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COMPLIMENTARY HOME DELIVERY Friday, June 29, 2018

Selectman uphold Charlton Orchard decision

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – After a contentious meeting lasting well over an hour selectmen upheld a controversial decision to allow a cannabis growing business to purchase the Charlton Orchard property and set up shop in town.

Over the past month the issue has garnered much public scrutiny from locals, who believe selectmen overstepped in voting in favor of the business proposal without more public input. There have also been cries of support from those who feel selectmen were in their right to make the decision and wanted to see the board uphold their original vote in favor of the host agreement, originally addressed on May 15.

The agreement was to allow company Valley Green Grow out of North Andover to build a proposed \$100

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Jason Bleau photos

Patty Benjamin displays her support for the selectmen's' controversial decision concerning her family farm, Charlton Orchard

water line is coming.

need to install bigger pipes.

Bay Path Tech.

long time."

Nash chosen as interim superintendent

BY JASON BLEAU STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

With Superintendent Gregg Desto leaving to join the Auburn School District as a principal, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District sought new temporary leadership for the dualtown schools.

After interviews took place on June 11, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee approved Kathleen Nash as the interim superintendent for to foreseeable future.

Nash is a former superintendent of Hanover public schools and a resident of Rochester. She retired from Hanover in 2013 with seven years of experience as a superintendent under a belt. She recently served as an interim superintendent in nearby Oxford as well. Nash was selected from a pool of 24 candidates who were narrowed down to three.

Throughout the lengthy discussion on June 13 concerning the appointment of an interim superintendent, School Committee members



Photo courtesy of Hanover Schools **Kristine Nash**

praised Nash for her experience and the unique qualities she brings to the table. Committee Vice Chair Mary Antocci said she feels Nash is a "top-notch" candidate right for the job.

"She was an instructional leader for 20 years in the classroom as a middle school and high school teacher and a project-based learning leader which is in line with our strategic plan and that's important. She was involved Turn To NASH page A2

Exxon: New water line to be done in 2020





Gus Steeves photo

DEP representative Mark Baldy, left, and Exxon representative Scott Wybro address several dozen residents at Dexter Hall.

BY GUS STEEVES STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - Exxon Mobil expects to have the water line extension serving Muggett Hill, Morton Station, Old Worcester and nearby roads complete some time in 2020, with all households who want it to be connected in 2021. Company representatives told residents at a public forum June 12.

Some residents, though, are still chafing because they expected to have water this year.

Old Worcester Road resident Claudia Blauvelt was among them. She noted her issue "isn't even the contamination. It's the fact my well runs dry," although her well is also contaminated, "but not to the extent of my neighbors.'

She said she talked to a well-driller who advised her "not to waste the money" making hers deeper because the direction is essentially south, Turn To EXXON page A3

the whole process as having "a

lot of challenges municipally,

politically and technically" and

noted DEP has been "working

on Charlton water issues a very

Although DEP mapping

shows the underground plume's

McGovern challenger opposes child separation

BY GREG VINE STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

At least one of the Republicans running to unseat the Democrats currently in Congress says she doesn't support the Trump administration's policy of separating undocumented immigrant children from their parents.

Grafton resident Tracy Lovvorn, who is seeking the GOP nomination to challenge incumbent Democrat James McGovern in the 2nd District, said, "I don't agree with separating families.'

"But," Lovvorn told Stonebridge

Press, "this is something that's been going on for many years. I'd like to ask Jim McGovern exactly what he's done to solve the immigration problem. He's been there for 22 years and really hasn't offered any solutions. I feel he's been exploiting the issue rather than helping.'

Lovvorn said she supports legislation being introduced by Sen. Ted Cruz. The Texas Republican announced Monday night that he would introduce a bill which would double the number of feder-

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Melissa Knopf presents her father, Ed Knopf, with his Fire Chief pin on June 13.

Charlton officially pins Chief Knopf

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – After being named the new permanent fire chief for Charlton in December, Ed Knopf was finally honored during a public pinning ceremony at the Board of Selectmen's meeting Tuesday, June 13.

Despite holding the position for around six months, Knopf was never formally pinned before the public as most emergency officials are. Knopf was recognized at the beginning of the June 13 meeting before a crowd of hundreds of local residents. He was pinned by his daughter Melissa in a brief ceremony. Knopf has served sever-

al positions within the fire department during his tenure. He previously served as captain before becoming the first full-time deputy chief in March of 2017.

Knopf was hand-picked by former Chief Charles Cloutier Jr. as his successor. Cloutier officially retired in January, but his last day on the job was in November 2017. Knopf served as interim chief for the remainder of 2017 until officially receiving the vote of confidence from selectmen in December to fill the role full-time.

Tracy Lovvorn

Jason Bleau Photo

CHARLTON CAPSULES

FREE CONCERT

Charlton City UMC will feature the band Chasing the Light from Augusta, Maine on Saturday, July 21. Chasing the Light plays a modern alternative style of music that is reminiscent of Sanctus Real and Switchfoot but with a unique twist. Four young men with a great sound pouring their heart out for Christ – sharing his love for the enjoyment of all. Since the band's formation in late 2013, they've played over 100 shows, performed to crowds as large as 20,000, and have become one of the fastest rising Christian rock bands in the East. Five other bands will be joining them at 74 Stafford St., Charlton. FREE concert and parking. Bring a chair or

blanket and enjoy the concert on the lawn. From noon to 6pm.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Overlook Hospice Services is seeking volunteers to provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families. Volunteer activities include reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing meals, running errands, providing short term respite and offering support to caregivers. No special skills are required other than an open heart and

3-4 hours/week. In addition to general patient care volunteers, we are seeking veterans to visit our veteran patients, musicians, dog therapy teams and those interested in providing bereave-

ment support to our families. Training and support provided. For more information please contact Susan Fuller, Volunteer Coordinator, at 508-434-2200.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PHILADELPHIA, PA — Michael Donegan of Charlton was among the graduates recognized during University of the Sciences' 197th commencement celebration on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, in Philadelphia, PA. Donegan graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University congratulates more than 700 students who received their academic degrees. Matthew Pavone of Charlton graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology; Simon Veilleux of Charlton graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering/reservoir engineering concentration.

Sharing the best gossip on familiar names

BY ERIN MILLER STONEBRIDGE INTERN

History at Play brought the stories of famous authors to the Overlook in Charlton. Judith Kalaora's one woman show saw her playing Annie Fields, gossiping with the audience about Charles Dickens, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry

Wadsworth Longfellow, and more of her author friends.

This play is one of six programs that History at Play puts on. It was retired in 2017, but Kaloara brought it back because of recent interest.

The audience was treated to tales of Harriet Beecher Stowe meet-



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If you finance, you will have a budgeted monthly payment and won't need to spend all your hardearned cash. In fact, with today's low interest rate options, in some cases as low as 0%, it may make more sense to finance your car. You also have op-

Customers ask place: How tions with the financing that can help to protect the value of the car. Consider GAP protection to protect against a total loss. Ask us for more details on how this works. Of course, the downside of financing is that in most cases you will pay interest. Because todays cars are rather expensive many customers take on longer term notes increasing the interest expense and leaving them still owing money when they want to trade in for another. This leads us to leasing.

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ing Abraham Lincoln, Ralph Waldo Emerson begrudgingly admitting that Dicken's work was good, and Dickens walking through the streets of Boston drunk.

"It's so fun for me to envision Charles Dickens dancing around Parker House," Kalaora said. She said it's interesting to think that you see publicly drunk people all the time, and maybe one of them could be famous.

Despite the fictional premise of Annie Fields talking to the audience, most of the script was taken directly from Fields' letters, Kalaora said.

While "Victorian Gossip Girl: Annie Adams Fields" was brought out of retirement for just two shows, Kalaora will be performing other History at Play programs all over Massachusetts.



Erin Miller photo

Judith Kalaora interacts with the audience as **Annie Fields**

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with educational leadership in the project-based learning, professional development, curriculum alignment, facilities design, and she had experience in all facets of education as a teacher, a building level administrator, a curriculum director, an assistant superintendent and a superintendent," Antocci said.

Member Elaine Rabbitt also provided praise for Nash saying Nash stood out as a candidate appropriate for a critical point for the district as they seek a permanent superintendent to fill the role.

"In relation to the charge of the search committee and what we put together for our initial priorities for what we were looking for we obviously prioritized someone that not only had credentials but was experienced in regional schools. It is a very different operation and a different budgeting process than a municipal district," Rabbitt

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said adding that many applicants were considered but only a few made it to the final process and Nash was the one that she considered the best option.

"We carefully went through 24 applicants. Were there 24 applicants that had credentials? Yes, but did the 24 applicants that applied have the skill sets for what we need? No. When we weeded through everyone's review of the applications we came down to a very commonality of candidates and in reviewing my notes we had a solid base of candidates that received the most support from the search committee to move forward and those were the candidates that we moved forward with," said Rabbitt.

There was some concern from members of the school committee about the need for a critical shortage waiver from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to hire Nash. Members who voted favor of Nash's hiring felt the waiver was worth the risk. After the vote the district did file an application for a critical shortage

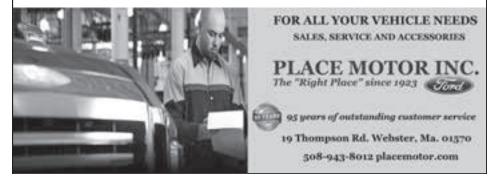
vaiver. In the end, Nash

received votes from all but three members of the School Committee. Jamie Terry, Catherine Kabala the comand mittee's newest member Cathleen Carmignani all abstained from the vote.

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Charlton awards bid for insulation project

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - The town has awarded the bid for a new project meant to help the community further commit to its goal of "going green" specifically when it comes to the town's emergency facilities.

On June 13 Town Administrator Robin Craver said the initiative will improve the status of the town's police station to make it more energy efficient especially when heating and cooling.

The town of Charlton, through its green communities designation, has been pursuing two projects. The first

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project is to control energy loss from heating and cooling in the police station by adding spray foam insulation to the underside of the roof over the condition spaces. The budget for this project is \$50,000," Craver explained.

On May 29 a single bid was opened for the project from Enviro Safe Foam Insulation, a Charlton based company. Craver said that lone bid was for \$57,600, well over the projected budget. However, the discrepancy involved an expanded scope to the work.

'The contractor has suggested the town, through a change order, remove the gable and vent work and self-perform or have its own contractor do that portion of the work," Craver told selectmen.

"The building commissioner met with DiPietro Masonry to obtain a cost estimate for the removal and installment of the gable and vent for access which would be \$1,000 or less," explained Craver.

Craver said she supported the recommendations of the building commissioner and moved for selectmen to approve the bid from Enviro Safe Foam Insulation.

Selectmen approved the contract and the change order unanimously. Selectman David Singer was not present for the vote.



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Organic prevention and management of powdery mildew on plants



Spots and patches of white or gray talcum powder-like substance on your plant means powdery mildew infected your plant. This is one of the most widespread fungal diseases and attacks a wide range of plants. You may see mildew on a variety of trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and lawn grasses. Don't despair — you can reduce the risk of this disease with proper plant selection, maintenance and if needed organic intervention.

Powdery mildew is most common during hot dry weather. Wet foliage does not increase the risk of this disease, but high humidity does. You'll typically see more mildew problems in crowded plantings, damp and shady locations as well as areas with poor air circulation.

Powdery mildew, like other diseases, occurs when the fungal organism and susceptible plants are present together and the environmental conditions are right for the disease to occur. Remove one of these factors and you eliminate the disease. You can't change the weather but there are some things you can do to reduce the risk of powdery mildew.

Avoid purchasing mildew susceptible plants. Instead select disease resistant varieties whenever possible. Fortunately, many new varieties of phlox, bee balm, lilacs and other mildew-resistant plants are now available at your favorite garden center.

Further decrease the risk by growing plants at the recommended spacing in the preferred amount of sunlight. Giving plants room to reach full size ensures they will receive sufficient sunlight and air circulation, thus reducing the risk of this and other diseases. Your plants will be healthier and better looking when they have space to show off their beauty.

Thin susceptible varieties of perennial plantings like phlox and bee balm in spring as new growth emerges. Removing one fourth of the stems increases light penetration and airflow reducing the risk of powdery mildew. Grow vine crops like cucumbers and squash on trellises and fences to accomplish the same results. Support large fruits of squash and melons with cloth slings anchored to the trellis.

Avoid excessive nitrogen fertilization that encourages lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to this and other diseases and many insect problems. Consider using low nitrogen slow release fertilizers that promote slow steady growth above and below ground.

If mildew continues to be a problem and is impacting the health and beauty of your plants, you may decide to intervene. Lightweight horticultural oils trap the fungal spores on the plant preventing it from spreading. Select OMRI certified products like Summit® Year-Round® Spray Oil (SummitResponsibleSolutions. com) that are approved for organic gardeners.

Always read and follow label directions of all chemicals, organic or synthetic, before applying to any plant. Thorough coverage of the upper and lower leaf surfaces and stems will improve your success rate.

Check plant tags, purchase wisely and adjust plant main-



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Powdery mildew occurs when the fungal organism and susceptible plants are present and the environmental conditions are right for the disease to occur.

tenance to reduce powdery mildew problems in your landscape. A bit of prevention and proper care go a long way to reducing the time spent maintaining healthy, productive and beautiful gardens and landscapes.

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the fact the water flow is somewhat unpredictable means that some homes' wells can be highly contaminated while their neighbors have next to none, and contamination levels can change from test to test. Several homes in the area have had carbon filters installed. According to Exxon's Area Manager for Environmental Services Scott Wybro, the process of getting the various approvals and engineering done for the water line "had some delays and some hiccups," but the firm "compensated" for them and plans to put bids out for construction soon, with work to start this fall. It will mean roads being partly closed - main ones down to one

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lane at a time, with secondary roads being closed to all but local traffic. He said work on Muggett Hill and part of Oxford Street will be done next summer to "allow access to the schools during the school year."

