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Friday, April 19, 2019

Dudley officials consider budget override

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – An override request could be part of the upcoming annual town election in Dudley on June 10. Town Administrator Greg Balukonis discussed the proposal with selectmen on April 8 as the town prepares to see hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt reconciled.

As with any budget override, the voters of Dudley must approve such a recommendation at the polls and according to Balukonis the spending

will cover recent projects and won't add any undue financial burden to the town as it will replace debt that will be removed from the town's financial slate in the upcoming fiscal year.

"We have incurred \$650,000 in nonexempt debt for repairs to (the municipal building), which was the HVAC system and the roof project. We're also retiring \$577,000 in school debt for this coming year and \$45,000 in debt incurred for the purchase of police cruisers. The thought was whether the Board of Selectmen would consider putting on the election ballot for June a debt exclusion ques-

tion," Balukonis said. "The reason why we really need this is the significant pressure on the budget. Our costs have gone up in fixed costs, but particularly as it relates to non-exempt debt service which is really hurting our ability to properly address increasing municipal service to the level that I think we all think would be appropriate for a community the size of Dudley - The FY 2020 cost for nonexempt debt is about \$100,750. So, it's not a huge amount of money. When the debt exclusion is over that debt would fall off."

Selectmen did not make a motion

at the April 8 meeting as the idea was simply introduced to the board by the Town Administrator for consideration. Balukonis said the \$577,000 that would come off the books dates back to 1999 for a school improvement project while this new debt would apply to projects currently on the books and would simply replace the debt rather than adding any new expenses to the budget.

"These projects are already on the books. We voted \$200,000 for street lights and we voted \$450,000 for repairs to this

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Planning Board granted access to special counsel

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Planning Board in Charlton has been granted permission to hire special town counsel to defend themselves in an appeal filed by Valley Green Grow in Land Court.

This is the second time special counsel was granted to the Planning Board in 2019 to defend against an appeal by the marijuana growing company in Land Court. The first appeal called for the reversal of a vote in January by the Planning Board to reject a site plan for the proposed marijuana growing operation on the Charlton Orchard property on Old Worcester Road. This new appeal attempts to reverse action taken by the Planning Board in March rejecting the subdivision plan for the project. It's the Board of Selectmen's responsibility to hire legal counsel to defend town boards and entities in legal matters. Mark Bobrowski, who defended the Planning Board in the first appeal by Valley Green Grow, has declined to represent them a second time in battling the latest appeal.

The appeal was submitted to court on April 1, and on April 2, a request was sent by the Planning Board to Board of Selectman Chair John McGrath requesting legal counsel. McGrath said there was a slight waiting time in order to make a motion, but that selectmen did in fact see the need for legal representation.

"We did have to wait until we were served the notice of the appeal. We're doing it in a timely fashion and not having to wait for something," McGrath said.

With the Board of Selectmen approving the use of legal counsel and Attorney Bobrowski choosing not to represent the board a second time the

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CHARLTON FD HOSTS LOCAL SCOUTS

Recently, Scouts from Charlton Troop 165 and Sturbridge Troop 163 were helped by the Charlton Fire Department to fulfill the requirements for their First Aid Merit Badge. The First Aid Merit Badge is Eagle required. Over two evenings, Scouts learned how to identify and administer first aid for shock, stroke, heart attack, burns, bleeding, broken bones, choking, seizures and allergic reactions. Scouts also learned first hand about what equipment and tools the Charlton Fire Department uses to provide Emergency Services to the Community. From left to right, Charlton Paramedic Ben Romano, Dan Russell, Maura Maenpaa, Jacob Brodeur, Syllas Perreault and Derek Perveiler, EMT Jeff Walcott.

Planning Board Chair claims defamation

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT



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Charlton Planning Board Chair Patricia Rydlak says she is the victim of defamation in Valley Green Grow accusations.

CHARLTON – Charlton Planning Board Chair Patricia Rydlak is going on the offensive after recent accusations were placed against her in connection to her board's rejection of the Valley Green Grow proposal.

Valley Green Grow has accused Rydlak of a felony, something she says is not only false but has had an impact on her personal and professional life. As a result, Rydlak is demanding a retraction of those accusations and representation by legal counsel appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The allegations were made by attorneys Michael Duffy and Bradley Croft, both of Ruberto, Israel and Weiner, who represent Valley Green Grow. In a letter sent to the Land Court dated March 28 Attorney Croft alleged that Rydlak told selectmen that she was included in a conference call on March 14 between lawyers and Land Court Judge Robert B. Frost and that she recorded the call. Such an accusation could lead to up to five years in prison as well as \$10,000 in fines for Rydlak who spoke before selectmen on April 9 putting her frustrations on full display.

"Accusations made have already affected by employment, a career that I love, where I am able to make a difference. My integrity and judgement are crucial for me to do my job. Residents approached my husband questioning him about my actions.

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Courtesy Photos

Stars Angie Grove & Joe Sawyer rehearse for "Lost and Found."

Pasture Prime Players stage original play

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The journey to finding love and happiness can be a rocky one involving many losses and different chapters of life. It's an inevitable truth that we will all lose ourselves over the course of life only to find ourselves again in a new beginning. This is the reality that has inspired a new original play being produced by the Pasture

Prime Players later this month. "Lost and Found" is an original production written and directed by Ed Humphries and it focuses on the jagged journey love and life takes us on through the good and the bad. First produced several years ago during a special limited production, "Lost and Found" will get the full stage treatment by Humphries himself later this year. Humphries is an experienced actor and playwright who has penned two previous

productions starting in 2012. For his latest work, described as a contemporary romantic comedy, he sought to present a story with something positive to say based on his personal experiences after a divorce back in 2011.

"When I wrote this play, I wanted to aim for something a bit more hopeful. I wrote the ending first and then wrote the rest towards a happy ending."

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Capen Hill hosts annual Egg Hunt

CHARLTON – Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary played host to its annual Great Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, providing plenty of family fun throughout possibly the most beautiful day in New England of 2019 so far. With over 70 degree weather and countless families from across the region turning out for the fun, the event was a huge success as hunters sought out their share of 6,000 prize-marked eggs hidden along the trails of the sanctuary. Food, games, and a visit from the Easter Bunny topped off the day while some guests took the time to enjoy the visitors center and other offerings provided by the sanctuary to educate locals on the natural beauty of Charlton and Massachusetts.

Jason Bleau Photos



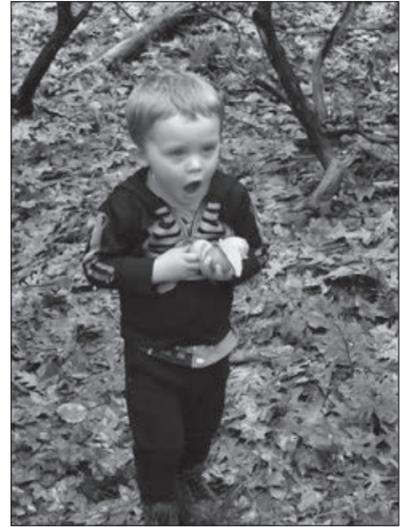
The Polito family of Charlton pose for a photo with the Easter Bunny.



The Bachand and Moscoffian children of Charlton pose for a photo as they break from looking for eggs.



Young Raelynn of West Boylston shows off her prize stuffed bunny after finding the right egg during the egg hunt.



Bryce Treadwill of Dudley finds a prize egg.



Raighane and Morgan Kimball of Charlton take a break after their egg hunt.



Devin and Collin Robert from Leicester prepare to head to the egg hunt trail.



Brother and sister duo Mason and Autumn of Charlton enjoy some cotton candy after their egg hunt.



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Volunteers help color 6,000 eggs for the annual egg hunt.



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Little Hallie gets her face painted with mother Beth of Ware by her side.



Julian and Alex of Worcester seek out eggs on the hunt trail.



Egg hunters line up to claim their prizes after seeking out numbered eggs along the hunt trail.

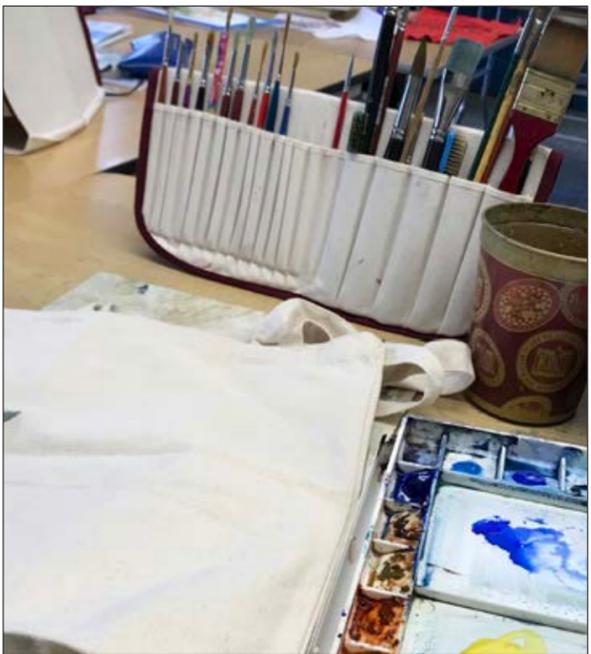
MA Art Week at Hitchcock Academy

BRIMFIELD — MA Art Week, <https://www.artweekma.org/>, produced by the Boch Center, was launched in 2013 with a goal to consolidate and highlight all of the great arts programming across the state. Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield is a proud participant in the event.

