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Debt exclusion article goes down to defeat

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton citizens turned out in droves on Election Day 2020 to the tune of 8,137 ballots cast, with the majority of voters putting their support behind incumbent presidential candidate Donald Trump and voting down a proposed debt exclusion to fund a new public safety building.

In a vote of 4,042 to 3,708, Charlton voters shot down the debt exclusion question for a second time which would have allowed for a funding mechanism to build a new multi-use public safety complex on Masonic Home Road that would serve as home to the fire and police departments. A significant public campaign touting the need for the facility to replace the 62-year-old fire departments and 29-year-old police department has been active for much of 2020 including a capital campaign that, as of writing, had raised \$367,500 to offset the cost of the facility. A "yes" vote would have added the \$25.1 million price tag to the tax base as a temporary expense but now town officials and the building committee must regroup to decide how to approach the project without the debt exclusion.

The vote is actually the second time Charlton has decided against the debt exclusion. While voters supported the project during the May 2019 annual Town Meeting, the original request for a debt exclusion was defeated in a special election in August of that year. In July of 2020, the Board of Selectmen unanimously placed the debt exclusion on the presidential ballot after the building committee had come forward with more precise presentations, square footage and a reduce price tag as well as the news of the capital campaign. The goal of putting the question before voters for a second time was to get a larger sample size to voice their opinions on the matter during one of the most active presidential elections of our time. The results showed only a noticeable increase in voter percentage in favor of the project, but not enough to approve the question. Compared to the 1,351 registered voters that turned out in August where the 890 to 491 decision saw on 36 percent support the project, the Election Day vote was much closer where 8,137 voters cast their ballot and 45 percent support-

Shepherd Hill student wins Heisman Scholarship

their ballot and 45 percent supported the question. In the months and weeks leading up to Election Day the project did receive open public opposition from groups of citizens who felt it would be too cumbersome of the tax base while others felt it would be more acceptable on a smaller scale.
Looking at the rest of the ballot, Charlton voters showed support for incumbent President Donald Trump with 4,107 votes cast in favor of his reelection while 3,749 voters supported Democratic challenger and former
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Photo Courtesy

Members of Shepherd Hill Regional High School's National Honor Society offered an evening of spooky fun for more than 200 visitors during their Haunting on the Hill event Halloween weekend. Photo courtesy of the NHS' Twitter feed.

Charlton begins updating Building Commission bylaws

DUDLEY — The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance announced the 2020 State Winners for the Heisman High School Scholarship presented by Acceptance Insurance.

From an applicant pool of thousands of high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2021, 100 students have been named State Winners in the Heisman High School Scholarship competition awarded by The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance.

In their first year as presenting sponsor, Acceptance Insurance pledged an additional \$25,000 scholarship donation to the program. State Winners will receive a \$750 college scholarship and continue on for the chance to become National Finalists or National Winners. National Finalists receive a \$1,250 college scholarship and the male and female National Winners will each receive a \$5,250 college scholarship.

A complete list of State Winners can be found at https://www.heismanscholarship.com/results/.

Henry Weiland of Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley is a Scholarship Winner.

The Heisman Memorial Trophy is annually awarded to the most outstanding college football player in the nation. The Heisman High School Scholarship presented by Acceptance Insurance extends the Heisman prestige to our nation's most esteemed high school seniors by recognizing and rewarding outstanding scholar-athletes who understand that the most important victories not only happen on the field, but in their schools and communities. These remarkable young leaders set the example and make a game-changing difference every day, paving the way to greatness for everyone around them.

To apply, students must be graduating with the class of 2021, have a cumulative weighted high school grade point average of a B (3.0) or better, participate in at least one of the 48 sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee and/or the National Federation of State High School Association and be a leader in his/her school and community. BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Town of Charlton has begun the process of reassessing is Building Commission Bylaws in an effort to bring the job within the guidelines of the state.

During a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 27, Town Administrator Andrew Golas informed selectmen that following discussions at a recent annual town meeting he had begun working with the Building Commissioner and Legal Counsel Jim Cosgrove to revamp and update the bylaws pertaining to the building commission to incorporate approved changes and bring the document more in line with state regulations. Golas stated that the process will be ongoing in the weeks and months to come with the goal to provide a final copy to selectmen at a future meeting. A draft was provided for selectmen for their consideration and review that night although no motions were expected or made during the meeting.

"We're still kind of working through this to figure out what changes need to be made," Golas said. "(Attorney Cosgrove) pointed out some of the appointment pieces of it where if you look under Mass General Law it prescribes the chief administrative official as the appointing authority where our bylaw states the chief executive official which is the board of selectmen."

Selectmen provided few comments during the meeting as they wanted to

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Bay Path welcomes new faculty members

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is pleased to welcome three newly appointed faculty members as adjunct faculty: Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA Health Care Systems, RN; Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN; Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN

Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA, RN of Charlton, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Jan. 15. Grant is an experienced case manager, nursing supervisor, and Director of Nursing Services. This year she completed her dual degree Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Administration Business Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems at Grand Canyon University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017. Her academic progression in nursing start-



Sarah Grant

ed at MassBay Community College for Practical Nursing in 2007 and Quinsigamond Community College for her Associates Degree in Nursing (2015).

Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN of Blackstone, has been named



Silvia Medina

adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Sept. 1. Medina is an experienced home care nurse who is fluent in English, Creole, and Portuguese. She completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education this year at Western Governors University (WGU), her



Leslie Taylor

Bachelor of Science in Nursing also at WGU in 2010, and was a Dean's lister at the Atlantic Union College in 2007 where she earned her Associates Degree in Nursing. Her experience also includes rehabilitation nursing and acute care at Kindred Hospital where she precepted newly hired nurses.

Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN of Spencer, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on March 6. Taylor is a candidate for Master of Science in Forensic Nursing at Fitchburg State University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017, Magna Cum Laude. She is enrolled in Certification in Simulation at St. Anselm College. She obtained her Associates Degree in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College in 2002. Taylor is a Peri anesthesia nurse at UMass Memorial Hospital. She provided clinical instruction to senior nursing students at Anna Maria College in Paxton and at Becker College in Worcester.

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4 factors to consider to maintain winter safety

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

1. CHANGING VISIBILITY

While slippery surfaces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your lowbeam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

2. SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are wintertime common activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing

snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

3. CARBON MONOX-IDE POISONING

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas rang-es, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, have furnaces, and water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

4. BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring. Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each winter.





