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Spencer Fancy (center) delivers a sensory cart to Burgess Elementary School. Pictured with him are (left) Mrs. Pelley Burgess Principal, and (right) Mrs. Looney, Director of Special Education for Tantasqua Regional School District.

Local Scout uses Eagle Project to help children with sensory problems

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—Local Scouts BSA member Spencer Fancy of Troop 161 is using his Eagle Project to help students in the area who struggle with sensory issues by building a sensory cart for each of the elementary schools in the Tantasqua Regional School District, including Burgess, Holland, Wales, Brimfield, and Brookfield.

The sensory carts are used to help children who have special needs or strug-

gle with problems related to the five senses by giving them objects to touch and feel that have calming effects and assist them in focusing and having lower levels of anxiety.

"I knew I wanted to do something that would help kids with sensory issues because I used to have sensory issues when I was in elementary school," said Fancy. "Kids with sensory issues get overwhelmed with noises and signs and just need something to calm down. A sensory cart is a cart that

has a tub in it with things kids can touch to help them calm down."

Fancy hopes his project will ultimately help reduce the stigma surrounding sensory issues in the local school system and general community, for it is something many children struggle with at that age and is a topic that needs to be discussed more often in public schools.

"It is definitely more common than people think," said Fancy. "You don't need to have down syndrome or

autism to have a sensory problem."

Fancy's sensory carts include items such as kinetic sand, rice, beans, model magic, and leather material, and he delivered them to the five schools this week, just in time for the start of the upcoming school year.

"Spencer's project has opened a lot of scouts minds about what some of these sensory issues are and the possibility of doing other Eagle projects that are not

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Local author concludes murder mystery trilogy

STURBRIDGE — The suspenseful conclusion of Tracey Ryan's "Wicked Game of the Hunter" mystery trilogy launched this week with "Wicked Storm of the Hunter." The book's cover and interior design were once again created by Luminare Press. The full trilogy is available

worldwide through Amazon.

In "Wicked Storm of the Hunter," Ryan once again combines riveting storytelling with a rich depth to the characters, allowing readers to feel like they are part of the gripping plot. Taking place in Boston, Chatham and Hardwick, the

author continues the attention-grabbing story of Emma Sharpeton and Hunter Logan. Picking up where "Wicked Shadow of the Hunter" left off, dark storm clouds taunt the players in this deadly game fueled by greed. Will the riddles of the past unlock the doors to the future? The stakes are

high for all involved with peril around every corner. Who else will meet a deadly fate before the pieces of the puzzle can be solved?

When asked what she thought were the most important elements of good writing, Ryan responded, "You need to

make the characters and places feel real. If you don't believe in your content, neither will your readers. Add pieces of yourself into the writing to help create depth—whether it's people you know, familiar places or your favorite sandwich! All of these

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Connor Rich of Sturbridge awarded scholarship by Onebeacon Insurance

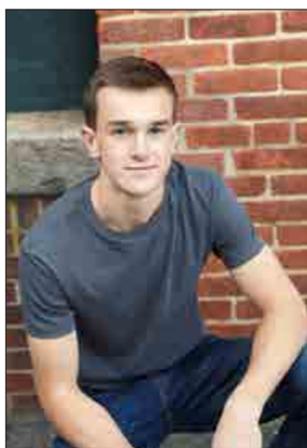
STURBRIDGE — Connor Rich of Sturbridge was recently awarded a college scholarship by OneBeacon Insurance Group. Rich is a 2019 graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School, where he served as chapter president of the National Honor Society, a superintendent scholar, and was a member of the indoor and outdoor track teams, as well as the varsity soccer team. Rich will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall, where he plans to study biochemistry. He is the son of Karen Rich, an employee of OneBeacon Insurance Group, and Shawn Rich.

Through its annual college scholarship program, OneBeacon awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 16 high school

seniors, including eight to OneBeacon employees' children and eight to children of the company's distribution partners. Recipients were selected based on criteria such as academic performance, leadership roles and participation in school and community activities.

OneBeacon's scholarship program is available to children of OneBeacon employees and the agents, brokers and wholesalers that represent the company's various specialty businesses. The program is funded by the OneBeacon Charitable Trust and managed by Scholarship America, a nonprofit scholarship program administrator.

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Connor Rich

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Stone mysteries explored at the Opacum Land Trust Dinner

STURBRIDGE — The mystery of the stone piles and structures that dot our countryside will be the program at the sixth annual Opacum Land Trust fall dinner happening on Sept. 18 at the Barn at Wight Farm in Sturbridge. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; enjoy your favorite beverage, bid on our silent auction (featuring local treats, treasures and activities), meet and mingle with Opacum volunteers and supporters, and find out more about the important conservation work of your local land conservation organization.

Opacum Land Trust is a volunteer-led non-profit, working in south-central Massachusetts and adjacent regions to conserve natural land, forests, farms and open space for outdoor recreation. Opacum cares for just over 2,000 acres of conserved land and continues to work with landowners, towns, state and federal agencies to protect high-priority natural resources and land for the public's benefit. Named

after the rare marbled salamander, *Ambystoma opacum*, found on its 300-acre Opacum Woods conservation property in Sturbridge, Opacum Land Trust relies on donations and grants to carry-out its conservation work. Proceeds from this dinner will support Opacum's mission.

Attendees of the event will enjoy a delicious dinner & dessert by the Table 3 Restaurant Group (owners of the Duck, Avellino, and Cedar Street Grille). Following dinner will be a program by Dr. Curtiss Hoffman about his extensive research on the mysterious stone structures found across our region, featured in his newest book "Stone Prayers: Native American Constructions of the Eastern Seaboard."

Dr. Hoffman will present 4 controversial views on the creation of these structures. Were they built by farmers removing rocks from their fields? Are



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Dr. Curtiss Hoffman investigates a stone pile in Monson, Mass.

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SENIOR SCENE

Brimfield Senior Center

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20 Main St.
413-245-7253

September 13th – Brimfield Senior Center: Are you taking multiple medications? Caregiving for someone who does? Need help keeping it all straight? MedMinder representative Jane Barker will be here to show you how this free service can work for you and/or a loved one. Feel free to stop in anytime between 11AM and 12PM to speak personally with Jane.

September 16th at 10:30 AM– The Brimfield Senior Center is pleased to welcome back ‘Storytelling’ with Colleen Lowe-Smith. In these days especially with the distraction of technology, Colleen is passionate about cultivating human connection and community by creating storytelling groups. The workshop will run for six weeks. Stop in and check out this wonderful workshop.

Participants can tell a story or just listen. “You get old and you realize there are no answers, just stories.” – Garrison Keilor. (This program is free and open to the public and is supported in part by a grant from the Brimfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.) Please call 413-245-7253 to register or for further information.

September 18th, 9:15 AM Brimfield Senior Center: “Live Your Life Well” Series 2. As a continuation of the popular program we held in 2017 where we covered tools for resilience this time we are going to take a look at complementary, alternative and traditional medicine. Kathleen Fitzgerald, MD will be our keynote speaker and offer her insights on how these therapies can work in concert with your medical management plan, or on their own to improve health and “Well Being”. We will have Joshua Przybycien, Herbologist; Coleen Lowe-Smith, Sound Synthesis & Vibrational Alignment;

Anita Crevier, Aromatherapy and David Masera, Licensed Hemp Grower and manufacturer of CBD products. You will have an opportunity to meet with each practitioner in small group format to hear about what they do and ask questions. Lunch will be provided immediately after the program. (Please note: This program is for informational purposes only. The Senior Center is not promoting or endorsing and products or therapies.) Registration is required and seating is limited. Please call the Center at 413-245-7253.

September 20th, 11AM at the Brimfield Senior Center - Movie: “Poms” Starring Rhea Perlman & Diane Keaton. After moving to a retirement community, a woman is inspired to relive her high school days and start a cheerleading team with the fellow residents. The team takes off, but a shocking secret about the captain threatens to derail their training in this comedy film. Rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for Language, Sexual Situations. Suggested donation of \$2.00 for the movie; popcorn, snacks

and beverages free!

September 24th, 11:30 AM at the Brimfield Senior Center. Patrick Morrill of Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home in Southbridge will be here for an informative question and answer session on making final arrangements. Lunch is available for a \$2.00 suggested donation but you must reserve prior to 11AM on September 23rd.

September 27th, 11AM – 1PM: Come on down to the Brimfield Senior Center for our annual “Apple Fest” party. For your entertainment this year we have local vocalist Tammy Casavant. Listen, dance or sing-a-long with Tammy’s ultra smooth vocals and fantastic playlist of all our favorites. For your starter we have cream cheese spread with caramelized apples. Then dine on Eva’s homemade Apple Cider Beef Stew with Crusty bread and butter on the side; Apple Cider Punch; and warm Apple Crisp ala mode for dessert. September birthdays will be celebrated. Please reserve your space prior to September 23rd. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Please call 413-245-7253 to register.



Hitchcock Happenings

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BRIMFIELD — Following is the schedule of events and activities for next week at Hitchcock Academy.

Monday, September 2
Labor Day – Closed
Reminder: Tickets for September 23 All You Can Eat Public House Dinner Under the Tent are on sale at Hitchcock Academy M-F 6 to 9 PM
Brimfield Fair Week: If you have a few hours to spare Hitchcock Academy could use your help to park cars. Contact sue@hitchcockacademy.

org if you are available
Tuesday, September 3
PILATES: 6:30-7:30; Improve flexibility, balance, posture and strength by targeting the core muscles which are essential to lifelong health. Instructor: Karen Larsen. Fee: \$50 for 8 sessions.
Wednesday, September 4
Thursday, September 5
VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels
FENCING: 6:15-7:15 Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.
K9 NOSEWORK® 7 – 8:30 PM. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels

offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work
Friday, September 6

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 7
FARMER’S MARKET: - No Farmer’s Market this week - Brimfield Fair Week

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Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts open new Leadership Center

WORCESTER — The Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts is pleased to announce the grand opening celebration of its new Leadership Center on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 115 Century Dri. in Worcester.

The event is free, with separate fees for the food trucks. Activities will include archery, letter boxing, hula hooping, s’mores, slime making and much more. Special activities will be conducted by the EcoTarium and the Worcester Railers.

The 7,400-square-foot facility houses more than 20 full-time staff, as well as a store stocked with everything a Girl Scout needs, a historical museum, and a large STEM center which is equipped with 3-D printers, a smartboard, robotics equipment, cameras and other devices to support girls’ STEM interests.

“The new Leadership Center is exactly what GSCWM needs to serve the girls of Central and Western Massachusetts for decades to come,” said Pattie Hallberg, CEO. “With state-of-the-art equipment and room to facilitate large and small groups, the Leadership Center will become a focal point for activities, meetings, and growth.”

The grand opening event is generously sponsored by RP Masiello, Citizens Bank, Fidelity Bank, TD Bank, and St. Pierre Manufacturing Company.

Western New England University congratulates May 2019 Graduates

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates over 600 students who received their academic degrees.

Alex J. Parker, of Brimfield, graduated Cum Laude with a BS Business Administration in Accounting from Western New England University during the May 18 commencement ceremonies.

Drew D. Berg, of Holland, graduated Cum Laude with a BS Business Administration in Accounting from Western New England University during the May 18 commencement ceremonies.

Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.



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Miranda Adamson of Sturbridge, Grade 9, Second Honors.
Maiah Lester of Sturbridge, Grade 12, Headmaster’s List.
Kyle Rizy of Fiskdale, Grade 10, First Honors.
Matthew Shaw of Brimfield, Grade 11, Headmaster’s List.

