana. We put this together to not only tell the story of Bonnie and Clyde but also

our trip through these landmarks,” Daley said. “To go to a place and stand there and touch it, to be there makes it more real. I hope to bring that with this lecture with the little stories that we had along the way. It’s more than just telling the facts it’s also about what we encountered and how these places looked.”

The presentation provided insight into the truths and some surprising facts about the couple. Daley said those in attendance would be shocked to learn just how little Bonnie had to do with the robberies and killings, and yet the two are often seen as inseparable antagonists in their unified story.

“One thing they’d be surprised about is that Bonnie was married to another man, and not Clyde, and that she didn’t take part in any of the robberies. She was an accomplice, and maybe drove the getaway car and did some loading,” Daley said. “There is one instance where they say she may have been seen shooting out a window in a gun fight. Another surprise might be the amount of people that were killed. Most likely, Clyde and other gang members killed 13 people.”

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Historian Christopher Daley showcased his lecture on Bonnie and Clyde at the Charlton Public Library last month.

Charlton’s Abigail Snopkowski selected for ArtsWorcester College Show

WORCESTER – Worcester State University’s Visual and Performing Arts Department has announced that WSU Sophomore Abigail Snopkowski, a native of Charlton, has been selected for participation in the 16th annual ArtsWorcester College Show, a prestigious exhibition and competition featuring some of Worcester’s most creative student artists.

Snopkowski, who is studying Elementary Education and Visual and Performing Arts, is one of 14 students representing Worcester State University in this year’s show.

“The piece I submitted for ArtsWorcester was a labor of love,” Snopkowski said. “It



Courtesy Photo

This work by Charlton native Abigail Snopkowski, a Sophomore at WSU, has been selected for the 16th annual ArtsWorcester College Show, a prestigious exhibition and competition running through March 7 at the ArtsWorcester gallery.

expresses my love for printmaking and the beauty of nature.”

“WSU’s Visual and Performing Arts Department congratulates Abigail, her fellow WSU students and all of the Worcester artists whose works of art are being featured in the 16th annual ArtsWorcester

College Show,” said Amaryllis Siniosoglou, Worcester State University Professor of Studio Art. “Each of our students’ pieces reflects their hard work, creativity and vision. We’re honored to be part of the ArtsWorcester tradition again this year as it continues to recognize Worcester’s inspiring, rising artists.”

Snopkowski’s piece is one of 73 featured works of various mediums by 60 artists of several Worcester colleges and universities. The show opened with a reception on January 31, 2020 and runs through March 7, 2020 at ArtsWorcester’s gallery at 44

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Local Democrats to elect delegates to convention

CHARLTON — Registered Democrats in Charlton will be holding a caucus in the Community Room of the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 10 a.m. to elect four delegates and four alternates to the 2019 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women. If any candidate

should identify as non-binary, voting procedures and gender distribution will be modified to accommodate them. The caucus location is fully ADA compliant.

The convention will be held Saturday, May 30 at the Tsongas Arena, Lowell, MA (U-Mass Lowell Campus).

The caucus is open to all

registered and pre-registered Democrats in Charlton. Pre-registered Democrats who were 16 by May 11, 2019 will be allowed to participate and run as delegates or alternates. Candidates for delegate and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. All ballots will be written and secret. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the

qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority, and disabled.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited. Challenges to the delegate selection process can

be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland St., Suite 203, Boston, MA 02129 no later than ten days after the caucus date.

For caucus information please contact Robert J. Hartwig, Chair, at rjhartw@msn.com or 508-248-5573.

Household Hazardous Waste Day vouchers available

CHARLTON — Household Hazardous Waste Day vouchers are now available to Charlton residents.

Visit the Board of Health Office at 37 Main St. to sign up for a \$30 voucher. This will pay for a half a car at the Household Hazardous Waste day on Saturday, March 28 or Saturday, June 27 at 165 Barefoot Rd. in Southbridge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There are only 100 vouchers available in total for both dates, so please sign up as soon as possible.

You must sign up by March 26 at 5 p.m. for March 28th Household Hazardous Waste day. If there are vouchers left after March 28, then you must sign up by June 25 at 5 p.m.

Contact the Board of Health at 508-248-2210 with any questions.

Charlton resident named to Dean's List at Westfield State

WESTFIELD — Marc D. Widing, Jr., of Charlton, has been named to the Westfield State University Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

Inclusion on the Dean's List requires that a student maintain a GPA of 3.3 or above.

Widing is double majoring in Criminal Justice and Spanish and is a 2017 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley.

Local University of Rhode Island students named to Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 6,000 undergraduates have qualified for the fall 2019 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and nations.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The list includes students who have not yet declared their majors as well as those from all of the University's undergrad-

uate academic colleges.

The following students from your area have been named to URI's fall 2019 Dean's List:

- Julia Cierpich of Charlton
- Allison Cotter of Uxbridge
- Veronica Dumas of Charlton
- Jordan Howard of Uxbridge
- Cailee King of Uxbridge
- Emma Kraich of Uxbridge
- Taylor Lennox of Uxbridge
- Austin Mancini of Charlton
- Harrison Mansfield of Uxbridge
- Alex Matkowski of Uxbridge
- Sarah McGee of Uxbridge
- Mina Roufail of Charlton
- Julia Vanelli of Uxbridge
- Eric Vario of Uxbridge

Note: Students who qualified for the

Dean's List, but have restricted access to their information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines, are not included on this public listing. Students may adjust these restrictions on eCampus.

The University of Rhode Island's pioneering research extends the University's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its unique interdisciplinary courses provide its 16,800 undergraduate and graduate students with global opportunities in an intimate environment. In May 2019, more than 3,400 undergraduate and about 700 graduate degrees were awarded. The University now has more than 120,000 alumni worldwide.

Emerson College announces local Dean's List honorees

BOSTON — The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester.

Michelle Gaudet of Charlton, majoring in Communication Disorders, and a member of the class of 2020.

Sophie Lynch of Uxbridge, majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing, and a member of the class of 2020.

About Emerson College
Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris and the second next year in Switzerland. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Quit vaping, smoking to celebrate American Heart Month

REGION — February is American Heart Month—a great time to quit vaping, smoking or other tobacco products.

Smoking can lead to narrowing blood vessels and high blood pressure; it is a leading cause of heart disease. Vaping is still fairly new and less is known about its effect on the heart. However, the American Heart Association reports that two new studies find that vaping may be just as dangerous by increasing heart disease risk factors.

So, for American Heart Month, make a resolution for a healthier life for you and your family. If you vape, smoke or use other tobacco products, quitting is the most important step you can take to protect your health.

If you want to quit and tried in the past, don't give up. It often takes several tries before you quit for good. However, with planning and support, you can become tobacco-free.

Vapers, smokers and other tobacco product users can call 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free coaching through phone, e-chat, and text 24 hours each day, seven days a week or you can find helpful information and enroll online through KeepTryingMA.org.

Make the choice to quit today, making this the beginning of a smoke-free and healthier you.

The Central MA Tobacco-Free Community Partnership (TFCP) supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke; and enhances state and local tobacco control efforts by exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, the Community Partnership serves as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts.

Durant announces office hours

REGION — State Rep. Peter Durant will be holding office hours throughout his district each month. Constituents and town officials are invited to express any concerns, issues, or ideas they have. Walk-in's are always welcome. To schedule an individual appointment, please contact Ann Gaudreau, Chief of Staff for Representative

Durant at Ann.Gaudreau@MAhouse.gov or (617) 722-2060, ext. 8563.

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- Spencer Town Hall - Monday, March 2 9-10 a.m.
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Food Hub welcomes Huong Baca as Sales Operations Manager

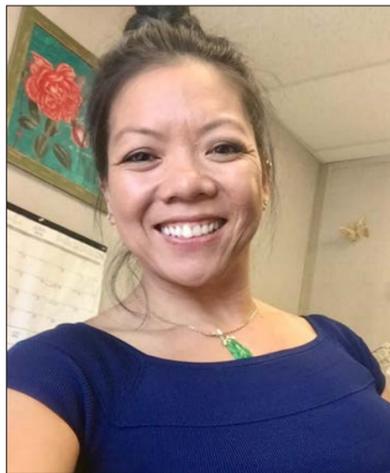
WORCESTER — As of Jan. 20, Huong Baca will assume the role of sales operations manager at the Worcester Regional Food Hub.

In this position, Ms. Baca, a native of Vietnam but a graduate of Worcester Technical High School, will ensure local, healthy food is easily available to all within Worcester County.

"I am very excited that Huong is joining the team at the Food Hub. She brings a well of knowledge which is going to benefit our partner farmers and chefs tremendously," said Food Hub Director Shon Rainford.

Interacting on a near-daily basis with the farmers of Central Massachusetts, Ms. Baca will match their harvests with the needs of chefs and retailers locally.

"Much of her work will be building relationships with food and beverage directors, chefs, and market managers so they understand the bounty the Food Hub can provide including fruits and vegetables, meats,



Huong Baca

eggs, cheeses, maple syrup, honey, grains, and flour," said Mr. Rainford.

Marketing of Food Hub member prod-

ucts to these outlets — including Nutty Bird Granola, Teaquinox, SpiceNectar, Minuteman KettleCorn, AZ Nordic Kvass, and Bali Marle among others — will also be under Ms. Baca's purview.

The position was previously held by Joey Hersh. "[He] has been a great asset to the Food Hub and I wish him well as he pursues new ventures in farming and permaculture," said Mr. Rainford.

Previously, Ms. Baca worked as an account representative at SYGMA Network Inc., a division of Sysco, for 10 years. During that time, she worked to develop relationships with SYGMA Network customers and aid customers in product ordering processes. While SYGMA customers included restaurant chains and independent franchisees, the scope of her clientele will broaden at the Food Hub.

