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Weston named director of senior center

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE – A new senior center director has been named as selectmen unanimously approved the recommendation brought forth by the town administrator in early March.

The position has been vacant for several months, since the resignation of Melissa Beauchemin at in January after Beauchemin was accused of providing misinformation to Town Administrator Leon Gaumond Jr. concerning the location of a cabinet purchased with town money. Since then, external and internal candidates have been considered for the position and on March 5 Gaumond brought a name to selectmen to be considered for the vacancy.

"I advertised for the position the past few months. I received 20 good respondents from around the region and around the state, and we provided five of them with interviews where candidates were questioned on their knowledge of dealing with seniors, providing programs, and administration of a senior center," Gaumond said. "Tonight, I'm bringing forward the name of Heather Weston to fill the vacancy."

Weston is a Tantasqua graduate and a resident of Warren



Courtesy photo

The town of Sturbridge has hired Heather Weston (left) as the new senior center director. She is with Senator Anne Gobi, who was a reference for her on her resume.

who has most recently served as director of the senior center in Wales. Gaumond called her a standout candidate with Sturbridge roots who could fill the position well.

"(Weston) is certainly familiar with the town of Sturbridge as a graduate of Tantasqua and she has 10 years of experience

working with senior centers with four years of experience as a director. Among her accomplishments was her work coordinating the Wales community food bank for which she received an award for her work from the United Way. She

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Courtesy photo.

Sturbridge's Veronica Reichardt will once again be running in the Boston Marathon to help raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.

Running for a cause at Boston

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – Each time Veronica Reichardt runs in the Boston Marathon, she carries her brother's memory with her. Preparing for her fourth Marathon, she will once again run in his honor while advancing the cause of suicide prevention.

Reichardt, who is running as a member of the Samaritans Marathon Team, lost her brother to suicide in 2007. He was just 15 years old at the time. Eleven years later, Reichardt and her Samaritans teammates are running the 122nd Boston Marathon to help raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention.

All proceeds generated by this year's team will benefit Samaritans' suicide prevention services. This includes the organization's 24/7 cri-

sis services phone and text helpline, workshops for schools and businesses, and support groups for those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

"Each of our team members have been touched by suicide and are passionate about raising awareness and educating the public about this important issue," said Steve Mongeau, the executive director of the Samaritans organization. "The stigma and misinformation that surrounds the discussion of suicide and suicide prevention is an unfortunate reality. Our Marathon runners are performing a tremendous service to our organization and the community at large, and they are helping to save lives."

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Getting from here to there if buses don't run...

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER – Outraged by the proposed cuts to public transportation services, residents and legislators from throughout central Massachusetts descended on City Hall last week for a rally.

Reduced services have been proposed for several Worcester Regional Transit Authority bus routes, while others have been slated for elimination to save money. Among the proposals is an option to cut all bus services west of East Brookfield District Court on Route 9, while another option could bring an end to weekend bus routes.

At the March 20 rally outside City Hall, several legislators and residents spoke out against the proposed cuts. For thousands of residents in central Massachusetts, an elimination



Kevin Flanders photos

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Active shooter training gives tools to local residents

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
 NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – At a time when students and employees nationwide are feeling increasingly unsafe, Spencer Police Sgt. Michael Befford has made it his mission to give local residents tools that could save lives in an active shooter situation.

Befford has visited businesses throughout town to introduce employees to the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training model. Earlier this winter, the New Leader caught up with Befford as he hosted a public forum after completing training exercises with the entire FLEXcon, Inc., staff. Most recently, he finished up three CRASE defense classes



Courtesy photo

Spencer Police Sgt. Michael Befford trains Mercury Wire employees on strategies that can save lives in active shooter situations.

with Mercury Wire Products employees.

During his training sessions, Befford shows employees several strategies that can be implemented to save lives during an active shooter situation. The goal is to empower employees to react and make decisions quickly during emergencies, and business owners have praised Befford for his engaging presentations.

"I was able to train all [Mercury Wire] employees – approximately 115 – over the course of three classes. I commend Mercury Wire for taking the initiative to make the training available to their employees," said Befford, who has trained about 1,000 employees in Spencer since beginning the

program.

Befford continues to reach out to Spencer business owners to gauge their interest in the program, and he also intends to offer another community class in the spring. As national debates rage over gun control and whether to arm teachers, members of the Spencer Police Department are working hard at the local level to give residents tools that can increase their safety in schools and at the workplace.

CRASE training exercises include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options, and strategies to make buildings more secure. Every active shooter situation is different,

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STURBRIDGE SNIPPETS

ANNUAL SPRING SALE

The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge will be holding its annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a pre-sale on Friday,

April 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Great bargains to be had.

In conjunction with our Rummage Sale on Saturday April 21 only, we will also be accepting electronics for a small fee. Bicycles of all sorts will also be taken from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the rear of the Meetinghouse (parking

area). This is a great opportunity to start spring cleaning and to recycle.

5K WALK & RUN

The 10th annual countryBank Brimfield Trail Association 5K race and walk is scheduled April 28. Race

starts at 9 a.m., walk starts at 9:15 a.m. with start and finish location at Five Bridge Road, Brimfield. Register online at www.BrimfieldTrail.org. Race entry: \$20 if entered by April 9; \$25 day of race, free T shirt to first 75 registrants. Gravel based trail, mostly flat with varied terrain.



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Maundy Thursday Tenebrae, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30
Noon: Stations of the Cross at St. Anne Shrine
7:00 p.m.: Drama of the Cross at Bethlehem

Easter Sunday, April 1 9:30 a.m.
Festival Worship of the Resurrection of Our Lord

All are welcome to this week of services that proclaims the mystery of God's love; the saving events of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Each worship service will have its own character and live out the drama of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will open the communion table to all at each service, inviting you to become a part of the body that God makes in and through the community of the church. New Hope UCC and Bethlehem Lutheran Church are dynamic, growing congregations in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. We hope you have no trouble finding us off of 131 and 20 - Bethlehem Lutheran

Church is shining through the trees. If you have any questions about these services or the church, please contact Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt at (774) 318-9306 or pastorkirsten@bethlehem-sturbridge.org.

Old Sturbridge Village

Easter Sunrise Service at OSV
The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Meetinghouse in Old Sturbridge Village on Sunday, April 1st at 6:00 a.m. This beautiful setting and joyous service is a wonderful way to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter morning! A free will offering will be taken to benefit those in need through St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Assistance, with locations in Southbridge and Sturbridge. The Easter Sunrise Service is an ecumenical effort sponsored by local churches from Charlton, Southbridge, Sturbridge. Please enter through the main gate and proceed to the rear of the parking lot near the security office, where we will gather and proceed in together. All are welcome!

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Library plans vacation activities

The Joshua Hyde Library will have an assortment of activities for children during the week of school vacation. While the library will be closed on Monday, April 16 for Patriots Day, the remainder of the week begins with a drop-in troll craft on Tuesday. Bring the entire family Wednesday at 6:30 PM for Family Movie Night. "Coco" will be shown and there will be snacks to enjoy! Vermont PuppeTree visits the library for the first time on Thursday, April 19. They will present "14 Carrots" which will entertain children from ages 2 to 8 years with their grown-up. Visual surprises, audience participation, puppets, and Aunt Swelly make for a fun performance. Free tickets to this show are available beginning April 2nd. Seating is limited. Activities are free and are sponsored by the Friends of Joshua Hyde Library. For more information, call 508/347-2512. The library is located at 306 Main Street in Sturbridge.



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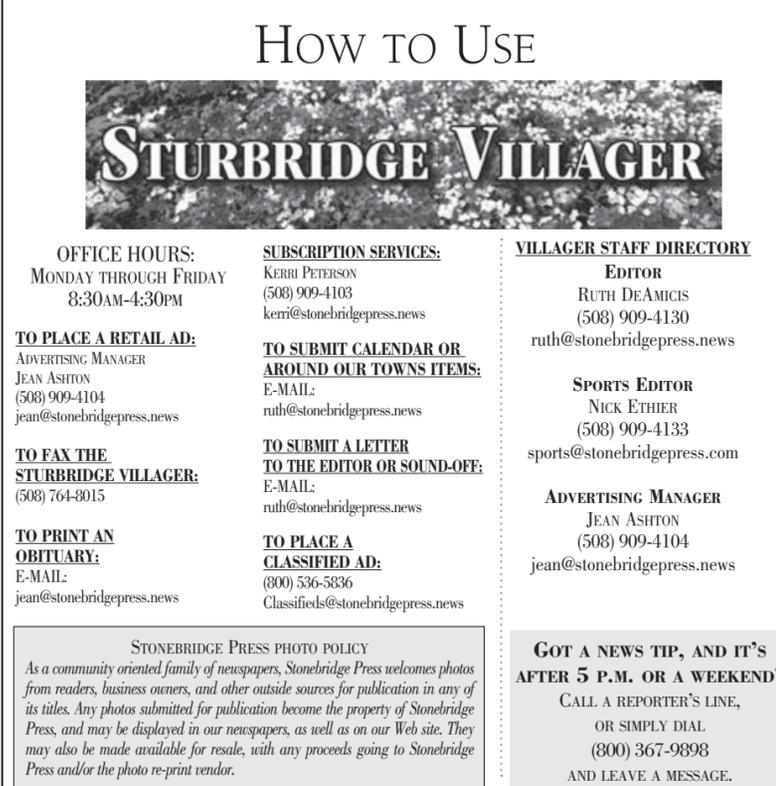
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Powers announces bid for Congress

Kevin W. Powers, of Millville, is announcing his candidacy for United States Congress, 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts.

Powers is running on a platform of term limits, better jobs, protecting Social Security for seniors, and low cost and renewable energy with a plan for energy independence within 15 years. He is also a proud and strong advocate of animal welfare.

"As a small business owner, I create jobs. When I get into Congress, I will work to ensure that the Government doesn't get in the way of small businesses to create better jobs for you."

America is facing challenges like never before. Under the leadership of career politicians, the people have been let down. It is time to limit terms and return control of our nation to people who have actually had to create jobs, earn an honest paycheck, and pay a mortgage - people in touch with the difficulties created by the career politicians we have been electing.

Kevin is a strong supporter of term limits stating that, "Congress has a 13% approval rating, but a 95% re-election rate. The root of this problem is that politicians are incentivized by the political system to care more about retaining their position than about doing what is best for the country. Our elected leaders can and do abuse their power to keep away challengers, transferring power



Kevin Powers

from the hands of citizens to the hands of unaccountable career politicians. To help end this problem, I have signed the congressional term limits pledge."

U.S. Term Limits (USTL) praised Massachusetts U.S. House District 2 Candidate Kevin Powers for signing its congressional term limits pledge. STL President Phillip Blumel commented on Kevin's Pledge saying, "Kevin's support of term limits shows that there are people out there who are willing to put self-interest aside to follow the will of the people and the founding fathers."

"Our founding fathers never intended for public service to be a career. Rather, serving in Congress was designed to be a temporary sacrifice made for the public good."

That is exactly what Kevin will do; serve in Congress for no more than six years and then return to his life as a local businessman and entrepreneur.

If you would like to know more about Kevin Powers' platform, please visit his website at www.kevinpowersforcongress.com or on Facebook.

Kevin will be visiting your community soon and he looks forward to meeting you and your neighbors.



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Financial literacy a goal in schools, promoted by legislation

BOSTON — Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts State Senate unanimously passed legislation aimed at improving students' knowledge on saving, investing, insurance, banking, inflation, and other financial matters.

"Learning the value of money and proper management are important lifelong lessons that can be taught at every level," said Senator Gobi.

The complexity of the American financial services market has made millions of consumers vulnerable to misleading and fraudulent business practices, which has bankrupted families, ruined communities, and contributed to the "Great Recession."

According to a recent report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Center for Microeconomic Data, total household debt in the United States rose to an all-time high of \$13.15 trillion by the end of 2017. Mortgage debt constitutes \$8.88 trillion of total debt, while credit debt accounts for \$834 billion. 2017 was the fifth consecutive year of annual household debt growth with increases in mortgage, student, auto, and credit card debt.

"Every student should be given the opportunity to learn how to manage their personal finances," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "By passing this financial literacy legislation, the Senate has exemplified its commitment to providing Massachusetts' students with

the comprehensive education they deserve."

S.2343, An act relative to financial literacy in schools, would allow personal financial literacy to be integrated within the existing mathematics, social sciences, technology, business, or other curricula where teachers have the capacity to teach financial literacy for all schools in the Commonwealth.

The bill directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create and implement standards and objectives on personal financial literacy for grades K-12. This would include information on loans, borrowing money, interest, credit card debt, online commerce, rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home, saving, investing and planning for retirement, banking and financial services, balancing a checkbook, state and federal taxes, and charitable giving. The Student Financial Literacy Advisory Committee created in the FY13 budget will advise and oversee the development of such standards and objectives.

At least 20 states now require students to take a personal finance course or personal finance included in an economics course as a high school graduation requirement. By incorporating financial literacy in K-12 education, Massachusetts residents will be introduced to financial concepts earlier in life, and be better equipped to make prudent decisions based on their needs and budget considerations.

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New behavioral health center opens

Harrington HealthCare System is expanding its access to behavioral health treatment by opening a new office in Putnam, CT.