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Plants and pollinators

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Often overlooked, vilified and poisoned, insects play a crucial role in our lives. Without them, we'd starve to death, and most other species would also cease to exist.

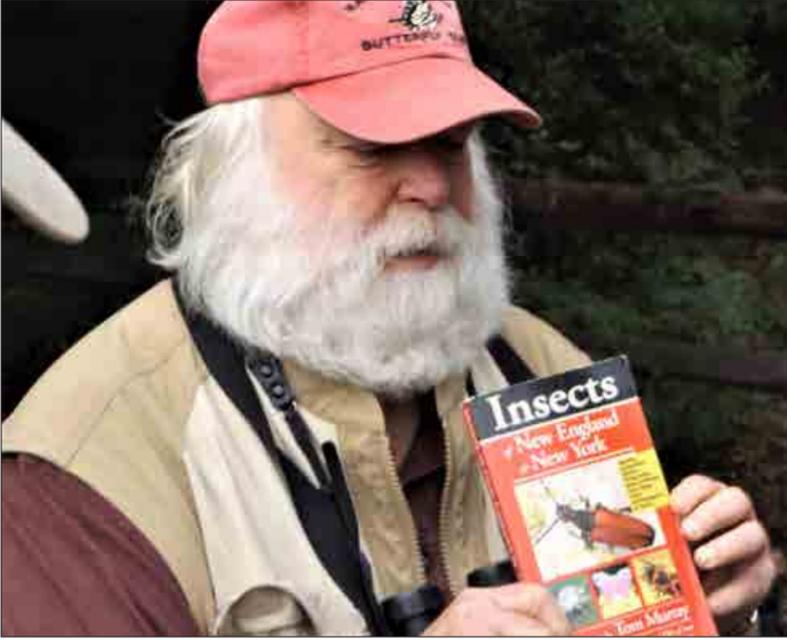
Last week, about 20 people from across the region got an intimate exposure to many of the insects

and the plants they pollinate at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales. Led by naturalists Dan Jaffe, Dave Small and Leslie Duthie, the tour wove through Norcross's gardens, fields and wetlands to explore the great variety of native life many of us ignore and/or take for granted.

Many of the insects were tiny; some looked a lot like bees but weren't; some soared for hours munching on

mosquitoes. Some were in adult form; others were still rolled up in the leaves that protect them as they pupate.

Like the plants, they're everywhere – several species of native milkweeds, bright red cardinal flowers, blueberries, countless trees, flowers in all kinds of colors and shapes and sizes. Many are also edible, at least in part or at certain times of year.



Dave Small holds up one of his main guides for understanding the insect world.



Leslie Duthie contemplates a plant.



One of many, many species of dragonfly that inhabit our region poses on a leaf. (Just imagine that this insect's ancestors had wingspans of about 25 inches.)



Jen Ohop and Dave Small talk about whatever's in the fence.



Dan Jaffe holds a leaf with a spicebush swallowtail caterpillar so a participant can take a picture.



Dan Jaffe checks out the flower of wild bergamot.



Leslie Duthie demonstrates why an "obedient plant" got its name (because its flowers will hold whatever position they're placed in).



Dan Jaffe cuts into a puffball.

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Local potter spotlights an important piece of history

BY GUS STEEVES
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Immigrants have always been a key part of American society. Sometimes, like now, they face nativist hostility, while also finding people who'd welcome and help them find a place here.

Pied Potter Rick Hamelin told a small group at Jacob Edwards Library about one such project from the turn of the last century. Just after 1900, Boston philanthropists including Helen Storror came up with a way to give immigrant girls a trade that didn't cause them to lose pay by taking time off from their regular jobs. In Bennett Street School, they started nightly classes in civics, politeness and other "norms of the day;" one, dubbed the Saturday Evening Girls, focused on pottery. Their products, under the brand name Paul Revere Pottery, now often sell for thousands of dollars, but the experiment "never was profitable" during its lifespan and faced opposition from neighbors in Brighton.

Two of the effort's key leaders were both named Edith — Edith Brown and

Edith Guerrier. Referring to the latter, Hamelin said the school "impressed on her a very much global attitude of what we are as a people." While some of the donors "had an attitude" toward the participants (in part because of their mostly Jewish and Italian origins and their poverty), the program succeeded in promoting education. He said around 50 percent of the granddaughters attended college in the 1950s, a time when just 5-6 percent of women (and 7-10 percent of men) graduated nationwide, according to www.statista.com.

Hamelin said it was an important part of Massachusetts history but has "basically dropped off the face of the Earth." That's largely true of New England potters as a trade, since they were out-competed by much cheaper glassware (and, later, plastics) and much easier-to-get sources of clay from Georgia, Canada, Brazil and elsewhere. Today, the clay often goes to other products, including vitamins, cosmetics and glossy paper.

Clay mining, he said, is "strip mining, just like coal mining." The mines in Massachusetts were fairly small and mostly

gave out years ago; two were in Southbridge — on Alpine Drive and downtown. Others were scattered around the region, including in Waltham, Charlestown and Brookfield, and they fueled a local industry for at least two centuries.

Hamelin noted the potter's trade is "a matter of taking what you know and morphing it into something else." While there are many people who will teach students they have to do a certain thing, he's found there are countless ways to make pottery by "breaking the rules." The key is to learn from the clay itself, remember it's always "pressure and motion," and "don't take yourself so seriously."

"Clay has a sense of humor," he said. "... It will wobble and dance around; it's going to intimidate you. ... Take the instruction [from the clay itself] when the opportunity comes."

When he began more than 40 years ago, he got interested (but didn't take classes) at Tantasqua and "really stunk at it." But he persevered, getting a job at Old Sturbridge Village, and now has his own home studio with his wife in Warren.

"We just have this rich [pottery] history, and I fell in love with it," he said. "There's local talent that's doing amazing work" —



Gus Steeves Photo

Rick Hamelin talks about his process while surrounded by the products of it.

some selling wares globally, while others are "just playing."

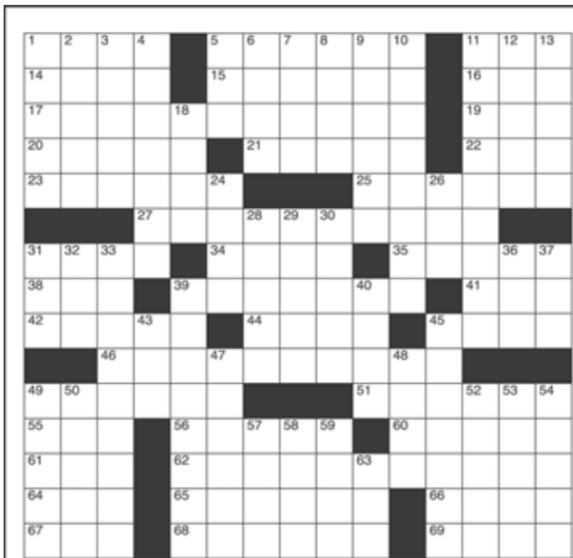
He talked while making a variety of pieces he intended to mimic styles the Saturday Evening Girls made. Those included a chicken tea pot, candlestick holders, a plate, a bowl and other items.

Pottery has a very long history around here. Native Americans created what's termed

"sintered" pots in the coals of their fires that could hold water, but kilns get the clay much hotter: that's a plus and a minus: It enables the creation of everything from plates and household goods to building bricks, but if not handled properly can destroy the product. What matters are temperature, time and impurities in the clay, since various mate-

rials melt at different temperatures. Calcium, for example, will turn into plaster when heated; that absorbs water and will destroy the pot, sometimes months or years later. Yet, carefully added impurities are what make the designs in pottery possible.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Scottish tax
- 5. Filled with horror
- 11. Type of music
- 14. Variety act
- 15. Half-conscious state
- 16. Discontinued European money
- 17. Formal declaration
- 19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 20. A way to express concentration
- 21. Airline
- 22. Goes well with a carrot
- 23. Length of pant leg
- 25. Mark with a cut
- 27. One who destroys completely
- 31. Greek sophist
- 34. Thomas Hobbes's "De ___"
- 35. Copyreads
- 38. Talk
- 39. Endangered
- 41. Snag
- 42. Comedienne Tyler
- 44. Castrate a male animal
- 45. Taj Mahal site
- 46. Tending to concede
- 49. One who accepts
- 51. Albanian capital
- 55. Takes kids to school
- 56. About Moon
- 60. ___ Seamounts: underwater volcanoes
- 61. ___ Lilly, drug company
- 62. Not working
- 64. Alaska nursing board
- 65. Howl
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Famed arena
- 68. Back again for more food
- 69. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Raccoonlike animal
- 2. Small
- 3. Separates
- 4. Parties
- 5. Automated teller machine
- 6. One who earned his degree
- 7. Dislike
- 8. Flowering plant
- 9. Nova __, province
- 10. Inhabited
- 11. Breathing
- 12. Partner to pains
- 13. Immature insects
- 18. The back
- 24. Heavy club
- 26. Edible fish
- 28. Lament for the dead
- 29. Woody climbing plants
- 30. Small rooms for prisoners
- 31. Ottoman military commander
- 32. "The Crow" actress Ling
- 33. A way of lopping off
- 36. Cigarette (slang)
- 37. Helps little firms
- 39. Member of small discussion group
- 40. Copyread
- 43. V-shaped open trough
- 45. Pokes holes in
- 47. Beloved "Captain"
- 48. Resume
- 49. On a line at right angles
- 50. Light up lamps
- 52. Part of the psyche
- 53. Leeward Island
- 54. 1960s counterculture activist
- 57. Edible seaweed
- 58. Imitator
- 59. Look at and comprehend
- 63. Root mean square (abbr.)

Local Toastmasters club hosts Open House

STURBRIDGE — Village Toastmasters hosts an Open House on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6:30-8:15 p.m. at Chamber of Central Mass South, located at 46 Hall Rd.

For more than 90 years, Toastmasters has helped thousands of people improve their communication and leadership skills. People from all professions and ages have benefitted. However, there are still many people that are unaware of Toastmasters and what they do.

Village Toastmasters of Sturbridge has the answers!

The Sept. 12 Open House is for those that are curious about how they can benefit from the Toastmasters experience.

Open House visitors will be able to experience a traditional five-to-seven-minute

speech by a current Village Toastmaster member, followed by Toastmasters' unique, supportive and constructive speech evaluation.

In addition, several other current Village Toastmasters members, will share their stories about how Village Toastmasters has helped to transform their communication and professional skills.

Refreshments and an informal question-and-answer session with experienced Toastmasters members starts at 6:30 p.m. The speech presentations start at 7 p.m.

About Village Toastmasters Village Toastmasters, located in Sturbridge, is focused on helping members improve their public speaking and leadership skills while building confidence in their abilities. The group

meets every Thursday night 7-8:15 p.m. at the Offices of the Chamber of Central Mass South, 46 Hall Rd. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, visit VillageToastmasters.org.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on Twitter.

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traditional," said Mark Fancy, the Scoutmaster of Troop 161. "In some aspects, there is no such thing as a traditional Eagle Project, but usually we think of them as outdoor things, such as cleaning up trails or parks, rebuilding bridges, building outdoor classrooms, or making community gardens for churches. Spencer's project gives them an example to follow their desires and interests."

Although Fancy isn't sure whether he will pursue more projects like this in the future, he has been invited back one of the district's elementary schools in the late fall to see how the kids are enjoying the sensory cart.

