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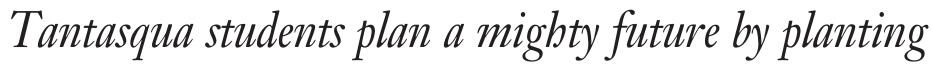
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BY GUS STEEVES STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE Most schools can't claim to have a lifeform named after them. But Tantasqua now can.

It's a new version of something once ubiquitous in American forests, a "mighty giant" that fed countless species (including humans), provided wood for construction and other things, and grew to hundreds of feet tall: the American chestnut tree.

"More than a century ago, 4 billion chestnuts were growing in the US," said Tantasqua Junior High Principal Chris Starczewski. Today, they're almost gone, the few remaining wild ones growing for maybe a decade before being struck down by a fungal blight "brought here by man." After "40 million years of survival," it took the blight just 40 years to obliterate the species.

As American Chestnut Project (ACP) local spokeswoman Lois Melican observed

"it may be decades, perhaps many decades," before that can be reversed, but Tantasqua and the ACP are going to try.

"I can't help but feel optimism about a mighty future," she said. "...This partnership is one that should go on forever."

Their collaboration began last year, and unveiled itself publicly last Friday with the dedication of what may be the first chestnut research orchard

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Gus Steeves photo

Members of the Chestnut Club formally cut the ribbon inaugurating the grove. More photos page 8.



Big River makes big

Patrons line the machines at Pintastic

Courtesy photo

Come rot your brain: old school pinball expo returns

region's only major pinball exposition, the Pintastic Pinball & Game Room Expo, is back for its third year in 2017 at Sturbridge's only lakeside venue, the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, on July 6, 7 and 8. Pintastic will feature over 200

STURBRIDGE — Our pinball machines from the 1950s right up to this year's new releases, all set on Free Play, no quarters needed!

It's hard to imagine, with the killing power packed in each of millions of today's home gaming consoles, that pinball was aggressively banned in several U.S. cities for decades for its perceived detrimental effect on youth. New York's Mayor La Guardia wrote in a Supreme Court affidavit that pinball machines robbed "the pockets of children" and then went after what many saw

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CMS Chamber announces scholarships

GPA or better.



Andrew Loin



Kenneth Allard

STURBRIDGE This The Chamber of scholarship ients are Kenneth Central Mass South is very pleased to Allard, a graduate of Southbridge High announce the win-School, and Andrew ners of the Chamber Loin, a graduate of Scholarships for 2017. This year, scholar-Holy Name Central Catholic High School. "We received ships in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded to two very deserving numerous applicalocal students upon tions this year, but successful completion these two young men of their first semester really rose above the

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received

splash at opening night

Old Sturbridge Village is the site of a revival of the beloved retelling of Huckleberry Finn in a stage setting.

Cost is \$35 for general admission, \$30 for Museum members and are now available.

Last week, a packed house experienced Old Sturbridge Village's inaugural summer musical, with the opening

night performance concluding with a standing ovation and rave reviews. Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn literally takes place along the banks of the Village's Quinebaug River in a 300-person pop-up, outdoor amphitheater. The Tony Award-winning musical is brought to life with a

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Holland releases election results

HOLLAND — The following figures have been released by the town clerk's office as the results of the balloting in Holland.

TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS 1933 TOTAL

BALLOTS CAST 80

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Courtesy photo from website

Memorial Day in Holland was once again commemorated through the efforts of Dawn Cass and her family.

The town of Holland, on its website, paid kudos to the family in this manner:

A quiet, respectful and emotional ceremony was performed beside the War Memorial on the corner of Sturbridge Road and Sandhill Road at 10 a.m. on the 29th of May. This was followed by a walk to the Holland Cemetery, where all received flags to be placed on every veteran's grave in all areas of the cemetery.

Each year we honor the men and women who have served our country. We are grateful for your service and proud to call you our own residents.





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TO SUBMIT A LETTER

Upcoming Alzheimer's research presentation free to the public

CHARLTON — The Alzheimer's Massachusetts/New Association, Hampshire Chapter will offer a research presentation Wednesday, June 28 at 2 p.m at The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The presentation, The Science of Hope: Progress toward a World without Alzheimer's Disease, will cover topics including the latest research in the Alzheimer's disease and dementia field, clinical trials and more. Kelsey Gosselin, Manager of Medical and Scientific Research Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter, will be presenting.

For more information or to register, call Anne Laverty at 508.434.2310.

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to providing care and support for those affected by the disease, as well as advancing research into causes, treatments and cures. With headquarters in Watertown, and regional offices in Raynham, Springfield, and Worcester and Bedford NH, the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter provides programs and services such as support groups, professional training, educational programs, care consultation and a 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900. For more information, visit alz.org/MANH.



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June Real Estate Market Update



The Federal Reserve has once again for the 3rd consecutive quarter raised their benchmark interest rate. Which means it is up 1% since 2008 and continues to show the confidence in our current market and the health of our economy. The

change in this rate does not have a direct result in mortgage interest rates but there is correlation between the two rates which means we should continue to see rising interest rates. As long as we continue to see positive growth in the economy we will most likely see anoth-

er rate hike this year. Today we have 1829 homes for sale in Worcester County compared to last month where we have 1709 homes for sale or about a 7% increase in homes for sale. I am still in the thought process that our inventory is too low for this interest rate hike to have a negative effect on our local Real Estate Market. It may even have the opposite effect and cause some buyers to push forward and buy before they increase more. I do however believe these moves to raise interest rates will eventually stabilize our very active Real Estate Market. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is an almost 3.7% increase in sales and a 6.4% increase in sales price while

it taking over 20.6% faster to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. All three of these numbers were slightly better than last month showing continued positive information for sales in Worcester County.

I will continually look at these numbers which when they start changing we know our market is starting to stabilize. If you hire Realtor that understands the economics that drive Real Estate they should be able to help you make the best financial decision for you.



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regional cast of 15 actors, singers and musicians, a 75 foot-wide stage set and a score featuring country, bluegrass and gospel music.

Here's what audience members had to say about Big River at Old Sturbridge Village:

"I can't imagine beginning

my summer any other way. Big River was more than we ever expected!"

"I was completely blown away. Super-talented cast and the setting... Wow!"

"Old Sturbridge Village outdid itself. One of New England's best living history museums just became a legitimate regional theater venue... What show are you doing next?"

"If you thought The Sleepy Hollow Experience was amazing, you must see Big River. OSV outdid itself with this show."

Tickets are now available at \$35 General Admission, or \$30 for Old Sturbridge Village members. To purchase tickets, visit www.bigriverosv.org. The show runs Wednesday-Sunday at 7:30 p.m. through July 9, with additional Sunday matinees at 2 pm.

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Work in concert with nature to manage garden pests and mosquitoes



A garden filled with flowers, birds, bees and butterflies is a sight to behold. These winged beauties add color, sound and motion to our gardens. Plus, they help maximize a garden's productivity by pollinating plants and managing plant-damaging pests.

But what about those unwanted visitors to the garden? The aphids, mites and cabbage worms that feed upon our plants or the mosquitoes that feed upon us. There are ways to have a beautiful garden and at the same time enjoy the outdoors when we work with nature to manage our landscape.

Add a birdbath, a few birdhouses and plants for the birds. They'll repay you by eating many of the insects that feed upon your plants. Include seed-bearing plants like coneflowers, Rudbeckias and cosmos as well as berry plants like Juneberry, dogwood and firethorn. Add an evergreen and a few trees for shelter and nesting, if space allows.

Include a hummingbird feed-

er and a few of their favorite flowers like columbine, salvia, penstemon, and phlox. Then watch as these fast flyers feed upon aphids, mites and mosquitoes in between sips of nectar.

While watching the birds, bees and butterflies, examine your plants for garden pests. Catching insects early may mean the difference between a successful harvest and disappointment. Before reaching for the pesticides and destroying their food source, attract the good guys and manage unwanted pests with a few of these eco-friendly strategies.

Tolerate a bit of damage and wait for the birds, lady beetles, praying mantis and other beneficial insects to move in and eat the bad bugs in the garden. Use barriers like row covers to keep cabbage worms off your cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussels sprouts. Sink shallow containers filled with beer into the soil around hostas and some of the other favorite plants of slugs and snails. These pests are attracted to the fermenting yeast, crawl inside and die.

If the bad guys persist, step up your eco-friendly control. Knock small populations of aphids and mites off plants with a strong blast of water. Apply insecticidal soap or Summit Year-Round Spray Oil if nature needs a helping hand. These organic insecticides are



A bee pollinating a coneflower.

effective at managing pests, while gentle on the good guys when used properly.

Keep mosquito populations to a minimum. Drain water from toys, buckets or any object that can hold water and serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Change the water in birdbaths several times a week. Toss a Mosquito Dunk (SummitResponsibleSolutions. com) in rain barrels and water features. This organic insecticide only kills the larvae of mosquitoes, black flies and fungus gnats. It won't harm bees, butterflies, birds, pets and peo-

ple.

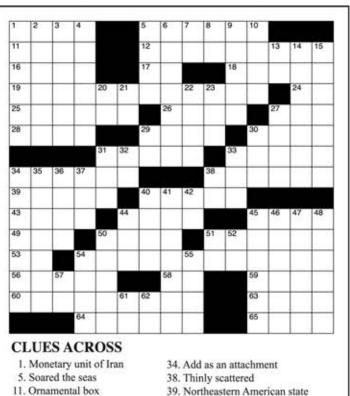
Evaluate your success and make needed adjustments. Write a note in next year's calendar to watch for the return of these pests. You'll be ready to step in and lend nature a hand if needed.

As you begin to work in harmony with nature you will find more birds, bees and butterflies visiting your garden. Together you can grow a beautiful and productive garden for all to enjoy.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including

Melinda Myers, LLC photo

Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.



Ciesluk recognized as an Unsung Heroine

BOSTON — Debra Ciesluk of Charlton was honored as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2017 class of Unsung Heroines

Ciesluk will be honored with

women who don't make the news, but make the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities and towns. They are mentors, volunteers and innovators who do what needs to be done without expectations of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community is better because of their contribution.

Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg and Representative Colleen M. Garry, co-chair of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. The ceremony was followed by a group photograph on the Grand Staircase

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62. Junior's father

the other Unsung Heroines for her outstanding contributions to assisting seniors in the town of Charlton. The ceremony was Wednesday, May 21 in the Great Hall at the State House in Boston.

"Deb's compassion and outreach are so important to enhancing the quality of life for so many," said Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer). "We are lucky to have her.'

The Unsung Heroines are

The ceremony included a program emceed by MCSW leadership, acknowledging each of the 2017 Unsung Heroines, along with remarks from

and a Just Desserts reception.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts.



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McCurdy Group Promotes Emily Simon

STURBRIDGE — Emily Simons, who joined McCurdy Group in 2016 as the morning receptionist, was promoted to personal lines risk manager.

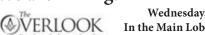
Simons brings to McCurdy Group a diverse work history including insurance, banking and municipal experience. Outside of the office, she is the volunteer coordinator for the Charlton PTO.

Simons and her husband Jeff live in Charlton raising their two children Bree and Brody.



Emily Simons

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Blueberry Festival returns to Charlton

The Charlton Arts Activities Center & is happy to announce that the third annual Blueberry Festival will be held on Sunday, July 30 from 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. at the 4 Dresser Hill Road location. This year's festival will include many favorites from past years as well as some exciting new attractions that are sure to please.

One of those additions is a live animal show by Animal Adventures Family Zoo and Rescue Center from Bolton, which has been generously sponsored by Savers Bank. Starting at 12:30 p.m., this infor-mative and interactive show spotlights a variety of critters including snakes, a skunk, a chinchilla, lizards and even an alligator.

Another new feature is a fashion show put on by Charlton's own women's and girl's boutique, Always Bee Ewe, and will showcase complete outfits for all ages. Models are still needed so if you are interested, call Louise at (508) 434-0411 to volunteer.

Do you have a sweet tooth? Or maybe you love to bake. The Amateur Cook's Blueberry Bake-Off and silent auction, pie-eating contests, and fresh delectable blueberry shortcake are all up your alley. The Bake-Off is a friendly competition for bakers age 9-99. Prizes are awarded in each of three age categories, and entry forms with complete information can be found at www.charltonarts.org.

All entries will be available for viewing in the farmhouse and for placing bids on in the silent auction prior to and following the judging. Thanks to Table Talk Pies, kids and adults alike can also take part in several pie-eating contests throughout the day. The first 20 participants will receive a coupon for a free small ice cream cone from Dresser Hill. so everyone is a winner.

In addition, sweet blueberry shortcakes will be served to satisfy that sweet craving before or after enjoying a delicious bite from one of the available food trucks.

