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Gary Laviolette is taken into custody in the woods, captured with the help of the Brimfield K9 unit and officers from several area towns.

Manhunt into the woods leads to arrest of robbery suspect

BY JASON BLEAU
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A Springfield man has been identified as responsible for a bank robbery in West Brookfield.

Numerous agencies pitched in to help capture the suspect. Brookfield, North Brookfield, Warren, Sturbridge, Monson, Holland, Massachusetts State Police, and Brimfield officers were all involved in an exten-

sive search after an afternoon robbery at the North Brookfield Savings Bank Jan. 23.

The robbery occurred at 2:20 p.m. with a male suspect entering the bank and threatening he had a weapon. Employees told law enforcement that no weapon was shown, only implied. According to police,



Gary Laviolette

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New meter reading equipment coming to Charlton

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town is officially adopting new meter reading equipment after initial readings proved to be a success in early January.

The Water & Sewer Commission hosted a visit from Rocco Micelotta and Mike Burdin, representatives of EJ Prescott Inc., and commissioners agreed to purchase new radio meter equipment to replace the outdated machinery Charlton had long since retired. The town has been leasing equipment from EJP and discussed the possibility of making the purchase in November.

Water-Sewer Chief Peter Boria said he was joined by Burdin on a reading at the beginning of the year using the new equipment. He said all went well and recommended the purchase to commissioners.

"The equipment seemed to work great. It took us just under two hours to read just over 300 meters and we have five bad reads," Boria said.

The bad reads have since been addressed by personnel, and one of them was a new construction project that was expected to be a bad read.

"All the reads were imported into the system and once we get Southbridge's meter reads we can enter those and we'll be good to go."

Boria estimated the cost of the equipment being \$6,100 with a \$2,486 cost for a one-year software support required by the company. This cost includes money from a trade in of the current equipment calculated into the estimate.

Part of the concern for commissioners was how long this new system would be up to date. The main issue experienced with the previous equipment was hardware and software being discontinued for more modern versions. Burdin addressed this issue, and said the town has nothing to worry about.

"My understanding of the old (system), it was purchased right as a transition was happening in the handhelds. After that, the company will support parts up to five years when they do end of life on a product. With that particular battery, which was the issue, the company just stopped purchasing that battery."

Burdin said, "Going forward the new handhelds use camcorder batteries, so we can buy that version of the battery. We could buy it online for \$50."

Before commissioners voted to make the purchase, which will be funded through a capital account with no impact to the commission's budget, Boria explained the only catch

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Dudley selectmen continue education spending debate

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Selectmen in Dudley are working to stay vigilant on remaining ahead of the curve in terms of education spending discussions. While the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District has yet to announce their plan for a requested override for foreseeable education costs, selectmen in Dudley are preparing for any option that might come their way.

Town Administrator Greg Balukonis told selectmen on Jan. 22 he received a letter from Superintendent of School Gregg Desto outlining strategies and thoughts concerning the 2019 budget for the school district.

The document also included a proposed date for an override request of April 3 with the School Committee still

planning to have a decision on what option they intend to utilize of the three available by Feb 14. In the meantime, school officials are continuing to work on their presentation to justify the need for an override in the coming months.

"The school continually is on the low end of the per pupil spending. I believe they're fifth or sixth from the bottom. That's one of the central themes that the school district has put out there. The funding that we talked about earlier matches the town being on the low end in terms of what we can raise in tax revenue," Balukonis told selectmen.

"The override amount is to be determined, but as you look at the document there are three options available. I'd like to go to the school committee

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Selectmen praise Craver in performance review

Robin Craver

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The results are in and after a survey by selectmen Charlton Town Administrator Robin Craver not only received rave reviews for her performance helping lead the town, she was touted as an important part of the recent growth and success of Charlton overall.

Selectmen reviewed the results of a survey each member of the board filled out during their meeting on Jan. 16, and in all but one category Craver received a score of four or better on a five point scale. Her lowest grade was a 3.9 in "interdepartmental relations" and the highest score was a 4.8 in "completion of Board of Selectmen Fiscal Year 2018 goals and objectives."

Selectmen also graded her on board relations, personnel relations, financial

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Smola supports effort to expand affordable housing programs

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren and Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means), is supporting a comprehensive housing bond bill that will provide \$1.7 billion in additional capital authorization for the rehabilitation and modernization of public housing units across

the state while also promoting more affordable housing opportunities for Massachusetts residents.

House Bill 4134, An Act financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents, was approved by the House of Representatives on

a vote of 150-1 on January 24. The bond bill reflects many of the same spending priorities that were included in legislation filed by Governor Charlie Baker last April.

In addition to providing \$400 million in new capital authorization for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to sup-

port private affordable housing development, the bond bill includes \$150 million for the Housing Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund, along with \$600 million to fund capital improvements across the entire affordable housing stock. It also provides \$50 million in new capital authoriza-

tion for the Public Housing Demonstration Program to encourage housing authorities to pursue innovative, market-driven strategies and leverage private resources

"There is a critical need for affordable housing

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CHARLTON CAPSULES

AWARDS RECEPTION PLANNED
The Charlton Cultural Council's annual awards ceremony and reception is Monday, February 12, 6:30 pm at Dexter Hall in the Charlton Town Library. The Council is presenting awards to 13 grant recipients who are organizing local community arts programs. The event is free and the public is invited.
SCHOLARSHIP INFO
The Charlton Cultural Council \$300 scholarship to a high school senior intending to pursue an education in the arts is now open to Bay Path, Shepherd Hill private- and home-school students. Applications are available at the Bay Path and Shepherd Hill guidance offices and on the town of Charlton website. With the completed application, a student must submit evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities and/or community activities relating to the arts. The applicant must also submit letters of reference from two different instructors who are familiar with his

or her work.
A completed application must be submitted to the student's high school guidance office. Private and home-school students must send or drop off a completed application addressed to the Charlton Cultural Council, Charlton Town Hall, 37 Main St., Charlton 01507. The deadline for all applications is Friday, March 2.
ICE FISHING DAY!
Ice Fishing Day, Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Augutteback Pond, Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Instructors will be available and free use of gear (limited quantity) will be provided. No license is needed and all ages are welcome — bring the whole family! For further information, call (508) 248-2247.
DURANT OFFICE HOURS
State Representative Peter Durant will be holding office hours throughout his district each month. Constituents and town officials are invited to express any concerns, issues, or ideas they have.

Walk-ins are always welcome. To schedule an individual appointment, please contact Ann Gaudreau, chief of staff for Rep. Durant at Ann.Gaudreau@MAhouse.gov or (617) 722-2060 ext. 8563. Local office hours schedule, all on Monday, Feb. 5: Spencer Town Hall: 9-10 a.m.; Charlton Town Hall: 11 a.m.-noon; Southbridge Town Hall: 1-2 p.m.; and Dudley Town Hall: 3-4 p.m.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
WORCESTER — The following students have been named to the Worcester State University Dean's List for Fall 2017. Dean's list honors are awarded to matriculated undergraduate students who have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. Full-time students must have earned a minimum of 12 credits and part-time students must have earned a minimum of 6 credits. CHARLTON: Kelsey L Anisko, Maggie A Beauregard, Nicholas R Brooks, Michael Brunelle, Haley N Chamberlain, Kylie E Chupka, Jared D Dahlstrom, Julia L Fitzpatrick, Jessica B Gelineau, Theodore J Girard,

Shannon L Goldberg, Collin J Hart, Emily A Ijams, Marc S Jansson, Hayley M Johnston, Cameron E Lanier, Maria Markopoulos, Erin M Miner, Giana C Murphy, Alishya M O'Loughlin, Jacquelyn N Pack, Parth S Patel, Ryan A Redmond, Tyler P Schwalbe, Jacob S Scott, Aviya T Singer, Samantha A Snopkowski, Leah G Stanley, Lucas T Stevens, Abigail M Stone, Allison H Walker
WORCESTER — More than 350 Becker College students were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list, which recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades. The following Charlton resident made Becker College Dean's List for Fall 2017: Tristan Lacroix, Jacob Ledoux, Evan Shanks, and Max Zielinski.




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is that added costs will be incurred to update the town of Southbridge if the two communities decide to utilize a consecutive water source, a practice that has been heavily discussed by the commission in recent meetings.
"I don't want to have the commission invest in this and if we decide to go consecutive we'd have to put this aside and go with something com-

pletely different," Boria said. "If we go this route we can put Sensus MXUs on the Southbridge meters. There's approximately 200 units there. That's going to be a cost of \$35,000 to \$40,000 to do so. The MXU's are anywhere from \$125 to \$150 a piece and your looking at 200 units."
Boria called it "doable" but it would be an extra cost associated with the new equipment. Commissioners say the situation as an immediate need and voted to

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the employees thought quickly and obtained an accurate description of the vehicle and license plate of the suspect, who escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash. The vehicle was found to be a stolen and police put out a broadcast for law enforcement to be on the lookout.
The vehicle was spotted shortly after by Brimfield Officer Daniel Fagan, who pursued the vehicle until it crashed on Dix Hill.
The suspect, identified as 32-year-old Springfield resident Gary Laviolette, fled on foot into the woods. Police established a perimeter and Brimfield

Trooper Eliason deployed K-9 Victor who was able to locate the suspect near Tower Hill Road in Brimfield.
Laviolette was taken into custody and was treated for minor injuries at the Harrington Hospital, Southbridge campus. He was then transported to the Brookfield State Police barracks for further processing.
Laviolette was charged with armed robbery, larceny, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and other charges.
Police also reported they retrieved the stolen money as well.
No other suspects have been arrested in connection to this crime and police have not indicated any other suspects were involved, as Laviolette was the sole occupant of the stolen car.



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Oxford fire highlights woodstove safety

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A couple weeks ago, fire crews from several area towns responded to a Sacarrappa Road, Oxford, fire that killed an elderly woman. Shortly thereafter, the Fire Marshal's investigation found the cause to be the wood stove used for heat.

While that doesn't happen too often, state data from 2016 shows wood stoves, chimneys and fireplaces caused 565 fires. Most of them were due to built-up creosote in the chimney.

"We ultimately don't have many problems with wood stoves as long as people clean the chimney and take care of them," said Auburn Deputy Chief Glenn Johnson. "You should inspect the chimney and stove each time before you burn" and clean them thoroughly at least once a year.

Often, he added, the problem comes from using types of wood that aren't recommended. Although it's common and fairly cheap, pine is the key issue; burning pine creates creosote in large quantities. The hardwoods like oak do as well, but are safe if properly aged (a

year or more is recommended), while they're potentially dangerous when "green" (newly-cut).

According to the Nationwide Insurance website, the real risk is when "a modern, airtight stove [is] damped way down, produc[ing] a flue temperature in the 100-200° Fahrenheit range," as is common when people want to keep the stove running at night. "These comparatively low temperatures do not sufficiently carry all of the noncombustible gases into the atmosphere. Instead, they condense long the walls of the stovepipe and chimney as creosote," which is itself highly flammable.

Sometimes, issues occur from where the stove itself is placed. State building codes define how far one has to be from the wall, floor and other surfaces, and flammable materials like paper need to be kept as far from one as possible, since the radiant heat can ignite them under some circumstances.

The construction of the chimney is an important factor.


"Never, under any circumstances, should an unlined, single-brick chimney be used for a wood stove" because they're "prone to deteriora-

tion," Nationwide states. A double-layer brick chimney can be used "after checking carefully for cracked mortar or loose or missing bricks," and metal chimney sleeves (layers inserted in the brick chimney) can be used if they're designed specifically for wood stoves, the site states.

In 1980, the do-it-yourself classic Mother Earth News ran a long piece on wood stove safety, most of which is still valid today. Its editors (unnamed) note a key factor is selecting the right size of stove for the space you're trying to heat. Both "overheated" – a too-small stove forced to run beyond its limits – and "underfired" stoves can pose hazards.