Wybro said the first phase of the project will be installing a new pump sta-Route tion on the Stearns Meats site on 169, which Charlton purchased for such use last year after a long delay. That site will include mixers and other technology to ensure the water quality can meet DEP guidelines and have adequate pressure throughout the additional pipelines. The pipes that actually receive water, which comes from Southbridge, currently end up near the Charlton Fire Station, although there are several miles of unused lines in Route 20 and other roads that were intended to be served from Oxford.

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The Stearns pump station is also crucial for a second line, one running up Berry Corner Road to replace contaminated house wells around the landfill. That's not an Exxon project; that's being built with funds from Casella and DEP, with work overseen by Southbridge DPW.

Tripp, project engineer Charlie

it won't matter. He said the high estimates say it could use 35,000 gallons a day; if that happens, they'll bring the H. Putnam Road tower online. That tower is now unused.

Some residents also objected to the format of Exxon's public forum, arguing it would've been more helpful to residents if Exxon reps answered que tions from the audience as a whole. Instead, Wybro summarized the project for about 15 minutes, then directed citizens to three smaller groups for specific types of questions.

Kleinfelder, is designing the Exxon extension. He said the Stearns station will increase the volume and flow rate "to accommodate the demand for all these new homes." If everyone who's eligible hooks up, he estimated it will add about 100.000 gallons a day to what's now used (about the same amount); the total that won't come close to Charlton's permit of 500,000 per day.

Some residents expressed concern about the proposed cannabis farm's impact on water usage, but Tripp said

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Is price or interest rate more important when buying?

According to Bankrate.com as of 06/24/2018 the interest rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.45%. The federal reserve rate was raised again less than 2 weeks ago and it was signaled that we will have most likely 2 more rate increases this year. This is due to our strong economy. If we look back in January the 30 year fixed rates had been below 4.0%. The difference of 0.5% in an interest

rate can be drastic in your payment amount. I ran the numbers using a mortgage calculator and at 300K purchase price with 20% downpayment on a 30 year fixed loan at 4.5% the principal and interest payment is \$1216.04. If you increase the purchase price to 320K with 20% down payment at a 4.0% interest rate the payment was only \$1222.18 which is only \$6.14 more for 20K higher price.



The point is that in a rising interest rate environment if you are getting a mortgage for your home you should not haggle over a few thousand dollars. If you do you could end up with the 3-5K you haggled over ending up costing you 20K in buying power due to the higher interest rate.

I do not see the rates decreasing any time soon and the increase in rates has not seemed to push many buyers out of the market since the economy has been thriving. If you are thinking about buying in the near future I would suggest buying now before you are priced out of the market. Every Real Estate Market is different so if you are in a declining market then the lower prices may offset the increasing rates. The majority of the towns in Worcester County are in sellers markets and pricing are not declining.

June is National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month

Fresh fruit and vegetables from the backyard garden are a summertime treat like none other. So what's the next best thing to a homegrown crop? Try "pick your own" at area farms and look for weekly Farmers Market events to ensure the freshest picks. How to choose fabulous fruit and vegetables at an outside market or grocery store? The following tips can help you pick perfect produce!

Beans, snap:

Look for small seeds inside straight, fleshy pods. If you can see large seeds through the skin than the beans are probably too old. Avoid beans with dry-looking, rusty, wilted or damaged pods.

Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, cauliflower:

Look for tightly compacted flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower, and compact, uniform sprouts. Avoid wilted, yellow, or dirty heads, and avoid loose, open sprouts or those that are yellow or pale green.

Cabbage and head lettuce:

Look for firm compact heads that are heavy for their size. On leaf lettuce,

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choose unwilted, compact, crisp-looking compact plants.

Carrots: Look for deep orange colored and smooth skinned roots. Avoid carrots with purple or green shoulders or pale in color, or ones with forked or crooked roots.

Oversized roots usually mean they are woody. If tops are still attached on carrots, they should be fresh.

Celery: Choose large, firm stalks with uniform stalk and a white bottom. Avoid spindly, wilted stalks.

Chard:

Look for fresh, dark green leaves with bright, tender stalks. Avoid wilted, poorly colored leaves.

Collards and kale:

Check for tender, green, full-sized leaves with tender tips; avoid wilted, tough or overly large leaves.

Corn on the cob:

Choose well-filled cobs with plump, straight rows of kernels. Avoid large, wrinkled kernels.

> Cucumbers: Pick long, slender cukes that are medium to dark green.

Peppers:

Look for firm, darkly colored fruit with uniform size, color, and number of lobes. Avoid wrinkled or shriveled ones or fruits that are sunburned (contrasting color spots).

Radishes:

Choose medium-sized, firm, crisp roots. Avoid wilted or soft roots or those with growth cracks or insect damage. Oversized roots will pithy. Sunburned be crowns are also not desirable.

Summer squash: Choose ones that are

uniform in size, color, and shape. Avoid large fruit (over mature) or ones with scarred skins, missing stems, or that are soft or wilting.

Tomatoes:

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Look for smooth skinned, firm fruit with uniform color. Avoid fruit with growth splits, sun scald, or overripe (soft) fruit.

Apples:

Choose firm, well-colored fruit that feels crisp.

Blueberries:

Pick plump, firm, deep blue berries with their natural waxy silver coating. Cantaloupe:

Look for a smooth shallow base; thick, coarse, corky netting that stands out from skin. Should yield slightly when pressed on non-stem end and have the slight scent of cantaloupe. Cherries:

Should be dark in color, glossy, plump, with fresh looking stems. Mangos:

Pick fruit that has plump, smooth, dark green skin with patches of red, yellow, or orange color; should be slightly soft.

Nectarines:

Fruit should be plump, slightly soft along "seam"; either orange-yellow or greenish between red-blushed areas depending on variety. Oranges:

Choose firm oranges, heavy for its

size; smooth-textured, with bright-looking skin.

Peaches:

Should be somewhat firm, becoming slightly soft; red with creamy, orangy base color. Pears:

Look for firm fruit, just barely beginning to soften.

Bartletts: pale to rich yellow; Boscs: green to brown yellow.

Watermelon:

Should be symmetrical with bright green rind with a creamy vellow underside. Choose a watermelon that's heavy for its size.

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

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Cornerstone Bank celebrates anniversary with Banking Choice awards

of overall quality, customer service, technology, and community contribution awards for central Massachusetts at the first annual Banking Choice Awards of Massachusetts. The nomination and awards ceremony falls just as Cornerstone Bank is getting ready to celebrate its one-year anniversary The Banking Choice Awards, hosted on April 26, was developed in conjunction with The Warren Group and Customer Experience Solutions, and celebrates the many banks in Massachusetts that provide outstanding service to their customers based exclusively on customer feedback. What an honorit is for us to have been nominated and recognized at the banking awards ceremony, said Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Bank K.

Cornerstone Bank is honored to have been rec- Michael Robbins. "We are grateful to our dedicatpenized as one of the top providers and winners ed and knowledgeable staff for their hard work in helping Cornerstone Bank to achieve such great success in its first year." "Thank you, Cornerstone Bank employees, for the commitment and passion you bring to the workplace every day," added President and Treasurer of Cornerstone Bank Todd M. Tallman. "We are so proud to have brought home four banking awards, and look forward to another great year as we celebrate our anniversary." Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, North Oxford, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender, and SBA Preferred Lender. For more information, visit online at cornerstonebank.com, on Facebook or call 800-939-9103.

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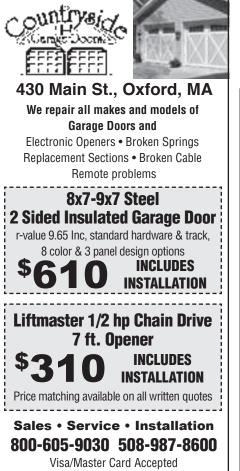
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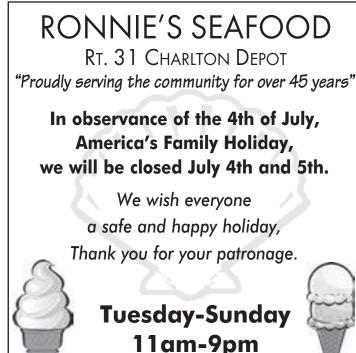
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million large-scale marijuana cultivation, sales and research facility on the 94-acres of Charlton Orchard on Old Worcester Road.

Those against the project have voiced issues with its close proximity to schools and its potential impact on property values; while those in favor of the decision have commented on the tax income the town would receive and its conformity with modernized marijuana laws following the 2016 legalization vote.

Selectmen held a meeting Tuesday, June 19 in the auditorium at Heritage School at which hundreds of citizens filed in to make their voices heard. Tempers flared early however, as those attending were informed they would not be permitted to speak as specific individuals were on the agenda to speak for and against the project, however, emails, letters and postcards were accepted leading up to the meeting.

It was confirmed that 130 pieces of correspondence were received concerning the matter with 59 in favor and 71 opposing the project. Residents were given an opportunity to voice their opinions during a public meeting on May 29.

The first permitted to speak on June 13 was Gerard Russell, an abutter to the property, who questioned the Board of Selectmen's intent with how they handled their decision and accused town officials of possibly excluding the public from the process early "by design."

"Did town officials fear an honest and open process because they knew locating a pot factory in a neighborhood near four schools in the center of town was a bad idea? The breach of faith is offensive and odious," Russell said

later, adding to his statement to selectmen. "Selectmen voted in a special meeting, not on your regular meeting night, to approve the mega project without telling the public beforehand. The pot factory plan was filed days before the May 21 town meeting that enacted zoning on marijuana done under the guise of being proactive. It effectively exempted the site from any new zoning. Was someone in town hall orchestrating the sequence of events? Was this another deception?"

Russell was joined by Kristin Kustigian who brought forward a petition signed by 224 residents asking selectmen to rescind their vote of support from last month. She too drew the Board of Selectmen's integrity into question.

"The dishonest process undertaken so far has diminished citizens' faith in the local governments," Kustigian said to selectmen. "Our community was left out a year ago and you've perpetuated the process with this whole thing. It makes it look like you've intentionally excluded people because you didn't want to hear the opposition, which isn't the way it's supposed to work."

Russell revealed that those against the project will be seeking a forensic audit from the Massachusetts Attorney General's office specifically in relation to the process involving Valley Green Grow's application.

Speaking in favor of the Board of Selectmen's decision was Catherine Benjamin, whose husband Nathan was originally slated to speak on the matter but was unable to attend the meeting. Benjamin said her family has farmed the land for over 20 years and urged selectmen to maintain their support of a decision which she argued was well within their rights as the town's highest elected body.

"By not signing the development agreement and not allow-

its permitted purpose, agriculture, I am being deprived of the value of my property – I understand cannabis is a controversial and emotional topic, but we must all accept the fact that cannabis is legal in Massachusetts," Benjamin said. "Massachusetts voters approved the legal sale of cannabis. Voters approved the sale of cannabis in Charlton. Voters approvad allowing cultivation, medical dispensaries, and recreational sales of cannabis in town. Voters approved to extend to the selectmen the authority to vet cannabis businesses in town and in Massachusetts cannabis is a recognized agricultural crop which can be grown on commercial agricultural property."

When the conversation shifted to selectmen the debate did not slow down. Two selectmen specifically, Karen Spiewak and Debra Noble, voiced separate opinions on the matter. Spiewak made the formal motion to reconsider the May 15 vote and felt that after looking through all the data herself it was in the best interest for selectmen to rescind their decision.

"I have never in the 33 years I have lived here seen anything divide the community like this," Spiewak said. "I have done extensive research into this topic. I have spoken with residents who are for it and who are against it. I have spoken with school officials. I've spoken with public safety officials. I have reviewed data. Finally, I have applied common sense — The common thread that I heard over and over again was that we get that recreational marijuana is here, we get it, but it goes back to location, location, location. For the size and scope of the project being proposed in a neighborhood it's just too big, period."

Spiewak added that she believes the town of Charlton is financially stable and that any financial need doesn't necessarily require adding Valley Green Grow to the tax base.

"Are we financially strapped as a town? No. Would more revenue be great? Sure, but at what stakes? We are gambling with the future of the town and the residents. The stakes are very high," Spiewak said.

Noble countered Spiewak's comments with the results of her own investigation into the situation. Calling herself a "numbers person" she said maintained her support for the Valley Green Grow proposal and addressed a common thread with some of the letters received prior to the June 13 meeting.

'I went and read all the letters and a lot of them said the same thing, 'yes we support this but not here'. Very few of you said, 'we don't want it at all'. A lot of the letters that were in opposition said 'we understand that it's here to stay but we don't want this monstrosity on old Worcester Road'," Noble said. "I took all of it in and I decided I wanted to know where the letters were coming from because I'd heard, and mind you these are just rumors and I don't place a lot of stock in rumors, that people had gone around and tried to get signatures and when they couldn't get them people were threatened. That's unfortunate. I wanted to see where all the letters came from and when I read them I put the addresses on a map. That map is available. A lot of the letters in opposition, not surprising, are kind of clustered and we know where those clusters are, but the letters in support are scattered throughout the town.

Noble added that with the recent need for a Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ override for the Dudley-Charlton Regional Schools it is evidence that Charlton is in need of more tax income to help offset expenses in the future. While she acknowledged the



Citizens sign a petition opposing the sale of Charlton Orchard to marijuana cultivator Valley Green Grow

concerns of those against the project she said the selectmen had to look out for the town as a whole.

"We have to look at all of Charlton. We have to look at what effects all of the residents," Noble said. "It's not something that I did thoughtlessly. I read the letters. I mapped out where they came from. I read what they contained. Words were not lost on me, but we have a duty to do what's best for the entire town."