Curfew enacted in response to escalating COVID cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION - Alarmed by a recent statewide spike in COVID-19 cases, Gov. Charlie Baker announced new restrictions last week.

Across the state, new COVID-19 cases have increased by 278 percent since Labor Day, with hospitalizations up by 145 percent. The newly adopted safety measures, which went into effect on Nov. 6, are meant to enable schools and businesses to stay open statewide.

'If we don't ramp up the fight to disrupt rising trends, we will have a serious problem on our hands," Baker said. "Everyone wants to continue to work, shop, and go to school safely.

As part of the newly announced restrictions and guidance, the Baker Administration issued a revised stayat-home order instructing residents to remain home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Residents are allowed to leave their homes during this time for work, errands and groceries, health-related travel, and emergency travel.

Additionally, Baker issued a new executive order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 p.m.

"The 9:30 p.m. closure requirement is aligned with the stay-at-home advisory, and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission," read a statement released by the Governor's office.

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m. nightly, although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages)

Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m.

Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)

Theaters, movie theaters, and all performance venues

Youth and adult amateur sports activities

Golf facilities

Recreational boating and boating businesses

Outdoor recreational experiences

Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities

Driving and flight schools

Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

Close-contact personal services

Gyms, fitness centers, and health clubs

Indoor and outdoor pools

Museums and cultural centers

The Governor also signed an updated order requiring residents to wear face coverings in all public places, even when they are able to maintain six feet of distance from others. The revised order still allows an exception for residents who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or disabling condition. Employees and students must provide proof of such a condition.

Additionally, Baker signed an updated order restricting gatherings. Indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people, and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.

The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

Additionally, the new gatherings order requires that organizers of events report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community. Organizers must also cooperate with all efforts to ensure contact tracing.

The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments. Fines for violating the gatherings order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

For more information on the state's latest COVID-19 guidance, visit www. mass.gov.

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Since 2009, she has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: Consultant.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit www.baypath.net

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review the documents presented to them before discussing the proposed changes in full. Golas made it clear his intent wasn't to finalize anything during the October meeting but rather to start the conversation and see if Selectmen had any recommendations they would like to be considered during the process of reworking the bylaws.



PLACE MOTORS IS PROUD TO SPONSOR * * * Friday's Child * * * Hi! My name is Isabella and I want to be a part of a family that

Boys and Girls Club steps up amid pandemic

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

DUDLEY – At a time when learning options are limited for local youngsters and parents, the Webster-Dudley Boys and Girls Club is stepping up to make a difference.

The staff has gone to great lengths to reimagine programs and protocols, enabling the facility to stay open throughout the pandemic. The team even adjusted to accommodate several community relief efforts.

This past April, the staff answered the call from state leaders and transformed the facility into a drop-off emergency childcare center for healthcare workers, first responders, and other essential service providers. In September, the team once again delivered for the community by serving as an 8-4 learning hub for children requiring extra guidance to learn productively in a remote learning environment.

This resource has been a vital tool for parents needing assistance while they work. "Our hub offers learning, snacks, and meals in a space that is safe, well-supervised, and equipped with the modern technology necessary for children to be successful in a virtual environment," said Dan O'Connor, the president of the Webster-Dudley Boys and Girls Club. "Our hub is also a great option for children whose parents are simply not able, for any reason, to provide the support needed for their child to excel at home."

The staff has been able to offer all of these services free of charge to local families. Team members are grateful to everyone involved in the process, beginning in March when the pandemic was rapidly escalating.

"It was a challenging time, but we knew in order to meet the needs of our community, closing our doors was not an option," said Interim Executive Director Liz Hamilton. "Now serving as a learning hub, kids attend our program 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to access their remote classrooms in a safe and supportive environment. Breakfast and lunch are included. We made this switch so that we could help working parents, including teachers, have peace of mind and not worry about having to make a choice between quitting their jobs or leaving their kids home alone.'

Added Hamilton, "I am so proud

"We understand there is a strong possibility that we may be called to serve as a learning hub through the entire 20-21 school year, so the need for donations will continue to grow," Hamilton said. "We want to keep our doors open; we believe we are one of the only agencies in the area with the capacity and knowhow to serve our communities' kids."

To learn more about the organization and how it is helping area families, call 508-943-0037.

and grateful for my team and the board of directors. Their commitment to our kids and community is really unparalleled."

The team is also appreciative of the support received from local businesses, foundations, and individuals who have provided financial assistance during the last several months. Continued support will be needed in the months ahead to help local kids and families.



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Isabella Age 15

takes trips together:

Isabella is a sweet, caring, and bubbly teenage girl who loves animals. She is a great conversationalist and enjoys speaking to and learning about new people. Isabella is always open to trying new activities and is a talented artist. She also likes to play soccer and is currently taking a cooking class once a week after school. Isabella's greatest wish is to have a family of her own where she can have a pet.

Isabella likes going to school and she reports that she has many friends this year that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite class is chorus

and she does well in school with extra supports.

Isabella really wants to be a part of a family and loves participating in all kinds of family gatherings. Isabella will do best in a patient family that can give her a lot of individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring families that consist of a single mother, two mothers, or a mother and a father. She will do best as an only child or with an older sister in the home. Isabella is legally freed for adoption.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 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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Trinity Catholic Academy celebrates GivingTuesday

SOUTHBRIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy will join millions around the world participating in this global generosity movement.

Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, Trinity Catholic Academy is responding to meet the needs of our thriving students with additional Chromebooks to further enhance our commitment of

consistent education options for each of our students

This GivingTuesday through iGiveCatholic TCA hopes to inspire generosity by initiating our first ONLINE Giving Campaign to make it easier for all to participate. This global movement will kick off the season of generosity by inspiring people to give back Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, and throughout the

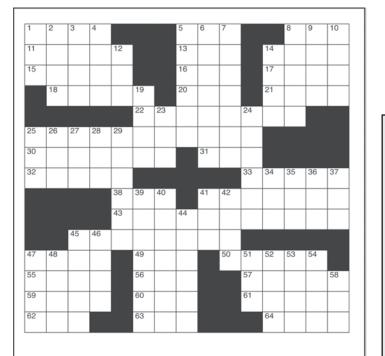
year. (Volunteerism, Kindness, monetary & more.)

