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Spring town meeting scheduled Monday

30 ARTICLES ON WARRANT

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Voters in the town of Charlton will decide the fate of several warrant items during the annual town meeting on Monday including the proposed fiscal year 2019

budget and regulations pertaining to marijuana sales and solar installations in the town. The spring town meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 21 at Charlton Middle School on Oxford Road with 30 articles up for discussion

starting with the installation of newly elected officials, town reports and litigation. The meeting will also address any needs for appropriations of funds for unpaid bills or transfers between departments to manage expenses of the current

budget before moving on to discuss the new town budget that would take effect on July 1 of this year. The town is bringing forward a \$29 million spending plan that includes the expenses for the recently approved override for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District and a new comprehensive technology package, while avoiding

dipping into the stabilization fund. Many of the other articles on the agenda serve as house-keeping items, including police detail, cemetery care expenses and other capital items. That doesn't mean there aren't significant items of public interest beyond the budget

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Courtesy Photos

Stars Ryan McKenzie and Maya Belmonte take center stage in Charlton Middle School's "The Sound of Music"

Middle School pulls out the stops on production

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton Middle School has produced many small-stage versions of Broadway classics, but few have been as iconic and successful as the school's recent take on "The Sound of Music".

The play was featured for two days at the school on May 5 and 6 with near sold-out crowds for both nights. "The Sound of Music" was the seventh production by director Michele Buccieri who said that Charlton Middle School has made it a habit to focus on smaller

versions of Broadway classics to introduce the young performers to the world of stage acting. "A lot of the kids have seen the movie and we do a Broadway Junior version

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Electronic and appliance recycle day planned

This Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main St., it's time to recycle all those old electronics! All are welcome. Clean out your basement or garage and bring your items to the church parking lot! The following is a list of recyclable items, including, but not lim-

ited to: TVs, Monitors, computers, towers, laptops, VCR, copiers, DVD, stereo equipment, microwaves, radios, small electronics of any kind, lighting, vacuums, any appliance such as stoves, washers, dryers, etc. Exercise equipment, lawn mowers, snow blowers, small

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Photo Credit: Emma O'Coin

The 1st Place Team: Jared Burns, Andrew Dzaugis, Terence O'Coin and Peter Dzaugis

Bragging rights garnered by Titans of Trivia

The 11th annual United Way Pub Quiz was held April 27 at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village. Dexter-Russell, Inc. has become the sponsor for this annual event and provided all the team prizes. Thirty-eight teams vied for

the newly themed Sharpest Knives in the Block prize. This year's winning team with the highest score were the Titans of Trivia. The team members were Terence O'Coin, Andrew Dzaugis, Peter

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Memorial Day activities planned

Peter Parker, adjutant of the American Legion Post 391 of Charlton, announced the Post has three public ceremonies scheduled to commemorate Memorial Day 2018. On Tuesday, May 22, a ceremony will be held at the Masonic Nursing Home, 88 Masonic Home Road com-

mencing at 10:00 a.m. with the public cordially invited. This annual ceremony is especially designed to involve the 40 or so veterans residing in the nursing home. Speakers will be State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost, State Senator Ann Gobi, Town

Administrator Robin Craver, our honorable Selectman and the Commander of Post 391, Michael Mullaly. Commander Mullaly will serve as Master of Ceremonies. On Sunday, May 27, Post 391 will attend a church service at the St Joseph's Church on

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HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW?

Garden Tours in Charlton on June 16 from 10am-3pm! Featured will be gardens of six local residents in all their summer splendor. Join us in touring these classic and unique outdoor spaces celebrating the wonder of nature. Proceeds will benefit Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling Tricia Gay @ 774-230-3589 or Linda at

the church office @ 508-764-8058.

CONTEMPLATIVE COOKING?
Cooking with Your Instant Pot on Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St.

The instant pot craze is here, are you onboard? For many of us, the instant pot is patiently waiting to be used. Whether yours is tucked away in a cupboard or still in the box, it's time to take it out your electric pressure cooker and put it to use. Join Chef Liz Barbour of Creative Feasts for a cooking class that will help take the mystery out of this amazing, time saving kitchen tool. Liz will demonstrate 2 recipes that you can recreate at home. Following her demonstration Liz will offer tasty samples for everyone to enjoy.

Seating is limited. Please register online at www.charltonlibrary.org or call 508-248-0452.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College student Danielle Sweet of Charlton

earns 2018 Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) Outstanding Future Professional Award. Sweet earned the Outstanding Future Professional award for her academic success and leadership qualities during her time at the college.

Sweet, who is a dual major with physical education and health education and movement and sport studies, has been placed on the dean's list on multiple occasions. Sweet is a member of the college's physical education and health education club, and she has taught physical education to homeschool students. Sweet has supervised for the Springfield College Outdoor Pursuits Camp, and is a member of the Team Impact Leadership Team.

WORCESTER — Max Zielinski, of Charlton was inducted into the Alpha Chi honor society at Becker College. Lacroix is pursuing a degree in interactive media design, game arts concentra-

tion. The Alpha Chi honor society limits membership to the highest ten percent of full-time students in the junior and senior classes. The Massachusetts Theta Chapter of Alpha Chi recognizes and promotes scholarships and those elements of character that contribute to high scholarly achievement.

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce Kerri Nugent of Charlton, has been inducted into the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society. Kerri was one of 53 students inducted during ceremonies on the Curry College campus. Founded in 1971, the objective of the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society is to promote and recognize academic excellence at Curry College. The Society is named after the famous inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who was an early chancellor at Curry College. Members serve as a resource for the Academic Deans and the faculty and recommend ways the academic environment of the College can be enriched.

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Enjoy an afternoon sampling multiple chocolate treats, punch, coffee, and tea. There will be a cake-decorating demonstration by chefs from The Overlook. The decorated cake will be raffled at the end of the event, along with baskets, gift certificates, and other items donated by sponsors. Proceeds benefit educational philanthropies of P.E.O.

Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. For further information, call Georgeanne Roe (508) 278-3589.

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however.

Voters will also be tasked with deciding on several personnel bylaw amendments and special legislation that would authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint alternates to the Conservation Commission. The town will also discuss the future plans for a new public safety building complex, the potential repair of the South Charlton Reservoir Dam, and the acquisition of easement for the Potter Village Road bridge repair. Voters will also decide whether or not to allow closed office hours for town hall offices on

Saturdays.

Some of the biggest items will be discussed late into the meeting with the final five articles having potential for the most discussion of the night. The first of these articles will discuss the local option to impose an excise on retail sales of marijuana for adults in Charlton, while another article is proposing a zoning bylaw amendment for marijuana establishments.

Another article will put the focus on solar power with a proposed moratorium on non-municipal large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations, a proposal sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

A citizen potential for the moratorium is also its own separate article on the agenda.

The final article will involve a citizen's petition to amend the town of Charlton Zoning map by rezoning 210 acres owned by Iris Jennings and GAIR LLC on Brookfield Road. This proposal is part of the controversial 508 International discussions that have taken place over the last year. This debate caught steam with proposals to bring a sports complex featuring motocross to the land in 2015, and since then 508 International and the designated property have been part of numerous debates before town boards.

RECYCLE DAY

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engine items, empty propane tanks.

TVs up to 18 inches: \$15 each; TVs 19 inches to 24 inches: \$20 each; TVs 25 inches to 31 inches: \$25 each; TVs 32 inches to 35 inches: \$30 each; TVs 36 inches and larger, wood console, and projection TVs: \$35 each.

CRT monitors \$15 each; flat panel monitors \$10 each, AC units and dehumidifiers, \$15; Microwaves \$10 each; small dorm refrigerators, \$1; washers, dryers, stoves, \$20 each; large refrigerators, \$25; lawn mowers, ride on includ-

ed, snow blowers: \$10 each; grills \$10 each; Any kind of exercise equipment, \$10 each.

Keyboards, car batteries, cell phones, circuit boards, no cost.

Bicycle Recycle: Please bring any and all unwanted or under used bikes to the parking lot. We will be accepting any model of bike: mountain, road, BMX, etc., in any condition. Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

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Truly a family affair at Royal Crest Farm



Amy Paul photos

from L-R: Anthony Moschini, Jennifer Wysocki, Meg and Bob Moschini and their dog, Bella

BY AMY PAUL
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

While traveling on scenic Howe Road in Spencer, a right off Route 31 South, you will pass one of Spencer's last working and very productive farms. Royal Crest Farm sits bucolically among rolling fields and forest as their Angus beef cattle graze and laze behind stone wall lined pasture or within the newly refurbished, pristine barns. It is a sight to see and a scent to smell, this family-owned farm, one that recalls a part of Spencer's past and a hope for Spencer's future.

Purchased in 1982 by Bob and Meg Moschini from Larry Taylor, Royal Crest began as a dairy farm, which lasted until 2004. During this time, the farm was recognized for its delivery of quality milk and other dairy products. However, once the Moschini's son Anthony a 1999 David Prouty graduate and a 2004 graduate of Cornell University's animal science program took over running the farm from his parents the farm's production and sales began to evolve and diversify, while

still keeping the business in the family. "It was a real challenge to make money with dairy. For all the work that is the life of a dairy farmer, the income was very little," Moschini states, "That's when I began to add and sell other high-quality products direct from the farm."

In fact, Royal Crest Farm now boasts five varied means of income, all of them in high demand and of top quality. Their compost, produced at the farm in Spencer, is a mix of goat and cow manure, mixed with sawdust and wood chips; it is free of harmful chemicals and residues and expertly "cooked" in long windrows for three months at a temperature residing between 130-150°. 3,000 yards per year are produced and sold, with the Tower Hill Botanical Society being an important and repeat customer.

"For compost, we've got customers as far away as Boston. Everyone, including Tower Hill, has told us that ours is the best they've ever used," Moschini adds.

Fortunately, Royal Crest also sells from \$5 bags to truckloads of compost from the farm to the public.

Other popular products the farm produces are mulch and hay. Royal Crest's mulch is double ground, making it more uniform in shape, size, and consistency. Offerings are Hemlock Blend, Jet Black, Natural, and Red Cedar, available by the yard or by bag.

As for hay, the Royal Crest crew cuts over 700 acres of hay from fields located in Spencer, Charlton, and East Brookfield, leasing near 520 acres from other landowners. In fact, 500 acres of dry hay get delivered all the way to Foxboro, while the remaining large cut square hay bales from both the first and second cut are sold at the farm.

Recently, within the last five years, the farm has also broadened into Angus beef production and sales. All the cattle reside right at Royal Crest, never leaving the farm until butchering season, and are raised on a quality balanced diet of corn silage, haylage, and grass (14,000 pounds per day!), also grown right at the farm. The USDA certified and twice inspected meat, available in many cuts at their on-site store, is flash-frozen, a process that avoids much air exposure, greatly reducing bacteria while still preserving nutrients. And, best of all, the price for such high-quality, high-nutrient meat is comparable to that of the local grocery store. For example, ground beef is sold at \$6 per pound.

"A lot of people like to know where their beef comes from and where it's been. Here, they can see the cows, see what they eat, see that the animals have a good life and support a local farmer," Moschini says.

Last but certainly not least the farm offers the only on-site farm store in Spencer where beef produced at the farm is sold, as well as other country and kitchen items from various Northeast vendors.

Besides individual or special cuts of meat by special order, chic farmhouse décor and unique hand-made gifts adorn shelves and tables in the quaint lower level of the main building. Items from Brookfield Candles, Scaryman's BBQ and Hot Sauce of Spencer, Alicia's

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Homemade rubs, dips, and sauces, Li'l Bit Farm Honey, Organnie's Natural/Organic products for the body, and Spencer Abbey jellies and jams among many others are available for purchase during store hours: Friday 9:00am-5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-3:00pm, and Sunday 9:00am-12:00 pm. Jennifer Wysocki, Moschini's girlfriend, has been the driving force behind organizing and marketing the store and its products.

"We've changed the look of the store and have received many compliments. It is now very inviting and welcoming. We really strive to support local producers and artisans, giving both them and us a way to market and sell our products directly from farm to customer," Wysocki adds.