"It is possible for an overheated firebox to ignite walls or other flammable materials that are beyond the 'safe' perimeter. (Did you know, for example, that sustained temperatures of slightly over 200F can actually cause wood to combust spontaneously?)," it states. For the large stoves, owners often try to reduce heat using the damper "a technique that reduces efficiency, makes more smoke and forms creosote rapidly."

There's a lot more at www.motherearthnews.com.



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Service awards presented to two Brethren at Quinebaug Masonic

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On Monday night Jan. 8, many Brethren and family members traveled to Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to attend a service awards ceremony.

The awards were presented to two extraordinary Brethren from two different generations. Presented that night was a 50 year Past Master Diploma to Thomas Andrea Sr. 1968-2018. He was also a Past Master in 1976.

Back in those days you had to ask the question what is a Freemason before they would even consider you or invite you to the lodge.

Also presented that night was

the Right Worshipful Robert Johnston Service Award to Eric K. Langevin.

Eric was awarded for his dedication and commitment to the lodge, and for all his outstanding and volunteering work he has done to help raise money for the lodge. Eric loves to cook and is excellent at it. You can always find him at any of our functions or events in the kitchen or behind the grill.

Eric had the idea of raising money for an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) for our lodge and started, along with a few other Brethren, to serve breakfast on the third Sunday of the month. It became so popular we were able to purchase the A.E.D. Also, all the donation money

from the breakfast was donated to the Center of Hope in Southbridge, called the ARC. The Center of Hope Foundation which is an organization that helps families with disabilities and/or disabling circumstances.

The donation money from the breakfast has allowed them to register participants into the Special Olympics.

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Courtesy photo

Presenting the awards from left to right are Right Worshipful Bryon Hicks, Past Master Thomas Andrea Sr. 50 year Diploma, Bro. Eric Langevin who received the Right Worshipful Johnston Service Award and far right is 24th District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) Chris St. Cyr



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meetings and find out what their strategy is and what their plans are and support them in their efforts."

Balukonis told selectmen the three options range from a 5.96 percent increase to as low as 3.5 percent with varying totals spread throughout numerous years.

"The numbers are pretty large. Scenario A would be a budget increase over three years of \$2.9 million and the smallest scenario would be \$2.4 million over three years," Balukonis said.

Town officials in Dudley have been pretty open to the possibility of an override request from the school district, which has suffered from budgetary constraints for some time. The conversations have created concern about the stability of the dual town system with Charlton deciding to explore the feasibility of pulling from the dual-town district and creating its own high

school. Over the last year the School Committee has hosted a series of group discussions including education officials, selectmen, administrators, and state officials to explore the difficulties of financing education and possible solutions for not only Dudley and Charlton, but the state in general.

Selectman Paul Joseph said he feels the selectmen in Dudley should have those discussions among themselves as well, and explained he wants to see lawmakers like Senator Ryan Fattman and State Representative Peter Durant come to their table to engage in dialogue on how to fix the problem long term on Beacon Hill.

"I thought a while ago we were going to have the senator and our state rep in to talk to us and I don't recall that occurring. The reason that upsets me is I wanted to ask them whether they would sponsor a bill in both houses that would take into consideration any town that had a low tax rate when Proposition 2 ½ went into effect to

assist those towns because you know, if you look at the tax rates, it's not the wealthy towns that are in that position," Joseph said. "I still intend to ask them that. I want to pose that to them as a board. I have no political motivation doing this, I just want to talk to them directly."

Joseph further inquired about what a failure to pass an override could mean for Dudley and, according to Balukonis, it would still result in a major financial commitment from Dudley that will close any wiggle room the town has for its spending plans in the coming fiscal year.

"It would really create some challenges and I'm going to put that mildly. We have our minimum required contributions, which is going up by \$400,000, plus we have the additional amount of money that we voted from this year's budget from the stabilization fund which I think was around \$280,000. So, our minimal increase is somewhere in the range of \$680,000. Without an

increase through the override that means that's all of our available funds. It would all go to school purposes and that would really be stretching our limit," Balukonis said.

The town administrator also noted Dudley is being impacted by a catch-up provision from education reform that required a financial commitment for "underperforming communities." Selectmen called this an unfunded mandate from the state, with Joseph saying this too would be a topic of discussion with state leaders.

Regardless of what option the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District employs, the Board of Selectmen wants to make sure all the cards are on the table before proceeding. Board Chair John Marsi put it simply, "This board has always been pretty careful about what gets put before the voters. We want to make sure everyone has all the information they can. We need to do something, I just want to make sure the argument is made as to why."

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in Massachusetts," said Representative Smola. "I'm proud to support this housing bond bill, which builds on Governor Baker's original proposal by making significant investments in preserving affordable housing and rehabilitating properties overseen by local housing authorities."

The housing bond bill extends

the Community Investment Tax Credit to 2025; extends the authorization of the Housing Development Incentive Tax credits, at \$10 million per year, from 2019 to 2024; and provides for a five-year extension of the Brownfields Tax Credit, from 2018 to 2023. The bill also includes:

- \$60 million in new capital authorizations for the Home Modification Loan Program for persons with disabilities;
- \$65 million for the Facilities

Consolidation Fund to finance community-based housing in rental developments for clients of the Department of Developmental Services and Department of Mental Health;

- \$55 million in loans for community-based housing and supportive housing for persons with disabilities who are institutionalized or at risk of being institutionalized but are not eligible for housing developed through the Facilities Consolidation Fund;
- \$100 million for the Housing Innovations Trust Fund to support innovative and alternative forms of rental housing for residents who need extensive

support services;

- \$125 million for the Capital Improvement and Preservation Trust Fund to help preserve affordable housing for which affordability restrictions would otherwise expire;
- \$50 million for the Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Program, which supports the development of residential units and mixed used developments in neighborhood commercial areas; and
- \$45 million for the Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund for the development of eligi-

ble facilities for early care and education and out of school programs.

The housing bond bill now moves to the Senate for further action. For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617)722-2100.



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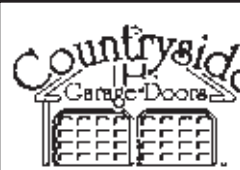
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Nationally existing home sales dropped 3.6% to 5.57 million from November to December but increased by

1.1% year over year. This is not a sign of the economy weakening. It is exactly the opposite. The lack of inventory is causing a lowering of home sales. The sale in 2017 were up 1.1% as well over 2016. This continues to show us that the Real Estate Market is alive and well. In Worcester County, sales dropped by 5.8% from November to December to 710 sales. Then from December 2016 to December 2017 it increased by 3.2%. This shows

our local market is tracking with the national market in their trends. There is one concern with this drop in sales in December. If the inventory is dropping causing buyers who are ready willing and able to not be able to find a home because the sellers of those homes fear selling their home because there is no inventory. Most likely what will happen is this lack of inventory and high demand will continue to increase prices

which the Average Sale Price of a Single Family Home in Worcester County already went up \$16,150 or 5.5 % over the last 12 months. This will then cause sellers who could not sell or would not sell due to prices to decide to sell their homes. This will eventually increase the inventory and hopefully balance the market out. I suggest consulting with a local Realtor to find out what the inventory looks like in

your area and how that will affect you purchase and sale of a home. Because in most markets, selling a home is the easy part and the most difficult part is deciding what to do once it sells as inventory of homes for sale as well as rental homes are minimal. Many sellers are deciding to either rent temporarily or live with family until they can find another home to buy.

Gifts from loved ones serving in the armed forces

Members of the military may be serving half way across the world from their families, but their families are often on their minds. Many send gifts to family members back home to let them know they are thinking of them.

During the 18th and 19th century, many of the sailors were whalers or worked on merchant ships but there were also military personnel on the high seas. During their free time, sailors carved scrimshaw, typically using whales' teeth or walrus' tusks. Britannica states that examples date back to the 17th century. The craft peaked from 1830-50. Along with the impressive works depicting ships in battle and other nautical and historical scenes, there were many smaller functional pieces that were carved. Scrimshaw.com lists pie crimpers, thimbles and corn huskers as some of the more common items made



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from scrimshaw. They could be gifted when the sailors returned home. Prices for large pieces have sold for tens of thousands of dollars. New regulations to protect selling illegal elephant and rhino ivory may impact older scrimshaw sales and prices.

Love tokens are coins that have been engraved and were often given to a loved one. Others engraved these coins, but sailors with free time at sea were some of the practitioners of this art. An article by Robyn Einhorn on the Smithsonian web-

site states that the practice may have started in 13th century England with the bending of coins. A bent coin was returned after a favor and the bent coin became a "token of your pledge" when you offered something in return for



the favor. I typically see love tokens carved into mid to late 19th century coins. I've seen engravings range from peoples' initials and simple drawings to highly detailed engravings of ships. Some are single coins, but several of them can be used to create a bracelet or other pieces of jewelry. We sold a love token bracelet with several intricately engraved dimes that brought over \$500.

Soldiers on land also created works

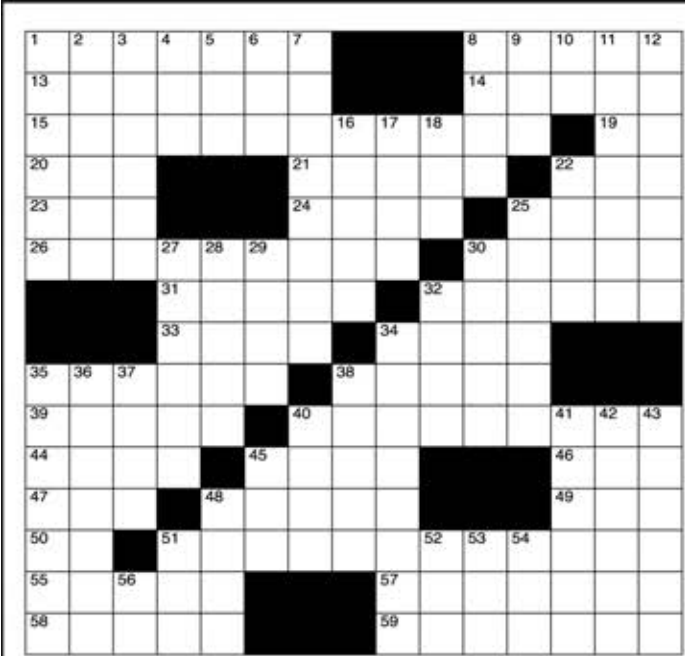
of art during their free time and created trench art. Trench art was made by those serving in earlier wars, but World War I seems to be the peak of the artform. Artillery shell casings and smaller shell casings were often used to craft these pieces. A hammer and nail were often the tools to create these works. The large artillery shells were sometimes turned into vases. Many had intricate designs of animals and flowers. Others were crafted to look like tanks or cannons. Some pieces of trench art are worth hundreds of dollars.

During World War II and more recent wars, military personnel would often buy pieces to send home or deliver to loved ones when they returned. Satin pillow cases were sold at many of the military bases. Many had "mother", "sweetheart" or "sister" printed on them for their intended recipients. "Sweetheart pins" were other gift items

that were purchased by armed forces personnel. Some pins were produced in mother of pearl and some in 10 karat gold, but for the most part, they were made from relatively inexpensive materials. They may sometimes be found in flea markets and antique shops at very reasonable prices. We sold some small cases of sweetheart pins in our January auction, with cases selling in the \$300 range.