"I think it's a great project in the fact that it gives back to the school system of which Spencer was a part of, but also encompasses the school system's greater community," said Mark Fancy. "Eagle scout

is the highest rank in the Scouts BSA program and if you look at the scouts, only four or five percent make it to Eagle. It's a challenge."

For more information on Fancy's Eagle Project, contact Scouts BSA Troop 161 by going to www.moheganCouncilbsa.org or any of the elementary schools in the Tantasqua Regional School District by going to <http://www.tantasqua.org>.

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will have a great impact on how readers view the story."

The buzz surrounding the trilogy has ignited local interest from readers. "Amazing writing...a must buy!" "Loved it. Couldn't put it down." "This series is a 'must read' for mystery lovers!"

Tracey (Hahns) Ryan resides in central Massachusetts with her husband. She holds an undergraduate degree from Westfield State University and an MBA from Anna Maria College. Tracey has been a financial services marketing professional for over twenty years and devoted reader of mysteries almost her entire adult life.

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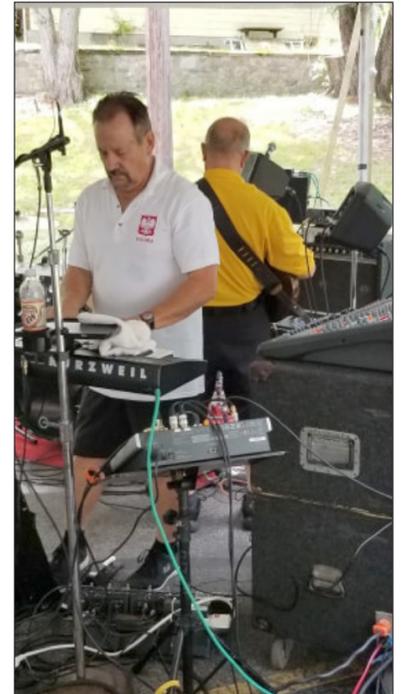
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St. Andrew Babola celebrates Polish heritage

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – In one form or another St Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley has hosted a Polish Festival for decades creating a longstanding Dudley tradition that draws crowds to the church every August. The church celebrated Polish heritage

again on Aug. 23 and 24 bringing food, faith and community together under big top tents with beautiful weather to accompany the two-day celebration. Whether celebrating their Polish roots or just enjoying one of Dudley's most cherished yearly traditions, guests from all across the region and tri-state area turned out to embrace the atmosphere, enjoy some delicious food and learn about the history and faith of the St. Andrew Bobola Church.



The Eddie Forman Orchestra prepares for their Saturday set at the St. Andrew Bobola Polish Festival

Jason Bleau Photos

Guests to the Saturday portion of the St. Andrew Bobola Polish Festival pose for a group photo after enjoying some delicious Polish dishes



Volunteers from the St. Andrew Bobola parish prepare food for the Saturday rush



Warren & Dian Rekowski of Webster stopped by to enjoy the Polish Festival festivities



One of the highlight raffle items at the Polish Festival, a hand-made Red Sox quilt



The Blackmore & Gomes family pose for a photo during their visit to the Polish Festival



It wouldn't be a Polish Festival without some Polish Pride garb for sale



Cadence McLaughlin or Gardner got a butterfly painted on her face in the children's activity section of the festival

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Antique news update



ANTIQUES,
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WAYNE TUISKULA

The September Brimfield show marks the unofficial end of summer for antique collectors and dealers. The last 2019 show runs September 3rd through Sept. 8. In addition to the Brimfield antique show, there has been plenty of other antique news taking place this summer though.



ABC News reported that a rare dime brought over \$1.32 million at auction in August. The 1894-S dime was one of only nine known to exist in the country. Dell Loy Hansen, who owns the Real Salt Lake City soccer club, purchased the dime. The coin was once owned by former Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss. It is ranked No. 6 in the "100 Greatest U.S. Coins" listing. Hansen stated that "this was an opportunity to buy yet another famous rarity for the growing collection."

A donation to Habitat for Humanity has made the charity \$5,000 and should eventually sell for well over \$20,000. The Santa Cruz Sentinel reports that a Salinas, Calif. homeowner donated a large credenza to Habitat for Humanity in Seaside, Calif. Thankfully, the store manager had been studying how to identify furniture. He found an "AA Rateau" mark in the drawer. An old Architectural Digest described Armand-Albert Rateau, who was born in 1882, as "one of the most exclusive interior designers of the 1920s." Habitat for Humanity reached out to auction houses in Los Angeles

and New York for advice on appraising the piece. The search led them to a Manhattan shop that specializes in "Austro-Hungarian Biedermeier, French art deco and art moderne furniture." The buyer plans to spend \$15,000 in restoration before offering the piece for sale.

Some video games from the 1980's or 1990's could put a lot of extra money in your pocket. A "Kid Icarus" Nintendo game was recently found in Reno, Nev. by a man who was cleaning out the attic of his childhood home according to c/net. The seller assumes that it was a Christmas gift his mother forgot to give him. Other news agencies reported that it was in the original J.C. Penney bag with the

original \$38.45 receipt from December 8, 1988. After speaking with experts, the seller learned that it was only one of ten known to exist in its original packaging. It sold for \$9,000. I've been reporting that older collectibles are often decreasing in value and others are taking their place. This is a good example.

We are preparing for estate sales and other events this fall. I will be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on Sept. 17. I'll be lecturing on antiques and auctions at the Auburn Public Library at 10 a.m. on Sept. 21. I'll be at the Auburn library again on Oct. 5 appraising items. Another appraisal event will

be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 21 for the Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja in Rutland. I'll be lecturing on antiques for an event at the Worcester Senior Center on Oct. 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. I'll also be appraising items at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Oct. 23. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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

Plant a few edible and decorative containers for fall



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End the growing season with an extra burst of color and nutrition with a few fall containers. A pot of mums or asters can add color to your front steps and a container filled with kale and greens adds fresh flavor to your fall meals. But don't stop there. Create attractive potted gardens by combining asters, mums, grasses, cool weather edibles and other fall beauties.

Spruce up an existing container by replacing weather worn annuals with fresh fall favorites. Pansies, sweet alyssum and dianthus are just a few annuals that hit their stride as cooler weather returns.

Or plant new container gardens for your fall landscape. Just select a pot with drainage holes and fill it with a quality planting mix. Or upcycle items like a wicker basket, small bushel basket, wooden crate or galvanized tub into a fun fall planter. Just add drainage holes before planting. Or scoop out a pumpkin and set a pot of pansies or ornamental peppers inside.



Melinda Myers Photo

Mix ornamental and edible plantings in fall container gardens for some added color and nutrition.

Use ornamental grasses, kale, black-eyed Susans and Swiss chard for vertical interest. Complement your plantings and containers with garden art, gourds, mini pumpkins and berry-covered branches. Add a mum or aster for a vibrant surge of color.

Include some trailing plants

like golden moneywort, trailing lobelia and ivy. Fill any voids with snapdragons, ornamental peppers, colorful greens and coral bells. Just be sure to protect peppers and any other frost-sensitive plants on those chilly nights.

Grow a container of Bright Lights Swiss Chard, colorful

leaf lettuce and pansies – the flowers are edible – for an attractive and edible combination. Make your fall centerpiece an edible part of your gatherings. Fill a metal colander or basket with red dragon arugula, red mizuna mustard, red sails lettuce, bull's blood beets and other colorful greens

in a metal colander or basket for your outdoor gatherings.

Test your container designs while shopping. Grab a cart and gather the plants you would like to grow. See if the colors and textures work well together. The bold leaves of plants like ornamental cabbage contrast with the fine leaves of ornamental grasses to create a focal point. Repeat colors from the flowers or leaves of one plant to another to unify your planting. For example, use a purple aster or pink mum to echo the colors of decorative kale, pansies or the colorful leaf stems of Swiss chard.

Set containers on the front steps as a colorful autumn welcome. Group several containers together for a garden of containers to display on the deck, patio or balcony. This collection of container gardens is sure to brighten your day when relaxing outdoors or enjoying the view from inside the house looking out.

Go one step further and create a stunning autumn display by combining fall planters with gourds, decorative squash and pumpkins. Use corn stalks or broom corn for vertical interest or as a backdrop. Then include bales of hay to elevate a few of the pots and pumpkins for multiple levels of fall beauty. Dress it up further with sprigs of American bittersweet, grape vines and other fall décor.

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they efforts of pre-Columbian transatlantic voyagers? Are they simply the result of natural deposition by glaciers or erosion? Or were these constructed as sacred places by indigenous peoples of the region?

Dr. Hoffman holds a Ph.D. from Yale University and since 1973 has directed field operations at archeological sites in southern New England. He is an emeritus professor in the Dept. of Anthropology at Bridgewater State University where he has taught since 1978. He is the past president of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and served as the editor of its Bulletin.

Join us to hear Dr. Hoffman discuss this highly debated topic. Autographed copies of his book will be available to purchase.

Tickets for the event are available through Sept. 8 at <https://opacum.bpt.me/> or for more information, visit www.opacumlt.org or call 413-245-1175. Proceeds from this event support the conservation work of Opacum Land Trust.

The Amazon on fire



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seabass, etc., to mention a few. Our lawmakers need to take the situation seriously, and stop bickering about what to do to rectify the problems around the world. It sure is not going to change overnight, but serious bipartisan legislation needs to be enacted soon before it is too late. It may already be too late!

The balance of nature is a wonderful thing, but it is being changed by man in many negative ways. Our future generations are not going to have a very positive future to look forward to, if some type of action is not taken soon. My biggest fear was the threat of a nuclear war, but now the dramatic negative policies of our country may change our planet earth sooner than a nuclear bomb. Our ocean is also used as a dumping ground for all types of waste, and it needed to stop yesterday.

The other real threat to our residents of the valley is EEE. More cases are being reported daily, and the death of a couple of horses and humans sure puts the mosquito transmitted disease in perspective. Spending time outdoors trying to enjoy the fantastic weather of last week, could be dangerous to your health. Taking a walk with my two dogs in the woods daily has

me constantly thinking about the EEE threat, but they need to get out and exercise. As much as I hate to see a real spraying, it needs to be done!

On a brighter side, fishing continues to give up some impressive fish on the saltwater and on freshwater. The Canal has been good fishing, but the anticipated new moon should give striper fishing a real boost very soon.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold a LTC (license to carry) class on Sept. 28 & Nov. 23 at their club house on West Street starting at noon to 6 pm. both days. Anyone that plans to hunt this year for the first time, will need to complete the course in order to hunt or possess a firearm. The class will be given by John Quinn. To register, call John at 1-401-965-0334. Do not be left out. Call him today before the class is full.

This week's picture shows another great picture of an English Pointer in the field. Only a bird hunter can enjoy and appreciate this great photo, and if it is your dog holding this magnificent point on a bird, you are a lucky person.

Last week, my dog Twig needed a minor operation. While she was at the veterinarian's, I decided to take my wife's dog Molly for a walk at a local Rod & Gun Club. As the beagle exited the car, she immediately started to look for her mate Twig. I called her away from the car, but she quickly jumped back into her transport kennel in the vehicle. I coaxed her out one more time and started to walk away. She again jumped back into the car. I realized that the bond of the two dogs was bigger than I thought.

I closed the door and we headed home. Picking up my lab from the Vet. a few hours later, had Molly back to acting normal, what pever that is. After my wife's passing, her beagle walked around looking for her & it took some time before she started to accept her loss, as it did me!. You never forget! Pets also never forget!