It's not all about the food. Live music performances by Casual Friday and Thick & Thin will fill the air for your listening pleasure, Irish dance demonstrations by Lee Irish Dance will delight you and lawn games, face painting, raffles and a variety of great local artisans will round out your day. Don't forget to buy a pint or two of locally grown blueberries on



Courtesy photo

A small bevy of beauties wait their turn at the face painting booth at last year's festival.

your way out. As always, admission is FREE. The CAAC is a volun-

may continue to provide existing, and develop new, diversified activity teer run center and we programs for our comwant to thank Charlton munity. Instructors are and the surrounding currently needed for arts towns for their support and crafts for ages 8 and over the years so that we under. For more information about what the CAAC offers, please visit our website www.charltonarts.org or Like Us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/4DresserHill.

STURBRIDGE **CAPSULES**

BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to join us for our next Bible Study beginning Tuesday, July 18 from 3-5 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the Book of Acts and comparing it to the mini-series "AD." The study will be Tuesdays through Aug.22. For more information, contact First Congregational Church of Brimfield at (413) 245-7162 or email us at brimfielducc@gmail.com. Pastor Dawn Adams will be leading this Bible Study. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

HAMDEN, CT — The following area students were named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the Spring 2017 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point

average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than a C. Emily Chasse and Sarah Maguire, both of Sturbridge. GOLF CLASSIC

Sturbridge Rotary Club is hosting a Charity Golf Classic on Monday, July 24 at Cohasse Country Club. Check-in is 9:00 AM with a Tee-Time of 10:30 AM. A barbeque lunch will be provided on the course and a full prime rib dinner in the evening. Lots of team prizes will be awarded. A 4:00 PM Social Hour is planned followed by Dinner and Awards. Individual signups are \$150 and a Foursome is \$500. Sponsorship Opportunities on several levels are also available with some including one or more Golf Foursomes. Proceeds to benefit our Charitable Activities. For more info or to request a Registration Form, please contact Dave Zonia at 508-335-4550 or Bill Lemke at 508-347-7416. Rain date is August 7.



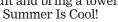
Mondays are Family Nights this summer at The Holland Community Center!

HOLLAND — All events are held at the Center at 40 Brimfield Road. Join us and stay active! All ages are welcome!

Family Cupcake Decorating Monday, June 26 at 6:30 pm Kick off our series of fun family programs on Monday nights!

Family Water-play Monday, July 24 at 6:30 pm (rain date July 25)

Cool off at our family water-play night. We will have water-blasters, targets, and games. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel!



Second Chance Animal Shelter



This kid-friendly program will feature pre-made cupcakes for you to frost and decorate with a variety of delicious treats. \$2 per family.

Bonus Tuesday night program

Retro Drive-in Movie,"The LEGO Batman Movie"

Tuesday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

Join us for a multi-generational family event! Grandparents, bring your grandkids, and share a bit of the past. We will create our own drivein theater inside the community center. BYOB (bring your own box) and we will provide the craft supplies for you to turn your ordinary box into a dream machine you can sit in during the movie (grandparents are welcome to relax in our "walk-in section" comfy chairs provided). Parents, aunts, uncles. friends...all are welcome!

Sidewalk Art Contest

Monday, July 10 at 6:30 pm (rain date Julv 11)

Bring your inner-artist outside and come draw on our sidewalk! Use your own chalk, or some of ours, and let your creativity loose. There will be prizes too!

Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm (rain date August 8)

Join us for tie-dye fun outside. Bring your own 100% cotton t-shirt. We will provide the dyes and teach you a variety of tie-dye techniques to choose from. \$2 fee per person.

Make Your Own Gelato

Monday, August 14 at 6:30 pm

Jennifer Poirier of Shepherd's Gate Dairy Goat Farm in Holland, will teach us how to make gelato from goat's milk. Please call 413-245-3163 to register for this delicious program. 2 fee per person Annual Sunday event

Zucchini Festival and Antique Car Show

Sunday, August 20 12-4 pm

This annual event will include craft tables, food, a bake-off, kid's corner (face painting, crafts, games, and fun!), zucchini grow contest, and kittens from Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow.

Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter? Just send your email address to hcctracie@gmail.com or call the Holland Community Center at 413-245 - 3163.

Our annual golf tournament is right around the corner, happening this summer, July 15th! This 18 Hole Shotgun Start Scramble is sure to be a great time for all players!

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

We hope to see you there!

DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2017 **REGISTRATION: 7:00 AM** START TIME: 7:30 AM Tee Off FORMAT: 18 Holes using Scramble Format with foursomes

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Sheriff's department mourns passing of K9 officer

WEST BOYLSTON — The Worcester County Sheriff's Office has announced it is mourning the loss of one of its own, retired K-9 Rukus who passed away earlier this week at the age of thirteen. A purebred German shepherd, Rukus was a patrol and narcotics detection canine whose career included eight years of dedicated service to the Worcester County Sheriff's Office while serving along side his handler and partner, Captain Thomas Chabot of Ashburnham. Rukus retired from the line of duty at the Sheriff's Office in April, 2012.

'Rukus was a true servant to the citizens of Worcester County, an incredible law enforcement partner and a cherished member of my family, we will miss him dearly" said Chabot.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our retired K-9 Rukus today. Rukus served the Worcester County Sheriff's Office with distinction as a patrol and narcotics detection K-9 for eight years. He was a



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Retired Worcester County Sheriff's office K9 Rukus, on his last day of duty April 2012. Rukus died this week at age 13.

loyal partner, companion and family pet to Captain Chabot and his family. We are very grateful for his many years of service in law enforcement, may he rest in peace." said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.



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Under the spreading chestnut...

The student driven project is taking another step as the small seedlings have been planted.

Gus Steeves photos



The Tantasqua Junior High band did renditions of the National Anthem, an instrumental ballad based on the poem "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree," and the school song.





The stars of the day: chestnut seedlings get a little support while they take root in their new grove.

One student celebrates the chestnut tree.





Before things got started, seventh graders paraded down the school driveway to their area of the lawn with ecological-themed banners and props.

Departing eighth-grade Chestnut Club members take up their walking sticks in preparation for handing them off to the rising seventh graders.



TREASURES IN YOUR HOME PAUL JOSEPH

We recently signed contracts to provide certified written, appraisals for two couples who are moving out of state...one

to Florida, the other to Mexico. Both will work through us to sell or donate all personal property that they are not taking with them. We will remove all items to

sell for them, and then we will make arrangements to donate the remaining items to Habitat for Humanity and/or a charity of their choice.

We are nationally certified appraisers of personal property...all personal property from a stuffed aardvark to an antique zither. We DO NOT appraise real estate. Our certification and certified appraisals are accepted by the IRS and every court of law in the country. We are often called in for this type of appraisal, as well as for cases where someone passes away without a will or when a will is being contested. These are among our favorite types of work. Our least favorite? Divorce cases.

On occasion, we are also asked to provide appraisals in bankruptcies and liquidations.

In each of the current situations we first did a walk through with the clients. They identified, and we tagged all items they were taking with them. We then used a different colored label for those items we were removing to auction/sell. Those items were inventoried and a written copy was given to the owners. This will enable them and us to account for each item as we sell it.

Then, in one day, we inventoried and photographed all items to be donated. I am valuing each item in accordance to strict USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices). Each item listed will include a condition grade, value, and source(s) of the valuation. We will provide the client with a signed copy of the appraisal. Our clients then decide how to use the charitable deduction with the advice of their tax consultant. The final step will be to arrange a date for pick up by the charity. This is done after the clients have moved out and before the new home owners are ready to move in.

Professional appraisal vs opinion

In the case of providing an appraisal as part of the probate process, the certified values become the basis for determining the value of the Estate and/or dividing the personal property equitably among the heirs. When there is agreement among the heirs, or when there's a single heir, the probate process is simple. However, when distribution of the contents is contested (and we've encountered some pretty ugly ones), the distribution is considerably less orderly.

So, how does a certified appraisal differ from an opinion from a dealer who claims to have knowledge, but is not a certified appraiser? Our certification requires us to be able to defend our valuations in a court of law. An appraiser who is not certified does not have to, and may not be able to, defend the values to the court's satisfaction, thereby leaving the client high and dry.

By the way, we have NEVER had a certified appraisal contested in court, regardless of the situation. In our next column we will discuss LOVE TOKENS.

Quaboag Plantation - 300th Celebrations

2017 BRINGS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE 300 YEARS OF THE QUABOAG PLANTATION

With a theme of "Into the Wilderness and Out of the Flames" three local churches are preparing to celebrate 300 years of continuous service to the Brookfields.

Throughout the summer each of the churches with roots to the first meetinghouse will be celebrating their individual histories as the Quaboag Plantation evolved to the precincts of North Brookfield, West Brookfield and South Brookfield, which became Brookfield. These separations were more driven by proximity to the meetinghouse(s); a fun fact, as we look to the histories of the churches.

August 19, will be a true milestone as the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield looks back in history and seeks reconciliation with its wronging of Lucy Stone by removing her from the church. Lucy was one of the nation's first woman's rights advocates. The event starts a 10 a.m. at the Bandstand on the Common in West Brookfield. Please put this date on your calendar to ensure you will be part of this historical ceremony.

October 14 the year will culminate with a commemoration of the installation in 1717 of the first "settled" pastor in the Brookfields. The "settling" of the pastor

led to the General Court adopting Brookfield as a township, enabling the first Town Meeting held on December 5, 1718. This event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Foster Home site, Foster Hill Road in West Brookfield. The Brookfield Congregational Church, the West Brookfield Congregational Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brookfield will participate.

For further information contact Robert Blozie Chairman 300th Committee (508) 654-3112

PLANTING

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at a middle or high school anywhere in the country. In a small field beside Route 148, students, teachers and others will protect a couple dozen seedlings of the new Tantasqua subspecies of the American chestnut, giving them a chance to grow for five to eight years before being intentionally inoculated with the blight.

Unlike their ancestors, though, these tiny trees are third-generation crossbreeds between the American chestnut and its blight-immune Chinese cousin, ACP's Brian Clark said. Most now have some resistance from the Chinese genes, and the project aims to identify the roughly one in eight that have the best resistance. Those will, in turn, be bred together, to further improve resistance ... and identify the one in 64 that will be fully resistant.

the country will become the leafy Adams and Eves of a reincarnated chestnut species.

Clark said he expects it wouldn't be long after that before they'd resume their dominant place in our forests because "they grow faster from a seedling than any other native hardwood."

In essence, as science teacher Jesse Greene put it, the school has taken on the role of being "stewards of the American chestnut tree indefinitely."

With fellow teachers Kristin Daley and Talia Quinta, Greene has led the school's Chestnut Club in working with the ACP over the past year to plan the grove, nurture the seeds over the winter, explain the project to peers, administrators and the public, plant the grove itself, design the "story stones" and signs, and from now on maintain it.

"So much depends upon dirt-covered, stained hands, a dirt-covered face, to save chestnut trees," said student Olivia Hood, reading a poem from fellow student Cindy Warren. To her, that described "how we,

thing huge," and the chestnuts themselves, "with their golden flowers and forest green leaves show off our Warrior pride."

Eighth grader Sydney Leanna gave the crowd a short history lesson.

'Once, there lived a huge tree and thousands like it," but in 1904 someone imported some much smaller, exotic Chinese chestnuts because they had larger nuts. Those trees got established in the Bronx, but no one knew they carried the blight in their bark.

"Most have forgotten this

mighty giant ever lived," it was but "so important" to the forest ecosystem, Leanna said. "... The American Chestnut Project is working to

"This is an achievement for our entire school community, so you should clap for yourselves," Greene told the assembled students. He said he'd expected to run into "roadblocks and red tape," but saw nothing but support from Starczewski and others, "and that's a very rare and really awesome thing."

To Daley, this started as an ecology lesson, but "became so much more. They've been doing real science" while learning patience and responsibility

"You're not really going to

see the benefit of this," noted Sen. Anne Gobi, thanking the kids for all their work and the dozens of Earth-related posters they paraded down the drive-way. "This is for your children and your grandchildren."

Rep. Todd Smola agreed, noting "as individuals, we're on this planet for a very short period of time," so it's important to be ecological stewards. He followed by reading a Legislative proclamation stating "on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth, we say thank you for a job well done.'



a group of kids, created some-

Eventually, those and other immune trees from similar experimental groves around

overcome these odds. ... We can do this together."



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it is on his bike, his skateboard or going on walks along nature trails. He has previously been in the Boy Scouts and was proud of the badges he earned. Devin does well in school where he is passing all of his classes. He does not require additional assistance with his educational needs in the classroom. He adores animals

and does well when placed in a home with them. Devin is able to vocalize his feelings with adults he trusts. He wants to please adults and earn their praise.