I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School on March 5. Some sales and events are being planned. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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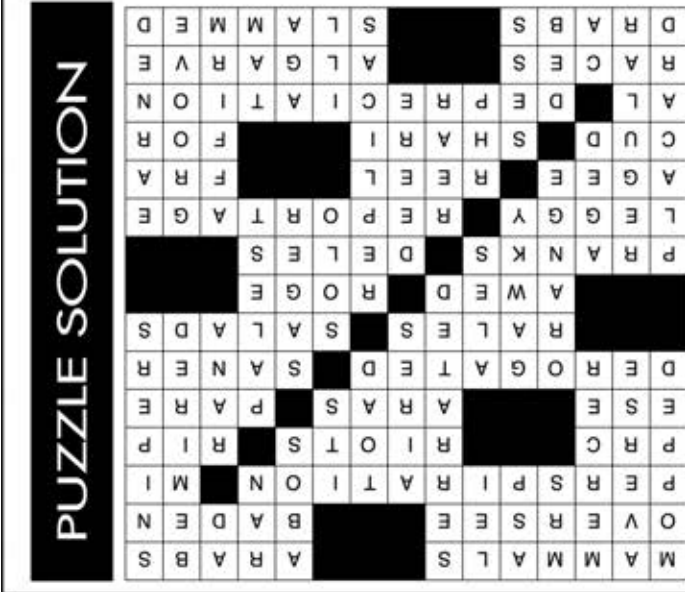


CLUES ACROSS

1. Warm-blooded vertebrates
8. Semitic peoples
13. Supervise
14. Historical German territory
15. Sweat
19. The Wolverine State
20. China
21. Violent disturbances
22. A way to commemorate the dead
23. Midway between east and southeast
24. Bird genus
25. Trim
26. Disparaged
30. More coherent
31. Abnormal rattling sounds
32. Healthy appetizers
33. Partner to "shocked"
34. French pianist Pascal
35. Jokes
38. Marks to omit print
39. Tall
40. Coverage
44. "A Death in the Family" author
45. Role of highlights
46. Fixed-radio access
47. Partly digested food
48. "Lamb Chop" puppeteer Lewis
49. In support of
50. Aluminum
51. Reduction in value over time
55. Running events
57. Portuguese region
58. Slovenly women
59. Strongly criticized

CLUES DOWN

1. Wiped up
2. Opposed to
3. Macon, GA, university
4. Wife
5. Small viper
6. Polynesia garland of flowers
7. Saw-like
8. Maltese-Italian composer
9. Moved faster than walking
10. Commercial
11. Covered with mud
12. Marksman
16. Buenos ___
17. Tailless amphibian
18. Belonging to a thing
22. Mars crater
25. Most fair
27. Citrus fruit
28. Awkward
29. Brews
30. Beloved late broadcaster Craig
32. All alone
34. Copies
35. Poster
36. Symmetrical
37. Grew older
38. Makes tractors
40. Not the front
41. State as fact
42. Long, narrow cut
43. Worked hard for
45. Indicates position in a box score
48. Tax
51. "Lookout Weekend" singer
52. Unhealthy
53. Imam name ___ Khan
54. A woolen cap of Scottish origin (abbr.)
56. The Golden State



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POLICE LOGS

Charlton Police Department

Arrests/Summons:
January 21-27

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

Chelsea Rabidou of North Grosvenordale, CT: operating MV with a suspended license (2 counts), Motor vehicle operator refusing to identify self (2counts),

Jesssenia Rivas-Martines of East Boston: Operating MV with a suspended license

Dominic Lalashius of North Brookfield: OUI-Alcohol, Negligent operation of a motor vehicle

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LEARNING

Practical nursing students complete MRC deployment overview



WEST BOYLSTON — Five practical nursing students from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy have completed Medical Reserve Corps deployment overview.

The participants, Nicole Colon of Dudley, Reagan Gosselin of Sturbridge, Samantha Marcotte of Webster, Elizabeth Lamica and Jeanne Schultz both of Southbridge, received valuable information from speakers JoAnn Griffin, LICSW, DMH and CEO Central Mass Disaster Animal Response Team and John Degnan, emergency response coordinator, Eastern Highlands Health District, CT.

The event was designed to share knowledge, experience, and information on most recently Disaster Response Team deployment to Texas following Hurricane Harvey. Lessons learned dating back to Hurricane Andrew 1992 and includes Joplin Tornado, Worcester Cold Storage Fire and Ice Storm 2008.

During the event, Degnan, MRC director for the district, welcomed and congratulated the student nurses for their interest and involvement in disaster training. He reminded them about the need to put their skills into practice to become better prepared in times of hurricanes, floods, fires, terrorist attacks, plane crashes.

The event was held at the town hall selectmen's chambers and is part of the Medical Reserve Corps volunteer meeting and networking.

Courtesy photo

From left, Jeanne Schultz, Samantha Marcotte, Elizabeth Lamica, Gretheline Bolandrina Practical Nursing Academy director, Nicole Colon and Reagan Gosselin.

What's to do in the winter?

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, 30 Peck Road in Monson, has announced the following information for the winter.

Our winter lectures are open to the public and offered free of charge on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m., lasting about an hour. For more information please call Jennifer Ohop at 413-267-9654 or email ohop@norcrosswildlife.org Sanctuary hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Trails are open, conditions permitting, please call first. There is no admission charge. Visit us virtually at www.norcross-wildlife.org or find us on Facebook!

2018 Winter Lecture Series

Introduction to Moths
Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Let's open the door to the fascinating world of nocturnal insects and welcome folks to the dark side! This program will introduce the families of moths likely to be encountered in central Massachusetts. Presenter David Small is a lifelong Massachusetts resident, is president of the Athol Bird and Nature Club and Director of the Millers River Environmental Center. Dave shares his passion for herps, birds, butterflies, dragonflies and most recently moths through workshops, lectures and field trips around New England. Free. Space is limited. Call (413) 267-9654 or email lectures@norcross-wildlife.org to register.

The 2011 tornado left a visible scar on our landscape. After the tornado, much of the affected forested land underwent salvage logging to remove the fallen trees; however, Brimfield State Forest did not. Instead, fallen trees were left on the ground. Research conducted in 2012 and 2017 has allowed us to study the effects of the tornado and salvage logging on forest recovery by comparing Brimfield State Forest to salvage-logged areas nearby. Join Danelle Laflower and Jennifer Santoro to look specifically at the tree sapling regrowth to determine how the forest is recovering after the tornado. Free. Space is limited. Call (413) 267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

After the 2011 Tornado: Impacts on Massachusetts' Forests;
Saturday, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Stageloft plans youth musical next weekend

BY NATALIA MALIZIA
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

Taking its cue from the Hans Christian Anderson beloved Little Mermaid, Stageloft

Stageloft Repertory Theater's youth performance of Once on this Island Jr. will take place on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. and 7p.m.

This theatrical adaptation of Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" offers countless musical numbers and a poignant story.

The play is directed and choreographed by Jackie McGerigle and Kaitlyn Ekstrom-Doig with music direction by Lean Marley.

The cast includes: Corinna Iannacchione, Allie Provost, Grace McGovern, John Nichols, Madison Dashnaw, Hannah Roberts, Jason Roberts, Jason Desjardins, Amanda Tonkin, Rose Wengender, Joshua Zaleski, Erik Tavares, Dylan Carter, Grace Chisolm, Isabella Coleman, Amelia Cunningham, Emma Dashnaw, Anjolina Fantaroni, Lindsey Ferreira, Hannah Ingalls, Faith Lott, Alyson Lomme, Josephine Landon, Olivia Marin, Maggie Montville, Mary Tisdale, and Natalie Truax.

Tickets are \$15 for regular admission, \$10 for youth aged 12 and younger.

For a full synopsis and more information visit www.stageloft.org or call (508) 347-9005.

Historical Society plans meeting

The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting will be on Thursday Feb. 22 at the Publick House Historical Inn on the Sturbridge Common. The guest speaker will be Larry Lowenthal.

Lowenthal, a well known local historian, will focus on railroads in this area and describe the travel possibilities they offered and how they influenced local communities.

During the great age of railroads, towns that were not fortunate enough to be on a rail line were affected as much as those that had rail service.

Lowenthal is a retired historian for the national park service and is the author of several books, among them Titanic Railroad and the story on New England's last great railroad war.

Historical Society meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. Glick.

Society annual dues are \$10, which help support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November's meeting is held the first Thursday in December. All meetings start at 7 p.m. Public is welcome.

Friday's Child

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Antique coins fascinate Historical Society visitors



Dick Lisi presented on the 1800s.

Tara Vocino photos



Sturbridge resident Bill Lemke, middle, has been exchanging coins with Rare Coins for about 60 years.

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — First it was barter, then simple trade, but eventually the need for currency to represent the ‘things’ purchased or services rendered meant coins and paper became a reality. When a country is new, so is its way of doing business, and the makings of its currency is part of its history.

Sterling-based Rare Coin co-owners Tom, Matt, and Dick Lisi highlighted the history of United States coins and currency. They discussed how coins and currency evolved from colonial times to the present and which historical events shaped what was minted by the government.

Warren resident Garine Arakelian said she came in not knowing anything about coins and frankly not being the greatest fan, but over time, she found the presentation fascinating.

“I learned the progression from the early years to now,” Arakelian said. “The earliest coin that you can buy was made in 1795. But the earliest coin itself was made in 1793.”

Warren resident Rick Hemlen learned that they didn’t have currency in the 1700s, but that they traded with Britain and Spain for money.

“There was no one to trade with them on the first ships in Plymouth and in Virginia,” Hemlen said.

Sturbridge resident Bill Lemke said

he started a coin collection 60 years ago with Rare Coin, adding that they have been very helpful over the years.

After the presentation, Lemke showed Matt Lisi an 1871 Liberty half dollar he bought from a dealer in the ‘50s, and asked for an appraisal. Lisi estimated it was worth \$800 to \$1,000.

Lemke said he learned - contrary to its name - half pennies are worth a lot of money.

It was their first Historical Society meeting they had attended, and they said they plan to join the Historical Society as a result of the experience.

Presenter Tom Lisi said back then 16 ounces of silver equaled one ounce of gold.

Lisi said Sacagawea ended up on the coin when she was a guide and translator for Lewis and Clark during the Louisiana Purchase in 1804.

He said the mid-1830s were hard times since banks lent too much money. “Unemployment skyrocketed,” Tom Lisi said. “Banks went bankrupt. People started hoarding coins.”

He said the first mint opened in Philadelphia and then two more opened in South Carolina.

Skipping ahead to 1918 was when they started to melt silver money and sold it to Great Britain at \$1 an ounce. However, one needs 78 ounces of silver to equal one ounce of gold today, he said.



Tom Lisi presented on the 1700s.

Dick Lisi said the North and South weren’t getting along well.

“Abraham Lincoln was elected president, and the south didn’t like that,” Dick Lisi said. “They withdrew from the Union. And silver coin hoarding became a norm. One cent and paper money became available.”

Dick Lisi said at that time, people didn’t like paper bills, and that they put patriotic messages on the 1¢ tokens, such as “It shall be preserved.” The

Civil War ended in 1864; the government then passed the 1864 Coin Act, which authorized the minting of the 2¢ coin. Industrialist Joseph Wharton began to mine nickel, he said.

He advised people not to clean their coins, as it diminishes half of its value.

The Lisls do appraisals for many of the local banks in the surrounding area. All are members of the American Numismatic Association and the Northeast Numismatic Association.



Sturbridge resident Bill Lemke had his 1871 Liberty half dollar appraised.



Warren residents Garine Arakelian and Rick Hemlen look at antique dollar bills in the display case.