This week's picture shows Molly & Twig together again.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

Listening to the news lately has them reporting on a scary set of events happening in the world today, but the latest report on the massive fires in the Amazon Rain Forest are one of the most troubling. The report states that the Amazon Rain Forest gives out 20 percent of all oxygen in the world today, and also clears up a lot of carbon. How did we ever get into this predicament? The fires in the forest are being fought by an understaffed group of firefighters,

and are having very little impact in controlling them. Hundreds of fires are burning at this time, killing thousands of birds and other numerous species of wildlife. And most of the fires are being set?!

Global warming is also threatening our planet in numerous other ways, including the melting of the polar ice cap. It is warming the oceans waters, which is moving numerous fish stocks to new areas of the ocean including lobsters,

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Friday's Child



Makaila ~ Age 15

Hi! My name is Makaila and I'll be happy to show off my dance moves.

Makaila is a friendly and empathetic teenager with a big heart and a warm smile. She enjoys playing sports, and being particularly tall for her age. She loves basketball. She also enjoys taking dance classes and spending time with friends.

Makaila is social teen who enjoys engaging in lively conversation with others and exploring her community. She is thoughtful, reflective and is tuned into her emotions. She gets nervous easily but can manage strong feelings once she processes them. This thoughtfulness extends to others as well, and Makaila is

generally caring, considerate towards others and has a solid moral compass. Makaila puts a lot of effort into her studies and with the right supports in place she can be successful academically.

Legally freed for adoption, Makaila maintains regular contact with her birth parents through an open adoption agreement. A single or two-parent family with a female parent is preferred for Makaila. She will do well with other children in the home if they are older than her. She is in need of a compassionate family who will work with her as she processes her past losses. Most important to Makaila is having a family that is active and spends a lot of time together.

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Guide to Harvesting Your Backyard Crop

It's harvest time and backyard gardeners everywhere are anticipating the well earned fruits of their labor. From plucking peppers to cutting cauliflower, proper harvesting ensures optimum flavor and nutrients from your home garden. Read on for the ways to up the odds of culling "the cream of the crop" from common vegetable and fruit plants.

Experts say the most important rule at harvest time is to pick vegetables daily. Plucking them as soon as they ripen not only offers superior taste, but this practice encourages plant production. Simply stated, harvesting on the day that the produce ripens can help you yield more from your seasonal crop. Furthermore, gardeners should be aware that some vegetables are best harvested when they appear premature. Examples include summer squash, zucchini and green beans, all vegetables can become tough and lose flavor when they are allowed to sit on the vine too long. Seed company Burpee offers expert advice on harvesting common fruits and vegetables:

Herbs. Pinch or cut back herbs frequently to keep them producing more stems and leaves (the parts we eat) and to keep them from blooming, which changes the flavor. If that means you have surplus thyme or oregano, dry it in a brown paper bag. Basil, especially, needs frequent pinching back to keep it bushy and productive. At some point in July or August everybody has too much basil, which is why the Italians invented pesto (find many recipes on the internet).

Tomatoes. There is a huge range of tomato varieties. Many kinds are red when ripe, but some are orange, yellow, striped or even green. Learn what to expect from your variety and monitor the plant closely as its due date nears. Generally, a tomato is fully ripe when it releases easily from the stem. If you misjudge a bit its no tragedy, because tomatoes will ripen somewhat after picking. But they develop the fullest sweet flavor if they ripen in the sun on the vine. Once you have picked the first few tomatoes of a particular variety, you will get a feel for what a ripe one will look and taste like. Some tomatoes are "determinate" types, which will stop bearing after a few weeks. Most are "indeterminate" kinds, which will keep flowering and setting fruit until killed by frost, although colder weather will slow production. It's a good idea to pick your green tomatoes a week or so before your area's average first frost date. The more mature ones will ripen indoors if they are stored at room temperature, wrapped in newspaper so they don't touch. Or make fried green tomatoes.

Peppers. Peppers are mature and ready to eat when full-sized but still green. If left on the vine longer, they will change color to red, orange, yellow or brown, depending on the variety, and will deepen in flavor and become less crisp in texture. Hot peppers left to change color will get hotter. So whether you pick at the green stage or later will depend on the variety and what you plan to use the pepper for. As with tomatoes, the first few you pick will teach you to gauge ripeness.

Lettuce. It's important to pick lettuce before hot weather encourages the plant to "bolt," or develop a flower stalk, which makes the leaves taste bitter. With leaf lettuce and many other greens, you can "cut and come again" while the leaves are young and tender, no more than five inches long. Use scissors to cut the largest leaves individually from the plants. When the smaller leaves get big enough, harvest those. You may be able to come back to a plant two, three or four times, a few days apart, before it gives up in the summer heat. To prolong the lettuce harvest, look for bolt-resistant varieties and sow seeds several times at two-week intervals. A tent of shade cloth or translucent row cover -- or a site in part shade -- also may delay bolting in hot climates. In late summer, sow green seeds again for a fall crop.

Green beans. Green beans are an easy vegetable to harvest. Pick the pods when they are a little shy of their maximum size, to be sure that they are tender, with immature seeds. If you delay, the seeds will mature and harden and the pod will become tough. Don't pick green beans in the morning when the dew is still on the vines; wait until they are fully dry to avoid spreading disease. Be sure to keep up with regular picking to encourage the vine to keep flowering



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KAREN TRAINOR

and producing pods. *
 Peas. For garden peas, pick a test pod and open it when the seeds have begun to swell inside. You're looking for peas that are round but still tender. Pick peas just before you are ready to shell and cook them. *

For snow peas and sugar snaps, taste a pod when it nears full size. You want a crisp, crunchy, fresh-tasting pod, in which the seeds have started developing but are nowhere near round. Pods left too long on the vine get tough and stringy. *

Cantaloupes, muskmelons and honeydews: Harvesting melons can be tricky, even for melon farmers. You can thump the melon and listen for a dull, hollow sound or sniff it to see if it smells sweet. A ripe cantaloupe or muskmelon will begin to have a tan or yellowish color beneath the corky «netting» on its skin. A honeydew will feel smooth, not hairy. Cut the stem rather than breaking the fruit off, which creates a wound that invites the fruit to rot. Let the fruit ripen for another day or two at room temperature before cutting into it. *

Watermelons. When the spot beneath the melon, where it sits on the ground, turns yellowish, rather than white or green, the melon is close to ripe. The rind also gets tougher, so test it with your thumbnail to how easily it dents. For old-fashioned full-sized watermelons, the traditional ripeness test is to thump and listen for a dull, hollow sound, but this may not work as well with the smaller «icebox» varieties. Ultimately, you'll have to cut one open and decide if its ripe, and use that as a standard for the rest of the crop. *

Cucumbers. Check the seed packet to see how large your variety of cucumber will get and how long that is expected to take. But bear in mind that you can pick cucumbers at any stage, depending on what you want to use them for. Smaller ones will be more tender, with thinner skins and few or immature seeds. Too-old cucumbers get dry and woody. Like melons, cucumbers should be cut from the vine, not pulled. *

Sweet corn. Timing is everything with sweet corn. The kernels begin to lose sweetness and flavor the instant the ear is picked, so the great advantage of growing your own is so you can wait until the last minute. The traditional rule was to get the pot of water boiling to cook the corn and then go out and pick it. Sweet corn is ready to eat when you can feel full, rounded kernels beneath the husk; the silk at the top of the ear is drying out; and a squished kernel produces a milky sap. *

Root vegetables. Read the seed packet to see how long it should take before you start checking to see if your variety of carrots, beets, turnips, radishes or parsnips is ready for harvest. When its about time, loosen the soil gently and pull one up to see how big it is. Root vegetables are more tender and delicate in flavor if eaten younger and smaller; as they get older and larger, they get tougher, woodier and more pungent. If thats okay with you, you can store some root crops right in the cold ground after the tops die. Spread a thick layer of leaves, straw or other mulch to keep the ground from freezing so you can still dig them up, and you may be able to harvest carrots, turnips or parsnips. **

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Interested in fixed annuities? Beware of common misconceptions

Between your 401(k) or pension, your



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IRA and Social Security, you hope to have enough to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Yet, you may want, or

need, to find other financial resources – one of which might be a fixed annuity, which offers a guaranteed interest rate and can be structured to provide a lifetime income stream. But you may be nervous about investing in annuities because of some negative things you've heard about them. How concerned should you be?

To help answer that question, let's consider some common misconceptions about fixed annuities:

"I won't be able to touch any of my money if I need some of it before I retire." A fixed annuity is designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. But if you want to withdraw a significant amount of your money before you retire – when your annuity is in what's called the "accumulation phase" – you'll likely face a surrender charge, as well as a 10% federal tax penalty. Withdrawals may also be subject to a market value adjustment. However, to access a small percentage of your allocated funds, you might not encounter any fees. And some annuity contracts allow a 10 percent withdrawal with no penalty.

"Annuities cost too much." Many annuities are actually low in cost. Be sure to compare the cost against the value of each additional guarantee, feature, and benefit—and only pay for what you need.

"A deferred annuity isn't worth the wait." If you set up a deferred annuity, it's true that you won't immediately start receiving income. You will, however, be able to factor future expected payments into your retirement plan.

"When I die, the insurance company keeps my money." If your payout plan includes a beneficiary agreement, your beneficiaries will receive the remaining amount of money in the contract. Read the terms and conditions listed with an annuity, as they will spell out where the remaining money will go after you pass away.

Of course, even if the above concerns are simply misconceptions, it doesn't mean there are no issues about which you must be aware when considering fixed annuities. For one thing, the safety of your lifetime income stream and guarantees will depend on the claims-paying ability of the insurer that issued the annuity, so you'll want to choose a company that has demonstrated financial strength and stability. One other concern about fixed annuities: They typically don't carry a cost of living adjustment, such as that found in Social Security. You can find annuities that do offer some inflation protection, but this feature can reduce early payments significantly.

If it's appropriate for your situation, a fixed annuity can be a valuable addition to your retirement income. Before purchasing one, though, you'll need to weigh all the potential benefits and issues. But don't be swayed by misconceptions – you'll want to base your decision on facts, rather than fears.

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EDITORIAL

Is the 2020 Presidential field too crowded?

Currently, there are 27 individuals (25 Democrats and two Republicans) who have thrown their hats into the ring for the 2020 Presidential race. With email blasts and mailers at an all time high, and with it already being clear which are the frontrunners with the stamina, name recognition, and cash flow to take their campaigns all the way to their respective conventions, we have to wonder whether there is really a point to the circus atmosphere surrounding this election – particularly the overcrowded Democratic debates.

Experts say that political opportunities such as this don't rear their head too often. For one, there is no Democrat in office who is looking to be re-elected. Some say a Democratic win is likely; therefore, more people are giving it a go. For trivia's sake, in 1976, there were 15 candidates running; in 1992, just nine; and in 2008, there were eight.

Our current President, Donald Trump, has an approval rating (depending on where you look and who you ask) of less than 65 percent. This gives his Democratic rivals more hope in securing the win. Another reason we could be seeing so many in the running is that the bar for who can run for president based on political experience has been shifted. We now know that a reality TV star and businesses mogul with no political experience can be elected, which naturally prompts the question, if he could do it, why can't I?