Located at 17 Kennedy Drive, the building will offer adult recovery services and child and family counseling.

"We recognize that patients across our region continue to struggle to access mental health and substance use treatment," said Harrington vice president of behavioral health services Greg Mirhej. "We are happy to be in a position where we can provide the 395-corridor a place to receive counseling, medication management and therapy groups."

The building is expected to open April 1 and will be staffed by several mental health and recovery clinicians, as well as Dr. Lowell Kallen, who spent the last three years as a child and family psychiatrist with Day Kimball Healthcare.

Patients interested in scheduling an appointment can call (860) 821-2985.

Recovery Services will offer individuals 18 and over intake evaluations, therapy groups, counseling and overall behavior management. Should patients need more complex treatment options, they will have access to Harrington's comprehensive continuum of care, which includes inpatient and intensive outpatient services and step-down programs located in Webster and Southbridge.

Child & Family Services provides mental health support for ages 4-24 and their family members. Independently-licensed clinicians are specialized in a variety of treatment include trauma-based and cognitive therapy. The model is meant to offer support to the entire family to provide continuity and inclusive care. Age-specific counseling groups, one-to-one therapy and medication management will also be available.



Courtesy photo

The new behavioral health center is located in Putnam.

Water Main Flushing April 3, 2018 until May 11, 2018

The Sturbridge Water Department will be flushing water mains to remove sediments that can cause brown and black water complaints. The flushing will take place from Tuesday April 3, 2018 until Friday May 11, 2018. We will start on the East end of Town. The flushing will begin at 8 AM and finish by 5 PM Monday through Friday each day. All customers should be aware that water main flushing can cause some temporary water discoloration throughout the community. The discoloration comes from small particles of iron and manganese that are removed from the pipe walls. The discoloration is temporary and typically clears in four to five hours. It is recommended that residents check the water before use, especially prior to doing laundry. DO NOT TRY TO BLEACH STAINED CLOTHES, AS THIS WILL SET THE STAIN PERMANENTLY. Customers can call the Water Department at 508-347-2513 for further assistance.



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April 17, 2018, is the due date for filing your 2017 federal income tax return and for paying the tax you owe. The first installment of your 2018 estimated tax is due the same day. April 17 is also the due date for the first 2018 installment of estimated tax for corporations. Contact our office for any assistance you need.

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MassHousing announces down payment assistance program

BOSTON — MassHousing announced the launch of a new down payment assistance program designed to lower the barriers to achieving homeownership working households face. MassHousing's new down payment assistance program will allow qualified first-time homebuyers to finance up to 100 percent of the purchase price of their first home.

MassHousing is now the only entity offering a down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income buyers throughout Massachusetts, and the only entity in Massachusetts offering a sustainable, conventional mortgage product allowing buyers to achieve homeownership without making a down payment.

"Record-low inventory levels, rising home prices, high rents, and student loan debt are all making it more difficult for the average Massachusetts household to afford to purchase a home," said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. "MassHousing's new down payment assistance program will help ensure that homeownership remains accessible to working families, by allowing creditworthy homebuyers to buy their first home with little to no down payment requirement. By boosting the buying power of low-, moderate- and middle-income households,

MassHousing will support investment in neighborhoods, help the state's workforce remain rooted in Massachusetts, and advance the Agency's mission of confronting housing challenges facing the Commonwealth, to improve the lives of its people."

MassHousing is making down payment assistance loans available to first-time homebuyers with annual household incomes at or below the area median income, using MassHousing financing to purchase a single-family home or condominium unit. The area median income varies by county. Eligible households will earn \$103,400 or less in eastern Massachusetts, \$85,700 in Worcester County, and \$67,200 in Berkshire County.

Homebuyers accessing down payment assistance must still meet MassHousing's underwriting criteria, including minimum credit score and debt-to-income qualifications, and attend a homeownership education class.

MassHousing mortgages currently finance up to 97 percent of a home purchase price. The Agency's new down payment assistance program will finance up to an additional three percent of the purchase price, allowing for up to 100 percent financing for creditworthy income-eligible borrowers.

Down payment assistance will be a fully amortizing 15-year, fixed-rate second mortgage, with an interest rate of one percent. The down payment assistance loan will carry no additional fees, and will be due in full upon the sale or refinancing of the property. Down payment assistance will be capped at three percent of the purchase price, up to \$12,000.

Down payment assistance loans will be internally subsidized by the strength of the agency's existing single-family portfolio. The program will not require any additional allocation of funds, or the diversion of funds from other agency uses. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations.

MassHousing finances home purchases through a network of more than 160 banks, credit unions and mortgage companies. Down payment assistance will launch alongside a simplification and consolidation of the agency's mortgage products. The new mortgage products, including down payment assistance, are available to consumers immediately.

The new down payment assistance program for low-, moderate- and middle-income households complements MassHousing's ongoing efforts to support workforce housing. The agency has also created a \$100 million work-

force housing fund to spur the creation of 1,000 new apartments affordable to middle-income renters. In partnership with the Baker-Polito Administration's HousingChoice Initiative, MassHousing is advancing measures to boost the production of new housing, and deliver 135,000 new housing units by the year 2025.

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$22 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.mass-housing.com, follow us on Twitter @MassHousing, subscribe to our blog, watch us on YouTube and Like us on Facebook.

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Can I just sell my home AS IS?

You absolutely can and I highly recommend against it unless you are in a financial position where you cannot make necessary repairs in order to sell your home. Even then I would explore borrowing from a family member or maybe getting a home equity line to pay for the improvements. Most of the time people will ask me if they can just sell as is and most of the time if they put 10-20K into the home based on my recommendations they are going to get 50-60K back on the sale. There are 2 big reasons for this. First the buyers are unable to typically envision the finished product and second depending on the repairs they may not be able to obtain bank financing without the repairs being made and then you may be stuck selling to an investor who will pay pennies on the dollar because they need to make a profit.

Some of the most common things people want to leave for the buyers to do is paint and carpet because they are concerned that the buyer may not like the colors of the paint or they will want to rip out the carpet and add hardwoods. This is

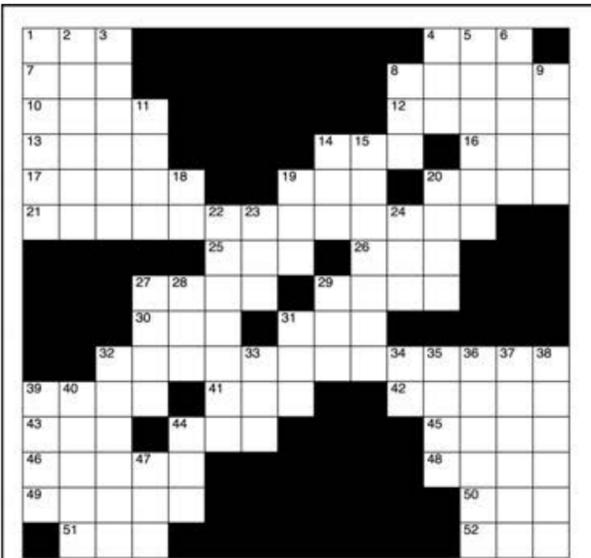


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JAMES BLACK

the logical but people buy based on emotion rather than intellect and old carpets and beat up walls tell people the home needs work and they want to discount for the upgrades but the possibility of unseen repairs as well. I highly recommend making these improvements as well as refinishing hardwood floors and stripping wallpaper and painting. Another difficult one is landscaping because a nicely edged lawn with no overgrown trees and shrubs and mulched beds will make the home pop and is worth every penny when getting the home ready because it again gives the buyer the feeling that this home is well cared for and they don't have to do any work. Buyers are willing to pay a premium to move right in and not have to do any work.

I recommend as soon as you decide you are going to move to have a Realtor come evaluate your home and give you a list of the recommended repairs to get the most money for your home. Keeping in mind it could take months to get your home ready for it to be sold.

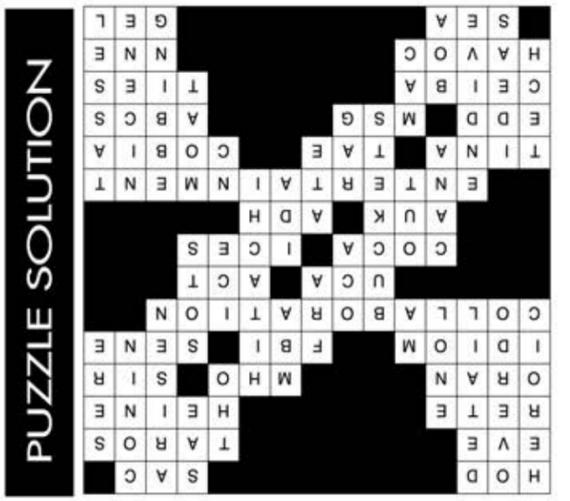


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Builder's trough
- 4. Pouch
- 7. Adam's partner
- 8. Zelda soldiers
- 10. Network of nerves
- 12. Heinrich __, poet
- 13. Algerian port
- 14. Reciprocal of one ohm
- 16. Title of respect
- 17. Form of expression
- 19. Hoover's office
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 21. Cooperation
- 25. Fiddler crabs
- 26. Portion of a play
- 27. Tropical American shrub
- 29. Frosts
- 30. Short-winged diving seabird
- 31. Chemical compound used as a hardener (abbr.)
- 32. Diversion
- 39. __ Turner, rock singer
- 41. __-bo: exercise system
- 42. Large, edible game fish
- 43. Doctor of Education
- 44. Where the Knicks play
- 45. Basics
- 46. Tall tropical American trees
- 48. Men wear them
- 49. Widespread destruction
- 50. Midway between north and northeast
- 51. Vast body of water
- 52. Hair product

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Very brave
- 2. Go too far
- 3. Individual feature
- 4. Drug trials term (abbr.)
- 5. Has emerged
- 6. Helped the Spanish conquer Mexico
- 8. Northern Vietnam ethnic group
- 9. Dried-up
- 11. Reactive structures (abbr.)
- 14. Licensed for Wall Street
- 15. Japanese conglomerate
- 18. Home to the Celtics
- 19. Title given to Italian monk
- 20. Drunkards
- 22. Cylindrical containers
- 23. South American plants
- 24. Frozen water
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 28. Not in
- 29. Journalist and suffragist Wells
- 31. Consumed
- 32. Edible Mediterranean plant
- 33. Poke fun of
- 34. "First in Flight" state
- 35. Fortifying ditch
- 36. Receding
- 37. Christian liturgical creed
- 38. Used to decorate Xmas trees
- 39. High-__: complex
- 40. Thoughts
- 44. __ and cheese
- 47. Constrictor snake



CHAMBER CORNER: April 2018



Spring Networking at Rapsallion Brewery!

Recently voted Sturbridge's best neighborhood hangout, Rapsallion is warm and inviting with rustic farmhouse touches combined with the industrial backdrop of a craft brewing operation. A brewery-run food truck serving gourmet flatbreads and classic pub munchies and an adjoining 18-hole disc golf course invite visitors for a quick escape or a full day's retreat. Enjoy warm and friendly vibes at one of Massachusetts' oldest tap rooms!

At April's Fun at Five networking event on Monday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m., all are welcome to join the Chamber of Central Mass South for tasty treats, fresh brews, chances to win valuable drawing prizes and the opportunity to mingle with local professionals in a very cool and relaxed setting!

Register for Fun at Five by email or phone. 508-347-2761 info@cmschamber.org. The cost is \$10 for members who pre-register, \$15 at the door, or \$20 for non-members. We hope to see you there! Rapsallion Brewery & Tap Room is located at 195 Arnold Road, Fiskdale.

Thank you to our April Fun at Five Sponsor! Opacum Land Trust. Your local land trust - protecting almost 2,000 acres of

land in our 13-town service area stretching from Southbridge to West Brookfield and Monson to Charlton.

Meet the Opacum Land Trust Board of Directors and learn about their new bike event - TourOpacum, Ride for Land Conservation. Last year, the first TourOpacum drew 91 riders and the goal is to grow into a major regional bike event, drawing hundreds of riders to Sturbridge and the Opacum service area. Many riders commented on how beautiful this part of the region is. Working with their partners Rapsallion Brewery, Hyland Orchard and Southbridge Bicycles, Opacum Land Trust seeks to enhance the quality of life in our communities while protecting important habitat and open space for the benefit of wildlife and the public. Mark your calendar for July 8th for TourOpacum. More information and registration at Bikereg.com. Visit Opacum Land Trust online at www.OpacumLT.org.

The Chamber's Fun at Fives are casual get-togethers held monthly at outstanding venues throughout our area. The events start at 5:00pm and feature networking, cocktails, fantastic hors d'oeuvres, cool drawing prizes, your chance to meet and get to know local professionals and perhaps make the deal of a lifetime.

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Contact us today to find out how Membership can help grow your business.

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Central Mass South Referral Group announces quarterly speaker series

The Central Massachusetts South Referral Group is a venue for networking, enhancing public speaking skills, exchanging business referrals and marketing ideas and sponsoring guest speakers who share their knowledge of the latest developments in business.

The 2018 quarterly speaker series begins Friday, April 27. Robin Samora, marketing and public relations expert, will present on "7 Ways Social Media Can Get You More Customers, Sales and Profits."