“Every Town Deserves a Good Local Newspaper”

Singletary holds successful ice derby

Concern over unsafe ice on local ponds after the recent rain were dismissed by many anglers that wanted to fish this past weekend. Caution needed to be used along the shoreline, but many ponds still had a good five inches of ice on them this past weekend, although it was not good back ice. Area ponds had numerous anglers enjoying the warm weather and some family ice fishing. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club held their annual ice fishing derby this past Sunday under cloudy skies and a few rain showers, but that did not stop a large group of members from fishing for trout. After enjoying a huge breakfast buffet, anglers headed out to the pond to set up their ice fishing tilts, and it was not long before trout were being hauled out of the water and onto the ice. Joe Vigeant and his 9-year old son enjoyed the day ice fishing at Singletary Rod & Gun. Their picture will run next week due to a computer glitch. Fishing was slow during the early hours, but if you were determined to catch a trout, patience brought rewards. I decided to cut a few new holes with my power auger, and then proceeded to fish them, when a long time friend, Jerry Leclaire asked to fish one of my recently cut holes. No problem!!! He dropped the jig to the bottom and immediately hooked into a nice fish. After a few minutes of fighting the fish he landed a nice rainbow trout. 17 3/4" to be exact. It took first place in the trout derby!!! This



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writer failed to catch a single trout. That's the way it goes!! A few hours later the smell of venison and sausage being cooked filled the air, and had some anglers taking a break to sample some of the great barbecue meats that were being cooked and shared by members. The attendance was smaller than last year, but everyone had a good time. There are a lot less ice fishing derbies this year locally, but for the few that are planned there should be plenty of ice if the cold weather that was predicted for this week materialized. The good news for Massachusetts bow hunters this coming fall is the added two weeks of deer hunting in zones 10 through 15, and with the passage of a bill very near to allow cross bows for hunting by everyone in 2018 that wants one. Only permanently disabled hunters were allowed to possess one for hunting. A final push to allow bow hunting on Sundays in Massachusetts would be the icing on the cake if it was approved, but for now we will appreciate what the Division of Mass Fish & Wildlife has accomplished this year. A recent discussion at a local tackle shop by area sportsmen about the possibility of Massachusetts joining forces with other states that have a suspension registry of violators licenses of Fish & Game Laws, could soon become reality. It is a good way to deter hunters and fishermen from



Courtesy photo

Despite hunting to glean the population, coyotes continue to be a problem.

violating fish and game laws. Mass Fish & Wildlife is also making some new regulations for wildlife management areas in reference to the general public using the management area to exercise their dogs. It is required that dog owners keep their dogs on leash at all times, but they also need to pick up their dogs' feces during the visits to the area, if a new regulation is passed. Trails along the WMW are becoming an eyesore, and the feces is also contaminating the trails. Hunters using their dogs during hunt-

ing season would be exempt. Coyote populations continue to grow in the valley, despite efforts of local hunters. One local hunter has harvested more than 15 coyote this year, and they just keep on coming. Sitting in a tree stand for hours waiting for the right moment to take a shot requires a lot of patience, and hot coffee. Hunters may be successful in reducing a population in one area, only to find even more coyotes the following year. One state decided to take a large tract of land a few years ago, and remove as many of them as possible only to find that they had as many, or even more, the following year. They seem to know when their populations are down, and have larger litters of pups to fill the void. The Providence Boat Show will open their doors on Feb. 2, starting at noon till 9 p.m. The show will run three days. Don't miss it. Check it out on the web site for more information. Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

CRAVER

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management, community relations and general management. General management and community relations also received scores about 4.5 Each member of the Board of Selectmen present took a turn addressing Craver, some simply stating that the report speaks for itself and others offering input on how Craver can improve. One suggestion was to make progress on discussing an overhaul of the hiring process in Charlton. Another note was that the areas where Craver was graded lower were more difficult areas of her responsibilities, and are common issues for any small community. Craver was given credit for always trying to put forth good changes to improve the town and for her dedication to the community despite not being a resident of Charlton. Selectman Rick Swenson said he came on board when Craver was being hired in 2006 and since then has come

to understand the stress of her job and how impressive her consistent commitment to Charlton has been. "I first came on this board while the board was going through the hiring process and my impression in those first meetings was we seemed to be getting things accomplished. I was kind of wondering why we really needed a town administrator and I learned the answer pretty quickly," Swenson said. "It has always amazed me in all the years that we worked together that I would guess Ms. Craver is a resident of the town. She really cares about (Charlton) and the way she approaches her job in the town I think she takes a very personal interest in it." He added that he feels Charlton is "well-served" under Craver as town administrator. Board Chairman Joseph Szafarowicz said he was proud to have Craver as Charlton's town administrator and gave his own glowing review of her work during her long tenure with the town. "I do want to highlight the fact that the lowest score was a 3.9 which is still

very commendable and with areas of improvement she's still doing a heck of a job," Szafarowicz said. "I'm proud to have Ms. Craver as our town administrator — I know Ms. Craver has an open door policy where she is more than willing to sit down and show people what it's like to be town administrator. Like I said, I'm proud to have her." Selectmen noted improvement in Craver's relationship with employees and praised her for her unwavering approach to the Exxon Mobile negotiations which brought the town a better result than they were prepared to settle for in the end. She was called "tough" and "steadfast" by Selectman Debra Noble who said she feels Craver will only continue to improve. "What people don't realize is (Craver) is also at community events and she does treat the town of Charlton as if it is her hometown," Noble said. "We're her people and it shows every day. If there's some difficulty with people walking into her office and feeling uncomfortable that's only because they don't know her that well yet and once they do

I think that 3.9 will go up to a 5.9." A visibly emotional Craver told selectmen she appreciated their feedback and the positive reviews she received but remained humble noting that while she works hard for Charlton she could never do it alone. "I know that there's always room for improvement and I intend to commit to try and improve in every area that anyone said I needed to work on," said Craver. "They say one of the most important pieces about retaining people is appreciating them and the work that they do. What (selectmen) have done really touched me. This job can be hard. Sometimes the town administrator position is an easy one to target. To know that the board of selectmen support the work and appreciate the work that I've done is very satisfying. With that said also it's not about me that we've gotten so much done. We have a terrific staff and dedicated people. We've added new people that fit right in – I also believe that part of all of that is because of selectmen and the way they treat and support us."

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Joy Ride



Photo courtesy Dudley Youth Soccer

Yeah....not so much.

If these were our little darlings, we'd take no prisoners. They would be out there themselves, with rakes and shovels and buying the sod themselves to replace this destruction.

See, the Dudley Youth Soccer is a non-profit bunch that just wants to teach younger kids the sport, and through the goodness of the town of Dudley, was given leave to improve this empty field to use as part of their program.

It sits right near the road and right on the Quinebaug line. You drive right by it if you drive down 131, but you might not pay a lot of attention to it.

They put a lot of effort into it in the last couple of years, did a lot of "invisible" work; drainage, adding a sprinkler system, reseeding, and then left it alone so the seed would take and the field would be in good shape for THIS year.

Until a few nights ago.

When this happened.

And no one heard it. No one saw it. No one knows anything.

But someone does.

The irrigation might be broken under that frozen dirt, can't tell yet. But for sure the nicely seeded field is wrecked.

Organizers have said they might be able to have it "rolled" flat, but the ruts may or may not need to be reseeded or sodded.

In any case, the field won't be ready for play.

Because somebody old enough to drive decided to "play" instead.

This is just mean.

We hope they bragged to someone about it so police can be told and their little butts can be smacked hard by Johnny Law. Then we hope the rest of us step up and donate to get this place back so the kids can have it back again. The vandalism may well cost the Youth Soccer thousands of dollars to repair.

Can anyone help? Are there landscapers, home warehousers, DIYers out there, who can donate time, materials, and knowledge, and get these kids back on their fields? And a fence installed so this can't happen again?

Because obviously, the older "kids" out there have no couth and have no sense of responsibility. No respect for the belongings of others, no idea what might the cost be to anyone else for their decisions.

It may be indicative of yet another book out there, this one about "adulting" and that Americans are raising a generation or two of people who don't know how to be adults. Haven't been taught, and don't want to learn.

We shudder to think if they in turn become parents themselves...what then becomes of those children...the children of non-adulting adults?

They most likely do donuts in soccer fields and call it joy riding.

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OPINION

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

Valentine's Day sentiments on a budget

No other day of the year symbolizes love and romance as does Valentine's Day. Through the ages, many cultures have paid annual homage to the "holiday of the heart." From pagan days of love lotteries to St. Valentine's untimely imprisonment, the longtime observance of February 14 is steeped in tradition and lore.

In this country, Valentine's Day is second only to Christmas as the most celebrated day of the year. As a stroll down any department store aisle will attest, candy, flowers and especially cards are all used to convey messages of love and desire. In celebration of the most romantic day of the year, here are some ideas and suggestions to make your V-Day a little less commercial and a little more special.

Gifts from the Heart

If you have more love than money this year, don't fret. These ideas are sky high on the romance quota scale.

How I Love Thee...For hundreds of years, lovers have best expressed their love for one another through love letters. What could be more romantic than a handwritten poem? Sit down and write a love letter to your Valentine. It doesn't have to rhyme, since the words are heartfelt and express your feelings. Write the verse on parchment paper with a felt tipped or calligraphy pen.

If you're not creative, don't worry. Research the internet and copy a classic love poem or letter that declares your emotions. Tuck the love poem under a pillow or in a pocket to be unexpectedly discovered by your spouse. Better yet, mail your love letter for an air of mystery!

Stamp of Approval: Looking for a novel way to send your valentines? Why not surprise your sweetheart with an envelope stamped with your photo? And yes, these are USPS approved stamps! Www.Photostamp.com offers a service that allows you to instantly upload your favorite photo, choose a design and order a page or more of the USPS stamps. They're definitely pricier, but these are not your average first class stamps! A sheet of 20 photo stamps will set you back about \$22, and quantity discounts are available. Most local post offices now sell photo stamp kits.

Love from Loveland: Want to add a special touch to your valentine greetings? Since 1946 the Loveland, Colorado post office has been sharing its unique name with romantics everywhere via its free Valentine's Day re-mailing program. Your sweetheart is sure to be surprised to find his or her valentine card stamped with the official Loveland Colorado cache and stamp! To do, simply mail your pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelopes (envelopes should each have 50¢ postage; postcards should have appropriate postage), add extra stamps/postage for heavier/odd shaped valentines, mail in a large stamped envelope to: Postmaster; Valentine Re-mailing; 446 E. 29th St.; Loveland, CO 80538. But you'd better hurry, deadlines for delivery by V-Day must be received by February 7. If not, there's always next year!

Recipe for Love: If you really want to set your sweetie's heart aflame this V-Day, why not whip up a red hot desert? Cherries Jubilee is a romantic classic that'll have your partner heating up as fast as the flaming dish. Best of all, it's easy!

Cherries Jubilee

Ingredients: 16 oz. can pitted dark sweet cherries; one quarter cup rum; one quarter cup brandy; 3/4 red currant jelly; vanilla ice cream.

Directions: Drain the can of cherries; reserve one quarter cup of syrup. Mix this syrup with the rum. Pour over cherries and chill for at least an hour. Meanwhile, melt jelly in a saucepan over low heat. Add the cherry mixture to the jelly. Cook, stirring constantly to a simmer. Heat the brandy in another saucepan until warmed. Pour brandy



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slowly over cherry mixture and ignite immediately. Spoon cherries and sauce over a small bowl of or glass of vanilla ice cream.

The Feng Shui Way: If you're looking to snag yourself a sweetheart this Valentine's Day, here are some Feng Shui tips to point Cupid's arrow your way.

According to the ancient practice of Feng Shui, the secret to romantic success can be found in the southwest region of your bedroom. Nurture and cultivate peace and love in that area to attract a partner. Feng Shui practitioners suggest placing a vase of fresh flowers or a painting of flowers in that corner (avoid flowers with thorns or prickly leaves). To further entice romance, try putting a pair of duck decoys in the area or a photo of two ducks. Even a couple of rubber ducky toys will do. Crystals are often successful in luring a mate, and rose quartz is famed for attracting love. Why not place a crystal in that corner as extra insurance!

Experts in the practice claim negative energy and bad "chi" will drive away any romantic prospects. They advise removing all electronic devices in the southwest area, as well as any mirrors there.