Finally, Royal Crest Farm always offers, including specials for upcoming holidays, "Beef Bundles." These consist of various cuts of beef and come in a range of pounds, cuts, and prices. Look for their Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Fourth of July Bundles to purchase a unique, high-quality gift for the barbecue lover.

Moschini closes with, "This is the only industry where you pay retail and sell wholesale. Though it can be a very tough industry, it is also one I love. It takes passion to keep going. Farming is not just a job, it's a lifestyle. I love it: the animals, being outside, and being my own boss. I also appreciate the freedom and being able to help others through what I produce."

Spencer is lucky to have such a farm and passionate farmers still willing to work and produce from its land.

For more information, visit Royal Crest's website at www.RoyalCrestFarm.com, Facebook page, or better yet, stop by in person.

Rotary donates to Literacy Volunteers



Courtesy photo

PDG Klaus Hachfeld and Holly Christo, executive director of Literacy Volunteers.

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has donated \$5,000 to Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts located in Southbridge.

This agency covers the six-

town area of Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, Webster, Dudley and Oxford. For more than 40 years, LVSCM has helped residents to open new doors of opportunity by teach-

ing them to read, write and speak English.

"In 2017, we provided instruction to over 150 adults with plans to grow that number in 2018. We rely on grant monies and support of community organizations, such as Sturbridge Rotary, to enable us to carry on our mission," says Holly Christo, executive director.

As an all-volunteer organization, LVSCM aims to reach people who may not have been able to attend classroom programs due to such as scheduling, childcare, transportation, or lack of funds.

"We're happy to support Literacy Volunteers with funds from our educational trust account.

Providing education fits into one of our focus areas as Rotarians," stated Past District Governor, Klaus Hachfeld.

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been providing humanitarian service to the local and international community for over 45 years. Club members develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues including hunger, as well as support programs for youth, educational opportunities and

international exchanges for students and other professionals. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self." Find more of what Sturbridge Rotary does by visiting our website at www.sturbridgerotary.org. Also check out the Club's Facebook page and "Like" us at www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary.

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May Real Estate Market Update

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Today we have 1538 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1800 and only 1322 last month at this

time. Inventory did tick up about 16% from this time last month which is normal this time of year. If we look back to 12 months ago we had 1661 homes for sale in Worcester County which shows a 7.4% decrease in inventory year over year. The average days on market is currently 100 days which is a 15.3% decrease in days on market from last month. This shows that homes are continuing to sell quicker and most likely



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older inventory is starting to sell as well. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is an almost 0.3% increase in sales and a 6.1% increase in average sales price while it is taking 17.6% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. It is also showing that sales are slowing down due to low inventory since we only had a 0.3% increase in

sales compared to last year and last month it was 1.6%.

The numbers again are all positive and showing continued growth, the one big sign is that the growth is sales is slowing and will may see that number negative very soon which is caused by the low inventory. It is important to hire a Realtor familiar with your market especially in this market where it seems you can just put a sign out front and get a bunch of offers. The right agent will ensure you get the most money for the house in the shortest amount of time.

Fattman amendment adds to veteran job protections

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Senate last week unanimously passed “The Brave Act” – new legislation that will expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military and their families.

State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Sutton) filed and passed an amendment that would legally protect veterans who wish to observe, participate in ceremonies, or be granted a leave of absence in the work place on Memorial Day

and Veteran’s Day.

“It may come as a shock to people that veterans weren’t legally entitled to take the day off to observe the commitment their fellow men and women made in serving our country. As the brother to a current service member, I believe this is the least we can do out of respect for the sacrifices made by generations of Americans,” said Fattman.

Understanding the sacrifice that military personnel and their families make not only while on active duty, but

also after returning home, the Massachusetts Legislature has consistently provided a continuum of major veteran legislation to help with those who sacrifice the most for our freedoms.

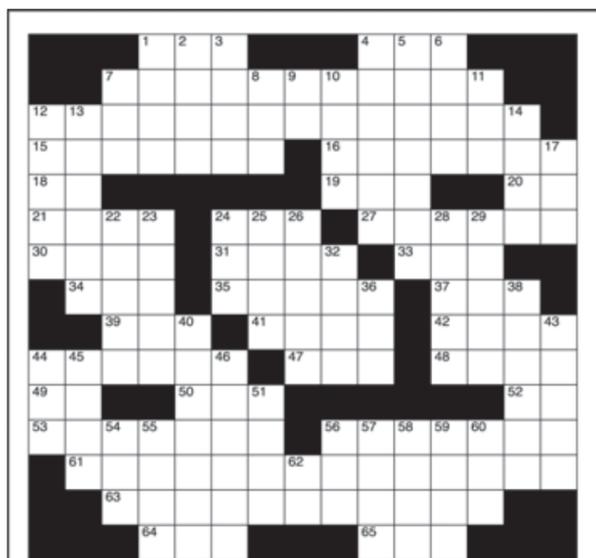
On the recognition front, the legislation designates the 5th day of April as Gold Star Wives Day and the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers and Families Day and directs cities and towns to designate reserved parking for veterans at all city and town halls.

Additionally, the bill also grants paid military leave for those called to duty by the armed forces for up to 40 days for training and operation purposes. To help ease the costs of housing, the legislation changes the requirement for veterans to receive property tax exemptions from residing in the Commonwealth for five years down to two years. It also increases the amount a veteran can earn on their property tax exemption for volunteering in their city or town.

The BRAVE Act increases

the burial expense paid by commonwealth from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for indigent veterans to receive to adequately provide for a dignified funeral. It also exempts any veterans who receive annuities for service to their country from income calculations when applying for state programs or services.

The BRAVE Act, which now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration, is the legislature’s latest effort to support veterans, military members and their families.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small lump
- 4. Helps little firms
- 7. A way of performing
- 12. Lawyers
- 15. Stirred up
- 16. Believed in
- 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
- 19. Makes computers
- 20. Sodium
- 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 24. Institute legal proceedings against
- 27. More compact
- 30. Ethiopian river
- 31. Quantitative fact
- 33. No (Scottish)
- 34. A concession of no great value
- 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 39. Russian space station
- 41. Helicopter
- 42. At the peak
- 44. Makes ecstatically happy
- 47. Excellent
- 48. Material body
- 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 50. A unit of plane angle
- 52. Argon
- 53. Fancy
- 56. Fried mixture of meat and spices
- 61. How green plants use sunlight
- 63. Without wills
- 64. Unhappy
- 65. Meat from a pig’s leg

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mentor
- 2. Lyric poems
- 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
- 4. Trapped
- 5. Used for road surfacing
- 6. Cuckoos
- 7. Prefix “away from”
- 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
- 9. Not out
- 10. “The Simpsons” bus driver
- 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
- 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
- 13. Removes
- 14. One-name NBA player
- 17. Revolutionary women
- 22. Smell
- 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
- 24. Midway between south and southeast
- 25. American state
- 26. Keen
- 28. Khoikhoi peoples
- 29. Int’l defense organization
- 32. Samoan money
- 36. A sign of assent
- 38. One from Somalia
- 40. Boat race
- 43. Trims
- 44. French coins
- 45. Indigenous Scandinavian
- 46. Flew alone
- 51. Loch where a “monster” lives
- 54. Japanese title
- 55. Pros and ___
- 56. Present in all living cells
- 57. Something to scratch
- 58. Branch of Islam
- 59. Appear
- 60. Former CIA
- 62. Yukon Territory

A musical manners morass at Trinity Academy this month

SOUTHBRIDGE – Trinity Catholic Academy is redefining etiquette lessons for the swingset through its production of Dear Edwina JR, it was politely and reverently announced by Drew Cohen, president of Music Theatre International. Featuring music by Zina Goldrich and a book and lyrics by Marcy Heisler, Dear Edwina JR. follows the adventures of a 13-year-old advice columnist and problem-solver named Edwina, who dishes out advice and wisdom with the help of her friends and a little song and dance.

Need to know how to properly set a table? How should one deal with a “Frankenguest?” We would like to present “advice-giver extraordinaire” Edwina Spoonapple. Edwina addresses the world’s etiquette challenges in number after hysterical musical number, in the same way Schoolhouse Rock Live!, the musical based on the Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon, teaches history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs.

“Dear Edwina JR. is a heartwarming show featuring witty musical lessons exploring courtesy and politeness that will have you laughing out loud. At the heart of all this fun is a won-

derful message about the importance of treating one another well,” says Cohen.

Edwina Spoonapple would do just about anything to be a part of the Kalamazoo Advice-A-Palooza Festival. While her siblings all have proof “up on the fridge” of their accomplishments, poor Edwina has nothing. When a talent scout from the festival visits her hometown of Paw Paw, Michigan, she trots out her musical advice-giving show live from the family garage in hopes of finding her place in the spotlight.

“It’s important, real important that you don’t insult your host, but that doesn’t mean you have to eat octopus toast...” confirms Edwina in the song “Say No Thank You,” “...for in many cases you’ll find it’s right, even if you don’t like something you can be polite,” she counsels.

Trinity Catholic Academy will present Dear Edwina JR. on May 18 at 7 pm & May 20 at 2 pm at Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge. Please call 508-765-5991 for more information on the show, to buy tickets, or simply répondez s’il vous plait.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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H Putnam Road Ext., Charlton assembling at 9:30 a.m. Following the church service, Post 391 will place wreaths and conduct rifle honor salutes at each cemetery and at the Vietnam Memorial Bridge on Stafford Street.

On Monday, May 28, the annual Memorial Day parade will be held, rain or shine. Participants are to assemble at 1:30 p.m. within the main entrance of the Masonic Home complex at 88 Masonic Home Road. Step off time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Marchers will parade to the town library. Memorial wreaths will be placed on the town Honor Roll. Memorial rifle salutes will

be given. Honored speakers will be introduced and music performed by the Shepherd Hill Regional High School marching band. Charlton Middle School students will read their selections honoring veterans of all conflicts.

Following the ceremony, all participants are cordially invited by American Legion Post 391 to enjoy a light lunch prepared by the Legion Auxiliary in the lower level of the Charlton Grange building.

All citizens and veterans are urged to attend and, if possible, participate in one of the most solemn and meaningful days of the year, MEMORIAL

DAY. We must never forget those who made the supreme sacrifice ensuring our freedom, at the same time remembering those men and women who are now serving in our armed forces around the world.

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GARDEN MOMENTS

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Making a few changes in your garden care can yield great benefits. Less time and water wasted means more time for you to relax or entertain friends and family in your beautiful landscape. Water is critical throughout the life of a plant, but deciding when and how much water to provide each plant can be a bit overwhelming. Make this task easier and conserve moisture with these simple strategies.

Start by matching plants to your growing conditions. Selecting plants suited to your climate, soil moisture and average rainfall means healthier, better-looking plants and productive gardens with less supplemental water.

Incorporate organic matter such as compost into the soil prior to planting. This helps the soil more efficiently absorb rainfall and irrigation water. Less runoff means less water wasted. Adding organic matter also increases the ability of fast-draining soil to hold moisture, extending the time

between watering.

Mulch the soil with organic materials such as shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. Mulching helps conserve moisture while suppressing weeds and improving the soil as it decomposes. Plus, you'll be recycling landscape trimmings back into the landscape and the environment. It's green gardening!

There will still be times you need to lend nature a hand. Sprouting seeds, young seedlings and new transplants need consistent moisture to grow and establish a root system. Most annual flowers and vegetables also need consistent moisture throughout the season.

Newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs also need more attention and water than established plants with deeper roots able to absorb more moisture. During extended dry periods, even established plants will need supplemental water.

Providing the right amount of water at the right time can be a challenge. Doing it efficiently to avoid wasting time or water can help ensure your gardening success.

Take the guess work out of watering with a drip irrigation system like the DIY WaterWell Irrigation System Drip Line Kit (gardeners.com). Drip irrigation systems allow you to



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Drip irrigation systems allow you to slowly apply water right above the plant roots, encouraging the development of deep, drought-tolerant roots.

apply water to the soil right above the plant roots, exactly where it's needed.