The truth remains that many in the running know the nomination is beyond their reach, but are determined to use the platform as a way to pitch their ideas and to become more visible for their own agendas. They want their names to be relevant should other opportunities present themselves if the Democrats win the election. For example, many of the candidates who did not make it all the way in 2012 or 2016 are now in positions they would have not been offered had they remained under the radar. For example, Mike Huckabee was offered a cable news contract, and Ted Cruz continues to be a staunch advocate for the conservative agenda in the Senate.

In the midst of this crowded and heated election season, there is at least one thing that emerges as quite clear: whichever side of the fence from which you watch the process unfold, whether it be from the right, the left, or a position straddling the middle, it is an historic moment, with our nation at a true crossroads.



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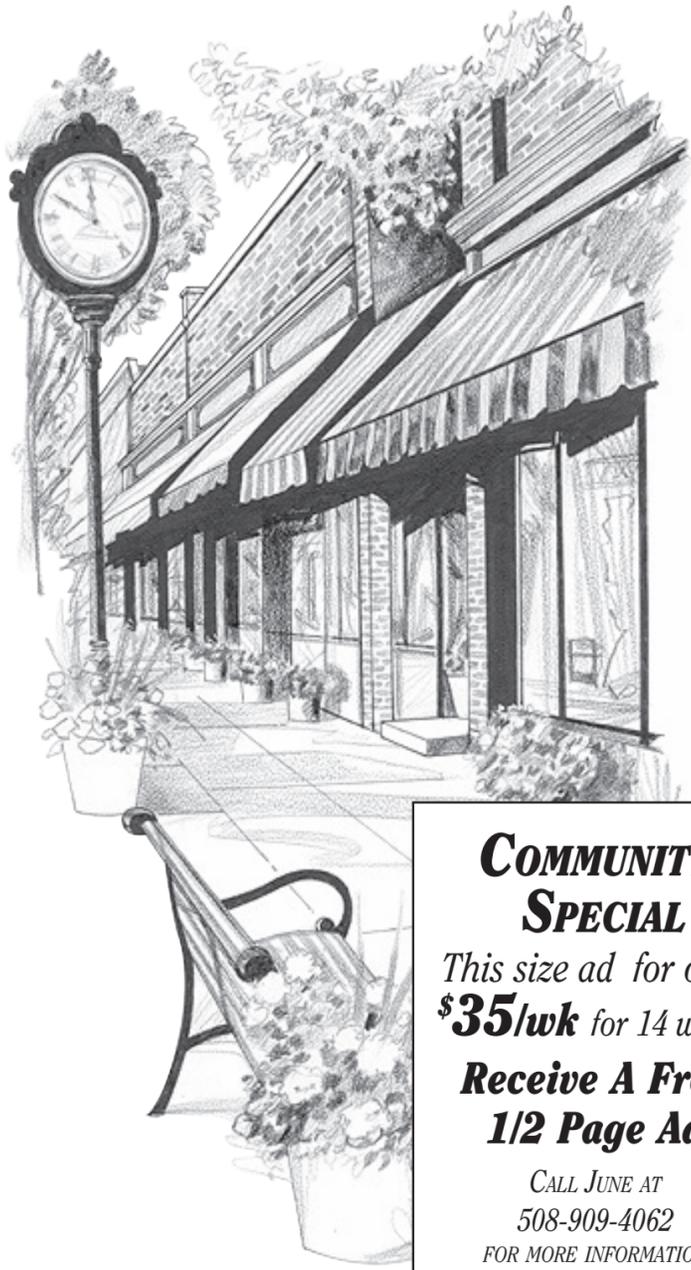
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Charlton examines updating library sidewalks

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Anyone who has walked the center of town in Charlton is likely aware of the worn-out sidewalks and pedestrian walkways alongside the Charlton Public Library. Seeing as the library is an epicenter of the town, hosting not only activities within the building but also sports and other events behind the facility, and is placed across from the town common and town hall, safety for foot traffic has become a prime concern in recent years.

These concerns have reached the ear of Bill Borowski, the freshman selectperson on the

town's Board of Selectmen. Capping off a meeting in late July Borowski revealed that he has been approached by concerned citizens who wanted to see the sidewalks along the library property become a priority to improve safety for those commuting on foot.

"I've had a lot of requests from people around those sidewalks by the library and all the way down. They're basically in disrepair, let's be honest, and as you walk it's a bit of a disaster," Borowski told selectmen.

The conversation was brief, being an item not originally on the July 30 agenda, but it did catch the attention of both selectmen and Planning

Board Chair Patricia Rydlak who were present for the meeting. Selectman John McGrath explained that the Planning Board is seeking to receive Complete Street grant funding which would reimburse the town for an investment in improving those sidewalks.

"I believe the way the grant works is that you estimate the work, you get the work done and then DOT handles it. I think they treat it the same as Chapter 9 where once you do the work you send it to 403 Belmont St., they have a person who handles that stuff and they reimburse you for it," McGrath said.

McGrath added that if side-

walk work is done, Charlton may have to change their standards as the current sidewalks are now compliant with ADA regulations.

"The ADA compliance is not the way Charlton usually does the sidewalks - There is money there. You would be able to get sidewalks done, but you're not going to get a lot," he said.

McGrath complimented the Planning Board in their efforts to receive the grant. As of this report there was no news concerning the status of the board's application. At the July meeting Patricia Rydlak laid out how the process has gone so far calling it a "three-step" procedure that has involved an

assessment and a determination of how the money would best be spent.

"Now we're on kind of part three. Many engineering firms will come in. We have to figure out where we want to focus," Rydlak said. "Most engineering firms will do the design for free because they actually make decent money once we get the grant, so we need to reach out and bring in an engineering firm that's willing to do that."

Selectmen planned to provide additional details during the board's Aug. 27 meeting.

Water line construction should be complete by end of year

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Waterline construction projects continue to progress in Charlton with the residential water connections along Barry Corner Road and H. Foote Road slated to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Charlton Water & Sewer Superintendent Peter Boria provided an update on the project at the Aug. 5 meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission stating that 57 of the 88 homes sched-

uled for connection to the town water line have been completed so far, up from 52 reported in July.

"They have the plumbing running into the basement and are just awaiting the plumber to do the internal connection, install the meter and disconnect the well water line. That can't happen until the Route 169 pump station is active," Boria said. "(Workers) are up on H. Foote Road now in that area where there's a lot of ledge so each individual connection is taking them a couple of days, not just a couple of hours."

Ludlow Construction is the contractor working on the water connections and officials from both the water & sewer and highway departments have expressed confidence that the actual construction portion of the project will be completed by the end of the fall with only the interior connections in the homes to be completed in the winter. Paving of the roadways is expected to begin over Labor Day weekend. All homeowners connecting to the town water source will be required to decommission any wells on their properties.

However, none of these homes can receive water until Route 169 pump station is operational. In July Boria informed commissioners that Kleinfelder and RH White were beginning startup processes for the station. That process was delayed from July 18. At this most recent meeting on Aug. 5, Boria revealed that RH White has placed another delay on the startup setting the third projected completion date in the project's history. Their new start-up dates were to be Aug. 26 through 28.

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Sept 17 (Tues) Atlantic City Boys - Four dynamic lead singers perform an exciting mix of world class vocals and interactive comedy - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

Sept 24 (Tues) Simon Pearce Glassblowing Studio and King Arthur Factory - Fall foliage, tour glass blowing factory, and King Arthur factory after lunch - \$119.00

Oct 9 (Wed) New Hampshire Turkey Train - Foliage train ride, Harts Turkey Farm Luncheon, Mystery stop and sight-seeing - \$99.00

Nov. 14 (Thurs) Ricky Nelson Remembered - Ricky Nelson's twin sons perform their father's hit songs - Venus DeMilo, Swansea \$95.00

Dec 3 (Tues) Johnny Mathis Christmas Tribute - Ultimate tribute to Johnny Mathis with Christmas songs and some of his biggest hits - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

2019 Overnight Trips

Sept 20 - 22 Lake George Balloon Festival - 3 days, 2 nights - \$449pp double, \$599 single

Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella proudly present our 2019 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

Sept. 15-17: Atlantic City Resorts Casino \$259

Atlantic City's original casino! 7 a.m. Webster; 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. \$25 slot play/\$60 food credit/Casino Revue Show. Atlantic City! The 'Shore' Thing!

Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92

Scenic rail tour round Lake Winnepesaukee and lunch! 9 a.m. Southbridge, 9:30 a.m. Webster. Spectacular New England footage! New Hampshire awaits!

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

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

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson,

Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley's Country Jubilee, "Noah the Musical," and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyseniors. Departure point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

On Tuesday September 17th at the Danversport, Ma. Yacht Club. You will be entertained by the Atlantic City Boys. They are 4 Dynamic Lead Singers who mix World Class Vocals and Interactive Comedy. Hear them sing the songs of The Beach Boys, The Drifters, The Bee Gees and of course Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. For \$92, sit back and enjoy Deluxe Transportation, feast on a delicious Plated Lunch of Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday, Dec. 5 Overnight Trip 3 Days/2Nights. Prices are \$459 for Double Occupancy and \$559 for Single Occupancy. On Wednesday see the Spectacular Awe Inspiring Special Effects and complete with Live Animals "Miracle of Christmas Show" at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show production of Irving Berlin's Musical "Holiday Inn" featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin's Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve "DAY" at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let's Celebrate the New Year during the "DAYTIME". Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballroom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89, enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let's not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview

Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Available upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Friday, Sept. 13: Trip to Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise. Buffet luncheon & scenic sights and a visit to Moulton Farm Market. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Thursday, Oct. 17: Trip to Twin Rivers and Wright's Chicken Farm. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. \$7 food credit and \$10 slot play. Cost is \$59.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019 USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington Aug. 3-16, 2020

JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020 JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020

SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

1 RIVER ST.
MILLBURY, MA 01527

Thursday, Sept. 12: Newport Playhouse trip. The play is "BINGO." Leaving at 9 a.m. Return around 6 p.m. Cost is \$76 apiece, and includes dinner, show and cabaret! For more information or reservations, please call the Millbury Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

Sept. 22-24: Atlantic City Resorts. \$239. Three days and two nights. Departs 7:30 a.m., returns around 8 p.m. Price includes overnight accommodations at resort, two dinner vouchers and a show ticket, plus \$25 in free slot play! For more information or reservations, call or stop by the Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

PAXTON SENIORS

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

A group of Seniors from Paxton and surrounding towns are planning a trip this year to Italy. The group plans to leave Paxton on Sept. 9, with transportation provided to Logan and return. Our flight will take us to Rome, Italy for 10 days visiting many historical sites of Italy. Rome has many beautiful attractions that many of us have not seen on previous visits. After two nights in Rome, we will move on to one night in Perugia where we will have the opportunity to visit Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Following our stay in Perugia, we move on to Florence, "the Cradle of Italian Renaissance," where we will view Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. After two nights in beautiful Florence, we will move on to

SPORTS

Stonebridge Press Summer in Review

Although the high school sports season takes a break during the summer months, there were plenty of sports for the student-athletes to partake in before school got back in session.

Let's take a last look back on the summer that was.