The current pandemic has made regular fundraising activity quite limited. The extra tools to support our students at this time are vital. As many are aware, Southbridge Catholic Education has been changing lives and forming Catholic values for several generations. We want to keep this tradition alive for generations to come. TCA is so happy to have students from all area towns attending and want to supply the technology to support all our students, in addition to required PPE etc. for the safety of all at TCA.

Our goal is to be able to purchase 20 Chromebooks along with insurance and services needed for these new tools during this short movement. This online campaign is becoming a reality through the National Catholic Educational Association along with the TCA Advisory Board, Endowment Board, Local Giving Partners and faithful supporters We are working to "incentivize" along the way to inspire others to join the movement and make it easy to join the fun. These efforts will help TCA student's "plug-in" and further secure a meaningful, fruitful foundation of education now and for

years to come.

Those interested in knowing more about Trinity Catholic Academy's GivingTuesday iGiveCatholic initiative in any capacity are invited to visit https://ncea.igivecatholic.org/organizations/ trinity-catholic-academy. The GivingTuesday movement can be followed https://www. facebook.com/TCABobcats We'd love to offer the opportunity for all to share their giving experiences during the GivingTuesday Season. Questions: sbdgecathalum@ tca11.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dutch word for "language"
- 5. Popular music style
- 8. Body part
- 11. Largely dry valleys
- 13. Brew
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Human gene
- 17. One point east of northeast
- 18. Adversarv
- 20. Small cask or barrel
- 21. About ear 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In a different way
- 30. One charged with a crime
- 31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 32. Long, narrow straps

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Shuttered airline
- 2. Swiss river
- 3. Port city in Yemen
- 4. It can be straight
- 5. Tennis player's tool
- 6. Estranged
- 7. Garden archway
- 8. Assists
- 9. Grain crop
- 10. Millisecond
- 12. U.S. Founding Father Adams 45. process: produces ammonia

33. Passover

- 38. Ottoman military commander
- 41. One who does not succeed
- 43. Data 45.3D image
- 47. Whale ship captain
- 49. Japanese title 50. Made of wood
- 55. Yokel
- 56. Exercise system __-bo 57. Supreme being
- 59. Playing card with three spots
- 60. Hostelry
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Single lens reflex
- 63. Time of the 90th meridian,
- used in the central U.S.
- 64. Thomas ___, American cartoonist

- 29. Attack violently
- 34. Keyboard key
- 35. __ juris: independent
- 36. Corporate executive (abbr.)
- 37. Adult female bird
- 39. Pertains to knowledge
- 40. Pashtoes
- 41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
- 42. To be fired from a gun
- 44. A way to position 46. Follow instructions

47. Humanistic discipline

<u>Real Estate</u> TRANSACTIONS

CHARLTON

- \$615,000, 15 Hollywood Dr, Oconnor, Kevin M, and Oconnor, Joanne T, to Clark, Jason A, and Clark, Lori E. \$550,000, 96-B Baker Pond Rd, Otis C Wetherbee T, and Wetherbee, Otis C, to Zurawski, Barbara M.
- \$530,000, 8 Burns Ln, Pingeton, Matthew, and Pingeton, Kristin, to Oconnor, Kevin M, and Oconnor, Joanne T.
- \$410,000, 8 Ashley Rd, Kaszowski, Kenneth P, to Gogan, Joseph, and Gogan, Joanna E.

\$379,500, 155 Brookfield Rd, Isenhour, Richard D, and Isenhour, Anna M, to Carter, Gillian F, and Zukic, Mirza. \$370,000, 23 Haggerty Rd, Noel, Deborah A, and Noel,

Lloyd P, to Labonte, Andrew, and Labonte, Lavinia.

\$250,000, 109 Ramshorn Rd, Butler, Marlene J, to Seraphin, Jean M, and Seraphin, Joseph R.

\$535,000, 25 Old Worcester Rd, Zelenko, Andrey, and Zelenko, Nataliya, to Kiselev, Victor, and Pekurovsky, Ninel.

- \$335,000, 139 Berry Corner Rd, LQQ LLC, to Gilmore, Leonard, and Gilmore, Karen.
- \$316,300, 250 N Sturbridge Rd, Mcmenemy, William J, and Mcmenemy, Maria L, to Milburn, Shane.
- \$300,000, 73 E Baylies Rd, 73 E Baylies Road RT, and Brote, Corey, to Faucher, Jonah.

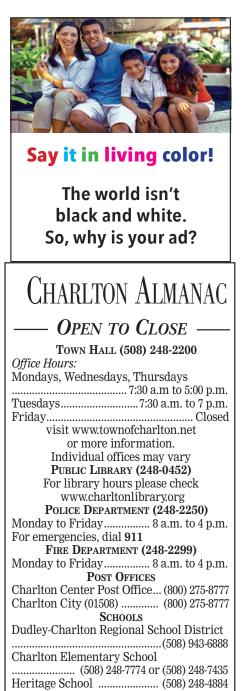
\$290,000, 260 Brookfield Rd, Equity T Co, to Mantyla, Kasev A.

\$285,000, 35 Old Oxford Rd, Hurley, Anne M, and Darling, Mark C, to Virga, Vincent J.

\$145,000, 72 A Young Rd, Sleepy Hollow Estates RT, and Lemieux, Jason R, to Tittle, David W, and Tittle, Susan M.

\$130,000, 49 Harrington Rd, Borden, Pauline, to Bracewell, Steven C.



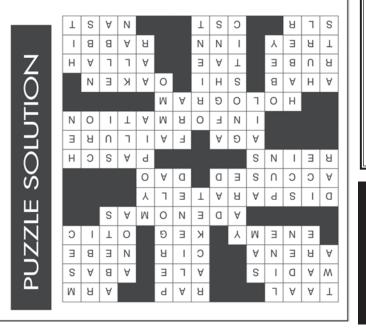


- 14. Small, deerlike buffalo 19. Easily manageable
- 23. Male parent
- 24. Nearsightedness
- 25. Patriotic women
- 26. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 52. American hate group

48. Throw

- 53. Actor Idris
- 27. fi (slang)
- 28. A joke rooted in wordplay
- 54. Seizes
- 58. Baseball stat

51. Swiss river



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CHURCH LISTINGS

• Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main St., 248-5550, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. www.fedchurchcharlton.org

Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488,www.charltonbaptist.org, Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

 Charlton City United Methodist, 74 Stafford St. 248-7379. web site: CharltonCitvUMC.org

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• Hope Christian Fellowship, 6 Haggerty Road, 248-5144

 Assemblies of God Southern New England District Headquarters, Route 20, 248-3771, snedag.org, Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Lamblight Christian Church, 37 Main Street - Grange building 1st Floor, Charlton, Ma 01507, Rev. Stephen Wade, (774) 452-2393 -Pastor's Cell. Sunday Service 10:00am. www. visitlamblight.com

• New Life Fellowship A/G, SNED Chapel, 307 Sturbridge Road, Rt. 20, Charlton, MA, Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.