Run a line next to each row of plants - or every 18" in planting beds. The water slowly seeps through the holes and into the soil below. The slow, steady flow moistens the root zone, encouraging the development of deep, drought-tolerant roots.

Just turn on the faucet, set the timer and let the irrigation system do the work. This reduces the risk of frequent,

ineffective watering which leads to shallow roots growing just below the soil surface where they dry out quickly. High temperatures or missed irrigation can stress shallow rooted plants, reducing their beauty and productivity.

The use of appropriate irrigation, mulching and organic matter can make a huge difference in the quality of your landscape - and your enjoyment of your garden!

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening 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 segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Myers's web site is www.melindamyers.com.



Maya Belmonte belts out a tune during Charlton Middle School's production of "The Sound of Music"

SOUND OF MUSIC

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of 'The Sound of Music,' which is shorter than the original play and film. These plays are made for middle school students, so they can get used to being on stage and doing theater," Buccieri said during a backstage interview. "We do some improv and the first rehearsal was seeing the movie so the students would know how they relate to one another on stage. I'm very clear with

them that they're eating, sleeping and breathing their parts so that they get the idea of actually becoming these characters and not just acting as these characters. It's a step by step process and there's a lot of repetition and starting and stopping. I try to treat them like professionals. I tell them this is our Broadway and with that mindset they put their heart and soul into this show."

Buccieri added there was some pressure to

bringing to life one of the most iconic musicals ever produced on the local stage, but the students pulled it off with grace. She also thanked the public for their undying support of the stage productions at CMS that helps keep the drama program alive and thriving.

"It was really important to translate what was going on than to what is going on now. The students embraced it beautifully and took it one step at a time," Buccieri said.



The Von Trapp family children

"We focused on the natural reaction and I wanted them to feel like natural actors. I didn't want it to look like a middle school play. I wanted it to look professional and these students have been very good at embracing that and making that happen. Sometimes with these shows I'm not sure if they'll be able to pull it together but they do pull it together every year."

For the actors and actresses bringing the famous characters of "The Sound of Music" to life this was the experience of a lifetime and one that challenges their perseverance and dedication to the craft. Adam Faucher, who played Max Detweiler in the play, said it was an experience he will never forget.

"This whole play has been amazing. It's my third show here and this play started stressful, but it's come together in the end. This has been a magnificent show and it's perfect in every way," Faucher said.

Bara Coleman and

Emma Dickenson agreed the play had to endure some rough patches, but the final produce was satisfying for everyone involved.

"This experience was amazing, said Coleman who portrayed Brigitta Von Trapp. "It's my second play at CMS but my sixth overall and it's one of the biggest roles I've had. This has been just great to experience this."

"It's been a rollercoaster of a play, but it's been amazing, Emma Dickenson added.

She portrayed Louisa von Trapp in the play. "We have lots of rehearsals, but the winter weather interrupted some of them. I knew in my mind that we could pull it all together and I'm so happy that we were able to make it happen."

One of the stars of the show, Maya Belmonte who portrayed Maria Rainer, said that despite some setbacks and the stress of getting everything as perfect as can be for the show everyone pulled it off and made

"The Sound of Music" a memorable experience for both the performers and the audience.

"It's been quite a ride. It was hard at the beginning but once you get on stage and get over the nerves you settle in and this becomes a fun experience for everyone," Belmonte said.

With the show now rapped, Buccieri said she hopes the students are now prepared for the new challenges that await them in the world of performance art, whether that's on the stage at CMS or before bigger crowds on larger stages in their futures.

"We're getting them ready to go on to better things. We feel that if we do the classic shows that are known by others in the community then we'll draw the crowd we want to see and the kids will get a basic understanding of what Broadway is like and maybe branch off later into something bigger and more complicated later in their lives," said Buccieri.

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Overhaul of state education funding formula garners support

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the Senate unanimously voted to pass a key education reform bill to update the state's 25-year-old funding formula.

The bill, originally co-sponsored by Senator Moore, would implement the recommendations of the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the foundation budget formula is drastically underestimating education costs. This has forced deep cuts to classrooms and critical programs, and one of the worst achievement gaps in the nation.

"Changes to the existing formula are long overdue," said Senator Moore. "As a former local official, and having listened to the concerns of many school committee members across the Second Worcester District, I acknowledge that additional investments in education on an equitable basis are necessary to advance public education in our state, and to provide the necessary financial relief to local communities."

The vote follows months of advocacy by education stakeholders across

Massachusetts. More than 50 school committees across the state have passed resolutions supporting the reforms, and Brockton Public Schools announced earlier this year that they are preparing to sue the Commonwealth for failing in its constitutional obligation to properly fulfill its obligations to funding.

Established by the 1993 Education Reform Act, the Foundation Budget was designed to ensure every Massachusetts student was provided a quality education. However, the formula has failed to keep up with rising fixed costs like health care and special education that have outpaced initial estimates. It also underrated what it actually takes to educate English Language Learners and students living in poverty. The FBRC found these combined costs have led the Commonwealth to underestimate the cost of education by \$1-2 billion every year.

The bill will now advance to the House of Representatives for consideration. To continue tracking the bill, S.2506, please visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

Friday's Child



Hi! My name is Izaquiuel and I have a fun personality!

Izaq is a sweet, caring and inquisitive boy of Hispanic descent. Those who meet him immediately notice how funny, warm and engaging he is. Izaq is eager to please, and enjoys talking to and playing games with adults. He also loves cooking, cars, Legos, Pokémon, and playing on his computer. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he talks about wanting to help others and one of his dreams is to become an ambulance driver. Izaq responds well to praise and positive attention, and talks

often about his desire to find a family who will love him.

At school Izaq receives extra support to help him catch up to his peers. His teachers describe him as eager to learn and to do well. In class, Izaq loves to be in a teaching position with his peers and is eager to share his knowledge. He volunteers often to read out loud and to go to the board.

Ready for adoption, Izaq is looking forward to finding a caring and permanent family that will love him unconditionally. An ideal family will provide Izaq with structure and consistency. His social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation, including single-parent homes, as long as they have a strong support system in place. However, Izaq will do best in a family with at least one male parent, and where he can be the only or significantly youngest child in the home. A family should be open to helping Izaq make a slow transition from his current placement to a family setting.

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To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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EDITORIAL

Preaching to the choir

Somewhere between fourth grade and college graduation, between learning about what the pieces that make up our government are and becoming actual adult citizens, we've let our children down.

Big time. And it isn't just the current generation.

Or the last two generations. This has been coming on for a while.

There are a lot of factors, but one of the biggest is absolutely expectations.

We didn't teach our kids to give back.

They heyday of service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and such was also a heyday for capitalism of course, and also after the second world war, when the men in gray flannel suits had agendas to meet.

One of which was to see and be seen.

And to do that, they became involved, they helped. They became members of local organizations, they got themselves elected to local office, and not only did capitalism prosper, so did local citizens and towns.

It didn't last. And we need it back, because every single town needs people on committees and boards; it needs people to coach youth sports; it needs people to do fundraising for good work; it needs people. (And certainly NOT only men in grey flannel).

And it means our towns themselves will find themselves floundering.

The answer is not paid boards and committees, stipends do not make for good "volunteers", you will get people who do not care about the topic, only about the income.

And frankly, we cannot afford in any of the towns to go strictly with entirely paid staff; nor should we. The people of every town need to have input into the government of their town.

That is democracy.

We can't leave it up to bureaucracy. That is not how our government works.

But. And here is the biggest obstacle of all.

Anyone reading this is nodding their head in agreement; yes, we understand this. We probably already work diligently at volunteering ourselves at one or more projects, at our church, at a nonprofit we believe in, on a town board. We get it. And we are the newspaper readers so we aren't the ones to target.

The question is, how do we get to those people who should hear this message? And how do we encourage them to rethink their lethargy? What will fire their enthusiasm? How can we, as those who understand the problem, encourage others to become involved?

Particularly younger people. Our future.

Someone wryly asked the other day, "What if we threw an election and nobody came?"

Ouch. Too close to home.

Any ideas? Let's start a dialogue on this: ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

OPINION

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

TO THE EDITOR

Charlton Residents Face Crucial Vote

On May 21st, Charlton residents face one of the most crucial decisions in many years.

At a recent Board of Selectman meeting, March 27, 2018, the owners of 508Intl, proposed a rezoning of 210 acres adjacent to Brookfield Rd. to Community Business "CB" zoning district.

Currently, this land requires oversight by the Charlton Planning Board. Let's not be mislead, the applicant is proposing the re-zoning of their land to specifically enable 508 International, to operate with minimal restrictions; restrictions that have otherwise applied in the current "A" Agricultural zoning district and have been the subject of active litigations by Charlton against 508 International. If rezoned to Community Business, there would be no requirement to submit a site plan for approval to the planning board and would allow the owners to do whatever they like with the land regardless of how it affects the local residences in the area.

There are currently 32 properties that are zoned as Community Business which are located along Massachusetts State Highways Route 20 and Route 169. These corridors are designed to absorb increases in traffic and are complimentary to surrounding commercial and industrial properties.

Brookfield Road is a narrow, winding road that invites accidents. Adding a business district to this rural roadway of residential housing would be a poor and dangerous decision, and diminish the rural character that the neighborhoods currently enjoy. Businesses are purposely segregated from residential areas to reduce potential negative impacts to abutting lands. The Charlton's Community Development Plan states about the Community Business zone, "Such industries shall be "abutter friendly"; that is, they shall impact abutting lands minimally as to sight, sound, odor, and traffic."

Additionally, "To the maximum extent possible, properties in this district should avoid the appearance of commercial strip plazas and adverse impacts on streets and ways". These are just a few examples of text in the Charlton Master Plan that emphasizes the avoidance of adverse impacts on abutting streets and neighborhoods.

There is in excess of 200 families that will be affected. These figures do not include any subsequent Charlton re-zoning from residential "A" to Community Business (CB). If this article is approved, other land owners may see this as an opportunity to request the same type of re-zoning. This could result in families in other parts of Charlton that may suffer the same quality of life reduction that the present group of families will experience.

The applicant's re-zoning proposal contradicts the premise that re-zoning should not have adverse impacts to surrounding residential areas - Impacts such as (noise, traffic, general nuisances, etc.).

The restrictions in the Charlton Community Development Plan and Charlton Bylaws provide assurances that uniform zoning take precedence and provide protection to the residents of Charlton. If we ignore these protections, the peace and tranquility of our residential neighborhoods will be destroyed.

A re-zoning of the applicants land off Brookfield Road to a commercial zoning district would set a precedent for other re-zoning proposals, potentially leading to the re-zoning of other parcels located all around Charlton in the "A" Zoning District.

What does this mean for your property values, quality of life, and are you willing to forfeit your constitutional right to living in a peaceful, rural environment? Please attend the May 21st town meeting and vote NO on article 30.

Planning Group: three TONS of trash

To the Editor: The Charlton Earth Day Planning Group extends a huge thank you to each and every resident who participated in this year's roadside clean-up. Over 3 tons of trash were collected during the April 28th event.

While we are saddened that so many people feel free to throw trash on the ground, we are equally heartened at the civic pride and concern for the planet that propelled so many residents to take to the streets and pick up refuse.

This event would not be possible without the support of our donors. Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Casella Waste Systems, Millennium Power Company, Cornerstone Bank, Brenda M. Bianculli, Missy's Doggy Day Spa, and Charlton Optical. Additionally we are grateful to the Town Administrator Robin Craver, and the Charlton Board of Selectman for their support of this event.

The Earth Fest on the Town Common was a huge success. Young and old enjoyed the perfect weather, gained valuable environmental knowledge,

and left with saplings and seeds to plant. Our vendors gave inspiration for a brighter future for our planet. Participating groups included: Charlton Recycling Committee, Charlton Garden Club, Fay Mountain Farm, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Cornerstone Bank, Charlton Middle National Junior Honor Society, Shepherd Hill Envirothon Club, Blessings Farm, AnnieMike's' Honey, Charlton Resistance, Charlton Baptist Church, The Last Green Valley, Charlton MOMS club, Tree House Brewery, Northeast Organic Farming Association, Karl Storz, Energy Monster, Green World Vision, Girl Scout Troop #64500, Girl Scouts of Central & Western MA, Kiddie Picasso, Tony Island Hot Dogs, Suzie Q Ice Cream, The Grey Whisker Pickers, and Grade "A" Fancy.