Legally freed for adoption, Devin's social worker is seeking a single or two parent family with or without other children in the home. Devin has requested that if there are other children in the home they not be too much younger than him. Devin will need a family that is understanding of teenagers and it would be beneficial if a family has parented before or has worked with children. He will need a family that is able to continue twice per year visits with his birth mother and monthly contact with his four siblings who are placed separately.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR **DeFronzo: taking steps backward**

To the Editor:

The financial crisis of 2008 sent shockwaves through the U.S. economy. It was the worst economic disaster since the Great Depression of 1929. As a result, the government took extreme measures to prevent the U.S. banking system from collapsing and implemented heavy-handed regulations to ensure a similar situation never happens again.

After nearly ten years, the economy is back to prerecession levels, but it has improved at a snail's pace. Many of the regulations that were created in response to the financial crash have hindered economic growth, including Dodd-Frank and the decision to put Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under government conservatorship.

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to overhaul the Dodd-Frank Act. This is an important step toward ensuring banks of all sizes can offer necessary credit to potential homeowners and small business owners, which would help to stimulate the economy.

After considering this legislation, lawmakers must not forget about reforming Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As our nation's housing market becomes increasingly competitive, it is more important than ever that the U.S. government ensures the housing finance system is stable and vibrant.

> PHIL DEFRONZO MORTGAGE BANKER STURBRIDGE

Don't let your investments take a "vacation"



It's summer again – time for many of us to take a break and possibly hit the open road. But even if you go on vacation,

you won't want your investments to do the same – in summertime or any other season. How can you help make sure your portfolio continues to work hard for you all year long?

Here are a few suggestions:

Avoid owning too many "low growth" investments. As you know, different investments have different characteristics and can help you in different ways. For example, you typically own stocks because you want them to grow in value so that you can eventually sell them for a profit. Other investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), provide you with a regular source of income and stability of principal two valuable contributions to your portfolio. However, investments like CDs don't offer much in the way of growth. So if you own too many of them, you might be slowing your progress toward your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. You can maximize the productivity of your portfolio by owning a variety of investments - domestic stocks, international stocks, corporate bonds, U.S. Treasury securities, CDs and more. How much of each investment should you own? The answer depends on a variety of factors, including your age, income, risk tolerance, family situation and specific objectives. Over time, your ideal investment mix may change, but you'll likely need at least some growth potential at every stage of your life.

Don't let your portfolio go "unsupervised." Your investment portfolio can be subject to "drift" if left alone for extended time periods. In fact, without your making any moves at all, your portfolio can move in directions that may not be favorable to you. Suppose you think your holdings should be made up of 70% stocks, but due to strong gains, your stocks now make up 80% of your portfolio. This development could lead to a risk level that feels uncomfortably high to you. That's why you should review your portfolio at least once a year, possibly with the help of a financial professional, to check your progress and make adjustments as needed. Don't stop at the nearest "resting place." Some people hope that if they can get that one "winner," they will triumph in the investment arena. But the ability to "get rich quick" is much more of a myth than a reality. True investment success typically requires patience, persistence and the resilience to continue investing even during market downturns. In other words, investing is a longterm endeavor, and you need a portfolio that reflects this reality. The investment moves you make today may pay off for you decades from now. You need to establish your goals and keep them constantly in mind as you invest. And you will never really reach the end of your investment journey, because you'll need to make choices and manage your portfolio throughout your retirement years.

EDITORIAL Fill'er up

We get to a point in this business when we stare at the plans for a new issue and begin to worry...what is happening? Will there be good, interesting items to fill the pages? Will we be needing to fill pages with unrelated, albeit useful information because there isn't enough news pertinent to a town?

It's the one big nightmare.

So far, because the towns covered by Stonebridge Press newspapers are vital, vibrant and busy places, the nightmare has yet to come true.

Could we do a better job of finding more pertinent information? Especially as it pertains to what is happening in town hall or as it affects the budgets and the roads and stuff that affects taxpayers and wallets? Always. In every town.

And there is also this, if we don't get to every meeting or at least due diligence on following up and following through, it gives anyone who just MIGHT think no one is watching a freer hand to do something we all might regret later.

No specific things come to mind, but temptation is always greatest when you think you can away with it. When no one is watching.

And that is a big piece of what journalism is supposed to do. From the first small, single sided sheets that raised questions about local taxes (visit Old Sturbridge and the print shop, they have examples), and as it followed of course the "sedition" that caused the entire colonial set up on this side of the Atlantic to rebel and become its own nation thank you very much, has been charted and in some cases fomented in the pages of a newspaper or its equivalent of the time.

Patrick Henry wrote pamphlets explaining his theories of government. Newspapers reprinted them.

It is still happening, newspapers do indeed keep an eve on local politics. state politics and yes, national politics, whether politicians want them there or not. Budget cuts mean there aren't nearly as many feet on the ground doing it, but they are still there and the ones who are there are working very hard at it. We have a theory in the business, if you think we must be decrying the screaming and ranting about whether the news being reported is "fake" or in some way manipulated. It probably isn't, being purposely tilted or created as an entirely bald faced lie of any way shape or form, but reporters might take a stance, choose which quotes to use, so as to give a story the "flavor" they want. Yes, it does happen. Is the entire story a "fake" then? No, most certainly not. The choice of which quotes to use are relevant of course, they give more weight to a story, and actually often make it easier to read, clarify information and let you know how people feel about issues. If we DIDN'T quote anyone that too would cause problems. If you listen and watch carefully, to the quotes and then those who dislike the choices, you might quickly discover that, whoever doesn't like the quote and derides it most likely prefers the opposite point of view; no matter which one that might be. And rather than pick up the gauntlet and explain their own point of view in a serious way, would rather level accusations of bias, fakery and lying hoping in some way someone will take up the topic for them. And back to that theory here it is: whether you liked it or hated it, you read it. And that is always the ultimate goal. We hope you read it, we hope we give you information you can use, we hope we perhaps entertain you a bit, and leave you wanting more.

Roundup of Timely Tips for Summer

The "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" will soon be here - if you know some tricks of the trade to make your warm weather activities less of a hassle! The following timely tips are a roundup of seasonal hints geared toward carefree summertime living.

Yard & Garden Tips:

*Citronella candles can be

costly! Make your own economical citronella candles to protect your patio or deck from insects by drilling a one inch hole near the wick of an ordinary thick candle.

Fill the hole with citronella, cover with melted wax and pocket the savings!

*'Tis the season of poison ivy! If you find some of the pesky plant in your yard, here's an environmentally safe way to bid the stop the poisonous pest in its tracks. Mix together three pounds of regular table salt with a gallon of soapy water. Spray the solution directly on the plant's leaves and stems. It works for mere pennies a treatment.

*Bug repellents are costly, but not if ou cut out the fluff and buy the active ingredient in expensive commercial formulas. The Center for Disease Control recommends "Repel" as a safe and effective mosquito repellent. Before you run out to buy a pricy pump bottle of the stuff, stock up on its main ingredient, lemon eucalyptus - and save a bundle! *Who wants to spend money on a new garden hose? Extend your leaky hose to the end of the season this way: Insert a toothpick into the hole, just penetrating the hose wall. Cut off the toothpick flush with the surface of the hose. Wrap the hose with duct tape that covers the toothpick plus two inches on each side of the repair. As the water flows through the hose, the toothpick will swell and fill up the hole and making a tight seal.



Vacation Tricks: *Going on vacation? You can keep your house plants watered for up to a month by watering the plant well and then placing it (pot

longer.

and all) in a clear plastic bag. Tie it securely on the top and bottom. Place the plant in northern light. When you return, simply untie the top and let the plant adjust to room air for a day or two before removing the plastic completely. Or, if you have several smaller plants, simply place a thick, wet towel in the bottom of the bathtub and place pots on top of the towel for the duration. The plants should remain moist for about a week.

*Planning a road trip? Make up economical freezer packs to keep cooler foods chilled while you're on the road. Mix one part rubbing alcohol with two parts water & freeze in a gallon size ziplock bag. The bag will be pliable enough to conform to soda cans fruits or other cooler items. Just re-freeze and use over and over again. This same formula made up in a smaller batch also works great as an icebag to sooth injuries. Just be sure to put a damp cloth between the skin and the icepack to prevent frostbite. Always toss several ziplock storage bags in your luggage. They can be used to stow wet swimsuits, dirty socks, sandy seashells, and have dozens more impromptu vacation uses! When you pack, toss a tablespoon or so of baking soda into a large ziplock bag to prevent wet bathing suits from getting mildew on the trip home.

Produce Pointers:

*Bananas give off a gas called ethylene. If you want to speed up the ripening of other fruits place them next to your bananas.

*When green grapes have a yellow tinge to them they are at their sweetest.

*Never store tomatoes in the refrigerator. Besides losing their nutritional value, they will also lose their flavor. Store tomatoes above 55°F.

*Washing produce is a necessary chore, but you can save money if you whip up this homemade version of the pricey commercial brand for pennies: In a spray bottle, mix two tablespoons of baking soda with one cup of water. If you want add a tablespoon of lemon juice. Spray veggies, let sit for a few minutes and rinse!

* To make a homemade "fruit fresh" clone, dissolve two vitamin C tablets in a large bowl of water. Dunk in the fruits or vegetables to keep them fresher

Win Dinner for Two

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous dinner for two (a \$60 value) at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Hopefully, you will enjoy a pleasant vacation sometime this summer. But your investment portfolio shouldn't take time off.

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CALENDAR

Friday, June 16

MOVIE MORNING: The Brimfield Se nior Center will be showing the award winning movie "Lion" on June 16 at 11 a.m. Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata. before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. Based on the book "A Long Way Home," written by Saroo Brierley. Rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for thematic material and some sensuality. Suggested donation for movie is \$2. Popcorn, snacks and beverages free! The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. 413-245-7253

Saturday, June 17

Foxwoods Anyone? Casino bus trip fundraiser for team "Missing Links" participation in the Alzheimer's Association RunTriRide. Motor coach leaves JC Penney parking lot, 194 Main Street, Sturbridge at 2pm. Leaves Foxwoods at 9pm. \$40 pp includes \$10 free slot play, \$10 food coupon, gift basket raffle, entry to Foxwoods "Cruise for a Cause" monthly drawing & more! For more info contact Melissa LaBreck - 508 561 8078 Your support is essential for those who are now living with Alzheimer's. Your contribution will help find a way to beat Alzheimer's disease.

Wednesday, June 21

MAKE MUSICDAY: Sing in the Solstice with the community on International Make Music Day Brimfield, June 21 6-8 p.m. Hitchcock Academy hosts many programs with extremely talented musicians and they are gathering to share their love of music with the community to celebrate the arrival of summer!

Saturday, June 24

MUSIC & MUSKETS: On Saturday, June 24, the Sturbridge Colonial Militia will re-enact the muster of local patriot forces on the town Common in response to the news of the British expedition to Lexington and Concord in April, 1775. The program of drill, musket firing, and historical commentary begins at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are most welcome to visit the Revolutionary-era encampment on the Common from 4 p.m., followed by a concert of period music at 6 p.m. by the Yalesville (CT) Senior Fife and Drum Corps

BLESSING OF THE PETS: All are invited to the Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m.-noon. The blessing will take place at New Hope United Church of Christ, 345 Main St., Sturbridge. Please follow the signs for the Park and Ride in Bethlehem Lutheran Church's parking lot. Each pet will receive a certificate of blessing. Plush pets welcome! For more information, please visit www.newhopeucc.org.

Monday, June 26

FAMILY NIGHT: Mondays are Family Nights at the Holland Community Center this summer!

Family Cupcake Decorating Monday, June 26, 6:30 pm Kick off our series of fun family programs on Monday nights! This kid-friendly program will feature pre-made cupcakes for you to frost and decorate with a variety of delicious treats. \$2 fee

Tuesday, June 27

DRIVE IN MOVIES: Retro Drive-in Movie "The LEGO Batman Movie" Tuesday, June 27, 7 pm at the Holland Community Center. Remember when you used to bring the family to the drivein on a summer night? Grandparents, bring your grandkids, and share a bit of the past. We will be making "cars" to create our own drive-in theater inside the community center. BYOB (bring your own BOX) and we will provide the craft supplies for you to turn your ordinary box into a dream machine vou can sit in during the movie (grandparents are welcome to relax in our "walk-in section" - comfy chairs provided). Join us for this fun, family craft and movie event!

Wednesday, June 28

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, June 28, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One rain date will be reserved

if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchas-

Wednesday, July 5

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Friday, July 7

DOG TRICKS! The next Friends and Family Friday at Hitchcock Academy will be Dog Tricks with Laurie Merritt held on July 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. The fee is only \$6 and includes pizza, drinks and lots of fun! Register online or in person. www.hitchcockacademy.org or call (413) 245-9977.