The meeting will be at The Barn at Wight Farm, 420 Main St., Sturbridge. Robin's presentation will include:

Discover what it takes to turn pros-

pects and loyal customers into raving fans, who can't get enough of you.

Create and promote your own media channels so you're in charge of your message and brand.

Leave with a checklist of tips, tricks and promotional ideas that will help you build your target audience, eager to buy.

The public and all Chamber members are invited to attend. The meeting begins with coffee and networking at 7:00 a.m. and concludes at 8:30. There is no charge to attend.

Samora works with small business owners and entrepreneurs who want to turn prospects and loyal customers into

raving fans. She helps clients increase branding and visibility online and offline by cutting through the clutter, so they can get noticed and sell more products and services. Using social media, email marketing, speaking and free publicity strategies, Robin creates a user-friendly roadmap to enhance her clients' credibility, reputation and leadership position – even without a PR budget.

For more information about the Speaker Series, contact Dennis McCurdy at (508)347-9343 or mccurdydenis@gmail.com.



Robin Samora

Tri-Valley, Inc. - April 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Beef Stew Steamed Rice Green Beans Pineapple	3 Vegetable Cheese Bake Broccoli & Red Peppers Corn Yogurt	4 Chicken Milano Wild Rice Tuscany Blend Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	5 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Fresh Fruit	6 Breaded Fish Tartar Sauce Lemon Seasoned Potato Scandinavian Vegetables Fruited Ambrosia
9 Chicken Sausage Jambalaya Rice Pilaf Green Peas Cookie	10 Meatballs w/Onion Gravy Bowtie Pasta Scandinavian Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	11 Marinated Pork Loin Herb Seasoned Potatoes Oriental Blend Vegetables Fresh Fruit Minestrone Soup	12 Chicken Fajitas Spanish Rice Black Beans & Corn Sour Cream/Pita Bread Pineapple	13 Fish with Crumb Topping Potatoes O'Brien Broccoli Gingerbread Diet=Small Piece
16 PATRIOTS DAY NO MEAL SERVED	17 Salmon Boat with Dill Sauce Mashed Potatoes Peas & Pearl Onions Peaches	18 BBQ Chicken Red Bliss Potatoes Summer Corn Salad Cantaloupe	19 Cold Roast Beef S/W Lettuce & Tomato Potato Salad Beet Salad Pears	20 Lasagna & Meatballs Corn Niblets Cheesecake Mousse
23 Roast Pork with Gravy Mashed Potatoes Jardinière Vegetables Fresh Fruit Split Pea Soup	24 Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Mixed Fruit	25 Beef and Bean Chili w/ Cheese Baked Potato Sour Cream Mixed Vegetables Peaches	26 Chicken Cacciatore Penne Pasta Italian Blend Vegetables Birthday Cake & Plain Cake	27 Haddock w/Picatta Sauce Garden Blend Rice Broccoli Brownie Diet=Half Piece Brownie
30 Chicken Mornay Couscous Roman Blend Vegetables Tapioca Pudding & Diet	Dudley 508-949-6640, Franklin 508-520-1422, Milford 508-478-8102, Northbridge 508-234-2002, Oxford 508-987-6000, Southbridge 508-764-1469, Spencer 508-885-3904, Sturbridge 508-347-5063, Sutton 508-234-0703, Upton 508-529-9094, Uxbridge 774-482-6174, West Brookfield 508-867-1411 Tri-Valley receives federal financial support under the Older Americans Act furnished by the Central Mass Agency on Aging and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.			

New networking connection with Tri-Valley benefits seniors

Tri-Valley, Inc. is now part of the National Council on Aging's network dedicated to helping people with Medicare improve their financial outlook by enrolling in programs to help them afford health care, prescriptions, food, and more.

Nationally, half of all people with Medicare live on incomes less than \$26,200 per year, and they often lack the resources needed to meet basic living expenses. Federal, state, and local programs exist to help these individuals, but many people do not know how to apply for assistance.

Tri-Valley, Inc. has a strong history of helping vulnerable residents in 25 towns located in South Central Massachusetts (Bellingham, Blackstone, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Franklin, Hopedale, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, Warren, Webster and West Brookfield)," said Susan Salisbury, director of community services. "We're proud to be part of this national network of organizations that, since 2009, has helped more than 850,000 low-income older adults and younger adults with disabilities achieve economic stability."

Tri-Valley, Inc. is one of 69 Benefits Enrollment Centers funded by NCOA to serve low-income Medicare beneficiaries in 36 states. BECs are supported by funding from the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act, administered through the U.S. Administration for Community Living. Tri-Valley's BEC will cover the agency's 25-towns listed above plus 36 additional communities in Central Massachusetts.

BECs use NCOA's free online BenefitsCheckUp(r) tool (www.BenefitsCheckUp.org) to screen lower income older adults, and younger adults with disabilities, for more than 2,500 benefits-including Medicare Savings Programs, Part D Extra Help, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to help them apply for and use those benefits.

To see if someone you know qualifies for assistance, call Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640.

Tri-Valley is a private, non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established.

S.C.M. Elderbus offices

All S.C.M. Elderbus offices will be closed on Monday, April 16, 2018 to observe Patriot's Day

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also excelled in her meeting with me and certainly presented herself well to myself and my co-interviewer Sue Grandone, the chair of the Council on Aging. She certainly brings a great deal of passion and love for the senior population."

Weston was on hand to answer questions from selectmen with the only real inquiry being why she chose to make the move from Wales to Sturbridge. Weston said for her Sturbridge offered more bang for the buck so to

speak.

"I really had no intention of ever leaving the town of Wales. It was supposed to be the town I retired from. Unfortunately, I was supposed to be able to have a higher income. I started that job with a very low income and no benefits, and it was supposed to be available to me. Things happen and change, and I found out it wasn't going to be available to me. So, I had to make a decision that I needed to take care of me and I'd only leave where I was if it was for another senior center. When the Sturbridge Senior Center needed a director,

I thought that was my opportunity," Weston said.

In addition to her experience as a director and her connections to Sturbridge, Weston was also praised for her background in nursing, a skill she admitted had already come in handy in her time in Wales. Selectmen felt this background would be equally as important working with the senior in Sturbridge.

Touted as an "excellent candidate", Weston received a unanimous vote of approval to join the town of Sturbridge She is being hired at a rate of \$50,461 per year with benefits.

TRAINING

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the exercises explain, and the same approach isn't applicable to every incident. Sometimes barricading yourself in a room is the best option, while in other cases evacuation is possible for employees who aren't near the shooter. In desperate instances, swarming an intruder and using other defense strategies can help end a threat.

One of the keys to survival, Befford explains during each course, is for employees to have enough training in place for their knowledge to take over during a panicked situation. You never know how you would react to an emergency, but having those skills reinforced ahead of time is a major advantage.

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LEARNING

Trinity Catholic announces honor roll

SOUTHBRIDGE — The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the second trimester at Trinity Catholic Academy.

GRADE 4
High Honors: Makayla Capillo and Frances Dyer.
Honors: Charles Congdon,

Brandon Donnell, Anika Ferrantino, Zoe Forget, Brandon McGlone, Vorapat Voraraj, Harrison Wilson

GRADE 5
High Honors: Shane McGlone, Casey Renaud, Havish Swadia, Manaali Vaidya, Katharine Vennink.

Honors: Alexander Brouillard, Gregory Downie, Luisa Henao, Ava Simon, Ed Simon

GRADE 6
High Honors: Kirsten Congdon, Sean Gasperini, Zachary Hebert
Honors: David Adorna, Brody

Carlson, Zachary Cournoyer, Teresita Del Valle, Margaret Lucey, Avelyn O'Brien, Laci Pollone

GRADE 7
High Honors: Lauren Lemire, Victoria Symock, Caroline Vigneault
Honors: Alexandra Cloutier,

Ella Favreau, Tori Fontaine, Ethan Kenny, Gianaleze Lopez, Terry Simon

GRADE 8
High Honors: Connor Gonyea, Nathan Kowal, Rohan Vaidya
Honors: Tiffany King and Elizabeth Valley

Nursing program ranked one of best in New England

CHARLTON — Carly Jacobs, outreach coordinator for PracticalNursing.org, a nursing advocacy organization that promotes the growth of nursing professionals through education, recently announced Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy is ranked as the number five practical nursing program in the state of Massachusetts.

The ranking assessed 18 practical nursing programs in Massachusetts focusing on how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond. The National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses pass rates for the previous five years were analyzed and weighted by year. Bay Path

received an overall score of 91.10, a stellar performance on PracticalNursing.org's 2018 ranking list to secure the number five rank. PracticalNursing.org prides themselves for being the leading LPN/LVN advancement and ranking agency, publishing their annual rankings list since 2014.

"Congratulations to our entire team on this outstanding accomplishment,"



said Practical Nursing Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "We would not have been able to maintain high standards in nursing education without the full support of Bay Path RVTHS, from the faculty & staff to our Superintendent, Mr. John Lafleche and the school committee."

Bay Path practical nursing is a 40-week, 10-month, full-time, Monday

through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education.

Gateway announces auditions

Gateway Players Theatre announces auditions for "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" by Don Zolidis.

They will be held on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. The entrance to the Hall is at the back of the building. This production will be directed by Joe Sawyer and produced by Mary Gahagan.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The cast consists of five actors, at least one female and one male, and the others can be either.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Performance dates are June 9 at Italian Club in Southbridge as part of a dinner theatre, and June 10, 15 and 16 at Elm Street Congregational Church.

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The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm are turned on their heads in this fast-paced, rollicking ride as two narrators and several actors attempt to combine all 209 stories ranging from classics like Snow White, Cinderella, and Hansel and Gretel to more bizarre, obscure stories like The Devil's Grandmother and The Girl Without Hands. A wild, free-form comedy with lots of audience participation and madcap fun.

RUNNING

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This is the 11th consecutive year that Samaritans, a suicide prevention organization serving the greater Boston and metro west communities, has received bib numbers for their Marathon team. Reichardt has been working hard to prepare for her tenth overall marathon, and she is looking forward to the challenge.

For residents considering participation in a future Boston Marathon, Reichardt has several tips after years of experience.

"My training tips are to run on the schedule and make sure you do all of your training miles," Reichardt said.

"If you miss one or two, don't get down on yourself. There's always another training day."

Reichardt's goal this year is to raise \$7,500 for Samaritans, and the team goal is to reach \$150,000. By raising money and awareness each year, it is the mission of the team to ensure that other families don't have to endure the heart-break of losing a loved one to suicide.

"In the past four years, Samaritans team members have become more like family," Reichardt said. "We text each other during training days, and a few of us run long runs together. We have team dinners and are involved in each other's fundraisers. I'm blessed to have them in my life."

For Reichardt, the Boston Marathon isn't just an opportunity to give back

each year but also to connect with teammates who know the grief of losing a loved one to suicide.

"Samaritans put themselves out there to end the stigma for suicide. They help others they know nothing about. [The Boston Marathon is] just about the most important day of the year – the thrill of being there and running for such an amazing cause," Reichardt said.

For over 40 years, Samaritans, Inc., volunteers have answered more than 2.5 million phone calls. The organization has trained over 4,500 volunteers and instructed 100,000 individuals through its community education and outreach program. For more information about Samaritans, visit www.samaritanshope.org or contact the Samaritans' business office at 617-536-2460.

BUSES

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of bus routes would prevent them from getting to work and school.

"Not everyone has their own vehicle, and it is unacceptable to be looking at cuts to public transportation," said State Representative Natalie Higgins, of Leominster, who represents the Fourth Worcester District.

The state's 15 regional transit authorities are short roughly \$8 million for fiscal year 2019, according to projections released by Governor Charlie Baker in his appropriations bill. If the current budget passes, it would have a crippling effect on public transportation across the state, officials said.

The proposed cuts would most severely affect Worcester, Springfield, and the Merrimack Valley, officials warned. Legislators have long decried the inequity of funding between greater Boston communities and the central and western parts of the state.

"Central Massachusetts has not received the funding it deserves for transportation," said gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren. "I will work for you and fight every single day to get this funding."

As the Senate Chair of the Regional Transportation Authority Caucus, Senator Anne Gobi is advocating along with other caucus members for full funding for bus services. This request is in accordance with a 2014 transportation finance law which established a funding schedule for the regional transportation authorities.

Governor Charlie Baker allocated \$80,400,000 this year for regional transportation authorities, which represents level funding. The Senate request for \$88,000,000 supported by Gobi and her colleagues would restore what the House and Senate implemented in the 2014 transportation reform act.

"Reliable bus service is a must for our area, and any decrease or elimination of services is not just an inconvenience – it is the loss of a vital lifeline," Gobi said. "I will continue to advocate for more funding than the Governor proposed in order to keep the buses rolling."

The proposed cuts in bus services would not only impact individuals who rely on public transportation, officials said, but they would also hurt municipal economies. Selectmen in Brookfield and West Brookfield are concerned that if bus routes west of the courthouse in East Brookfield are eliminated, several employees and visitors to their towns would have no means of reaching them.

As part of its proposed cuts, the WRTA is also consider-



Kevin Flanders photos

Residents from throughout central Massachusetts gather at Worcester City Hall to rally against proposed cuts to public transit services.