Every Day is Earth Day! Keep our Town Clean, Keep our Planet Green!

LINDA DAVIS, CO-CHAIR CHARLTON EARTH FEST PLANNING GROUP

The dangers of debt

Politicians and commentators these days like to point to an array of threats to our constitutional system. There's one, though, that doesn't get nearly as much attention as it should: our national debt.

We may not yet be in imminent danger of fiscal collapse, but we're moving into uncharted waters. We are among the most indebted nations in the world, and it's only getting worse. Thanks to our new tax law, we're staring ahead at routine federal budget deficits north of \$1 trillion each year — compared to what now seems like a paltry \$665 billion in 2017.

As we look down the road to an aging population, rising entitlement costs, and skyrocketing interest payments, things promise to go from dismal to dire. In just five years, the head of the Congressional Budget Office warned a few weeks ago, we'll be spending more on interest payments on the debt than we do on our entire military. By 2028, we'll be closing in on \$1 trillion in interest payments alone each year.

We're running these deficits at a time of full employment, when the economy is doing well. This is exactly the wrong



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time to be pressing on the accelerator, because when the downturn comes — which, inevitably, it will — we won't have room to maneuver. The more debt we accumulate, the more interest rates rise and the more our spending

on debt serves to dampen economic growth. Small wonder that former Fed chair Janet Yellen told Congress last year that rising debt "is the type of thing that should keep people awake at night."

The problem is not quite that nobody's talking about the debt in Washington. They are. But it's not a productive discussion — especially among the politicians who will need to roll up their sleeves and tackle it. They give lip service to debt and deficit reduction, but for the most part, each party is trying to blame the other.

This is not just a waste of time, it's counter-productive. Because a problem of this duration, severity and complexity is not going to be solved without a bipartisan approach.

Tackling deficits and the debt always

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How can you meet your short-term goals?



FINANCIAL FOCUS JEFF BURDICK

Why do you invest? If you're like most people, you'd probably say that, among other things, you want to retire

comfortably. Obviously, that's a worthy long-term goal, requiring long-term investing. But as you journey through life, you'll also have short-term goals, such as buying a second home, remodeling your kitchen or taking a much-needed vacation. Will you need to invest differently for these goals than you would for the long-term ones?

To answer that question, let's first look at how you might invest to achieve your longer-term goals. For these goals, the key investment ingredient is growth — quite simply, you want your money to grow as much as possible over time. Consequently, you will likely want a good percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and other stock-based investments, to fund your 401(k), IRA or other accounts.

However, the flip side of growth is risk. Stocks and stock-based investments will always fluctuate in value — which means you could lose some, or even all, of your principal. Hopefully, though, by putting time on your side — that is, by holding your growth-oriented investments for decades — you can overcome the inevitable short-term price drops.

In short, when investing for long-term goals, you're seeking significant growth and, in doing so, you'll have to accept some degree of investment risk. But when you're after short-term goals, the formula is somewhat different: You don't need maximum growth potential as much as you need to be reasonably confident that a certain amount of money will be there for you at a certain time.

You may want to work with a financial professional to select the appropriate investments for your short-term goals. But, in general, you'll need these investments to provide you with the following attributes:

Protection of principal — As mentioned above, when you own stocks, you have no assurance that your principal will be preserved; there's no agency, no government office, guaranteeing that you won't lose money. And even some of the investments best suited for short-term goals won't come with full guarantees, either, but, by and large, they do offer you a reasonable amount of confidence that your principal will remain intact.

Liquidity — Some short-term investments have specific terms — i.e., two years, three years, five years, etc. — meaning you do have an incentive to hold these investments until they mature. Otherwise, if you cash out early, you might pay some price, such as loss of value or loss of the income produced by these investments. Nonetheless, these types of investments are usually not difficult to sell, either before they mature or at maturity, and this liquidity will be helpful to you when you need the money to meet your short-term goal.

Stability of issuer — Although most investments suitable for short-term goals do provide a high degree of preservation of principal, some of the issuers of these investments are stronger and more stable than others — and these strong and stable issuers are the ones you should stick with.

Ultimately, most of your investment efforts will probably go toward your long-term goals. But your short-term goals are still important — and the right investment strategy can help you work toward them.

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Steuben Glass

Glass and china prices have dropped considerably since I started selling antiques over 30 years ago. Fortunately, some types remain popular with collectors. Sandwich glass was made by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company between 1825 and 1888. Cut overlay oil lamps can bring thousands of dollars at auction. Modern glass can also bring strong prices. Rare artist signed Murano pieces can bring five figure sums. Around the turn of the century, several companies were producing high quality art glass. Louis Comfort Tiffany created glass from 1875 to 1932. Tiffany Studios glass is highly desirable with a Tiffany lamp selling for \$2.8 million in 1997. René Lalique began producing objects of art from glass in the studio he opened in 1905. A Lalique auction record was set in 1990 when a fountain sold for \$1.1 million. Steuben Glass was founded in 1903, and I will focus on them in this column. Rarer Steuben pieces can sell in the tens of thousands.

Steuben Glass Company was founded in Corning, New York by Thomas G. Hawkes, who was an engraver, and by Frederick Carder, who was a glassmaker. Corning is located in Steuben County, which was used for the company name. The firm started by creating the colorful glass art nouveau glass that was typical of the era, according to the Steuben Company website. In 1932 Steuben developed "a glass with an exceptionally high refractive index that throws off an extraordinary rainbow of color." The brilliant finish became Steuben's hallmark and contin-



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ues today. The following year Steuben focused entirely on the new brilliant crystal and phased out the other glass patterns they produced. Steuben opened their first store in New York City in 1934. In 1935 Sidney Waugh's Gazelle bowl incorporated Steuben's first engraved design. Steuben's manufacturing method of "blowing, cutting, polishing, and copper-wheel engraving" produced the weighty objects with elements that embellished the basic form.

Their glass became highly acclaimed. In 1938 four pieces were added to the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Steuben was shown at the "World of Tomorrow" exhibit at the 1939 New York World's Fair. The New York Steuben store invited 27 contemporary artists to exhibit their works along with Steuben sculptures in 1940. Artists included Henri Matisse, Georgia O'Keeffe, Isamu Noguchi, and Salvadore Dali. In 1953 Steuben became the only American glassworks to be included in L'Art Du Verre at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Several presidents have presented Steuben crystal as gifts to dignitaries of other countries. Martin Luther King Jr. was presented with a Steuben bowl when he won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964. Ronald Reagan presented Princess Charles and Princess Diana with an engraved bowl as a wedding gift.

Some Steuben glass can be purchased for well under \$100. However, many pieces can bring much more. A Paul Schulze design of New York from 1984 sold for \$22,000 at auction last year.



A rare circa 1908-12 red and alabaster leaded glass vase also brought \$22,000 at auction in 2016. A 1959 Moby Dick glass sculpture that was designed by Donald Pollard and engraved by Sidney Waugh went for a whale of a price when it sold for \$17,000 at auction in 2017.

We will be offering several pieces of Steuben Glass in our antique estates auction in Worcester on May 31st. That auction will feature a large Lionel train collection at 5:30 PM. The main auction begins at 6:30. The preview for the Weymouth, MA online auction that

includes a Harley Davidson motorcycle and two Chevrolet Suburbans takes place on May 19th. The estate sale at the Westborough farm runs on June 2nd and 3rd. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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Safe driving tips



TAKE THE HINT KAREN TRAINOR

Did you know a few years ago an insurance report revealed drivers in nearby Worcester were named among the worse drivers in America! According to that study, Worcester drivers got in auto accidents once every 4.3 years, which makes them 134.8 percent more liable to crash their cars than the average American!

With these stats in mind the following "safe driving tips" from AAA and other sources, are offered.

This time of year bright sun glare is a common problem, especially just after sunrise and prior to sunset. If you find yourself driving with the sun shining in your eyes, try these tips:

*Check out polarized sunglasses, studies show they really do decrease glare.

*Don't forget to utilize your sun visor. If necessary invest in an inexpensive sun shield that attaches to the visor and

provides more shade.

*When the sun is interfering with your vision, practice proactive safety. Back off from the car in front of you to leave more room (and more reaction time) between you and the other vehicle.

*Make sure your windshield is crystal clear. Dirt and smudges increase glare from the sun's rays.

*Leave your headlights on. It will help others see you better.

Rainy weather poses more problems for safe driving. In fact, studies show wet roadways contribute to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year. Up your odds of a safe arrival with these pointers:

*Check out your wipers. Replacing worn windshield wipers are an inexpensive, cost effective way to increase visibility in rainy weather.

Note: Wipers that don't clean the glass in a single swipe should be replaced.

*Always turn on your headlights when driving in rainy weather. It not only helps you to see the road more clearly, but it also allows you to be visible to other drivers.

*Did you know proper maintenance of tires can help prevent accidents, especially on wet pavement? Tire tread is

important for good traction. Place a quarter in the tire groove. If you can see above George Washington's head, you should replace your tire for optimum safety.

*Also, be sure your tire pressure is up to par. Correct tire pressure aids in preventing slipping and sliding on rain soaked roads. Note: Tire pressure often drops in cold weather.

*Above all, don't use cruise control! When utilized in wet weather, the loss of acceleration control can prevent a safe reduction in speed.

*Did you know hydroplaning can be prevented simply by slowing down? Here is an eye opening fact from AAA: With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

*OK, so you find yourself skidding in wet weather. What to do? According to AAA you should: Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go. Avoid slamming on the brakes

as this will further upset the vehicle's balance and make it harder to control.

Whether you're taking a road trip of just have a long daily commute, being alert is imperative to safe driving. Research reveals very sleepy drivers can impair judgment as much as drugs and alcohol can. Read on for ways to reduce drowsiness:

*Never attempt a long trip unless you have at least six hours of sleep under your belt.

*Drink a coffee or caffeinated soft drink. Keep in mind it takes about a half hour before it takes effect, so if need be, take a nap in the meantime.

*Schedule a break every couple of hours. Have a healthy snack. Step out of the car and stretch your legs.

*Getting plenty of sleep (at least six hours) the night before a long trip;

*On long trips avoid driving when you normally sleep, even if you've slept in the off hours. Drive during your regular waking hours to keep your body on your regular schedule and more alert.

*Driving with a passenger that is awake is the best bet for keeping yourself from nodding off.

*If you are tired, pull over and take a nap. Be sure to park

in a safe place, never pull over the side of the road. Instead, find an open parking lot where you feel you can safely take a snooze.

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HAMILTON

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takes a back seat to other priorities: tax cuts and spending increases of all kinds and descriptions. Politicians fall prey to the temptation of saying that economic growth will save us — whether it's spurred by tax cuts or spending increases. We've been fed this line for decades, and it hasn't worked out yet.

To be sure, carefully targeted tax cuts and spending on investments in the economy's underpinnings — infrastructure, say, or human development — can enhance economic growth. But we've had too much that was merely political fodder, and it's done more harm than good.

What do we do about all of this?

"The time to repair the roof," John F. Kennedy once said, "is when the sun is shining."

That's why it's time right now, while the sun is shining on the economy, to repair our fiscal problems. We need to restrain the growth of spending, especially in entitlement programs. And we need to recognize that this most recent tax cut, with its fiscal stimulus and further explosion of debt, is exactly the wrong medicine.

Like a lot of problems, the longer we wait to act, the larger and more disruptive the eventual solution will need to be. We're probably in the most fiscally irresponsible period in recent American history. Debt is a major threat to our preeminence in the world, since it constrains our ability to steer the economy and react forcefully to unexpected events. How we deal with it will be a real test of our constitutional system and our political system.