Wednesday, July 12

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July

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PINBALL

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as a criminal racket by signing the order to round up the machines and their owners. Thousands of machines were collected and dramatically smashed. The year was 1942. Amazingly, the flipper wasn't invented until 1947. So maybe pinball back then isn't exactly what we think of it today but Mayor La Guardia's ban on pinball in NYC lasted until the year of the first Star Wars movie, 1976.

Our first wide-eyed memories of pinball come from campground rec halls, boardwalks, and bowling alley arcades. Watching experienced players go for wild rides then timidly dropping precious quarters into the slot hoping for a thrill and maybe a few moments of success against a beast whose electro-mechanical everv

impulse seemed designed to dazzle and defeat all comers. Then came the video game. Space Invaders, Pac-Man and friends, and the advent of the home gaming system seemed to dampen interest and almost doom the industry and the game

Today, pinball is quietly making a big comeback. Manufacturers like Stern Pinball and Jersey Jack Pinball are producing and selling sophisticated, ultra-modern machines that bristle with 21st century technology and deep rules sets while remaining approachable and fun to the most casual (and young) players. Both companies will have their newest and most anticipated games seen and played by many for the first time at this third edition of the Pintastic Pinball & Game Room Expo. We particularly

look forward to getting our flipping fingers on Stern's brand new Aerosmith table, the John Trudeau designed Ghostbusters LE and awesome nostalgia of Batman '66 (2016). From Jersey Jack Pinball, all eyes will be on another history-making table from the designer of 1992's legendary The Addams Family, Pat Lawlor's Dialed In. Yes, you can control it with your smartphone and the game selfies you during play! Flip out on these along with hundreds of games lovingly brought to Sturbridge by collectors from all over the country. Rest assured, with models from every era, your favorite machine will be at Pintastic

If you're ready to hook up and experience 80 years of pinball innovation as well as video games, entertainment for kids, and cool ideas for your

home and game room in one convenient and well-equipped venue, get your tickets to Pintastic now. Adults and youngsters can enjoy the free play pinball, "old school" video arcade favorites, pinball and video game tournaments, pinball seminars, repair classes, charity raffles, a hall of wicked cool vendors, and much more. Delicious food, ice-cold beverages including craft beer, and fantastic activities for kids will be available right on-site throughout the show. Kids will love our caricature artist, face painting, balloon animals, yo-yo and juggling shows, a visit from Maggie the Clown, even a kids' pinball tournament with awesome prizes! Come for a casual afternoon or the whole weekend. When you're ready to take a breath, the grounds of the Sturbridge Host roll peacefully up to the

edge of beautiful Cedar Lake. So, come to Pintastic this summer, save your quarters for laundry and we won't tell mom or the Mayor. The Game Room is open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights!

Pintastic ticket prices range from \$7-\$15 (child) and \$20 (adult) for single day passes. Children under the age of 5 are admitted free. For times, tickets and more details, check out the Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo website at www. pintasticnewengland.com and make your room reservations soon.

Contact Pintastic by phone at 774-278-3541 or by email at pintasticnewengland@yahoo. com. For reservations call the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center at 508-347-3246. Ask for the special Pintastic Pinball block at just \$110 a night.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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rest of the candidates," said Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt. "The difference maker for us is the level of community service the candidates have contributed. Both Andrew and Ken have already volunteered in multiple capacities making lives for others a little bit better."

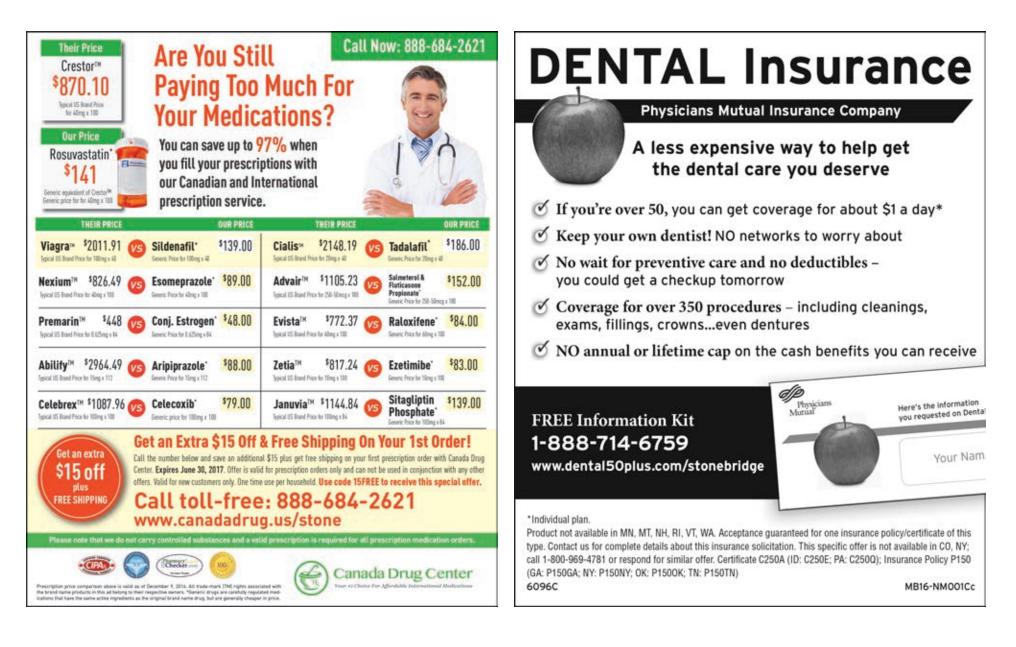
Kenneth (Kenny) Allard, of Southbridge, is an exceptional student, a seasoned actor, writer and director. Known among his school's staff as "Mr. Southbridge High School," Kenneth earned an impressive 3.9 GPA in his senior year and is ranked 7th among his class of 115.

also served as president on a very active Student Council. A member of the National Honor Society and the International Thespian Society, Kenneth's passion for the theater has led him to acclaim as a performer in numerous school productions. Last fall, he wrote and directed an original oneact play, The Angel and His Butterfly. Kenneth works part-time at Yankee Candle Company in Sturbridge and devotes his time in the community to important causes such as Relav for Life and the Stop Hunger Campaign.

Andrew Loin, of Southbridge, is a hard-working and responsible student and recent graduate of Holy Name Central Catholic High School in member from his freshman through his junior year and a talented athlete and captain of the varsity cross country team, Andrew is well-known for his sense of compassion and decency toward others as well as a strong desire to give back to his community.

Andrew is a member of SADD (Student Against Destructive Decisions), actively volunteers his time locally at his church, St. John Paul II Parish in Southbridge, and at school events, and has been a counselor to chronically ill children and their families at Camp Sunshine in Casco, ME. Andrew graduated in May and his plans include attending the University of Rochester in the fall and studying political science

The Chamber is extremely gratified to be able to contribute to the ongoing education and success of these exceptional young scholars. The Chamber of Central Mass South offers scholarships to local students each year. Monies are allocated from the Chamber's Charities and Scholarship Fund which is supported by the Chamber's 'Your Chance to Be a Millionaire' lottery scratch tickets raffle, the annual Golf Classic at Heritage Country Club and contributions from Chamber members. Scholarship applications can be obtained at local high school guidance offices or online at the Chamber website. The annual deadline to apply is April 1.



OBITUARIES

Gertrude M. (Thompson) Ouellette, 97



STURBRIDGE Gertrude M. (Thompson) Ouellette, 97, formerly of Heritage Green, passed away on Monday, June 12th, in the Life Care Center of Auburn, after a brief illness.

Her husband, Louis H. Ouellette, passed away in 1978 and her son, Ronald L. Ouellette, passed away in 1949. She leaves her son, Raymond D. Ouellette and his wife Suzanne of Southbridge; her daughter, Deborah L. Ouellette and her longtime companion David Rock of Warren; her sister, Elizabeth Barber of Cumberland, RI; her three grandchildren, Jason M. Ouellette and his wife Heather Peck-Ouellette of Sterling, Jerry D. Ouellette and his wife Alena of Chillicothe, Ill, and Sherry A. Ouellette of Southbridge; and six great grandchildren, Joshua Ouellette, Cody Peck, Paige Ouellette, Caitlin Peck, Felica Ouellette and Dawson Ouellette. She was also predeceased by her two broth-

ers, Raymond Thompson and Maurice Thompson and her sister, Rita Girard. She was born in Cumberland, RI the daughter of William and Mary (Drew) Thompson.

Gertrude was an invoice clerk for Ames Department Store for 26 years, before retiring many years ago. She previously worked for the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for five years. After retiring she volunteered at the Fallon Clinic for 10 years. She was a member of the Sturbridge Senior Center. Gertrude had a special relationship with her grandchildren and was very devoted to them.

Her funeral was held on Thursday, June 15, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfuneralhome. com), 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial in Notre Dame Cemetery, Pawtucket, RI, will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507.



Felicia J. (Jonis) Naughton, 92

SUTTON — Felicia J. (Jonis) Naughton, age 92, died at home, Sunday, June 11, surrounded by her loving family, after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by two sons, Richard J. Naughton,

and Barry Naughton, and two brothers. She is survived by five sons: Donald A. Naughton, of San Diego, CA, Russell P. Naughton, and his wife, Nikko, of Las Vegas, NV, James P. Naughton, of Worcester, Kevin M. Naughton, and his wife, Donna, of Jacksonville, NC, and Thomas J. Naughton, and his wife, Carrie Ann, of Whitinsville; two daughters, Nancy M. Gilmour, and her fiancé, Michael Welch, of Dudley, and Kathy M. Temple, and her husband, Douglas, of Brimfield; 14 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Naughton was born in Worcester, October 16, 1924, the daughter of Vincent and Julia (Minkavich) Jonis. She grew up in Worcester, attended Worcester schools, and had lived in Sutton since 1956.

She was a receptionist at Catholic Charities for many years prior to retiring, and she previously worked at the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company, and as a cook in the Sutton schools cafeteria.

A Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Naughton was a member of Saint Patrick's Church in Whitinsville, the bereavement committee and Compassionate Friends at the church. She belonged to the Sutton Senior Center, and was known by all for her compassion, wit, and her dedication to her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Naughton's funeral Mass will be held Friday, June 16, in Saint Patrick's Church, Cross Street, Whitinsville. Burial followed in Notre Dame Cemetery, Worcester.

Carr Funeral Home (carrfuneralhome.com), 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville was entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Pon owned and operated the Thai

Place Restaurants since 2001, with locations in Sturbridge, Framingham,

South Hadley, Shrewsbury and

Pon was known as a loving, caring,

selfless person who was always had a

positive attitude. He was loved by all

His funeral service was held on Saturday, June 17, in the Daniel T.

Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfu-

neralhome.com), 130 Hamilton St.,

Southbridge, with a cremation ceremo-

ny to follow at the All Faiths Crematory,

Worcester. He was an avid golfer.

Helen S. Thompson, 99

WEBSTER-Helen S Thompson, age 99, died peacefully Friday, June 9, 2017 at Overlook in Charlton, with her loving family at her side. Helen was born in Webster. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and Helen (Fidalski) Tryba. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years Charles Thompson in 2003.

She is survived by one daughter: Cathleen MacAlpine and her husband David of Sturbridge and two sons: Robert Thompson and his wife Nancy Carron of Southbridge, Charles Thompson and his wife Celeste of Cape Coral, FL. One sister Ann Figal of Webster She also has four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She lived most of her life in Webster before moving to her daughter's. She loved being with family, picnics and watching daily Mass on TV. She worked at Stevens Linen, Empire Laundry H&R Manufacturing and Bates Shoe before retiring. She was a communicant of St. Joseph Basilica.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, June 13 at St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, Burial followed in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers having a Mass said in her honor would be most appreciated.

Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel (bartelfuneralhome.com), 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, was entrusted with arrangements

STURBRIDGE -Phonesavanh "Pon"

Chanthavong, age 48, passed away on Monday, June 12th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a long illness.

He leaves his

wife of 6 years, Noy (Sengchan) Chanthavong; his parents, Hongsa and Kaecy Chanthavong of Portland, OR; and his two brothers, Khamsouk Chanthavong of Portland, OR and Vieng Chanthavong of Sturbridge. He was born in Vientiane, Laos on Sept.

Judith A. (Fleischman) Jaeger, 76

Phonseavanh 'Pon Chanthavong, 48

12, 1968.

who knew him.

Worcester.