In baseball, American Legion provided three playoff-bound teams in the coverage area. Cherry Valley Post 443, Sturbridge Post 109 and Northbridge

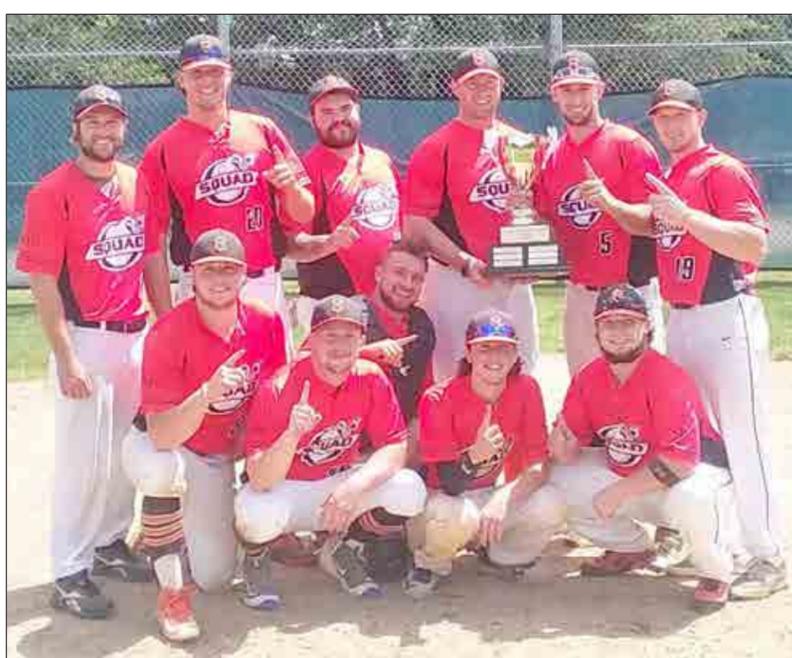
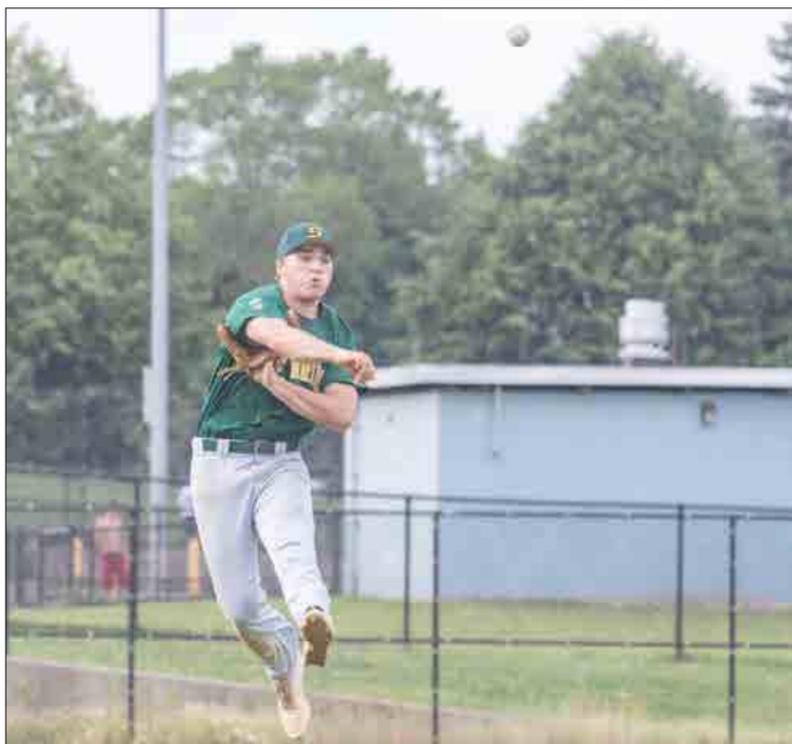
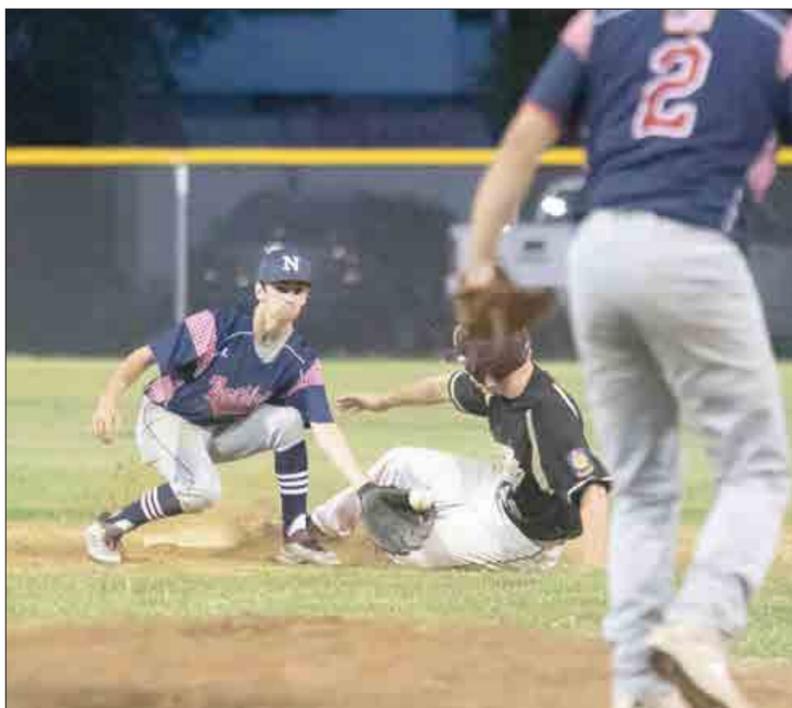
Post 343 all made the Zone 4 postseason. On the Paul N. Johnson Senior Ruth side, the local teams from Oxford and Douglas hovered around the .500 mark but were unable to squeak into the playoffs. The Central New England Baseball Association had a local affiliate from Auburn, and they won their first playoff series in program history before bowing out in the league semifinals. The Laid Back Competitive Baseball

League continued to thrive, and the Oxford Bomb Squad captured that championship. And on the Little League front, Auburn's 50/70 Intermediate team made it all the way to the state championship series before falling just shy of the crown.

With basketball, Auburn's leagues for girls and boys had the biggest participation level for Stonebridge Press. On the girls' side, Leicester was the top seed in

the 10-team field and won the championship. For the boys' league, Bartlett ran the table and went undefeated.

In golf news, Sturbridge's Terrance Baker made an albatross at Heritage Country Club, recording a hole-in-one on a par-4. And credit goes out to any and all that participated in the Pan-Mass Challenge.



SPORTS BRIEF

Register now for annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race

The 53rd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 2. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 400 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at Charlton Optical or on www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com/. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

File photos

The local sports scene at Stonebridge Press was filled with plenty of good athletes and teams this past summer.

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Venice. On the way to Venice, we will stop at a 12th century castle and learn about the famous Tuscan wines and enjoy a cooking class and lunch. Next we are off to Venice for two nights. During that time, we have an opportunity to visit many of the wonderful sites of the Canal City.

After Venice, our next and last night will be Milan where we will have an opportunity to visit and shop at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. We will depart for home from Milan.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

**SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE
OPEN TO PUBLIC
PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP**

September 17, 2019 Tuesday - Atlantic City Boys For \$95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Danvers Yacht Club in Danvers MA. where you will hear the music of the Beach Boys, The Drifters, the Bee Gees and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or schrod.

October 8-15, 2019 - ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA - Room has just opened up for two couples on the 2019 trip, and I am taking names for 2020 trip,

November 12, 2019 - Tuesday - Foxwoods \$25 - 10 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

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

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

FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE SENIORS

We are proud to announce the following upcoming Bus Trips which are open to everyone age 21 and over: The following One Day Bus trips are 92.00 which includes a Deluxe Bus Transportation, Delicious Lunch, Tax, Gratuity and Fabulous Entertainers.

Sunday May 19th See The Edwards

Twins, the Best Impersonators of all the Biggest Stars.

Tuesday June 18th See The 3 Red Neck Tenors, Down Home Laughs + Big City Music, Pop to Opera.

Wednesday August 28th Tribute Show hear Songs of Neil Diamond, Carole King, Johnny Cash, Janis

Tuesday Sept 17 Atlantic City Boys, 4 Dynamic Lead Singers perform World Class Vocals and Comedy

We also have the following 2 to 5 Day Overnight Trips for Singles and Double Occupancy.

Saturday June 29 to Wed July 3 Nova Scotia, Bay of Fundy, Royal Nova Scotia International Tatro

Tuesday December 3 to Thursday Dec 5th Pennsylvania Dutch and The Miracle of Christmas Show,

Hershey's Chocolate World and more 459.00 Double occupancy

For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508 410 1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2019 2019 is the Society's 27th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

Nov. 16 - "Do As You Wish Day in New York City" - shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museum, attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and from New York City. Cost is \$59 per person. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6. For information and reservations, call (508) 764-7909. To avoid disappointment, call early.

Dec. 14 - "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45

a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center and its Silver Club travelling group is offering the following trips for 2019:

Sept. 20- Sun, Sept. 22. - Balloon Festival \$549. made out to Conway Tours. (trip full - waiting list)

Oct. 1- Return of Turkey Train! Train ride along Lake Winnepesaukee with turkey dinner on board. \$81; leaves Whitinsville at 8:30; Home 6:30

Nov. 12- Aqua Turf Club ~ lunch & show, "Crooning the 70's". \$79. Family style meal of Penne ala Vodka, Beef Burgundy, & Salmon

It's not too early to think about Christmas! Join the Silver Club for Boothbay Harbor, "Christmas by the Sea" in Portland, ME, or Reagle Players Christmas Show for Christmas 2019!

Nov. 21-22-2 day Boothbay Harbor w/ lunch at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. - 2 days w/"Gardens Aglow" (beautiful light show at the botanical garden) at the Boothbay Harbor Botanical Gardens. 1 lunch, 1 breakfast. \$199. double occupancy, \$259. single.

DEC.5-6 THE TRAPP FAMILY LODGE CHRISTMAS: \$379. dinner & breakfast at the Lodge; Quechee and Montpelier; meet w/a family member to hear the history, etc.

Dec. 8 - Reagle Players Christmas show... TBA

DEC 13-14: CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA: \$329. 1 breakfast, 1 elegant holiday buffet lunch, 1 dinner. "Magic of Christmas" Portland Symphony Orchestra plus Ogunquit's "Christmas by the Sea" celebration

All trips leave from Whitinsville Walmart, 100 Valley Parkway, Whitinsville. Make sure to always include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency phone number. Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to reserve.

The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center invites you to join them on a couple of Christmas trips.

There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on

Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we'll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flagship L.L. Bean Store, and local boutiques housed in historic brick buildings; then enjoy an included late lunch buffet at the Harraseeket Inn. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor in the late afternoon and check in to the Flagship Inn. This evening we'll experience Gardens Aglow; walk through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' dazzling, outdoor display of 650,000 lights illuminating their meticulously cared for gardens. You'll also have a chance to peruse the visitor's center & gift shop and get a bite to eat. We will stop in the village of Boothbay Harbor afterwards to experience "The Festival of Lights." After breakfast we will head home with a stop in Kennebunkport for lunch and shopping. *Please note this tour includes periods of outdoor walking on dimly lit, potentially uneven surfaces, and overnight accommodations that require walking up and down stairs.

On December 5 and 6th there is a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and it includes one dinner and one breakfast both at the lodge, glassblowing at Simon Pearce Company, a meeting with a member of the Von Trapp family, a stop in Montpelier, and of course the luxury of being at the Trapp family Lodge! It is \$379 for the double occupancy per person and \$499 per person for a single.

Capture the Christmas spirit as we enjoy a little of Austria and a lot of Vermont on this memorable getaway. Situated on 2,500 acres in Stowe, Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge serves as our magnificent home away from home. Enjoy great shopping, superb dining and exceptional hospitality on this great Christmas holiday tour.