Spiewak was the lone selectman who voted against rescinding the host agreement. The remaining selectmen in attendance all voted to confirm the approval of the agreement to a mix of boos and cheers from those in the crowd. Selectman David Singer was not in attendance to cast a vote after he was advised to recuse himself from the matter due to an unclarified conflict.

LOVVORN

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al immigration judges from about 375 to 750, authorize new temporary shelters which would allow families to stay together, require that undocumented immigrant families be kept together – as long as there is no threat of harm to children or evidence of aggravated criminal conduct, and provide expedited processing and review of asylum cases, so that – within two weeks – those meeting the legal standard will be granted asylum. Those failing to meet the standard would be immediately returned to their home countries.

"I definitely feel the processing of illegal immigrants and asylum-seekers can be done more humanely," said Lovvorn. "It's an issue that should be addressed now. We can't keep kicking the can down the road.

Asked if voters have raised the issue of family separation as she campaigns for the 2nd District seat, Lovvorn said, "A majority see it as politicians exploiting a situation that's been there for years. But people definitely see a need to fix it."

Lovvorn said a photo showing youngsters housed in cages that was taken in 2014 indicates the problem dates back to the Obama administration. Former officials of that administration say, however, the young people in those pictures were juveniles who had crossed the border unaccompanied by an adult, not children who had been separated from their parents.

"President Trump's policy of separating children from their parents is cruel, it is un-American, and it is evil," McGovern told Stonebridge Press. "There is no law requiring that these children be ripped away from their parents – this is a policy of choice. In fact, U.S. and international law specifically protects those who arrive at our border seeking asylum. The President could end this policy today with a single call – yet he has instead chosen to use these vulnerable children as a political bargaining chip."

"This is not who we are as a nation," he continued. "A majority of Americans do not support this and will not tolerate such terrible acts of inhumanity from our own government."

"Democrats in Congress have introduced the Keep Families Together Act to stop family separations. If the Republican majority wants to end this outrageous situation, they could do so in a heartbeat – by supporting this bill. I hope my Republican colleagues find the political courage and basic human decency to do so."

Attempts to reach Lovvorn's Republican primary opponent, Millville businessman Kevin Powers, and Rick Green, who is seeking the 3rd District seat being vacated by Democrat Niki Tsongas, were unsuccessful. There are 10 Democrats running to succeed Tsongas.

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LEARNING Harrington Auxiliary awards 2018 scholarships





Auxiliary Scholarship winners

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Harrington Auxiliary's Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships in three different categories to 10 students who are pursuing careers in a healthcare field at its fifth annual scholarship awards ceremony June 11.

Auxiliary members Pat Motyka and Mary Anne Hickey co-chair the scholarship committee. Other members include Jean Welch, Valerie Degnan, Judy Martinek and Kathy Norrgard; Barbara Avery, the Auxiliary's second vice president, served as advisor to the committee.

The Grace Kirk Memorial Scholarship was given to Emily French, a graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School. The scholarship pays tribute to Grace Kirk, a 23-year Harrington Hospital volunteer who also served as co-chair of the scholarship committee for 17 years. Kirk passed away in 2012 and in 2014 the Auxiliary honored her memory with the presentation of the first Grace Kirk Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1.250

The Auxiliary also awarded five \$3,000

scholarships to graduates of area high

schools. Heather Fontaine, a Quaboag High School graduate, plans to study

physical therapy at Springfield College. Shepherd Hill Regional High School

graduate Marissa Fontaine is enrolled at

the University of Massachusetts Boston

with the goal of becoming a surgeon.

Megan Marrier graduated from Bartlett

High School and will study nursing at

the University of Rhode Island. A recent

graduate of Southbridge High School,

Frances Garcia has been accepted into

the nursing program at Anna Maria

College. Also destined for nursing

school is Shivani Patel, who graduat-

ed from Bay Path Regional Vocational

Technical High School. She is enrolled

in the program at the Massachusetts

College of Pharmacy and Health

The Auxiliary also awarded the Dr.

Van Vooren Memorial Scholarship

in honor of Dr. Robert Van Vooren,

the founder of the cardiac rehabilitation program and medical director at

Harrington Hospital. The award was

initiated in 1991 and is given to hospital

Courtesy photos Winners of the Grace Kirk Memorial Scholarship

employees who have returned to school to further their educations in the health field. Each of the following students received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Tim Sanchez, a patient observer at Harrington Hospital since 2017, is studying adolescent therapy at Westfield State University and has been a proactive employee.

Jillian Orsi serves in a dual capacity - she works the switchboard and the emergency room registration at Harrington Hospital and is pursuing her degree in occupational therapy at Quinsigamond Community College.

Casey Lacaire, a 2015 graduate of David Prouty High School, is attending Anna Maria College as a nursing student

A dietary aide at Webster Manor nursing home, Alessandra Martocci is planning to attend Quinnipiac University to study nursing.

Recent Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate Jillian Marrero has worked at Harrington Hospital in a variety of roles since July 2017. She hopes to become a surgeon and begins her studies at Worcester State University in the fall.

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

Local teens soar through the skies



Second Chance Animal Services

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Our annual golf tournament is right around the corner, happening this summer, July 14th! This 18 Hole Shotgun Start Scramble is sure to be a great time for all players!

There will be many other activities to take part in such as the 50/50 raffle, a silent auction, mulligans and many other contests!

We hope to see you there!

DATE: Saturday, July 14, 2018

REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM

START TIME: 8:00 AM Tee Off

FORMAT: 18 Holes using Scramble Format with foursomes

WHERE: Leicester Country Club 1430 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524

TICKET INFORMATION

Golf/Lunch \$100.00 - includes 18 hole round of golf, delicious buffet style meal, cart and goodie bag *Limit of 144 Tickets Don't Golf? No problem! We offer meal only tickets! Lunch Only \$35.00 - Delicious Buffet Style Meal

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Courtesy photos

Cadet Dawson Durgin of Spencer is buckled in before one of his glider flights as part of the Civil Air Patrol Flight Orientation program.

 $\label{eq:WORCESTER} WORCESTER - Several \ cadets \ from the \ Goddard \ Cadet \ Squadron, \ a \ local$ unit of Civil Air Patrol, recently participated in glider orientation flights. Two of those members, Cadets Dawson Durgin and Dalton Durgin of Spencer, flew in gliders, as part of Civil Air Patrol's goal of furthering aerospace education in teenagers.

Through the free flight orientation program, CAP teenage members receive training on how to safely handle a glider on the ground, how to communicate through hand signals from the glider occupants to the ground team to the tow plane pilot, and then how to operate the glider while it is in the air. Taking off from Hartness State Airport in North Springfield, VT, the glider is towed to an altitude of around 3500 feet before the cadet releases the tow line and begins flying the glider with commands from a certified flight instructor sitting directly behind the cadet. Once the glider goes below 1000 feet, the instructor takes the controls and lands the glider.

When asked about his soaring experience, Cadet Dalton Durgin replied, "It was a great time to be up there in the glider and be there with friends from CAP. I hope to go again sometime and I hope others from CAP will go and have as much fun as I did."

Cadets Dalton Durgin, Dawson Durgin, Sam Houle, Grayson Logan, and Tyler Sawicki each flew at least one and as many as four glider flights over a two day period. Each cadet can also take five powered orientation flights in CAP's fleet of Cessna planes, the largest fleet of Cessnas in the world.

In addition to glider flying, this summer Cadet Dawson Durgin will be attending a Powered Flight Academy in Shawnee, OK later this month, where he will do flight training and work towards his private pilot's license as part of CAP's Cadet Program that focuses on leadership, aerospace, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) training.

Cadet Dalton Durgin will be partici-

pating in the Massachusetts State Police Student Trooper Program.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 57,000 members nationwide. Its volunteers also assist federal, state and local agencies as needed. Just this year. local members have flown hundreds of hours and took thousands of aerial photos for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association so the state could assess coastal flooding damage from the various storms we have had so far this season. CAP is also part of the United States Air Force's Total Force", which recognizes CAP as an integral part of the Air Force mission, even though members are volun-teers and only participate in benevolent missions.

With over 500 aircraft, CAP also plays a leading role in aerospace education and adult members serve as mentors to more than 22,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. Goddard Cadet Squadron was named in honor of Dr. Robert Goddard and meets in the Worcester area most Sunday's from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The unit has been awarded the Quality Cadet Unit Award for the past six consecutive years, recognizing them as one of the top units in the entire country. For more information, visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.GoddardCadetSquadron.com.



Cadet Dalton Durgin of Spencer is ready for his glider to be connected to the tow plane as part Civil Air Patrol's Flight Orientation program.

Sport of Kings: summer pinball party to roll up on Sturbridge



The free play hall at Pintastic will offer more than 200 pinball machines

BY JACK STARKEY TO THE VILLAGER

STURBRIDGE — Back in the mellow 1970s, America had a sudden infatuation with the rocking 1950s and the character that epitomized the coolness of the era was the Fonz. Houseguest of the Cunningham family on the hit show Happy Days, the Fonz was a leather jacket and jeans street tough with a heart of gold, who lived in a very cool pad above the family's garage. What he didn't have and what would have taken his apartment into the stratosphere of cool, you can find in Gabe D'Annunzio's room above his garage in Charlton: about two dozen pristine, working pinball machines. All set on Free Play.

Gabe, a Massachusetts native raised in Sudbury, started his collection less than 10 years ago and, in 2014, he and a partner founded the Pintastic Pinball & Game Room Expo which celebrates its fourth year at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center in June 28-July 1. His collection is the core of a glorious motherlode of over 200 pinball machines (and classic arcade games) which guests can play all day and all night with the price of admission.

"It was the lights," said

you about \$9,000.

Gabe's collection started while casually browsing on eBay about eight years ago.

"I typed in 'pinball machines'," he laughs, "a couple of them I remembered from back when I was a kid popped up and I was immediately interested. I mulled it over for a while and kept looking and checking and eventually I ordered a Last Action Hero [Data East 1993] and a WWF Roval Rumble [Data East 1994] and had those shipped to my house. I didn't know about Pinside [website and pinball community] or Boston Pinball Association or any other places to buy games so I probably paid a little too much. When they came I didn't know how to open the door, I didn't know how to take the glass off. So, I had to look some stuff up but I also realized that figuring out how to get into the machines, the ins and outs of them, the learning about them added to the fun."

The closest New Englanders can find an event like Pintastic is PinFest held annually in Allentown, Pennsylvania and right around the time Gabe purchased his first machine he started attending that show and became friends with its promoter Ivan Lysykanycz. The talk always came back to why there wasn't a pinball show in New England. People had looked into it, some had tried and found the task unsustainable. Finding a venue, getting the game bringers, the vendors and bringing your own games were huge challenges. "It's a lot of work and it's expensive and people get scared of the risk and forget it, but in 2013, I met a friend who helped me get the courage to do the show. Derek Baldassari became my partner and we went all in on the first year. It was interesting," he paused to remember clearly. "It almost killed us, the never-ending work, not just with the show but with the website and everything that goes on in the background. The first year we lost money, he dropped out because of issues with his back and needing more time with his young family but I knew the hardest part was done. The first one was over, and everybody loved it, so I pushed forward." With the proverbial ball rolling and the local pinball community in full support, momentum picked up for Pintastic with a team of volunteers

jumping into various roles coordinating the free play hall, the vendor hall, security, repairs, seminars and more.

"David Marston [a computer systems analyst] approached me when he heard I was doing the show and he offered to set up the seminars and I said. 'sure I can't do everything.' Every year we build on the team and people want to get involved just because they love pin-ball." Gerard MacNeil came on after the first vear to design the website, "He just came up to me and said, 'I think I can do something great for this show' and he's been an amazing asset, rebuilding our website twice in three years."

Gerard also wears the hats of brand asset coordinator and event organizer for Pintastic in addition to running the box office at the show. New team member and artist Joel de Guzman designed and will sign his funky retro Pintastic 2018 LE poster at the show.

The team at Pintastic has also made innovations in the way they incentivize collectors to bring their best games and leave them playable for as much of the expo as possible. The perfect showcase for those with games to sell, many sales occur during the show and a unique point sys-

together to pull off a show and you need to be inside of a community to make it work "

Growing in attendance by almost a third each year after almost going bust in year one and extending the party to four days in 2018 are good signs that Pintastic will become another signature event where 90 meets 84, at the crossroads of New England. The show made Pinball history last year when Pintastic guests were among the first anywhere to play the new Stern STAR WARS machine. Stay tuned to the show's social media for the latest on any possible world premieres this year. With about four weeks until the expo, less than 20 rooms remain available at Pintastic's home venue, the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Lucky for latecomers the area is ripe with great hotels, not to mention award winning dining, in close proximity to all the action.

On what Pintastic will be like in 2018 Gabe offered, "This year you can expect an amazing collection of over two hundred pinball machines, a great seminar program, for \$25 you can play from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. You can also get a ticket package that lets you play 24 hours, all day, all night. Always great food, great beer, friendly people, kids, families, entertainment. On a lake in summer. It's an all-inone, inclusive four-day pinball party, basically."

"Pinball people are friendly, and they have a lot of passion for what they love," Gabe said to try and sum up what is most rewarding about organizing Pintastic. "There are a couple of huge tournaments at the event and a lot of people love competitive pin-



Who you gonna call? Pintastic organizer Gabriel D'Annunzio with actor Ernie Hudson on the day they received their new STERN Ghostbusters pinball machines.

ball playing. There are also a lot of new people coming in with their families playing pinball for the first time. Some don't even know how to press Start but their new pinball family is there to help them out. I love seeing that. I love seeing kids standing on the booster stools we provide, flipping away, laughing, having fun and maybe getting interested in the hobby.'