STURBRIDGE — On the afternoon of June 9, 2017, Judith A. (Fleischman) Jaeger said goodbye to her home in Sturbridge and went to Our Lord. She was 76 years old and married to Raymond Jaeger for 57 years. She has two daughters, Mary and Judith Ann, who live nearby and a son, Andrew in Indiana; three grandchildren and a son in law.

Her devotion in life was to her marriage, her children and helping those in need. She was a generous Trustee of the Jaeger Family Charitable Foundation. She founded the Jaeger and Osberg Insurance Agency, which is now a part of the Eastern Insurance Group LLC. and managed it as CEO until she retired

in 1996. She was also the founder, over 30 years ago, and President Emeritus of Woman in Business Inc., a professional organization with membership from a number of communities in the South County area, dedicated to assisting women who are entering or are already a part of the business world. She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home (morrillfuneralhome.com), 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

A memorial service for Judith will be held later this year. For now, the family respectfully requests a period of privacy.



Send all obituary notices to the Sturbridge Villager, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

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12, 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Wednesday, July 19

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Thursday, July 20

CONCERT: Sturbridge Lions Club and the Sturbridge Rotary Club have joined forces to sponsor a concert - rain or shine - being held on Sturbridge Common on Thursday, July 20 from 6-8 p.m. The concert, FREE to the public, features Dan Gabel and The Abletones, an 18-piece Big Band specializing in swing music of the 1930s and '40s. The Big Band will be accompanied by vocalist Elise Roth. There will be raffle tickets avail-

able for purchase which includes a onenight stay for two people at the Publick House Historic Inn along with dinner and breakfast. This concert is one you won't want to miss. Your feet will be tapping to the rhythmic sounds of this great Band. Bring family, friends, neighbors and don't forget your lawn chairs. Mark the date on your calendars now!

Wednesday, July 26

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Sunday, July 30

BLUEBERRY FEST: CAAC third annual Blueberry Festival/Family Fun Day will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Blueberry shortcake, live animal show by Animal Adventures, live music, amateur baking contest (participants needed) and silent auction, Irish dance performances, fashion show, games, pie-eating contests, raffle table, food by Tony Island Hot Dog and Off the Hook food trucks, face painting, an appearance by Trax the Worcester Railers mascot, and fresh locally-grown blueberries for sale. Looking for "roaming" artists such as clowns, balloon animals, guitarist/singa-long, etc. For more info, call Kristen at (508) 248-9548. Charlton Arts & Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Road, Charlton

Saturday, September 2

Artists and Crafters wanted for Retro Faire: Vendors and crafters are wanted for a Retro Faire on Sept. 2. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brimfield Senior Center, the event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brimfield Town Hall on Main Street. Vendors are wanted for this vintage and repurposed goods Faire. The booth fee for a 9 foot space is \$25. If the Friends provide a 6 foot table, the fee is \$30. Participants will be able to set up on Sept. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m., or the morning of the event from 7 to 9 a.m..

For further information or a vendor application, contact Susan Jones at (413) 267-3082, or email pogosrite@gmail.com.

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.

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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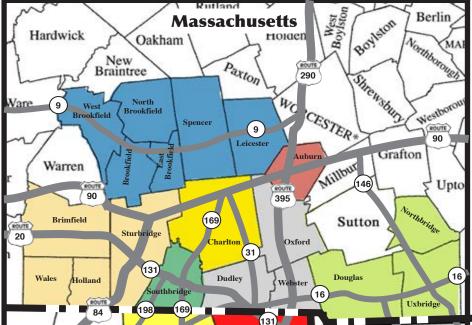
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SPORTS Fifth inning storm halts Sturbridge's Legion game with Northborough

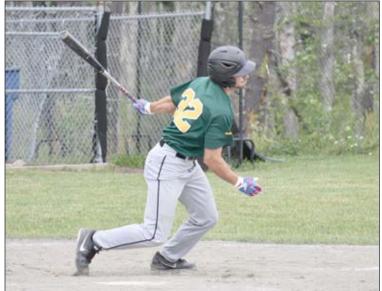


BY GREG BARLOW SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The thunder started to roar and then the rain began to pour during the fifth inning of Sturbridge Post 109's American Legion baseball

Greg Barlow photos

At left: Sturbridge's Tyler Stoever got the start on the mound versus Northborough.



Sturbridge's Brannon McMullen takes a swing at a first inning pitch against Northborough's Anthony Francalancia.

game versus Northborough Post 234 on Monday, June 19 at Tantasqua Regional. The remainder of the contest was postponed due to the inclement weather, as Sturbridge trailed Northborough, 2-0.

The game was scheduled to pick up right where it left off on Friday, June 23 — with one down in the bottom of the fifth and Sturbridge's Nate Carty on second base after a very wet, wild pitch was tossed roughly three feet high by Northborough starter Anthony Francalancia.

Francalancia, whose breaking ball was working well versus Post 109, had logged four strikeouts in the game, giving up just two hits. Matching his four K's was Southbridge High product Tyler Stoever, who started on the bump for the home team. Stoever gave up five hits and two earned runs through the first five frames.

Sturbridge entered the game 3-5 overall after coming off two straight losses.

"Hopefully the bats will come alive on Friday," said Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel.

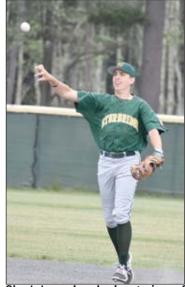
With just one player in college and only a couple seniors on the roster, Sturbridge is a young team. Rosseel, who has been at the helm of the program for 11 years, looks to build his squad and expects to be at the top of the Zone in the coming seasons.

"We beat three good teams, including Grafton Hill, Northbridge, and then we beat last year's champs, Shrewsbury," noted Rosseel. "We're young — the year after next, we're going to be something."

Post 109 got runners on base in four of the five innings played, but unfortunately, the runs weren't there. On the other hand, Northborough (2-4) entered the diamond hot after winning its past two games.

Stoever ran into trouble in the opening inning. Leading off for Northborough, Clark University product Collin Mitchell launched the first pitch down the middle for a base hit before stealing second base. He reached third on a grounder and was driven in by Max Morhardt on a sacrifice fly.

Northborough held its 1-0 lead through the next three innings, as both pitchers retired nine of the following 11 batters faced. Sturbridge then went down 2-0 in the top of the fifth inning after Northborough plated a run on a RBI double to



Shortstop Jared Langevin of Sturbridge tosses the ball to his pitcher.

left field by Drew Courtwright.

The rain then started to come down hard in the bottom half of the fifth, as Carty, who walked, reached second base on a wild pitch before the empires decided to postpone the contest.

Both teams agreed to finish the game at Memorial Field in Northborough since they were originally scheduled to play another game there that day.

Tri-Community YMCA bolds fourth annual Driving Toward Recovery golf tournament

The Tri-Community YMCA held its fourth annual Driving Toward Recovery golf tournament at Southbridge's Cohasse Country Club on June 1.

There were a total of 15 teams playing that day, and over \$20,000 was raised, doubling last year's fundraising efforts. The money raised from the tournament goes directly to the LIVESTRONG program, which is a free 12-week program for cancer survivors. With the hardworking team of Y staff and volunteers, and the generosity of many, the day was a huge success.

The winning team represented



The winning team of the Tri-Community YMCA Driving Toward Recovery golf tournament rep-

Kelleher & Sadowsky Associates, Inc. The team included Todd Brodeur, David Griffin, Jeff Johnson and Don Mancini.

resented Kelleher & Sadowsky Associates, Inc. The team included, from left, David Griffin, Jeff Johnson, Todd Brodeur and Don Mancini.



June 10

Sturbridge 6, Grafton Hill 5 — Despite being outhit, 11-3, Post 109 hung on for a victory in their season opener at Tantasqua Regional.

Tyler Stoever picked up the win on the bump after pitching the first six innings, while Deven Kingman picked up the save by pitching the seventh. Stoever was also the main contributor at the plate, driving in three runs.

June 11

Framingham 4, Sturbridge 2 — Seven errors plagued Post 109 in their close loss at Tantasqua Regional, as they slipped to 1-1.

Sturbridge scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning, but that was it for the offense. Patrick Wilbur (five innings) and Deven Kingman (two) were the team's pitchers.

June 12

Sturbridge 4, Northbridge 3 — Post 109 picked up a victory at Tantasqua Regional over Post 343 — a perennial powerhouse — to improve to 2-1.

Nate Carty was the game's story, as he pitched and shut down Northbridge's potent lineup. His complete game included giving up two earned runs on five hits with five strikeouts.

June 13

Leominster 12, Sturbridge 2 — The game ended in five mercy-ruled shortened innings for Post 109, as they couldn't keep up with Leominster in their first away contest of the season.

Mike Sullivan had two hits for Sturbridge, and Colin Eliason drive in both runs as Post 109 slipped to 2-2.

June 14

East Side 10, Sturbridge 2 — Post 109

fell into a 5-0 hole after a half-inning of play and couldn't recover, as their record dropped to 2-3.

Sturbridge mustered just four hits off of starter Dario Tarquinio — a Southbridge resident — and reliever PJ Barry, while Tyler Stoever went the distance for Post 109.

June 15

Sturbridge 4, Shrewsbury 3 — Behind a walk-off hit by Connor McCaffrey and a complete game effort from Pat Wilbur, Post 109 beat the defending state champions and improved to 3-3 in the process.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Nate Carty sacrifice bunted Jared Langevin into scoring position and McCaffrey followed with the winning hit. Wilbur's complete game included two earned runs allowed on eight hits with five strikeouts and four walks. June 17

Milford 15, Sturbridge 3 - A disastrous sixth inning where they gave up 11 runs ended the game in that frame for Post 109, as they dropped to below .500 (3-4).

Sturbridge trailed by a slim 4-3 margin heading to the sixth, but it wasn't to be. Pat Wilbur pitched well until the sixth for Post 109, and Brannon McMullen had a two-hit game for the hosts.

June 18

Wachusett 15, Sturbridge 6 — Post 109 ended their weekend with their second straight loss, as Sturbridge's record dropped to 3-5.

SPORTS BRIEFS

U.S. Baseball Academy coming to Worcester State

The U.S. Baseball Academy, the nation's largest training program, is coming to Worcester State University from June 26-29. Advance registration is required. Kids sign up for the sessions they want, although most participate all four days from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please visit www.USBaseballAcademy. com for more details. You can also call the offices at 866-622-4487.

5K Race to benefit Bay State Equine Rescue set for July 9

Runners and walkers are invited to take part in the fourth "Run Like the Dickens" 5K race on Sunday, July 9 at Old Sturbridge Village. The race is for all ages. The race is the year's principal fundraising event for Bay State Equine Rescue, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that rescues and rehabilitates abused, neglected and abandoned horses.

The course of the race offers participants a unique experience of Old Sturbridge Village, as it winds through the Village's picturesque roads and trails. This is the only public race through Old Sturbridge Village. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first place male and female finishers, as well as to first place male and female finishers in age-based divisions. The first 150 registrants will receive "Run Like the Dickens" T-shirts. Entry fee for the race is \$30 until July 3 and \$40 from July 4 until race day. A children's stick-horse race will be part of the day's events. Participants can register online and find more information on the race and on the rescue's work at www.BayStateRescue.org.

Join the free Charlton/Dudley Women's Basketball League

Please come and check out the Charlton/Dudley

Women's Pickup Basketball League at the Heritage School in Charlton every Monday while school is in session from 7-9 p.m. There are no set teams and no fees. Come for the exercise and the fun of playing basketball. The league is for ages 18 and up. Call Deb at (508) 248-3600 for information.

Sturbridge Rotary Club to host Charity Golf Classic

The Sturbridge Rotary Club is hosting a Charity Golf Classic on Monday, July 24 at Cohasse Country Club. Check-in is at 9 a.m. with a tee time of 10:30. A barbeque lunch will be provided on the course and a full prime rib dinner follows in the evening. Lots of team prizes will be awarded. A 4 p.m. social hour is planned, followed by dinner and awards. Individual signups are \$150 and a foursome is \$500. Sponsorship opportunities on several levels are also available with some including one or more golf foursomes. Proceeds to benefit our charitable activities. For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Dave Zonia at (508) 335-4550 or Bill Lemke at (508) 347-7416. The rain date is set for August 7.

SPORTS

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer roundup; Local teams compete in Gaffney Cup



In U12 action, Dylan Spillane kicks the ball out of Tantasqua's defensive end as Cameron Courtney and Dominic Perreault lock down the backfield in Gaffney Cup play.

The weekend of June 17-18 may have had its periods of overcast, muggy weather, but the scene was colorful and spirited at the Midland Area Youth Soccer (MAYS) Gaffney Cup. Splotches of color populated the fields as uniformed teams from Auburn, Tantasqua, Charlton, Holden, Mendon-Upton, Millbury, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Shrewsbury, Southbridge, Spencer, Sutton, the Wachusett area and Worcester converged at the Ruel Field complex in Oxford to complete their last two games of the season in a full day of competition.