State Representative Natalie Higgins speaks during the March 20 rally in Worcester.

ing the elimination of Route 40, also known as the Hub Loop. Several other bus routes, though preserved by the proposals, would see dramatically reduced daily service. Legislators are concerned that any cuts this year might lead to additional curtailment in future years, causing a death spiral in public transit.

All proposals must be voted on by the WRTA advisory board and wouldn't take effect until the summer. Prior to the vote, residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the proposals during a series of public hearings. A meeting will be held on April 3 at 6 p.m. at Spencer Town Hall, while Brookfield residents will have a chance to share their concerns on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Brookfield Congregational Church.

To learn more about the proposed cuts in WRTA services, call 508-791-9782.

New psychiatrist joins Harrington practice

Lowell Kallen, M.D., has joined Harrington Behavioral Health Services at their new location at 17 Kennedy Drive, in Putnam, CT as a child and family psychiatrist.

With more than 30 years of experience in child and adolescent mental health therapy, Dr. Kallen has spent the last three years



Dr. Lowell Kallen

at Day Kimball Healthcare. His familiarity in the Putnam area will provide comfort for patients looking to transition or make a new appointment for psychiatry in the northeastern Connecticut community.

Dr. Kallen received his medical degree

from Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, MD. He completed a residency in pediatrics and a residency in psychiatry at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland, CA. He completed his fellowship in child psychiatry at Langley Porter Institute, University of California, in San Francisco. He is board certified in pediatrics, psychiatry, and neurology.

Dr. Kallen will be providing psychiatry management to children and adolescent

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- ADHD
- Conduct disorders
- Trauma
- Mood disorders

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We'd Love To Hear From You!

Local actor hangs with Shaq in commercial



Courtesy photos

At left: Nick Austin hangs out with Shaq between takes.

At right: A moment from the Carnival Cruise Line commercial with Shaquille O'Neal and Nick Austin.



By Sarah Champagne
News Correspondent

Nick Austin is a local kid who grew up in Southbridge and graduated from Bay Path in 2012. In his senior year of high school, he was voted class clown due to his natural ability to entertain and make people laugh.

"I've always liked entertaining people, making them laugh," says Austin.

Although he hadn't done any acting or local community theatre until then, the "class clown" label gave him pause to consider acting as a career move. After high school, he attended classes at Quinsigamond Community College. He also joined a boxing gym in Providence and met new people.

He heard about various acting auditions and "extras" opportunities during this time and decided try his hand at success in the entertainment industry. He eventually moved to Miami to live with an uncle, and found an agent.

That choice brought him many opportunities. Austin is now a working actor and has been in many films, as an extra or in small parts, and has starred in national commercials. One of his biggest breaks came recently when he starred in a commercial for Carnival Cruise Lines alongside basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal.

"He was a good person, just a normal guy. We had a good time, just having fun and messing with each other between takes," remarks Austin of the athlete also known as Shaq.

Austin has also met and worked with other celebrities along the way including Ben Affleck, Kevin Hart and Zach Braff. He says everyone has been friendly and down to earth.

The process of being cast in the Carnival Cruise

Lines commercial went at a fast pace. Austin says his agent called on a Monday to say she had an opportunity for him. On Tuesday, he had an audition, and Wednesday he received a call giving positive feedback on his audition. After a few hours, his agent called back and said he had won the part. He went to a fitting for the commercial Thursday and learned he would be in a Carnival Cruise commercial with Shaq. By Saturday, he was on set filming.

"It was a great experience for sure," says Austin.

Austin says the typical workday shooting a commercial begins at 6:30 a.m. For the Carnival ad, the set had to wrap up before 4 p.m., when most cruise ships leave shore.

Austin is now a working actor with a steady stream of potential projects, and he is excited about the future. He grew up in Southbridge, attending elementary school here and the former Mary E. Wells Junior High School before going on to Bay Path Regional Vocational High School to study masonry. He certainly has a bright future ahead of him as he continues to find national exposure as an actor.

Flower Power

The months of March and April bring with them the anticipation of sunny days to come. And for New Englanders, the long awaited warm weather promises a new season of flowers. From altering moods to increasing productivity, tending to flowers can serve as a valuable form of garden therapy. Read on for some inspiration to plan spring and summer gardens this year!

Don't have a garden? Don't fret – simply being in the company of flowers can have a profound therapeutic effect. The mere sight and fragrance of flowers can trigger the release of endorphins, the "feel good" hormones that increase joy and well being.

In fact, research by Rutgers College, New Jersey established flowers have a positive impact on moods and can even decrease bouts of mild depression. According to the ten month study, flowers have an immediate impact on happiness. The research also showed flowers have a long-term positive effect on moods and study participants reported feeling less depressed, anxious and agitated after receiving flowers, with a higher sense of enjoyment and life satisfaction.

Want more? Studies on the effects of flowers by Virginia Polytechnic Institute revealed the presence of flowers enhances communication, restores mental fatigue and promotes a good sense of self esteem! According to various medical reports, all it takes is three to five minutes looking at views dominated by trees, flowers or water to begin to reduce anger, anxiety and pain and to induce relaxation. And research by Dr. Roger Ulrich, PhD proved patients recovering from surgery healed quicker and needed less pain medication when they had flowers within view. These patients also had shorter hospital stays than their flowerless counterparts!

Need a nudge to bring more flowers into your life in 2018? Here are some eye opening facts on the virtues of flowers!

"Flower Power" takes on new meaning when you understand fresh flowers have the capacity to alter our energy and emotions. Why not take the benefits of the flower garden one step further and plant specifically to improve both body and soul?

*Lavender: Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. Studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.

*Roses: No flower is more sentimental than the romantic rose. And it's no wonder. The scent of roses evokes nostalgia, which can recall happy memories from the past.

*Violets: Research shows violets enhance learning speed by 17%, and also improve concentration when used in study rooms.

*Lilies: Need an energy boost? The scent of lily has been proven to increase wakefulness and help you stay alert.

Legends and Lore of the Blooms: Flowers have long played a role in our everyday lives and according to folklore, perhaps even our futures. The "magical" power of blooms is legendary, as the following superstitions suggest:

*Daisies: Perhaps the most familiar floral "predictor" of love is the daisy. Plucking off petals one by one while reciting "He (or she) loves me, he loves me not," has long served as an amusing indicator of requited love.

*Bachelor Buttons: Folklore may explain how these bright blue and purple cornflowers earned their name. Legend has it that young suitors would place freshly picked flowers in their pocket while courting. If the "bachelor

lor buttons"



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remained fresh and unwilted for the duration, it was a sure sign the relationship is on a steady course of success!

*Roses: Romantic lore claims rose petals helped young ladies of earlier eras choose between two or more suitors. Writing the name of each prospective husband the petals and tossing them to the wind, it is said the last petal to hit the ground holds the name of the one she shall marry.

*Primrose Etc.: Superstition has it that bouquets of flowers should always contain an odd number of blooms, lest bad luck be lured. This belief especially applies to primroses, as the English believed the flowers should be only be brought into the house in groups of 13 to ensure good fortune.

*Daffies: Perky yellow daffodils can be an instant mood booster, but according to Welsh folklore the flower can also bring wealth. It is said the first person who spots a spring daffodil will be rewarded with prosperity throughout the year!

*Roses: To bring good luck into a home in days of yore, rose leaves were tossed into the fireplace flame.

*White Flowers: White blooms are beautiful, but they can carry a melancholy mes-

sage, according to age old folklore. Think twice before you send a bouquet of white flowers to a sick friend in the hospital as legend claims whites with a strong fragrance can worsen a sickness or even bring on death! Ditto for white flowers that show signs of wilting. And never pair white and red flowers in a bouquet for a sick person, as the combination is said to bring bad luck.

*Day Lilies: These bright orange flowers, common to the New England landscape, were considered a lucky health charm when worn. It was believed wearing a lily would lighten one's worries and lessen distress.

Poppies: While wearing a poppy in the lapel on Veteran's Day has long been a tradition to honor those who served and died for their country, poppies were also worn in the belief they help dispel worries and anxiety.

Students in the Northeast gifting the flowers to each other during the Irish holiday.

Paired with seasonal greenery, the colorful green carnation is a popular St. Patty's Day centerpiece.

Easter Lily FYI: Easter Lily symbolizes innocence, purity and virtue as the gorgeous white flowers reflect the spiritual aspect of Easter. Legend tells of lilies growing in the garden of Gethsemane – springing up where Christ's drops of sweat fell during his final agony.

Each year at Easter, pots of white lilies grace the alters of Christian churches and the homes of believers.

While the Easter Lily is a

symbol of the holiday, the seasonal perennial flower can be planted and enjoyed for years to come.

After the plant is done blooming, trim off dead foliage and plant it outside when ground is thawed. Lilies like a sunny area with well drained soil. Give the plant plenty of water and add an all purpose fertilizer. It probably won't flower again until the next year, but replanting the Easter Lily rewards the gardener with years of beautiful blooms!

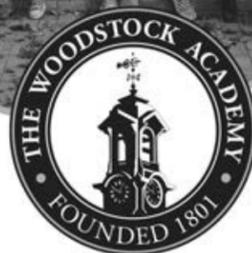
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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com.

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Sounding off: it ends now

A few years ago, before the advent of Facebook news and faceless media trolls on the Internet, a different editor and others at Stonebridge Press adopted an idea. It wasn't entirely new, it had been done elsewhere, but it was taken as our own.

The premise was, some people were afraid to express their opinion, afraid of repercussions from, well, take your pick: politicians, the police, neighbors, whomever this person or that thought might not agree and would take offense in some hostile manner.

So it became a policy, you could call in and leave a voicemail, or you could mail an anonymous letter, and be assured it would get into the pages.

But there were some major problems with this in the long run. We couldn't know just who it was that was sending us these gems. We couldn't know if they were "on the up and up" for one thing, whether the people were who they claimed to be.

And there wasn't a lot we could do about their information. We couldn't ask them where they found their information, what it was based on, who they had spoken to, whether other steps had been taken...really whether any of what they purported to say was even truthful. We couldn't know.

But we printed them. We've had second thoughts. As our publisher Frank Chilinski eloquently put it, "In this era of the internet, social media, news online that goes unchecked and unchallenged, it is a much different world than the world of 15 years ago."

And in the last week or so, we've had some varied responses to some harsh anonymous contributions.

With that in mind, while there are some responses in this week's opinions, be assured there will no longer be anonymous letters to the editor in our pages.

We may, if the writer chooses and can prove a need, withhold a name of a writer upon request, but the writer must provide us with their contact information first, so we can verify their information with them if we have questions. That's the only way we can do it and be as balanced as possible on all fronts.

We hope this helps clarify our position, and makes us a bit more responsible.

On another note, while debating the pros and cons of gun controls, First Amendment rights of various groups debating those rights and the newest demonstrating Children Who Have Discovered Voices; we nearly missed a huge issue much, much closer to home.

Every one of the towns served by a Stonebridge Press newspaper is affected.

While we who drive Massachusetts highways and byways continue to pay for the Big Dig, the Massachusetts Turnpike, the airports and the non-existent-to-us train services beyond the I-495 corridor, the Governor who gets driven to work has chosen not to fully fund transportation services out here.

That it doesn't do enough already, and if anything should be expanded in most areas, the idea of a cut in services is ludicrous.

We can't conceive of the words to condone this idiocy. People who need this service, who must get to work, to health services, to get to schools, even to shop or to enjoy a little time away from home depend entirely on the bus runs. Many rural areas still don't have regularly scheduled runs now; they should be expanded not contracted.

This one thing is enough to change our minds about Charlie.

SOUND OFF! Sound Off: I agree

Just finished reading the Letter to the Editor and answering to what "just Saying" wrote.

Thank you for writing this article. It has been on my mind for a long time but thought I was the only one that thought that. I am old now, but when I see the immigrants taking over my town that I lived here all my life. And getting sympathy, so they go on welfare, free housing, medical care, etc.

You wrote the honest thing that I have read in a long time. "Just Saying," I am proud that you wrote the truth. Believe me I have nothing against them especially the good ones, but since we been bringing them in all it has been guns, drugs, robbing people, not to mention killing. I am afraid of going out, I feel I am becoming a recluse. Thank you again.

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Crumbling home foundations: are you affected, and how can I help?

ANNE GOBI

As you may have heard, thousands of our neighbors to the south in Connecticut have been dealt an unfortunate hand. Their home foundations and basement walls have begun to crack and become unsafe; the result of a rare mineral in the concrete mix degrading and expanding over time.

It has come to my attention that this may not be an issue unique to Connecticut, and that several of my constituents may be affected as well.

The damage, described as spider or web-cracking, is caused by an iron sulfide called pyrrhotite that begins to degrade when exposed to water and oxygen. When present in the aggregate material used to make concrete the building material itself can be compromised as water and air enters through small cracks and holes which allows the iron sulfides to start breaking down, cracking the concrete and allowing even more air and water to enter. As it continues to degrade the concrete will swell, crack and ultimately fail. While the mineral is rare, reports found that all the concrete in question originated from the same quarry and supply company, JJ Mottes Concrete and Septic Supply located in Strafford, CT. It is believed an estimated 34,000 homes in

Connecticut alone are affected.

In working with my colleagues in the Legislature, Congressman Richard Neal, Connecticut State Representative Jeff Currey and Brian Luther from the Capitol Region Council of Governments in Connecticut, we understand that a comprehensive approach for damage assessment, repair and reimbursement must be in place and available for our constituents who are affected. How many Massachusetts homeowners are living with this issue is still unknown.