This year's confirmed special guests include: game designer John Borg of Stern Pinball, pinball artist Paul Faris, game programmer and tournament pro Lyman Sheats, Stern Pinball's Chief Creative Officer George Gomez, Todd Tuckey of TNT Amusements, pinball champions Eric Stone and Bowen Kerins, Jersey Jack Pinball's Factory Chief Jack Guarneri, pinball book author Adam Ruben, and Joe Balcer, Vice President of American Pinball.

Pintastic ticket prices range from \$7-\$15 (child) and \$25 (adult) for single day passes. Ultimate Experience Packages (two-day and four-day) are also available on a limited basis. Children under the age of five are admitted free. For times, tickets and more details, check out the redesigned Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo website at www. pintasticnewengland. com and make your room reservations soon. The Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center is now sold out, but you can book rooms at the nearby Sturbridge La Quinta Inn & Suites at a special rate of \$129. Contact Pintastic by phone at 774-278-3541 or by email at pintasticnewengland@yahoo.com.



Gabe sitting in his pinball room while a galaxy of lights from his collection flickered and flashed in crazy patterns. "My parents would take me to 'Fun and Games' in Framingham when I was a kid and I was attracted to the pinball machines. I had no real interest in the video games but back then they had about 20 pinball machines. All the lights, trying to flip the ball around and make the ramps, that was all the fun I needed as a kid. I didn't realize then that the games had rules and that has changed the way I think about it since, but back then it was all about the lights and the fun of it."

Today's modern machines are insanely complex with multiple modes, deep rulesets, maddening magnets, brilliant LEDs, tiny plasma screens, very large plasma screens, serious technology. Many game owners will play for years without reaching the ultimate wizard level or finding every Easter egg in the programming of most of the newer games. It goes without saying that they don't come cheap. A new Stern Limited Edition IRON MAIDEN pinball machine will run

tem gives more rewards to those bringing special games, games of a certain era and games with a certain distinction, like ones with artwork by this year's Pintastic celebrity guest artist Paul Faris, for instance. Game bringers can employ some strategy in the way they redeem their acquired points with upgraded access, meals, exclusive show swag and rare and autographed items among the options. It also ensures a different mix of machines than in previous years and guests will be able to play more on the most desired machines. Anyone can visit the show's website to see if their favorites are on the list of registered games for free play.

In order to have a pinball show you have to have pinball machines which means you have to be where the collectors are. Even with home sales of pinball machines spiking again, large scale shows like Pintastic are few and far between.

"We're the only one in New England, there's one in Florida, a couple in the middle of the country, a couple of shows out west. It's a big undertaking, everything has to come

school, where he receives

extra supports.

Charles is a quiet but occasionally excitable boy. He wants to be a novelist when he grows up. Charles enjoys school and is doing very well in class. He has a group of friends at school that he sits with at lunch. He gets along well with his brother but also likes to spend time on his own.

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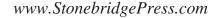
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Are we boring you? Scaring you? Or haven't we done our jobs?

"According to the L.A. Times, by next year, millennials born between 1981 and 1996 are projected to outnumber baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964. But millennials are going to the polls in very small numbers. In the 2014 mid-term elections, turnout among 18-20 year-olds was 15%, which was the lowest in a national election since the voting age was changed from 21 in 1971.'

As often as we tout the need to register to vote, to go to the polls, to become involved especially at the local level; that statement from the LA Times is frightening.

We can shrug and say it is indicative of the age of that demographic; that people that age don't usually become involved in politics for another 10 years or so when it hits them how important it is to them personally.

No, that is not so. At least, it hasn't been so in the past. There was no one more passionate about politics and being involved than the young people of the 1960s and '70s. The ones who marched for civil rights and women's rights and against a war. They were definitely that demographic.

And we can definitely see a move in a slightly younger generation for involvement; think of the high school age students who have made a movement on their own for civil rights and gun control in the wake of tragedies they have personally witnessed. While they are immediately advocating gun control, we imagine with more thought they will also begin paying attention to other pieces of the puzzle, and understand there is more to it. There will be really good young people entering political science classes, and social work classes, and law, and history in the next two or three years we suspect. Advocating for better mental health and intervention; advocating for education on peer mediation and anti-bullying and recognizing the symptoms of antisocial behaviors among their peers, hoping to interrupt a tragedy before it happens. But that is the younger generation. We need to address this sorrowful state of those two to five years of young adults who are in college right now; who are NOT in political advocacy groups, not joining Young Republican Clubs or even being compromised by (gasp) the far left by tempting them with a social event. They aren't working for candidates they believe in. They aren't registering voters. They aren't working for civil liberties.

When we have kids, we want the best of everything for them. The best schools, the best friends, the best life. We don't want them to need, maybe want, but never need. We are to provide, we are to secure. We are their parents and it is our

meaning to provide. Notice how I don't say job? Nope not our job because we do not get paid and the only benefits we get are booboo kisses and homemade chicken soup made of play-doh. It is our meaning, it is embedded in us once we have offspring to provide them food, shelter, water, comfort and My Little Pony toys.

Okay, maybe not My Little Pony Toys, but try telling my daughter that.

When you watch your sleeping babe at night do you wonder what your wishes for them and their future would be? While one of their tiny legs is hanging at a strange angle off the bed and their hair is covering their precious face, do you brush it back and whisper your wishes for them? I know I do. I know I have plenty of wishes for my children. When I gently lift my daughters head to reposition her Trolls pillow beneath her I whisper my I love yous and I whisper my wishes for her.

To my Charlotte, I wish you kindness. That you will be kind to all and receive kindness in return. I wish you happiness in the path you choose. I wish for you to find joy and harmony in every day. I wish you knowledge, for you to learn and read and love to learn and read and never stop learning and reading. I wish you love. Not an ordinary love but all those kinds of love that can teach you through pain, obsession, sporadic intrigues and a full spectral of feelings. I wish you to feel all and know you are loved and to trust in that love... eventually. When you're 30. I wish you strength to fight for what is right and to truly know who you are. I wish for you to live a long and fulfilled life. I wish all of these things for my daughter, for my Charlotte. I will kiss her goodnight, tuck her in tight, turn on her twinkling lights and know that tomorrow she will be another day older and that much closer to fulfilling her own wishes. I will slowly shut her door and swear that I still haven't WD40'd those hinges yet! I tip-toe into the next room, where my son Jase is gently sleeping and my wish-

es for him are much different. In his turquoise room, he rests silently, covered completely from head to toe in about five blankets or more. He snuggles with his enormous Nemo plush and gently breathes. It is the only time

Wishes

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his heart is not racing. The only time he is not screaming, or humming, or crying. When he sleeps is when I can touch his face, kiss his forehead, and whisper my wishes to him.

that those who do not understand you will try to. I wish you kindness from stranger's stares, from all who will teach and guide you, and from the boys and girls your age. I wish you the kind of kindness that isn't pity but genuine interest and care. I wish you a voice. I wish for you to one day be able to talk to us in anyway that you feel comfortable. I wish for you to not be in pain. I wish you comfort. Comfort from your own body and mind that hurt you. I wish for things like light, sound, and textures to no longer wound you. I wish you friends. I wish you independence. I wish you safety. I wish for you not to run into a busy street, I wish for you not to walk off a steep edge, I wish you not to run away when all you want to do is see the playground you love. I wish you help when you age out of insurance. I wish you everything you love that others find strange. I wish you acceptance and more than that, I wish you inclusion, invites, holding hands, and real lasting relationships. I wish for answers for you Jase.

Somedays, when it is really hard, when I don't know how to help you, I will wish for the autism to go away. I will wish for a magical cure, but really, I just wish to know you. I just wish to be closer to you. I wish to change more and more each day to be better for you. I wish you love through the pain. I wish you happiness through the misunderstandings, I wish you acceptance through the rebuffs. Above all I wish vou me for all of your life. I wish I could live for 100 years more just to make sure you live a long and beautiful life Jase.

Wishes have come true before. They wouldn't be wishes if they didn't. Don't wait for a shooting star. Don't wait for the bigger half of the turkey wishbone on Thanksgiving Day. Don't wait until the clock reads 11:11 or for a rainbow to appear. Don't save your wish for birthday candles or for you to stumble upon a well. Wish every day and work hard for those wishes every day. There's no rules when it comes to wishing. And really, why are pits in the earth and turkey butt bones what we wish on? What is more magical than your child sleeping soundly? Especially a toddler? Nothing, I tell you, nothing. I wish for all your wishes to come true, and mine.

4th of July: work toward your own financial Independence Day



We're getting close to the Fourth of July, our national

Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps:

Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especiallv if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your time horizon, risk tolerance and retirement goals. If you deviate from these guideposts - for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk - you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt - the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, lowrisk account. Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in vour plans – perhaps vou can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer - you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture. Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display - but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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

I wish you kindness,

And they aren't voting themselves.

After watching a view interviews with that age groups, there was a sense some are indeed overwhelmed by the whole thing; they fear they can't make a difference so why try.

They don't know where to start.

Some have no clue how it works. No one taught them how. And they fear they will make a mistake.

Some throw up their hands in disgust, not "wanting to be sucked in" to it at all.

But we need them to be "sucked in." We desperately need them to want to be part of it.

Because they are the next steps. The next ones to BE there. To be part of the system, or the new world order if it changes. And they must, they really must be part of that process.

We can't as a nation afford to have them step aside.

We may have done them all a disservice by not emphasizing the old civics curriculum many of us learned in high school. But we can't change that now. We need to find a way now to engage them where we are, and where they are

Because if we don't, and you think our current political scene is in turmoil, wait 10 years.

And so it begins....

In that great time, when all the world appeared in a momentary illusion to bend at my will, when the mystery that was woman wrapped me in a warm embrace, set my mind wildly spinning and caused my voice to

go silent, in that great

time I began to wake in the night, wideeyed, sweating, afraid to take too deep a breath and disturb the malevolence which hung on silent wings all about me.

Slowly I would pull the damp sheet to my neck and squint into the dark where a quiet shape in the corner seemed to slink away between the sideward glance and a blink. It had no outline. It made its way about my night as if an intimate friend from another time: long forgotten, out of place, mysterious and yet complete in itself.

Like a diver at great depth, I peered into the night with a pressure on my chest. And when the half-light came and the room began to take its more familiar shape, I would toss about the bed reveling in the slip of the sheets. Weary from the fierceness of this vigilance, heart thumps receding with the shadows, I would slip into a fitful sleep and awake to the brilliant sunlight on my face.

I found solace in the fall ritual. Rubbing sleep from my eyes, I would tread barefoot to the stove, strike the wooden match to its box, and listen with satisfaction to the whump of the gas as it burst into blue flame. With the oven door open and heat erasing the damp chill, I would pad to the bathroom sink and stare into the sameness of my image. I examined each mirrored pore in detail as I shaved, wiping the froth from my cheeks with deliberate swipes of a finger. I finished at the kettle's insistent whistling.

I would sit near the small table, feet cocked on the oven door, and study the muddied swirl in my mug. The aroma was an old friend. Sometimes the steady

tick of the clock on the wall began a symphony of thoughts. It was like a metronome for memories, a steady march of unbidden scenes: friends, lovers, dim success and clear failures, all part of my momen-

tarv existence. Dammit, what was that thing in the night? The shadow would not go away. I knew that little of what counts makes it to the surface in a mind. Something unknown had entered my life and caused me to feel afraid. I didn't like that.

It was Vinnie at the gas station who gave the clue. Vinnie knew many of his customers by their nickname. When Vinnie assigned you a nickname, you were a regular. You gained access to his homespun philosophy and his quick wit, and if you didn't burden him too much with your personal problems, he had sharp incisive comments about current events.

"Hi Teach, how they treaten ya?"

"No complaints Vinnie. I love what I do."

'They settled down after the attack?" "Yeah...they seem to be through the stage of wanting to kick ass on anyone who seems different. Now comes the hard part of asking why it happened."

"You know why it happened?"

"Not fully. Most students seem to be repeating what they hear their parents say. Very few want to dig deeper. But there's no excuse for killing innocent people."

"You study the problem? The history?"

"Yeah. And I'm a little worried about the administration reaction. Some seem ready to exploit the fear. We'll punish someone, even if it's not the right one. People do stupid things when they're afraid. I'll feel successful if I can get students to ask one question: 'What is your

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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

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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

July 22: Foster's Lobster bake. Delicious Maine lobster bake and coastal sightseeing. \$87 per person. 8:30 a.m. Southbridge; 9 a.m. Webster. Visits to Hampton Beach and York Village.

August 12: Newport Playhouse show and lobster fest. Special Lobster Feast! \$102 per person. 8:30 a.m. Southbridge; 9 a.m. Webster. Terrific No Tell Motel show and cabaret.

September 11-13: Pennsylvania Dutch. Sightseeing tours of Lancaster and Philadelphia. \$469 per person. 7 a.m. Webster; 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. Sight and Sound Theater's Jesus.

September 30-October 2: Atlantic City Resorts Casino. \$249 per person. Leave at 7 a.m. Webster; 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. \$25 slot play, \$60 food credit and casino revue show. Right on the Casino Boardwalk!

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For information and reservations contact Evelyn Grovesteen at (508) 764-8254

August 6-10: Lancaster, Gettysburg, Philadelphia. five days-four nights motorcoach transportation, leave Dudley town hall at 8 a.m. \$525 per person double occupancy. Includes admission to Jesus show at Millennium Theater, visit to Gettysburg National Park, guided tour of Philadelphia, visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, admission to Amish Experience and Jacob's Choice at F/X theater, guided tour of Lancaster. Some meals included. Added cost for single occupancy.

June 2-8 2019: Mackinac Island, Michigan. Seven days, six nights motorcoach transportation, leave Dudley Town Hall at 8 a.m. \$650 per person double occupancy. Includes carriage tour of Mackinac Island, visit to Colonial Michilimackinac, Frankenmuth, cruise, casino, lighthouse tour and more. Some meals included.

EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER

For information and reservations, please contact Judy Shute (508) 867-9224

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Contact Leicester Senior Center, Joan Wall, (508) 892-3967 for information and reservations.