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The Charlton Board of Selectmen will hold a Tax Classification public hearing via ZOOM Webinar: https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/87489442885?pwd=VmhRdzhXdmR3SnN5T0dtRGVzaElidz09

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on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether different or uniform rates of taxation will be applied to the various classifications of real property. The Board of Assessors will be available at the hearing to answer any questions that you may have. Input from taxpayers will also be welcome at the hearing.

November 13, 2020



This section reaches 47,000 households in 7 Massachusetts newspapers.

DMA Holdings project taking shape

BY JASON BLEAU

DUDLEY - After entering into a community host agreement with DMA Holdings in January, details about the companies plans for a marijuana manufacturing a retail business on Chase Avenue are beginning to emerge.

DMA Holdings is seeking to set up Dudley's first adult-use marijuana growing and retail facilities since the legalization of recreational marijuana in 2016 in Massachusetts. On Oct. 26, the Board of Selectmen hosted a presentation by representatives of the company explaining more details into their initiative including their present and future business endeavors and a floor plan of the old mill at 35 and 37 Chase Rd., where the businesses will be housed

David Lahar, acting CFO of DMA

Holdings, said the company plans to start off small but eventually expand to meet the maximum licensing limitations set by the state.

"The largest canopy or area that you can have under cultivation is 100,000 square feet, what they call a Tier 11. We have been given a Tier 8 license because that's what we applied for. As a Tier 8 we will have 70,000 square feet of canopy to begin and then we'll migrate and change the licensing as we add on to the facility to finally hit that maximum canopy of Tier 11," Lahar said.

The manufacturing facility, which will be separate from the retail establishment, will include growing the cannabis flowers, extraction and processing of oils and the production of edibles, vape cartridges and other processed goods that would be either sold in their retail space or sent out for distribution.

"What we really want to bring to this operation is best practice techniques in cultivation and in manufacturing," Lahar added.

The company is investing \$35 million to \$40 million in the project and have made it clear they want to be good neighbors and employers in the community. They've also completed a traffic study, odor management study and other required and requested investments that will be presented o the town at a Planning Board meeting in mid-November

Rhett Jordan, CEO of DMA Holdings and founder of Native Roots, the largest cannabis company in Colorado, presented the floorplan for the mill which includes 20,000 square feet of manufacturing space, a retail dispensary and parking. The businesses are specifically designed to create separation between the retail space and the growing areas.

"You want to keep the product cultivation center as far away from where all the traffic is in general, not just from a security standpoint but also from an integrated pest management perspective. Our intent is to keep that cultivation as clean and as far away as possible from any the retail aspect of the business," Jordan said. "The building itself is actually very suitable for what we do - We're actually able to have employees coming in from different areas and really control access and work flow through the building to make sure everyone is kind of in their designated areas.'

Jordan expressed the company's intent to keep the business "classy" and the explore branding strategies that would help the company "stand out without standing out". Once the building process begins it is expected to take 16 months for the doors to open with a phased approach starting with the retail store before cultivation commences. DMA Holdings is expected to present more details before the Planning Board on Nov. 18.

QCC shines a light on national Radiologic Technology Week

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College is joining others across the country to celebrate the work of radiologic technologists during National Radiologic Technology (RT) Week from November 8 -14. The annual event commemorates the discovery of the X-ray by German physicist and mechanical engineer Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen.

The College has a long and storied history of educating future RT health professionals. QCC's RT program is accredited through the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and since 1971 has graduated over 400 radiographers who are working in all 50 states. QCC RT graduates are employed in health care areas that include diagnostics, mobile radiography, computer tomography, MRI, sonography, research, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median yearly pay for Radiologic and MRI Technologists is \$62,280 and the profession is projected to grow 7 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the 4 percent average for all occupations.

'Our Rad Tech program is delivering a valuable service to our communities. We have come to depend on these frontline workers, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

Each year, QCC's RT program admits p to 20 students, depending on the num ber of available clinical placements. The program has become so popular that typically there is a waitlist. Currently the



Photo Courtesy

QCC Radiologic Technology student Holly Rank, of Westminster (wearing QCC provided PPE) practices image positioning at one of QCC's Clinical Affiliates, UMass Memorial HealthAlliance- Clinton Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Department.

program has clinical affiliations with Health Alliance Leominster Campus, three VISTA volunteers Heywood Hospital, Marlborough working with William Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, UMass James College this year,

Charlton resident joins William James College through AmeriCorps VISTA Program

NEWTON — Bailey Boutiette of Charlton has joined William James College, a graduate school psychology located Newton, Mass., as of in an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) Volunteer. VISTA members work on initiatives aimed to alleviate poverty.

Boutiette will serve the Community as Engagement Program Coordinator during her year of service where she will work with the Dean of Students Office and the Richard I. and Joan Freedman Center L. Child and Family for Development at William James College. This position is responsible for building partnerships with organizations serving historically marginalized groups and developing effective strategies for community outreach.

Boutiette, who is one of

not-for-profit institution and a leader in educating the next generation of mental health professionals to support the growing and diverse needs of the mental health workforce. Integrating field work with academics, the College prepares students for careers as organizational leaders and behavioral health professionals who are committed to helping the undermulticultural served, populations, children and families, and veterans. William James College alumni can be found making an impact in a variety of settings, including schools, the courts, clinical care facilities, hospitals, the community and the workplace.

The College has hosted AmeriCorps VISTA members since 2014. These volunteers serve full-time for one year helping public agencies and non-profit organizations build capacity. They work to meet the nation's most pressing challenges and advance local solutions.

Administration: Marketing," and in "Visual and Performing Studio Arts: Art" Worcester from State University. For her undergraduate research work, Boutiette explored gentrification and the arts in the Worcester area.

While I was presenting my thesis at conferences, artists shared with me their stories of having been priced-out of their own homes. These were homes that were once affordable for craftsmen to live in. It was upsetting to see this actively happening in my community," she explained. These observations, in

part, inspired her to apply for the VISTA program. added.