On Wed, Dec.18 we will travel to the Newport Playhouse to see "A Christmas Cactus" For \$79 you will enjoy a great play, a bountiful buffet and the Christmas Cabaret.

Show Synopsis: Christmas Eve is tough for private investigator Cactus O'Riley, a white-hot redhead with the holiday blues. She is trying to lure her secretary Fred away from his protective mother, dodging the affections of Deputy D.A. Windsor, and considering closing her business. She doesn't need the added aggravation of two fugitives who burst into her office looking for justice and a dead detective named Jake Marley. Cactus also doesn't need Fred's mother, who arrives to take Fred home but decides to stay because she thinks this is the Christmas murder mystery party she has always dreamed of attending. Christmas turns into a Dickens of a holiday for Cactus as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles and takes a second chance on love and sleuthing.

All trips leave from the Whitinsville WalMart. Call Sue at 509-476-5820 for more information.

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There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

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• **1898:** THE GOODYEAR TIRE COMPANY IS FOUNDED.

• **1966:** THE BEATLES PERFORM THEIR LAST CONCERT BEFORE PAYING FANS AT CANDLESTICK PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO.



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OBITUARIES

Marie F. Morrill, 90



SOUTHBRIDGE- Marie Frances (Fleming) Morrill, 90, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 21st, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center after an illness.

She leaves her beloved husband of 66 years, Michael J. Morrill; her two sons, Michael Morrill and his wife Wyndie of Pompano Beach, FL and Sean Morrill and his wife Jane of San Diego, CA; her five daughters, Cathleen Carpentier and her husband Luke of Southbridge, Mary Ellen Blake of Southbridge, Sheila Jalbert and her longtime companion, Tony Santilli of Southbridge, Julie Candelaria and her husband Joseph of Marblehead and Moira McGrath and her husband Ian of Sturbridge; her 22 grandchildren, Michael Luke Carpentier, Jamie Rainha, Amy Sinni, Joseph Jalbert, Matthew Carpentier, Jenna DiMarco, Kerry Carpentier, Catie Vignona, Emily Brown, Elizabeth Blake, Michael Morrill, Kelly Blake, Daniel Morrill, Bridget Candelaria, Connor Morrill, Timothy Candelaria, Jack Morrill, Catherine Candelaria, Padraig McGrath, Colm McGrath, Shannon McGrath and Maeve McGrath; 14 great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. Marie was born in Worcester on February 8, 1929, the daughter of Dennis J. and Catherine R. (Donoghue) Fleming. She was a graduate of Classical High School in Worcester, received her Bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester and her Master's degree from Worcester State College.

Marie was a teacher at the former Belmont Street School in Worcester before dedicating herself to raising her family. She was a member of the Southbridge Woman's Club, the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary, the Quinebaug Valley Council for

the Arts, and the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library. Marie was a devout Catholic and a lifetime member of St. Mary's (now St. John Paul II Parish) in Southbridge, where she served as a religious education teacher. Marie dedicated her life to her large family and spent countless hours supporting her children and grandchildren in many different ways including piano lessons, swimming lessons at Cape Cod, and sharing her love of reading. She spent countless hours at dance recitals, community events and athletic competitions of all kinds, thus earning her the proud honor of receiving the Claire O. Power Friend of Athletics Award. Above all, Marie (Nana) was a wonderful and loving role model for all of her children and grandchildren who will miss her dearly and always hold her close in their hearts. She led a wonderful life with her dear husband, Michael, and will be remembered as a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Southbridge Rehab and Healthcare Center for the outstanding care and compassion they gave to Marie, as well as Sarah Esi Grant, of Hospice of Central and Western Massachusetts for her loving and gracious assistance over the past several months.

Her funeral was held on Monday, Aug. 26th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in St. John's Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Sunday, Aug. 25th, from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. John Paul II Parish Food Pantry, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth M. (Shea) Ortona, 86

BRIMFIELD- Elizabeth M. (Shea) Ortona age 86 passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the 1st Luciano Ortona who died in 2001.

She leaves three sons, Mark D. LaPete and his wife Patricia of Webster, Phillip LaPete of Palmer and Luciano G. Ortona and his wife Karen of West Springfield, a daughter Kathleen Kelley and her husband David of Palmer, Nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She also leaves a brother Michael Shea of Spencer, she had one brother who predeceased her George (Red) Shea of Agawam.

She was born in Worcester daughter of the late George P. Shea and Helen (Campbell) Shea living in Brimfield for the past 60 years. Elizabeth was a baker working for Commercial Bakeries. There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will be announced at the Brimfield Housing Community Center. Burial will be private at the Brimfield Cemetery. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Alice H. Hunt



HOLLAND, MA- Alice H. (Hoy) Hunt, born July 29, 1933, passed away August 22, 2019 and lived in Holland, Ma since 1955. Survived by her children Susan E. Keough and Robert T. Hunt of Holland and

Betty-jean Hunt of Winchester NH, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Surviving siblings: Alpheus Hoy Jr, John Hoy, Jane Couch, Bertha Pysher, Trudy Ready and Betsy Palmer and predeceased by brother Thomas Hoy and parents Alpheus and Mary Hoy.

Alice taught in MA. at St. Anne's School/Three Rivers, Warren Elementary School and Holland Elementary School. Also worked for Mass. Turnpike, Old Sturbridge Village, South Central Directors Elderbus, and Town of Holland as Assessors Clerk, Town Clerk, Police Officer and

Selectmen. Alice advocated for the elderly at Tri Valley Elder Services, Brimfield Ambulance Services and as Ombudsman and Board Member for Greater Springfield Senior Services. Awarded Holland's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2016 and received Citation from Mass State Senate for "Extraordinary Dedication and Commitment to Improving the Lives of Others." A world traveler who enjoyed dousing, quilting and painting. No services. A "Celebration of Life" luncheon August 31st at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Ma 11:30am-3:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St. Springfield, Ma. 01104 appreciated. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Joyce M. Curving, 74



HOLLAND- Joyce M. (Hooyman) Curving, 74, on Sat. August 24, 2019 heard the quiet call of our savior at her home in Holland, then took the Lord's hand and peacefully left us after a valiant fight with

endometrial cancer. Her loving son Jason and his partner Heather were at her side. She rejoins her husband Charles A. "Chuck" Curving Jr., who passed in 2007, her parents Al and Helen Hooyman, and her dear Aunt Griselda. She is survived by 4 children, Douglas Curving of Northbridge, David Curving and his wife Priscilla of Oxford, Jason Curving and his partner Heather Westbury of Holland, who were also her devoted caretakers, and Cindy Kennedy of Sturbridge; 10 grandchildren, Morgan, Bradley, Jacqueline, Christopher, Crystal, Andrew, Tyler and Reilly Curving, also Garrett and Kyle Kennedy; a great-granddaughter, Brooke Curving; two siblings, Dorothy Hagedoorn and her husband Harold of Indian Harbour Beach FL; their children Lenora, Dora, and Harold, and her younger brother, Alfred Hooyman and his wife Mary of Castle Rock, CO; their children, Tammy and her husband Christopher Lehn, their sons Joshua and Jesse; Kim and her husband Keith Wagner and their children Andrew, Brian, Christopher and Julianna; Many cousins including Linda Dodds, Donna and her husband Angelo Foschini and their children Amy, Racheal, Stacy and their husbands and children; as well as many more cousins and dear friends.

Born in Passaic, NJ Joyce was the second child of the late Alfred and Helen (DeVries) Hooyman and grew up in Clifton, NJ. Joyce graduated Clifton High School Class of 1962 and continued her education studying nursing at Monmouth University as well as Jersey Shore Medical Center, and Ann May School of Nursing at Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Neptune, NJ and earned her degree and R.N. Joyce and Chuck moved from New Jersey to Whitinsville in 1977, where they continued to raise their children. Joyce's call and gift of a servant's heart not only led her to a long career as a Nurse, it also led her to be a missionary, bringing her to many places to spread God's Word and love, included trips to Africa, Romania, China and Haiti. She went to Haiti a few times being called to help with the Haitian Orphanage. Each place has a special place in her heart as each had its own calling and needs to be served. She shared that many of her missionary trips the nurses would become like a doctor to assess and treat the many who they would see. It would not be uncommon to see Joyce show up to your home or place of business willing to help. She would put on an apron and

say, "Okay, I am ready. What can I do to help?" Her selflessness, willing to serve and help is a gift, which has blessed so many.

Her strong will to live, unwavering faith in God, the love and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters carried her through the last 20 months of chemotherapy and treatment. Yet even through her own struggle with cancer, Joyce's steadfast faith, strength, peaceful, gentle nature and servant's heart led her to reach out to other affected by cancer. She had made friends throughout the country that would reach out to her for her wisdom and prayer. Known for her ease in frequent conversation with even total strangers and won the hearts of many, who even now are being changed by her witness of constant nurturing wisdom, love and faith. Joyce lived her life according to God's will. She was passionate about sharing the Word of God, His promise and gift of salvation. She was a woman of strong faith believing in the power and strength of Jesus' love and the beauty and peace that would await her after her passing. Joyce had a true appreciation for the outdoors and was in awe of the beauty of God's creations. She was well known and respected in her community for being a very caring and compassionate person; putting other's needs above her own. She possessed a contagious smile and an entertaining sense of humor. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her servant's heart, constant smiling and laughter will never be forgotten.

Joyce cared for her family and friends through delicious baked goods, sewing, quilting, crocheting and knitting. She was the heart of the Curving family; she shaped their spirituality by her tireless Christian example through various charismatic prayer groups, church activities and woman's fellowship - Woman's Aglow. Her family was one of the first families of Faith Fellowship Church and also attended First Assembly of God in Worcester, and the Faith Assembly of God Church in Webster. Her home Church became the Holland Church, a local body of believers committed to the glory of God and the preaching of His Word. With a real zest for life, Joyce enjoyed dancing, reading, praying, creating and helping others.

Joyce's Celebration of Life Service will be held at Jackman Funeral home, 12 Spring Street, Whitinsville on Thurs., Aug. 29, 2019 at 11 AM. Calling hours at the funeral home will be held on Weds. Aug. 28 from 5-7 and on Thurs. from 10 - 11 AM. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the: Holland Church, 11 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA, 01521, or to Grace International, Inc., PO Box 694137 Miami, FL 33269. To leave a condolence message please visit:

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CALENDAR

Monday, September 2

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB OLDE HOME DAY FLOWER SHOW: Garden Club members will have hundreds of arrangements for viewing at the Federated Church. This year's theme is "Birds of a Feather." Come see the creative floral designs and chat with our members.

Wednesday, September 11

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK DISCUSSION: 6:30 p.m., Brewer Theater, Old Sturbridge Village. Presented by New York Times bestselling author Kristan Higgins. Sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library. The kick-off event for a series of discussions.

Saturday,

September 14

TAILS ON THE TRAIL DOG WALK: Come and "Strut Your Mutt" or "Just Your Stuff" at our annual Tails on the Trail Dog Walk to support the Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary in Brimfield. The walk is on Sept. 14 on the Brimfield Town Common. All walkers are welcome! A dog is not required! There will be vendors, crafts, raffles and food for purchase. Can't be there in person? Be a virtual walker! Please see heretoday-sanctuary.org to sign up for the walk or to be a virtual walker.