As sales operations manager for the Food Hub, she will translate that experience to interactions with Central Massachusetts' farmers, vendors, restaurateurs, and consumers.



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As a six-year-old, Ms. Baca emigrated with her family from Vietnam in 1986 where they had worked as farmers. She draws her passion and inspiration for agriculture and landscaping from that aspect of her early life. What's she's learned working firsthand in the industry has led Ms. Baca to prioritize a healthy lifestyle. A Worcester resident, today she enjoys being active both at the gym and in outdoor recreational activities such as running and hiking with her husband and children.

Nichols College conference celebrates 10 years of empowering women

DUDLEY — The Institute for Women's Leadership (IWL) at Nichols College has announced that Valerie Weisler, the founding CEO of the Validation Project, will be the keynote speaker for the 2020 Empowering Women in Business (EWIB) Conference on Friday, April 20 from noon to 5 p.m. on the Nichols campus.

The cost is \$25 per person until Feb. 29, when it increases to \$30. The student rate is \$10. To register, visit www.empowering-women.biz.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the EWIB program, which began as a grass roots effort of Nichols faculty and staff. Today, it is a featured program of the IWL, which was established by Nichols College President Susan West

Engelkemeyer, Ph.D., in 2013 to develop the leadership potential of students and serve as a resource and authoritative voice on women's leadership for the community at large. Over the years, EWIB has helped thousands of female entrepreneurs, business owners, executives, and students develop skills, build confidence, and discover opportunities through inspirational speakers, practical presentations, and dynamic networking.

The 2020 keynote speaker, Valerie Weisler, is noted for sparking her own empowerment movement. She published a Web site in 2013, at the age of 14, which grew into the Validation Project, an international organization that works with more than 6,000 teenagers

in 105 countries to turn passion into positive action through mentoring and social justice assignments. Her self-designed kindness curriculum is taught in nearly 1,000 schools.

Weisler is a L'Oréal Paris brand ambassador, and her work has been featured on CNN, in Oprah magazine, Upworthy, and more. She has served on the Harvard Graduate School of Education's advisory board, and was recently chosen as the United States delegate to the G(irls)20 Global Summit, a platform for young women to speak directly to the G20 leaders about the urgent issues facing girls and women around the world. In 2014, at the age of 16, she received the national Jefferson Award for Peace and Justice.



Valerie Weisler

Local student achieves Dean's List at TCNJ

EWING, N.J. — Shawn Murphy of Charlton has earned the esteemed honor of placement on the Dean's List at The College of New Jersey for the fall 2019 semester. To achieve this honor, a student must carry 12 or more credits that semester and earn a 3.5 (or above) grade point average.

Founded in 1855 as the New Jersey State Normal School, TCNJ delivers an exceptionally high-quality education, in a collaborative and supportive environment. The college has the sixth highest four-year graduation rate among all public colleges and universities. It is ranked by Money as one of the top 15 public colleges "most likely to pay off financially," and U.S. News & World Report rates it the No. 1 public institution among regional universities in the northeast. The college is situated on 289 tree-lined acres in suburban Ewing Township, New Jersey, in close proximity to both New York City and Philadelphia. A strong liberal arts core forms the foundation for a wealth of degree programs offered through the college's seven schools: Arts and Communication; Business; Education; Engineering; Humanities and Social Sciences; Nursing, Health, and Exercise Science; and Science.

Dean's, President's List students named for UA Fall 2019 Term

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 12,050 students enrolled during the 2019 fall semester at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

The following local students made the list:

Faith S Adam, of Uxbridge was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for fall 2019.

James A Stark, of Uxbridge was named to The University of Alabama Presidents List for fall 2019.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

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cinates him most about these two figures, and what fascinates a lot of people, is now their story is one of two lovers on he run who met their tragic end together.

"It's been somewhat romanticized. It's kind of like a tragic love story, almost Shakespearean. In that way it needs to be preserved. Every other day you open the paper and there's a robbery or something like that and it's just another incident. This though, their story is kind of like a Greek tragedy. These two lovers did this together and met their end together, ambushed by the law," said Daley.

The legend of Bonnie and Clyde continues to be a fascinating one and will likely endure for even more decades to come. While Hollywood has ensured the legacy of these lovers and thieves will remain a part of pop culture, historians like Daley are also hard at work keeping the story alive. While it may seem odd to romanticize the lives of two of America's most notorious thieves, beneath the death and violence is a very human story about two people who just happen to be on the wrong side of the law. In an era where the American public has become fascinated with tails of real life criminals and what makes them tick, one could easily consider Bonnie and Clyde's story to be the original trend setter as one of the most tragic American true-crime stories ever told.

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Historian digs into region's ancient history

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WALES — If Alan Smith says something about being stoned, he doesn't mean pot, but maybe something pots are made of. Or any number of things Native Americans sometimes used for tools, many of them literally under our feet.

Last weekend, he told several dozen people about the life of an archaeologist, and it's not nearly as flamboyant or dangerous as Indiana Jones. But it is an insight into the life of Earth, and how our area came into being.

For example, did you know the eastern two-thirds of Massachusetts was once beach-front property in Africa? The rocks tell that story: around 550 million years ago, the Quabbin area was roughly where the ancient continent of Laurentia (which included western Mass) split from Gondwana (eastern Mass). Around 300 million years later, the two parts collided again, as a volcanic island chain was crushed between the two continents. When Africa split off again later, it left eastern Mass behind. One of those African terranes (rock belts) is known as the Southbridge belt.

"You'll see it in how the road cuts along the Mass Pike are tipped up 40-50 degrees," Smith said, noting various rock types and chemical tests can show the differences between the two areas. Such rocks, he adds, prove our culture — and



Gus Steeves Photo

Alan Smith answers questions from a lecture attendee after his talk Saturday.

humanity as a whole — is "just a blip in time."

With 40 years of fieldwork under his belt, Smith said he often works for power companies who need archaeological digs along power lines and related utility corridors. Those projects have led to finding all kinds of things, from Native American artifacts to beach deposits from early ice ages to far more ancient rocks, some-

times in unexpected places.

He's probably most proud of getting the archaeological community to recognize that an odd stone called a chialstolite should be seen as a Native artifact. Although they don't look like much from the outside, if broken at the right angle, their usually-white inclusions form crystal crosses which Natives collected, traded and used in ceremonies, he said.

Smith noted Natives made tools, containers and other useful items out of a wide range of local rocks, taking advantage of their varying hardness. At the low end of that spectrum is steatite, aka soapstone, which was soft enough to carve into various forms of pottery before they discovered true ceramics. The Grafton area has several Native mines of this stone, although Smith said it seems the local people didn't use it much. At the high end is quartz, which comes in numerous varieties (including amethyst and chert), several of which can be formed into sharp blades, arrow points, scrapers and the like, and the crystals themselves were often used by local medicine men.

At least two rocks didn't become tools; they became pigments. Hematite was ground into red ochre for body, clothing and other paint and burial coloring, while graphite was turned into black powder for similar uses. A significant source of the latter existed in Sturbridge, where the Tantisques reservation still preserves some of the Native mines.

"Radiocarbon dating of archaeological remains shows that between nine and ten millennia ago, man began his domicile in New England," historian Howard Russell wrote in 1980's "Indian New England Before the Mayflower." "What had drawn him appears to have been the presence of large animals, caribou especially,

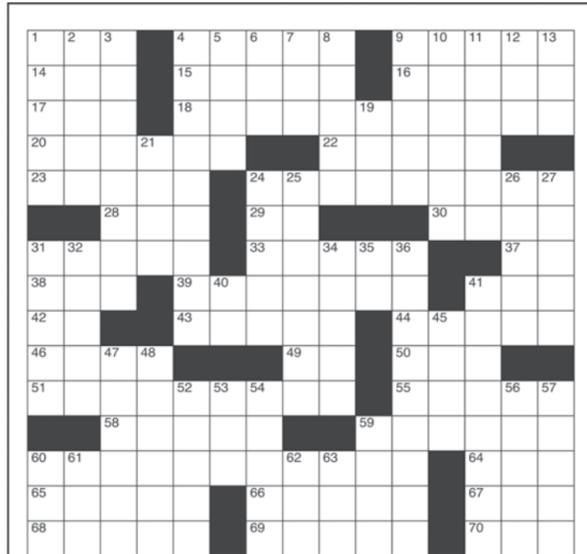
which fed on the arctic tundra that had succeeded the glaciers as the ice retreated north...."

Smith noted more recent discoveries have pushed that date back. Another archaeologist dated a human site on the shores of Glacial Lake Hitchcock, which filled the Connecticut River valley for about 4,000 years, to about 12,500 years ago. There's also a site in Northboro where researchers uncovered a Native woman's skull in proximity to a mastodon, and other nearby mastodon skeletons have been dated to around 14,000 years ago. He said he'd like to see someone do a dissertation on that discovery and date it to see if the human bones are the same age.

The glaciers created a lot of our region's features. Beside numerous glacial lakes that have since emptied, often leaving fertile plains, there are kettle ponds (where chunks of ice melted after the glaciers pulled north), drumlins (rounded hills of glacial deposits, generally oriented north-south; they make up many of the hills in and around Spencer), and glacial erratics (boulders the glacier carried here), among other features.

"I just came to be exposed to this, and it's fascinating," said attendee Sandy Walsh of Belchertown. "It was interesting to learn what all this is and how they know."