In an attempt to properly address this issue moving forward I do need your help, as the scope and severity must first be assessed.

If your home was built between the years 1983-2010 and you believe that your home may be affected I urge you to reach out.

To provide information you can:

- Fill out a survey at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/FTPi579rTT-Mcw2G3>

- Visit my website for more information and a copy of the survey link: www.senatorannegobi.com

- E-mail my staff member Derek Silver at derek.silver@masenate.gov

- Call my office at (617) 722-1540 for assistance

- Visit my Twitter (@AnneGobi) and Facebook for updates

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sharing our support

To the Editor:

As clergy local to Southbridge and Sturbridge, we are writing in support of the March for Our Lives events taking place on March 24, 2018 in Washington DC and across the country. This group is newly formed out of the survivors of the Parkland, FL school shooting. Youth and impacted family members are demanding that their lives and safety become a priority, and that gun violence and mass school shootings come to an end. We join with them to say, "Enough is Enough."

The fear that guns are our only security has limited our vision. We have allowed lobbyists to caricature those with whom they disagree. We have allowed those who profit from gun manufacturing and supplying to influence our gun regulation, when they resist even minor restrictions on those who can purchase firearms. We call for a more heartfelt conversation and listening. This is needed to allow for a nuanced regulation of guns, and more serious requirements for gun safety across the country. As Christian leaders, we encourage gathering for communal prayers, and peace vigils, calling out the pervasive evils in our society that paralyze our ability to act in new and reasoned ways.

For far too long we, the people of the United States, have let our silence be purchased and have quietly gone along with the use of firearms to hunt not animals, but our own children. Gun violence in this country has become a public health crisis. According to analysis by the Washington Post on February 15, 2018, "On average, two dozen children are shot every day in the United States."

According to World Health Organization data as published in the American Journal of Medicine, "91 percent of children younger than 15 who were killed by bullets lived in the United States."

Thomson: not going as planned

To the Editor:

Over the years, the First Congregational Church of Brimfield has rented space to the town of Brimfield to use as a Senior Center. In October 2017, I approached the Friends of the Brimfield Senior Center, Inc. ('Friends') about leading a project to get a structure built that would be dedicated to the Senior Center, allowing an expansion of services to our community.

The Friends agreed, and soon thereafter, a 23 acre property was donated for this project.

Unfortunately, dissension regarding this project soon arose within the Friends organization, and at the end of February, a decision was made at a special Board meeting to "disband the Building Committee at this time" and to continue the "Building Finance Committee."

These two statements (made in a letter to me, dated March 7) are ambig-

uous, but were somewhat clarified at the regular Board meeting on March 7, when it was announced that the project was terminated and that the donated land would be sold.

Since I was informed that there is still a "Building Finance Committee," I am concerned about possible continuance of fundraising in the name of a construction project that no longer exists.

I know that many in the Brimfield community will share my disappointment about the termination of this project, as well as those from other towns who participate in the activities of the Brimfield Senior Center. If you have donated money to this project and want it returned, make your request to:

FOBSC, PO Box 233, Brimfield, MA 01010.

MARY THOMSON
BRIMFIELD

Newer investors: don't panic if bear market returns

If you're in your twenties or thirties, you might be starting to focus more on investing to reach your financial goals. Because of this, you also may be more attuned to moves in the financial markets. Depending on your age, you may have only experienced the bull market of the past nine years, so you might not know what to expect – or how to respond – whenever the next bear market strikes.

Of course, just recently, you've witnessed a market correction – a drop of at least 10 percent in the major stock market indices, such as the S&P 500. This sudden plunge made big news and



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reminded many investors of how volatile the financial markets can be.

But a full-fledged bear market usually isn't identified until the markets are down 20 percent from their recent highs. Plus, bear markets, unlike corrections, tend to linger for a while.

The last "bear" emerged from hibernation in October 2007 and stayed on the prowl until early March 2009. During that time, the S&P 500 declined by about 50 percent. Clearly, investors were not happy – but the market recovered and moved to new heights. This long and strong run-up may have obliterated your bear market memories, if you ever had them at all. And that's why you might want to familiarize yourself with some of the bare facts about bear markets:

Bear markets may provide good buying opportunities. When gas is expensive, you may just buy a few gallons at a time – but when the price falls, you're probably more likely to fill up your tank. The same principle can apply to investing – when stock prices are down, your investment dollars will buy more shares. And the more shares you own, the greater your ability to build wealth once the share price rises. In short, a bear market may provide you with a chance to buy quality investments at good prices.

Bear markets don't last forever. No one can predict precisely how long bear markets will run, but they've typically been much shorter than bull markets. So, while you might not particularly like looking at your investment statement during a decline, you can take some comfort in knowing such downturns are a normal feature of the investment landscape.

Bear markets don't affect all investments equally. If you only own U.S. stocks, your portfolio may well take a sizable hit during a bear market. But other types of investment vehicles may not be as directly affected – and some may even show positive results. Consequently, you could reduce the bear's "bite" if you also own a variety of other investments, such as international stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. However, while owning this type of diversified portfolio can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it does not guarantee profits or protect against losses.

A bear market can be challenging. But by making the right moves, such as staying patient, looking for buying opportunities and maintaining a diversified portfolio, you may be able to prevent a market decline from becoming unbearable.

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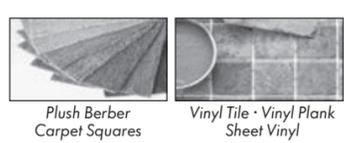
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Young singers take the stage at Bartlett



Charlton's Mirage choir gets into the groove of "Work This Body."



A victory declaration from Charlton.



The only Connecticut participant, Windsor Locks' Power Company choir, wows the crowd. Soloists Olivia Oeshe (in red) and Sydney Martineau (with microphone) sings about what it's like to be "Evil Like Me."



Dudley's Prestige choir "Shake, Rattle and Rock!" to kick off their 1950s sitcom-themed set "Pleasantville."

WEBSTER - The T-shirts on sale at Bartlett's Junior High Show Choir Festival Saturday pretty much said it all: "Warning: This person may start to sing and dance at any time."

Of course, that was the whole point. For several hours, kids from six school systems - Webster, Charlton, Dudley, Windsor Locks, Randolph and Tantasqua - got on stage to show off their stuff in half-hour sets, displaying an impressive range of talent.

From Tantasqua's Atlantis-based set looking at hubris and redemption to Charlton's Olympics-themed production to Windsor Locks' look at evil from "The Descendants,"

the show choirs clearly had fun while wading into a wide range of themes.

Afterward, Bartlett's own Impressions choir gave them a taste of what they all could become in a few more years - a regional gold-award-winning and national third-place choir, with more ahead of them.

The final result: Grand champion was Dudley Middle School, first runner up was Charlton Middle School and second runner up was Tantasqua Middle School.



Gus Steeves photos

Soloist Madelyn Parker of Charlton belts out part of "The Climb," with its notable chorus "It ain't about how fast I get there. / It ain't about what's on the other side. / It's the climb."



Charlton's costume change brought out a different kind of sport-themed look, featuring balls, hockey sticks and other equipment. Here, soloists Hailey Carlson and Ben Lombardi have the stage all to themselves for part of "We're All in This Together."



Emily Brill of Dudley solos in "If the World Only Knew."



Mya Harnois, who had just finished soloing in "We Are Broken," and her colleagues in Tantasqua's Maestros choir lament the disaster that is befalling the once-great Kingdom of Atlantis.



Dudley's kids switched back and forth from black, white and grey to the bright colors seen here, reminiscent of TV's own change to color and the teenager's discovery of love.



The kids depict Atlantis at its nadir in Tantasqua's music.

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SPORTS

Delgado's all-around effort leads to victory and MVP in SWCL All-Star Game



Photos courtesy Lina Gonzalez

The Southern Worcester County League girls' basketball all-stars, along with their respective coaches.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHRIDGE — Julitza Delgado enjoyed one final moment on the basketball court where she made a name for herself and, in the process, helped lead the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) All-Stars Home Team to a come-from-behind victory over the Away Team, 84-75, on Friday, March 16.

The Southbridge High senior poured in a game-high 18 points — 13 after halftime — pulled down five rebounds, served up five assists and made two steals in the game. For her efforts, just a month after surpassing the 1,000-point plateau for the Pioneers on this very court, she was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

"This was really a lot of fun," said Delgado, who had both arms wrapped around her very large MVP trophy. "I really enjoyed the chance to play with some girls I haven't played with before. We all really seemed to work well together. I didn't feel like I had to do a lot of the work; I could just go out there and play."

As the years went on Delgado shouldered more and more team responsibilities during her time at Southbridge. By the time her senior year rolled around she was the Pioneers' main scoring threat, rebounder, ball handler and defender. In this game she was able to let some of her teammates take on some

of those duties.

"I was able to just be a piece of the puzzle; I really like that," Delgado said. "I think playing in college is going to be like that, too, which is one of many reasons I'm looking forward to playing at the next level."

The SWCL All-Star Games — the boys' All-Stars played following the girls' game — was a yearly postseason highlight for the league for several years, but hadn't been played for some time until Southbridge High boys' head coach Victor Colon brought the event back to life last year.

The Home Team roster consisted of 10 players: Delgado and freshman Ashanti Morales from Southbridge; sophomores Shannon Reno and Morgan Cronan and seniors Samantha Brady and Jenna Nasuti from Millbury High; junior Kelly Moran from Northbridge High; junior Olivia Hicks from Uxbridge High; junior Allison Grzembki from Bartlett High; and junior Brooke Pepin from David Prouty Regional.

In addition, Northbridge senior Maria Cray, junior Jackie Puda and freshman Hannah Lomonaco were selected for the game but were unable to attend.

Also scoring in double figures for the Home Team were Reno, who tossed in 17 points and hit three 3-pointers and Brady, who contributed a dozen points to the winning effort. Reno also co-lead the Home Team in assists with five, while Moran led the way on the boards, grabbing eight rebounds.

The Home Team trailed, 18-5 and 27-13, before outscoring the Away Team, 26-10, over the final five minutes of the first half to grab a 39-37 lead at intermission. The Home Team then opened the second half with a 14-7 run to extend its lead to 53-45 with 15 minutes left in the game.

The Away Team then went on a run of its own, outscoring the Home Team 16-6 to take a 61-59 lead. The Home team quickly bounced back, however, using a 10-2 lead to re-take the lead for good, 69-66, with six minutes remaining.

The Away Team roster consisted of nine players: Junior Lindsey Zak, sophomore Lydia Boland and freshman Ainsley Way of Tantasqua Regional; juniors Anya Kopyra and Jenna Gordon of Grafton High; junior Emily Fontaine, sophomore Maddie Hippert and fresh-

man Alex Dufries of Leicester High; and junior Semran Sahota of Auburn High.

Tantasqua freshman Morgan Smith, Grafton junior Abby Rogers, Quaboag Regional sophomore Kiarra Dorman and Oxford High junior Gina Parmenter were all invited to play in the game but were unable to attend.

Sahota led the Away Team with a double-double, scoring 14 points and pulling down a game-high 15 rebounds. She also recorded a steal and an assist.

Also scoring in double figures for the Away Team were Fontaine with 13 points (including three 3-pointers), Dufries with 12 (two 3-pointers) and Kopyra with 10 (two 3-pointers). Way was the team's second-leading rebounder, with 10, while Gordon pulled down eight boards to go along with a team-high five assists. Hippert led the way for

the Away Team in steals, with four, to go along with five points, four rebounds and an assist.

"I had a great bunch of girls and we had a lot of fun," said Leicester head coach Dave Padavano, who, along with Auburn's Nicole LePrevost, coached the Away Team. "The game was competitive. We cut a 14-point deficit to two at the half and even managed to have the lead for a little while in the second half, too."

"It was an All-Star game; there were a lot of points scored and not a lot of defense played, but we had a lot of fun," Padavano continued. "This was an awesome opportunity to coach bunch a girls from all over who really enjoy playing the game."

Millbury's Steve Reno served as the head coach for the Home Team.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Brimfield Trail Association's 5k Race and Walk set for April 28

The 10th annual countrybank Brimfield Trail Association 5k Race and Walk is set for April 28, with the race to start at 9 a.m. and the walk to follow at 9:15. Please register online at www.BrimfieldTrail.org. The 5k loop is a gravel-based trail and is mostly flat with varied terrain. Free T-shirts go out to the first 75 registrants. The start/finish line is at Five Bridges Road in Brimfield. The race entry fee is \$20 if registered by April 9 and \$25 on the day of the race.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in playing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. Signup dates will be held April 14 and 21 between 10 a.m. and noon on both days at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion.

Post, Main Street in Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure their eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email ray_sull_2@yahoo.com.



Tantasqua's Ainsley Way looks for a play to develop while holding onto the ball.



Lydia Boland of Tantasqua keeps the ball away from Southbridge's Julitza Delgado while driving on her.



Tantasqua's Lindsey Zak drives the ball inside the 3-point arc.

SPORTS

Determined Owusu shines at SWCL All-Star game, wins MVP



Photos courtesy Lina Gonzalez

The Southern Worcester County League All-Stars before their game.