This year, Hitchcock Academy hosts two different events. The first, Belly Full of Art, seeks to foster altruistic as well as artistic instincts. On April 29 from 6 to 7 p.m., participants will decorate a reusable shopping bag. This program is free thanks to a grant from AFL Fiber Optics. "Artists" are asked to bring a nonperishable food to gain admittance. All food

items collected will be given to the Food Pantry in Wales. Preregistration is required as space is limited to 24 participants. Registration information can be found at www.hitchcockacademy.org.

The second event, for ages eight to 14, takes place on May 1 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. You are invited to create your own decorative sea turtle with the goal to raise awareness and funds for conservatorturtles.org. Better known as the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the organization founded in 1959, works to protect and to address the threats to sea turtle populations across the globe. At Hitchcock Academy instructor Linda Earley will be the painting of your artwork in colors you choose. Participants will then share pictures of their creations on social media to draw attention to the cause. The \$30 fee covers the cost of all materials. Preregistration is encouraged at <https://www.hitchcockacademy.org/current-classes-for-adults-and-youth/sea-turtles-ma-art-week?rq=art%20week>. MA Art Week participation is just one of the many ways Hitchcock Academy serves the local communities.



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Art Week materials for Belly Full of Art.

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MassDOT reminds drivers of drone rules

REGION — Following the public reports of drone use over Fenway Park in Boston last night during the ninth inning of the Red Sox game, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Aeronautics Division is reminding members of the public of their responsibility to know the rules of the "Drone Road." Whether you're a novice drone pilot or have many years of aviation experience, rules and safety tips exist to help you fly safely and to ensure the safety of everyone.

"We are strongly urging drone owners to become aware of the rules for operation as outlined on the website of the Federal Aviation Administration," said Aeronautics Administrator Jeffrey DeCarlo. "Drones are not a toy. They should be operated only under specific circumstances and for specific purposes in order to ensure the safety of the public."

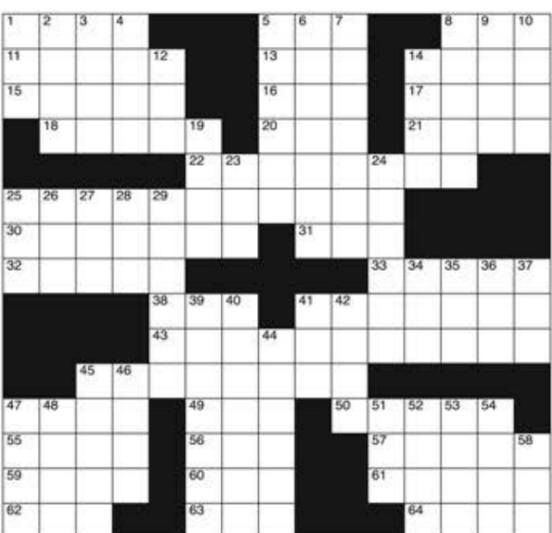
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- As a drone operator, you are required by the FAA to properly mark your drone for identification. All drone operators must now place their registration number on the outside of the drone. The FAA has posted a new rule in the Federal Register requiring small drone owners to display the FAA-issued registration number on an outside surface of the aircraft. Owners and operators may no longer place or write registration numbers in an interior compartment as allowed previously. The rule was effective on Feb. 23. The markings must be in place for any flight after that date.

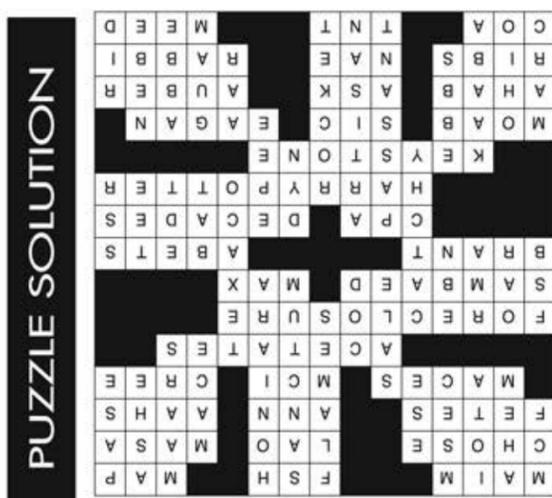


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to wound
- 5. Hormone secreted by the pituitary gland (abbr.)
- 8. Shows the world
- 11. Decided
- 13. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
- 14. Dough made from corn flour
- 15. Honors
- 16. Political commentator Coulter
- 17. Expresses pleasure
- 18. Heavy clubs
- 20. Defunct phone company
- 21. Algonquian language
- 22. Salts
- 25. Act of the bank
- 30. Danced
- 31. Drummer Weinberg
- 32. Small goose
- 33. Helps evade
- 38. Certified public accountant
- 41. Periods of time
- 43. Kids' book character
- 45. Type of beer
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. A way to attack
- 50. Talk radio personality Margery
- 55. Whale ship captain
- 56. Request
- 57. Large underground railstation in Paris
- 59. BBQ dish
- 60. No (Scottish)
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Tool used to harvest agave
- 63. Explosive
- 64. A reward (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 2. Polite interruption sound
- 3. Extremely small amount
- 4. Very short period of time (abbr.)
- 5. Fires have them
- 6. Sacred place
- 7. Island capital
- 8. Volcanic craters
- 9. Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
- 10. Bullfighting maneuver
- 12. Midway between east and southeast
- 14. A ceremonial staff
- 19. Cheap prices
- 23. North Atlantic fish
- 24. Oil company
- 25. A federally chartered savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Where UK soldiers train
- 28. One point north of due east
- 29. Attention-getting
- 34. Ballplayer's tool
- 35. Sun up in New York
- 36. Where golfers begin
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Represented as walking (animal)
- 40. Craftsman
- 41. Unit of force (abbr.)
- 42. Dueling sword
- 44. Houston hoopster
- 45. Stone building at Mecca
- 46. __ and flows
- 47. "Beastmaster" actor Singer
- 48. American state
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. U.S. island territory
- 53. German physicist
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of



Sea Tow Foundation donates life jackets to Buffumville Lake

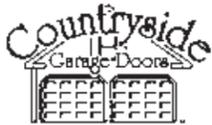
CHARLTON — The weather is getting warmer, and with it, starts the next season of boating at Buffumville Lake. While the lake provides excellent opportunities for boating activities such as kayaking and fishing, it is important to maintain safe boating practices, such as wearing a life jacket.

To help with this, Buffumville Lake has two life jacket loaner stations, open to all visitors at our lake! One of our loaner stations, built by volunteers

is located at our beachfront at Buffumville Lake Park (Opening for the season on May 18th), and another located at the entrance to the Buffumville boat ramp parking lot. This stand was built last summer by Eagle Scout, Matthew Mulcahy, Boy Scout Troop 165. While there has been an initial donation of life jackets, we would like to announce that this year, we have received a grant for additional life jackets through a partnership with the Sea Tow Foundation.

country. It is with their contribution that we hope to have a safe and fun boating season this year! So, if you arrive at Buffumville Lake, and happen to lack a life jacket of your own, you are welcome to borrow one at no charge from the kiosk. And remember, be courteous to your fellow boaters and return the life jacket to the kiosk when you are done with it so others can benefit from them!

Please wear your life jacket. We would also like to remind the public that life jackets are mandatory to be worn until May 15, for all paddle sport boaters, no matter the age, due to the cold water. Boaters under the age of 12 need to wear life jackets year round. But keep in mind, a life jacket works best when it is on your body, so it's a good idea to have one on during the summer months as well!



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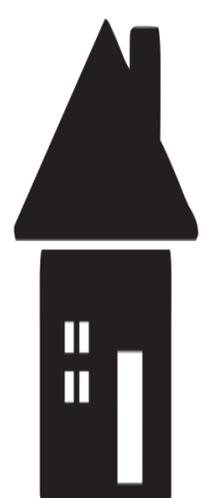
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Stop & Shop employees begin strike

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE— After nearly three months of negotiations with no solution, Stop & Shop employees, who are members of United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1445, have launched a strike that started on Thursday, April 11 as a means to fight to keep their current benefits.

UFCW Local 145 and the Stop & Shop have been trying to make a deal since Feb. 23, when their three-year contract expired and the grocery chain did not promise a continuation of the benefits its employees were receiving. Although the strike was formally authorized on Feb. 24, the union waited until last week to implement it in hopes of an agreement in regards to benefits pertaining to wage levels, pension, and health insurance.

“We are at the table and ready and available to answer questions and make a deal, but they left the table and have not come back,” said Jeff Bollen, President of UFCW Local 1445.