Flower Power: Did you know nearly 200 million roses were produced for Valentine's Day last year! If you're a lucky recipient of Valentine's Day flowers, you'll want to keep them fresh as long as possible. Here's how to treat fresh flowers displayed in a vase: Mix two tablespoons of white vinegar and two tablespoons of sugar in a quart of water. Also, be sure to remove dead flowers as these give off gases which affect the others. And never display flowers next to fruit as fruits emit a gas which prematurely ages flowers. Here are a few more tips to keep your V-Day flowers fresher longer:

- * Dirty vases shorten the life of cut flowers so be sure to soak questionable vases overnight in bleach to remove bacteria before displaying flowers.
- * To revive drooping tulips or roses, wrap tightly in newspaper and put into water up to their necks. Leave overnight. For a quicker fix, cut a little off the stems, wrap in paper, and plunge stems into boiling water for approximately ten seconds, then put into deep cold water.
- * A pinch of sugar or an aspirin dropped into vase water works just as well as the substance found in a floral extender packet.
- * Keep fresh flowers away from direct sunlight and heat. Don't leave flowers in warm rooms overnight. Keep flowers in a cool spot (65 to 72° Fahrenheit), and extend their life by putting them in the coldest room in the house while you are asleep.

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 dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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 The Southbridge Evening News? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Put a trusted 'Quarterback' on your financial team



FINANCIAL FOCUS
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On February 4, the eyes of most of the country – and much of the rest of the world – will be on Minneapolis, site of the most-watched football game in the U.S. As a fan, you can admire the way quarterbacks in the Big Game direct their teams. But as an investor, you can learn something from the big game by putting together your own team to help you achieve your financial goals – and you may find it helpful to have your own “quarterback.”

Who should be on your team? Your financial strategy will involve investments, taxes and estate planning, so you will likely need a financial advisor, a tax professional and an attorney. Ideally, your financial advisor – the individual with the broadest view of your financial situation – should serve as the quarterback of this team. And, just as a quarterback on a football team must communicate clearly with his teammates, so will your financial quarterback need to maintain consistent contact with the other team members.

Let's look at a couple of basic examples as to how this communication might work.

First, suppose you are self-employed and contribute to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA. Because your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. (In 2018, the maximum amount you can contribute is \$55,000.) Your financial advisor can recommend investments you can choose from to help fund your SEP IRA. Yet you will want your financial advisor to share all your SEP IRA information with your tax professional. When it's near tax-filing time, your tax professional can then let you and your financial advisor know how much room you still have to contribute to your SEP IRA for the year, and how much you need to add to potentially push yourself into a lower tax bracket.

Now, let's consider the connection between your financial advisor and your attorney – specifically, your attorney handling your estate planning arrangements. It's essential that you and your financial advisor provide your attorney with a list of all your financial assets – IRAs, 401(k)s, investments held in brokerage accounts, insurance policies and so on. Your attorney will need this information when preparing your important legal documents, such as your will and living trust – after all, a key part of your estate plan is who gets what. But it's imperative that you and your financial advisor convey some often-overlooked details that can make a big difference in the disposition of your estate. For example, your financial advisor might suggest that you review the beneficiary designations on your IRA, 401(k) and life insurance policies to make sure these designations are still accurate in light of changes in your life – new spouse, new children and others. These designations are meaningful and can even supersede the instructions you might leave in your will or living trust. Consequently, it's important for you and your financial advisor to share this information with your attorney.

It can be challenging to meet all your financial objectives. But with the right team in place, and a quarterback to help lead it, you can keep moving toward those goals – and you might cut down on the “fumbles” along the way.

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Locals involved in Midwinter Mischief

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Set in a rural New England village in 1838, audience members had the chance to be characters in Midwinter Mischief: A Yankee Peddler by P.J. Griffith, of New York, at Old Sturbridge Village on Saturday.

OSV interpreters were based on 30 real-life characters from the 1830s who could have crossed paths in Sturbridge, including Sturbridge physician Ephraim Lyon in 1785, Sturbridge stagecoach driver/farmer Silas Marsh Freeman in 1803, and Sturbridge farmer/wheelwright Ezekiel Mayo in 1793, and Sturbridge farmer's daughter Beulah Freeman in 1807, according to Griffith.

As guests arrived, they boarded a horse-drawn carryall, transporting them from OSV Visitor's Center of 2018 to Bullard Tavern of 1838.

"Step on up! We're going to be late!," the stagecoach driver said. "Fortune favors the bold, so don't hesitate! There's a revel at the tavern by the owner's request — Mr. Bullard's excited to have you here as his guest! A "Midwinter Frolic" with food and with spirits. And a fire to warm up your soul while you're near it! The fiddler will play and the cider will flow. So hold onto your sweet heart, to the tavern we go!"

The Stagecoach Driver pulled the reins and the carryall took off down the path to Bullard Tavern.

The tavern keeper's wife said, "If you are in the 10:30 party, meet me by the fire!"

She then proceeded to individually greet each guest in the group, as if she recognized them as regulars at the tavern,

handing them a corresponding character card with their name on it. All guests participated in this activity.

She asked Ms. Crandall, "You haven't aged a day since I saw you last! How's the Cause?"

The tavern keeper's wife hands a female guest the card for: "Prudence Crandall, b.1804, schoolteacher/abolitionist." Crandall was an abolitionist and schoolteacher in Rhode Island in 1803, Griffith said.

The minister's daughter gave audience members hot chocolate in front of the fire.

"This hot drink will warm you right down to your soul," she said. "Just milk, pounded sugar and grated cocoa. Step up to the hearth here and give it a try—Heavenly treats await those who aren't shy."

The printer's wife and her daughter have three to four minutes of interpretation, where they taught the guests Prudence Crandall and Fanny Osgood to make candles while explaining the process along the way.

Olivia Barrett, age 12, of Worcester, was one of the volunteers who made candles.

"I apologize for the mess," the Printer's Wife said. "Come join in the dipping! We're making our candles and the tallow is dripping! Some of your mothers said you'd be by to assist Prudence and Fanny — help us out, I insist!"

In the schoolhouse, an audience member read the mysterious handwritten note left on the desk aloud, next to the unwrapped candies.

"Read, child, read!," the school teacher commanded.

Nearest student to the paper (reading the note out loud) "Thank you for helping me

pilch that wood for heat," she read. "As per our agreement, here are your sweets. I'm taking it right across the way to the Potter. His clay is all freezing and his shop must be hotter!"

The school teacher separated the men and women in the audience and asked them to bow or curtsy.

She asked which student was guilty of taking the empty woodbox by the stove. One audience member jokingly said that he stole it. That line wasn't in the script.

The school teacher told audience members to take peppermints on their way out.

Warren resident Mark Holmes played the potter, "Elijah."

The potter instructs "Elijah" on the fundamentals of how to throw the clay as part of a few minutes of interpretation. Elijah gets his hands dirty. The potter corrects his mistakes, then kicks him off the wheel and quickly molds the lump of clay into a mug himself.

"Is Elijah with you all? Elijah Osborn?," the Potter asks. (The Potter looks around and identifies the guest playing "Elijah".) "Son, I hear you're an aspiring potter!? Well... time to earn your keep. Step up to the wheel."

Holmes steps up to the wheel. Osborn was a potter's apprentice in New Hampshire in 1806, Griffith said.

The guests playing "John Colt" and "George Davis" join the farmer in interpretation in the barn, where they are taught how to use a 2-handed saw. Other guests were assigned other maintenance tasks around the barn or shelling corn or feeding livestock.



Tara Vocino photo
Charlton resident Pam Breinlinder chops meat to make sausage.

Colt was a fur trader and law clerk in Connecticut in 1810, and Davis was a lawyer in Gloucester in 1799, Griffith said.

"Hurry, friends, hurry!," the farmer demands. "We need hands on the farm— we just took down a tree and could sure use your help, so come follow me!"

Over in the kitchen, Charlton resident Pam Breinlinder chops meat.

"The meats here are minced and the intestines are scraped," the farmer's wife said. "Then the casings are filled to give them some shape. (seeing "Beulah" in the crowd of guests) Enough playing out in the cold, Beulah Freeman! I need your help now! Chop up this meat, I'll show you just how."

The guest playing "Eliza Bixby" washed and rinsed the

"slightly-chipped pie plate.

"Welcome, weary travelers!" the blacksmith's daughter said. "It's bake day at our home, for those who inquire— We've got beans, breads and pies baking here by the fire. Come help with our effort, or take a seat if you wish, Eliza, we've been waiting! Please wash out this dish!"

The guests followed Mrs. Bullard or a tavern patron through the rest of the woods along the path back to Bullard Tavern where they are all invited to celebrate together with food, drinks and music.

"May this journey inspire us to reach out and connect," the peddler said. "And follow the road that we didn't expect...We hope your adventure was all you desired—Now come join us for a meal and a dance by the fire!"



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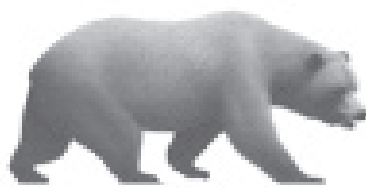
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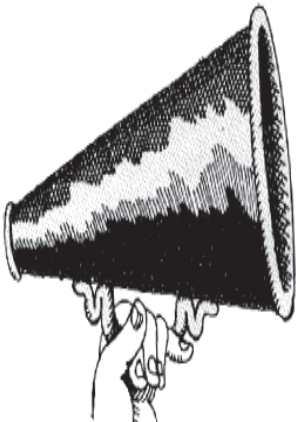
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Bay Path’s Dan Keefe launches a shot from the outside versus Southbridge.



Drew Paulhus of Bay Path leaves his feet with the ball and looks for someone to pass it to before coming back down.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — On Wednesday, Jan. 24, Kody Sandgren’s game-winning basket with 20 seconds to play capped a fourth quarter rally and lifted the Bay Path Regional boys’ varsity basketball

team past Southbridge High, 62-60, and into the Central Mass. Division 4 tournament for the first time in five years. “That’s been our goal from the beginning of the year; to qualify for districts,” Bay Path head coach Al Greenough said after his team improved to 10-3. “We didn’t know how long — how many games — it was going to take us to get there, but as the season began we were confident we would get there. I’m really happy for the kids. We’re in the postseason because they’re always willing to go out and give 100 percent every night.” Sandgren (11 points) pulled the Minutemen to within a point, 60-59, when he made a free throw with 1:16 to play. Almost a minute later, after both teams had several chances to score, Greenough called timeout to draw up a play. Pat Dyer, the Minutemen’s senior point guard, took the inbounds pass, dribbled to the right side and dropped the ball into Sandgren, who had posted up about six feet from the basket. Sandgren gathered in Dyer’s bounce pass, collected himself, spun to the inside and banked the ball off the glass and into the basket, giving Bay Path a 61-60 lead. “It’s a play that we run a lot in practice; the kids are very familiar with it,” Greenough said. “In that situation, when they’re going to have to use their heads and get everything together in a key moment of the game I like to call

a play that they run a lot. As a coach when you draw up a play, especially at the end of the game, and the kids listen and go out and run it the right way and execute and score, it’s a great feeling.” Cory Cotton, after a Southbridge miss and a foul, hit one of two free throws with 6.8 seconds to play to account for the 62-60 final. Caiden Ellis added 9 points to the winning cause, while Drew Paulhus chipped in with 7. It is fitting that Cotton scored the final point of the game; he kept Bay Path in it in the second quarter when Southbridge was on the verge of running away with it, leading 27-14 with 2:30 left in the first half. Behind Cotton’s three 3-pointers in the final 2:12 of the half — he had five of his seven 3’s and 15 of his game-high 28 points in the first 16 minutes of the game — the Minutemen trailed by just five, 31-26, as play headed into the third quarter. The Minutemen hit nine shots from the field against Southbridge in the first half; eight were from beyond the arc. “That’s what they do,” Southbridge head coach Victor Colon said. “They always had at least one kid in the corner wide open, ready to take the 3. We tried to rotate to make sure there was no open man like that, but our rotation was off and there wasn’t much else we could do.” The Pioneers dropped to 6-7 overall with the loss. More importantly howev-

er, they are now 1-1 against Division 4 teams, having beaten Lenox High earlier in the year. Southbridge plays its final Division 4 game on Feb. 5, against the Sizer School (home at 6:30 p.m.). Because of the Sullivan Rule, a team only has to have a .500 record against teams that compete in their division if they play 70 percent or more of their total games against higher division opponents. Southbridge would qualify for districts should they beat Sizer, while they had the opportunity to do so versus Bay Path. “A trip to the playoffs was on the line for both sides,” Colon said. “Whoever won the game was going to make districts.” Once Bay Path got back into the game in the late stages of the second half, they stayed in it, never trailing by more than seven in the second half and leading three times in the third quarter. Their only lead in the fourth quarter was at the end. Southbridge was led in scoring by Justin Reyes, who scored 21 points, Jared Figueroa (14), Elian Aponte (10) and Chris Reyes (9).