Thursday, July 19: Interlakes Summer Theater, New Hampshire, "Showboat" with lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm, turkey, beef or haddock. Payment due by June 18.

Thursday, August 15: North Shore Playhouse "Mama Mia" and lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club. \$119, payment due by July 17.

Wednesday, September 12: Newport Playhouse "There is a Burglar in My Bed" with buffet and cabaret. \$89, due by August 21.

October 11-14: Washington DC: staying at the Embassy Suites. Cost is \$610, including tips for driver and guides. Final payment due Sept. 4.

Friday, November 16: Captain Jack's & Foxwood Casino, choice of lobster or prime rib. \$76, due by Oct. 16.

Saturday, December 1: Reagle Theatre Christmas Show and Chateau Restaurant. \$119, due by Nov. 1.

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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.

2018

September 5-18: England & Scotland

2019

September 9-22: Grand Tour of Ireland: Sept. 9-22, 2019 May 20-June 4: USA: Splendors of the

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1 River St., Millbury, (508) 865-9154

Foxwoods Trip

Monday, July 2. The bus leaves the Millbury Senior Center at 7 a.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$25. Call or stop by the Senior Center to reserve your seat! (508) 865-9154

NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER Phone: 508-234-2002

www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging

July 25th, Indian Princess Cruise on Webster Lake. Join us for a 90 minute cruise on beautiful Webster Lake. Price for the trip is \$35 which includes a boxed lunch. Call Jeannine for more info on this trip. Limited availability so sign up early.

August 22, Loot n' Lobster. Sign up for this Mohegan Sun Trip which includes a lobster bake at Cap'n Jack's. \$73 per person, but you will get \$30 back in Mohegan bonuses.

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 2018 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Sunday, July 22: Fosters Lobster bake For \$87 you will get a deluxe motor coach tour of the Maine coast and a delicious lobster bake. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215. Tuesday, August 14: Bobby Rydell in person.

For \$105 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Venus De Milo where you hear the music of Bobby Rydell with songs like Volare, Swinging School, Forget Him, Wild One and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod.

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 11-13: Pennsylvania Dutch Tour

For \$469 per person double you will take a deluxe motor coach tour of Lancaster and Philadelphia and see the show JESUS. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215.

Oct. 9-16: ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA: Happily Full. I am taking names for standby on this trip and for 2019 trip

Tuesday, Nov. 13: Foxwoods \$25 - 10 a.m. bus.

You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. 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.

2018

2018 is the Society's 26th 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.

July 15: Sunday at Tanglewood at noon, luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Andris Nelsons, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with music of Mendelssohn and Beethoven, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus with James Burton, conductor, and guest pianist Yuja Wang. Cost is \$125 per person which includes transportation, concert and all

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SPORTS

Graduated seniors shine at All-Star Football Classic



Kam Murphy of Shepherd Hill (70) gets off the end of the line looking to make a tackle.



Bay Path's Brandon Grzyb (middle) runs around a block.



Nick Ethier photo:

Bay Path's Pat Dyer cuts toward the middle of the field while rushing the football.

WORCESTER — Recently graduated local all-star football players were able to strap on the pads one final time, and to benefit a good cause, when the fifth annual Joseph R. Mewhiney Chapter Central Mass. All-Star Classic took part at Worcester State University's John F. Coughlin Field on Friday evening, June 15. Proceeds from the game were to benefit the Joseph R. Mewhiney Scholarship.

The game was played in a North versus South format, and 21 players throughout the Stonebridge Press coverage area were selected for the South squad.

The North side prevailed, 14-10, but the name of the game was having fun and raising money for a good cause, which was certainly a success.

A list of the local talent that made the team is as follows: Dominic Battista—Shepherd

Hill (Unable to Attend)

Jake Daniels — Auburn Bailey Dunn — Northbridge Pat Dyer — Bay Path Joe Grady — Oxford (Unable to Attend)

- Brandon Grzyb Bay Path (Team Co-Captain)
- Coleson Hammond Auburn (Team Offensive MVP) Tim Haverty — Northbridge
- Joe Hopper Auburn (Unable to Attend)

Matt Johnston — Uxbridge (Team Co-Captain)

Scott Kaeller — Uxbridge

Costa Karamanki — Shepherd Hill (Unable to Attend)

- Jason Kindle Uxbridge (Unable to Attend)
- Nick McNamara David Prouty
- David Meech Oxford (Unable to Play)
- Kam Murphy Shepherd Hill
- Kyle Padeni Leicester (Unable to Play)
- Dan Plante Northbridge Billy Roberts — Leicester Jesse Torres — Bartlett

Nate Whipple — Bartlett

Northbridge tops Cherry Valley in American Legion pitchers' duel

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Harrison Mansfield's ability to throw first-pitch strikes, plus timely hitting with runners on base helped lift the Northbridge Post 343 American Legion baseball team past Cherry Valley Post 443, 3-1, on Thursday evening, June 21. Down the stretch Mansfield was brilliant, striking out five Cherry Valley batters in his last couple innings of work. The lefty allowed one run on just four hits and totaled eight strikeouts during his complete game effort. "He was fabulous," praised Post 343 Manager Dave Meech. "It was the firstpitch strike. We talk to all of the guys, first-pitch strikes put you in a heck of a lot better situation than if you are down 2-0 and he took advantage of it and pounded the zone."

343 team to capitalize.

A couple batters later Jeremy Jenoure reached on a fielder's choice and an error by Post 443 allowed the bases to be loaded with one out. After a clutch strikeout by opposing pitcher Aidan Gilman, Brian Iarussi came through, hitting an opposite field single into the gap between first and second base to score both Roberts and Lucier. This gave Northbridge a 2-0 lead in the top half of the fourth. Post 443 was able to get on the board a batter later when Chris Kustigian was able to turn over on a fastball and hit a line drive to shallow left field to score Sanderson.

for Cherry Valley This was offense, though. "The kids just didn't hit tonight, we had been hitting the ball all week and we won four in a row, but what are you going to do," expressed Post 443 Manager Jim Stephens. "Their kid pitched good and kept us off balanced." Gilman did give Cherry Valley a bright spot with his performance on the mound. The Quaboag Regional junior only gave up two hits in seven innings pitched. He also struck out nine Northbridge batters and allowed three unearned runs. Another highlight from Gilman was his diving catch in the fourth inning to snag an attempted bunt out of the air.



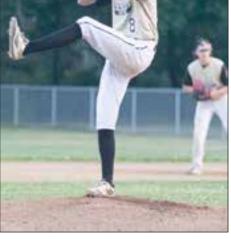
In the top of the fourth inning Zach Roberts and JP Lucier each reached base on a hit by pitch, which allowed for two base runners and an energetic Post "We are young and we need to take advantage of the opportunities that we get," explained Meech. "As a group we need to learn how to move runners over as well as learning what to do with the bat in certain situations. They're slowly moving it as they go."

Cherry Valley didn't go down easy, however, despite the lack of base hits throughout. Ryan Sanderson opened the bottom of the fifth inning with a triple to right center that one-hopped to the fence in the deepest part of the park at Rochdale Field.

All of this was done after it appeared as if Gilman's outing would be done prematurely.

"Aidan pitched great. He developed a blister in the third inning and I thought we were going to have to take him out, but he fought through it. It was just a tough game," explained Stephens.

But in the end Northbridge grabbed the win, improving to 2-4, while Cherry Valley slid to an even 4-4. There were



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Cherry Valley's Aidan Gilman winds up before firing a pitch to the plate.

three keys for Post 343 in the victory, according to Meech.

"Simple, we got the first pitch strike, got the first batter out and we didn't make errors," the manager concluded.



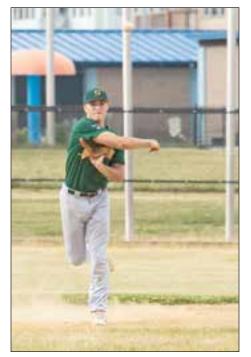
Jeff Colena of Cherry Valley hangs onto the ball as he looks back a runner.



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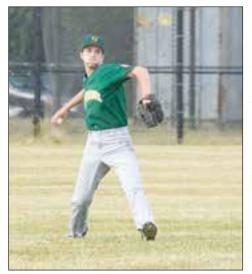
SPORTS

Sturbridge posts epic comeback, only to fall in bottom of seventh inning to Main South



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Sturbridge's Mick Sullivan releases the ball over to first base for an out.



Sturbridge's Patrick Wilbur retrieves the ball back into the infield.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Sturbridge American Legion Post 109's baseball game with Main South Post 341 started out as a pitcher's duel and turned into a slugfest.

Sturbridge rallied from a four-run deficit after six innings to lead by three heading into the bottom of the seventh, only to lose a heartbreaker, 9-8, at Vernon Hill Park on Thursday, June 21.

Post 109 dropped to 3-7 with the loss while Post 341 improved to 2-3 with the

win.

"We need to win the games that we should win. No disrespect to them, but we should have won this game," Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel said. "But, you've got to play seven innings. You can't allow leadoff walks and make errors. In this league mistakes like that come back to get you."

With starting pitchers Spencer Cipro (for Sturbridge) and Tim Walsh (for Main South) twirling gems, the first four innings of the game took 45 minutes to complete. In those four frames the teams combined to send 36 batters to the plate. Post 109 had two hits in the first four innings off Walsh, while Post 341 touched up Cipro for six hits. In the last three innings — which took 85 minutes to complete — the teams combined to send 39 batters to the plate.

Sturbridge grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning. Tyler Stoever reached base on a fielder's choice, took second on a walk to the next batter, Curtis Koebke, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a two-out error by Main South second baseman Alex Scavone, who dropped a pop-up in the infield.

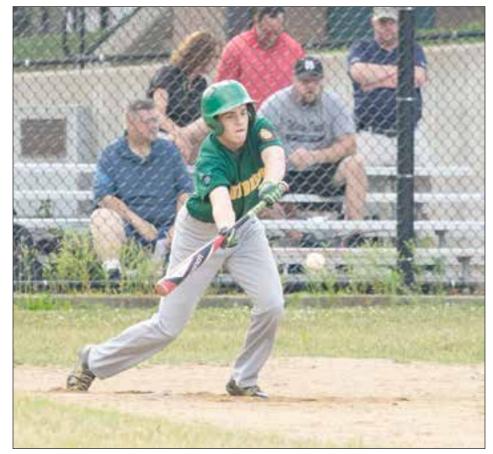
The game was tied, 1-1, when play moved into the bottom of the sixth inning. Main South loaded the bases on an infield single and a pair of walks before Ryan Prosser staked Post 341 to a 5-1 lead with a grand slam over the fence in left field on a 2-2 count.

Post 109 didn't collectively hang its head after the home run, however, scoring seven times in the top of the seventh inning to take an 8-5 lead.

Patrick Wilbur (2 for 4) got the comeback started with a leadoff double. Deven Kingman was then hit by a pitch and Colin Eliason then walked to load the bases. Wilbur scored to make it 5-2 when Darren Laprade followed with an RBI single to center field to keep the bases loaded. Kingman then scored to make it 5-3 when Mick Sullivan walked.

At this point Main South brought on reliever Josh Adams, but he struggled finding the strike zone early on, walking Dominic Brown, the first batter he faced, to score Eliason and make it 5-4. Post 109 then tied the game, 5-5, Laprade scoring when Stoever launched a sacrifice fly to right field. It was the first out of the inning.

Sturbridge went ahead, 7-5, thanks to a two-run double to center field by Koebke, which plated Sullivan and Brown. Post 109 extended its lead to 8-5, Koebke scoring on and RBI single to left field by Wilbur. The rally ended on a strikeout and a groundout.



Deven Kingman of Sturbridge drops down a sacrifice bunt to move the runners along the base paths.

Main South, however, staged a comeback of its own, scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh on two hits, three walks, a fielder's choice and a Sturbridge error.

"We finally get the timely hits we've been searching for, hits with runners in scoring position. We finally get them and then we couldn't hold onto the lead," Rosseel said. "Our bats really came alive halfway through the game.

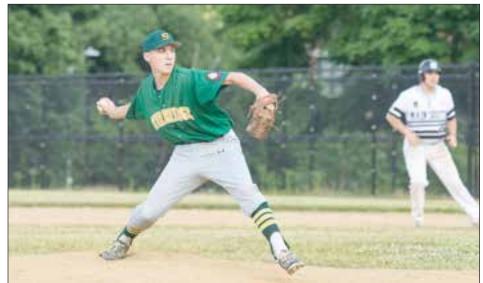
"We needed that shot in the arm," Rosseel said about his team's seventh-inning rally. "We got the leadoff

double and we kept it rolling."

Despite the devastating loss, Rosseel thinks Post 109 is a team built for the long haul.

"In the beginning of the season our bats weren't awake, now they're starting to come awake. We got it. It's here. I got a good team. We're young; I only have one player aging out after this season, so this is probably going to be my team next year as well. We're 3-7, but we're going to be all right," he concluded.





Sturbridge third baseman Curtis Koebke throws the ball to first from his knees.

Spencer Cipro of Sturbridge works through his delivery before releasing a pitch.

STURBRIDGE AMERICAN LEGION POST 109 BASEBALL NOTEBOOK

June 19

Sturbridge 7, Main South 6 — The rare walk-off strikeout in the eighth inning lifted host Post 109 to victory, their second straight and third in fourth games, to improve to 3-6.

Sturbridge's 10-hit effort was backed by Mick Sullivan (2 for 5) and Colin Eliason (2 for 4), as Sullivan, Eliason, Avery Wetherbee, Jared Langevin and Patrick Wilbur all drove in runs. Wetherbee pitched two innings of relief to earn the win.

June 21

Main South 9, Sturbridge 8 — Please read the above story on Post 109's loss to Post 341.