At 1 p.m., the workers at the Sturbridge Stop & Shop walked off the job and have been picketing outside during store hours every day since, asking those passing by to support them by shopping elsewhere until a contract is agreed upon.

“I’m glad that the union called it because they have

been in negotiation since January and we will stay out here for as long as it takes,” said Stop & Shop employee and UFC Local 1445 member Linda DuBois. “There was no protest yesterday when we got the notice; everyone was in a hurry to get out. They have a new person working between the union and Stop & Shop, but they still haven’t budged, and I saw they were saying on the news how upset they were that we decided to strike.”

Stop & Shop did initially release a statement on Thursday explaining its disappointment with the union for choosing to “order a work stoppage in an attempt to disrupt service at our stores.” On Friday, April 12, Stop & Shop President Mark McGowan added to it, claiming that the company is in fact ready to continue negotiations, and has placed a fair offer on the table, contradicting what the union has said.

“This is a challenging time, but I want you to know that I and the entire Stop & Shop team remain firmly committed to getting a fair new contract in place for all of our associates in New England,” he said. “Our team is stand-in by and remains ready to continue negotiations anytime. We hope that the UFCW local unions return to the table to reach a fair and responsible contract



Annie Sandoli Photo

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As of Sunday, April 14, the union had not predicted an end date for the strike, and is willing to continue picketing until the company changes its

position.

“We will remain on strike until we get a contract that is fair and equitable,” said Bollen.

For more information on the strike or updates on the con-

tract negotiations between Stop & Shop and UFCW Local 1445, go to <https://stopandshop.com/news-media> or <http://www.ufclocal1445.org>.

DPW proposal going to Town Meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley is sending the proposal for a Department of Public Works to the townspeople for consideration next month.

After months of studies, public discussions, and even some debate the proposal to merge the Highway and Water & Sewer Departments under one leadership through a DPW Director will be presented at the upcoming annual town meeting in May as an attempt to create cost savings and more defined leadership and cooperation among the two departments.

Selectmen continued a public hearing concerning the DPW proposal on April 8 with little input from the public as selectmen prepared to push the proposal to the town meeting stage. During the first half of the hearing in March, it was department employees from highway and water & sewer that dominated the floor and Town Administrator Greg Balukonis revealed that he had engaged in one-on-one discussions with those employees and officials in the wake of that first hearing.

“I did have an opportunity to go down and meet with members of the highway department. I reviewed the proposal with them and answered their question to the best of my ability. My overall impression was, it was a positive meeting,” Balukonis said.

The Town Administrator went on to discuss the need for a special legislation for a town meeting which would be required to go to the state should the town support the DPW concept.

“Town counsel and I actually wrote the special legislation, and what happened was, we had that the Town Administrator should work with the DPW Director in terms of appointing the rank and file members of the department, but in terms of the department head does the (Board of Selectmen) wish to be the appointing authority for that position and it was left off as to what the recommendation should be,”

he added.

During the hearing selectmen shared their thoughts on the DPW proposal considering it to be a positive move forward for the town. In recent months, the board has battled against what they consider to be false information about the proposal spread over social media, facts they worked to debunk during the first half of the hearing last month. One aspect of the plan that received heavy discussion on April 8 was who the DPW Director would answer to and how that authority would work. Selectman Steve Sullivan recommended that the Board of Selectmen be the higher authority of that position.

“I think the board should be the appointing authority with language inserted ‘upon recommendation from the Town Administrator which is non-binding.’ That would give us the right to overrule the Town Administrator recommendation if we so choose,” Sullivan said.

Selectman Paul Joseph agreed saying that having the DPW Director answer to the Board of Selectmen gives the town’s highest board the power to hire and fire if the director is not meeting expectations or standards.

“We’ve got too many elected positions now that are not answerable to the board. The DPW, as forward thinking as it is, if that person does not perform the duties as we believe they should be then we can’t hesitate. It’s going to be this board that’s held accountable,” Joseph said.

Joseph also commented on the online misinformation about the DPW proposal calling it “scare mongering” and challenging the Town Administrator to list off any jobs that would be lost if the town makes the change. Town Administrator Balukonis confirmed that, since both the highway and water & sewer superintendent positions are vacant, no one will lose their jobs in the transition. Balukonis also added his own comments on the overall public concern about embracing the DPW

format. He noted that many towns have adopted the approach and very few have regretted it.

“We’re not the first community to look at creating a department of public works. It’s been created throughout the state and I’d challenge anyone to go out there and tell me that it costs more,” Balukonis said, specifically commenting about the public fear that the change wouldn’t lead to cost savings for the community as promised. “There are very few communities that have created a Department of Public Works, decided it cost more money and went back to the old way of doing things.”

During the March segment of the hearing, Balukonis and selectmen were challenged for lacking specific financial figures and data that would prove cost savings through a DPW transition. Balukonis plans to have that data available for the annual town meeting.

While there was a relatively quiet second half to the public hearing there was some public input on the matter. John Briare, a member of the Charlton Economic Development Committee speaking as a citizen, drew from his experience in the private sector with DPWs and explained the transition wouldn’t be a negative move, but it has to be done properly.

“The body needs to have the heart and the circulatory system within the body - I think it’s good that a discussion like this is happening because you need everything integrated. As the town grows, you need that water and sewer department to be able to grow with it and be in sync. Most of the DPWs

I’ve seen the superintendents for the most part are just bureaucrats. They push paper. I’ve never seen a superintendent not have an aid. My concern is as Dudley looks at this what we don’t want is to create another level of bureaucracy,” said Briare. “I would ask that if the town does go with a superintendent that you make grant funding and applications a requirement of that position. It is just a matter of time before they would ask you for an aid. It’s going to happen. If the town decides to move forward with a DPW, and there’s a part of me that really does think this it makes sense, there’s opportunity in chaos and for those employees who embrace the change there’s going to be career opportunities, opportunities for development and to do things that were never before possible. Don’t be too resistant to it. Change happens.”

By a unanimous vote of 4-0, the Board of Selectmen moved for the DPW proposal to go to the annual town meeting on May 20. The board has also voted to recommend approval, a sign of their support from the transition which will need the public’s vote of support to be implemented.

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WORCESTER — Holy Name High School has released its latest honor roll.

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Douglas – Hayley Houston
Webster – Anna Richardson

Honor Roll:
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Webster – Jason Lin,
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Emmanuel Radio Network proud to support Food Share mission

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Emmanuel Radio Network, a Catholic institution that includes 1230AM WNEB Worcester, 970AM WESO Southbridge, and 101.1FM WESO Southbridge, is once again donating its time and resources to the 40th annual Food Share Radiothon, an on-air broadcast event that takes place on Holy Thursday each year from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. to help raise money and collect food for Food Share pantry, which serves Southbridge and the surrounding communities.

Emmanuel Radio Network has been contributing its services to the Food Share Radiothon since 2014 when it

bought 970AM WESO, turning it into continuing the food drive tradition that the previous radio station had been doing for years. The event is Food Share's biggest annual fundraiser that helps serve the 7,000 people who rely on it each year.

"When we bought 970AM, they told me they had always done a food drive on Holy Thursdays, and I agreed that we would continue that," said Cindy Dorsey, President of Emmanuel Radio Network. "We have an \$8,000 budget that we donate each year to pay for all the technical equipment and live broadcasting costs. We also give up a full day of programming and sponsorship, pay the broadcasting engineer, and provide funds for the pantry."

The Food Share Radiothon is the most significant and largest event that Emmanuel Radio Network donates its time and resources to each year, helping to make sure that the nonprofit can keep opening its doors to those who need it in the community by accepting donations and on-air time from locals. Some guest speakers who have participated in the event in the past included Southbridge Town Manager Ron San Angelo, Senator Anne Gobi, Senator Ryan Fattman, the town's police and fire chief, and representatives from the Center of Hope, United Way, and Catholic Charities.

"We will kick off at 7 a.m. at the Southbridge Conference Center, and will be accepting canned foods and money donations from the communi-

ty throughout the day to be able to fill up the supply at the Southbridge Food Pantry," said Dorsey. "Throughout the course of the day, people such as Catholic priests, employees and owners of local businesses, town employees, and people from the banks in the area get interviewed live just like a television. There are also food pick-up points at Big Bunny and a couple other places where people can donate and runners are picking up canned goods all day and driving them back."

Emmanuel Radio Network's mission is to spread their faith through being advocates of love and helping those who need it most in the wider community. Helping make the Food Share Radiothon possible is just one of the ways the company practices the church's teachings

shows its support and care for Southbridge and the surrounding towns.

"The reason that Emmanuel Radio does this, especially on Holy Thursday, is that we are all here to feed the hungry and clothe the naked and heal the sick," said Dorsey. "This is the best way during our Lenten time to pray and fast and it is a natural fit to help those who are not as fortunate as some of us. This is all designed to be a universal community in which we all help each other. Emmanuel Radio's mission is to do exactly this and we are honored to help out."

For more information on the annual Food Share Radiothon, contact Emmanuel Radio Network at 508-767-1230 or go to <https://1230radio.com>.