She "Contributing to anti-poverty initiatives and helping people at a socio-economic disadvantage through inclusive gentrification of cities aligns with both AmeriCorps VISTA's and my own values." William James College is an independent,

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Hitchcock Academy invites you to revisit the Mayflower

BRIMFIELD — Nov. 9 will mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower on Cape Cod. It wasn't supposed to be there. On Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., genealogist and historian Dave Robison will conduct an online class through Hitchcock Academy, which will revisit the journey, discuss the conditions faced by its participants and consider the important legacy of that long ago voyage. After four centuries there is still a great deal to learn about what transpired on that ship.

The Mayflower was not the 17th century version of a cruise liner. It was a cargo ship and originally it was only supposed to carry half of the 102 settlers who left Portsmouth England for the New World. Due to the leaky nature of its sister ship, the Speedwell, all the voyagers were crowded onto the Mayflower, a ship estimated to be 80 feet long and 24 feet wide. Robison's class will examine the repercussions the leaky Speedwell had on the later departure of the Mayflower, which included traversing the Atlantic during hurricane season and arriving in the wrong place after 66 days at sea.

Amateur historians and Mayflower descendants may sign up for the class by visiting www.hitchcockacademy.



org. Participants will be sent an online meeting invitation containing a secure link for the presentation. History labels the Mayflower voyagers as Puritans, Pilgrims or Separatists which may make the experience otherworldly rather than relatable. Yet COVID 19 has left too many of us with the experience of

being limited by space for long stretches of time. Compound that with being seasick and cold and forced by circumstances to eat the same food every day for over two months. Food, which is not served hot or even cooked as rocky seas made it too risky for cooking fires.

Robison's class will also take a new look at the Mavflower Compact. Landing in the wrong place meant the Mayflower passengers had to develop a whole new set of laws. The Compact they formulated and signed formed the basis for representative government in the New World. Representative government in an age when much of the world believed in the. "divine right of kings," a belief that held kings received their authority to govern from God. The settlers on the Mayflower were pledging to follow a government which received its authority from people, an idea beyond radical.

Find out if a Puritan can be a Pilgrim too. Learn how 102 people and crew lived, slept, ate, (and in one case even gave birth) in a space roughly the length between home plate and the pitcher's mound and as wide as a typical two car garage. Visit www.hitchcockacademy. org to sign up for Mayflower 1620-2020 Four Centuries Later. Class fee is \$25.

Help keep Charlton litter free

CHARLTON — Does the sight of plastic beverage containers, empty "nip" bottles, Styrofoam cups, cigarette butts and plastic bags scattered about your neighborhood negatively impact your sense of community pride? Would you like to set an example that encourages others to care about keeping the community litter-free? The Charlton Recycling Committee has a solution.

Last April, due to the COVID-19 virus Charlton was forced to cancel its annual Earth Day Festival, a town-wide, daylong celebration and clean-up effort. In lieu of this event, the Charlton Recycling Committee is promoting "Keep Charlton Litter-Free," an ongoing campaign to keep our local neighborhoods clean.

The Charlton Recycling Committee invites citizens, either individually or as a group, tojoin the Massachusetts Litter Cleanup Crew and take the pledge to keep our streets litter free. Interested citizens can visit keepmassbeautiful. org/LCC to commit to keeping your street litter free.

After signing up, you'll receive a free cleanup kit that includes an EZ-Grabber, reusable trash bag, a pair of high-quality gloves, a car magnet and an official Mass Litter Cleanup Crew tee shirt.

Please email debam52@ gmail.com after you take

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Vice President Joe Biden. Biden eventually went on to declare victory days later. Third party candidates floundered in with Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins taking on 45 votes and Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgensen securing 156 votes. Charlton voters also went Republican for the State Senate seat voting 4,209 to 3,638 to support GOP challenger Kevin O'Conner over Democratic incumbent Edward Markey, who retained his seat after all the votes were tallied. The result isn't necessarily a surprise as Markey lost Charlton in both the 2020 primaries and the 2013 election. Representative Richard Neal also won reelection as an unopposed incumbent earning 5,380 votes in Charlton where 274 votes went to write-in opponents.

On the state level, incumbent Democratic Senator Anne Gobi failed to earn the support of Charlton voters barely losing to Republican Steven Hall in a 3,952 to 3,765 vote. Gobi claimed victory over Hall in the election late into the night earning an estimated 52 percent of the votes in the Worcester, Hampdens, Hampshire, & Middlesex District. Unsurprisingly, Charlton voters backed Republican incumbents for the State House of Representatives. Rep. Peter Durant was unchallenged in his bid for reelection earning 4,806 votes from Charlton while Rep. Paul Frost earned 1,108 votes in the town compared to his challenger Terry Burke Dotson's 667 votes. Frost eventually took the victory over Dotson who he had previously defeated on the campaign trail in 2014, 2016, and 2018. Charlton also supported Register of Probate Stephanie Fattman for reelection in a 4,781 to 2,440 decision over he Democratic challenge John Dolan. Fattman took the win by the end of Election Day. Paul M. DePalo won for Councillor as a unchallenged candidate.

Finally, Charlton voters had two state questions on the ballot in addition to the debt exclusion. Question 1 asked voters whether or not they supported allowing, with vehicle owner authorithe pledge and the Charlton Recycling Committee will honor your commitment by making a donation on your behalf to Keep Massachusetts Beautiful. For more information, email Deb at debam52@ gmail.com.

zation, for independent repair facilities not affiliated with a manufacturer and independent dealerships to be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing. The question had heavy support from repair shop owners across the state and earned a positive vote from Charlton voters with a 5,921 "yes" vote to 1,993 votes against the question. The question eventually passed after the statewide tally. Question 2 on the other hand, which sought to implement ranked-choice voting, was overwhelmingly shot down in Charlton by a vote of 5,427 "no" and 2,445 in favor. The question failed once all the votes statewide were tallied.





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The passing of a legend

"This is 'Jeopardy!" will never sound quite the same again after the passing of longtime host of America's favorite game show, Alex Trebek, on Sunday at the age of 80. He served as the show's host for an impressive 37 years. In the spring of 2019, Trebek was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Since 1984, Trebek has been a fixture in households during the dinner time hour when families across America would shout answers at their television sets. Many of the show's questions, made us wonder if we ever picked up a book.