Can Congress and the President act against

the popular grain to cut spending and raise taxes in the public interest? Can we, as citizens, demand credible action by our political leaders even when it hits us in our pocketbooks?

What we need to do is no secret: we have to spend less and tax more. This is very hard to do. But the system is not self-correcting. Unless Americans demand action, we will continue down our current road until, at some point, the pavement ends and the wheels come off.

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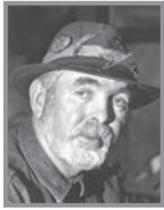


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Spring turkey hunt yielding nice birds



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Turkey hunters are harvesting some very nice birds as the breeding season becomes red hot. Turkeys are responding to hunters calls and are strutting into their set up of turkey decoys. One hunter showed me a video of his hunt this past Saturday that was like being there with him from beginning to end. It was exciting to watch! He harvested a nice 22 lb. tom that had an 11 inch beard and 1 1/4 inch spurs.

Numerous turkey hunters have already harvested their

two birds, and have also harvested a bird in Rhode Island. My brother Ken is shown in this week's photo with a nice 20 lb. bird that he harvested on the first day of the turkey hunting season. This writer still needs to fill my two turkey tags in Mass, and things are looking good for this week's hunting, as the toms become easier to call in for a good shot.

Tautog fishing had blown wide open last week, with almost every angler filling their three fish limit in the Westport area. Catching doubles on a two hook rig was easy for some anglers. Most tautog anglers were catching and releasing fish, as the action was incredible. Steve Mercure and this writer managed to catch six fish all 19 inches or better last week. The fish were cleaned and cooked at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week by

this writer, and served to a few members that were present last Friday. Eating poached tautog at 9:00 a.m. did not seem to bother those guys. One guy was in Pennsylvania hunting turkeys and missed the tautog feed. I sure felt bad that he was not there!!

Striper fishing was still slow last week with reports from local bait & tackle shops becoming disgusted with the slow fishing. Their patience is also being stretched to the limit, as they try to survive the slow fishing and lack of business at this time of year.

Fishing for haddock on the North Shore has been incredible the last couple of weeks. Captain John boats fishing out of Plymouth have been catching limits of haddock on their all day fishing charters. Numerous cod are also being taken daily, but need to be

released because of the closed season on all cod fishing on the Gulf of Maine.

Trout fishing anglers continue to catch limits of trout at local streams and rivers in the valley area. Freshwater bass fishing still remains slow in lakes and ponds due to the cold water that is slow to warm. Jerry's Bait & Tackle shop in Milford, weighed in a six pound bass last week. Action should pick up soon.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their annual trout fishing derby for kids this past Saturday. A group of approximately 20 youngsters enjoyed a free breakfast and some great trout fishing prior to the rain. All youngsters received some great prizes and had a fun day at the event. Special thanks to all of the club officers and members that helped make a day of fishing and eating a day

to remember. A special thanks to fish chairman Ed Gervais for his time, making a great day for all in attendance. This week's second picture shows six year old Quinn Horvath fighting a huge rainbow while his grandfather Mike Guertin ready's the net. It was landed successfully and Quinn received a great prize for his big rainbow trout.

On May 20 the Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club will hold their steel plate shoot starting at 10 a.m. at the pistol pits. Check out all of this month's events on their website at www.wallum-lakeRodGun.com! On May 26 the club will also hold a ladies beginner's skeet shoot starting at 9 a.m.!

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Brother Kein with a 20 pound bird.



Six year old Quinn Horvath with his grandfather Mike Guertin get ready to land a prize winning trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club kids' fishing derby.

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SPORTS

Early offense, late defense helps Bay Path hold off Aztecs



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Bay Path second baseman Andrew Fritze waits for the ball to hit his glove during an Assabet stolen base.



Tim Kunz of Bay Path fires off a pitch to the plate versus Assabet.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — An early offensive eruption to the tune of seven runs through two innings was enough for the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team, who then held on to defeat Assabet Valley, 7-5, on Wednesday, May 9. The

victory improved the Minutemen's record to 8-2 overall and 7-1 in the Colonial Athletic League (CAL), as the Aztecs are now 10-2 after suffering their second CAL loss.

"They are a great team. It is all clumped in the top of our division with BVT [Blackstone Valley Tech],

Worcester Tech [and] Assabet, so any time we can beat a team like that is huge," explained Bay Path head coach Mark Sansoucy.

With one out in the top of the sixth inning, Assabet had runners on first and second base threatening to score some runs. A hard line drive was hit to shallow center field and Bay Path's Nate Shoemaker dove full extension to make a miraculous catch. He then snapped up and bulleted a dart to second base to double up the runner. That play stopped the Aztecs' rally and ended the inning — and a potential momentum shift.

"That is about the third or fourth play he has made like that this year," praised Sansoucy. "It is almost like you expect them to make those plays out there. It is just how Nate plays hard every out."

The Minutemen's defense as a whole made the important plays in the field after the offense staked starting pitcher Tim Kunz to the aforementioned 7-1 lead through two innings.

"Our defense is one of the strongest defensive teams we have had in a while," Sansoucy expressed. "We pride ourselves on defense — our infield and outfield."

Kunz was effective on the mound, getting out of many jams by forcing easy groundball outs or routine fly balls.

Bay Path played with the lead as John

O'Loughlin scored on a wild pitch. The first run was followed by four consecutive singles by the 4-5-6-7 hitters for Bay Path in Nick Jose, Jake Leone, Cam Stitisitis and Noah LaTour. Stitisitis' single up the middle of the diamond scored a run and LaTour's opposite field single plated two more for the Minutemen in the bottom of the first.

Stitisitis finished with two singles with an RBI, while Jose also recorded two singles and added a pair of RBIs.

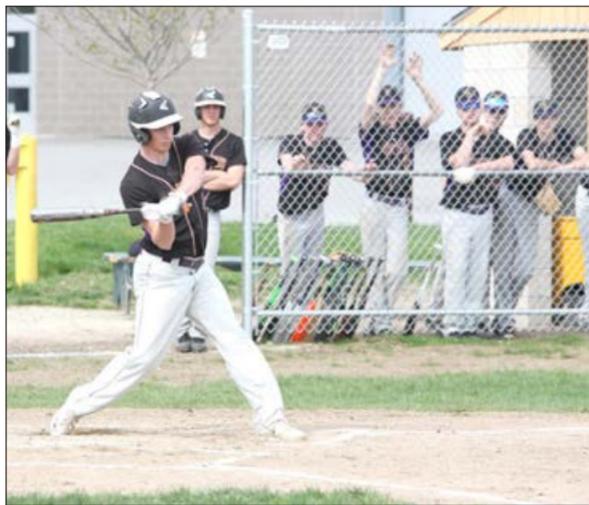
"You want to come out like that, especially against a pitcher like that," Sansoucy explained. "He is probably one of the better pitchers in the league, so to come and get a lead like that helped us out a lot."



Noah LaTour of Bay Path fields his third base position cleanly during a putout.



Bay Path shortstop Alec Desimone gets the force out at second base before firing over to first during an attempted double play.



Bay Path's John O'Loughlin begins his swing as the ball approaches home plate.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cherry Valley American Legion baseball to hold registration, tryouts

The Cherry Valley American Legion Post 443 baseball team will hold player tryouts on May 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to noon each day at Rochdale Park. There is no cost to tryout or play. Players born after Jan. 1, 1999 from Leicester, Spencer, Charlton, Oxford and surrounding towns are welcome to attend. If you have any questions to which Legion program you belong to or have any further questions, please call Jim Stephens at (508) 341-6741.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

There will be women's pick-up basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or mzd531@charter.net for more information.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2@yahoo.com.

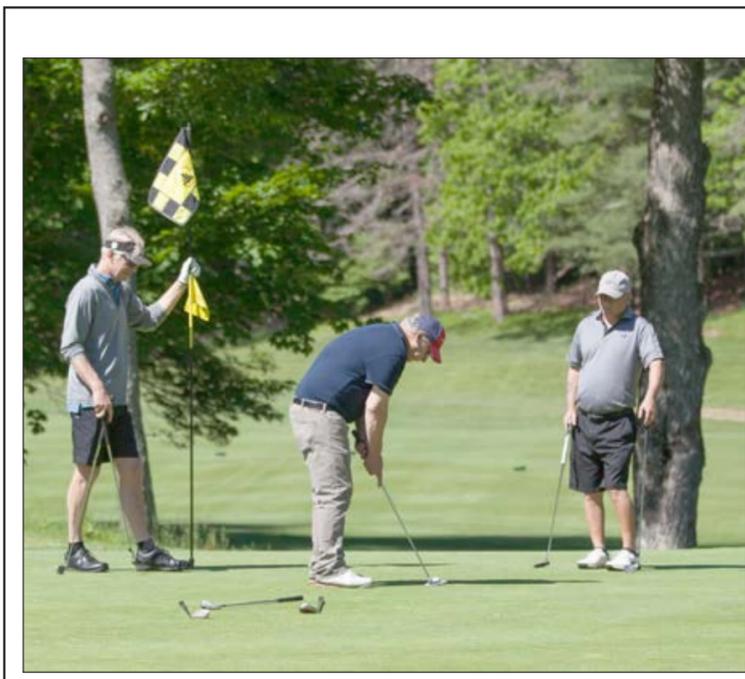
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SPORTS

Rams fall to Littleton, but continue to make progress



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's John Foley keeps the ball positioned in his stick far away from a Littleton defender while on the attack.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — For a six-minute span of the second quarter of its game against Littleton High on May 8, the Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team played exactly the way head coach Mark Kelley was hoping it would. The Rams struggled through the other 42 minutes, however, and ended up on the wrong end of an 11-5 decision to the Tigers.

With the win Littleton improved to 9-2 overall and 6-0 in the Mid-Wach B League. Shepherd Hill, which dropped to 1-5 in league play with the loss, slipped to a game under .500 overall, at 6-7.

Trailing 8-1 with 7:12 remaining before halftime, Shepherd Hill staged a mini-rally the rest of the period, scoring three times in the final 5:59, to trail 8-4 as play headed into the second half.

"We played with intensity, we played with some physicality, we played with emotion," Kelley said. "We played together. We played as a team. That is what I want to see more and more of; I want us to get to the point where we are playing 48 minutes as a team."

Kelley said he sees progress from his team.

"Every day they are doing something better. We didn't make the same amount of mis-

takes this game as we did last time we played them; I look at that as progress," Kelley said. "I've told them on a number of occasions, if we're making different mistakes it means we're learning. If we're making the same mistakes, well, then we've got some big issues. We weren't making the same mistakes and we weren't making as many of them. I think those are good signs that we're improving."

Danny Angell and Ben Canfield scored three goals each to pace the Littleton offensive attack, while Brendan Collari added two goals and Brody Leinson scored once and assisted on three others.

The game also featured the rarest of lacrosse goals, as Brandon Witherell, the Tigers' netminder, made a save and, finding no teammate to clear the ball to, he carried the ball straight down the middle of the field into the attacking zone, right at the goalie, and then flicked the ball into the net.

"They're a very, very good team. They move the ball very well. They made us pay for our mistakes," Kelley said. "We made mistakes all over the field. We made mistakes in every phase of the game — offense, defense, faceoffs, clearing the ball. I know they

don't go out there and try to make mistakes, but we have to minimize the number of times that we make mistakes, going forward, if we hope to be successful."

Senior Tristan Pietz led the Rams' offensive attack and had a hand in every goal, finishing with three goals and two assists. Also scoring goals for Shepherd Hill were Kyle Pastore and Seamus O'Brien, who also set up the only one of Pietz's goals that was not unassisted.

"About 99 percent of the time we get a good game out of Tristan," Kelley said. "He comes to play every day. He finds ways to change games. We just have to find more ways to have him help us do that and have more people step up and help him help us."

Also turning in a strong performance for the Rams against the Tigers was Shepherd Hill goaltender Anthony List, who made 13 saves and kept the Littleton lead in sight for the Rams for the entire game.