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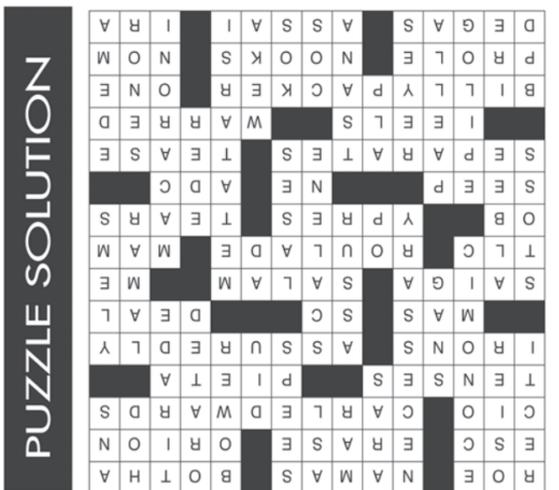


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small deer
- 4. Khoikhoi peoples
- 9. South African statesman
- 14. Keyboard key
- 15. Remove
- 16. A conspicuous constellation
- 17. Data executive
- 18. Retired NASCAR driver
- 20. Tightens
- 22. A picture of the Virgin Mary
- 23. "The Mission" actor Jeremy
- 24. Confidently
- 28. More (Spanish)
- 29. Sports highlight show (abbr.)
- 30. Hand out cards
- 31. Distinctive Asian antelope
- 33. Arabic greeting
- 37. Of I
- 38. Hip hop trio
- 39. Meat roll
- 41. One's mother (Brit.)
- 42. ___-GYN
- 43. Belgian city
- 44. Plucks
- 46. Leak slowly
- 49. Denotes a particular region
- 50. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 51. Divides
- 55. Kid
- 58. Inland Empire Expanded Learning Symposium
- 59. Engaged in conflict
- 60. Former CBS sportscaster
- 64. Characterized by unity
- 65. Working-class
- 66. Corners
- 67. ___ de plume
- 68. Influential French artist
- 69. "Very" in musical terms
- 70. Financial account

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Long, flat abdominal muscles
- 2. Small Eurasian willow
- 3. Justified in terms of profitability
- 4. Required
- 5. River that starts in Turkey
- 6. Disfigure
- 7. A way of communicating (abbr.)
- 8. Leaks slowly
- 9. Shady place under trees
- 10. Made a speech
- 11. Long, angry speech
- 12. Mortar trough
- 13. Autonomic nervous system
- 19. Southern India island
- 21. Grab quickly
- 24. Ancient Mesopotamian city
- 25. With three uneven sides
- 26. Football visionary Hunt
- 27. Primordial matters
- 31. Facing towards the flow of a glacier
- 32. "A Delicate Balance" writer
- 34. Emits coherent radiation
- 35. Commercial
- 36. Groups of foot bones
- 40. Out of print
- 41. Partner to cheese
- 45. German river
- 47. Concluding speech
- 48. Spanish dish
- 52. Prominent California cape
- 53. Any high mountain
- 54. Ethiopian lake
- 56. Mr.
- 57. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 59. Large, flightless bird
- 60. Oil industry term (abbr.)
- 61. Something one can draw
- 62. Officers in charge
- 63. Greek island



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Harrington Auxiliary



STURBRIDGE — Time to get your Irish on! The Harrington Auxiliary invites the general public to its annual traditional, all-you-can-eat Irish Feast, which will be held at the Publick House in Sturbridge on Monday, March 16. The menu features a corned beef and cabbage buffet and includes macaroni and cheese, tossed salad with maple vinaigrette dressing, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and soft drinks.

Two seatings are available: 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$15; tickets for children age four to 12 are \$5.

Attendees also have an opportunity to participate in a 50-50 raffle.

Advance tickets are available at Harrington Volunteer Services. Checks should be payable to HH Auxiliary. Hospital employees may also purchase tickets through payroll deduction. Call 508-765-6473 for more information. Tickets are available at the door; cash only please.

Proceeds from the event enable the Auxiliary to provide equipment and programs that benefit the health and well being of the members in the communities Harrington HealthCare System serves.

Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided by the Harrington HealthCare System.

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Portland St. in Worcester. According to ArtsWorcester, the exhibition is being judged by Lynne Cooney, Artistic Director and chief curator of the Boston University Art Galleries. For more information on ArtsWorcester, visit <https://artsworcester.org/>.

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A Yoga Journey

BY SHARON PALMER
YOGA INSTRUCTOR

My very first Yoga class with Joan Allen at Hitchcock Free Academy (over 25 years ago) was so relaxing that I fell soundly asleep in the relaxation at the end of the class! I loved it, but thought I was too busy for regular Yoga classes.

A few years later, with three young children at home, I signed up for a six-week session with Jane Anable, who was then the Yoga teacher at HFA. I remember the evening of the first class: for some reason (can't imagine why!) supper was delayed, the kids were making a stink because we were having broccoli, I got out of the house later than I'd planned, and as I opened the door to the Yoga room at Hitchcock, class had already started. I was about to turn around and leave when Jane said to me, "Come on in! There's a place for you right here!" And that was it. Yoga has been part of my life ever since.

What drew me to Yoga was wanting something for myself, and how I felt welcomed, accepted and OK just the way I was in our class - our Yoga community. And as a Yoga teacher, that's the environment that I do my best to cultivate for everyone. In a comfortable, safe, and welcoming space, we feel more free to settle, to quiet, to see what's present for us in body, mind, and spirit, to explore and allow what's present to be present. All this doesn't always happen the way we might imagine or prefer (does anything, really?), nor does it happen overnight - that's why Yoga is referred to as a practice!

It seems that in our

goal- and success-oriented culture here in the west, Yoga is frequently thought of as a means of improving oneself, becoming "better" somehow: thinner, stronger, more flexible, more focused, calmer, better at balancing, breathing or... whatever. If those are things that draw people to Yoga, that's great, and I do find that those qualities are often wonderful by-products of a regular Yoga practice. (I'm still waiting for the "thinner" to happen for me, but eating less might help, too...?)

Often times, one's Yoga path does begin at the physical level. Then, if we stay with it, and if we choose, the practice becomes deeper, as deep as we are willing to go into other areas of our life. Yoga starts on the mat, and then becomes a part of our life as a whole, which is where the expression "Yoga on and off the mat" comes from. It's inexhaustible, a practice that one could explore for a lifetime and still keep discovering and learning - a truly amazing journey.

I chose to do my Yoga teacher training at Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health in western Massachusetts, which is where Jane was trained as well. I knew it was the place for me because Kripalu Yoga always felt like home, the Yoga of self-awareness and compassion. I've completed my 200-hour training there, as well as my 500-hour training and other advanced modules. A 1,000-hour certification may be in my future at some time, although my intention is to explore what calls to me rather than to attain a certain level of training.



The Yoga classes I offer tend to be gentle-ish to moderate, with options for those who want more challenge or less because the focus is on self-awareness and compassion, not achievement. The classes generally contain the components of centering, breathing practice, warm-ups, a variety of postures, balance practice, relaxation, and meditation. There is never any "right" or "wrong" way to do Yoga, although safety is emphasized, and we all begin wherever we are at - we all have our own starting point. It's not a competitive practice in any way; one's own experience is the most valid.

I love offering classes to different populations because everyone

deserves to have Yoga be a part of their life if they choose - it's for everybody, not just the young, the thin, the flexible, the mainstream, etc. It's also really fun to try different things within the practice; some experiences resonate with some of us, others don't, and the exploration can be really interesting.

Along with ongoing Kripalu Yoga classes, "Yoga Nidra" is something I offer every so often; it's an experience of very deep relaxation through guided meditations. One can approach Yoga Nidra with the intention of simply relaxing (much needed in our culture); it can also be a practice of transformation by bringing to mind a "resolve" or intention

to cultivate something in one's life, such as connection, health, well-being, patience, or whatever one may choose. It's like planting a seed, and the seed takes root during the practice of relaxation.

Recently, I completed a certification in "Let Your Yoga Dance" at Kripalu. The LYDD classes I've participated in at Kripalu's Noon Dance sessions have always been really fun, satisfying, and exhilarating (and believe me, I had never before thought of myself as a dancer!); I realized that it would be a wonderfully energizing and uplifting experience to offer for those who enjoy music and movement, who are curious, and who may or may not be so drawn to a classic

Yoga class.

We are all natural dancers even though we may not always think that of ourselves. It is incredibly rewarding to see participants smiling, moving, maybe going just outside their comfort zone at times, connecting with themselves and others - simply having a great time.

There may not be a lot of "regular" Yoga poses in these LYDD classes; Yoga is about more than the pose, and Let Your Yoga Dance classes are designed to open energy channels in the body and encourage the free flow of energy, just like "traditional" Yoga. Dancing your Yoga is a great way to enhance body health, brain health, heart health and soul health.

It's important to remember that there is not any one "correct" journey that everyone should try to follow - on or off the mat. Every person has their own path, and it can be really fun, challenging, and interesting to explore different classes, practices, and traditions to find out what is authentic and fulfilling for oneself - which may change over time. There are, fortunately, many different Yoga / mindfulness / movement practices available, so listen to your inner adventurer and discover for yourself!

Hitchcock Academy is offering Yoga with Sharon in six class sessions on March 2 and again on April 13. Single sessions of Let your Yoga Dance will be held on March 13 and again on April 10.

Cornerstone Bank appoints new SVP, Retail Banking



Al Ahmed

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank is pleased to announce that Al Ahmed has been appointed its new SVP, Retail Banking.

Mr. Ahmed joins Cornerstone Bank as a proven banking professional, having accrued over 20 years of experience in senior positions at various Massachusetts institutions, most recently at Bank of America in Boston overseeing the growth of a key retail market. He complements his retail expansion expertise with a passion for delivering world-class customer and employee experiences.

Ahmed studied Business Administration at the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Shima, and their 3 children live in Wayland and take every opportunity to travel the world and explore new places.