Bay Path defender Cory Cotton puts the pressure on a Southbridge ball-handler.



Dan Keefe of Bay Path keeps his dribble alive by going between his legs while a play develops.



Bay Path’s Jamie Rodriguez soars into the paint with possession of the ball.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 for more information.

Charlton Little League Softball registration open

Charlton Softball is a town recreational softball league for girls of all abilities from ages 4 to 16. Register your daughter by visiting <http://charltonsoftball.org>. Come have your daughter learn the game of softball, along with the value of teamwork and friendship in a fun environment. Visit <http://charltonsoftball.org> for more details.

SPORTS

Mountaineers mount epic rally to beat Shepherd Hill



Shepherd Hill's Isabella Nascimento pulls up to shoot a jumper in front of Wachusett defender Jill Post.



Shepherd Hill's Julia Dandridge reaches out to try and block a 3-pointer attempted by Wachusett.

HOLDEN—Having lost just once this season, the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team has been on quite a roll in 2017-18. Their one loss came to Wachusett Regional, and the Rams had their rematch with the Mountaineers on Thursday, Jan. 25, looking to exact some revenge.

Things started off well for Shepherd Hill, who surged ahead to a 19-8 lead after a Molly Springer free throw with under two minutes to play in the opening quarter. But Wachusett mounted a rally, and what a rally it was.

The Mountaineers closed the first quarter on a 5-0 run to trim the deficit down to 19-13. Wachusett then scored all of the 25 points accumulated in the second quarter to grab a 38-19 lead into the halftime break. The Mountaineers then opened the third quarter with the first two points.

All in all it was a 32-0 run for Wachusett, who held the Rams scoreless for nearly 10 minutes of game time and ended up winning a 74-39 decision.

"We started out pretty good. It was 19-8 and then it was 38-19," explained Shepherd Hill head coach Jim Hackenson. "We went cold, they got real hot. Bottom line, they beat us. Wachusett has a good team. They move the ball well and a lot of kids contribute."

The Rams are now 12-2 with their only losses coming to the Mountaineers, who improved to 10-1.

Wachusett saw four players score in double figures, led by Belle Lanpher's 14 points. For Shepherd Hill, Isabella Nascimento scored 14 points, Springer added 12 points and Bailey Savaged chipped in 8 points. Nascimento also pulled down 6 rebounds, while Kayleigh Irish came off the bench to lead the team in rebounding with 9 boards.

"Now we move on. We've still got a lot of games left," said Hackenson, whose team could play Wachusett again should both post-season-bound clubs meet in the Central Mass. Division 1 sectional tournament.

— Nick Ethier



Shepherd Hill's Bailey Savage surveys the court, looking for a teammate to pass the ball to while being defended by Belle Lanpher of Wachusett.



Defender Sarah Bellantoni of Shepherd Hill keeps her eyes glued on Wachusett ball-handler Courtney Lanpher.

Wachusett's potent offense takes down Rams



Danny Cavic of Shepherd Hill drives the baseline to get past Wachusett's Liam Griffin.

DUDLEY — A hard-fought first half was given by the Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity basketball team versus Wachusett Regional on Friday night, Jan. 26, but the Rams were unable to slow down the Mountaineers' potent offense in the second half in their 86-62 loss.

Early on it was clear that Wachusett (10-3) was going to be the aggressor on both offense and defense. The Mountaineers were making it a point to get the ball inside, were hitting their 3-pointers and were making the Rams (8-5) work for everything offensively.

Wachusett got out to a quick start, outscoring the Rams 23-14 in the first quarter. Liam Griffin

scored 10 of his 22 points in the opening frame, while Sam Dion hit three of his six 3-pointers in the first quarter.

The Rams had a lot to handle, but still scratched their way back into it on the back of senior forward Kenny Flynn, who had six of his 13 points in the opening quarter and junior guard Cody Adams, who also added six points in the quarter and chipped in 14 for the game.

In the second quarter the Rams and Mountaineers each went punch for punch until the buzzer sounded for halftime. The Mountaineers ended with the edge, outscoring the Rams 22-20 to give themselves a 45-34 lead going into halftime.

Shepherd Hill's Jason O'Regan put the Rams on his back in order to keep it close,

scoring 11 of his team-high 20 points in the second quarter. O'Regan was a bright spot for the Rams throughout.

Coming out of the half it looked like The Hill was going to get back into the game since they opened the third quarter on a 7-2 run to make it only a six-point ballgame, 47-41. Unfortunately, Wachusett turned it up a notch and forced the Rams into many mistakes.

On top of their aggressive defense, Wachusett junior guard Joey Nuttall had an outstanding night and scored 13 of his game-high 30 points in the third to spoil the Rams' momentum. Nuttall scored 20 second half points for the Mountaineers. Wachusett led 70-45 going into the fourth quarter.

"We just didn't have it, toughness — they're a lot tougher than us," expressed Shepherd Hill head coach Matt Byrnes in frustration.

Entering the fourth quarter down a good margin, the Rams never gave up. Shepherd Hill outscored the Mountaineers 17-16 in the fourth thanks to O'Regan, who hit two 3-pointers and finished an and-one to finish his strong outing.

The Rams will now look ahead and will look to improve in order to get at least two more wins to clinch a spot in districts. Byrnes looks to preach two major issues and the Rams will look to improve in those areas.

"Getting tougher and getting better on defense," Byrnes stated as teaching points for his team.



Shepherd Hill's Kenny Flynn backs down a Wachusett defender.



Shepherd Hill's Cody Adams drives the ball into the paint versus Wachusett.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Bair, 63



CHARLTON: Patricia (Dubois) Bair, 63 of A.F. Putnam road died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 after a long illness. She leaves her husband of 41 years Edward Bair; a son James Bair and his wife Orly Keiner, of Takoma Park, MD; a daughter, Kathryn Kendall and her husband Kane Kendall, of Dartmouth, MA; a sister Nancy Geake of Inverness, FL; grandchildren Austin, Brody, Zinn, and Thoreau and numerous nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Dubois. Patricia was born in Worcester to the late Donald and Eleanor (Shaylor) Dubois and lived in the area all her life. Patricia was a long time member of Holy Trinity Church, where she served as a lay reader and member of the choir. She co-founded the Bair Insurance Agency, and had over 35 years of experience in the insurance industry. A devoted advocate for public education, Patricia sat on the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee for 13 years, serving as a member, vice chair, and chairwoman. She also served as a Corporator for Southbridge Savings

Bank, a position she held for 20 years. Patricia was also a passionate believer in the power of the free press. She served as Vice-President of the Charlton Information Project, and was a co-founder the Charlton Gazette, where she wrote a monthly column called Women’s Voices. She served for many years on the Women in Business Board of Directors. Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Patricia pursued her higher education at the same time that her children sought theirs. She was a Dean’s List student at Worcester State College, where she majored in History, with a focus on Native Americans and Women’s Studies. She enjoyed sewing and knitting and was known for her hand made bears and Christmas ornaments. She was also a classical music lover. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family. Her funeral will be held at 11:00AM Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton St. Southbridge. Calling hours are 5:00 to 7:00PM Friday, Jan. 26, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge. An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Dorothy M. (Robidoux) Pytko Paul, 85



DUDLEY – Dorothy M. (Robidoux) Pytko Paul, 85, of Jon’s Way, died Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Baron Paul of Dudley; three children, Donald J. Pytko of Plymouth, Mark W. Pytko and his wife Joyce of San Juan Capistrano, CA, and Robin M. Stoddard and her husband James of Charlton; a brother, David Robidoux of Idaho; three sisters, Claire Sands of Boise, ID, Mildred Silbaugh of Ohio, and Muriel Horansky of Richmond, VA; six grandchildren, Donald Pytko III, Melissa Kline, Colin Stoddard, Victoria Stoddard, Brittany Pytko, and Christine Pytko; a great-grandson, Jackson Myers; and many nephews and

nieces. She was predeceased by her first husband, Donald J. Pytko who died in 1962; three brothers, Arthur, Armand, and Alvin Robidoux; and a sister, Evelyn Burns. She was born in Charlton, daughter of the late Arthur and Anna (Wheeler) Robidoux, and lived in Dudley since 1976. She graduated from Charlton High School in 1950. Mrs. Paul worked at American Optical in Southbridge for several years. Later, she was a secretary at Oxford Middle School. She was a member of St. Stephen’s Church in Quinebaug, CT. A funeral was held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch’s Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Friday, January 26, 2018, at the funeral home. paradisfuneralhome.com

Dr. Ronald A. DiGregorio, 87



CHARLTON / SOUTHBRIDGE- Dr. Ronald A. DiGregorio, 87, of 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton, formerly of Southbridge, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy G. (La Rochelle) DiGregorio; his children, Rona Florio and her husband Dominic of New Rochelle, NY; Gary V. DiGregorio of Sturbridge; DiAnna Spetseris and her husband Angelos of Webster; his brother, Dr. Leonard M. DiGregorio of Southbridge; his sister-in-law, Doris DiGregorio of Charlton; his grandchildren, Dominique Florio and Alex Spetseris; his step grandchildren, Matthew Kelly, Nikki and Gary Spetseris; his step great granddaughter, Kennedy Kelly; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his infant daughter, Lauren in 1959 and his son, Brian A. DiGregorio in 1984. He was also predeceased by his sister, Concetta Deterando, and his five brothers, Armond, Albert, William, Raymond, and Richard. Ronald was born on December 6, 1930 in Southbridge the son of the late Fileno and Maria (Sonsini) DiGregorio. Ronald was a graduate of Staunton Military Academy in Staunton. VA in 1948. He attended University of Virginia and graduated from Massachusetts College of Optometry, Magna Cum Laude, in 1955. Dr. DiGregorio practiced optometry for two years in Ware, MA before returning to Southbridge to work with

his father and brothers at the United Lens Company, Inc., a business which was founded by his father in 1916. He retired as Vice President of Sales in 1991 after 34 years of service and remained a member for the Board until his death. In addition to his children, Ronald took great pride and joy in cultivating an extensive vegetable garden and flower gardens consisting of more than 10,000 perennials flowers. In his leisure, he enjoyed spending time at his home in Narragansett, RI riding his bike along the beaches or sitting on the pier in Galilee watching the boats come in. He leaves a legacy of family and friends who will remember him as a devoted husband and loving father, a true friend, and a kind and generous man who liked to spread happiness wherever he went. His greatest pleasure was making people laugh through a seemingly endless repertoire of jokes, and he continued to do so up until his last day. Ronald embodied the adage: “We don’t stop laughing because we grow old—we grow old because we stop laughing.” Calling hours for Ronald were held on Sunday, Jan. 28th from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. His funeral service and burial in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Southbridge, will be private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Brian A. DiGregorio Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 530, Sturbridge, MA 01566. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