"I thought we had excellent play out of our goaltender today; Anthony was tremendous," Kelley said. "He played out of his mind. It could have been far worse. He stayed very composed. That's what it comes down to, that's what we



Goalie Anthony List of Shepherd Hill passes the ball down the field after making a save.

need, more effort like that." The Rams provided that at times, but struggled at times, too.

"We were Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde out there, sometimes in the same quarter," Kelley said. "They are kids; when they're on, they're on and when they're not, they're not. We had our moments where we played very, very well, and we had some mental lapses that we need to correct. I thought we started to take care of some of the transitional things a little bit better as we made some adjustments."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Shepherd Hill Baseball Roundup

May 7

Wachusett 7, Shepherd Hill 0 — The Rams' varsity baseball team could only muster three hits (from Anthony D'Elia, Evan Kokocinski and Hunter Lavigne) in their loss to the Mountaineers.

May 8

Grafton 11, Shepherd Hill 5 — After falling behind, 5-0, the Rams' varsity baseball team made a run at it, grabbing four run in the top of the third inning. But Shepherd Hill couldn't complete the comeback, falling to the Indians. Mick Sullivan had two hits for the Rams.

May 9

Marlborough 3, Shepherd Hill 1 — The Rams' varsity baseball team couldn't pull out a low-scoring affair versus the visiting Panthers. Nate Carty pitched well in defeat for The Hill, tossing a full seven innings with two earned runs, six hits, seven strikeouts and no walks. Alex Jankowski had the RBI for the Rams.

May 11

Algonquin 14, Shepherd Hill 2 — Evan Kokocinski and Nate Carty both drove in runs for the Rams' varsity baseball team, but it wasn't nearly enough in a loss to the Tomahawks.



Shepherd Hill defender Eric Dileone (11) keeps a Littleton attacker at bay.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jane O'Neil, 90



CHARLTON- Mary Jane (Howey) O'Neil, 90, of Masonic Home Rd., passed away at home on Saturday, May 12th, after an illness.

Her beloved husband of 41 years, the Honorable William C. O'Neil Jr., died in 1991. She leaves her two sons, John E. O'Neil and his wife Deborah of Brandon, FL and Michael J. O'Neil and his wife Michele Mitchell of Haverhill; two daughters, Mary C. Bartholomew and her husband Glenn of Cadillac, MI and Eileen M. O'Neil of Charlton; a sister, Martha Walsh of Dearborn, MI; eleven grandchildren, Tanya, Mark, Michelle, Adam, Amanda, Abby, Ashley, Andrea, Jericson, Damien, and Lucien; seven great grandchildren, Brooke, Bailee, Malia, Max, Brayden, Landon, and Teagan; many special nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Patricia Dumphy. Mary Jane was predeceased by two sisters, Katherine Morrow and Dolores Walsh.

She was born in Lake City, MI, the daughter of Morris and Catherine (Koskoski) Howey.

Mary Jane attended Aquinas College and obtain her Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education at Worcester State College.

She started her teaching career in a one room school house in Grand Rapids, MI teaching 1st -8th grade. Later she taught in Shrewsbury at the Paton School. Mary Jane also taught

English as a second language at WPI from 1976 to 1991.

She was an active member of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. Mary Jane served as a Eucharistic Minister as well as a Lector and enjoyed participating as a daily communicant of her church. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary. Mary Jane was a four time cancer survivor and participated in the local Relay for Life. She was an avid bridge player and an extraordinary seamstress having created more than 800 Christmas stockings for family and friends. Mary Jane loved to travel and enjoyed sharing her story of when she traveled cross country with two of her sisters. She was known for her famous "Mary Jane" chocolate cake and cranberry orange relish. She was a kind soul who truly loved her family and cherished her time spent with them.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday, May 17th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Rd Extension, Charlton. Burial will follow in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Wednesday, May 16th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Rd Extension, Charlton, MA 01507 or Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Deborah Jean (Carlson) Lawrence, 64



CHARLTON- Deborah Jean (Carlson) Lawrence, 64, passed away Saturday, May 5, 2018 at U. Mass/Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, in Worcester.

She leaves 2 sons; Richard J. Lawrence and his wife Allison and Michael A. Lawrence of Charlton, her mother, Joyce (Lyford) Carlson of Charlton, 2 brothers, David Carlson of Charlton and Richard Carlson of California, 2 sisters, Diane P. Appleton and Brenda Carlson of Charlton and 2 grand-daughters, Lainey and Grace Lawrence also of Charlton, and several nieces and nephews. Deborah was born in Milo, Maine,

daughter of the late Edward Carlson and has lived in Charlton over 50 years. She was also predeceased by a brother Daniel Carlson and a sister, Linda Anderson.

Deborah attended Charlton High School, she also was known for her 'green thumb' growing plants and also enjoyed going to the casino.

Her biggest joy was that she adored her grandchildren.

Calling hours for Deborah were Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 5-7pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton.

Private graveside services will be private at a later date.

To leave an on line condolence for Deborah, please visit: RJMILLERFUNERALS.NET

Elaine F. Hebert, 74

SOUTHBRIDGE- Elaine F. (Cadarette) St. Laurent Hebert, 74, formerly of Therese Ave. died Sunday, May 13, 2018, at Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center. Her husband was the late Donald O. Hebert who died in 2012.

She is survived by her sons Robert St. Laurent and his wife Glory of Dudley, Jeffrey St. Laurent and his wife Desiree of Dudley, 2 step-daughters Rachel Foley of Williston, ND, and Donna Fields and her husband Charles of Kentucky and 2 step-sons Ronald Hebert of Rochester, NH and Joseph Hebert of Charlton. She also leaves 4 grandchildren, 2 sisters Patricia Duff of Killingly, CT, and Louise Burlingame of Brooklyn, CT nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her first husband Robert St. Laurent, and a brother Ernest Cadarette.

She was born in Southbridge, August 14, 1943, daughter of the late Ernest and Lydia (Rochon) Cadarette. She was a member of Notre Dame Church, and graduated from Southbridge High School. She worked as a CNA for many years at the Masonic Home (now Overlook) in Charlton. Elaine enjoyed camping, cooking, and fishing. She most enjoyed spending time with her family.

Services: Calling hours were Wednesday, May 16, 2018, from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. The funeral Mass was held at 10AM, on Thursday, May 17th, at Notre Dame Church 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will follow at New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to jean@stonebridgepress.news



CALENDAR

Saturday May 19

CONCERTS: Quinebaug Valley Singers spring concerts, entitled "How Can I Keep From Singing" will be performed: Saturday May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish 16 Church St., Fiskdale AND Sunday May 20 at 3:00 p.m. at Evangelical Covenant Church 24 Child Hill Rd., Woodstock CT. Free-will offering taken and refreshments will be served. For more information: <http://www.qvsingers.org>

PORK ROAST SUPPER: Saturday May 19, the Charlton City United Methodist Men located at 74 Stafford St., will be serving their scrumptious Pork Roast Dinner. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE 3RD SATURDAY OF MAY. Tender roast pork with creamy whipped potatoes and gravy, sweet carrots, tender peas, homemade applesauce, roll & butter and let's not forget dessert — a brownie sundae and an assortment of beverages. Dinner is served from 5:30 till 7 p.m. and take-outs are available. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$6 and children under 5 are free. Family maximum of \$40. Tickets may be purchased at the door, reservations are greatly appreciated, church office (508) 248-7379 for information and reservations. We are handicap accessible. Come and enjoy food and fellowship bring your family and friends.

FREE KIDS CLUB: Saturday, May 19 Charlton City United Methodist Church located at 74 Stafford Street would like to invite children ages 3-12 to join their new Kid's Club. On the third Saturday of each month we will be offering par-

ents a safe environment for their children. There will be story time, music, crafts, games and lunch. There is no cost and all are invited. The program will run from 10am to 2pm. Please call the church if you have any questions or to sign up your child at (508)248-7379.

Sunday, May 20

CHOCOLATE! Once again, the seductive fragrance from the chocolate fountain will envelop the hall as Chapter R of the P.E.O. Sisterhood presents its third annual Chocolate Sunday, May 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Contact Georgeanne T. Roe at (508) 278-3589, georgeanne.roe@att.net.

Tuesday, May 22

CONTEMPLATIVE COOKING? Cooking with Your Instant Pot on Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St.

The instant pot craze is here, are you onboard? Join Chef Liz Barbour of Creative Feasts for a cooking class that will help take the mystery out of this time saving kitchen tool. Liz will demonstrate 2 recipes you can recreate at home. Following her demonstration Liz will offer tasty samples for everyone to enjoy.

Seating is limited. Please register online at www.charltonlibrary.org or call 508-248-0452.

Monday, May 28

CHURCH PLANS BLUE GRASS SUMMER: Bethlehem Lutheran Church is pleased to announce its summer schedule for Outdoor Bluegrass Worship Services:

May 28th - 9:30 am Bethlehem lawn
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fresh historical worship on all other Sundays. Join us in God Work by being God's Hands. Bethlehem is Shining Through the Trees by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and being a place of shelter.

Friday, June 1

DINNER DANCE: The Sturbridge Rotary Club is hosting its fifth annual Dinner Dance at the Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge on Friday, June 1 from 6-10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. Music by Sunshine Entertainment with DJ Chris Hookie. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of eight for \$350. For tickets, please contact Austin Jenkins at 508-347-6511 or learn more at www.sturbridgerotary.org. Join us for a buffet, raffles and dancing for a fun evening and for a great cause!

Saturday, June 16

A HOOK IN: The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW? Garden Tours in Charlton on June 16 from 10am-3pm! Featured will be gardens of 6 local residents in all their summer splendor. Join us in touring these classic and unique outdoor spaces celebrating the wonder of nature. Proceeds will benefit Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling Tricia Gay at 774-230-3589 or Linda at the church office @ 508-764-8058.

Sunday September 9

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

ONGOING

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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

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

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

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TRIVIA

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Dzaugis and Jared Burns. They won an engraved butcher block set of chef knives.

In second place was last year's second place winners, Matt and Kate Alexander and Michael and Mary Bellezza, team Annoying Pissants, who won an eight piece set of steak knives.

The Oliver Wight Tavern staff and United Way volunteers chose the last award of the evening, Best Team Name. It was a difficult choice with great names such as We Drink and We Know Things and Say What?. The recipient of the Best Team name was Stormy Daniels Band. Team members were Pam and Ben Tully and Patrick and Lori Morrill, who received Gordon Ramsey Master Chef aprons.

The quiz was moved to a new venue this year to allow more teams to compete. The evening was fun even with the intense questions written by Michael Detarando and delivered by Quiz Master Gary Galonek.