The Gaffney Cup is the traditional season-end for the U12 and U14 Division 3 teams. Seeding for the teams in the final two games is based on the season results and teams with similar records are pitted against each other. This scheduling allows for a competitive but fun atmosphere for players, coaches and families to close out the spring season. A small army of volunteers from MAYS works hard all season to pull off the event, but the smile on MAYS President Cliff Cloutier showed that the effort was all worth it.

"The Gaffney Cup was named for a former MAYS board member who died a few years ago and for him, everything was about the kids," stated Mr. Cloutier. "He was an excellent person and anything that had to be done for the kids and for sports — he was there. ... [The Gaffney Cup] is a whole package. We are also trying to help the young refs to be trained; we have mentors here. We have referees helping the kids finalize their season. It's all supposed to be a fun time."

Tantasqua had three Division 3 teams caught up in the fun at the Gaffney Cup; the U12 Boys coached by Chris Mazeika, the U12 Girls coached by Victor Matheson, and the U14 Boys coached by Kevin MacConnell.

The U12 boys kicked off the event on Saturday morning and Coach Mazieka's boys took on Sutton and then North Brookfield. The team had obviously learned through the season and put their team passing on display. Connor Babcock, Wesley Sczupak, Nate Lavoie and Patrick Welton brought a lot of offensive pressure. Cameron Courtney, Dylan Spillane, Gregory Surozenski and Dominic Perrault played a very stingy defensive backfield. When not in net, Eben Mazeika and Daelen Ahern mixed it up wherever they could. Matt Oko and Brayden Kida worked hard as utility players for the team. The offense got their best opportunities when Welton, "the king of crosses," would work it down the wing and send it across for the charging strikers. Sczupak was a dribbling force on the field and worked hard getting passes to teammates. Courtney swept up nearly every loose ball through the middle and sent it back to the open wingers with poise. Spillane was simply a workhorse all over the field, ceding nothing on 50/50 balls even against much larger opposing players. Tantasqua's U12 boys earned a 4-2 win versus Sutton but then lost 8-2 against North Brookfield in the game immediately following.

"Unfortunately we couldn't transfer the momentum to the second game, which was played directly after the first against a fresh, unsullied team that had not yet played a game," said Coach Mazeika. "[North Brookfield] scored some early goals and we just couldn't dig our way out of the hole. The boys had a lot of fun today earning their second win in the same fashion as their earlier season win. It was a great opportunity for the boys to experience tournament play in which they got an idea of what is needed to establish peak performance in later matches.

Saturday afternoor

Kaylee Cain, Addie O'Connell, Finleigh Dragon, Lauren Bailey and Isabella Colangione played up front while Maya Miranda, Ella Gosselin, Leanna Matczak, Ally Matheson and AJ Vonhold held down the back line. Hailey Frisella and Abigail Widen took turns in net when not lending their hustle on the field. Even though Charlton was playing back-to-back games, their girls were up to the task physically and did not allow much forward penetration by Tantasqua. Charlton's size and strength were a formidable force and the teams went into the half with Charlton leading 2-0. However, Tantasqua was undaunted and played even harder the second half and tipped the field their way. Unfortunately, despite a flurry of shots from Bailey and O'Connell, and rock-solid defending from Matczak and Gosselin, Tantasqua couldn't put a shot over the goal line and took the loss, 2-0.

On Sunday morning, the U14 boys under Coach MacConnell took on Northbridge and Mendon-Upton. The U14 boys lost the first game against Northbridge 5-0, and then lost a close game to Mendon-Upton, 2-1.

Outside of the Gaffney Cup, Tantasqua did have one team remaining in the playoffs. The U16 Girls, coached by Nate Jones, played Mountain Club for the season championship and won 2-1, so the Tantasqua U16 Girls are MAYS champs and will advance to the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions this weekend.

Gaffney Cup Scores Saturday, June 18



Courtesy photos

U14 Boys, Division 3 vs.

Tantasqua (1-4-3) 1;

U16 Girls, Division 2

Tantasqua (7-2-1) 2; Mt.

Mendon-Upton

Playoff Score

M-U (3-3-1) 2

vs. Mt. Club

Club (7-2-1) 1

Wesley Sczupak of the U12 team shields the ball from a Sutton defender.

U12 Girls, Division 3	
vs. Worcester	
Tantasqua (2-3-2) 1;	
Worcester (4-2-1) 5	
U12 Girls, Division 3	
vs. Charlton	
Tantasqua (2-4-2) 0;	
Charlton (3-2-2) 2	
Sunday June 18	

Sunday, June 18 U14 Boys, Division 3 vs. Northbridge

Tantasqua (1-3-3) 0; Northbridge (5-2-0) 5



Saturday afternoon belonged to the U12 girls. Coach Matheson's charges first took on a talented Worcester team but lost 5-1. Their second game was against crosstown rivals Charlton. U12 Boys, Division 3 vs Sutton

Tantasqua (2-5-0) 4; Sutton (2-4-1) 2 U12 Boys, Division 3 vs.

North Brookfield Tantasqua (2-5-0) 2; N. Brookfield (2-4-0) 8



Eben Mazeika of the U12 team plays solid defense and forces Sutton out of the middle.

Sturbridge "Wicked" 10U softball team earns second place in Webster Tourney



The Sturbridge Wicked 10U softball team placed second at the Webster Tournament.

The local district's very own 10U "Wicked" Girl's Fast-pitch Softball team had a highly successful, first-ever tournament in Webster, earning a solid second-place finish against tough competition.

The team won two games and lost one over the first two days of the tournament. Those games included a pitching gem by Juhie Jain, who struck out 13 batters in an 8-0 whitewashing of Webster. The Sturbridge team, sponsored by Incom, Inc., also defeated a team from Enfield, Conn.

Heading into the final day, the Sturbridge girls were seed-

ed against an undefeated team dubbed the "Bombers Elite" out of Warwick, R.I. Sunday is a play-until-you-lose day, or keep winning. The local 13 girls produced a decisive victory over the Bombers, 12-4. The onslaught began with a hardhit triple by Ava Detarando that scored Jewels Normandin. The next inning Hannah Wright's aggressive approach at the plate earned her a smash single, as she and Jain scored on Nicole Pelski's fielder's choice to shortstop. Then in secession hard-hit singles by Claire Beaudreau, Abby Radebaugh and Wright scored three more runs.

After a short speech by the coaches about "it ain't over till it's over" and the gentleman that coined the phrase, the Wicked once again aggressively put six more runs on the board. Beaudreau (3 for 3), Radebaugh (2 for 3), and Wright (3 for 3) logged hits, and strong plate discipline by Claire Beane, Jules Petersen, Ally Bouchard and Alexi Hague earned bases on balls. All would eventually score. The victory also included some well-executed defensive plays and catapulted the Wicked into the Championship game.

The Championship game matched the Wicked against a very good team from the Princeton/Sterling area called the Wachusett Stars. The Wicked weren't as lucky in that game, falling in the championship despite a disciplined game plan. They made Wachusett earn every run and every out.

Throughout the weekend the Wicked had some ESPNlike moments defensively with a high hit ball to short right field caught by second baseman Beane; amazingly accurate laser-beam throws to second base by catcher Pelski; backstop consistency from catcher Hague who rarely gave other teams stealing opportunities; cannon throws to first base by Detarando playing third base; and Payton MacDonald, one of three first baseman that grabbed every throw. The 10U Wicked apply a disciplined approach in the field, and play by a very simple and basic motto that good throws and good catches win ball games. They certainly earned it in their first tournament. Their final tournaments are in Dighton (late June) and Milford (mid-July).

The Wicked Girl's Fastpitch Softball program has 14U, 12U, and 10U teams. One of the goals of the program is to further refine the athletic ability, competitive spirit, and softball skills of girls that love softball. The team typically prac-



Ava Detarando of Sturbridge stands in the batter's box and awaits the pitch.

tices one night per week from November through March at the Southbridge Armory (Senior Center) and then a few outdoor practices before they join their appropriate recreation teams for the Spring season. There are between three and four tournaments in June and July. The players come from Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland, Wales and the Brookfields. Tryouts are late summer and early fall, watch for announcements or email if interested at sturbridgegirlssoftball@gmail.com.

SPORTS

Graduated seniors play in Mewhiney Chapter Central Mass. All-Star Classic

WORCESTER — Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium once again hosted the Joseph R. Mewhiney Chapter Central Mass. All-Star Classic on Friday evening, June 16. The Classic, its fourth annual, highlights recently graduated high school football players. The game featured a North versus South format, with 13 members of the South team representing the Stonebridge Press coverage area. And South picked up an early safety to lead, 2-0, before Shepherd Hill Regional's Josh Gelb caught a 4-yard touchdown pass as they surged ahead, 9-0.

South held a 16-0 halftime lead and grew the advantage to 23-0 shortly after Uxbridge High's Mike Rosa hauled in an interception early in the fourth quarter.

The North side then scored to make



Nick Ethier photos

Jose Miranda of Southbridge finds some open running room while carrying the ball.

it 23-6. South finished the scoring with another touchdown to win a 30-6 decision.

Listed below alphabetically are the South All-Stars from Stonebridge Press' coverage area:

Aaron Berry, Southbridge (co-captain)

Josh Callinan, Uxbridge Kyle Driscoll, David Prouty

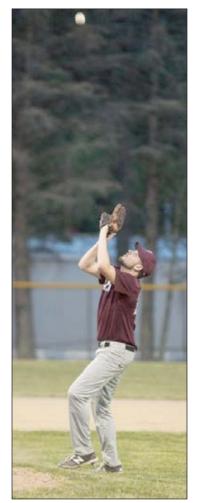
Mike Farland, Tantasqua

Josh Gelb, Shepherd Hill Dan George, Leicester Alex Martellio, Uxbridge Jose Miranda, Southbridge Matt Morrow, Leicester Dante Ortiz, Quaboag Dylan Ramos, Blackstone Valley Tech Nate Remillard, Northbridge Mike Rosa, Uxbridge



Mike Farland of Tantasqua makes a play on the ball and nearly hauls in an interception.

Blackstone Valley tops Rochdale in CNEBA play



BY GREG BARLOW SPORTS CORRESPONDEN

LEICESTER — Three runs were all that the Blackstone Valley Cats needed in Central New England Baseball Association (CNEBA) action versus Rochdale at Rochdale Park on Thursday, June 15.

Coming off a 14-0 loss to Ronnies of Worcester earlier in the week, Blackstone Valley is back on track after a 3-2 win. The Cats hold a 5-5 record in CNEBA play, while Rochdale dropped to 5-7.

"It feels great after the thrashing the other night, we'll take the win," noted Blackstone Valley manager Scott Kennedy. "It's good to get the bats going a us off balance, but we got to him. It feels good to get a 'W' under our belts."

Batting second and third in Rochdale's lineup, respectively, center fielder Travis Dinsdale (Quinsigamond) and shortstop Alex Augustine (Worcester State University) each had two hits to combine for the home team's only four base-knocks of the contest. Struggling to put a dent in his opponent's pitching arsenal, Rochdale manager Joel Hart knows that his team will have to get its offense going to win games.

"We have to start hitting the ball more consistently — we're just not putting enough balls in play," he said. "Timely hitting is just not there yet. It will come. It's a long season, we'll get there." Rochdale starting right-Ryan hander Logan (Quinsigamond) ran into trouble early on, as Blackstone Valley tallied its three runs during the first two innings. Laclaire led off the opening inning with a triple to deep left center, as Union College's Zack Twitchell hit a sacrifice fly to right field to drive him in. Rochdale then battled back in the bottom of the first, registering back-to-back singles from Dinsdale and Augustine, but Tanyon Ventres, the Cats'

starting southpaw and Becker College product, logged two strikeouts to end the inning to keep Rochdale off the board.

Ventres had five strikeouts and allowed just four hits and two earned runs through five innings pitched.

"Bouncing back and to come out strong early on, that's huge," noted Ventres. "I pitch for contact and don't really get a lot of K's, so every play counts. They [Blackstone Valley] made it easy for me tonight."

Blackstone Valley carried the momentum into the second inning, tacking on two unearned runs to move out to a 3-0 lead. Salem State's Pat Fitzgaerald and Laclaire each picked up the RBIs during this span. "When we get the opportunities, we love making the most of them because that's what wins ball games," said Kennedy. "Our defense has been solid all year, and when you get runs early, it puts the pressure on them. Both sides played strong defense for the remainder of the contest, committing just one error each on the night as scoring opportunities were limited. The Cats held their three-run lead through the next two frames, but struggled to get runners on with Logan retiring 10 straight batters faced

through the third, fourth and fifth innings. He took the loss but ended the night allowing just one earned run with four strikeouts, pitching a complete game.