VERRIDE

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building. Both of those projects are non-exempt. We didn't do it last year — More importantly we weren't retiring debt service a year ago so for FY 2020 we're going to be retiring \$577,216 in exempt debt. My thought is, we will replace that with additional exempt debt, which is kind of keeping our debt service level going forward," said Balukonis.

Part of this request for an override comes from the heavy constraints on

the budget going into the annual town meeting. Balukonis called the pressure on the spending plan "substantial," and feels the override would put little added stress on the tax base while also allowing for more wiggle room in the budget itself.

"The total revenue growth is \$420,000. If we're going to be paying for these projects we can stretch them out over many years and be paying for a roof for 25 years or we can get the debt off our books in about ten years and be done and move on. From the perspective of your management team we suggest the

better way to do it is to get it on the books and off the books in the quickest period of time," Balukonis said.

Selectmen asked Balukonis to clarify what this would mean for the average taxpayer. He responded that it would increase the FY 2020 spending by \$100,750 spread amongst the town's tax base of roughly \$13.8 million. He described the financial hit to taxpayers as "very small," promising to have particulars for the board's next meeting on April 22.

RYDLAK

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On social media, I am being called a criminal. Comments say I should be removed from the Planning Board," Rydlak said, later accusing Valley Green Grow of "published lies" in an effort to "defame" her.

Rydlak stated that she did not attend or record the land court conference call, and that the accusations are based on evidence taken out of context. She said she is "disgusted" by the behavior of attorneys to jump to accusations without proper evidence and considered it a personal attack.

"I did not attend or record this land court conference. I received a copy of the audio by email," Rydlak said.

"Those involved assumed the worst, and did not verify facts because it was in their best interest. This includes members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, all of the attorneys and the companies they represent. They used malice and never asked me once if I attended the call prior to publishing lies. Clearly their intent was to destroy my reputation for their own benefit. All those involved, most being attorneys, know better than to accuse someone of a crime without evidence."

Rydlak laid out a series of demands she would like met to remedy the situation which include written apologies from the attorneys of Valley Green Grow, written apologies from the Benjamins who currently own Charlton

Orchard where Valley Green Grow is seeking to set up its growing operation, a letter written to the Land Court judge by attorneys Duffy and Croft explaining their lack of judgement in the accusations, and a full investigation into how these accusations transpired.

"A mere statement in this meeting room was somehow communicated to opposing council and escalated to such a point where a letter was sent to a judge stating that a felony was committed," Rydlak said. "There were eight people in the Board of Selectmen meeting. It shouldn't take too long to complete that investigation to figure out what happened."

Rydlak is also demanding that Charlton Town Counsel Jonathan Silverstein be dismissed and that an attorney

be provided to represent her and pursue defamation charges against those involved.

Several citizens took the floor to request that selectmen move to support Rydlak and appoint an attorney as they would for employees of the town. Selectman John McGrath explained that the board could not make a motion on the matter as it must be an agenda item and Rydlak made the request during citizens forum.

Despite urging from Planning Board members, citizens and even members of the Board of Selectmen that immediate or swifter action be taken to support Rydlak, the board chose not to make any motions until the matter becomes an official meeting item in the coming weeks.

Trout Unlimited announces fly fishing tournament

AUBURN — The Central Massachusetts chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding its third state high school fly fishing championship on April 27 at noon on the Auburn Sportsman Club pond.

Any high school fly fisher in the state can compete. There is no charge, and this is a fun event. The pond will be stocked with rainbows, brookies, and brown trout.

This is a catch and release derby, so bring your nets. After the derby Trout Unlimited will be holding their annual banquet in the hall. Derby winners will be presented with awards then. The banquet also has raffles and a silent auction and great food. The price is \$25 for the banquet, and can be purchased in the club lounge or at the door on the night of the banquet Auburn Sportsman Club is located at 50 Elm St., Auburn.

Charlton American Legion news

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion, Post 391, will meet on April 22 at 7 p.m. for our regular monthly meeting in the Lower Grange Hall at 10 Main St. We encourage all veterans from the community to join us.

Upcoming events that will be discussed include activities centering around Memorial Day, such as the Memorial Day parade, the ceremony at the Masonic Home, placing of the flags at the cemeteries, etc.

This will be our day to honor our fallen comrades. May is our Post's most active and important month of the year. Come and join us.

PLAY

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Humphries said, noting that the play is not autobiographical, but was influenced by his own journey towards moving on after a breakup. "I wanted something more hopeful. I always pull from my own history and back in 2011 I got divorced and when that happened there was this whole notion of that second chapter — Over time you start to have feelings that it's time to move on to a new chapter so I think when I wrote this I was trying to capitalize on somebody that goes through something that can be considered personally traumatic to them, but that's not the end. There's always hope for the next chapter."

The play includes a large cast of 12 performers representing three different groups of characters as the two leads find each other, and a new romance, when they least expect it. Humphries explained that there's a lot that goes on in the play, but it all comes back to how new and old friendships help with the healing process and moving on to new stages of life.

"It's about two people who don't know each other who are both fleeing relationships that are sour. They return to a common town in their own pasts.

They think they're all done with love and their friends have beckoned them back to the town. Everyone goes to this tavern that's having a contest over the next year. The two characters join the competition with their individual groups of friends and then there's a third group, as I like to call them the townies there to start trouble, and all three groups are locked in competition. Over the course of this, when they least suspect it the two main characters start to find those romantic feelings they thought might be lost forever. A lot of it has to do with that healing power of friendship. There's some poignancy to the story and we get into the dynamics they have with their friends and family members," Humphries explained.

Humphries said there's a cer-

tain challenge and pleasure to adapt in his own work. He has seen his plays presented with third party directors at the helm and found it fascinating how performers and the audience reacted to the characters and dialogue. However, this time he gets to control his own interpretation of his play and bring his vision to life as her, himself, intended.

"Being able to adapt my own work allows me to really fully bring my vision to life," Humphries said. "I went to school for journalism and there's always been this desire to tell stories. For many years, I had been toying with that — Once I wrote something, I realized that I liked that intimate nature of trying to create something really from a blank page and watch my words be brought to life by the actors and the crew. The big thing is then to be seeing it in front of



The cast of "Lost and Found" rehearses for the big show.

an audience."

"Lost and Found" will have six showings over the final week of April and first weekend of May. The show Dates are April 26 and 27 and May 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays

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EDITORIAL

First signs of spring

It's here. It finally happened. Against all odds and the polar vortex, spring has come to the Northeast.

Time to get out with the rakes and garden spades and bags of mulch. Time to say hello to neighbors you haven't seen since the last snowstorm, when waving shovels served as a greeting because it was too cold to talk. Time to sweep off the deck, fire up the lawnmower and rediscover your yard.

The "firsts" are what make the season of spring so much fun. First cook-out; first softball game; first trip to the garden center; first crocuses and daffodils and tulips blooming in the yard. The first seeds planted in the garden promise a summer salad harvest in just a month or so. The first time the weather forecast displays "humidity" instead of "wind chill" is almost a reason to stand up and cheer. There are endless reasons to celebrate.

So why is it that by mid-June, we're already complaining about the same things we found so thrilling in early April?

The lawnmower we so eagerly traded for the snow blower becomes the subject of family discussions – the kind that start with "It's not MY turn this week..." The thrill of the grill has waned a bit and those neighbors we were happy to see just seem to constantly have their music up loud and the windows open at all hours. The garden, site of so much TLC and attention in early spring, is now taking off in wild, weedy directions and is honestly just a bit creepy. And there are bugs.

So, before our human nature takes over and ruins the party, let's enjoy these first, delicious, fleeting moments of the very, very beginnings of our spring season. Keep the windows open even when the evening chill sets in. Take that walk instead of staying put. Wear the spring jacket. Haul out the patio chairs. Enjoy the trees without leaves, because in this very first part of spring, the sunshine can reach you better than way.

Dipping with a Difference: Egg-stra Special Easter Eggs

Easter is right around the corner, and the religious holiday, steeped in tradition, often creates the best family memories. Easter morning candy hunts, family gatherings around tables heaped with ethnic foods, and the ritual of tinting eggs all help make this spring celebration one of the most enjoyable holidays ever.

Few family traditions are more enjoyable than the much-anticipated egg coloring event. Whether you decorate your eggs with intricate wax designs or plop crayoned eggs into overfilled dye cups, the annual ceremony is always filled with fun and a sense of family togetherness.

The following easy projects take egg dying beyond the standard pastel dyes. They reveal simple and enjoyable ways to add a little something extra to your egg coloring efforts. You'll discover all it takes is a bit of patience, and a lot of enthusiasm to produce an impressive basketful of colorfully decorated Easter eggs!

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Easy Waxed Eggs

This technique allows you to create two or more colors on an egg by creating designs with wax to block and add the different colors.

You will need: Wax crayons; paper towels; egg dyes in assorted colors.

To do: Draw a heavy crayon pattern on hard boiled egg. Dip egg in egg dye, preferably a dark color. Leave in dye until desired color is reached. Remove with slotted spoon and place in 200 degree F oven for a few minutes until wax is melted. Wipe away the melted wax with paper towel, to reveal undyed egg design. Dip egg again in lighter dye to fill in pattern where wax was. Polish finished eggs with cooking oil and soft cloth.