The funds raised with entrance fees and raffles go to the United Way's general fund to help support the many programs in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton that the United Way's mem-



The 2nd Place Team; Mary Bellezza, Matt Alexander, Kate Alexander and Michael Bellezza

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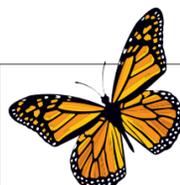
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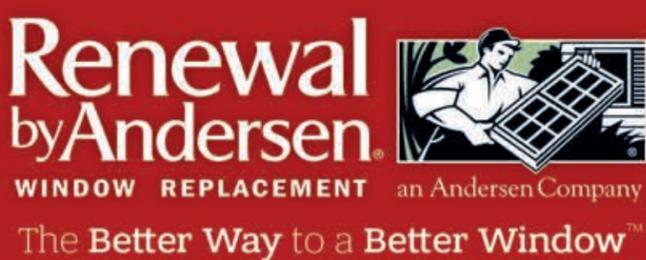
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<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 53 Brookside Ave! 7 Rm Cape! 46 Acres! Appliances Eat-in Kit, Breakfast Bar, Din Area, Slider! Frpld Liv Rm w/New Carpet & Wall A/C! Full Bath! 1 Rm w/Brick Hearth! 1st Flr Laundry! Large Trex Deck! Updated Windows, Siding & Furnace! Garage! Shed! Sold w/dk! 39 Acre Lot! \$305,000.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>THOMPSON - 1338 Riverside Drive! 8 Rm Colonial w/Grand Entry Foyer! 94 Acre! Farmers Porch! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Isle! Din Area w/Pellet Stove & Slider to Deck w/Jacuzzi! Din Rm & Frpld Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Den/Office! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 1.5 Baths! Finished Lower Level! C/Air! Garage! \$369,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 38 Batten St! 6 Rm Ranch is Ready for You! Recently Painted Eat-in Kit w/New Flooring! Large Liv Rm w/Cedar Closet! Bonus Rm! Den w/Access to the Deck! 3 Bedrooms! Full Bath! Expandable Lower Level! New Roof, Electrical Service & Panel! Recent Exterior Paint! 1 Car Garage! \$249,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>SUTTON - 33 Old Mill Rd! West Sutton! Country Road! Fabulous Craftsmanship in this 4,592' 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 3+ Bath Custom Home! Entertaining is the Essence of this Open, Airy Frpld! Spacious Country Kit Surround the Sunken Liv Rm! Frpld Din Rm! French Drs to Deck and In-ground Pool! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Walld Ceiling, Spacious Windows for Natural Light, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower, Private Water Closet! You'll Enjoy the Fam Rm w/3 TVs, Pool Table, LP Gas Frplc & Wet Bar! Oversized Garage for 6 Cars w/Ceiling Height for a Lift! Generator Hook-up! 5.5 acres! Easy Access to 395, 146 & MA Pike! \$892,600.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 32 Canille Rd! 9 Rm Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Frplc! Frpld Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL. Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed! \$349,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 50 Airport Rd! Updated 5 Rm Ranch! 1/2 Acre Level Lot! Kit 2009! Frpld Liv Rm! 2 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Total Mud Rm Entryway! Walk-out Frpld Lower Level! Updated Roof & C/Air 2010, Breakers 2011, Windows 2015, Furnace 2016! Won't Last! \$269,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Isle! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! \$309,900.00</p>		
<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER - 11 Upper Gore Rd! Convenient 6 Rm Cape! Fully Appliance! Oak Flr! Frplc! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwd Flrs! Spacious Liv Rm w/Brick Hearth! 1st Flr Laundry! Large Trex Deck! Updated Windows, Siding & Furnace! Garage! Shed! Sold w/dk! 39 Acre Lot! \$259,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER - 7 Vine St! 5+ Rm L-Shaped Ranch! Looking for Larger, this May Be It! 10'6" X 19'8" Eat-in Kit! 27' Liv Rm! Entry Foyer! 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Dble Closets! Huge Master! Hrdwds Flrs! Tie Bath! 1.5 Baths! Walk-out Lower Level! Heat & Hot Water by Gas! Garage! \$219,900.00</p>					<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 47 Lakeside Ave! 2 Family! 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms! 1/1 Baths! Appliance Kitchen! Recent Roof at 5 Yrs! Solar Panels at 2 Yrs! Separate Oil Furnaces! Walk to Lakeside Beach! Launch Your Boat at the State Ramp! Convenient Location! \$249,000.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 67 West Main St! Live or Work or do Both from this 7 Rm Colonial on 25,860' Lot - 594 Acres! Needs Updating! Zoned! Business! Convenient Location for Either! Room to Expand! Hrdwds! 2 Baths! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St! As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderms Furnace! \$198,900.00</p>	
<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14'x20' Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaping! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! \$524,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemporary, 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Master! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarban Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frpld Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! \$639,900.00</p>					<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliance Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpld Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! \$729,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 412 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! End Corner Unit! Lake Views! Appliance! Galley Kitchen! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Master w/Custom Bath & Closet w/Skylight! 2.5 Remodeled Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! \$279,500.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE Access! 2-A Lakeview Rd! 7 Rm Split Entry Cape! Appliances! Granite Kit! 4/5 Spacious Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! C/Air! Handicap ELEVATOR! 2 Car Under! 30'x40' 2 Story Detached Garage w/12' Ceiling & 3 Car Lifts! Overlooking & Short Walk to Lake & Dock! \$489,900.00</p>
<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp! 104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft. or .77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Lawn to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change. After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Space to Room, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frpld Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/ Frpld Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! \$1,100,000.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Lake View! Open Frplc! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/7' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Gleaming Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Isle, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tie Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tie Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tie Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Deck! Get Picking! \$724,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 109 Beacon Park! Waterfront, Beach Front, Pool Side! Townhouse w/BOAT DOCK! 5 Rms! Move-in Condition! Panoramic Lake Views! Appliances! Din & Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Lake Facing Master! Custom Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! Garage! \$288,000.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3.4 Acres! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXQUISITE Views! Explore the OPP! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! \$349,000.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,374' Hrdwd Floors! Appliances! Granite Kit! Open Frplc! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frpld Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! \$349,000.00</p>				

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<p>WEBSTER - 90 UPLAND AVE</p> <p>NEW LISTING! Excellent home for 1st time home buyers! Cape that has 3 large bedrooms, 2 on the main level and one on the 2nd floor, 1 bath on the main level, 1/2 bath in the basement. Heated by oil - forced hot water baseboard! 1 car garage under \$134,900.</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 203 BEACON PARK</p> <p>Webster Lake Condo in BEACON PARK! 10 acres of Park like Grounds!, Natural Sandy Beach! Excellent for Swimming! Do your early morning laps in the inground pool! 1200+ sf Living space! 2 large bedrooms, dining and living room! 2 Sliders - Deck! BOAT DOCK INCLUDED! Buy now - enjoy the 4th of JULY FIREWORKS! \$254,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 110 LAKESIDE AVE</p> <p>Panoramic Views Define this Unique Webster Lake Waterfront Contemporary! 190' of water-frontage spanning the horizon from East To West! Pavilion sits at water's edge! Lakeside patio, fire pit & sandy beach for swimming! Huge waterside decks & aluminum docks! Contemporary style home offers 2,497 SF +/-, 9 Rms, 4 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 Baths including private master bath. Open concept w/kitchen/dining/living & year-round sun-room. Lake facing private master BR suite. Walkout lower level features a family room, half bath & lakeside 3 season room! 2 car attached garage! NEW PRICE \$739,900.</p>	<p>LAND!</p> <p>WEBSTER/THOMPSON BUILDABLE LOTS</p> <p>Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer. \$59,400</p> <p>Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer \$229,900</p> <p>Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! \$99,900.</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 705 TREASURE ISL.</p> <p>Just in time for summer! Move in ready! This End Unit Condo is nice and bright with early morning natural light! Hardwood floors! Recent Energy Efficient Windows! 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 Baths, Fireplace! Walkout Lower Level! Impeccable Park like grounds, Heated Pool! Boat Slip! Don't miss out! \$334,900</p>
<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD</p> <p>New listing! 2 Family on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to I-395! Walkout basement & storage area. Paver patio! Taxes \$4,624 yr. \$412,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD</p> <p>Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 30' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 5600+ SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/terrace potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front dock! Spectacular Western views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. \$345,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR</p> <p>1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700 +/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscaping, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/ Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information \$1,150,000.</p>		

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860-377-4016**

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GARDENING

Preparing garden beds for spring and beyond



Begin preparing garden bed soil early for new plants.

Gardening enthusiasts may have been thinking about their landscape plans throughout the winter, eager to once again get their hands dirty with soil. Whether a home gardener is making preparations for edible crops or beautiful flowers, he or she must take time to make the soil amenable to planting. To establish hearty, durable plants, gardeners can focus on three main areas: addressing soil composition, cultivating and adding nutrients.

SOIL COMPOSITION

Many gardeners prefer growing a variety of plants in their gardens. Such an approach requires taking inventory of the type of soil in one's garden and making the necessary modifications so that the types of vegetables, herbs, shrubs, or flowers that will be planted can grow in strongly. In fact, according to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

CULTIVATION

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a digging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it's mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots. The DIY Network suggests turning over soil at a depth of 12 inches to work the soil — about the length of a shovel spade. However, the resource Earth Easy says that existing garden beds have a complex soil ecosystem and simply top-dressing with compost or manure can be enough preparation for planting. Gardeners can experiment with the methods that work best for their gardens.

NUTRITION

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil. Complete fertilizers will have equal amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Individual fertilizers can amend the soil with only these nutritional elements that are needed.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

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Suggestions when shopping for fencing

Fences can improve functionality of a yard and provide extra security and privacy. Some fences are decorative while others are functional. Families with children and/or companion animals also may find fencing is a necessity to keep everyone safe and corralled.

With a vast array of fencing materials available, homeowners may find it challenging to decide which material is right for their properties. The following breakdown can help homeowners learn more about fencing and potentially point them in the right direction regarding which material to choose for their properties.

BUDGET

Budget is one of the first considerations many homeowners have when installing fencing. Pricing will affect whether one can afford a chain link fence (one of the most budget-friendly options), wrought iron or ornate wood (more expensive). Pricing out several different types of fences will give homeowners an idea of which material fits



A post-and-rail fence can be sufficient if the goal is to mark off property lines but not obscure views.

into their budgets.

PURPOSE

Homeowners install fencing for various reasons. If a fence is an ornamental way to delineate property lines, a picket fence or a post-and-rail fence are simple options that can lend a homey

feel to a property. These types of fences also can enhance and frame landscaping elements, such as gardens.

In many areas, laws require homeowners to install fencing around swimming pools. In such instances, chain link fencing that does not obstruct views of the pool

might be the best choice. If security or privacy is the main desire, tall fences that make it difficult for neighbors to see into the yard may make an ideal choice.

RESTRICTIONS

It is important to understand local regulations

before installing fencing. Communities governed by homeowners' associations may have rules in place that dictate the type of fences that can be installed. Townships and other municipalities may have their own rules concerning fence type, property borders, fence height, and other fac-

tors that will have to be adhered to so that fencing will meet code. If such rules are not following fines may be imposed and the fence may have to be removed. Homeowners also may need permits to install fencing, whether they are hiring a contractor or doing the work themselves.

MAINTENANCE

Consumer resource Angie's List advises homeowners to consider maintenance before choosing a fencing material. Wooden fencing requires the most maintenance due to painting and staining. Aluminum or vinyl fencing requires less maintenance, but it can be harder to repair isolated damage or replace pickets, if necessary. In some instances, the entire fence may have to be replaced.

Homeowners install fencing for many different reasons. Considering price, budget, purpose, and maintenance before making a decision regarding fencing can help homeowners make the best decision possible.

Salmonella is 'no yolk' when raising backyard chickens



City dwellers and suburbanites have flown the coop, so to speak. A growing interest in raising chickens has enabled coops and nesting birds to spring up in neighborhoods one would not typically associate with chickens.

Sometimes dubbed "urban homesteading" or "urban farming," these homegrown operations enable people to enjoy fresh eggs from the comfort of home. Henhouses are just another extension of methods to reap the benefits of fresh, local and nonfactory-produced foods.

Although advocates insist that raising chickens on a small scale makes the birds less likely to carry disease than factory-farmed chickens, anyone raising chickens needs to be aware of the potential for disease — particularly salmonella. Also, it's important to care for chickens in a manner that is humane and in line with local laws.

WHAT IS SALMONELLA?

Salmonella is a common bacteria that lives in the intestinal tract of humans, other mammals and some birds,

including chickens. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1.2 million illnesses and 450 deaths are attributed to salmonella annually in the United States. The illness causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection and can last between four and seven days. Salmonella can cause death when not properly treated with antibiotics.

SPREADING SALMONELLA

Although humans cannot catch salmonella from chickens the way one would contract a cold, they can catch it through handling or consuming eggs of infected birds. The rural newsletter and farming resource Grit says salmonella can then be transmitted to humans who eat improperly cooked meat or eggs from infected birds or from putting their hands in your mouths after touching chickens or eggs that have come in contact with contaminated rodent or chicken feces.

The elderly, people with weakened immune systems and young chil-

dren are at the highest risk for salmonella infection than others. Children who help gather eggs and do not thoroughly wash their hands afterward can be at increased risk.

REDUCING RISK

Maintaining clean conditions and routinely inspecting chickens for good health can help lower the risk of salmonella infection. Chicks and adult chickens that have salmonella may produce loose yellow or green droppings; have a drop in egg production, increased thirst and decreased feed consumption; and show signs of weight loss. Look for rodents in the henhouse, as infected mice or other small rodents may transmit salmonella as well.