Saturday, September 21

THE NATURE OF MY BACKYARD: 11 a.m.-noon, Norcross Sanctuary, 30 Peck Rd., Wales. The Creature Teachers are coming to Norcross, and bringing

live animal ambassadors to explore the lives of the creatures living in our own backyards. A great program for all ages to meet some of the common animals that we encounter every day. Reserve your spot: Call 413-267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org.

Saturday, October 5

STOP ABUSE TODAY INC. "TRIFECTA": A 5K, 10K, and marathon in support of Stop Abuse Today at Holland Elementary School, 28 Sturbridge Rd. T the 5K and 10K both start at 9 a.m. Register online at event.race-ach.com/stop-abuse-today-5k-10k-13.1/register. Please note that the Half Marathon portion previously advertised has been canceled due to logistical issues. To register or for more information, visit <https://event.race-ach.com/stop-abuse-today-5k-10k/register>.

ONGOING

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

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

"A CARING PLACE" MEMORY

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CAFÉ: A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free and fun place for people to go where they can be themselves and enjoy the company of loved ones and never have to worry about what others are thinking. We will never ask for a diagnosis and anyone from any town or city and any age are welcome. We only ask that all guests have a caregiver with them and that the guest has a cognitive related illness or injury. Staff is not responsible for the personal care of any guest. We are accepting to any level of ability and always welcome new people. Our Memory Café is run on donations and sponsors. Light refreshments are often served. Our atmosphere is geared toward fun yet comfortable and always safe. Our Café often hosts singers, dancers and performers who will help bring back old memories and days gone by. Our Café also hosts fun interactive activities but never educational events; we feel this should be a fun time spent together. Please see the upcoming scheduled events coming to our Memory Café over the next few months. Signups are encouraged. We are open

the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. 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 commu-

nity 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.

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

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

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

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee:

\$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor - National Association of Canine Scent Work.

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

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

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

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 6:00pm Truck Pull (Grandstand)

SATURDAY MAIN STAGE:

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 8:00pm Dan Candell

SUNDAY - SEP. 1ST. ON THE GROUNDS

10:00am Draft Horse Pulls (Pulling Area)
 10:00am Dairy Cattle Show (Cattle Show Tent)
 1:00pm Youth Poultry Showmanship (Agricultural Center)
 1:00pm Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Agricultural Center)
 5:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand)

SUNDAY MAIN STAGE:

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 1:00pm Poultry Costume Class (Agricultural Center)
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MONDAY MAIN STAGE:

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 1:30pm Ross McGinnes
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 5:00pm Grand Illusion by the Blooms
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48 Smithville Road, Spencer MA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

THE ISLAND CASTAWAY BAND
at 9 pm
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

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DUDLEY - 90' WATERFRONT! 12 Lakeview Ave! Full Recreational Merino Pond! 12 Rms, 4/5 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths Total! 2 Complete Residences, Single Family w/In-Law or as a 2 Family! Right Side w/Open Fir Plan! Lake Facing Kit, Din & Liv Rms! 2nd Flr w/2 Lake Facing Bdrms! Finished Walk-out Lower Level! Left Side w/Granite Kit w/ SkyLight! Frpled Din/Liv Rm! 2/3 Bdrms! Master w/Bath! Town Services! In Time for Summer! **\$439,900.00**

WEBSTER - 12 Blueberry Way! 3,753' Custom 9 Rm Cape on an Unbelievable 1.69 Acres! From the Circular Drive to the Multi-Level Composite Decks to the **Incredible Pool** w/Waterfall and In-water Stools surrounded by Stamped Concrete & Screened Gazebo to the **Lighted Tennis Court!** Gracious 2 Story Entry Foyer! **New Granite Kit** w/Breakfast Bar & Dining Area w/**New Tile Flr!** Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd! Spacious 30' Frpled Liv Rm w/**New Hrdwds!** 1st Flr Bdrm w/Full Bath & New Hrdwds! 3 Second Flr Bdrms! Master Suite w/Full Bath, Dressing Area & Multiple Closets! 4 Bdrms, 4.5 Baths Total! 40' Recently Finished Walk-out Lower Level Frpled Fam Rm! 2 Car Attached Garage! C/Air! Buderuz 4.2 Oil Heat! Shed! Landscape Lighting! Make a Move! **\$489,900.00**



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DUDLEY - 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**

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DUDLEY - 24 Hickory Dr! 8 Rm 50' Split on Dble Corner Lot! Fully Applianced SS Kitchen w/Tile Flr, Cherry Cabinets, Corian Counters & Island! Din Rm w/Slider to Deck! Liv Rm w/Cherry Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Picture Window! Slate Entry w/Coat Closet! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Master w/Wall to Wall, Triple Closet & Recent Refreshed Master Bath! 2nd & 3rd Bdrms w/Wall to Wall & Dble Closets! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Stone Fireplace w/Pellet Insert! Office/Play Rm w/Wall to Wall! Half Bath w/Recent Vanity! C/Air! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Generator! Replacement Windows! Flexible Floor Plan! **\$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! Stunning 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, It Has It All! Expansive 2 Story Foyer! Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Oversized Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances and Walk-in Butler's Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm Overlooking the Lake, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frpled! 1/2 Bath + Laundry Nearby! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Glorious Stairway leads up to 3 Spacious Bdrms each with their Own Private Baths! Luxurious Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Expansive Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level boasts Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frpled & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Individual Splits to Control Rm Temps! Oversized 2 Car Garage! This Home is Loaded w/Quality & Detail! Quick Closing No Problem! Don't Delay! **\$1,099,000.00**

WEBSTER - 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$239,900.00**

WEBSTER - 12 West Ave! 1,680' Townhouse! 7 Rooms! 3 Bedrooms! 3 Baths! Applianced Island Kit w/Tile Flr! Din Rm & 13x24 Liv Rm w/Wood Laminated Floors! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 11X19 Family Rm! Recently Painted Throughout! Central Air! Garage! **\$164,900.00**



DUDLEY - 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial on 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frpled Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skyights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond - South Facing - Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor and Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 603 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Carpet & Corian Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frpled Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Sided Pool! Beach! Listed by Another - "SOLD" by C21 Lake Realty! **\$355,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 206 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Carpet & Granite Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frpled Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Sided Pool! Beach! Listed by Another - "SOLD" by C21 Lake Realty! **\$345,000.00**

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WEBSTER - 16 WEST AVE

Spacious ranch 3-4 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, 1 car attached garage. Newly remodeled kitchen. Partially finished basement just waiting for carpet or laminate flooring. Hardwood & Tile throughout 1st floor. Flat level lot. Town water & sewer. Potential to finish a studio above garage

\$267,000.

<p>THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1</p> <p>There is No Place Like Home - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & wall to wall carpeted Bedrooms. Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. \$309,900.</p>	<p>DUDLEY - 71 EAGLE DRIVE</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT IN ONE DAY!</p> <p>Wow! Young 8 room Center Hall Colonial! Better than new! 3 bedroom, 3 full baths! 23' X 23' Cathedral ceiling Family Room! Hardwood & Ceramics throughout. Heat by forced hot air/oil, Central air! 2880 Sq Ft of living area. In one of Dudley's finest developments with underground utilities! \$420,000.</p>	<p>DUDLEY - 188 WEST MAIN ST</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS LOCATION IN THE HEART OF DUDLEY! 3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH RANCH! LARGER THAN IT APPEARS! 19,582 +/- sq ft Lot. Custom Gas Heat! Hard wood floors! BRING YOUR VISION, LARGE FLAT YARD GIVES YOU GREAT PARKING AREA, for a SMALL BUSINESS FROM HOME! CONTRACTORS DREAM! \$178,500.</p>	<p>Featured New Listing!</p> <p>OXFORD - 66 CHARLTON ST</p> <p>VERY UNIQUE PROPERTY! ADORABLE 4BEDROOM 1.5 BATH CAPE! VERY PRIVATE LOT w/CARRIAGE HOUSE/CABANA/ WORK AREA/ EXPANSIVE GARAGE! STREET ACCESS FROM ALL THREE SIDES WITH LONG EXTENDED DRIVEWAY. STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCED KITCHEN, UPDATED BATHROOM w/JACUZZI TUB AND SHOWER! BRAND NEW FORCED HOT AIR HEATING SYSTEM & HOT WATER TANK! RECENT 200 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKERS ONE YEAR OLD WOOD STOVE! ENCLOSED SIDE PORCH. HEATED FOR FALL! MOTIVATED SELLER \$349,900</p>
<p>THOMPSON, CT - 8 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #2</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>There is No Place Like Home - especially when it is a beautiful newly constructed home! This split level style home has an attractive modern flare! You'll be delighted with the natural light that will brighten the interior of this home! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings! Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups & utility closet, two car garage! Central AC. \$309,900.</p>	<p>WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acres in Historic Woodstock! 3 BR, 2-1/2 Baths. This Home is a Must See! Peaceful Country Setting! Vaulted Ceiling Family Room w/Built ins, Cherry Cabinets, Sunken Dining Rm, Cathedral Mstr! Hwd & Tile Flrs! Potential for Home Office, Teen/ In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. Resurfaced Driveway \$399,000.00</p>	<p>WEBSTER/DOUGLAS/ LAND!</p> <p>Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest \$132,900</p> <p>Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access \$129,400</p> <p>Killingly - 37 Katherine Ave River Frontage 2/3rds acre. Town Water & Sewer \$55,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A</p> <p>AN AFFORDABLE LIVING OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF! This 20 Unit Condo Complex is tucked away at the very end of Eastern Ave, fenced in & private. Easily accessible (95)! There's a lot to love about Webster! Unit 34 A is an 1,037 SF +/- END UNIT. Large living room w/picture window, an eat-in kitchen, access to rear deck, 2 spacious bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, full basement! NEW PRICE \$154,900</p>
<p>On The shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg</p>			

<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. NEW PRICE \$299,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45+/- Acres! 345' +/- road front, 336/384' +/- depth, 275' +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very low waterfront properties! The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/wisdom modern windows 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets. 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32' +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath. Family owned gem for 60+ years! \$1,495,000</p>
<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD</p> <p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct lake access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! New Price \$375,000</p>	



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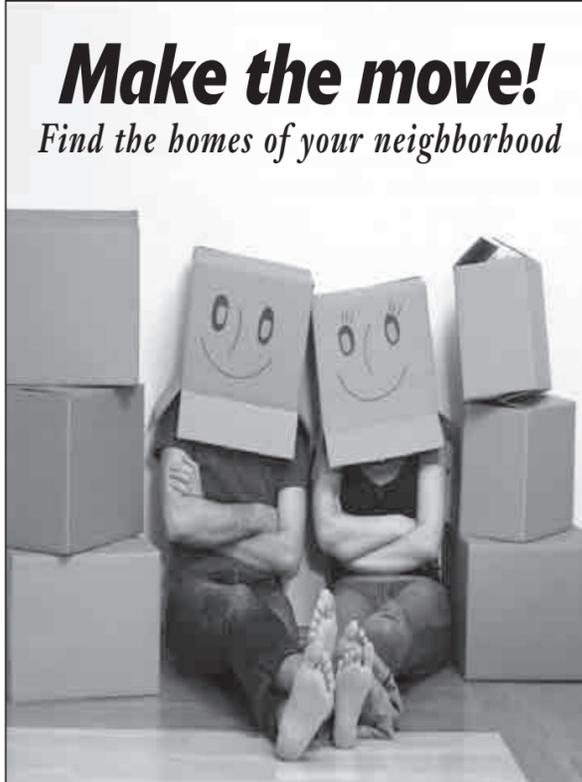


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