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Etched Eggs

This is a simplified method of an old world technique to embellish Easter eggs. It's not difficult to master, and the end result is quite impressive, but this hot wax project is best left for grownups.

To do: Dye your egg any color you wish. This will be your background color. Melt paraffin carefully in a double boiler. Dip dry, colored egg into the melted paraffin wax. After the wax is dry, etch a design by scratching through the wax with a darning needle. Geometric designs or freeform spirals are easy and impressive for beginners to try. Then dip the egg into another color of dye. Because of the wax coating, only the lines you scratched will pick up the new color. Remove the wax by heating the egg slightly in hot water, and polish the surface by rubbing in any remaining wax.

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Magic Spotted Eggs

To do: Add about two teaspoons of cooking oil to each dye cup. (You might want to do this after you have finished dipping your eggs the traditional way.) When you dip in your egg, the dye won't adhere to the oil, creating mysterious spots on the egg! Allow to air dry completely in an empty egg carton or in an egg stand.

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Tie Dye Eggs

To do: Make up several colored dye



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KAREN TRAINOR

cups in strong solutions (about two tablespoons of water to a tablet of dye). Add two or three drops of vinegar to each color. Dip a piece of cotton cloth in water, wring out until damp. Wrap cloth around the egg. With an eye dropper, drop spots of assorted dye colors on

the cloth. Then twist the cloth tightly around the egg so the colors blend together, forming a tie dye effect. Gently unwrap the egg and let it dry.

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Marbled Eggs

Materials: Large glass jar; crayon stubs; vegetable grater; hot water; waxed paper or newspaper, empty egg carton, clear acrylic spray (optional, for blown eggs).

Instructions: Grate peeled crayons over waxed paper. Fill jar with very hot water (or use the water you boiled eggs in). Drop bits of grated crayon into water. Add hard boiled or blown egg as soon as crayon begins to melt. Twirl egg in water with a spoon. The wax should make a design on the egg. Carefully remove egg and set upside down in egg carton to dry. Note for blown eggs: Use above method with blown out eggs; spray with clear acrylic when dry.

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Mosaic Easter Eggs

Materials: Tissue paper in several colors; water, hard boiled eggs, small bowls or cups.

Instructions: Tear the tissue paper into small pieces. Pour some water in a bowl. One at a time, soak pieces of tissue paper in the water. Then stick the wet pieces onto the surface of an egg. Keep placing tissue on the egg until it is covered. You may want to overlap the tissue pieces a little to cover the entire egg, or leave spaces to create a mosaic effect. After the entire egg is covered, place it in an egg cup to dry. When the tissue is dry, peel it off of the egg. The color of the tissue paper will have transferred to the egg.

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Earth Day offers valuable lessons to investors



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

On April 22, millions of people will observe Earth Day by participating in events that support environmental

protection. As a citizen, you may want to take part in a local celebration. And as an investor, you can learn a few lessons from the themes of Earth Day.

Here are a few of them:

Avoid a toxic investment environment. A recurring topic of Earth Day is the necessity of reducing toxins from our air, water and land. And, while you might not think of it in those terms, your portfolio can also contain some "toxic" elements in the form of investments that may be hindering your progress, or, at the very least, not contributing to it. For instance, you might own some investments that, for one reason or another, have consistently underperformed, or are now too aggressive for your risk tolerance, which can change over the years. In these cases, you might be better off selling the investments and using the proceeds for other, more appropriate ones.

Look for sources of renewable energy. Efforts to protect our environment include a push for more renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind. As an investor, you, too, can look for "renewables" in the form of investments that keep paying you back in one way or another. Of course, the most basic example would be a bond, which pays you regular interest until the bond matures and you get your principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely with an investment-grade bond. However, you also may want to consider another type of renewable – dividend-paying stocks. By reinvesting these dividends, you can increase the number of shares you own – and share ownership is a good way to help build your portfolio. Some companies have paid, and even increased, their dividends many years in a row, but keep in mind they're not obligated to do so.

Plant seeds of opportunity. Some Earth Day events involve planting trees – many of which won't be fully grown for decades. When you invest, you are planting seeds in the form of investments you hope will grow over the years. Of course, you will likely see some volatility along the way, but over the long term, investments with strong fundamentals may reward you for your patience.

Apart from these ideas, you also can connect the idea of helping protect the environment with investing for your goals. Through socially responsible investing, you can screen out investments in companies whose products you find objectionable, while supporting businesses whose work you believe helps contribute to a better world. And you can find investments, such as mutual funds that emphasize social responsibility, whose returns are competitive, so you don't have to sacrifice growth potential for your principles.

In the nearly 50 years since Earth Day celebrations began, we have taken steps to improve many aspects of our physical world, although the work continues. And by following some of the same techniques, you can improve your investment environment, too.

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SPORTS

Minutemen can't solve Worcester Tech's pitching in 1-0 defeat



Nick Ethier photos
Bay Path left fielder Andrew Flanagan tracks down a fly ball hit his way.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The good news for the Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team was that they surrendered a single run in the season-opener versus Worcester Tech on Tuesday, April 9. The bad news for the Minutemen was that they mustered just a single hit en route to losing a 1-0 decision. The run Bay Path allowed came in the top of the first

inning and it was unearned. The Eagles' Jose Curet and Kyle DiPilato both reached base on errors and Cruz Lopez delivered a one-out RBI single up the middle to plate Curet for what turned out to be the game's lone run, as Minutemen pitcher Dom Esposito was the hard-luck loser. "We muffed a couple of plays in the first inning and it just ended up costing us," said Bay Path head coach Mark

Sansoucy before speaking of potential lessons learned by his defense. "You have to play every out — every out counts — especially when you're playing a team like this. Worcester Voke is always a good team and you can't make mistakes."

Esposito, a crafty southpaw, was flawless the rest of the way. Aside from the unearned run Esposito pitched an eight-hitter, struck out three and walked two.

"The good thing we got out of it was that Dom pitched great and [Worcester Tech] can hit," said Sansoucy. "He pitched great and pitched out of innings. He's very good at mixing up his pitches and he's got a bunch of them."

One pitch that stood out in Esposito's arsenal was his knuckleball, which kept Worcester Tech hitters frustrated in the outing.

"He keeps people off-balance and he outsmarts them," Sansoucy said of Esposito.

Sansoucy was also pleased to see how his team's defense became a brick wall following that first inning.

"They played really good," he said, before singling out shortstop Andrew Fritze. "Fritze played great at short and that's really the first time he's played short. He's a great second baseman and we had to move him to short because our shortstop [Dylan Brien] is hurt. He's one of the best fielders we've had in a long time."

Fritze tightly secured all four balls hit his way.

Bay Path's lone chance to score off Tech — who had Lopez pitch a complete game fresh with seven strikeouts and no walks — came in the bottom of the fifth inning with two outs. There, Andrew Flanagan singled up the middle. He was stranded at first, though, when Fritze grounded out.

Flanagan was the only base-runner Lopez allowed all



Nate Shoemaker of Bay Path zeroes in on a ball thrown his way before making contact with it.

game.

"I think this is one of the teams that's there in the end and we can play with them," Sansoucy said of his lasting impression of the first game of the season, as it was also the Eagles' as they moved to 1-0.

The game was played at the Town Field instead of at the high school because of the normal field's wetness.

The Minutemen then played Assabet Valley (a 4-1 loss) and Abby Kelley Foster (a 10-5 win) to round out the week before embarking on their annual Cape Cod trip to play two games over the school vacation week, a trip that Sansoucy says helps bond the team together.



Shortstop Andrew Fritze of Bay Path tosses the ball over to first base to record an out.

Rockets get the better of Bay Path, a first-year program, 15-0

By Ken Powers
Sports Correspondent
AUBURN — Senior Caleb Mackin and sophomore Eric Paine each scored four goals, and Manny Rosario added three more as the Auburn High boys' varsity lacrosse team shut out Bay Path Regional, 15-0, on Monday April 15 at Memorial Field. The Rockets improved to 2-3 with the win while the Minutemen, a first-year co-op program with Southbridge High playing at the varsity level, fell to 1-4. Mackin, a senior captain who plays attack, and Paine, a sophomore

midfielder, both also recorded two assists each. Rosario, a senior midfielder, notched three assists. Also scoring for Auburn were freshman Brendan Crowley (two goals) and sophomores Billy Erickson and Thomas Cowden. For Cowden the goal was the first of his varsity career. After a slow start the Rockets found their rhythm and scored five goals in the final 10 minutes of the first quarter. Auburn increased its lead to 11-0 at halftime and 13-0 after three quarters. "We were a little sleepy at the start of the game,

but once we settled down we started moving the ball, finding the open players and getting off some quality shots," Auburn head coach Mike Jarvis said. "I thought our balanced scoring came from moving the ball around. We've got some good offensive players and so we want to pass the ball around and get everybody some scoring chances." Mackin said quality ball movement is a key part of the game for the Rockets if they hope to be successful.