Drew Peretti of Tantasqua cracks a smile while shooting a free throw.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — It was raining 3-pointers at the Southbridge High gymnasium on Friday, March 16, as the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) boys' basketball teams officially closed out the 2017-18 season with an All-Star game in front of family and friends.

The teams combined to hit 35 shots from beyond the arc — and score 227 points.

The Home Team, with five players scoring in double figures and 10 recording at least seven points, won the game, 124-103.

Oxford High's McAddai Owusu led the Home Team — which connected on 21 of its 3-point attempts — recording a double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. For his performance the junior was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

"This was a great way to end the season. It was fun; it was a great game

played in a really nice atmosphere. I really enjoyed it," said Owusu, who drilled a pair of 3-pointers and recorded three assists. "I was disappointed I didn't get selected for this game last year so I worked hard during the summer so I could get selected for this year's game. Hopefully I'll get selected for the game again next year and that will give me a chance to repeat as game MVP."

David Prouty Regional senior Sage Maryyanek was the Home Team's top scorer, finishing with 21 points (five 3-pointers), four rebounds and an assist. Northbridge High junior Robbie Cannon added 15 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Bartlett High's Dylan Paddleford scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Northbridge junior Sean Rosenlund chipped in to the winning cause with 13 points (three 3-pointers), five rebounds and five assists.

Bartlett sophomore Logan Paranto scored nine points (two 3-pointers) to go along with four rebounds and four assists while Uxbridge High junior Harrison Mansfield, Bartlett senior Dom Palmerino and Oxford senior Klaytin Silva all scored eight points. Mansfield also grabbed six rebounds and served up three assists while Silva recorded eight rebounds and a pair of assists.

Northbridge junior Dillon Padula finished with seven points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal while Uxbridge junior Tyler Tedford — his playing time cut short when he reinjured his left ankle — scored three points and grabbed a pair of rebounds.

The Home Team — which was coached by Northbridge's Aaron Katz — put the game away early, outscoring the Away Team 31-6 during a seven-minute span of the first half to turn a 16-15 deficit into a 46-22 lead. The run included a string of 14 consecutive points. Maryyanek scored eight points in the spurt, six coming on 3-pointers, while Owusu added five and Rosenlund four.

Northbridge senior Jared Richardson, Uxbridge senior Scott Kaeller and Oxford senior Jared Perkins were also selected for the game but were unable to attend. Auburn High seniors Tyler Judice and Matty Backlin were also originally on the roster, but both were forced to bow out of the competition due to injuries.

After the run the Home Team, which led 55-44 at halftime, led by double digits the rest of the way, its largest lead being 36 points, 89-53, on a 3-pointer by Padula with 13 minutes to play.

The Away Team, which drained 14 treys, was led by Southbridge High senior Jared Figueroa, who scored 20 points (two 3-pointers), grabbed eight rebounds, served up five assists and made three steals.

Grafton High's Will Herndon led the Away Team in scoring with 22 points. The senior also grabbed six rebounds. Tantasqua Regional senior Drew Peretti also scored in double figures, nine of his 13 points coming on triples. He also recorded six rebounds and three assists.

Tantasqua senior Evan Couture and Southbridge senior Justin Reyes each scored nine points while Leicester High senior Kyle Enberg added eight points (two three-pointers) and Millbury High senior William Nadeau tossed in six points on a pair of 3-pointers. Couture also grabbed three rebounds while Reyes had five rebounds and two assists, Enberg had two rebounds and an assist and Nadeau had five rebounds.

Rounding out the Away Team roster were Tantasqua juniors Hayden Peterson and Chase Freeland, Grafton's Kyle Sawtelle (senior) and Ryan Jack (junior), and Leicester seniors Kyle Padeni and Anthony Goodney. Quaboag Regional senior Zach McCann was also picked for the game, but he was unable to attend.

"I told the guys before the game that we were going to try to have a Grinnell type of game," said Tantasqua's Tom O'Neil, the Away Team coach, referring to the Grinnell (Iowa) College men's basketball team, which averages 120 points a game and subs five guys at a time every four minutes.

"I wanted us to try and run and score and put on a show for the fans," O'Neil continued. "I just tried to let the kids play and do what they want. This is a game where it's all about them so I wanted them to go out and just let the offense happen. I wanted them to just go out there and have fun; that's what this game is about."

This All-Star Game, and the girls'

game which preceded it, were organized — for the second year in a row — by Victor Colon, the Southbridge High boys' varsity coach.

"I thought it went great," Colon said. "I'm doing this for the kids so they have a chance to play together and play with the other guys. They seem like they're having fun, so why not keep doing it."



Northbridge's Dillon Padula launches a deep 3-pointer.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Annual Chili Chowdown coming to Bay Path Regional

The Bay Path Regional baseball team's eighth annual Chili Chowdown will be held on Sunday, April 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school café. The Chili Chowdown is run by the baseball team to offset the cost to play in the Rotary Classic Tournament on Cape Cod during school vacation week in April.

This year there are over 24 vendors dishing out their chili to help raise money for the team. The vendors include the following:

The Bay Path baseball team, Junior Culinary Federation, Pine Ridge Country Club, Epicurean Feast, Karol's Corner Take Out, Eller's, Big T's BBQ, Tantasqua Culinary, Zorbas, Monty Bianco, Auburn Public School, Andy's BBQ, Chili's, Elm Centre Café, Brown Square Civic Club, Old Sturbridge Village, Luck's Café, Yankee Diner, Chef Armata, Chef Henrikson, Mexicali Grill, The Overlook, The Fix and 44 Catering.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

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



Hayden Peterson of Tantasqua sets his feet before shooting a 3-pointer.



Tantasqua's Chase Freeland makes an acrobatic move with the ball while flying toward the basket.

OBITUARIES

Janet Farrell, 58

STURBRIDGE- Janet (Dristy) Farrell, 58, passed away on Tuesday, March 20th, in her home, after living with breast cancer for the past two and a half years.



She leaves her husband of 30 years, Mark R. Farrell; her five children, Christina Partridge and her husband David of Princeton, Margot E. Farrell and her fiancé Sean Darrow of Somerville, Devon J. Farrell of Paris, France, Elysia J. Farrell of Sturbridge and Bennet C. Farrell of Sturbridge; her granddaughter, Julia R. Partridge; her parents, Forrest and Margaret (Rucki) Dristy of Delray Beach, FL; her brother, Mark Dristy and his wife Pamela of Aiken, SC; and many close friends. She was born in Tallahassee, FL.

Janet was a 1977 graduate of the Academy of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, PA, and was president of her class. She remained close with many of her high school friends and stayed active with the school community. She was also a graduate of SUNY Oswego and moved to Boston and loved her time in the city.

Janet would often say her proudest accomplishment was being a wife and raising five children. She also loved and cared for four foster children and kept in touch with them after they were adopted. She also enjoyed her time volunteering as a La Leche League leader.

Janet loved having an open door policy, welcoming friends and family to gather at any time. She also enjoyed singing and dancing.

Most of all she will be remembered for her love of her family, her welcoming heart, and her beautiful and infectious smile.

A service was held at 10:00am on Saturday, March 24th, at St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial followed in North Cemetery, Sturbridge. Calling hours were held at Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St. Southbridge, on Friday, March 23rd, from 4:00 to 7:00pm

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Tri-Community YMCA, 43 Everett St., Southbridge, MA 01550 or to the Dristy/Farrell scholarship fund at Bryn Athyn College, 2945 College Dr., Bryn Athyn, PA 19009.

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Kenneth R. Guertin, 70

SOUTHBRIDGE- Kenneth R. Guertin, 70, passed away on Saturday, March 24th, in the St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.



He leaves his wife of 50 years, Paulette R. (Boudreau) Guertin; his son,

Keith R. Guertin and his wife Heather of Southbridge; and his two grandchildren, Jake Guertin and Melysa May Guertin, both of Southbridge. His son, Kristopher Guertin, predeceased him in 1972. He was also predeceased by his step father, Albert Servant and his father and mother-in-law, N. Leo and Rita Boudreau. He was born in Heidelberg, Germany the son of the late Raymond Guertin and Jeanne (Bombardier) Guertin Servant and grew up in Sturbridge. He was a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge. He was a US Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Ken worked at Karl Storz Endovision Inc. in Charlton for 11 years before

retiring. He previously worked as a supervisor at Amerbelle Textile Co. for 30 years. He was a life-long member and former president of the Sturbridge Lions Club and was a recipient of the Lions Club's Joseph Camarda Fellowship Award. He was a former member of the board of directors and former coach of the Southbridge Pop Warner Football program. Ken was a proud New England Patriots season ticket holder for 30 years. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman.



Calling hours for Ken will be held on Thursday, March 29th, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Funeral services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sturbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 1, Fiskdale, MA 01518.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, April 7

SIR GEORGE & THE DRAGON: Charlton Lions Club presents Jon McDonough's Pumpernickel Puppets on Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at the Overlook Community Center. Free community event; refreshments and complimentary eye screening provided. For information contact thecharltonlions@gmail.com.

Monday, April 9

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: John McKinney, former National Park Service Ranger, will talk about Birding for Everyone at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300, Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

Wednesday, April 11

COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUNDBREAKING: There's a new community garden in Sturbridge. The Community Food Collaborative was formed last fall and they are seeking volunteers. To learn more, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cfcgardens/>. If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare and plant the garden, please join us for a kick-off celebration for volunteers followed by a tour of the garden site on Wednesday, April 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sturbridge Federated Church fellowship hall. For questions, email CFCGarden357@gmail.com or send a note to Community Food Collaborative at PO Box 357, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

HONORING THE RIVER: The French River Connection is pleased to invite the public to a presentation by Larry Spotted Crow Mann, award winning writer-poet-native American cultural

educator-traditional story teller, speaking on Honoring the Mannexit (French) River" Mr. Mann's most recent book is Drumming & Dreaming, and presents tales of the Algonquin Tribes, primarily the Nipmuc. The event will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m., at the Wintergarten, the easily accessible historic meeting hall above Kretchman's Brewery, located along the French River at 9 Frederick St. in Webster. The street is between the Post Office and the Police Station. The Brewery will be open and available to patrons.

Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21

ANNUAL SPRING SALE: The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge will be holding its annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a pre-sale on Friday, April 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Great bargains to be had.

In conjunction with our Rummage Sale on Saturday April 21 only, we will also be accepting electronics for a small fee. Bicycles of all sorts will also be taken from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the rear of the Meetinghouse (parking area). This is a great opportunity to start spring cleaning and to recycle.

Saturday, April 21

TOWN WIDE EFFORT: Let's Clean Up Holland! April 21st from 9-Noon. Participate in our second annual town wide effort against LITTER! Meet at Holland Elementary at 9am sharp. Form a team, be part of a team, or come on your own. With support and funding from The Last Green Valley, Opacum Land Trust and the Holland Highway, Police and Fire departments it will be a bigger success this year! Last year 70 participated, this year WE WANT 150!!! A party with treats for all participants will follow from 12-2:30! Feel good about

our pretty town! Bring gloves & rough clothes, suitable footwear. For more info call (413) 245-4197

Saturday, April 28

CLOTHING DRIVE: Charlton Brownie Girl Scout Troop will be hosting a drive through clothing drive at the Charlton Elementary School on Earth Day, Saturday, April 28 from 10 am - 1 pm.

Sunday, May 20

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

ONGOING

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

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share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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Tuesday, April 3
Drop-in Storytime. Stories, songs, simple craft for children of all ages and their caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Tuesday, April 10
Drop-in Storytime. Stories, songs, simple craft for children of all ages and

their caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Tuesday, April 17
Drop-in Craft. Make a craft stick Troll! Supplies may be limited. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, April 18:
Family Movie Night. Enjoy Disney's "Coco" and refreshments with your entire family! Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL Pre-register, please. 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 19:
Vermont's PuppeTrees presents "14 Carrots" the story of Aunt Swelly, a mature rabbit trying to enter the job market after years of babysitting. The

show is filled with visual surprises, puppets and audience participation. Best for ages 2-8 years with caregiver. Free tickets available beginning April. 2. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 11:00 AM

Thursday, April 26
Hyde and Seek Kids Book Club. Read "The Girl Who Drank the Moon" by Kelly Barnhill then meet with us. We'll talk about the book, have a snack, and share ideas in a fun, no-pressure atmosphere. Copies of the book are available at the library. You don't have to finish the book to participate. Free. Pre-register please. 6:30 PM



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REGISTER FOR TOWN WIDE YARD SALE: register for a spot in the eighth annual Town-Wide Tag Sale. It's only \$12 to register their sale on the map, and this year, we are giving the maps away for free, both online at realtor Stephanie Bayliss' website and at Hitchcock Academy the morning of the tag sale.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

LET'S START A JAM BAND: Bring your own instruments or use a variety of djembes and hand drums and join local musician Tim Kane in learning covers and creating original songs as a group! Members will be invited to perform all of these selections at Make Music Day on June 21. Date: Fridays 6-7 March 30, April 6, 13, May 4, May 18, 25, June 1, 8 (no class 4/20 or 5/11) Fee: \$80 Instructor: Tim Kane, Kane School of Drums. Contact Hitchcock to register.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a

friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

MONDAY, APRIL 2

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2018. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings! Times: Weigh-in and Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally without instruction. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will Donations are welcome. Time: 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Hitchcock for more information.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 5

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5 STEM: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or emailing

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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

SATURDAY APRIL 7

K9® NOSEWORK: K9 Nose Work® is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Explore a new hobby with your best friend or improve on you and your friend's current knowledge! Progressive training levels offered from basic to advanced. (6 classes)

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Fee: \$145/dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor. Contact Hitchcock to register.