In every episode, Trebek always remained, calm, cool, collected and was the perfect gentleman. Throughout the years, many have tried to stump the famous host with various trivia questions, to which Trebek would always respond by saying "What is...?" first.

Trebek was born George Alexander Trebek in Canada on July, 22 1940. Apart from "Jeopardy!" for which he is most known for, the famous TV personality hosted other shows such as Nickelodeon's "Double Dare," "Classic Concentration," "The Wizard of Odds," and "Battlestars," to name a few. The man, famous for his mus-

tache, received a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times through his tenure. In additionl he has received several awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and was given the key to the City of Ottawa.

Many fans don't know that Trebek's father emigrated from Ukraine and that he grew up in a bi-lingual household. His first job at the age of 13 was serving as a bell hop at the hotel his father, a chef, was employed with.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 1961. Before graduation, he dipped his toes into the broadcasting world with a job working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In one interview, he said, "I went to school in the mornings and worked at nights, I did everything, at one time replacing every announcer in every corner, this week's column will highlight some interesting trivia and fun facts about the beloved holiday:

Turkey Dinner: Believe it or not, Thanksgiving, along with our country's appetite (or lack thereof) of turkey, spawned a billion dollar industry the TV Dinner.

According to the Smithsonian Institute, in 1953 Swanson found itself with 26 tons of leftover frozen turkeys when the company underestimated sales for the holiday. Back in the "waste not want not" era, the solution fell to savvy Swanson personnel - who

came up with an ingenious way to package and market the surplus turkey: Cut the turkey into slices, add stuffing, along with a couple of sides, freeze it in a tin tray and voila - the TV dinner is born! The Smithsonian reports that's exactly what Swanson salesman Gerry Thomas did when he found himself with a refrigerated railroad car filled to the brim with unsold turkeys. Inspired by prepared foods served in trays on airlines, Thomas filled the partitioned tin trays with the first Swanson turkey dinners, which included sliced turkey, corn bread dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes and peas. Capitalizing on the popularity of television and American's new habit of eating supper on a TV tray in front of the tube, Swanson dubbed the convenient meals, TV dinners and sold them for 98 cents each. To the company's surprise (and relief), the frozen meals were a hit, and in 1954 ten million turkey TV dinners were sold.

From Greek God to Thanksgiving Table: For generations, a symbol of harvest has been the cornucopia basket overflowing with the fruit (and vegetables) of the season. The cornucopia, a.k.a. horn o plenty, has a history dating back to ancient Greece. According to legend, when the young Zeus was playing with Amalthea, the goat who had nursed him in a cave on the island of Crete, he accidentally broke off one of her horns. To make amends, Zeus promised that from that day forward, the horn would always be filled with whatever fruit she desired. The Cornucopia came to symbolize a plentiful bounty, a tradition that has carried over to the harvest season and onto the Thanksgiving table. A horn shaped basket filled with autumn fruits and vegetables has long served as a harvest centerpiece. Generations of families continue the tradition by displaying a cornucopia on a mantle or dinner table. The colorful leaves, acorns and pinecones of New England provide the perfect backdrop for a horn o plenty overfilled with garden delights. Thanksgiving Day Myths: If your thoughts of the first Thanksgiving conjure up elementary school images of Pilgrims and Indians sharing a feast of stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie – think again. While the first Thanksgiving did bring the colonists of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians together in the autumn of 1621, the details were not recorded. The best record of the day is a brief written account of Governor Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony who reported the Pilgrims met with Chief Massasoit and 90 of his men for a four day feast, which came to be known as the "first Thanksgiving." Another popular myth of Thanksgiving is that the meal was a formal affair, with Pilgrims dressed in black and white and Indians in full feathered garb sitting down at a large table to dine on turkey and the trimmings. Truth is, according to Gov. Winslow, protein offerings were limited to venison and wild fowl with the Native Americans bringing "five deer" to the feast. In addition, it is unlikely the diners gathered around a table. A more feasible scenario includes informal dining, sans the silverware and tabletop. According to historians, the dishes at the Thanksgiving feast were likely prepared with Native American spices and cooked over an open fire. With virtually no sugar available, pumpkin pie and

With Thanksgiving right around the other popular modern Thanksgiving desserts were nonexistent at the first feast.

Views and commentary from Charlton, Charlton City, Charlton Depot and beyond

Global Thanksgiving Traditions Families across the globe come together to give thanks each year, and while international traditions differ, the premise of being thankful for harvest

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blessings are the same. The following sampling of "global Thanksgiving" festivals offers a peek into other cultures' annual celebrations. China: The Chinese holiday that most resembles the Thanksgiving feast is the country's mid autumn festival, Chung

Ch'ui, which is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month to mark the harvest season. Like Thanksgiving, Chinese families gather on this holiday to give thanks and feast on various foods. Moon cakes are the traditional food which is eaten under the bright moon. The festival includes burning incense and fire dragon dancing under lanterns. Vietnam: Also held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month is the Vietnamese mid autumn festival of Têt-Trung-Thu. One of the country's favored holidays, the day is centered around the children and in fact, is referred to as the "children's festival." Lighting lanterns, dancing in masks and candlelit processions are some popular activities of the day. Korea: Another Thanksgiving type holiday held 15th day of the 8th lunar month is Chusok, celebrated in Korea during harvest time in mid August. Festivities include children dressed in traditional clothing and dancing under a bright moon. Rice cakes comprised of beans, chestnuts and sesame seeds are served during the celebration, which can extend for up to three days. Fruit and rice are offered to Korean ancestors and thanks is given for the season's bounty. India: South India's holiday closest to our Thanksgiving is the harvest cele-bration "Pongal," a three day festival held on January 14. Named for a rice dish, the celebration is focused on giving thanks to the moon and the rain gods for a successful harvest. On the last day cows are honored for their hard work in plowing fields for crops. the festi Erntedanktest Jermany val honoring the harvest is Germany's version of America's Thanksgiving. The religious celebration held in late September includes music, dance and church services followed by a parade, fireworks, and great festivities. Africa: At the end of August, people in Nigeria and Ghana host a Yam Festival, to give thanks to the gods for the mainstay food. Yams, which are a prominent harvest crop, are a vital to feeding the country's people. The vegetables are offered to the gods at the festival and also passed out and shared with family and village residents.