June 22

Northborough 5, Sturbridge 1 — Roman Krochmalnyckyj went the distance for Post 109, surrendering four earned runs while relinquishing seven hits, striking out two and walking three, but it wasn't enough as Post 234 earned the victory.

Sturbridge, which dropped to 3-8, had just four hits in the game. Avery Wetherbee, Deven Kingman, Nolan Kingman and Jared Langevin provided the base knocks.

June 23

North County 15, Sturbridge 9 — Both teams had 11 hits, but Post 109 couldn't keep up in the run department as they lost the first game of a doubleheader. Sturbridge led, 7-1, after four innings, but North County put up a nine-spot in the top of the fifth to put the game out of reach.

Offensively, Mick Sullivan and Jared Langevin both had three hits, while Curtis Koebke and Jonathan Reardon had two-hit games.

Sturbridge 5, North County 1 - hits for Sturbridge, who Post 109 returned the favor to split now 4-10 as of press time.

a doubleheader with North County. Patrick Wilbur went the distance, firing a four-hitter while his defense played error-free baseball behind him.

Tyler Stoever, Curtis Koebke, Colin Eliason (two) and Jonathan Reardon had the RBI's for Sturbridge, who finished with 12 hits as they improved to 4-9.

June 24

Leominster 5, Sturbridge 2 — Post 109 played tough against Leominster, who remained undefeated at 6-0 after edging Sturbridge.

Tyler Stoever was the hard-luck loser for Post 109 after pitching six innings and allowing four earned runs on eight hits. Offensively Stoever, Patrick Wilbur, Avery Wetherbee and Nolan Kingman (RBI) had the hits for Sturbridge, whose record is now 4-10 as of press time.

SPORTS BRIEF Annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf Tournament comes to Pleasant Valley

The 22nd annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf tournament is set for Monday, July 23 at Sutton's Pleasant Valley Country Club. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcome — and there will be a holein-one contest as well as a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. There will be 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, and chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with bag rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner follows the tournament. For additional information and registration please call Ken (Golf Committee) at (508) 277-5314 or Ted (Foundation Trustee) at (508) 764-7909. Golfers who make entire payment by July 1 will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the Pleasant Valley Pro Shop.

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Fishing success is sketchy throughout region



THE GREAT OUTDOORS RALPH TRUE

Surface water temperatures have reached 70 degrees on many saltwater bays in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Even with the water temperatures that high, some fishing has been slow for some, while other anglers enjoy a fishing bonanza. Last week Kurt Salvas and his two sons were treated to a fishing bonanza aboard Steve Mercure's 17 foot boat while fishing outside of the Westport River. The group caught their limit of doormat fluke and sea bass in just a few hours, with many legal size fish being released. Steve was using some of the Road Runner jigs that I had given to him last year, and were responsible for many of the fish they had caught that day.

Using a large white bucktail jig on the bottom, and a 1/8 oz. Road Runner jig a foot above had proved to be a deadly combination for this writer also over the years. The jigs are tipped with a small piece of squid. Road Runner jigs are the product of the Blakemore company. Check out all of their products at Roadrunnerlures. com. This week's picture shows a fluke and seabass caught by one of Ralph's sons. It took a few hours to clean and process all of the fish for the freezer. They were in the right place at the right time.

The second picture shows Jake Leone of Oxford with a nice 44 inch striper he caught at the canal recently. Action at the canal was very good for some, and slow for others last week. The east end of the canal



The fluke and seabass caught by the Salvas family.

reportedly saw the best action on surface plugs, although other parts of the canal did pretty good also. Everyone was hoping that the full moon would send in some monster fish with the high tides.

Haddock fishing on the cape has boats going farther out to find the fish, but when they do, action is fast. Many anglers are catching some nice cod on each trip, but they need to be released because of the closure of cod on all of the Gulf of Maine for the last few years. Cod fishing in Rhode Island has taken a big hit this year, with nothing but poor reports from charter boats.

Summer has arrived, and with it comes all types of infectious diseases that can negatively affect your dog's health. One of the most contagious diseases is Parvo. A booster shot is required annually to ensure your pet is protected from this killer disease. Taking your dog to a dog park or other area that has other dogs, without them having their booster shot is using poor judgment.

Veterinarians are expensive, and if you cannot afford to take your pet to a vet, you can do the second best thing. Tractor Supply has a series of shots that can be purchased over the counter, that you can administer yourself. The vaccine is less than \$11 and comes with all of the instructions on how to administer the vaccine. Other vaccines are also available at the store. Be sure to only administer a vaccine shot to a healthy dog.

Gypsy moth caterpillars are making their presence known around the valley. Some areas are being hit hard again this vear, while others are barely being touched.

Ticks are also starting to be contracted by local residents,



Jake Leone with a 44 inch striper caught at the Cape Canal.

but to date they do not seem to be as bad as last year. A family member had a tick bite on her back this year and was tested for disease a few times. It came back negative every time. She became weaker and sicker every day, and she finally convinced her doctor to give her an antibiotic. She has started to get a lot better and hopefully will see a full recovery. I have found that there is no set rule among doctors on how to treat or test a patient for Lyme disease. The patient needs to basically be your own doctor. Leaving it untreated can cause serious medical problems that cannot be reversed. This writer

had contracted Lyme disease two times in the last 10 years. It is nothing you want to play around with!!!

Lacky Pond located in Uxbridge & Sutton is in the final stage of repairs that were recommended by dam safety engineers recently during an annual inspection. It has also improved the boat ramp at the site, as well as other areas of the site. Lacky Pond is an excellent body of water to catch largemouth bass. Only small boats and motors are allowed at Lacky Pond.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

CALENDAR

Friday June 29

AMERICAN PICNIC: ALL June 29, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. On The Brimfield Senior Center is holding its fourth annual down home All American Picnic on the town green. Enjoy burgers and hotdogs off the grill with all the fixin's. Try your hand at a friendly, but competitive games can be done seated or standing. The winners will be awarded prizes so come ready for a great time!! Reserve your space early as seating is limited. \$5 suggested donation, reserve before June 26. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. (413) 245-7253.

For tickets contact pasturebedtimeplayers@gmail.com or call (774) 230-9275. Bring your empty bottles & cans for

our drive to our future.

Saturday July 21

UMC will feature the band Chasing the Light from Augusta, Maine on Saturday, July 21. Chasing the Light plays a modern alternative style of music reminiscent of Sanctus Real and Switchfoot but with a unique twist. Four young men with a great sound pouring their heart out for Christ – sharing his love for the enjoyment of all. Since the band's formation in late 2013, they have become one of the fastest rising Christian rock bands in the East. Five other bands will be joining them at 74 Stafford St., Charlton. FREE concert and parking. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the concert on the lawn. From noon to 6pm. thon. If you have questions about the event or wish to participate, please contact Kevin Filchak at kfilchak@town. sturbridge.ma.us

Month of October

PUMPKINS! The Pumpkins are FREE CONCERT: Charlton City Coming! The Pumpkins are Coming! Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is at the Sturbridge Federated Church where the best pumpkins and gourds will be for the month of October. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of the church including Habitat for Humanity, St. Luke's Guesthouse, and the Navajo reservation.

Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200. THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church. NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle. auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

Saturday July 7

Stars & Banners: Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, July 7th from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Matt Auger and the cuer will be Margene Jervis. Admission is \$9 per person. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430 or brackenmaurice@gmail.com

Saturday July 14

Hawaiian Luau: Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, July 14th from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Steve Park and the cuer will be Lee Fremault. Admission is \$9 per person. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430 or brackenmaurice@gmail.com

Friday, Saturday & Sunday July 20, 21 & 22

SEUSSICAL! Pasture Bedtime Players present Seussical a Youth Musical Friday, July 20 at 7 p.m., Saturday July 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday July 22 at 2 p.m. at Bay Path Regional Vocational High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton. Seussical is fun for the whole family! Adults \$18, seniors and student \$15; children age 10 and younger \$10.

Saturday July 28

Tie Dye: Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, July 28 from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be National Caller Jet Roberts and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$10 per person. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430 or brackenmaurice@gmail.com

Sunday July 29

Advanced Level Hayloft Steppers dance on Sunday, July 29th from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm (No Rounds). The caller will be National Caller Jet Roberts. Admission is \$10 per person. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430 or brackenmaurice@gmail.com

Sunday September 9

STURBRIDGE PLANNING HALF-MARATHON: a half-marathon road race to honor Sturbridge resident and ESPN's ESPY award winner, Rick Hoyt will be held on Sept. 9 at 10:00 a.m. Registration page can be found at: https://app.racereach.com/event/ the-rick-hoyt-sturbridge-half-mara-

ONGOING

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

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

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday &

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evidence for that statement'?"

"Keep at it Teach. Don't give up. You're right: fear and ignorance are close neighbors."

'Fear and ignorance are close neighbors," he had said.

I knew enough American history to see the connection. The attack on 9/11 would change my country...and not necessarily for the better. Our reaction to the attack had the potential to pull us together or tear us apart. The key would be getting the world community to form a coalition and hunt down the perpetrators. The terrorist attack was an attack on civilization, not just on the people in New York City, or the United States. It was an attack on what we valued as human beings.

And the thing in the dark? It was no longer a puzzle. It was fear, plain and simple. Personal fear, fears about the future, fears that I might not meet the challenge of teaching, that the government might not meet the challenge of leadership... and just plain fear of the unknown.

Now all these many years later, important values are still under attack. The enemy is still fear and ignorance. And I want to write about it.



OBITUARIES

Helen M. Rizzo, 75



WARE/WALES: Helen M. (MacLeod) Rizzo, 75, formerly a long-time resident of Wales, passed away on Wednesday, June 20th, in the Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, after a brief illness.

Her husband of 45 years, Ronald M. Rizzo, passed away in 2012. She leaves her two sons. Dennis Rizzo of Fiskdale and Vincent Rizzo of Charlton; her daughter, Dianna P. Rizzo and her fiancé Thomas James of Ware, with whom she lived; her four sisters, Mary Ouellet of Haverhill, Theresa Eubanks of York, ME, Elaine Ellis of Haverhill and Evelyn Taliento of Florida; and

her two granddaughters, Emma and Samantha. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Louis MacLeod and James MacLeod and her sister, Doris Smith. She was born in Haverhill the daughter of Gordon and Violet (Valinti) MacLeod.

Helen enjoyed playing cards, playing bingo and visiting with her friends. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

A funeral service for Helen was held on Wednesday, June 27th, at 11:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial followed in Wales No. 4 Cemetery, Wales. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Wednesday, June 27th, from 9:00 to 11:00am, prior to the service.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Milton A. Schremser, 87

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Care Center in Dayville. His wife of 34 years,

GROSVENORDALE,

Schremser, 87, passed

away June 9, 2018 at

West View Health

Milton

Doris E. (Caplette) Schremser died in 1991 and their daughter, Marlene A. McGee died in 2007.

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Milton leaves a grandson Timothy McGee, of Charlton, a sister, Evelyn Breitkreitz of Casa Grande, Arizona and nephews John and David Breitkreitz and their families as well as a niece, Linda J. Antonio of Maricopa, Arizona.

He was born in Webster, son of the late Arthur and Lena (Mauke) Schremser and was a graduate of Bartlett High School. He entered the U.S. Army in 1949 and served his country during the Korean War and

Remained until being discharged in 1970, where he had also served in the

N O R T H U.S. Army National Guard.

After his retirement from the Service, he worked at the former A&P Supermarket and then Park n' Shop Supermarkets or many

of the Zion He was a member Lutheran Church in Oxford.

years.

There are no calling hours. A Graveside Service will be Tuesday,

July 10, 2018 at 10 AM at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Worcester Rd. (Route 12) in Webster with Pastor Mike Lengel officiating, followed by Military Honors provided by the Webster-Dudley Veterans Council.

(Kindly meet at the Cemetery)

The Robert J. Miller Funeral Home and Lake Chapel, 366 School St., Webster is honored to be assisting with funeral services.

For an on-line guest book, please visit:RJMillerfunerals.net



D. (Landry) Bernard, 61, of Wall St., passed away on Monday, June 18th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an illness.

ing Husband of 20

years, Carl W. Bernard; her son, Eric B. Vilandre and his wife Kimberly of New Bedford; a daughter, Amber L. Vilandre of Southbridge; her brother, James J. Landry of N. Brookfield; two sisters, Doreen A. Bormann of Oxford and Rita Elliott of Charlton; two grandchildren, Sierra Almarie Spargo and Dakota Lee Spargo; two nieces, Bonnie Pearl and Ashleigh Morse; a nephew, Philip Nardone; and many loving cousins and friends.

Alice was born in New Britain, CT

Alice D. Bernard

Southbridge: Alice

She leaves her lov-

Rose Marie Brote, 64

Rose Marie Brote, age 64, of Webster died Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Lanessa Extended Care of Webster, MA. Rose was born September 21, 1953 in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Matthew

and the late Loretta (Comeau) Pupillo.

She is survived by Companion of 34 years Robert Caouette of Webster, MA one daughter: Margaret Lowell and her husband James of Charlton, MA and one son: Henry Brote III and his wife Laura of LARENCEVILLE, GA; ; She also has four grandchildren, Mason; Henry VI; Samantha, and Nathan.

Predeceased by her step brother,

the daughter of Percy J. and Dolores S. (Gagnon) Landry.

She worked for 12 years in medical manufacturing for Concord Portex in Keene, NH before having to retire due to illness. Alice loved her cats and horses. She enjoyed crocheting, flower and vegetable gardening, playing candy crush as well as trips to the ocean. She was a true lover of nature and enjoyed caring for all the animal. Alice truly loved God and always took time to read her bible.

Calling hours for Alice will be held on Friday, June 22nd, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a funeral service to follow in the funeral home at 7:00pm. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com Photo Attached

Matthew Pupillo and A sister, Suzanne Randall.