Chickens also need safe, roomy clean conditions to remain healthy and content. According to the resource MyPetChicken, a diet of whole grains and seeds also may be associated with decreased salmonella colonies.

Some experts warn against washing eggs as a preventative method. According to a report written by Diane Schivera, an organic livestock specialist for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, thoroughly cleaning egg shells can remove a protective "bloom" that prevents bacteria from entering eggs. Eggs shouldn't be scrubbed, but some suggest a warm water rinse that will push dirt away from the shell's pores.

Old eggs are more susceptible to bacteria penetration. Storing eggs at room temperature may cause them to degrade faster. Once eggs are gathered, individuals should wash their hands and make sure the eggs are chilled.

Salmonella can be prevented in backyard chicken coops. Plus, it's important to note that risk of infection is very small. The American Egg Board's Egg Safety reference says an average consumer might encounter a contaminated egg once every 84 years.

Be aware of ticks when enjoying the outdoors



Wearing long pants and sleeves and tall socks can discourage ticks from latching on when people are enjoying the outdoors.

When the weather warms, yards beckon, hiking trails look even more inviting and even a patch of grass can be a welcoming respite. Lots of fun can be had outside, but caution is needed. While this time of year is prime for outdoor frolicking, it's also a time when tick populations explode.

Ticks are small crawling bugs in the arachnid (spider) family. There are hundreds of different kinds of ticks in the world. The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation says there are at least 40 species of tick in Canada alone. The creature subsists on meals of blood from a host animal.

Ticks can carry bacteria, viruses and other pathogens that can cause serious disease in humans and other animals, states LymeDisease.org. Ticks feed and mate mostly on deer, but rodents, birds, lizards, and just about any other animal can be a host to these nondiscriminatory bugs. Animals carry the diseases, which are then passed through the tick to others.

Disease-spreading ticks can be extremely hard to detect because of their diminutive size, especially when they are in the larva or nymph stages. Therefore, preventing tick bites remains the single-best way to stay ahead of Lyme disease and other illnesses. Understanding tick habitats and behavior can make it easier to avoid them.

WHERE TO FIND TICKS

Ticks will congregate anywhere the animals they feed upon live. Primarily

they are located in wooded and grassy areas. Adults will climb up on tall grass waiting for an animal to pass by so they can climb aboard. Nymphs and larvae will live in layers of decomposing leaves under trees.

Moisture is a friend to ticks, which are less active in sunny, dry areas. Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says removing leaf litter, clearing tall grasses and brush and mowing the lawn frequently can help. The following are additional ways to create tick-safe zones at home.

- Stack wood neatly in a dry area.
- Keep playground equipment and entertaining spaces away from trees and yard edges.
- Discourage unwanted animals with fencing.
- Prevent tick migration into yards with a three-foot-wide barrier of gravel between lawns and wooded areas.
- If desired, employ acaricides (tick pesticides) to reduce the number of ticks in your yard.

ON THE GO

When enjoying the great outdoors, avoid tall grasses and stay on trails. Wear tall socks or pants during hikes to prevent ticks from latching on. A thorough inspection of the body is advisable each time people return indoors. Check hidden areas, such as behind the knees, under the arms and in other skin-fold areas, for ticks.

Tick populations grow as the weather warms. Ensure spring and summer fun is not dampened by tick-related illness.

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Introduce earthworms into the garden

Gardeners eager to revitalize their lawns and gardens may spend hundreds of dollars on tools and products designed to improve soil and growing conditions. Although many of these items can be advantageous, gardeners also may want to look to nature's best garden helpers: earthworms.

It is believed that nearly 3,000 different types of earthworms inhabit the planet. Worms have been around for hundreds of millions of years.

Worms can be seen as bait dangling on fishing lines or as meals for red-breasted robins. But these subterranean dwellers play their biggest role beneath the soil.

Earthworms move through dirt as they search for food. The worms consume particles in the soil, helping to recycle materials like dead leaves, plant parts, decaying animals, and feces. Through their travels, worms also serve to aerate the soil. Worms bring the subsoil closer to the surface and mix it with the topsoil. Earthworms' castings also help naturally fertilize the areas in which they reside. The slimy mucus that worms leave behind contains nitrogen, which also helps to amend the soil.

The University of Illinois Extension says most earthworms found, particularly in North America, can only grow so long, even though some worms seem like they stretch forever underneath the ground. Depending on the type of worm and how many segments it has, as well as its age and ability to get nutritious foods, worms typically reach only a few inches in length, offers National Geographic. There are some anomalies, however. The Oregon giant earthworm is one of the largest earthworms found in North America, growing to more than three feet in length. That worm is very rare, however. In 2016, a 16-inch-long earthworm was discovered in England and became part of the collection at the Natural History Museum in London. Some Australian and South American earthworms are known to grow much larger.

Worms need the correct mix of oxygen, moisture and favorable temperatures to survive. If they do not have these components, they will seek them out elsewhere.

Because of the many benefits earthworms provide, they can be a boon to landscapes.



How to read a nursery plant tag



Shopping for new plants for a home can be an exciting undertaking. Nurseries and garden centers are often home to dozens of types of plant species that come in various colors, leaf variations and sizes. Such variety can make choosing plants more fun while also making the process of buying plants a bit complicated, especially for novices. Thankfully, plant tags can help consumers make informed decisions.

Understanding how to read plant tags is key to making good choices. Such labels contain a lot of information, but once a person knows how to decode that data, he or she is well on the way to choosing the right plants.

COMMON NAME

The common name of the plant tends to be the most noticeable word or words on the tag. This

is the name the plant is referred to outside of scientific circles. Most plants have one or more common names in addition to their botanical name.

SCIENTIFIC (BOTANICAL) NAME

Scientific names are also known as the Latin names of the plant. Such names will be written in italics on the tag and are usually one or two words. The scientific name includes the genus (group) and the species of the plant.

CULTIVAR

A plant tag may further describe the type of plant by including the cultivar. A cultivar is the variation on the species. It may describe a size or color variation. The cultivar is listed in single quotations by the scientific name.

SUN REQUIREMENTS

The tag should list how much sun exposure the plant requires to thrive. It may be anywhere from full sun to full shade.

HEIGHT AND SPREAD

The label frequently includes the maximum growing height and width the plant should reach when mature. This gives gardeners an understanding of just how much room the plant will take up in the garden and how to space plants in a landscape.

WATER NEEDS

How much water the plant requires may be featured on the tag as well. This helps gardeners know if they need soil to be damp or relatively dry.

HARDINESS OR ZONE

Tags that list zones will describe the coldest zone in which the plant can exist. Otherwise, it will give a range. Many annuals will not list a hardiness zone because they are not expected to last beyond one season.

PERENNIAL OR ANNUAL

The tag should designate the plant as an annual or perennial. Annuals are not expected to last through the winter and will need to be replanted the following year. Perennials can overwinter and will regenerate year after year.

Tags also may list information such as special care needs, drought tolerance, uses for the plant, and when the plant blooms. Some plant labels will inform gardeners if the plants were produced organically or without GMO practices. Trademark information also may be included.

Plant tags provide important information for selecting and growing plants. When noted, tags help gardeners make the right selections and keep plants as healthy as possible.

Post-winter garden prep

Lawns and gardens can bear the brunt of winter weather and are often in need of tender loving care by the time spring arrives.

Preparing a garden for spring and summer involves assessing any damage that harsh weather might have caused. As temperatures climb, gardeners can heed the following post-winter garden preparation tips in an effort to ensure some successful gardening in the months ahead.

- Assess the damage. Even if winter was mild, gardens might still have suffered some damage. Inspect garden beds and any fencing or barriers designed to keep wildlife from getting into the garden. Before planting anew, fix any damage that Mother Nature or local wildlife might have caused over the past several months.

- Clear debris. Garden beds and surrounding landscapes that survived winter without being damaged might still be littered with debris. Remove fallen leaves, branches and even litter that blew about on windy winter days before planting season. Make sure to discard any debris effectively so it does not find its way back into the garden.

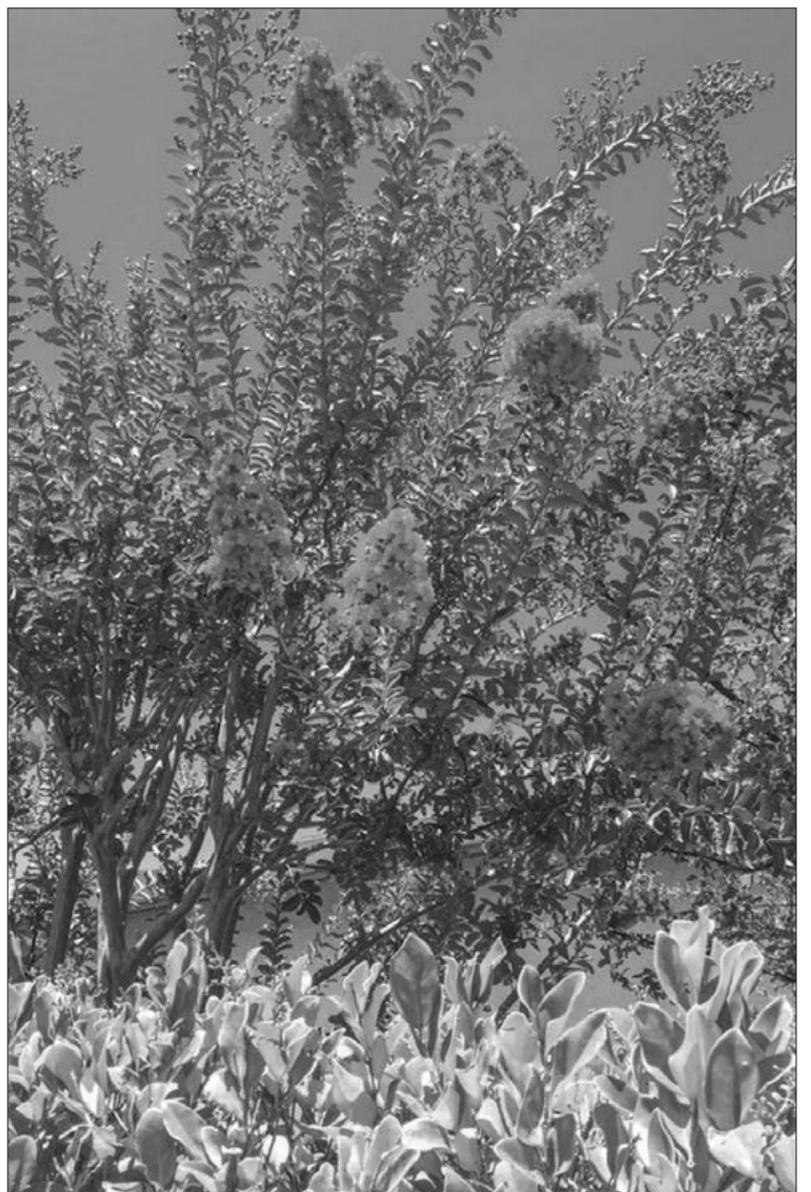
- Turn the greenhouse into a clean house. Spring cleaning is not just for the interior of a home. Cleaning a greenhouse in advance of spring can help gardeners evict any overwintering pests

that can threaten plant life once spring gardening season arrives. A thorough cleaning, which should include cleaning the inside of greenhouse glass and washing flower pots and plant trays, also can prevent plant diseases from surviving into spring.

- Check for pests. Speak with a local gardening professional to determine if there are any local pests to look out for and how to recognize and remove these pests from gardens. Pests may hibernate in the soil over the winter, and such unwelcome visitors can make it difficult for gardens to thrive come spring and summer.

- Assess plant location. If plants, flowers or gardens have struggled in recent years or never grew especially vibrant, then gardeners may want to assess the location of their plant life before spring gardening season begins. Some plants may not be getting enough sunlight in certain locations on a property, while others might be overexposed to the sun during spring and summer. Moving plants that are not thriving prior to the start of spring gardening season may be just what gardens need to flourish in the coming weeks.

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