Protect your finances from "cyberthieves"

You've no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud - anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won't go away anytime soon but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:

Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the



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option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection. Be creative with passwords. Create dif-

JEFF BURDICK ferent passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email - and give each password some

length and complexity. Consider passphrases – actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them.

Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution - and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid "over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information. Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished. Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information - usernames, passwords and account numbers - by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website. If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it. This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.



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While employed with the CBC, Trebek hosted various news shows and sporting events.

The well loved host made a move to the states in 1973, when he began working for NBC. His first gig, with them, was hosting "The Wizard of Odds."

Art Fleming was slated to be the host for Jeopardy but failed to return citing creative differences. Trebek slid into the spot in 1984, and it was game on ever since.

Trebek was married with two children. Apart from his role as host, husband and father, he was a longtime philanthropist and activist on the behalf of children worldwide.

Trebek has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Canada's Walk of Fame.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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I always find it fascinating what triggers us. As an author and a columnist, I've learned to thicken my skin and brace myself for criticism. Anytime any of us put ourselves out

Can it begin with us?

there, whether we run for office, create something, or perform publicly, you must expect and accept criticism. It's not always easy. The biggest surprise for me is often that things I write and say that I'm convinced will trigger a reaction, do not. Other times, I'll say something innocent and quite passive and a few will bury me in angry email.

Lest week, I wrote a column about my love of iceberg lettuce. It was true, but largely tongue-in-cheek. I thought we all needed a break from the stress and vitriol of a brutal election season, so I wrote to

change the subject, express my feelings, and hopefully get a laugh. Wow ... a few peo-ple were terribly upset that I prefer iceberg lettuce over other types of greens. It didn't upset me. I found it hilarious at the range and volume of

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THE GREAT **OUTDOORS**

Fine weather for fishing

RALPH TRUE

What fantastic weather we experienced in New England this past seven days. It had many anglers fishing some of the many recently stocked trout ponds in the valley, and members of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club enjoyed some great trout fishing in their club pond that was recently stocked with some real impressive rainbow and brown trout.

Many clubs in and around the valley have had to pull back from their annual fall stocking because of dwindling revenue, caused by Covid-19. Members of local clubs are asked to attend work parties to get the club and grounds ready for winter. This is your club!

Deer hunting for archers has been good, and the rut is now in full swing. Numerous archers reported watching bucks chasing does last week, and were unable to get a shot because of their fast pace, as they ran under and around the tree stand, failing to stop for a decent shot. Car deer collisions are also on the increase which is a sure sign the rut is on.

Early morning or early evening are the most dangerous time for motorist to encounter a deer crossing their path, so drivers should be aware of the danger for the next few weeks. Shotgun deer season is scheduled to open on Nov. 30 in the Central District.

Sighting in shotguns at your local Rod & Gun Club should not be left to the last minute. You should also locate some deer slugs as soon as possible, as most shops have very little in their inventory. Sighting in your gun with the same brand of deer slugs that you plan to hunt with is also important. It does make a difference, as they do not all act the same when it comes to accuracy.

Many deer hunters also equip their shotguns with a scope. Learning how to use a scope and purchasing the correct

scope is also important. You should go to a good gun shop in your area, and get a good idea of the best scope for you buy. Having gun mounts that will properly hold your scope should also allow you to use the open sites when it becomes necessary to shoot at a running deer. Trying to use your scope to shoot at running deer requires a lot of experience, and although many deer hunters can shoot well at a running deer with a scope, it takes a lot of practice and good marksmanship.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will start holding their trap shoots on the club grounds starting this Saturday afternoon. The shoots are open to the public, so get out and enjoy some great shooting events prior to winter setting in. Need help shooting? Just ask, and someone will assist you at the range.

This past week, young Tylor Conroy harvested his first deer of the season with his bow. This week's picture shows Tyler with his spike horn buck! His dad has mentored the young hunter from a very young age, and is now enjoying every minute hunting birds and big game. Nice job, Tyler!

This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club! They also managed to catch a couple of trout at the club's pond! Working and baby-sitting does not hold back the Briggs family from enjoying the great outdoors. There is nothing like starting them young. The young hunter was enjoying every minute of his early hunting and fishing experience, and is sure to become another great hunter in the coming years.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters, and anglers are noticing some much larger fish being caught. There is still time to catch some of these hard fighting

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



This picture shows young Tylor Conroy with his first deer of the season.



This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club!

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the response. I was called mildly as being ill-informed and nutritionally ignorant all the way up to being a liar and spreading damaging untruths! I may be ignorant but my feelings about my personal tastes are not untrue ... it's how I feel!

Last year, I spoke of the joy I get from chopping wood. Once again, I was attacked at being environmentally irresponsible, even though the only wood we chopped was from already fallen trees. I once wrote a column about losing one sock from every pair in my drawer ... again, I was labeled by a few as stupid and incompetent at keeping a pair of socks together.

I'm not complaining. I love

Now, most of the correspondence is positive and encouraging. I appreciate both, so keep it coming. So, why am I sharing this?

I worry about the intensity of the dialogue and actions of so many in our country today. For those who are triggered over my choice of salad, I want you to step back and ask yourself what has really caused you to be so angry. Think long and hard about it. These types of anger triggers are often a result of an unresolved personal issue. Blaming others is useless. No one can make you act angrily at others without your permission. But some allow it to happen anyway. It's not uncommon to read about a minor dispute over a parking space that turns into someone pulling a gun and killing another human being. I worry about the level of anxiety that allows a person to be triggered so easily, over something that really doesn't matter. This weekend alone, five people were murdered, and thirty-two others wounded in Chicago. Look at this headline from the weekend, "Dog, Eight People Shot in Nashville Over Canine Dispute." Really?

Then ... there's the election. I'm saddened about the vitriol from both sides and the level of anger it has caused. Millions ... maybe a billion dollars in damage nationwide in burning and looting, while in the process, lives have been needlessly taken. We have a national epidemic of anger that is not worth the consequences of the actions triggered. And please. Spare me. Do not blame bad behavior on other bad behavior. Do not blame any politician.

I have a friend. She's a single parent who is an outstanding idential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really? Are we honestly unable to forgive those who think differently? Have we come to the breaking point where we now refuse to love our neighbor if they do not agree?

We cannot control the actions or feelings of others. We can control ours. We cannot stop anyone from hurting others, but we can make sure we never raise a fist or a weapon in anger. Violence usually begins with angry rhetoric. Can we begin by examining and tempering the words coming out of our mouths?