Rose worked in house keeping at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge . She also worked at Kentucky Fried Chicken in Webster and at Michaels Place both in Webster . Rose was a communicant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church . A member of the Booster Athletic Club and the Killdeer Island Club all in Webster.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday July 11 at 10 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church 16 East Main St. Webster There are no calling hours . Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Booster Athletic Club, 215 North Main St., Webster, MA 01570 or St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital Memphis, TN 38148-0142

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inclusive luncheon. A payment plan is available. Reservation deadline is July 1. Departure is 9 a.m., RMV parking lot, Southbridge.

September 11-13: three day excursion for the performance of Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA, the Amish Country and Philadelphia. Two nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, four meals, wine and cheese reception, a post dinner show, trip insurance, all gratuities included (two local guides, escort and driver). The production has taken three years in the making and involving about 650 individuals in all phases of its completion for the upcoming 2018 presentation. Cost: \$519 pp/ dbl. Waiver insurance and a budget plan available. Early reservation recommended.

al trolley ride to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wrights Farm restaurant. Cost is \$49 per person, \$39 for children aged three to 10, younger than three, free. Reservation deadline is Dec. 6. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and return is about 7:45 p.m. As in the past, a departure from Webster is a possibility.

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 FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

Oct. 5-8: Washington, DC \$699. Deposits due June 28. Balance due Aug. 14. Guided daytime and nighttime tours of monuments, narrated tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery, time for Smithsonian Buildings, free time in historic Alexandria, VA, etc. Five meals included.

Oct. 10: Portland, ME Narrow Gauge Railroad (ride and museum) with lunch at The Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, ME. \$64. Lunch: baked haddock, baked stuffed chicken breast, or fried clam strips all served w/coleslaw, rolls, and fries. Coffee, tea, soda, apple crisp w/whipped cream. Leaves Whitinsville at 8AM, Westboro at 8:45,

Christmas time they take on another whole dimension with the amazing decorations! The Breakers and Marble House are all decked out in their Christmas finery! \$86. Leaves Westboro at 7:30 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:15, home around 5:30 or 6.

Dec. 5: Bright Nights, Storrowton Village, Storroton Tavern and Yankee Candle \$76. Tour of the decorated buildings of Storrowton Village (like a mini Sturbridge Village, decked out in 1800s Christmas style), eat lunch at the Tavern, shop at Yankee Candle, then tour the Bright Nights (Forest Park in Springfield is a drive-through tour of Christmas lights with all kinds of fun things!) Lunch choices are: Yankee pot roast, baked scrod, or vegetable compose (potato, house and seasonal vegetables), served with butternut squash and twice baked potato. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 8 or 8:30 p.m.



November 17: Do as you wish day in New York City. A day of sightseeing, shopping, visit a museum, dine in a special restaurant, attend a Broadway matinee, or visit the 911 Fountains and the new museum via a ticket through 911museum.org. The possible activities are many. Departure from Southbridge is 6:30 a.m., return departure from NYC is 6:30 p.m. \$57 per person. For early reservation call (508) 764-7909. Deadline is Oct. 25.

December 8: Festival of Christmas Lights at Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine, concert with Fr. Pat the singing priest, the International Museum of Nativities, gift and book shop, Chapel of Light, a bistro for refreshments and snacks, a carousel for the children, option-

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018

Sept. 7-9: Boothbay Harbor The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center is planning a trip on Sept. 7-9 to Boothbay Harbor for \$449. Deadline for deposits has ended, but still room if you want to ioin us!

Oct. 3: Jersey Boys at Ogunquit Playhouse. \$121. Lunch at the Bull and Claw in Wells, ME. The choices are seafood Newburg, prime rib, baked haddock, or chicken Parmesan all served w/salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, soda or coffee, and blueberry crisp for dessert. Leaves Whitinsville at 9 a.m. & Westboro at 9:45. Home around 7 or 7:30. home around 6 - 6:30.

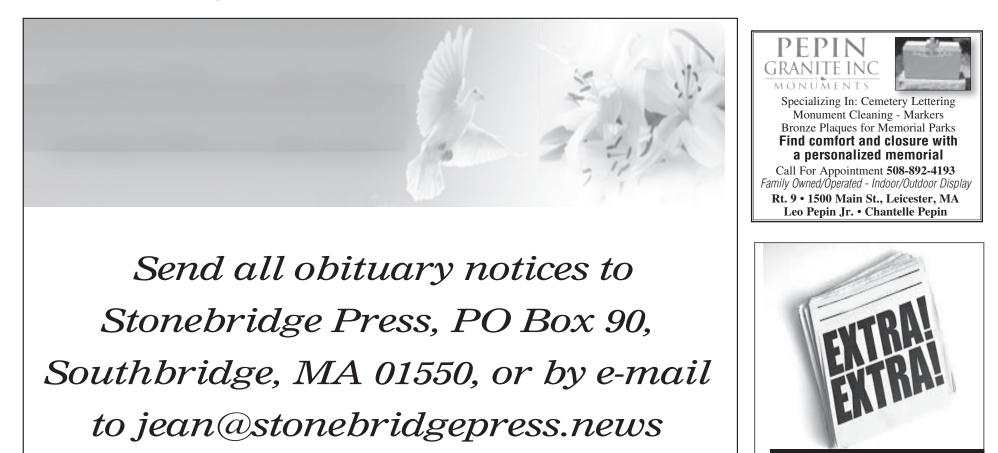
Oct. 17-19: Penn Dutch w/"Jesus" great in the fall! \$479. Deposits due July 10. Balance due Aug. 24. Reserved seats for "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, comedy show, unique tour of Lancaster city, visit the town of Lititz and also Lancaster's Central Market, four meals.

Nov. 1: Newport Playhouse w/the play "Sylvia" about a married couple and a dog that Greg found in the park, Sylvia. Always great funny plays, & wonderful food w/their huge buffet! It's a yearly tradition! \$77. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 6 or 6:30.

Nov. 28: Newport Mansions w/ "At the Deck" on Waites Wharf on the water. Choices for the meals are: steak frites (grilled hangar steak), penne alla vodka, or lobster roll, all w/coffee, tea, & dessert. The opulent Newport mansions are beautiful themselves but at

Dec. 12-14: White Mt. Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH \$469pp double, \$579. single. North Conway is the place to be at Christmas time and the White Mt. Hotel is decorated in Colonial Williamsburg style! Order off the menu (all meals included: two full breakfasts, one luncheon, & two dinners), three Christmas shows, guided tour of Mt. Washington Valley, Christmas gift, and more!

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.



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ENGLISH: Jump

SPANISH: Brincar

ITALIAN: Saltare

What's the Difference?

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





Answers: I. Cat's eyes are brighter 2. Blanket has no pattern 3. Clock on wall 4. Bin on shelf says "BOOKS"



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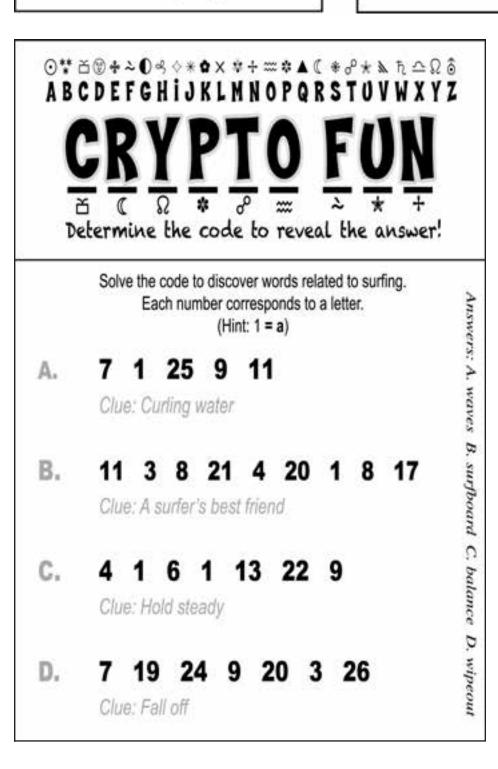


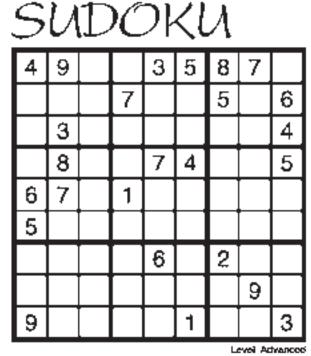
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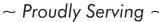
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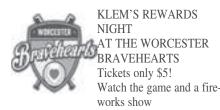
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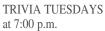


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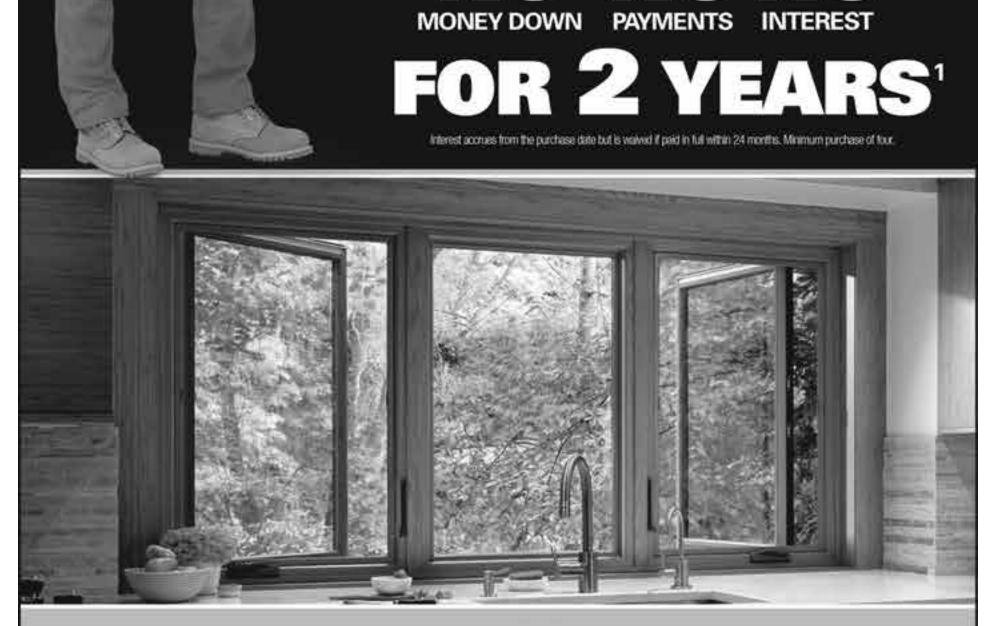
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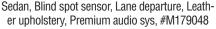


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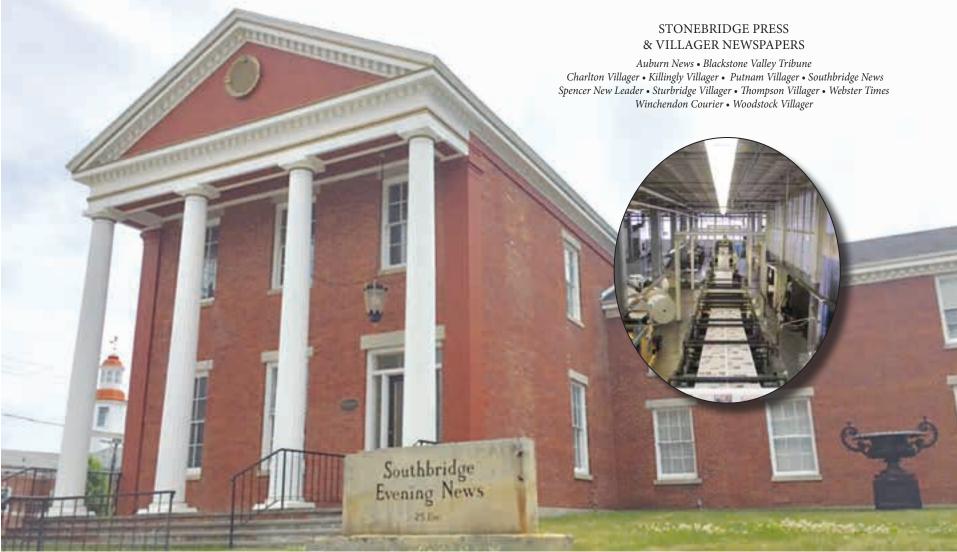
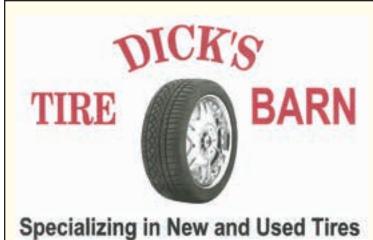


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The Music Room has been in business for 39 years. I have played music most of my life and wanted to share my enjoyment with others.

My Bachelor of Music Education degree is from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and my Master of Arts is from Brandeis University.

Besides teaching in my studio privately, I have taught in the public school system, private schools, marching bands, drum and bugle corps, churches, and performing arts schools. My students have ranged in age from 4 through seniors. My instruments are piano and percussion which includes marimba, drums, and timpani. I have performed extensively on these instruments in orchestras, bands, small and large ensembles, and solo.

My students have also studied with me on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, and voice. When there are enough interested students, I create small ensembles. Presently there is a jazz band that meets once a week. We will be performing on Saturday, August 11 at 4PM at The Music Room in the backyard. This is our second annual concert. Our first was a huge success!!!