"Al comes to us with a rich back-

ground in the banking field and we're pleased he has decided to bring his skills to Cornerstone," said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "I'm confident he will make valuable contributions in helping us fulfill our commitment to be the preferred provider of financial services in our communities, based on customer and employee relationships built on trust."

"I am honored and excited to join Cornerstone Bank and continue its legacy of building trust with our customers, employees, and local communities," stated Mr. Ahmed.

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Antique and collectibles news

It's been over a month since my last report on antique and collectibles news. Collectibles articles top the recent news.

A very rare Hot Wheels Camaro white enamel prototype made in 1968 was recently found and purchased by a dealer, according to the Robb report. The car was a prototype that was painted in white enamel. The white painted cars were used by the designers to check for imperfections and weren't intended to reach retailers. A 2020 Camaro manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$25,000. The Hot Wheels car is estimated to be valued at \$100,000, 4 times the value of a new Camaro. Hot Wheels cars from this era originally retailed for 59 cents. The article didn't report how much the dealer paid for it.

An Air Force Veteran recently had a watch that he purchased in 1975 evaluated by



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WAYNE TUISKULA

an Antiques Roadshow appraiser according to People Magazine. The man was stationed in Southeast Asia where he admired the Rolex watches being worn by many of the pilots. He began scuba diving when he transferred to another base and learned that the watches were also good in water. That convinced him to purchase the watch through the base exchange for \$345.97, with his 10 percent discount. It was a sizable

purchase when most monthly salaries were then only \$300 to \$400 per month. He found the watch was too nice to use in salty water. He kept it in a safe deposit box since then, along "with the paperwork, receipts, and original box." The watch face is marked "Oyster Cosmograph" and is referred to as the Paul Newman watch. Newman wore a similar Rolex in the movie "Winning." The appraiser informed the owner that watches like his have been



selling for \$150,000 to \$200,000 at auction. Because he never wore it and because he kept the original box and paperwork, the appraiser said that his watch should sell for even more. He estimated it could bring \$500,000 to \$700,000 at auction.

For those of you who want a collectible you can imbibe, Glenfiddich Scotch is offering 100 bottles of their single malt scotch that were produced in 1975. Maxim reports that 100

bottles of the 44-year-old scotch were created only for the U.S. market. The 100 bottles were produced from 2 different casks. Cask 4706's description is "distinctive and rare rich gold whisky has a lively and vibrant bouquet imparting notes of oak, antique leather, tannin and crisp parchment, while maintaining its intriguing zestiness with hints of green apple and citrus." The scotch in the cask 5114 bottles is described as "a beautifully

rich and complex dark amber whisky envelops the nose with an intense spicy oak character and layers of dried fruits." The bottles are priced at \$9,000. Doing the math, that is a little over \$380 for just one drink.

Our Jan. 30 auction was very successful. Comic books, coins, sterling silver, gold jewelry and military memorabilia were some of the best sellers. Comic books have been selling so well recently that I will dedicate an upcoming column to them.

There is still time to register for my "Evaluating your antiques" on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com.

Keep your Valentine flowers looking their best



Melinda Myers Photo

Adding a few roses to bouquets with less fragrant flowers, like hydrangea, will add the aroma that many people desire when receiving a floral arrangement.

Nothing says Happy Valentine's Day like a fresh bouquet of flowers. Make sure your gift provides many days of enjoyment by selecting the freshest flowers and providing the best possible care.

Take some time to evaluate the quality of the cut flowers you plan to purchase. Select fresh flowers with upright and perky flowers and lots of firm buds that are just starting to open. Avoid flowers sitting in foul smelling water with drooping leaves and discolored slimy stems.

Consider color and fragrance as well as freshness. Many people love the sweet fragrance of roses, carnations and lilies. Some varieties are more fragrant than others, so you'll need to do the nose test. Other individuals prefer to look at and not smell their beautiful arrangement. For them, select non-fragrant varieties and other flowers like hydrangea, alstroemeria, gerbera daisies and lisianthus that lack a strong fragrance.

Select their favorite color or perhaps one that sends a message. Red is often used to represent love and passion, pink for happiness and sometimes love, yellow for friendship and cheer, and peach for gratitude. Include a card to make sure the message and sentiments are received.

Roses are a Valentine favorite, but a dozen may be out of reach for your budget. A single rose in a bud vase or large bloom floating in a shallow vase can bring a bit of beauty and lots of enjoyment to you or the recipient. Or add a few roses to your bouquet of other colorful flowers.

Once you make your selection, ask the florist to include a packet of floral preservative and wrap your flowers. This protects them from extreme temperatures and jostling during the ride home.

Extend the life of your floral gift with a few key steps before placing the flowers in a vase.

Remove the lower leaves, so just the leafless stems are sitting in the water.



GARDEN MOMENTS
MELINDA MYERS

This minimizes bacterial growth that can shorten the vase life of cut flowers. Recut the stems and arrange your blossoms in a clean vase filled with fresh water and floral preservative. Cutting the stems on an angle increases the amount

of exposed surface area to absorb water. Change the water, clean the vase if needed, recut the stems and add floral preservative every two to three days. Remove any flowers that have faded to keep your arrangement looking its best. Doing this can double the life of your cut flowers.

Further extend the vase life of cut flowers by displaying them in a cool, draft-free location. Or move them to a cooler spot at night and back in a prominent spot during the day.

Even if you do everything right, roses sometimes bend or droop at the neck and disappoint. This can happen if they have not received enough water at some point between harvest and your vase.

Fortunately, there is a way to revive roses. Remove the roses from the vase. Recut the stems and submerge the whole rose - stem, leaves, flowers and all - in a sink or tub of warm water. Leave the roses submerged for 30 minutes.

Clean and refill the vase with fresh water and a bit of floral preservative. Recut the stems on a slant, underwater if possible, and place the roses back in the vase. You will have perky fresh roses to enjoy for a week or more.

And pick up an additional bouquet for yourself. Fresh flowers are a great way to brighten your home and lift your spirits.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Thoughts on striper season



Saltwater anglers are patiently waiting for the final results on striped bass sizes and limits for the 2020 fishing season in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The winter 2020 public hearings are scheduled for three dates, and are as follows: March 10 at the Coolidge Middle school, 89 Birch Meadow Dr., Reading, starting at 6 p.m.; next meeting will be held on March 12 at 9:30 a.m., Tisbury Town Hall, Katharine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring St., Vineyard Haven, Mass.; and the final meeting for public input will be on March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Mass. Marine Academy, Admirals Hall 101

Academy Dr., Buzzards Bay.

It is very important that all striper anglers attend one of the public hearings to voice their concerns and suggestions to the Mass. Marine Fisheries board at the above mentioned hearings. Slot size limits, daily bag limits and use of circle hooks are the major concerns of most striper anglers. Use of devices to remove striped bass from any waters will be discussed. Also on the agenda are Bluefish recreational possession limits, striped bass commercial seasons, fishing days and size limits. Sea bass commercial possession limits and by catch allowances,

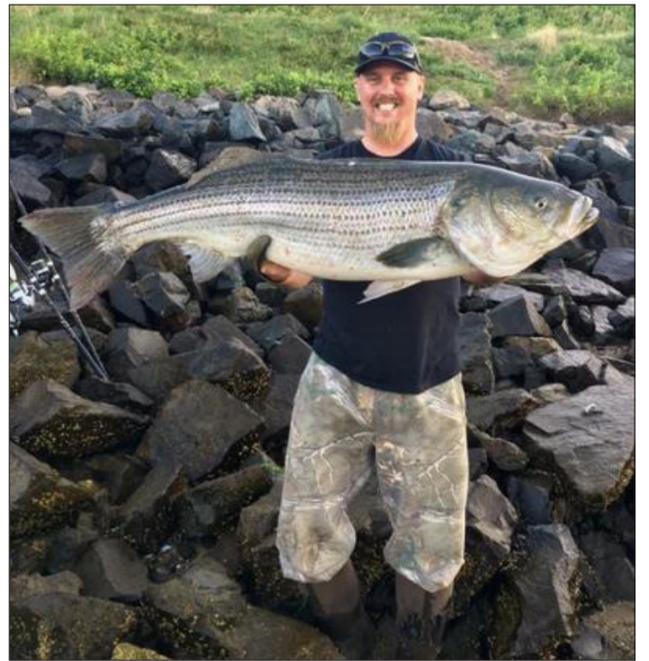


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Summer flounder commercial possession limits, Menhaden commercial limits and permitting, and numerous other housekeeping items will be discussed.

Removal of menhaden by commercial fisherman is a hot topic annually. The removal of tons of menhaden annually has had major impacts on striper populations, because the stripers feed heavily on them. In past years, areas that once had big striper populations were negatively impacted by the removal of menhaden. One area was the Providence River. What once was a fantastic fishery for recreational anglers back only a few years ago, was extremely poor for the last few years. Removal of tons of Menhaden annually has also impacted the bluefish population in the area.

Bluefish populations are also in big trouble. Their numbers have plummeted dramatically over the last 10 years, and Marine Fisheries is final-



ly addressing the problem. By the time the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association holds their annual fishing show on March 27-29 this year, most regulations should be finalized. More on the show in the coming weeks.

This week's two pictures of 50-pound stripers are from last year's fishing season! This year, you may need to take a

picture, and then release it, because of the possible slot limit which is expected to be 28 inches to 34 inches in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island.

Ice fishing is still on hold in the Valley! Looks like another poor ice fishing season due to bad ice.

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DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors present a Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip. It will be 7 days and 6 nights from Sept. 20, 2020 through Sept. 26, 2020. The price per person/ double occupancy is \$689 and will include motorcoach transportation from Dudley, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, admission to Titanic: the world's largest museum attraction, 2 dinner shows, 2 evening shows, one morning show, free time in downtown Gatlinburg and a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

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The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an approximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show.