"That was Ryan's first outing of the season, and he knew the ball was going to be in his hands for the majority of the night," mentioned Hart. "He did a great job pitching for his first night out, so I can't ask more for that."

Rochdale answered in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 3-2 game. St. Petersburg's Zach May led off the inning with a walk before Dinsdale plated him with a RBI triple. Augustine then brought

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Ryan Logan of Rochdale lines up to catch a pop fly from behind the mound.

little bit, and it's great to get a win."

Batting .500 on the night and fueling Blackstone Valley's offense was Western New England University product Eric Laclaire. Going 2 for 4 at the plate, Laclaire had a triple, one run scored and an RBI single. The Cats ended the night with six hits.

"I was just trying to look for good pitches to handle, so I just drove it and tried to get things started for our team," said the center fielder, who entered the contest leading his team with 11 hits. "He [Ryan Logan] threw strikes, so it kind of kept Dinsdale home on an infield pop-up that gave the Cats trouble.

"They did a good job coming back, but we have to do better in situational play, hitting in the right count and making sure we're picking our pitch instead of their pitch," explained Hart.

The home team's spurt, in the end, wasn't enough. Coming in to close out the final two innings for Blackstone Valley was Becker College's Corey Shepard, who retired six of the seven batters he faced and recorded two strikeouts to end the seventh inning with the save.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Central Mass. Pop Warner votes to become an Unlimited Division

Central Mass Pop Warner Youth Football & Cheer has voted to move from the traditional weight metric that Pop Warner is known for, to an Unlimited Division. Parents who were told in the past that their children did not meet the weight requirements to participate in the Pop Warner program can now enroll their sons and daughters for the 2017 season. This decision was a result of the ever-changing demographics as they relate to youth football in New England in general and in Central Massachusetts in particular. The Unlimited Division has been piloted over the past few years with great success in regions from the eastern seaboard to the Midwest states.

"In the past two years, we have lost some programs with 40-year traditions because they wanted higher weight limits to allow for greater access to all that the Pop Warner experience offers. This announcement today not only eliminates the discussion about weight altogether for Central Mass. Pop Warner teams, but more importantly, clearly communicates to all parents and youth football and cheer programs in the area that they are all welcome, regardless of a player's size," said Ginger Ferraro, Director.

The benefits of this move are many and varied, including among others: A reduction in travel time for most teams, inclusion of more athletes in more regions, greater access to Pop Warner's many scholarship and grant opportunities, and perhaps most importantly, the ability to experience Pop Warner's emphasis on scholastic achievement and recognition for efforts off the field.

If you would like more information about Central Mass Pop Warner Football & Cheer, please reach out today at presidentcmpw@gmail.com.

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint-Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

On Monday, July 24 at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, the 21st annual golf tournament to benefit the Saint-Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation will be held. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcomed — and will include a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfer's raffle. The features include 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, which is a Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with rain bag covers, a gift, coffee. a continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner is to follow the tournament. For additional information please call Tournament Chairman Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-

Second annual Officer Tarentino Softball Tournament slated for July 15

The Lemieux family is running its second annual Officer Tarentino Softball Tournament in Webster on Saturday, July 15 at the Ray Street Fields, with the national anthem going off at 8 a.m. While not knowing the Tarentino family personally, they wanted to hold a 16-team tournament last year and give the family the team fees as their contribution to help.

Through a tremendous amount of

support, the tournament blossomed into 20 teams with sponsors and raffles. It was a fun-filled day with a DJ playing music all day and many people from all over joining. The tournament raised over \$24,000 last year and the Lemieux's are hoping to do the same this summer. Two food trucks are coming this year and there will once again be a raffle and DJ. Local police departments and fire departments, and police departments from far away as West Springfield to North Providence will be coming to join.

All donations and proceeds made through sponsorship and the tournament will go to the Memorial Fund for the Tarentino Family. Each sponsor will be recognized on a single sponsorship banner displayed at the tournament with the Grand Slam sponsors receiving recognition on their own personalized banner. Single sponsorship is \$50, double is \$100, triple is \$200, home run is \$400 and grand slam is \$500-plus. To become a sponsor, please send a check by July 5 to Don and Lisa Lemieux, 10 Klebart Ave., Webster, MA 01570. Please include the family or business name to be displayed on the banner. Please make the check payable to Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Memorial Fund. Please email TarentinoSBTourney@yahoo. com for sponsorship related questions.

SPORTS

Charlton Wildfire make it three for three in tournament play this spring



Courtesy photo

The Charlton Wildfire recently won the Cranston Ravens 14U Invitational. The team includes, from left (bottom row), Fiona Doiron, Racheal Flamand, Emma Lanpher, Samantha Zannotti, Charlie Blair, Grace Gamelli, (top row) Erin Gerber, Sophia Hargrave, Coach Al Hargrave, Jessie Calkins, Kyleigh Sutherland, Coach Andrew Calkins, Brooke Garrepy and Coach John Lanpher. Missing from the photo is coach Tony Zannotti.

During the weekend of June 10-11, the Charlton Wildfire softball team traveled to Cranston, R.I. to play in their 14U invitational and, once again, pulled out an exciting finish to win their third tournament in as many tries this spring. The team is made up of players from Brimfield, Charlton, Dudley and Leicester.

Last month they scored three runs in their last at-bat to win a tournament in Tewksbury, 3-2, and they came back from a 4-1 deficit to win walkoff style in their home tournament with a 5-4 victory. In Cranston, it wasn't a walk-off but still came in dramatic fashion against a very good Cranston team, 7-6.

Charlton is led by the pitching trio of Racheal Flamand, Grace Gamelli and Sofia Hargrave, who have all split pitching duties with great success in leading the team to an 18-1 record so far.

In pool play on Saturday the Wildfire defeated Dartmouth, 9-1, behind Gamelli's fourhit pitching and the hitting of Brooke Garrepy and Erin Gerber, who each had two hits while Gerber drove in four.

Later that day Hargrave, who hit three home runs in the Charlton Tournament,

shutout FPN Blue with a one-hitter to go along with six strikeouts and didn't allow a runner past second base. It was a scoreless game until the fourth when Garrepy broke the tie with a single to right field that scored two runs. Emma Lanpher, who hit all weekend, reached based three times with two hits and a walk.

In their final pool play game Charlton ran up against a very good Cranston Ravens team that runs, bunts and runs some more and ran past Charlton, 9-2. The Ravens put three up in the first against the Wildfire and didn't look back. Flamand went the distance and battled throughout in taking the loss.

On Sunday's knockout day, the Wildfire started the quarterfinals by shutting out Apponaug, 10-0, behind another pitching gem from Gamelli. She allowed just three hits and only threw 40 pitches in five innings of work.

Charlie Blair got the offense going in the first with a two-run single and had four-RBI's for the game. Kyleigh Sutherland played an outstanding third base as she has all season and made multiple putouts, including a hard line drive out in the second inning.

In the semifinals the Wildfire jumped out to early 10-0 lead and held on for a 14-6 victory over Dartmouth to advance to the final. Flamand pitched the victory striking out six and then capped off the game by making a sensational catch in right field to end it.

Lanpher and Samantha Zannotti got on base six times between the two to set the table for the middle of the lineup and Gerber and Hargrave knocked in four runs combined.

The Wildfire advanced to face the Cranston Ravens, the only team to beat them this spring. The championship started like the game the day before with the Ravens getting an early lead, this time 4-0, but then the fifth inning happened.

Probably no one watching saw it coming, except maybe the players and coaches. Coach Al Hargrave had this to say: "They refuse to give up and never stop playing hard, even when falling behind against a very tough opponent."

To that point in the game, there had been nine innings between the teams, Cranston had outscored the Wildfire 13-2, and had 27 base-runners to Wildfire's 10. However, in the fifth inning of the championship, it turned in dramatic fashion as Charlton batted 13 times, Fiona Doiron got two hits in the same inning, the first eight players reached and by the time the inning ended the Wildfire had put up seven runs to take the lead, 7-4. Cranston put up two in the bottom half of

the fifth and then the Wildfire hung on in the last two innings to win an exciting championship, 7-6. As much as the fifth inning was the turning point in the game, it was the defense throughout that was a big factor in the victory. Catcher Doiron picked off a runner at first and threw out a would-be base stealer at second. Jessie Calkins made a sensational catch in foul ground and stopped everything thrown her way at first base. Lanpher made a diving play to her left to save run and was part of a double play with Garrepy. Garrepy was everywhere, making catches and backing up infield throws. Finally, Hargrave settled down and retired the final nine batters to complete an improbable championship for Wildfire.

Coach Hargrave summed up the team this way: "Their hard work this winter is paying off in a big way, helping them compete in every game they play. They have transformed into a group that really enjoys playing together, pulling for each other and has the confidence that they are never out of any game. Fun to watch."

The Wildfire has three tournaments remaining, including the ASA state championships in Chelmsford the weekend of July 1 in Chelmsford.

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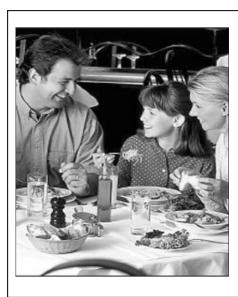


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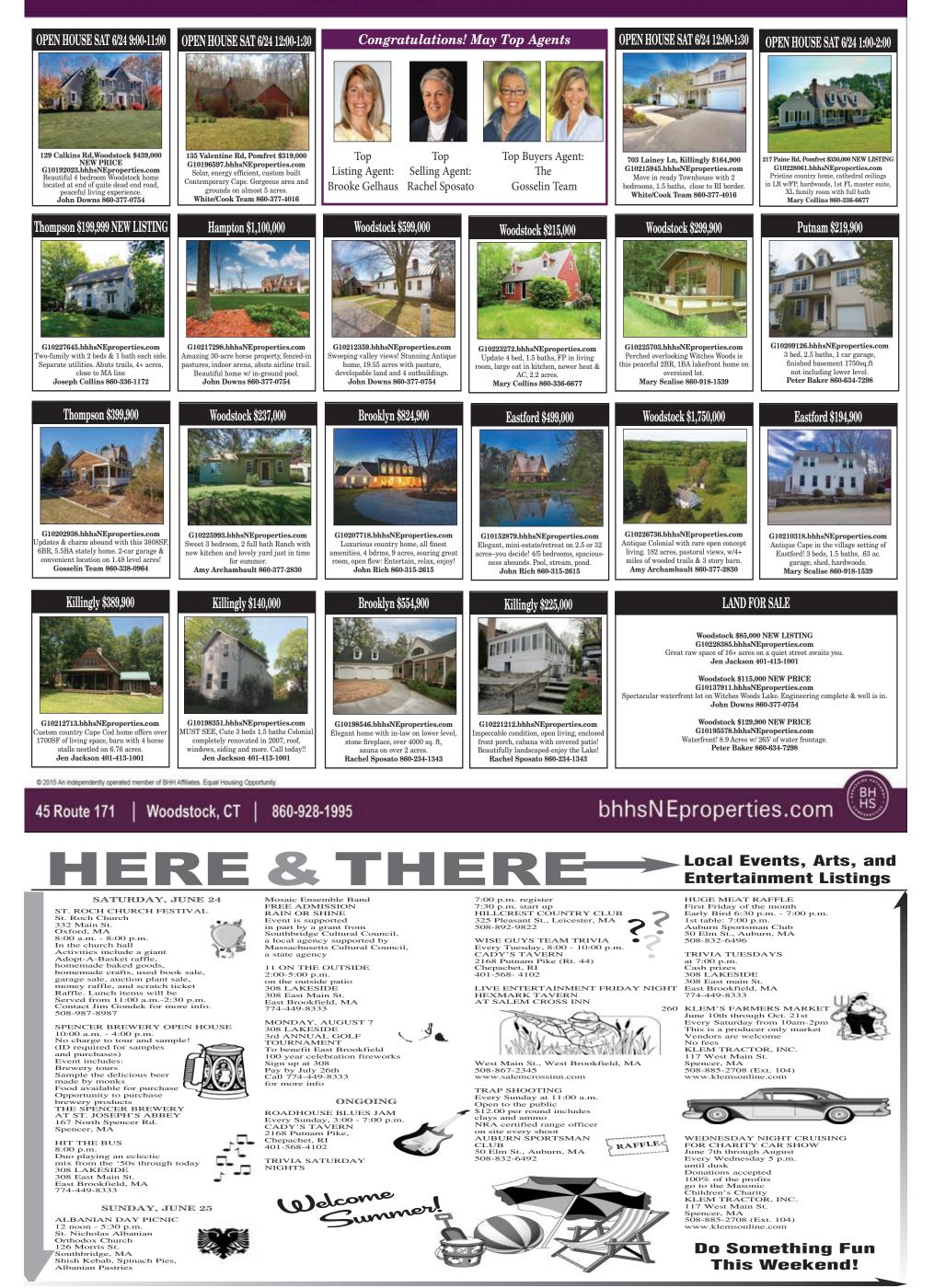
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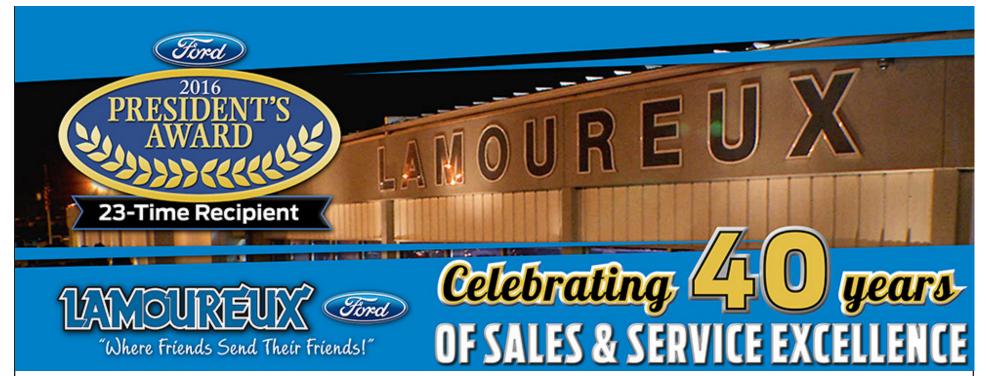
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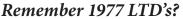