TAI CHI with DAVID: Warm up with 30 minutes of Chi Kung, switching to simple form work and into some more advanced forms. Approachable for all levels. Preregistration required. If not enough students have registered by the Monday before the workshop, it will be cancelled. Dates: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m. Fee: \$23 Instructor: David Masera Contact Hitchcock to register.

EVENTS AT BUFFUMVILLE FOR SPRING

Sunday, April 29

Buffumville Dam Tour: 1-2 pm, Buffumville Dam, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. Would you like to know why the lake is lower in the winter months? Have you ever wondered what the Park Rangers do in the winter and in other seasons? Do you like to learn about weather and perhaps learn a little about food water storage and protection? Then join Park Ranger Jamie to learn all about it. Meet at the gate house doors (48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton) for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour. Questions? 508-248-5697. Free tour. Moderate; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children; NO dogs please

Saturday, March 31

7-8 pm Spring/Easter Saturday Full Moon Walk at Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Bring the family down for a leisurely, springtime stroll under the moon. Please meet the Ranger on at Hodges Village Dam.

No registration required. Cancelled if very rainy. Free event. Easy; 1 mile, restrooms nearby, especially for families with children.

April 2, 4, April 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 30

A Mile in My Shoes Walk: 6:30-7:15 pm, Buffumville Lake office, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. A walking club each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening in April. (features nature themed informational tidbits, inspirational/motivational messages along the route and/or little rewards). No need to register. Free event. For more information, call 508-248-5697, x399. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children.

Wednesday, April 18

School Vacation Buffumville Dam Tour: 10:30 am to noon, 48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton. Attention Families with kids: Are you home with the children, a daycare and/or homeschool group? We have tours of Buffumville

Dam during School Vacation week. Join Park Ranger Jamie at the gatehouse doors for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour. Questions? 508-248-5697. Free tour. Restrooms nearby, especially for families with children; NO dogs please!

Saturday, April 21

Second Annual Let's Clean Up Holland: 9 am to noon, Holland Elementary School, Holland. The main objective for event is to clean up the five main roads coming in and going out of this pretty town. The second objective is to increase morale and spirit in this community wide event and build awareness of the Opacum Land Trust and The Last Green Valley. The third objective is to have a fun pizza party after the clean-up at Diane's Villanova. Sponsored by Opacum Land Trust and The Last Green Valley. For info: annehallgo@gmail.com, phone: 413-245-4197

Thursday, May 3

Invasives in Your Yard/What to Plant Instead: 6:30-7:30 pm, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. Join Park Rangers Nicole and Jamie at Hodges Village -- Seating is limited to 20, so please R.S.V.P. 508-248-5697 or nicole.c.giles@usace.army.mil. There will be light refreshments and door prizes. Families with children encouraged and welcome. Free event. Easy; restrooms nearby, wheelchair accessible, especially for families with children, NO dogs please! Leader: Karen Osbrey, email: karen@winyradio.com, phone: 860 928-1350

Sunday, May 13

Hodges Village Dam Mother's Day Tea & Walk: 2-3 pm, Hodges Village Dam, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. Bring your friends, family- especially the kids. Tea and light refreshments will be served, yet feel free to bring a picnic for your family or cookies to share. A ground cloth or picnic blanket is also recommended. For all ages! Questions, call Jamie at 508-248-5697, X399. Free event. Moderate; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

Friday, May 18

2nd Annual Plant for Pollinators: 10 am to 2 pm, May 26, 30 Howarth Rd., Oxford. CALLING ALL SCOUTS AND FAMILIES: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting your help with planting as many 4'X4' plots of wildflowers. And for this, your plot will be posted with a sign. Please, bring the soil amendments- top soil, humus, natural fertilizer, peat, etc. Please bring gloves and your own drinking water. Snacks will be provided. The USACE will supply the New England Wild flower mix and all the tools. Group or club supplies the garden supplies. Register by 5/24/18 to 978-318-8399 or Jamie.r.kordack@usace.army.mil. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

Saturday, June 2

Family Fishing Fun: 10 am to 1 pm, Buffumville Park, 229 Oxford Rd., Charlton Road, Charlton. Bring the kids to Buffumville Park for some outdoors fun! Learn about boating safety, water safety, learn how to fish, catch a fly fishing demonstration, ask your questions to a wildlife expert, and take a short hike! Stay after the event for a picnic or a swim. Want to help out? Please call Park Ranger, Nicole at 508-248-5697, x411. Easy; restrooms nearby, wheelchair accessible, especially for families with children, NO dogs please, bring canoe or kayak, PFD & whistle

Thursday, June 21

Solstice Music in the Forest: 7-8:30 pm, 30 Howarth Road, Oxford. CALLING ALL MUSICIANS, the musically inclined and anyone that just wants to ROCK-OUT. Singers and those who want to just listen, invited too! Let's ring in summer with an evening concert. Please bring your guitar/keyboard (electricity on site)/violin/kazoo/etc. or feel free to bring your own nature-inspired instrument. Have the kids make some hand-made percussion items utilizing seeds/sticks/pinecones/etc. Prizes for the following instruments: Creative natural, largest, smallest, prettiest sound and more! Free event. Please call Park Ranger Jamie should you have any questions- 508-248-5697, X399. Easy; restrooms nearby, especially for families with children, NO dogs please!

Humbled to be recognized



Courtesy photos

This week's picture shows this writer with my son Ralph Jr. after receiving my awards at last week's Worcester County League Banquet.

This past weekend this writer attended the annual Worcester County League Banquet at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston. It was the 55th annual Appreciation Banquet honoring the actions of individuals for their outstanding efforts during the year that helped promote hunting, fishing, and environmental issues that benefited sportsmen and the general public. Many legislators were also in attendance and played a big role in the night's festivities. Long time member of the league was Mel Crouse, at age 93 still active in the league and still hunting deer in Maine annually. He and his brother, also in his 90s, managed to harvest a huge buck in Maine a couple of years ago.

Special guest wildlife artist Ed Desrosiers was introduced to the members and guest by Jim Berube, the followed with keynote speaker Bob Durand and Dr. Dick Callahan, which was followed by numerous awards to the following individuals: Ralph True Sr. received the Words of Wisdom award in recognition of his efforts through journalism to

inform and educate, and promote sportsmen issues. He also received a certificate from the House of Representatives and the State Senate and signed by numerous Representatives and Senators. I was certainly humbled by the award.

The next award was made to Jack Whitehead receiving the Youth Mentor award for his work in establishing the first annual Young Guns Trap Tournament!

Next was Bonnie Booth, awarded Sportsmen of The Year award in recognition for her work to promote the League for Sportsmen's & Sportswomen's issues.

Legislator of the year award was presented to Senator Ann Gobi in recognition of her constant support of sportsmen's issues in the State Legislature.

Farmer of the Year was presented to Ed and Dave Davidian in appreciation for their preservation of land that protects wildlife habitat and provides recreation to sportsmen & women throughout the year.

Entered into the Hall of Fame this year was Ken Stidsen, for all of his continued work in the league over many years.

The Worcester County League also set up a four point action fund for education, conservation, public relations, and legislation, which are as follows: funds set aside for the next ballot question, funds set aside or help of a sportsman's issue, providing archery equipment for schools, and monies set aside for protecting land. These are just a few programs that the League offers to support sportsmen's issues throughout the year.

Dr. Dick Callahan reported on the loss of bees in Massachusetts and surrounding states at last week's League Banquet. He spoke at length about his concern for bee populations and what is killing them off annually. Numerous poisons used by large farms and backyard gardeners containing Neonic chemicals that are the major cause for the loss of our bee population. It is not only killing bees, but is responsible for killing ground worms and other insects that are good for gardens. Without bees pollination of flowers and all vegetables that we consume daily, are at high risk of being lost. It is a very serious dilemma and bee keepers are also



Second picture shows Jim Berube with Ken Stidsen, this year's inductee into the hall of fame.

sounding the alarm. Small back yard bee hives are being lost annually, and it is very serious. House bill 4041 if passed will stop all stores from selling pesticides with Neonicotinoids chemicals in them. It will still allow large farmers to use the chemical on their crops. You are urged to contact your state Reps and state Senators to favor the bill.

The Mass. Fish & Wildlife Board will hold their annual hearing to set migratory bird regulations on April 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the MF&W headquarters in Westborough. On the same day, the hearing to extend the archery season in zones 10-14 will also be held at the same place starting at 7:00 pm! Archers are urged to arrive early!

Trout fishing on the freshwater scene is starting to warm up, with anglers catching most trout on power baits. As the waters warm, the trout will start to hit flies and lures. This week's forecast of a bit warmer temperatures locally should get the freshly stocked trout feeding more aggressively. Rivers and streams have started to recede locally, and should start to receive fresh stockings of trout as early as this week.

Local Rod & Gun Club ponds are also giving up hold over trout from this past winter stockings. Bass anglers are still catching some nice bass on live bait in local ponds.

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A sweet New England tradition



Some of the spouts, or spiles, were patented and sold as early as the 1800s.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

New Englanders grow up with fond memories of maple sugar candies and fresh maple syrup on the table. Local maple syrup is as much an emblem of the New England experience as lighthouses, foliage and covered bridges.

Local historian Dennis Picard knows a lot about the history of maple syrup in New England. He has worked for decades in the living history field, including time at Old Sturbridge Village and Storowton Village Museum, and work with various historical societies. Picard has also reviewed film

scripts and historical novels for accuracy. He currently teaches a class at Westfield State University on museum studies and historic site interpretation.

Picard visited the Southbridge Historical Society March 14, and gave an engaging history of maple syrup production in the region, ranging from native American legends about the maple tree to modern boutique products such as maple syrup seltzer drinks and maple syrup exclusively sourced from one tree.

Surprisingly enough, the history of maple syrup begins with a tale of addiction. An Abenaki Native American legend tells the story of a guardian spirit named Glooskap or Gloosab who looked over the people on earth, who had been blessed with abundant natural resources. The legend says at that time, maple sap was free flowing and could easily be consumed directly from the branches of the maple tree with little or no work.

One day Glooskap swept down over a small village and found the fields were untended, fires were out and the village seemed to be abandoned and unkept. The guardian found his people lying down under maple trees, consuming the delicious sap all day and disregarding every other part of their lives. The people refused his instruction to get back to work, and so he decided to make the delicious maple product a bit harder to work for.

According to Abenaki legend, that is why it flows very slowly from trees today.

That hard, slow work to get maple sap from trees has gone through several innovations throughout history, both by the native peoples and by settlers in the North American continent.

The first written description of maple sugar processing is believed to be an account by the French in 1560 when



Sarah Champagne photos

Dennis Picard shows different types of spouts, or spiles, used to tap maple sap.

they observed the Mi'kmaq processing maple syrup. Over time, Native Americans and Europeans traded tools and materials that refined the way maple sap was processed.

Maple sugar is tied to the history of the abolitionist movement and the industrial revolution as well. By 1818 maple sugar was sold at half the price of cane sugar or "white sugar." Around the 1780s groups such as the Quakers had begun to promote the cause of not having white sugar in the household because cane sugar was produced by slaves in the West Indies. Having maple products at this time was seen as a way to promote the social welfare of others.

Maple sugar production increased through the Civil War, and then declined sharply during the Industrial Revolution because the time

needed to create maple sugar products became an unappealing prospect to farmers in this new era.

However, with the increase in mobility from steam engines and other advances in transportation, maple sugar products became a valuable tourist product. The Industrial Revolution also resulted in a romanticizing and nostalgia for rural life that increased the appeal of maple sugar, syrup and candies.

To this day, maple syrup and maple candies are still treats associated with the charm of rural New England. Maple products may also be a symbol of the value that New Englanders put on hard work — it can take one tree six weeks to produce enough sap for one quart of maple syrup. It's truly a unique product with a rich local history.