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For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com

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PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen (near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port. We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich.

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

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This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational meeting.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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EDITORIAL

A Valentine's Day playlist

This Friday is Valentine's Day, and love is in the air. For most, the day will consist of chocolates, roses, diamonds, gifts, candle lit dinners and all things heart shaped. Feb. 14 is a day that is either loved or hated. The once Pagan holiday turned Hallmark money maker is a day to celebrate love or to wallow in the 'woe is me' life of a single person.

If you're single, ignore society's ideals that we have to be involved in a relationship to find happiness. It's simply not true, and there are millions of people across the globe who find themselves skipping happily down the sidewalk of life solo. If you do have a sweetheart, enjoy the day and all of the happiness that goes hand in hand as a result of Cupid's arrow.

We think, as we often do, that the best part of any holiday is of course the music. Music is something we can enjoy regardless of our relationship status. Love has been the fuel for some of the greatest songs to pass over our ears. Below we came up with some favorites, and dug deeper to find the meaning behind the lyrics or how the songs came to be.

"Fly Me to the Moon" was originally titled "In Other Words" (for obvious reasons), and was written in 1954 by Bart Howard. In 1964, Frank Sinatra put a new spin on the old jazz standard and it has become a favorite classic. The song was written at the request of Howard's publisher for a simpler song. Howard wrote the song in 20 minutes.

"I Say a Little Prayer," another romantic classic with an unexpectedly deep message, was written by Burt Bacharach and Hal David in 1967 for Dionne Warwick. The song is about a woman's concern for her significant other, serving in the Vietnam War. The song became one of the most successful hits of that era.

"What a Wonderful World" was written by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele and recorded, most famously, by Louis Armstrong in 1967. The writers originally had Tony Bennett in mind to record and release the song however Bennett turned it down. Weiss later admitted that he wrote the song expressly for Armstrong because of his ability to bring people of different backgrounds together. The song was a huge hit in the United Kingdom before it reached more fame in the United States almost ten years later. The reason for the halt, was the hesitation of ABC to promote the song.

"The Greatest Love of All" just might be the best song to belt out while driving down the highway, or in our minds, at the very least a close tie with Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody." The ballad was written by Michael Masser and Linda Creed in 1977. The first to record the tune was George Benson who brought the song to number two on the charts. Whitney Houston took the song to a new level in 1985 where it reached the number one spot. The message is a good one, 'learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all'.

"At Last" is a classic that was written in 1941 by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren for the movie "Sun Valley Serenade." The lyrics were ultimately never heard in the movie, but the powerful vocal laid down by the legendary Etta James for Chess Records in 1960 led the song to the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1999.

We can't have a list of favorite love songs without including a power ballad from the 1980's. What better band to honor today than Def Leppard. After all, nothing says "I love you" like big hair and fluorescent colored tank tops...at least, to us. In 1987, the song "Love Bites" was released, offering a tongue in cheek view of the pitfalls of romance. The song was written by five people, but it was celebrated producer Robert John "Mutt" Lange who brought the song to the attention of the band. The song was originally written with a Country artist in mind; however, Def Leppard added the rock flare that made the song climb the charts.

"Your Body is a Wonderland," written by John Mayer in 2001, was apparently about Mayer's first girlfriend at the age of 14. The original title was "Strawberry Wonderland," but was later changed.

Last but not least to make our list is perhaps the definitive love song — "My Girl" by the Temptations. This classic was recorded in 1964. The song was written by Smokey Robinson and Ronald White. The inspiration for the song came from Robinson's wife Claudette Rogers Robinson.

Valentine's Day, with its tricky origins, still serves as a solid reminder that romance is timeless and we have the music to prove it.

OPINION

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

Always choose optimism

We came into this world without choice. We didn't decide to be conceived. Two people we didn't know decided that for us. We were carried for nine months, then pushed out with no consideration by our mother as to whether we wished to go or stay. We were suddenly and rudely squeezed out into a life that we didn't decide to live. Then to add to the humiliation of coming into this world naked, a group of masked strangers examined our bare bodies and counted our fingers and toes, as if they'd never seen a tiny human before. Embarrassingly, we cried like little babies, when for no reason at all, one of the masked strangers grabbed us by our ankles, raised our naked bodies upside down and slapped us on our bottoms. Their actions told us for the first time, life is unfair.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING
 BY GARY W. MOORE

That's how it all began for me. Maybe you endured a similar experience?

We were given no choice. On one day we didn't exist and on the next, we are a human life beginning to form and grow. We entered an imperfect and broken world and are told at an early age, "Life isn't fair. Just deal with it."

Even though we are forced onto this world we quickly begin establishing how we'll live our lives by the choices we make. Those choices are made based upon how we see and interpret the world around us. The choices we make, determine our direction and the way we live our lives. We are where we are at this very moment, not by chance, but because of the choices we made. It is those choices that determine the quality of the life we lead and our impact on those around us.

The choice between optimism and pessimism may be the most impactful choice we make. It creates the foundation upon how we build and live our lives and the impact we have on others.

Where some people see sadness, others create happiness. Where some see no way out, others optimistically create their path. Where some see overwhelming odds, others see opportunity to succeed. The greatest difference I see in the lives of happy and successful people and those who are miserable and failing, begins with how they view life. The happiest and most successful among us, see the world as a beautiful place abundant with opportunities for happiness and success, while others see obstacles in their path and misery.

I always marvel at how an optimist

and a pessimist can look at the same thing but see something different. It is a matter of perspective created by our attitude. We all have heard the example of those who see the glass half full while others see it half empty. That is applicable to any situation. I paid my way through college selling vacuum cleaners, door to door. I graduated from college debt free, while nine out of ten people who started in that business quit in the first day because they could not see the opportunity. They focused on the prospects who slammed the door in their faces. I focused on those who did not and assumed they were happy to see me. Both were true but I focused on the positive.

Looking through the eyes of optimism encourages you to push forward. As I say almost every week, if you are pessimistic and assume failure, why would you even try? You already assume the worst.

Don't blame others for your view of life.

Some of us are born into loving families who nurture and teach us right from wrong, while others are brought into lives where they were never wanted and learn to live their lives without nurturing or instruction. Regardless of which, it is the choices that we make that determine how we live our lives and how we ultimately impact others. Blaming your parents for your attitude is a foolish excuse. As soon as we are old enough to discern right from wrong, good from evil and positive from negative, our choices become our responsibility. Accepting responsibility for our own actions is paramount to living a happy, successful and optimistic life.

More important than success, the most optimistic people I know are also the kindest. The kindness we shared and the dignity in which we live makes a lasting impact on the world around us.

The time to think about the impact we have on others is not on our deathbed but while we are living our lives. Decide now the difference you wish to make, the joy and happiness you wish to share with others or positive education you can pass on.

Choose optimism and you are choosing a happier and more fruitful life.

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Valentine's Day: Financial protection can be a great Valentine's Day gift



FINANCIAL FOCUS
 JEFF BURDICK

On Valentine's Day, you can give your spouse or life partner a traditional gift such as candy or

flowers. But once you've done that, why not think about something that can provide longer-lasting benefits for your loved one? Specifically, think about ways to provide a lifetime of financial protection.

You can do this in several ways, including:

Protection while you're alive – As you know, it's usually necessary for both partners or spouses to work to maintain a household – so if your income were to disappear, even temporarily, it could present a big problem. Your current employer could offer disability income insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be enough for your needs, so you may want to consider purchasing your own policy. Keep in mind, though, that disability coverage typically only lasts for a few years, and, in any case, probably won't completely replace your income. Consequently, it's a good idea to build up your financial resources in other ways, so contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) and IRA during your working years. If you do become disabled, it may be possible for you to tap into these funds without incurring a tax penalty, though regular taxes may still be due.

Protection if you need care – If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care worker, you might find the costs to be considerable – and possibly a severe burden on your spouse or partner. In fact, the average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of these expenses. To protect your spouse or partner – not to mention your grown children – from possibly having to deal with these costs, you might consider purchasing long-term care insurance. As an alternative, you could purchase a "hybrid" policy that combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to your spouse or partner or another beneficiary you've named.

Protection when you're gone – If you were to pass away, would your spouse or partner have the financial resources to continue the same lifestyle, pay the mortgage or, if you have children, provide for their education? If the answer is no, then you need to maintain adequate life insurance. How much is enough? There's no one right answer for everyone. You might hear that you need a death benefit that's worth seven or eight times your annual income, but the actual amount should be based on a variety of factors – your age, size of family, current income, spouse or partner's income, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine the appropriate amount of coverage.

Valentine's Day is just one day on the calendar. But if it serves as another reminder of how much you value your spouse or partner and spurs you into action to protect her or him throughout your lifetime – and beyond – then it will be an important day indeed.

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A Potpourri of Assorted Tips and Tricks

While most of the hint columns are theme based, sometimes there are some tips worth sharing that don't fall into an upcoming category. The solution? Compile them for a potpourri of assorted tricks and tips! Read on for some everyday solutions to life's little hassles:



TAKE THE HINT
 KAREN TRAINOR

Flu season is here for at least another month. Want another weapon in the fight against flu? According to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the flu bug.

Washing your car this weekend? If you run out of car wash, just add a couple of capfuls of biodegradable shampoo such as Herbal Essence into a bucket of water. Does your car smell damp after a heavy rain? Sprinkle clay-based kitty litter under the car mats, leave for two days, then vac up after the odor is gone!

a day keep the doctor away - it may even help keep the fat away! Pectin in apples contains soluble fiber, which absorbs water in the intestines, mixes the food into a gel and can actually limit the amount of fat your cells can absorb!