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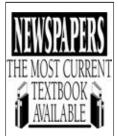
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(NAPS)

Raising families, navigating jobs, balancing social commitments-there's a lot on Americans' plates these days. In fact, 51 percent of U.S. vacationers admit they're more stressed today compared to a year ago, according to a recent study from Wyndham Vacation Rentals. When you add to that the pressure of vacation planning, the stress is not only preventing many from enjoying

their vacation to the fullest but stopping them from going in the first place! Fortunately, there are a number of simple tips that the majority agree reduces stress and helps them get the most out of vacation by

being more vacation ready.

Don't wait until the last minute to pack: According to the same study, packing is so dreaded that half of all vacationers said they would give up alcohol for a month or social media for a week to avoid doing it! Travelers can reduce the stress of packing, though, without making too much of a sacrifice. Nearly two in three say not procrastinating on packing your bags minimizes stress.

Unplug from work: Creating separation from work can help you get into a vacation-ready mind-set. More than half felt not checking work e-mail and voice mail reduces stress. The majority of travelers said taking an extra day off work before leaving for vacation or coming back a few days before returning to work would also help.

Space, clean clothes and closed doors: More than three in five vacationers think booking accommodations with space and privacy would make their next vacation less stressful and half of vacationers think that being able to do laundry would help. Consider booking a vacation home with Wyndham Vacation Rentals for a kitchen, laundry room, multiple bedrooms and lots of living space.

Plan out your budget: Three in five vacationers reported being stressed about spending too much money on

vacation. Thankfully, planning ahead of time by making a budget (and sticking to it!), saving enough before you leave, and bringing along your own road trip snacks and drinks can help. If you're staying in accommodations with a kitchen, cooking in for a few meals while you're away can also keep your wallet fuller.

Seek advice from others: Many travelers feel burdened by the overload of vacation planning information available, but nearly half would find premade itineraries valuable. There are a lot of great resources out there for top things to do, see and eat in every destination. For example, Wyndham Vacation Rentals' local market experts curated destination experience guides that strike the perfect balance between downtime and "go" time, so travelers can relax while still seeing the best of each location and experience hidden gems when it comes to dining and shopping.

In addition to these destination guides, Wyndham has also created a planning hub that includes more tips for overcoming travel pain points and great summer travel deals to further help the everyday traveler get vacation ready. To visit the Wyndham planning hub, go to www.BeVacationReady. com.

Try A Tropical Stay-cation For A Day

(NAPS) For a great family time together, enjoy a minivacation at home by bringing a bit of the warmth of the Caribbean into your house.

> **HERE ARE FIVE HINTS ON HOW:**

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of the islands as well as of the charming people.

4. Listen to calypso music. You can get sheet music to play and sing vourselves or CDs of some of the most famous songs, such as the origi-"Calypso," created by Harry Belafonte and songwriter Irving Burgie. In fact, Burgie is known as the father of modern calypso, having created such songs as "Day-O," "Jamaica Farewell" and dozens more. 5. Read up on the islands. Revisit Stevenson's "Treasure Island" (or read it to your children). For the very young, there's the "Island in the Sun" picture book based on the song. You can also get into the island mood by reading Burgie's autobiography "Day-O!!!," available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble, or watching a beautiful, tuneful DVD of his life from www.irvingburgie.com.

chicken or other meat (smoked or grilled meat marinated in a very spicy rub), roast pork with rice and beans, or callaloo: leafy greens boiled into a thick stew, with peppers, coconut milk, okra and all kinds of meats and seafood. Serve fruity drinks with paper umbrellas in them and perhaps a bit of rum for the grown-ups. For dessert, try this recipe for spiced, glazed pineapple:

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Treat yourself to a virtual vacation in the Caribbean with the food, music and more of the islands.

namon 1 pinch nutmeg 2 tsp confectioners' sugar 3/4 cup low-fat Greek yogurt 2 tsp butter 1 fresh pineapple, cut into 8 long wedges, skin and core removed

Zest and juice the lime. Add the pineapple and

Mix the lime juice and half the lime zest with 1 Tbsp honey, a pinch of the cinnamon and a pinch of nutmeg. Set aside. Stir the confectioners' sugar and a pinch of cinnamon into the yogurt. Heat the butter and remaining honey in a non-stick frying pan until melted.

cook over a high heat for 8 minutes, turning regularly until caramelized. Pour in the spiced lime sauce and bubble for a few seconds, tossing the pineapple to glaze in the sauce. Serve immediately, sprinkled with the remaining lime zest and accompanied by a dollop of the cinnamon yogurt.

2. Crank up the beat and wear your dancing clothes. Put up travel posters.

Watch a film 3. about the area. Whether it's "Island in The Sun," "Dr. No" or "Pirates of the Caribbean," you'll enjoy seeing the beautiful views of the forests, waters and shining sands

Sun Protection Myths And Facts

(NAPS)

Sunscreen is an important part of protecting your skin. However, some information about sunscreen can be confusing, making it difficult to know how to best protect the skin you're in. Seeking shade when the sun is especially strong (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), wearing clothing that protects your skin as well as hats and sunglasses, and separating myth from fact about sunscreen are three key steps you can take.

Here are a few facts on sun care you should know:

Myth: Skin cancer is not a common problem.

Fact: 1 in 5 Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

Myth: Protecting my skin from the sun is time-consuming and not worth the trouble.

Fact: Sunscreen is a simple solution to address this problem. You should use sunscreen regularly and reapply often. It only takes a short amount of time to protect your skin.

Myth: Sunscreen SPF labels can't be trusted.

Fact: Coppertone's commit-

ment to the quality, safety and effectiveness of its products has helped it earn the trust of consumers for more than 70 years. This is especially true when it comes to product labeling. In fact, Coppertone recently opened its doors to an independent firm to conduct testing of Bayer's sunscreen. The report found that the products reviewed complied with internal and all applicable external requirements to ensure the quality, safety and efficacy of its products. You can be confident that when you use Coppertone, your skin is well protected.

Myth: There's no evidence that sunscreens lower the risk of most forms of skin cancer.

Fact: Not only is this false, it is a dangerous message. When used regularly with other sun protection measures, a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher can decrease the risk of skin cancer.

Myth: I only need sunscreen for long days in the sun and don't need to reapply.

Fact: Sunscreen should be

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Myth: I don't get a lot of sun or my skin doesn't burn.

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Myth: There's SPF in my makeup and moisturizer so I'm protected from the sun.

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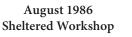
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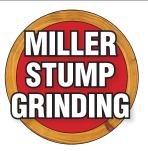


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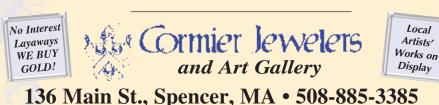
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President John Adams came in 1799 and in 1804 Jerome Bonaparte and his beautiful bride Elizabeth Patterson stopped here on their honeymoon.

Lafayette was a guest in 1824, as was

his visit in his gone many a renovation. In 1938 a major renovation transformed

what later.

the structure from its original 3 ½ stories to the 2 ½ story building that it is today. It was during this renovation the indoor plumbing was added to the east side of the building. That addition has now been re-

the Minister from the Netherlands some-

mous leader of Shays' Rebellion.

An early guest was Daniel Shays, fa-

Over the years the Tavern has under-



moved to accommodate an outside dining patio.

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Т	Sangria 13 Social with Matt Soper	14 Free Beer Tasting	15 TRIVIA	1 6 Paint Night	BBQ 17 & Beverage Specials	18 Music on the Patio	19 Band
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1997 - 1999 Gracie's (I)

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feeding truck drivers 7 days a week, 6 am - 11 pm, in an old airport-shuttle-bus-turned-Gracie's-foodtruck, at the New England Truck Stop in Sturbridge.

> 1999 - 2006 Gracie's (II)

As they grew, they closed the food truck and moved into the old Sturbridge Tavern next door to the truck stop on Rt 20, Sturbridge, revamped it a bit and opened Gracie's Roadside Cafe, focusing on classic American comfort food. Fond memories with great customers were made in those 7 years. With a new venture underway, Gracie's (II) closed after E.B.Flatts was opened.



Amongst those years while operating Gracie's in Sturbridge an opportunity presented to purchase the old Drake's Sad End Cafe in Charlton City. More memories and friends were made. Setting our sights out toward a new direction, Gracie's in Charlton was sold in 2005.

> 2006 - Present E.B. Flatts

In 2006 the property on Main Street in East Brookfield was purchased. Gracie, not wanting a Gracie's IV, suggested it was time for a name change ... E.B.Flatts was born, named after the area known locally in East Brookfield as the flats. We continue to cook as we would for friends, fresh cooked down-home comfort food that we enjoy. Hearty breakfasts, juicy burgers, fresh salads, homemade chili, our #1 selling sandwich the classic old-fashioned reuben, dinners featuring bbq ribs from our smoker, juicy prime rib, chicken parm, fish and chips, stuffed haddock, scampis... are just some of our guests favorites. We attend seminars, classes, (and yummy wine tastings) to bring something new to our guests. If we like it, it will show up as a special. If our guests don't like it, we won't bring it back. Homemade sausages by Scott appear often, as well as fresh veggies from our garden. We have a fabulous staff and phenomenal customers. With their input, suggestions, and complaints, we have grown. Our beautiful building was built by Hardwick Post and Beam, we've loaded it up with quirky decor, much of it nautical because of our Coast Guard past, lots of birds because we like them, a great little train that runs overhead along the top of the beams, a 1940's handmade wooden speedboat, a front end of a TR4, a leg lamp, and more! A mishmash of items, some thoughtfully gifted, each having a dear spot in our hearts. We love what we do, who we do it for, and the community we do it in! Come on out!...to our flat little corner of the world, we'd love to see you! Where we are today Restaurant 83 Caterer Proudly Serving You ... Breakfast & Lunch Daily Dinners:Thurs, Fri, Sat

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Dr Jennifer A. Fagerquist, DVM

Business name: Spencer Veterinary Hospital

How long have you been in business? I purchased the practice in November 2006

General info about your business: We are a full-service small animal (cats and dogs) hospital, including well care, sick care, surgery, acupuncture, and more.

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Who inspired you to start your own business? Truly, my parents inspired/ helped me to start my first business (making and selling candy) when I was very young so that I could afford to get and have a horse.

In life, what is your biggest accomplishment? My family! I have a wonderful husband and six beautiful children with close extended family as well. Additionally, keeping old and making new traditions and finding the lesson in each experience.

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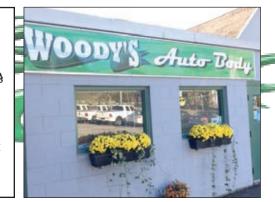
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Owner/Operator: Sean Wood, Cheryl Wood / Office Manager, Mike Wood / Shop Manager **Type of Business:** Auto collision and body repair with over 34 years experience **Number of Employees:** 8

How long have you been in business? 4 years

Who inspired you to start your own business? Family & friends

How did you get into this business? My father taught me at a very young age. I also went to Worcester Vocational High School for auto collision mechanical repair and graduated with a Gold Medal Award from Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA).

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