John W. Anderson



BARRE TOWN – John W. Anderson, 79, or West Cobble Hill Road passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at St. Marks Evangelist Church in New Tampa, Florida. Born November 6, 1938 in Webster, Massachusetts, he was the son of Waldemar and Dorothy (Wilson) Anderson. John attended the West Street Elementary School in Southbridge, MA and graduated from the Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge, MA in 1956. After high school, he attended the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts graduating in 1958. On October 10, 1959, he married Natalie Lockhart in Southbridge, MA. After their marriage, they made their home in Massachusetts before moving to Vermont in 1962. John was first employed by the State of Massachusetts as a milk inspector. After moving to Vermont, he and Natalie bought a farm in Berlin. After being in sales for several years he began his own business and founded Vermont Concrete Cutting, Inc., and ran that until his death. His memberships included the St. Monica Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the Canadian Club of Barre. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, camping, traveling, going to his and Natalie’s home in Florida, watching the New England Patriots, and playing

cards. He loved animals and socializing with friends and family. Survivors include his wife Natalie Anderson of Barre Town; his son Scott Anderson and his fiancée Kathy of Alexandria, NH; his son Doug Anderson and his wife, Janelle of Barre City; his son Gary Anderson of Barre Town; and his daughter Heidi Gerrish and her husband, Mark of Williamstown; and his son Todd Anderson of Barre; his grandchildren Garrett, Amanda, Bradley, Zachary, Tyler, Troy, Lauren, Chloe, Olivia, and Brice; his great-grandchildren Parker, Riley, and Claire; his special furbabies “Ginger” and “Wally”; his sister Sally Watson and her husband, Howard of Maryland; his brother David Anderson and his wife, Jean of Maine; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins; and a special family member Marc Archambault of Charlton, MA. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Polly Deveau and her husband, Roger. The Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate his life was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Monica Catholic Church, 79 Summer Street, Barre. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice. The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy Street, Barre is assisting his family with the arrangements. For a memorial guestbook, visit www.hookerwhitcomb.com

Peggy Krewson, 87

CHARLTON- Peggy Krewson, 87, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2018 after a short stay in the hospital. After moving from Nantucket with her husband Keith to The Overlook Communities in Charlton, Ma, she spent the last couple years in the Overlook Skilled Nursing facility where she was greatly loved by the nurses and staff. Peggy was born in Wadsworth, Ohio in 1930. She will be sorely missed by her loving husband Keith Krewson; her children, Kay Olmsted and her husband John Leggett, Susan Olmsted and her husband Adin Gilman, Leslie Guice, and her husband Albert “Bud” Guice, Lindsey Hughes and her husband Eldren Hughs; her daughter-in-law, Mary Pamela Olmsted, widow of her predeceased son Richard Olmsted; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was also predeceased by


her son Randall Keith Krewson. Peggy was a musician extraordinaire, loving a long career as minister of music and choir director/organist in several states starting from age nine. Peggy was also an operatic soprano, performing arias and in regional operas. She was the lead soprano at Trinity Church in Boston and the Dean of Boston Chapter of American Guild of Organists. In addition to her extraordinary music career, she was also a licensed pilot while raising a family of six. Memorial services will be held at a later date. The family would prefer memorial donation be made to the Charlton Masonic Angel Fund, Attn: Mr. James Alexander, 88 Masonic Home Road, P215, Charlton, Ma 01507, or your favorite charity. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Roger D. Harris, 73



OXFORD – Roger D. Harris, 73, of Sherwood Drive, died Monday, January 22, 2018, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Sandra H. (LaBuff) Harris of Oxford who died in 2011. He is survived by three children, Keith A. Harris and his wife Georgiann of Webster, Lisa A. Harris of Woonsocket, and Brian W. Harris of Oxford; his brother, Ralph Harris of Charlton; his sister, Jean Harris of Charlton; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Frank I. Harris and Florence B. (Lazier) Wilson,

and lived most of his life in Oxford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Mr. Harris was a group leader at Astra Pharmaceuticals in Westboro for over 25 years, retiring in 1995. Previously he worked at Wyman-Gordon. He enjoyed fishing, working in his yard, cookouts, and watching military movies. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at Hope Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours were Sunday, January 28, 2018, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brian Harris and mailed to 7 Sherwood Dr., Oxford, MA 01540, or brought to the funeral home. paradisfuneralhome.com



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CALENDAR

Friday,
February 2

DECADENT DESSERTS: Join us! Decadent desserts & appetizers, good friends and live music! Tastefully Ted. is a pre-Valentine’s celebration benefiting the Tantasqua Education Foundation. Indulge in decadent desserts and delicious appetizers, mingle with friends, and enjoy local entertainment. Cash bar and silent auction. Friday, Feb. 2, 7-10 p.m. \$20 per person in advance, (\$25 per person at the door) Enjoy specialties from: Publick House, BT’s Smokehouse, Rovezzi’s Ristorante, Table 3 Chefs & Catering, Cornerstone Café (TRHS culinary arts students), Whoopie Doo and Cupcakes Too, Buster’s Bark, and the

Southbridge Italian American Club. A special thank you to Publick House for once again generously hosting Tastefully Ted this year. As always, awesome silent auction including Red Sox tickets, Wachusett Mountain ski tickets and more. Live music. Proceeds benefit Tantasqua Education Foundation. Visit TedFound.org for more info.

Saturday,
February 3

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY: The Joshua Hyde Library, 306 Main St., will be joining libraries across North America to celebrate the second annual Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Families are also invited to tour the Children’s Library and enjoy refreshments throughout the day. STEPPIN’ OUT: The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a “Love is in the Air” dance on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 8-10:30 p.m. (early rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Daryl Sprague and the cuer will be Marilyn Rivenburg. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Al at (413) 436-7849 or visit our website at www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. Monday, February 12

AWARDS RECEPTION PLANNED: The Charlton Cultural Council’s annual awards ceremony and reception is Monday, February 12, 6:30 p.m. at Dexter Hall in the Charlton Town Library. The Council is presenting awards to 13 grant recipients who are organizing local community arts programs. The event is free and the public is invited. Thursday, February 15 REPUBLICAN CAUCUS: The Sturbridge Republican Town Turn To CALENDAR page A17

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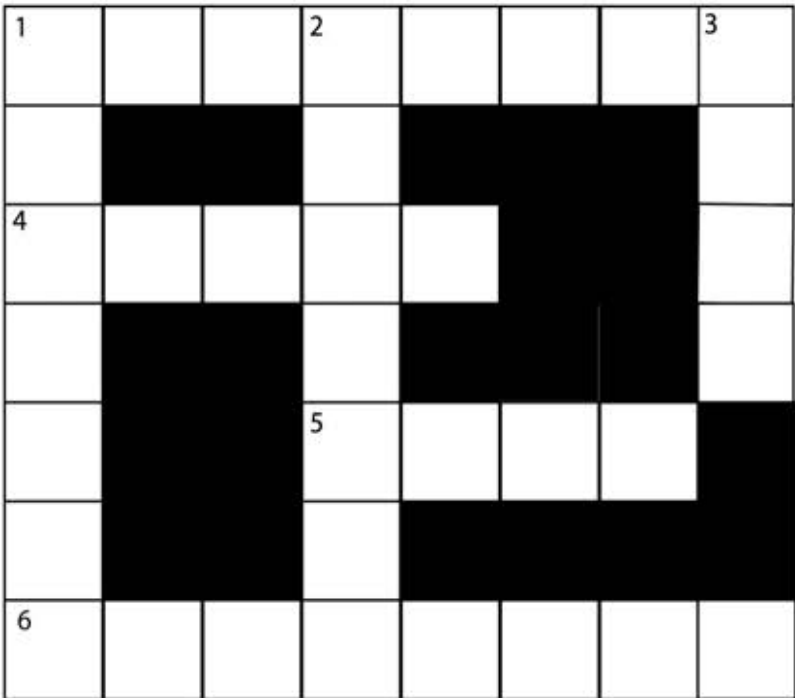


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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Starchy side dish
- 4. Mexican-style food in shells
- 5. To eat
- 6. Food between bread slices

DOWN

- 1. Meat and vegetable in pasty doughs
- 2. Stayed away from
- 3. Hot broth

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1706: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN IS BORN IN MASSACHUSETTS BAY, WHICH WAS THEN A COLONY IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
- 1917: THE UNITED STATES PAYS DENMARK \$25 MILLION FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.
- 1991: OPERATION DESERT STORM IS LAUNCHED AGAINST IRAQ.



THIS COMFORT FOOD IS OFTEN FAVORED BY CHILDREN WHO LIKE CHEESE.

ANSWER: MACARONI AND CHEESE

Answers: Across 1. Potatoes 4. Tacos 5. Dine 6. Sandwich Down 1. Pot pies 2. Avoided 3. Soup



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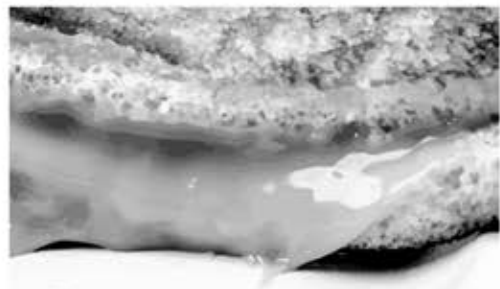
robust and healthy

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Noodles
- SPANISH: Fideos
- ITALIAN: Tagliatelle
- FRENCH: Nouilles
- GERMAN: Nudeln



SOUP CAN CHASE AWAY WINTER'S CHILL. FOOD HISTORIANS SAY THAT SOUP IS PROBABLY AS OLD AS THE HISTORY OF COOKING.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GRILLED CHEESE

CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = e)

A. 12 15 25 24 19

Clue: Chest muscle

B. 25 24 19 15 24 8

Clue: Carries oxygenated blood

C. 17 15 22 26

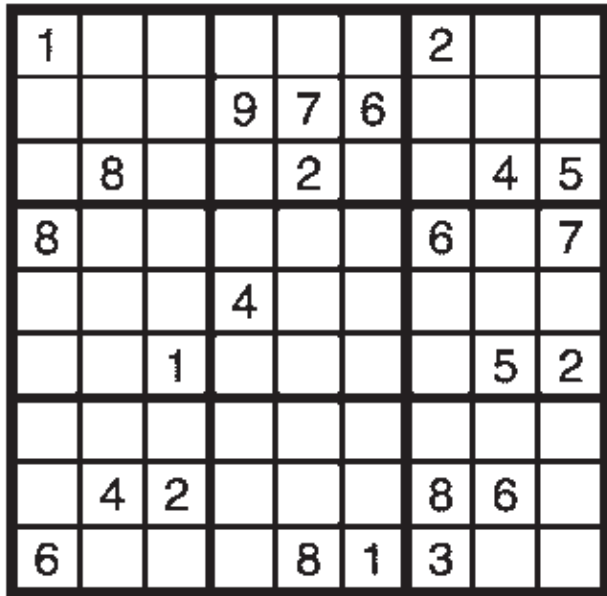
Clue: Carries oxygen-depleted blood

D. 11 22 24 11 13 16 25 19 15

Clue: Move around

Answers: A. heart B. artery C. vein D. circulate

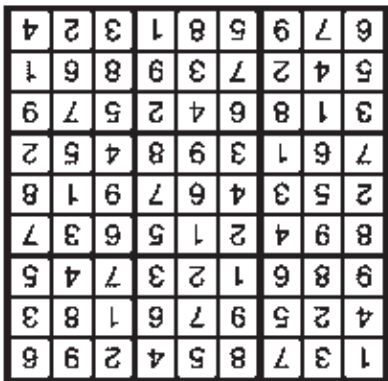
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Committee will caucus on Feb. 15 to choose candidates for the RTC. The meeting will be held in the board room of All Star Premium Products at 660 Main St, Fiskdale. We will Caucus from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information or questions, please call Mike Young at (774) 230-3672.

Saturday,
February 17

ICE FISHING DAY! Ice Fishing Day, Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Augutteback Pond, Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Instructors will be available and free use of gear (limited quantity) will be provided. No license is needed and all ages are welcome — bring the whole family! For further information, call (508) 248-2247.