Hydrogen peroxide is a thrifty alternative to pricey products. Did you know 3% hydrogen peroxide can be used as an effective foot bath for athlete's foot? Soak feet in one pint of hydrogen peroxide mixed with one gallon of warm water for a half hour each night. And it's a natural disinfectant so use it full strength to kill germs on phones, keyboards or door handles.

If you have symptoms of carpal tunnel, it could be the way you use your computer mouse. Relieve symptoms by using your fingers instead of your wrist to control the mouse - think piano lessons! And try grasping the mouse with the thumb and pinky - it takes the strain off the wrist.



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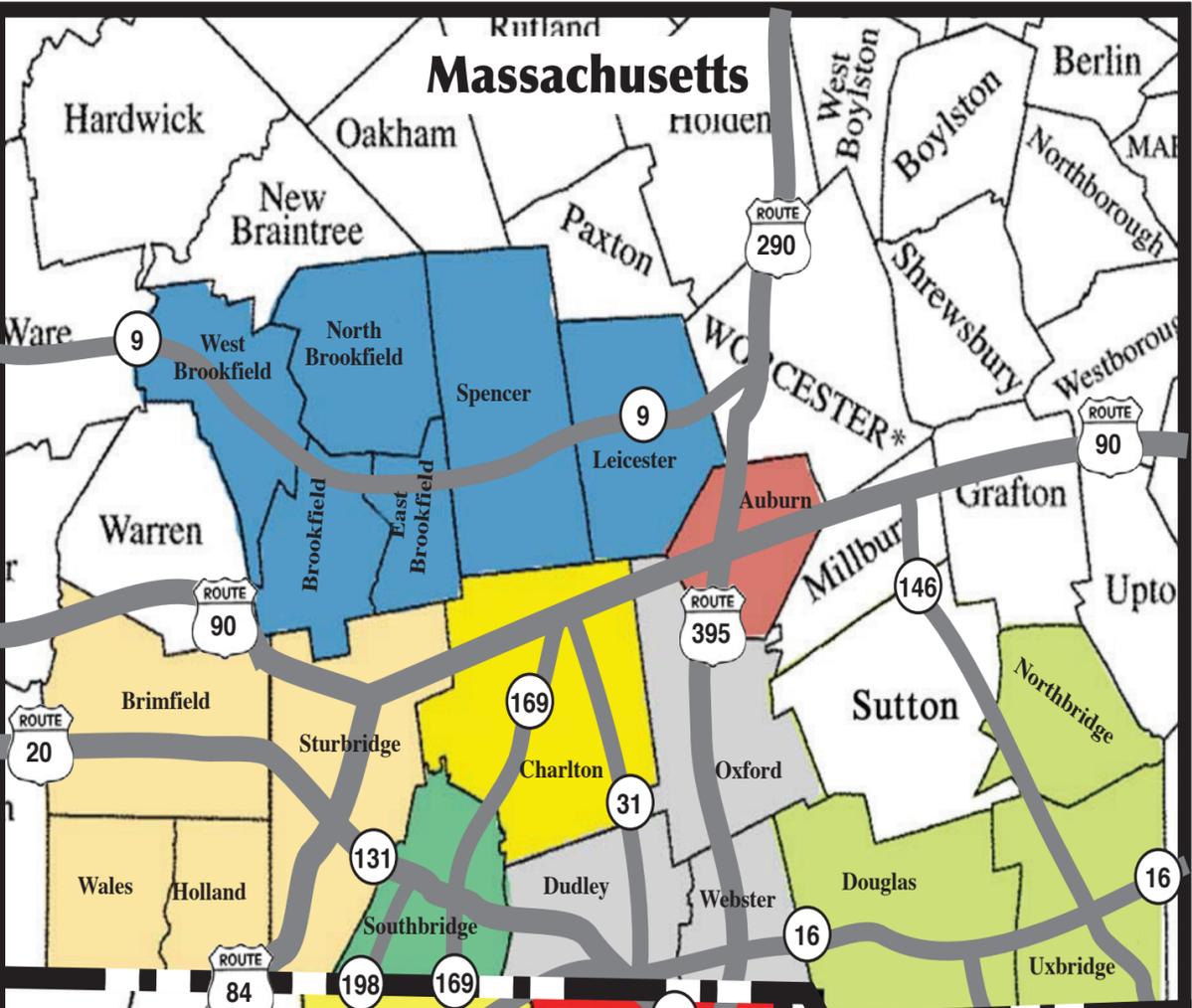
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The Charlton MOMS Club speaks with visitors to the organizations S.O.A.R. to Success Fair MOMS

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Everything from sports programs and theater groups to preschools, the YMCA and beyond were represented during the event. The S.O.A.R. to Success Fair actually started in 2018 but skipped a year in 2019 to exercise and online database approach. The MOMS Club found that the face-to-face interaction was more beneficial and so the event returned as a fair for a second year in 2020. According to Holland this format was so successful that they hope to continue it on a yearly basis.

"I think sometimes it can be overwhelming when you're stuck looking online for yourself what is even out

there. Sometimes you don't even know what to search for. To be able to walk in and have it set up for you, it's convenient and it's all in one place," said Holland. "I think this is beneficial. I think being able to speak with the people who are passionate about what they're doing is a great opportunity. Our hope is that this continues about this time each year. I think it's helpful for parents and it's good for the small businesses and organizations in our area to get the word out."

The fair style approach was heavily praised by several of the organizations involved with the fair. Cristi Corey, the Director of Here We Grow Preschool in Auburn, said she found it to be a great opportunity to connect directly with



Here We Grow Preschool in Auburn took the opportunity to meet with Charlton parents at the fair.

parents rather than sending them to a webpage.

"This is an awesome opportunity for us to be here and be able to get our name out there. We're located in Auburn, but we accept children from all over the Worcester area so it's a great chance for us to network and get to know people face to face," said Corey.

Amy Stanley was on hand to represent Charlton Youth Soccer and said she too cherished the opportunity to connect directly with parents of potential athletes to share information about the group and what they have to offer.

"This was a great event and we've

been able to discuss what Charlton Youth Soccer is all about," said Stanley. "It's nice to talk with people in person and make sure they get the information they need. This one-on-one approach allows us to answer questions right here and make sure the parents know what we offer."

Now that the Charlton MOMS Club has set the baseline for the S.O.A.R. to Success Fair the sky seems to be the limit at the group works to make the event a yearly offering that continues to grow and raise awareness of everything the region has to offer for local youth.

YARD DEBRIS

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Caulway said he was informed that lime disease is considered and "endemic" in Charlton, meaning it's a rather common disease for local residents. After visiting with the Board of Health and receiving their blessing he helped spearhead the creation of the Charlton Sustainability Center efforts to find a solution.

"We can't medicate our way or spray our way out of this. There needs to be some solution. This is the committee that we started, and this was just the interim, the integration of it," said Caulway. "We're trying to come up with some solutions. This is kind of an awareness (campaign) of sorts."

One recent solution, and one of the first efforts of the committee, was a new program around Christmas time.

Following the holiday, the committee helped organize a Treecycle program where Christmas trees were collected and, thanks to volunteer efforts from a local business, the trees were shredded to create what Caulway called "tick barriers". These barriers create a natural obstacle that ticks and other bugs won't cross. In the first year of the program, 25 trees were collected.

Selectman Noble said the

Treecycle program is a prime example of potential this committee has to help provide effective solutions for Charlton residents to embrace.

"Having the material to use as a tick barrier is extraordinarily important. Eventually spring will be here and with spring comes the ticks. With ticks come lime disease," Noble said. "We can't keep using pesticides. There are natural ways to do integrated pest manage-

ment and the town I think has the ability to do it and people really want it."

While no timeline has been set, Noble sees the committee becoming an official entity in the town in the near future with a focus on providing effective solutions and public safety awareness campaigns to decrease the number of insect-born illnesses plaguing Charlton.

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Did you know it's easy to make delicious homemade applesauce in the crock pot? Peel, core and slice ten large apples, add one cup water, one cup sugar (if desired), and one teaspoon cinnamon. Cover cook on low for eight to ten hours! Start it in the morning and it'll be done when you get home!

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Resolving to walk more? These tips are for you! Walking to "digest your meal" is more than an after dinner pastime. Studies show when you walk within 30 minutes after eating you can increase the amount of calories you burn by as much as 30 per cent! But be sure to avoid caffeinated beverages before you walk. They cause thirst and a loss of bodily fluids.

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 renown 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!

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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SPORTS

Determination pays off for O'Brien with Division 1 lacrosse scholarship

FELLOW RAMS GUILLAUME, AMBROSIA, MARSH, HAYNES ALL SIGN NLIS AS WELL

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Shepherd Hill Regional High School's John F. Canavan Library was the place to be after school on Wednesday, Feb. 5, as five student-athletes from the Rams' Class of 2020 signed a National Letter-of-Intent (NLI) for the school where they plan on continuing their academic and athletic careers.

Those five athletes — Ceilidgh O'Brien, Kobe Jean Guillaume, Alec Ambrosia, Madi Marsh and Cam Haynes — signed those NLIs in front of a crowd of more than 250 family, friends, teammates, former teammates, coaches, former coaches, faculty, staff and administrators.

O'Brien and Ambrosia both signed NLIs to attend Central Connecticut State University. O'Brien will play women's lacrosse for the Blue Devils while the 6-foot-1, 290-pound Ambrosia will play offensive and/or defensive line for the football team.

Guillaume will participate in the Division 1 track and field program at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, while Marsh will also participate in Division 1 track and field but will do so at UMass-Lowell. Haynes is headed to Queens University of Charlotte (N.C.) where he will be a member of the Division 2 Royals triathlon program.

The fact that O'Brien will go on to play Division 1 women's lacrosse is a testament to a never-give-up mentality.



Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes who signed NLIs on Feb. 5 were, from left, Madi Marsh, Ceilidgh O'Brien, Alec Ambrosia, Kobe Jean Guillaume and Cam Haynes.

"I didn't even begin to think that playing lacrosse at the Division 1 level was an option until some of my college choices who had Division 2 and 3 women's lacrosse programs fell through," said O'Brien, whose first name is the

Gaelic spelling of the English name Kayley. "At that point I narrowed my search to local schools.

"I emailed 17 colleges, including Central Connecticut, my highlight film. I didn't even know at the time I sent that

email that Central Connecticut had a Division 1 women's lacrosse program," O'Brien added with a laugh. "A short time after I sent them the email they reached out to me and told me they were interested in discussing my coming to play for them and one thing led to another and now I'm going to Central Connecticut to play Division 1 women's lacrosse."

Shepherd Hill girls' varsity lacrosse head coach Meg Dunn said O'Brien began her career playing attack for the Rams but has since become the backbone of the team's defense.

"Ceilidgh is a terrific player, but more importantly, she is an outstanding person. She has volunteered to play any and every position for us, including goalie, which she has played a few times," Dunn said about her 2019 Mid-Wach League All-Star. "Ceilidgh has been a team captain since her junior year. She has great leadership abilities. She comes early, she stays late, she helps clean up afterward. She helps in any way that the team needs her to help."

Dunn said O'Brien excels off the field as much, if not more, than on it.

"She is an excellent student with a 3.71 GPA, despite taking several difficult AP classes," Dunn said. "In addition, she is a member of the principal's advisory council, she is the student representative on the school committee, and she has been president of her class since her freshman year."

Auburn's defense clamps down on Minutemen in order to take home victory



Nick Ethier photos

Positioned in the corner, Bay Path's Jackie Ross reaches out to catch a pass thrown her way.



Bay Path's Christin Pink delivers a pass down the court before it can be blocked by an Auburn defender.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Not only were shots not dropping for the Auburn High girls' varsity basketball team in first-half action versus Bay Path Regional last Wednesday, Feb. 5, but the Minutemen were also putting together some of their best basketball of the season. Add all that up and Bay Path held a 17-15 lead over the Rockets at intermission.

The halftime break helped Auburn, as they regrouped and came out recharged. The Rockets not only scored 25 points in second-half play, but they also limited the Minutemen to 7 thanks to a scorching hot defense.

"I am very glad that we turned around that way because in the first half I felt like we were doing the things that we needed to do, but we weren't producing," Auburn head coach Nicole LePrevost said, as the Rockets ultimately won a 40-24 decision. "I told them to keep up with the defensive intensity — that was keeping us in the game — and offensively to just keep working the ball, taking open shots and following your shot."

With 5:36 to play in the third quarter, a string of three straight Bay Path turnovers — due in large part to Auburn's pressing defense — led to two baskets by Hanorah Murphy and two more by Olivia Mathews. That gave the Rockets the lead for good at 23-17.

Auburn eventually scored the first 17 points of the frame to pull ahead 32-17, and they led by a 33-19 count as play entered the fourth quarter.

The Rockets then won the low-scoring period 7-5 to claim a 16-point victory.

"My senior captains, Mick Sampson and Liv Mathews, they both had over five steals each and they really led us with their intensity," LePrevost said of the defense being such a big factor in the second-half turnaround.

Eight Auburn players scored in the game, who were led by Murphy's 11 points. Mathews was close behind with 9 points.

LePrevost is hoping that the Rockets can continue to play strong basketball, as their record moved up to 7-8. They need to finish at 10-10 or better to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 2 postseason tournament.

"We're clawing. We have five



Bay Path defenders Olivia Bowes (14) and Bethany Lasell reach out to disrupt a shot taken by Auburn's Zoe Picard.



Bethany Lasell of Bay Path drives down the court on an Auburn defender.

games and we need three of them to make districts," she said. "They want it and if they want it they'll keep working hard."

On the other end of things, Bay Path head coach John Selen was ecstatic with the way his team played in the first half, but also that it was a total tale of two halves.

"We played as good as we could play in the first half. [In the second half] we just started making fundamental mistakes, young mistakes, and the kids understand that we're just not there yet," he said. "We're working toward it. We're grow-

ing." After essentially losing their entire starting five from a year ago, the Minutemen have struggled this season to the tune of a 3-12 record.

Selen noted that after breaking the press with some ease in the first half that things changed over the final two quarters.

"The kids played hard, we just couldn't put a second half together," he concluded.

Bay Path's scoring was balanced, as Jackie Ross and Olivia Bowes both finished with 6 points, which were team-high totals.

SPORTS

Rockets' extremely fast start does in Bay Path, 72-48

Jason Mckay photos

Bay Path's Aiden Sabatinelli drives into the paint against the defense of two Auburn players.



Bay Path's Cam Hafner searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to.



Ben LaPointe of Bay Path finds enough space in Auburn's defense to be able to hoist up a shot.



Bay Path's Dylan Cotton leaps into the air to begin his layup after racing past Auburn's defense.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Both individually and collectively, there are hot starts and then there are hot starts. The Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team enjoyed both kinds — individually and collectively — in its 72-48 win over Bay Path Regional on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Collective heat: The Rockets — winners of five consecutive games to improve to 9-8 with two regular-season games remaining — needed just four minutes and 22 seconds to score the first 17 points of the game. Comfortably ahead, Auburn cruised to leads

of 22-8 after the first quarter, 49-17 at halftime and 60-27 after three periods.

Individual heat: The Rockets' first-half assault on the basket was led by senior Coleman Picard, who scored 23 of his game-high 29 points before intermission. Justin Skaparas, Picard's classmate, did his part in the first 16 minutes, too, scoring 15 of his 19 points before the break, all his first-half points coming on five of the six 3-pointers he buried in the game.

"I don't think we've gotten off to such a fast start in any of our other games this year. Everything we were doing was working — kick out 3s, fast breaks, driving to the

hoop — everything was dropping," Picard said. "It's nice to have a night like this. We've worked so hard in practice and the games leading up to this, it was nice for everything to come together like it did tonight."

Auburn head coach Dan Koen said he could feel his team's sense of purpose right from the start of the game.

"We came in focused tonight, knowing if we want to have a chance to get into the Clark Tournament this was the game we needed to have," said Koen, whose team ended up falling just shy of qualifying for the Clark despite the win. "From the tip we definite-

ly had the mindset that nothing was going to stop us; that we were going to do whatever it takes to win this game."

Auburn's point total was its third highest this season and increased the Rockets' average points per game to 56.1.

"We do have the potential to score," said Koen, whose team defeated Bay Path earlier in the season, picking up a 65-58 win in that game, played on New Year's Eve. "The shots we were hitting were all in the flow. We got some offensive rebounds and some defensive stops that led to some baskets in transition. You could see the kids' confidence grow and the shots just kept falling. The kids have bought in and they want to keep playing."

Picard said the Rockets are a much different team during this five-game winning streak than the three-game losing skid that preceded it.

"Truthfully, it's just the team coming together. The start of the season was slow; most of us are multi-sport athletes so we came in having taken less shots than some of the teams on the early part of our schedule," Picard said. "Now we're playing with a different type of swagger and confidence. We can go out any night and perform and execute. We believe in coach and everything that has worked for us and we're excited for what's coming up."

Bay Path head coach Al Greenough said he knew right away that the game was going to be a 32-minute struggle for his team.

"From the get-go we were flat; we didn't have it," said Greenough, whose team dropped to 3-12 with the loss. "It's disappointing because we came off what I thought was our best win of the season. On Monday we knocked off [11-5] Parker

[Charter, 74-61] who is in first place in our league. The kids were excited about this game, both in practice yesterday and during warmups before the game.

"[Auburn] hit a couple of shots right off the bat — I don't know what they shot tonight but it had to be around 70 percent — and I think that just deflated us early and we never really ever got started," Greenough continued. "If you dig a hole that big, obviously you're

not going to come back. They shot well and we couldn't get our offense going and we couldn't break the press. We didn't have anything going for us and by the time we did it was just too late."

The Minutemen were led by sophomore Dylan Cotton, who scored a team-high 17 points and hit four 3-pointers, and senior captain Ben LaPointe, who added 7 points.



Ethan Heller of Auburn launches a 3-point attempt from the corner.



Jomar Torres of Bay Path releases a 3-pointer up and over the reach of Auburn defender Justin Skaparas.

SPORTS BRIEF

Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

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OBITUARIES

Donald E. R. Coutu, 82



SOUTHBRIDGE- Donald E. R. Coutu, 82, passed away peacefully February 8th, 2020 as he was willing to accept his call home. He was surrounded by his family who loved him more than life itself. Donald was a determined and strong survivor during a courageous 6 year battle with Multiple Myeloma. Through it all he was very thankful and remained positive during his rigorous chemo treatments. "It could always be worse" he would say.

His strong religious faith along with the love from his family were his inspiration. Nothing could stop him.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 55 years, Sandra (Boucher) Coutu. They were married at Notre Dame Church on November 26, 1964.

He will be painfully missed by his three daughters Debra St Laurent and her husband Jerry, Nancy Pecore and her husband Ken, Tracey Savoie and her husband John Abusamra, and his 7 grandchildren, Emilee St. Laurent, Sarah St. Laurent, Kelsey Pecore, Mikayla Pecore and her fiancé Tim St.Germain, Nicholas Pecore, Angela McGeary and her husband Ryan, and Jerrica Savoie. and 2 great-grandchildren Elliot Savoie, and Tyler McGeary, his Godchild, many nieces and nephew.

He also leaves his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Vic and Brenda Boucher, and mother-in-law Janet Boucher, along with many close friends and neighbors. Donald was predeceased by his grandson Justin Donald Savoie and his sister Lorraine Morin.