"The biggest thing really is just listening to coach Jarvis. Coach Jarvis knows what he's talking about and when we listen to him we do well," Mackin said. "A lot of our success does come off ball movement. If we're patient and we keep working the ball around it creates scoring opportunities."

"A big part of my game is passing," Mackin continued. "I like passing because a lot of times my teammates are open because they've been working hard making cuts and getting open. I try to reward their hard work by getting them the ball when they're in a position to score. It was nice to put a couple in today, but I really like to pass the ball and set my teammates up."

Jarvis said the Rockets, now in their third year as a varsity program, have a lot of experienced play-

ers. "We've got a good amount of seniors this year [10], so we've got a good amount of experience," Jarvis said. "We're still building from a program standpoint; still developing, but we've got a little more experience available to us now. It definitely helps us to keep plugging away." Unlike Auburn, which played a junior varsity schedule in its first year of existence back in 2016, Bay Path decided to jump right into the varsity level fray in its first year fielding a team.

"We'll figure it out on the run; that was our thinking when we decided to field a varsity team here in Year 1," Minutemen head coach Matt Fall said. "We're going to take a few lumps; we kind of figured that coming into it, but I think the kids have a pretty positive attitude and are able to handle the situation. We've made them mentally prepared that this kind of stuff [lopsided losses] can happen."

Bay Path did collect its first win in the history of the program in its first game, a victory over the Sizer School.

"I think we have the athletes and senior leadership to handle the varsity load and that we can use their athleticism, their talent and their knowhow to be competitive in games while we develop our freshmen and sophomores in the



Bay Path goalie Dean Maesto attempts to make a save versus Auburn.

JV program," Fall said. "I think over the course of the next couple of years we'll see that come to light."

When talking about his team's senior leadership, Fall specifically mentioned Nick Hamilton, Dean Maesto and Ryan Vigeant.

Despite allowing 15 goals, Maesto played solidly in net, making a dozen saves, several on shots that appeared head-

ed into the goal. "Dean is making stops on some shots that I can't even believe he's getting to," Fall said. "Here in the early going he's been averaging 20-25 saves a game. He played great today and he's been playing that way since Day 1. Dean has really owned that position. He keeps the defense engaged. He is a fun player to watch. He's entertaining to say the least."



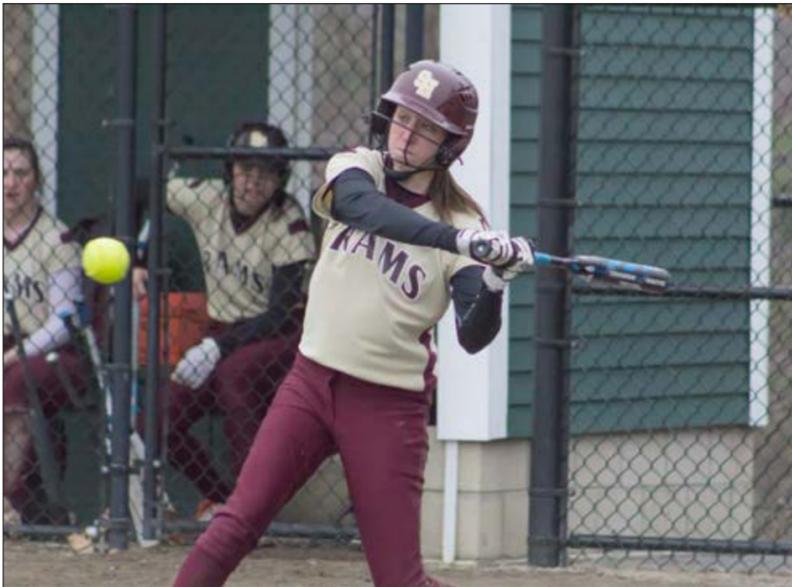
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Brady McCann of Bay Path hustles past Auburn's Caleb Mackin while possessing the ball.

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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill can't keep up with hot-hitting Mountaineers



Jason McKay photos

Shepherd Hill's Sam Zannotti lines up a heavy swing to attack the incoming ball.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

HOLDEN — The Wachusett Regional varsity softball team put on a hitting clinic against Shepherd Hill Regional on Friday, April 12, pounding out 13 hits, a total that included two home runs and three doubles. When it was over the Mountaineers remained undefeated, thanks to a 10-3 win over the Rams in a game that was moved to Wachusett because the Shepherd Hill field was still unplayable.

"They can hit," said John Snyder, Shepherd Hill's first-year head coach about the Mountaineers. "You've got to be very careful when you pitch to a team like Wachusett because they're going to take advantage of any mistakes they see. At times we were a little off with some of our pitches and they made us pay for it. And in a game like this you've got to hit with them, too. If you don't, it's going to be a long day."

Snyder takes over on the Shepherd Hill bench for Donny Loos, who was the head coach of the Rams for the last few years. Loos had to step down during the offseason, however, because his job took him too far out of the area and he wasn't sure he would be able to get back in time for practices and games. Snyder's daughter, Carly, is a senior on the team.

Shepherd Hill fell to 3-2 overall and 0-1 in the Mid-Wach A with the loss. With the win the Mountaineers improved to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in league play.

After setting Shepherd Hill down in order in the top of the first inning, Wachusett jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the frame, coming up with three hits and scoring all three of its runs before the Rams could record an out. Courtney Lanpher and Emily Todorov both had singles in the inning, while Hannah White belted a run-scoring double to center field.



Shepherd Hill head coach John Snyder makes a mound visit to talk with pitcher Cayley Fagan.

Shepherd Hill cut its deficit to one run in the top of the second inning. Junior Kiley Wong-Li led off the inning with an infield single and went to second base on a fielder's choice to short by senior Keely Scotia. A throwing error on the play allowed Wong-Li to advance to third and then she came home to make it 3-1 on a throwing error by the Mountaineers on a steal of second by Scotia. Two batters later Scotia scored on a groundout to second to make it a 3-2 game.

"We battled out there, but we were never really able to string anything together," Snyder said. "Their pitcher [Riley Quirk] did a good job of moving the ball around the plate, which kept us off balance. When we did make contact it was softly off the end of the bat. We didn't see the ball well today."

Wachusett increased its lead to 4-2 with a run in the bottom of the third inning, and then pushed ahead 8-2 with four more runs in the bottom of the fourth. The highlights in that rally for the Mountaineers were a home run to straightaway center field by Lanpher, an RBI double by Abby Simes and a two-run single by Erin Hancock. Wachusett added a single run in the bottom of the fifth inning to up its lead to 9-2.

Shepherd Hill scored its third and final run of the game in the top of the sixth inning. Sophomore Brooke Garrepy led off with a double to right-center field and senior Cayley Fagan followed with a walk. Garrepy was out at third on a fielder's choice by Wong-Li for the first out of the inning but sophomore Maryn LaPlante, running for Fagan, advanced to second on the play. LaPlante then scored on a two-out RBI single by junior Kelly Cournoyer.

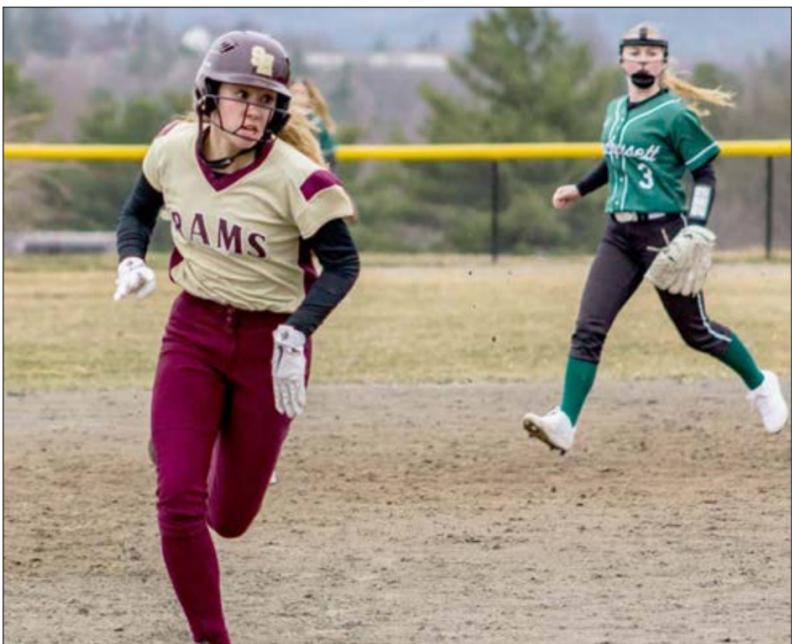
Coach Snyder said the Rams' struggles at the plate might have been a timing issue, the players still adjusting to the speed of the game.