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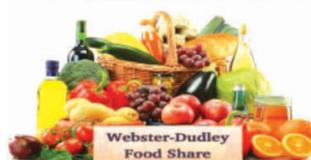


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WEBSTER - 9 Gore Gable! Custom 8 Rm Colonial! 1/2 Acre Private Lot! Eat-In Kit w/ New Counters, Sink, SS Appliances, Paint & Flr! Formal Din Rm! Frpld Liv Rm! Gleaming Hrdwds Throughout! Den w/Cathedral! 4 Spacious Bdrms w/Lake View! Tile Bath w/Dble Vanity! 1.5 Baths! Screened Porch! Prof Landscaped! 2 Car Attached Garage! **\$309,900.00**



WEBSTER - 24 Linwood St! Well Maintained 2 Family! Each Unit Consists Of An Eat-In Kit w/Gas Range, Pantry w/ Abundant Cabinets! 2 Carpeted Bdrms! Knotty Pine Heated Sun Room Or Den! Full Baths w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Screened Porch! Newer Roof, Siding & Windows! Updated Furnaces! Garage! **\$219,900.00**



CHARLTON - 2 Ponnakin Hill Rd! Nice Updated 7 Rm Split! .92 Acre Corner Lot! SS Appliances! Kit w/Center Isl, Cathedral & Skylight! Din Rm w/Slider! 12x16 Deck! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Brick Frplc & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths, Whirlpool Tub! Frpld Fam Rm! Garage! **\$289,900.00**



SHREWSBURY - 717 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Acres off Route 201! Great Business Location! House Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-in Kitchen w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bedroom w/Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Has 4 Bdrms w/Closets! Vinyl Windows! **\$249,900.00**



AUBURN - 13 Inwood Rd! Cute 6 Room Cape! 2.3 Bedrooms! All Hardwoods on Both Levels Under Carpeting! Finished 2nd Floor with Bedroom & Office! Lower Level Playroom! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! Oil Heat! 8,276' Level Lot! Shed! 1 Car Garage! **\$179,900.00**



STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Chair, Handicapped Bdrms, Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliances Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 20, 84 & 90! **\$329,900.00**



OXFORD - 51 Old Worcester Rd! 5 Rm Ranch! Maple Cabinet Kit w/White Appliances! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Refinished Hrdwds in Liv Rm & 3 Bdrms! Tile Bath! Large Open Basement! New Doors! 7 Year Old Roof, Vinyl Siding, & Windows! House Freshly Painted! 1 Car Garage! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER - 9 Asselin Ave! Hospital Near! Brian Acres! 12 Rm Split Entry! Nicely Landscaped! 57 Acre Lot! In-ground! Above Ground Pool! SS Appliances! Kit! Din Rm w/Slider to Sunroom! Liv Rm w/ Frplc! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! Frplc Fam Rm! 2.2 Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Shed! **\$279,900.00**



DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/3 Car Garage! SS Appliances! Kit w/Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frpld Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrooms! Buderus Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! **\$244,900.00**



WEBSTER - 25 North Main St! ATTENTION INVESTORS! 4 Family! 4/4/4 Rms! 2/2/2 Bdrms! Consists of 4 Kitchens, 2 Bedrooms Each Unit, 4 Living Rms One Unit with Built-Ins & Fireplace! 4 Full Baths! Laundry in Units! Full Basement w/Storage! Needs TLC! Walk Up Attic! **\$169,900.00**



DOUGLAS - 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1867 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frplc Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/ Cathedral! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85', GARAGE BUILDING! **\$594,500.00**



DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliances Granite Kit! Frpld Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$359,900.00**



MILLBURY - 197 W. Main St! 5 Rm, 2 Bdrm Cape! Great Location On 1 Acre Lot! Home needs considerable updating and may not qualify for traditional financing! Being sold AS IS! Title 5 Passed but there is Town Sewer in the Street! Easy Access to Rte 140! Close to Singletary Boat Ramp! **\$120,000.00**



CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frpld Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16x20 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **\$344,900.00**



WEBSTER - 33 Douglas Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch! Over 5 Acres w/Small Pond! Cabinet Eat-in Kit! Carpeted Liv Rm w/Slider to 8x6' Deck! 3 Carpeted Bdrms w/Ample Closets! Full Bath! Lower Level w/Linen Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level w/Full Bath! 10yr Young Roof! Newer Gas Furnace! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER - 11 Upper Gore Rd! Convenient 6 Rm Ranch! Fully Appliances Oak Kit! Frplc Din Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! First Spacious Liv Rm w/Brick Hearth! 1st Flr Laundry! Large Trex Deck! Updated Windows, Siding & Furnace! Garage! Shed! Sold w/ld! 39 Acre Lot! **\$259,900.00**



WEBSTER - 10 Arkwright Rd! Attention Investors & to Owner Occupy! 9 Family! 87 Rms! 3/3 Bdrms! 2,500' of Living! Each Has Kit w/Breakfast Nook, Dining & Liv Rms & Den! 1st Flr w/Pellet Stove, Deck w/Enclosed Porch! 2 Car Garage! Updated Windows! Newer Roof! Minor Cosmetics Needed! **\$199,900.00**



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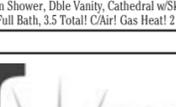
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WEBSTER LAKE - 110 LAKESIDE AVE



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DUDLEY - 67 WEST MAIN ST

Looking for a place for your at home BUSINESS? CORNER lot! 6,550 SF (20 acres), 2 story single family home w/3 BRs, 2 Baths! Possible to convert this home back to a 2 family! Municipal Water & Sewer! Recent Natural Gas Buderus FHW Boiler. 2 Car Detached Garage! **\$185,000.**



WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST

Custom Built, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area! Unique and private property! Offers a half acre +/- level lot! In-ground pool, hot tub, poolside cabana w/kitchen & full bath! Huge carport/pavilion! 3 Large Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 2 half baths! 10 rooms total! You Will Be Amazed! **\$349,900.**



THOMPSON - 12 OAKWOOD DR

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



WEBSTER - 1195 SCHOOL ST

ON DEPOSIT!

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



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Buyers &/or investors take notice! A short sale offering with full lender cooperation. A fantastic opportunity to own an affordable, move in ready, single family, 3 br, 1.5 Bath, split level style home with potential for a 2 family conversion! Appears to meet all criteria for conversion to a 2 family. Municipal Water & Sewer. **New Price \$149,900.**



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Oxford - 4 Leicester St, 8.47 acres, mostly cleared **\$149,900**

Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900.**



WEBSTER LAKE - 7 CEDAR DR

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English Tudor Style Colonial! Cathedral ceiling Dining & Fireplace! Living Room! 1600+ sq ft of living area! 3 Good size bedrooms. Master bedroom with Master Bath! 1 bedroom on the main living level. 2-1/2 Total Baths! 7 rooms total! Finished basement with Health Forced hot air by oil! Central Air Conditioning! 14' X 42' car port! 3 car garage! Comes with Non-Separable Waterfront Lot, on Middle Pond! Enjoy Webster lake without the High Taxes! **\$367,000.**



WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR

1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700 +/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscape, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/ Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information **\$1,150,000.**



WEBSTER LAKE - 705 TREASURE ISL.

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NEW BRAintree: Two Shadows Farm. Over 8.87 acres in prime area of New Braintree, corner of a dead end country road. Antique home w/ many updates, barn, stables, fenced paddocks, 5 BRs 4 Fireplaces, Lg Family room w/ Formal Living Room & 2 car alt garage. New roof, windows, fencing & boiler. Addtl buildings on property incl 2 story Barn w/ tack room, 2nd floor of barn has lg floored area for storage & hay. New fencing on property great for horses/farm animals. Some rooms maintain beautiful wide wood painted floors w/ lots of built-ins. Beautiful views off back patio & in-ground pool area. Just 25 minutes from Worc and MA Pike-great location for commuters! **\$399,999**

SPENCER: Lakefront on dead-end road a/ lg, fenced yard, 150ft frontage on quiet, all-sports lake. Wide molding & wood & tile flooring. Kitchen w/ custom maple beadboard cabinetry, w/ several glass front cabinets. Granite counter & built-in floor to ceiling open spice rack. Open living room with Jotul stove & sliders to the sunroom & balcony w/ lake view. BR level laundry room & bath w/ Maxx Hydrofeel. Family area w/ full bath can be used as another bedroom. Cellar workshop w/ ample storage area. Hydro air heating/central AC, de-humidifier, roof de-icing. Two and 3-car heated gar. 1 bay w/ 16ft ceiling for lift or RV; another w/ lift ceiling clearance. Fruit trees & bushes. **\$525,000**

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FOOD

Create and hide unbreakable Easter eggs

Easter is one of the most important days of the year for Christians. Easter Sunday is filled with symbolism and tradition, some of which harken back to early Christianity, while others trace their origins to paganism.

The Easter Bunny and Easter eggs are two Easter traditions with less extensive histories. The Easter Bunny, according to sources including History.com, first arrived in America in the 1700s via German settlers who brought with them their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase." Children would make nests where the rabbit could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread from Pennsylvania, where many German immigrants settled, to other areas around the country.

Eggs are symbolic of new life and rebirth in many cultures. To Christians, eggs represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Another theory suggests that Christians were once forbidden to eat during the Lenten season preceding Easter. Therefore, Christians would paint and decorate eggs for Easter to mark the joyous celebration and cessation of penance and fasting.

Even though these traditions have endured, Easter eggs themselves might not be so strong. This year, Easter celebrants may want to experiment with different materials that are more forgiving and more enduring than standard eggs.



CAPTION: Experiment with different egg materials to make Easter eggs easier to handle and more durable.

WOODEN EGGS

Families may find that wooden eggs are much more forgiving than standard eggs. Wooden eggs don't have to be

boiled, and they don't need time to harden, and they're quite maneuverable for young fingers.

Decorators can explore different ways to color wooden eggs. Acrylic paints are readily available and safe for users of any age. Wood stains or wood markers

also can be used to give the eggs a natural finish. Others may want to rip small pieces of decorative paper to create a decoupage effect on their wooden eggs.

SEW SOFT EGGS

Those who are handy with a needle and thread can explore patterns for making soft, stuffed eggs. Cozy fleece or other fabrics can be sewn together to make the general egg shape. Then the egg is filled with polyester filling, feathers or another soft material. Ribbons, buttons, trims, and other decorative touches can personalize the eggs and add a touch of whimsy. Check out www.sew4home.com for their ideas on handmade Easter eggs.

MODELING CLAY

Children who love to get their hands dirty may enjoy making Easter eggs out of modeling materials. Colors can be blended together to create a marbled effect. Depending on the clay medium, the eggs may air-harden or may need to be heated at a low temperature in the oven to fully cure.

Easter eggs are a fun tradition that adds to the festivity of spring. While traditional eggs can be used, many different, more long-lasting materials can be used as well.

Delicious Ideas For Adding Healthy Sweet Potatoes To Your Daily Cooking Repertoire



(NAPS)

Sweet potatoes are trending and are all the rage—as they should be! One medium California sweet potato has only 105 calories and 0g of fat, yet this versatile veggie contains more than 80 nutrients including protein, manganese, carotene, potassium, calcium, vitamin C and more than an entire day's worth of vitamin A. Plus, California sweet potatoes are rich with antioxidants and loaded with dietary fiber—nearly twice as

much as a white potato. Not just for Thanksgiving, thankfully, California sweet potatoes are available year-round. Chefs and home cooks are coming up with fun and creative ways (beyond Grandma's holiday casserole) to incorporate this tasty tuber into everyday meals—winter, spring, summer and fall.

Here are some delicious ways to cook with California sweet potatoes:

- For a quick snack, add a cooked California sweet potato

(or two) to your favorite hummus recipe, garnish with a good glug of olive oil and a generous squirt of lemon. Serve with crudites and pita triangles.

- Make a beta-carotene-rich soup by adding uniformly chopped California sweet potatoes, butternut squash, and carrots to a homemade or store-bought chicken stock. Throw in a can of white beans, a handful or two of kale and garnish with chopped flat-leaf parsley. Serve with freshly grated Parmesan.

- What's better than home fries for breakfast? California sweet potato home fries! Switch out white potatoes for California sweet potatoes, throw in some chopped onions, bell pepper and a sprinkle of cayenne or paprika and you've got sweet potatoes O'Brien to go with your bacon and eggs.

- **Mashed** California sweet potatoes make a delicious accompaniment to a store-bought or homemade roasted chicken. Steam the sweet potatoes until tender, mash, and stir in

warmed butter and milk. For garlic mashed, simply throw a few cloves of garlic into the steamer and mash them with the sweet potatoes.

Brunch is always a great way to entertain family and friends. Whether it's Easter, Mother's Day or a regular old Sunday, why not wow your guests with a delicious spread? Coffee, mimosas, Danish, croissants, fruit salad and of course something with eggs.

This breakfast strata will more than satisfy:

California Breakfast Strata with Sweet Potatoes, Chiles and Goat Cheese
Serves 10 to 12

Ingredients:
1 table-spoon cooking oil
1 pound orange-fleshed sweet potatoes, cut into 3/4-inch dice (about 3 1/4 cups)
12 ounces loose breakfast sausage or breakfast sausage patties
One 7-ounce can chopped green chiles
Nonstick cooking spray
10 ounces

crusty Italian or French bread, with crusts cut or torn into 3/4-inch pieces (about 10 cups)

4 ounces chèvre (spreadable goat cheese), crumbled (about 1 cup)

3 table-spoons chopped fresh sage

8 large eggs

2 cups milk

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

Instructions:

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm the oil. Add the sweet potatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add the sausage and cook, breaking it up and stirring occasionally, until the sweet potatoes are lightly browned and tender and the sausage is cooked through, about 8 minutes. Stir in the chiles and set the skillet aside.

Coat a 2 1/2- to 3-quart casserole dish with cooking spray. Arrange 1/3 of the bread in the dish. Top with 1/3 of the sweet potato mixture, 1/3 of the

cheese and 1/3 of the sage. Repeat 2 times. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture over the casserole and set aside for 20 minutes, pressing on the bread occasionally to help it absorb the liquid.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350° F.

Cover the casserole with foil and bake for 50 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking until the top is browned and the center is set, about 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting and serving.

For more information about California sweet potatoes and for delicious recipes, visit www.casweetpotatoes.com.

This breakfast strata made with tasty, wholesome sweet potatoes can be a great way to punch up a brunch buffet.

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