Donald Coutu was born on July 23, 1937 on Proulx Ave. in Southbridge, MA to Romeo and Marie (Hebert) Coutu.

Donald was a lifelong member of Notre Dame Church, and graduated from the former Notre Dame High School, Class of 1956.

He was a proud veteran of the US Army from 1960-62 stationed at Ft. Devens. He retired in 1999, after working for over 47 years at the American

Optical Company, later Aero Company, as an administrator in the Safety and Hearing Department.

Throughout his life he always had a positive attitude and a very big heart. Donald kept busy making jigsaw puzzles and caring for his home and meticulous flower gardens. He met many new friends on his walks through town in his healthier days. Outside of his family, there were many people who knew and loved him because of his caring personality and friendly smile. No matter where he went, he always met someone he knew, and formed many bonds throughout his travels. Donald always appreciated everything he had and never asked for more.

Above all his favorite times were Christmas Eve, his yearly trips to Aruba to get a banana split, spending time with his family including his loving cat Kaspurr, and wearing his crazy socks.

His memory will live on within his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren whom he was tremendously proud of. He was our Angel on earth.

Our family would like to sincerely thank the staff of Dr. Seidler at The Cancer Center as well as the compassionate staff at Harrington Hospital.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, February 14, 2020, from 4-6PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. The funeral Mass will be Saturday, February 15, 2020, at 10AM, at Notre Dame Church (St. John Paul II Parish) 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial services with Military Honors will be private.

In memory of our dad, we would like to ask that you show your love for Donald by joining him in wearing crazy socks to his services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Cancer Center, 55 Sayles Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Mary E. Martin, 84



W A R R E N / CHARLTON - Mary E. (St. George) Martin, 84, of Charlton, died on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Overlook Masonic Home.

She leaves her beloved children, Greg Martin and his wife

Judy of Newmarket, NH, Patty Spare and her husband Alan of Indiana, Kurt Martin and Rebecca Sey of Sturbridge, Bruce Martin and his husband Marty Perkins of Maryland, Michelle Martin and her partner Paul Pinsonnault of Ludlow, and Mark J. Martin and his wife Christine of Sterling; eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild; a brother, Robert J. St. George of Warren and a sister, Jane Messier of North Brookfield. Mary is predeceased by her brothers Warren and Walter St. George. She was born in Warren, daughter of the late Charles W. and Mary E. (Bullock) St. George.

Mrs. Martin worked as a secretary for the Law Office of Vincent J. McCaughey for 37 years, before retiring in 2010. Mary also served as the town clerk of Warren for several years prior to her work at the law office.

Mary loved going to the orchestra, the theater, and enjoyed all kinds of music. She would often gather her family and

friends around the piano to sing and play showtunes. She enjoyed traveling, and went to Fatima, Portugal to visit the location where the Virgin Mary appeared to the children. Mary also sponsored girls in third-world countries and would correspond with them regularly. Once they became old enough to be of age, she would sponsor a new young girl.

She was a life-long member of St. Paul's Church in Warren where she was very involved. Mary sang in the church choir and served as the secretary at the church rectory.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Michelle Martin for the dedication and care that she gave to their mother, and to the staff at Overlook Masonic Healthcare in Charlton.

A Funeral Mass for Mary was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM in St. Paul's Church, 1060 Main St., Warren. Everyone is asked to meet at the church. Calling hours were held Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Burial will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 73 East Concord Street, Room C, Boston MA, 02118 or apdama@apdaparkinson.org

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Robert J. Charette, 67



OXFORD - Robert J. Charette, 67, died peacefully on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at Wingate at Worcester after a long illness. He is survived by his daughter, Amethyst Charette of Newark, NJ; his

mother, Lucille J. Charette Latham of Charlton; five sisters, Linda L. Shaw and her husband Glenn of Homosassa, FL, Denise M. Blevins and her husband David of Rochdale, Carol A. Perkins and her husband John of Charlton, Nancy E. Bourassa of Millbury, and Dianne H. Leduc and her husband Mark of Charlton; two grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Donald F. Charette.

Mr. Charette was an electronics technician in the telecommunications industry. He enjoyed reading and biblical texts among other subjects. He had a great appreciation for music and will be remembered as an incredibly smart man.

The family would like to thank Pat and the entire staff of Wingate of Worcester for their exceptional care during Robert's time there.

Memorial calling hours were Thursday, February 13, 2020, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A prayer service was held at 7 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. paradisfuneralhome.com

Nicholas Richard Worth, 35



SOUTHBRIDGE- Nicholas Richard Worth, 35, of Roger St. died Jan. 26, 2020.

He leaves his children Devin Worth and Liana Worth both of Webster, his parents Brian and Carol (Jacques) Worth of Southbridge, 2 brothers Jason M. Worth of Manchester, NH. and Randy B. Worth of Southbridge, and several nieces and one nephew.

Nick was born in Charleston, SC. And lived in the area most of his life. He graduated from Baypath Regional High School in 2002.

He was a frozen food and dairy manager for the Big Y Supermarkets.

He enjoyed being outdoors and fishing with his brother and kids. He loved helping people and going for walks with the dogs and his kids.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1PM, Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge.

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Sunday, March 8

EASY FULL MOON WALK ON BUFFUMVILLE DAM: 6:30 p.m., Buffumville Lake, 48 Old Oxford Rd., Charlton. Bring the whole family for a leisurely one-mile roundtrip walking tour of Buffumville Dam. If the weather is 75 percent or more cloudy, snowing or raining, we'll do a tour inside the dam instead. Dress for the weather.

ONGOING

THE STURBRIDGE FARMER'S MARKET is held every Sunday through Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Common.

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

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**Saturday,
March 7**

CHARLTON LIONS CLUB MEAT RAFFLE: The Charlton Lions are hosting our famous Meat Raffle being held Saturday, March 7 at the Heritage Golf Course at 85 Sampson Rd. in Charlton. There will be six tables of beef, pork and poultry to be won. The raffle begins at Noon with early bird tickets available to those who arrive before 1 p.m. A lunch menu is available. So, come share a

Saturday, April 4

"ROARING '20S MOM PROM: The MOMS Club of Charlton Area will host "A Roaring '20s" Mom Prom on Saturday, April 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Auburn South County Worcester Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. This evening of dinner and dancing will benefit two organizations, the John Paire Student Support Fund, which helps kids in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District have access to a well-rounded educational experience, and the Kennedy-Donovan Center of Southbridge, a nonprofit organization in Southbridge that supports people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges. Grab your spouse, friends and family members, and join the MOMS Club for the second annual Mom Prom. It's not just for moms, but all guests must be 21-plus. Early-bird tickets are \$45 per person until Feb. 14 and \$50 per person after that date. The MOMS Club, a chapter of the International MOMS Club, is a nonprofit group that provides support for stay-at-home and working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the Mom Prom or the

TRIPS

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May 19, 2020 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$30 – 8 a.m. bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

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

September 15, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

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

October 13th - 20th 2020 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip. This is an all-inclusive trip – all flights, transfers, meals plus snacks, nightly entertainment, and alcohol included.

November 12, 2020 – Thursday – Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours

at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM.

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

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP

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

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

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. 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 informa-

tion or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. "Like" us on Facebook The Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound – (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)- \$459. May 4 – Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91. May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival

w/Conway Tours - \$115. June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 26 - July 3 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899. Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329. Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. - \$579. Oct. 6 -- Green Mt. Railroad w/Fox Tours -- \$101. Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox Tours - \$101. Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to be put on the emailing list.

CALENDAR

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Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Vista Adult Day at The Overlook. Loved ones welcome to join Vista Program with prior screening. Contact Kathleen Walker at (508) 434-2876.

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages

are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

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

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

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday

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

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

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You

are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@charter.net or visit oa.org.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more information!



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The work includes providing and placing a Precast Concrete, Factory Built Water Pump Station at the site of the existing Fisk Hill Water Pump Station at 65 Whittemore Road, Sturbridge, MA. The work shall include all incidental work including, but not necessarily limited to: traffic management and temporary signage, pavement cutting and excavation, tree removal, site grading; modular block retaining wall; poured concrete footings and foundation for pump station; water line connections to the station; electrical connection to the pump station; new gravel driveway base and hot mix asphalt paving; pressure test and chlorination of water lines; activate and run pump test; etc. Each bid shall be accompanied by a

bid security in the form of a certified, treasurer's check, bid bond or cash in the amount of 5 percent of the value of the bid.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Selectmen's Office for the Sturbridge Board of Selectman, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

Drawings and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

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The Contract Documents may be obtained at Town of Sturbridge, Public Works Office, 69 New Boston Road Ext, Sturbridge, MA 01566, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday upon payment of \$50.00 for each hard copy set, for the cost of copying. Electronic versions of the Contract Documents including Drawings will be available at no charge from the Town of Sturbridge Public Works Office, Tel 508-347-2515. There will be no refunded payment for Bid Documents. Contract Documents and plans will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request and receipt of prepayment of associated mailing costs. This amount is not refundable.

Both checks shall be made payable to Town of Sturbridge.

The successful bidder shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in an amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00700.

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No bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of thirty days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays following effective date of Notice to Proceed.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the instruction to Bidders. Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening,

to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

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February 14, 2020

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PANCAKE SUPPER ON MARDI GRAS
5 to 7pm at Grace Church 270 Main St, Oxford. Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee and tea. We are joined by parishoners from St. Thomas, Auburn and Christ Church, Rochdale. We have been flipping pancakes on Mardi Gras since 1974, so we know how! So wear your beads and maybe a funny hat and come on down! More info? caroll-ee54@charter.net

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Shepherd Hill Regional High School 64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571 Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at johnpaire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund
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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
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or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
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SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
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SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
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MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF - EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski - East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK - Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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