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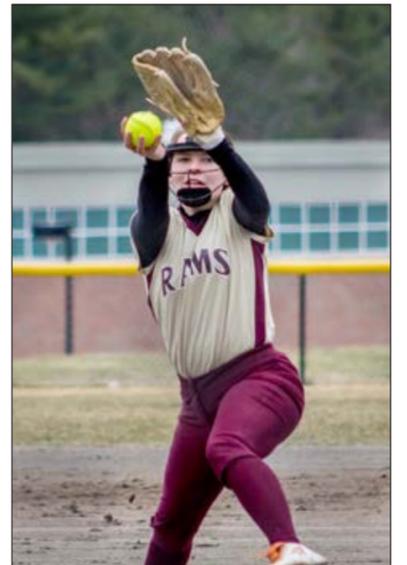
thing to do with it," coach Snyder said. "The weather hasn't helped us either, though. We've played five cold-weather games so far this season. The girls have had enough of this cold weather."

Snyder said he is still settling into his role as head coach after several years serving as an assistant to Loos.

"I'm still feeling my way through these first five games seeing who I want where. These five games have given us a good indication of where we're at," he said. "We're progressing, but we've still got some question marks and we're still tinkering with the lineup."



Brooke Garrepy of Shepherd Hill hustles down the third base line.



Cayley Fagan of Shepherd Hill works through her delivery before sending a pitch to the plate.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Apply for 2018-19 Charlton Youth Basketball scholarship

Charlton Youth Basketball proudly sponsors a scholarship program for four Charlton high school seniors accepted for enrollment at a university or college for the 2019-20 academic year.

The requirements include being a Charlton resident and graduating senior who participated in Charlton Youth Basketball for a minimum of two years and must complete a typed essay (250-word minimum) about how playing Charlton Youth Basketball has had a positive impact on your youth.

The due date for the application (postmarked by) is May 3. Four winners will receive \$500 scholarships upon review of all applications. Also include your name, address, telephone number, email address, numbers of years played in Charlton Youth Basketball, grades participated, additional Charlton Youth Basketball involvement (coaching, refereeing, volunteering, etc.), the names of your Charlton Youth Basketball coaches, the high school you attend, the college you're attending and a signature. Mail the application to: Charlton Youth Basketball, PO Box 811, Charlton, MA 01507.

Seniors to play golf at a discounted rate

We are a social traveling senior golf group and play premium golf courses in Central Massachusetts at a reduced greens fee rate. We will play one Thursday each month from May

through October. Men and women 60 and over are welcomed. If you are a foursome, threesome, twosome or a single, come enjoy great golf and make new friends.

Our first golf day is Thursday, May 16 at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. For \$35, we get 18 holes of golf, an electric cart and a sandwich. There will be prizes for closest to the pin on all par-3 holes and a fun prized putting challenge. To sign up, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at wcsogolfclub@gmail.com.

Sturbridge Legion Baseball to hold player signups, tryouts

Baseball players interested in playing for the Sturbridge American Legion team that are born on Jan. 1, 2000 or later are eligible to play. The final signup date will be held April 27 between 10 a.m. and noon at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion Post (507 Main Street in Fiskdale). Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure your eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team; also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. The team will conduct tryouts May 18, 19 and 25, with times from 10 a.m. to noon on all three tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional's varsity baseball field. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseeel at (774) 230-1784 or jimrosseeel@hotmail.com, or Coach Ray Sullivan at (508) 736-7770 or raysull_2@yahoo.com.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT OSV: The annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Meetinghouse in Old Sturbridge Village on Sunday, April 21 at 6 a.m. This beautiful setting and joyous service is a wonderful way to celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter morning! A free will offering will be taken to benefit those in need through St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Assistance, with locations in Southbridge and Sturbridge. The Easter Sunrise Service is an ecumenical effort sponsored by local churches from Charlton, Southbridge, Sturbridge. Please enter through the main gate and proceed to the rear of the parking lot near the security office, where we will gather and proceed in together. All are welcome! For more information, call Chris McTigue at 508-248-4726.

Thursday, April 25

THE MAKING OF "BURNING COLD" WITH AUTHOR LISA LIEBERMAN: 6:30 p.m., Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge. Join Lieberman as she gives insight into the process of writing a mystery set in Budapest during the 1956 revolution, starting with the inspiration behind the book: the classic noir film "The Third Man." Sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library.

Saturday, April 27

CONCERT & DINNER WITH JOSEPH VACHON: A concert and dinner with noted French Canadian singer Joseph Vachon will take place at the La Salle Reception Center, 444 Main St., Southbridge. The Saturday evening event begins with cocktails at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. Well known in communities throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania and now Massachusetts, her new home state, Joseph will perform in a dinner/theatre setting with more than 25 years of music dedication, entertaining by presenting traditional as well as French songs. As singer and songwriter, Joseph will bring her warm, engaging sense of humor and her upbeat rhythms to the audience while reflecting upon and celebrating her Franco-American heritage with anecdotes of life as it was when growing up in Maine. Sponsors for the evening are Union Sant-Jean-Baptist Chapter No. 12, Southbridge; Friends of St. Paul II Parish, the Southbridge cultural Council, a local agency and the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Tickets are available from Ted Bartlett at (508) 764-7909 and the Parish Office at (508) 765-3701.

Sunday, April 28

BUFFUMVILLE DAM TOUR: Join Park Ranger Jamie today at 1 p.m. at Buffumville Lake, Charlton.

"THE BORROWED TOMB": 3 p.m., Masonic Home/Overlook Charlton. The Christian Community Choir will be presenting "The Borrowed Tomb," an Easter Musical of Faith and Belief. It was written by Steven Moore and David Clydesdale and is being conducted by Kathleen Hosterman. "The Borrowed Tomb" tells the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the perspective of two members of the politically powerful Sanhedrin Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. We witness their struggle as they interact with each other, members of the Sanhedrin, Mary Magdalene and Jesus. The participating churches involved include: East Brookfield Baptist Church, Mary, Queen of the Rosary Church, Spencer, St. John the Baptist Church in East Brookfield, First Congregational Church of Leicester, St. Joseph's Church, North Brookfield, Brookfield Congregational Church, Faith Baptist Church in Southbridge.

Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4

65TH ANNUAL WINDHAM COUNTY 4-H AUCTION & TAG SALE: Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center, 326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret, Conn. Auction preview at 5 p.m. both nights. Unique and antique goods and services, live plants, tickets to events, venues and vacation spots for the whole family. Silent auction baskets and 50/50 raffle both nights. Auction starts at 5 p.m. on Friday. New this year, auction of outdoor equipment and furniture starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Early bird buy in to 3,500 square of bargains at the tag sale from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Friday, May 3. Tag sale open free to all from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Mary's Kitchen open during all open hours both days.

Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5

DISNEY'S "MARY POPPINS, JR.": 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Charlton Middle School auditorium.

ONGOING

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

"A CARING PLACE" MEMORY CAFÉ: A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free and fun place for people to go where they can be themselves and enjoy the company of loved ones and never have to worry about what others are thinking. We will never ask for a diagnosis and anyone from any town or city and any age are welcome. We only ask that all guests have a caregiver with them and that the guest has a cognitive related illness or injury. Staff is not responsible for the personal care of any guest. We are accepting to any level of ability and always welcome new people. Our Memory Café is run on donations and sponsors. Light refreshments are often served. Our atmosphere is geared toward fun yet comfortable and always safe. Our Café often hosts singers, dancers and performers who will help bring back old memories and days gone by. Our Café also hosts fun interactive activities but never educational events; we feel this should be a fun time spent together. Please see the upcoming scheduled events coming to our Memory Café over the next few months. Signups are encouraged. We are open the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

BUSINESS NETWORKING: Join us for a FREE Business Networking Meeting! Thursdays - 7am at Old Sturbridge Village Oliver Wight Tavern - Grecian Room, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd, Sturbridge. For more info call Tia @ 774-200-6740

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor - National Association of Canine Scent Work.

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

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: PLAYGROUP: This free program for preschool-aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5

Grant. 9-11 a.m. Mondays while school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantaqua.org.

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

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

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally, without instruction at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield on Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 22. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will donations are welcome. 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Hitchcock at (413) 245-9977 for more information.

GRANDPARENTS IN THE KNOW: Grandparents with custody of their grandchildren meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 9-10:30 a.m. at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH ABC'S: We all know something about our families — it's what we don't know that's intriguing. Genealogical research is becoming very popular, and for good reason. You might be living right next door to a third cousin twice removed! The research can be simple, or it can be a real challenge. "ABC's" will guide you along the right path with tips on research on- and offline. If you would like to have a conversation with your own great grandparents, then your job is to tell your family story to hand down to your descendants. Four classes at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield beginning Tuesday, Jan. 22. Instructor: Dave Robinson, Old Bones Genealogy of New England.

WATERCOLORS WITH BETH: Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every three weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at Hitchcock Academy with instructor Beth Parys. For information and to register, call Beth at (413) 245-3295.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Music & Movement. This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. 9-10 a.m. every Wednesday when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantaqua.org.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: STEAM GROUP. This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 grant. 9-10 a.m. Thursdays when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantaqua.org.

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL): American Sign Language is a visual language using hands, facial and body expressions. Learn about deaf culture and mostly come and have fun. Laughter guaranteed. Six classes on Thursdays at Hitchcock Academy from 7:15-8:15 p.m. with instructor May Marques, Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Session A — Beginners Part I — goes until March 7 (no class Feb. 21). Session B — Beginners Part II — goes from March 14-April 25.