Let it start with me ... you ... everyone who is reading this point across our nation and it can only be reduced by cooler heads with love and kindness.

I still believe in the human spirit. I believe we are endowed by our Creator with the seeds of compassion and kindness. If nurtured, these seeds can grow within us and change the course of our nation regardless of who is President or whether your socks match. Can we love thy neighbor

regardless of what type of lettuce they eat, or who they vote for? I am optimistic. We are better

than this. Can it begin with us?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically

hearing from readers and always use it to make me a better writer, but some of it would be laughable if it weren't so mean-spirited.

mom and community member. I respect her and love her teenage children. I was shocked this week to read her angry, gloating diatribe about the recent pres-

column. I believe anger within us triggers anger in others. Likewise, kindness and love calm the human soul. We have reached a dangerous boiling

acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GarvWMoore721 and at www. garvwmoore.com.

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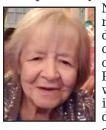


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Beatrice Mary Pelletier, 88

CHARLTON – Beatrice Mary (Cloungia) Pelletier, 88, of Charlton, died peacefully at home on Sunday,



November 1, 2020, surrounded by her children. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Roger A. Pelletier of Charlton who died in 2011. She is survived by six children, Cheryl A. Hatch and her husband Russ

of Charlton, Steven B. Pelletier of South Windsor, CT, Nancy M. Hammond of Charlton, Robert M. Pelletier and his wife Kris of Beverly, Andrew R. Pelletier and his wife Doreen of Dudley, and Theresa R. Pelletier and her husband Sander Kaplan of Riverside, IL; eight grandchildren, Meghan Hammond, Anthony Hammond, Jaclyn Mellin, Joshua Pelletier, Daniele Voelger, Alexander Pelletier, Jesse Pelletier, and Tara Kaplan; five great-grandchildren, Wayne, Elena, Charlie, Jameson, and Isla; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by an infant

son, Thomas Pelletier; and her sister Carol. She was born in Boston, daughter of the late Velma (Brown) Corey, and lived in Charlton since 1965. She graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester.

Mrs. Pelletier was a loving, supportive mother, extending that love to many foster children, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All who knew her were touched by her open heart, gentle nature and warm generosity. She was a dedicated member of St. Joseph Church in Charlton for 55 years.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at St. Joseph Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext, Charlton. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial will be private at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Joseph Church in Charlton, MA.

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

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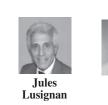
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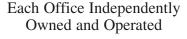


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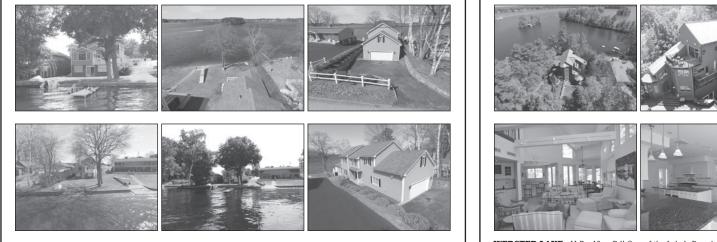
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Proper storage extends the life of leftover seeds



As you pack away the garden hose, tools and other supplies or transition to your winter garden, do not overlook those leftover seeds. Proper storage can extend their life so you will need to buy fewer seeds next season. With another shortage of garden seeds predicted for 2021 you will be glad you did.

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Leave the seeds in their original packet whenever possible. It contains all the information you need to make planting easier and increase your success next season.

Place the seed packets in an airtight container such as a recycled jar or plastic storage container. If you have lots of seeds, consider organizing them as you pack them away for winter.

Arrange them alphabetically from A to Z using dividers for

each letter of the alphabet or organize them by planting season. Group seeds to be started indoors together and those that go directly in the garden by the month they should be planted.

Seal the lid on the container and place in a cool, dark location. The refrigerator is perfect, providing consistently cool temperature that increases seed storage success.

The longevity of a seed not only depends on propstorage, but also varer with the type of seed. ies

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more while onions and parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbena, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

Impatiens, Geums and Titho nia (Mexican sunflower) usually maintain viability for two years while ageratum, alyssum, amaranth and yarrow can last four years or more.

Take an inventory of your seeds as you pack them away in storage. Reference this list as you begin planning next year's garden. You will be able to see what seeds you already have and focus on those you need.

If you have extras or seeds you do not plan to use, consider sharing some with a friend. Most of us do not need to plant all 20, 30 or more seeds in a packet. Sharing and trading with friends or donating to schools, community gardens, master gardeners, or other groups that may lack the resources to buy their own seeds is a great way to make a difference. Everyone will save money while growing beautiful and productive gardens.

Do not discard older seeds. They often outlast the average and continue to sprout at an acceptable level. You can test the seeds prior to planting. Just take ten seeds and wrap them in a damp paper towel. Then place in a plastic bag and wait to check for sprouting in a week or two. If all the seeds sprout, you can plant according to the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

And if you find some of your old seeds are no longer viable, use them to create seed art and



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Leave leftover seeds in their original packet whenever possible and store in an airtight container for next season.

other projects. It is a fun way to repurpose these seeds.

Be sure to add packing up leftover seeds to your fall to-do list. You will be glad you did when it is time to plan and plant next year's garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of 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 program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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Harrington Family Medicine welcomes new physician

BRIMFIELD — Deborah Palmer, DO has joined Harrington Physician Services' Family Medicine practice in Brimfield, providing primary care to all ages.

Dr.PalmerisamemberoftheAmerican Academy of Family Physicians and serves on the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians. She is also a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American Medical Association, and is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics and Neonatal Resuscitation.

Prior to joining HPS, Dr. Palmer was chief resident at Middlesex Health

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Family Medicine in Middletown, Connecticut, during which time she served as the Connecticut Delegate at the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents. She was also a member of the Middlesex Hospital Peer Review Quality Improvement Committee and Communities of Care Quality Improvement Committee.

Dr. Palmer completed her undergraduate studies at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY where she graduated magna cum laude. She received her medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, N.Y.

Dr. Palmer joins Dr. Ruth Benet and Nurse Practitioners Kim Vetal and Kristine Roth at Harrington Physician Services' Family Medicine practice in Brimfield, located at 255 E. Old Sturbridge Rd.

Dr. Palmer as well as other Harrington Physician Services primary care providers are currently accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment call (508) 765-3145. To find out more, visit harringtonhospital.org.

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