Thursday,
February 22

STURBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting welcomes on local histo-

rian at the Publick House Historical Inn on the Sturbridge Common. Lowenthal will focus on railroads in this area and describe the travel possibilities they offered and how they influenced local communities. He is a retired historian for the national park service and is the author of several books, among them Titanic Railroad and the story on New England's last great railroad war. Historical Society meetings are free of charge, open to the public, and with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper. Society annual dues are \$10, which help support the cost of speakers. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

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 Union61 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.hitchcockacad-

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

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

Major Study: Therapy Dogs Can Help Families Of Children With Cancer

(NAPS)

Dogs have long been called Mankind's best friend, but a major new scientific study now indicates that a dog may also be a family's best friend in times of their greatest need.

Following seven years of pioneering research, American Humane, the country's first national humane organization, revealed the results of its long-awaited "Canines and Childhood Cancer Study," the first and largest randomized, controlled clinical trial to rigorously measure the effects of animal-assisted therapy (AAT) in the field of pediatric oncology. The results, published in the Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing, show that regular visits from a therapy dog can provide significant psychosocial benefits to families of children undergoing treatment for cancer.

The data indicates a range of positive effects: Disease-related worry and anxiety among patients who had regular visits from therapy dogs remained stable, while children in the control group became significantly more worried over



A therapy dog can make life easier for children with cancer and their families.

the course of the study. Parents in the treatment group reported that their children had significant improvements in school functioning, and data shows improved communication within families as well as between parents and medical staff, which can lead to better medical care, and reductions in their levels of stress, specifically as it relates to their emotional functioning.

In 2010 American Humane researchers, with funding from Zoetis, began the study to rigorously measure the effects of AAT for children with cancer, their parents, and the therapy dogs who visit them. The study employed a range of physiological and/or psychological measures to assess stress, anxiety, and health-related quality of life among patients and their parents.

"When designing the study, we intentionally sought to establish a rigorous challenge and demonstrate that multi-centered, prospective, placebo-controlled studies are possible in the area of animal-assisted therapy," said J. Michael McFarland, DVM, DABVP, Executive Director, U.S. Companion Animal Marketing at Zoetis. "The Canines and Childhood Cancer Study

addressed one of the most difficult challenges in this area—assessing the impact of therapyw dogs in helping children suffering from a severe illness. The results give us important insights into the power of the human-animal bond and will inform future research in this area."

American Humane researchers also worked to gauge the effects of such interventions on the therapy dogs, measuring the level of the stress hormone cortisol in the dogs' saliva. The data show that participating therapy dogs showed no signs suggesting the activities caused distress or harmed the welfare of the animals. Funds to study the effects on the therapy dogs were received through a grant from the Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI). These findings are published in Applied Animal Behaviour Science.

"This research project is important because now we have strong evidence that with proper training and handling, the welfare of therapy animals in hospital settings is not adversely

impacted," said HABRI Executive Director Steven Feldman. "In addition to these promising findings, it is important for therapy animal organizations, handlers and the health care facilities where they serve to meet high standards of care and welfare for the animals involved."

"This study is an important step forward in identifying and understanding perhaps underused weapons in the war on childhood cancer," said Dr. Robin Ganzert, American Humane's president and CEO. "After years of anecdotal evidence pointing to its effectiveness, we were finally able to examine in a rigorous manner the scientific underpinning of the benefits of animal-assisted therapy on families of children with cancer. We hope this examination will spur further rigorous research and eventually the increased use of this accessible adjunctive therapy providing invaluable help and support to the families of more than 10,000 children diagnosed with cancer each year."




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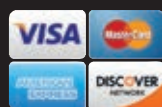
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Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Custom Built, Very Attractive, Ranch Style Home! No Kidding - there is 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Meander on up the curved brick walkway and open the door to a very unique and private property! Half acre +/- level full in-ground pool, built-in hot tub, a poolside cabana w/chairs & full bath, gated driveway! Huge carport/pavilion for entertaining! The interior is incredible w/separate wings for private family living & entertainment, separate BR suites, 10+ rooms total! Currently has a long time established, successful in-home hair salon business! You Will Be Amazed! **\$349,900.**

THOMPSON - 12 OAKWOOD DR

1st Time Offered! Beautiful one owner well kept Ranch! 3 generous size bedrooms! Large living room with Bow Window, eat in kitchen. Oversized carport! Level fenced yard! Forced hot water by oil! Large shed! **\$192,500**

THOMPSON - 57 HIGHLAND DR

New Listing! Quinebaugh Adult Mobile Home Community Park, over 55! Well kept and gently used Sprawling Mobile Home! Corner Lot! Same owners since 1994. 924 Sq Ft +/- living area. 14wide x 66' long! 2 bedroom! 14' x 12' Sunroom with woodstove! FHA & Central Air! Very Rare in this park, has a one Car Garage! **\$64,900.**

POMFRET CT - 132 FOX HILL RD.

live in privacy! Beautiful contemporary home! Many updates asphalt roof, boiler! Fresh refinished wood floors! Vaulted ceilings, field stone fireplace! Double ovens! First floor master suite! Second floor bedroom, W/upgraded bath! 3 car garage! assisted sale **\$299,900.**

WEBSTER - 1195 SCHOOL ST

Mid century, 6 room 3 bedroom Cape ready for the next generation to move in and make their own! 1.38 acres of land with in ground pool (needs work) , pool house. Cleared level lot, 3 car detached garage! Single detached garage for home use. First floor bedroom, upper bedrooms with knotty pine and built ins. New roof and heating in 2010. Easy highway access! **\$224,900.**

WEBSTER - 24 STEPHEN DR

Marvelously maintained 3 bedroom raised ranch! In desirable neighborhood! Open entry invites you into the spacious kitchen and dining rooms all with cathedral ceilings! Sliders lead to a huge 4 season room! Large sunny living room with low window. Master suite, two bedrooms and main bathroom complete the upper level. ***Bonus*** an in law apartment with full kitchen! dining area, bedroom, living room, full bath, and a private walkout on lower level! Two car garage. Backyard perfect for parties, gardening and family fun! **\$279,900.**

WEBSTER - 13 MORRIS

Beautiful home offers easy one level living. Many upgrades! Eat-in kitchen, granite counters, Recent stainless appliances! Nice level 1/3 acre level yard. Skylight providing loads of natural light! Full bath with double vanity. Hardwood floors in main level. Garage! Generous in sized 3 season room w/ slider! assisted sale **\$249,900.**

EAST LYME CT - 27 HOLMES RD.

Just enjoy! Granite and stainless kitchen! Four bedrooms upstairs! Master w/vaulted ceiling! Upgraded bath! Hardwoods! Porcelain tile! New baths upstairs. Large deck overlooking beautiful level yard and professional landscape, blue stone patio W/ fire pit. Buders heating system and hot water heater! assisted sale **\$289,900.**

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7 CEDAR DR

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Lip Care Tips

1. Stay hydrated: Dry, cracked lips can be improved through hydration. Remember to drink water frequently and apply a lip balm daily to restore the moisture in your lips.
2. Read labels: For serious moisture, search for such ingredients as colloidal oatmeal and cold-pressed antioxidant-rich fruit seed oil, because they provide long-lasting moisture and help rejuvenate lips' natural beauty. Carmex Comfort Care lip balms, which include these moisturizing ingredients, come in several delicious flavors like Sugar Plum and Mixed Berry. If you're suffering from dry, cracked lips, look

for a medicated lip balm like Carmex's Classic Original Jar, which contains soothing ingredients like camphor to provide pain relief and menthol for a cooling effect.

3. Cover your lips from the cold: Lips can be stripped of moisture because of dry air that comes with the changing weather. Before leaving the house, cover your lips with a scarf to protect them.
4. Remember, you can still get sunburned: Just because it's cold out doesn't mean you can't still be at risk for sun damage. Use a daily lip balm with SPF such as Carmex Daily Care Wintergreen with SPF 15 to keep lips hydrated and protected from the sun year-round.
5. Keep cold sore treatment on hand: Dry, cold winds can trigger a cold sore outbreak. Stress and drastic changes in temperature, such

as moving from a warm house to the chilly outside, can also lead to a cold sore outbreak or recurrence. If you're susceptible to cold sores, it could be a good idea to carry Carmex Cold Sore Treatment. While no product can cure a cold sore, it may help you feel more comfortable and confident. Its unique formula works on contact to minimize* the appearance of cold sores, promote healing, and relieve the seven worst cold sore symptoms—pain, itch, dryness, cracking, redness, scabbing and irritation.

*Product does not treat viral infections. When used to help conceal, individual results may vary.

The lip treatments are all available at Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Target and many other retailers.

Learn More
For further facts and tips, go to mycarmex.com.

What You Should Know About Vaccines

(NAPS)

Sometimes, what you don't know can hurt you. Consider this: Smallpox vaccines were used as far back as the Revolutionary War. This serious disease, which has killed more people than all the wars combined, has been wiped from the Earth by vaccines. It's a shame that recently the safety of vaccines has been questioned. It's time people focused on the facts.

Vaccines have long been one of the safest medical treatments. No credible study has proven otherwise. Just like other medicines, vaccines are approved by the FDA. By and large, the rewards of prevention are worth the small risk of any vaccine's side effects.

Another fact is that vaccines for mature Americans can save lives. When seniors get pneumonia shots, they could lengthen their life expectancy by four years. Flu shots will also protect seniors from a debilitating illness with life-threatening consequences. Vaccinations are generally affordable and they are safe.

What To Do

If you have questions about a vaccine, talk to your doctors. They can explain the safety of vaccines and their importance to your health. There are three easy steps you can take to get protected:

1. Find out which vaccines you need. You can go to the RetireSafe web-

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For your health's sake, give vaccination a shot.

site, www.retiresafe.org, and click on the vaccine icon on the left side of the home page. It will take you to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site that will ask you questions about you and your life. It will then give you a list of vaccines you may need.

2. Discuss the vaccines on the list with your doctor or health care professional.
3. Get the recommended vaccinations.

That's it...that's all you have to do to be healthier and possibly add years to your life.

Keep Your Brain Fit

(NAPS)

While many strategies for "healthy aging" exist, recent evidence points to the important role of hearing health in maintaining quality of life long-term.

Better hearing starts in the brain. Your brain processes and interprets the sounds your ears receive. When you have hearing loss, your brain doesn't get all the sound information it needs to understand what's being said and it spends more energy trying to fill in the blanks. That extra effort can take its toll.

A study in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society found that people with hearing loss who wear hearing aids had the same risk for age-related cognitive decline as people without hearing loss. When you actively use hearing aids, you are more likely to stay socially engaged, one of the primary ways to stimulate your brain. Like any exercise, the mental give-and-take of social interaction helps to keep your brain fit and slows down accelerated cognitive decline.

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A hearing health checkup may be your best defense against cognitive decline.

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Living Well With Dementia In The Community

(NAPS)

The good news is, Americans are living longer than ever before. While longer life spans bring great opportunities, however, older adults face an increased risk of developing a chronic condition or cognitive disorder.

In fact, one in 10 people age 65 or older lives with some form of dementia. Symptoms include memory loss, language difficulty, a loss of motor function, and difficulty with problem solving.

See A Doctor

There's no cure for dementia but early detection and treatment can greatly improve quality of life. In addition, reversible conditions—dehydration, thyroid issues, vitamin deficiencies—can have similar symptoms. So if you suspect you or a loved one is exhibiting any of these symptoms, see a doctor.

Resources Available

Many people with dementia require supportive services to maintain independence and increase well-being. That's where the Eldercare Locator comes in. As the only national information and referral resource

for issues affecting older Americans, it connects people who have dementia and their caregivers to a range of services. The Eldercare Locator is a program of the U.S. Administration on Aging, which helps older adults and people with disabilities live with dignity and choices.

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