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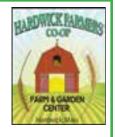
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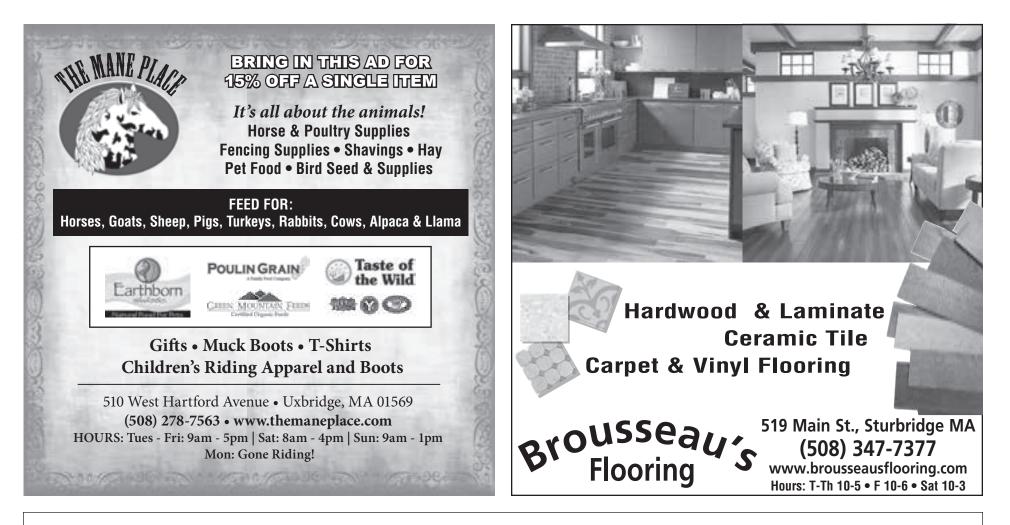
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grandfather used to ride in Mendon parades, and family photos and antiques.

Several celebrities, including singer Tina Turner, the band Aerosmith, actor John Ratzenberger, actor Chuck Connors, children's show host Major Mudd, and a performing monkey named Zip have visited the restaurant. Zip wore a tuxedo and bow-tie to order a shrimp cocktail for dinner.

Quirk prides himself in the quality of the food he serves, specifically the steak and prime rib that is cut to order. The Andelman brothers, local food critics from the television show Phantom Gourmet, are regular customers and friends, he said. They have named the restaurant as one of the top five places to go for steak or prime rib. The restaurant's regulars have been coming "since the first day," Quirk said, and others used to "come here as little kids and now bring their own children here." After 6 decades in business, a rarity in the restaurant industry, the secret to success is hard work and a strong relationship with the community. New England Steak and Seafood stays connected by donating to Milford Regional Hospital, which it has done every year since it first opened.

"We can't give to everyone," said Quirk, "but we feel like if we give to Milford Regional, we're giving to everyone in the community."

When asked about his long-term goals, Quirk said, "We're just going to keep doing what we're doing," he said, and "hope that we make it another 10 years."

Owning a restaurant "was the biggest gamble a person could make, but sometimes it pays off."

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took advantage of experiencing a different way of life, and in doing so, discovered a wonderful pastry called a kolache. A treat introduced to Texas by the Czech people, it has been modified over the years to include different shapes and fillings. But the basics of the kolache remain the same – a wonderful, light, slightly sweet dough that works well with both sweet and savory options.

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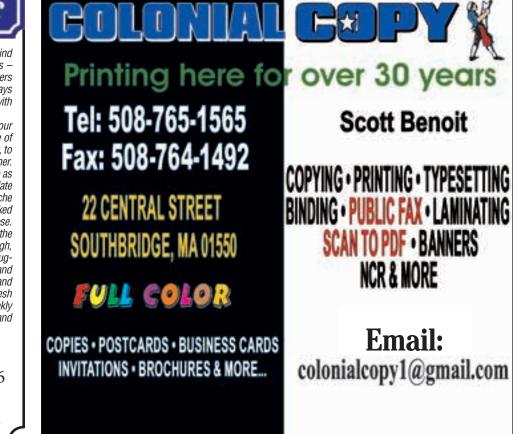
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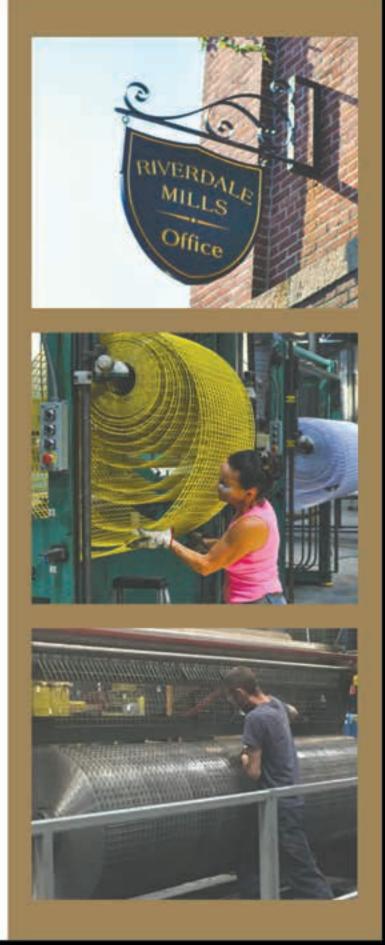
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Name of business: J's Auto

Business hours and days: M-F 8:30-5 • Closed Sat & Sun

Number of employees: 5

How long has your business been in operation? December 2014. Moved to Oxford October 2016

Who inspired you to start your own business? J.R. needed his own fleet serviced, he couldn't get the work done in a timely fashion, so he opted to start his own garage to maintain his fleet and service the general public.

Special awards/recognition: BBB Accreditation, ASE Certified Technicians

What services do you offer? Full Service

What do you think the public should know about your business? An honest repair shop. Ask anyone who has been here, read our reviews. All our repairs are guaranteed.

How has your business changed since the beginning? Tremendous growth and repeat business. All the same employees since the beginning.

How have you grown? We relocated to a building three times bigger then we were, and a much more visible location.

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Type of business: Financial Institution

Business address & telephone number: 31 Sutton Ave, Oxford, MA 01540 888-307-5887

Owner/operator: Mutually Owned / Matthew S. Sosik, President & CEO

Business hours and days: Monday - Saturday with various hours by branch location

Number of employees: 122

How long has your business been in operation? More than 125 years

Special awards/recognition: We were recently named a finalist in two categories in the Banker & Tradesman's Massachusetts Banking Awards. Choice bankHometown has been ranked as a Top Bank in Overall Quality and Customer Service by readers. It's always satisfying to know that our customers are happy with the services we provide. Equally satisfying is knowing our employees continue to deliver topnotch customer service year after vear.

What services do you offer? We offer a full range of deposit and lending products with advanced technology such as mobile banking, mobile check deposit and instant issue debit cards. For our commercial and business clients, we offer a full complement of deposit, cash management, and lending products.

What do you think the public should know about your **business?** We offer the best possible products and services, delivered by knowledgeable and dedicated Hometown Bankers, with an unmatched level of customer service. bankHometown has been serving local communities for more than 125 years. We continue to be a safe and sound institution offering a broad range of products and services for individuals and businesses of all sizes.

How has your business changed since the beginning? We now have 13 locations serving MA & CT. Plus, we are part of \$2 billion mutual holding company.

How have you grown? We joined a larger mutual holding company and that has allowed us to expand into the Northern CT market.

Biggest challenge to being successful? Banking is very competitive, so we have to differentiate ourselves with excellent customer service and attention to detail.

Why do your customers select you over competitors? We treat our customers like members of our banking family. We make ourselves available to assist our customers in any way – that's what makes us so different. And, as a mutual company, we have no shareholders. That allows us to make our customers our priority, not profits.

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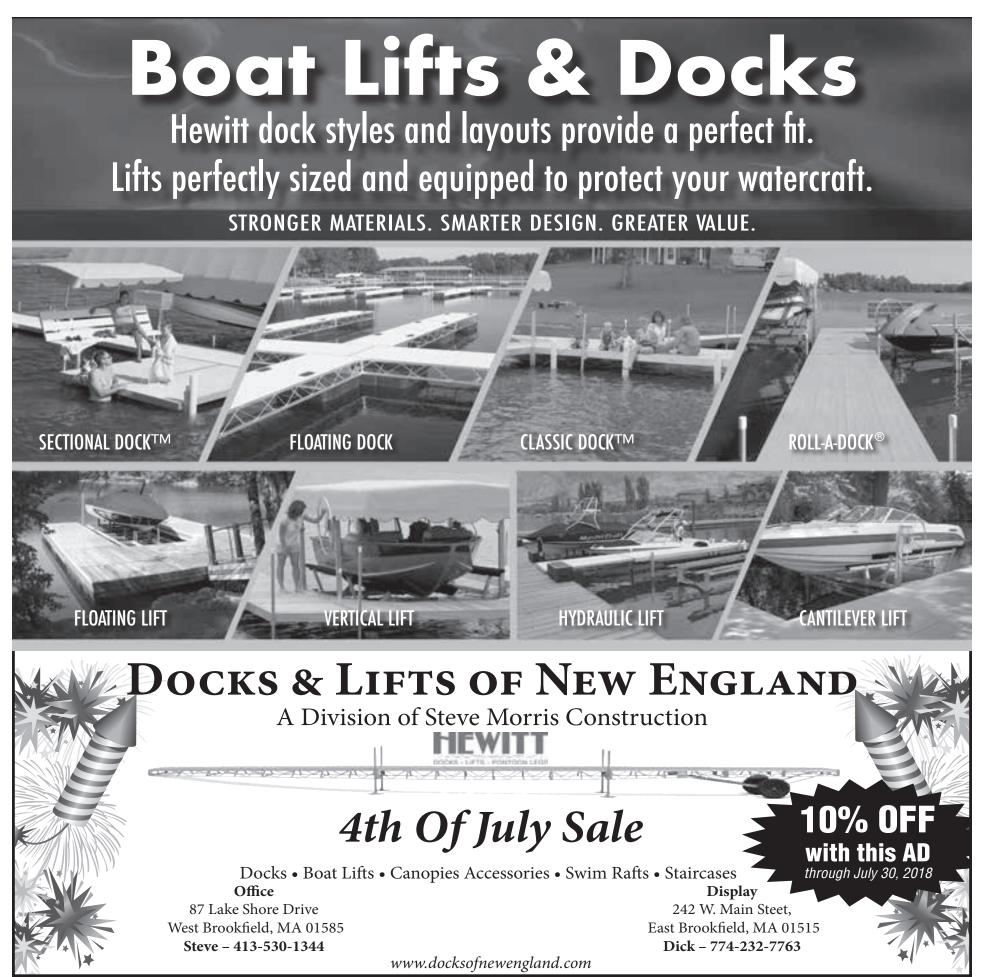


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With over 41 years of experience, I have a home office in Dudley. The RE/Max Advan-

tage office is located on Shrewsbury Street in Worcester. Being a real estate agent is more than just placing an ad in the newspaper or marketing online. I act as a counseler to my client (buyer or seller). I provide assistance in marketing, staging, inspections, negotiation, and educating them to real estate values. It is a full time job. In order to provide good service, I have a client coordinator, Vicki Bennett assisting me.

I was originally a math teacher and always had an interest in real sestate. When I acquired a license I approached a local broker and began my real estate career. I am still actively involved in teaching. I do teach real estate licensing and conduct numerous real estate education classes in buying foreclosures and landlord/tenant classes in Night-life programs at Bay Path Vocational and Assabet Valley Technical School, and the Central Mass Association of Realtors.

The business has changed because of techology and the information network making it easier for buyers to obtain much of their needed information through the internet. For sellers, environmental issues and more informed consumers has made it critical that sellers get professional assistance early to sell their home. Buyers are all watching HGTV and have very specific expectations. Sellers need guidance in staging and mak-

ing sure they have prepared their house for home inspections. Professionals are able to make it a more pleasurable experience for both buyers and sellers by counselling them.

The most recent achievements I have received were the Emerald Level by the Board of Realtors for Sales Level, and the 100% Club from Re/Max which recognizes sales achievements. I would say more important to me is being the recipient of the Natalie Quinlan Award for service to the Board of Realtors, serving the town of Dudley as a selectman for 6 years and serving on the Dudley Board of Assessors for 20 plus years.

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Type of business: Dealership and Service Center

Business address & telephone number: 810 Washington St., Auburn Sales: 888.903.7175 Service: 888.804.4170 Parts: 508.832.8886

Owner/operator: Ray Butler

Business hours and days: Monday - Thursday 9am-7pm, Friday & Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 11am-4pm

Number of employees: 15

How long has your business been in operation? Since January 2006

Who inspired you to start your own business? Over the years, I always wanted to have my own business. Finally, I got an opportunity to get a 1-car dealer license, the rest is history in the making.

How did you get into this business? After graduating college, I knew someone in the business and thought I'd give it a try.

Special awards/recognition: Most recent - AYFS (Auburn Youth & Family Services) Children's Friend Award, Chamber of Commerce - Best Used Car Dealer, Better Business Bureau A+ Rating accreditation for over 9 years, Citation of Recognition from State Senate and House of Representatives for AYFS Award.

What services do you offer? Sales, Financing, State-of-the-Art Repair Facility, MA Inspection Station, Auto Detailing, Front End Alignment, comfortable wait area with free wi-fi.

What do you think the public should know about your business? We provide an extremely comfortable customer friendly atmosphere, we sell and service all makes and models, foreign included and we can finance ALL credit scores!

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Biggest challenge to being successful? Maintaining a Great Staff!

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eonard Petrillo, owner of Annie's Country Kitchen, has been in business for over 30 years catering to the Sturbridge, MA area. His goal has always been to provide delicious home cooked comfort food to the community. With owning and operating Annie's Country Kitchen successfully for the last thirty years, he and his wife, Jessica, decided it was time to expand and recently opened **Hearthstone Market**. At Hearthstone, they provide a variety of fresh cooked, heat-and-eat homemade meals, salads, sandwiches, soups, and baked goods. They also provide numerous catering services. They are conveniently located at **630 Main St**, **Sturbridge**, **MA**. Whether you need to grab a lunch or snack on the go or had a busy day at work and no time to cook, **Hearthstone Market** has it all!



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