GARDENING

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on their improved performance, flavor and unique qualities. Visit the AAS Web site for help selecting edibles and flowers suitable for container gardening. (all-americanselections.org)

Then pick a color theme. Red, white and blue combinations are perfect for patriotic holidays like the fourth of July. Or pick one color and display it in patriotic pots. For reds consider Summer Jewel red salvia, Viking XL Red on Chocolate begonia and Double Fire Zahara zinnia. Add a

light airy touch with Sparkle White guara and Gypsy White Improved baby's breath. Evening Scentsation petunia, Strata salvia and Lavender Lady lavender provide the blue. Add an explosion of texture with fiber optic grass or Fireworks penstemon.

Host a sports event using flower colors or containers of your favorite team. Add to the festivities by growing them in a football, baseball or soccer shaped planter.

Gold is always a great choice when celebrating anniversaries, golden birthdays or any special occasion. Dress up the tables with the plump blooms of Marigold Big Duck Gold or

the feathery blossoms of Fresh Look Gold celosia. Let them know they're special by including Super Hero™ Spry marigold. The maroon and golden yellow flowers top 12-inch tall plants and the name says it all. All these golden beauties will continue to flower and thrive long after the party ends. Combine them with other bright colors like South Pacific Orange canna, and Calliope® Medium Dark Red geranium to create a festive atmosphere.

Bring the garden to the party with a few edible containers for a bit of interactive dining. Encourage guests to harvest herbs and vegetables as they create a salad, season their

dinner or flavor their favorite drink. Then dress up the meal with edible flowers like calendulas and Baby Rose nasturtium with its peppery flavored flowers and leaves.

Make any outdoor wedding, reception or rehearsal dinner at your home memorable by creating planters that complement the bride's color scheme. Include white flowers, like Summer Jewel White salvia, Mont Blanc nierembergia, Starlight rose zinnia and Gypsy White Improved gypsophila. White is the perfect neutral and lights up any evening celebration.

Once you experience the difference specially-designed

containers can make, you'll be looking for more opportunities to host events and grow more planters.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.melindamyers.com.

TRIPS OFFERED

The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

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CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy - Please call 978-424-7010

Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton.net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center

Pick up is from St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton 2019 Day Trips

June 18 (Tues) 3 Redneck Tenors - Musical comedy with downhome laughs and big city music - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

July 16 (Tues) Lobsterbake at Fosters' with Michael Minor singer, comedian, celebrity impressionist and ventriloquist performing - \$99.00

July 25 (Thurs) Gloucester Harbor Lobsterbake Cruise- fabulous day on the water with two dance floors, indoor& outdoor seating and buffet (1 lobster each) \$119.00

August 28 (Wed) Ultimate Tribute Show - Experience some of the greatest hits from some of the greatest entertainers of all times - Lake Pearl, Wrentham - \$92.00

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

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

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

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

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

2019 Overnight Trips

June 9 - 11 Bar Harbor, Boothbay Harbor & Arcadia National Park - 3 days, 2 nights - \$459pp double, \$599 single

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

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

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

April 30-May 2: Atlantic City Resorts Casino \$249

Atlantic City's original casino! 7 a.m. Webster, 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. Slot play/\$60 food credit/two Casino Revue shows. Right on the Atlantic City boardwalk!

May 19: Newport Rail \$92

Enjoy beautiful Newport on an elegant luncheon train. 8 a.m. Southbridge, 8:30 a.m. Webster. Sightseeing & visit to the Brick Marketplace. Get on track for the Newport Rail!

June 9: Gloucester Lobster \$102

New England's finest cruise lobster luncheon! 8:30 a.m. Southbridge, 9 a.m. Webster. Enjoy a relaxing cruise & great cuisine with your friends. The best summertime trip ever!

July 14: Essex Steam Train \$102

Great summertime tour in Connecticut. 9 a.m. Southbridge, 9:30 a.m. Webster. Delicious luncheon, train ride & Connecticut River cruise. Make tracks for the Essex Steam Train!

Aug. 11: Newport Playhouse Show & Lobster Fest \$102

Special lobster feast! 8:30 a.m. Southbridge, 9 a.m. Webster. Terrific "Funny Money" show & cabaret. Lobster feast & Newport's best show!

Sept. 15-17: Atlantic City Resorts

Casino \$259

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

Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92

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

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

DUDLEY SENIORS

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

Also next year, Sept.13-21, we will be going to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Included is transportation, lodging, 14 meals, guided tours of Acadia National park, Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, Prince Edward Island including Anne of Green Gables' home, admission to King's Landing Historical Settlement, admission to Hopewell Rocks, and a visit to St. John. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is \$1065 pp/ double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Friday, April 19: Trip to Foxwoods Casino and Captain Jack's. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. Cost is \$79. Free buffet and \$10 for free slot play. Choice of lobster or prime rib at Captain Jack's.

Friday, April 26: Trip to Foxwoods Casino and Captain Jack's. Bus leaves at 8 a.m. Cost is \$79. Free buffet and \$10 for free slot play. Choice of lobster or prime rib at Captain Jack's.

Thursday, May 16: Trip to Newport Playhouse for "Clothes Encounter." Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost is \$89 for show, buffet and cabaret.

Monday-Thursday, June 1-13: Trip to Wildwood Crest & Cape May and a day at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. Cost is \$599, including driver's tip and all one-day guides.

Wednesday, June 12: Trip to the North Shore Music Theatre to see "Oklahoma" and lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club. Cost is \$119. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, July 12: Trip to the Gloucester Lobster Cruise with clam bake and buffet aboard the ship. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost is \$99. On the way home, we can enjoy ice cream at Kimball's Farm.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: Trip to the Summer Theatre for "Saturday Night Fever" and Hart's Turkey Farm. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$99.

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

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

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019

USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: May 20 to June 4, 2019
JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020
JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020
SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

PAXTON SENIORS

Paxton's bus tour season starts Wednesday, April 24, on the Maine / New Hampshire seacoast topped off with a visit to a Winery. First stop is the Kittery Historical & Naval Museum where you will wander through Kittery's past as you browse the exhibits, from colonial times to grand hotels, shipbuilding and lighthouses, up to the present day. Find out what makes Kittery special... at the Museum!

Next stop is lunch at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery, Maine. Our prior visits to Warren's have always been wonderful. Warren's has the Seacoast's Finest Salad Bar, which offers over 60 selections and homemade pumpkin bread, soup and rolls — For an entrée you may select from; Seafood Casserole, Fried Baby Shrimp, Ritz Filet of Haddock, Crab Crusted Salmon, Top Sirloin Steak and Chicken Parmesan. Beverages and dessert will be included.

After a delightful lunch on the River separating Maine and New Hampshire, we move on to Zorvino Vineyard. A family-owned and operated winery, that originally started as a hobby. Jim and Cheryl Zanello purchased the 80-acre lot in Sandown, NH in 2000 after retiring. Four years later Zorvino Vineyards was established. The "Zor" in Zorvino comes from the original family name Zorzanello and "Vino" means wine. Family and Wine, the perfect pairing.

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Our bus trip leaves the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24. Barring any traffic concerns on Route 495, we plan to be back in Paxton around 5 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$82 per person. Reservations, payment and your choice of entree at Warren's should be mailed to Bob Wilby, 11 Tanglewood Rd., Paxton, by Monday April 15. Checks should be made payable to the FRIENDS OF PAXTON COA.

For more details, please contact Bob at 508-792-4662.

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

A group of Seniors from Paxton and surrounding towns are planning a trip this year to Italy. The group plans to leave Paxton on Sept. 9, with transportation provided to Logan and return. Our flight will take us to Rome, Italy for 10 days visiting many historical sites of Italy. Rome has many beautiful attractions that many of us have not seen on previous visits. After two nights in Rome, we will move on to one night in Perugia where we will have the opportunity to visit Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Following our stay in Perugia, we move on to Florence, "the Cradle of Italian Renaissance," where we will view Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. After two nights in beautiful Florence, we will move on to Venice. On the way to Venice, we will stop at a 12th century castle and learn about the famous Tuscan wines and enjoy a cooking class and lunch. Next we are off to Venice for two nights. During that time, we have an opportunity to visit many of the wonderful sites of the Canal City.

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

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

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March 12, 2019 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$25 – 8:30 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble or PLAY BINGO as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 3:30 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

April 30 - May 2, 2019 – Tuesday – Thursday - Atlantic City

You will get 2 nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see 2 stage shows. Trolley's available.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

May 19, 2019 – Sunday – Newport rail tour.

Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dining car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella - or Atlantic Cod.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

June 9, 2019 – Sunday – Gloucester Beaufort princess cruise.

Board the ship for a New England clam bake including clams, lobster chowder BBQ chicken and more finish with chocolate mousse. Cruise the harbor for 2 1/2 hours with music on board. Visit the Salem visitor center and shops.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

July 23, 2019 – Tuesday - Mohegan Sun \$25 - 10 AM Bus

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

August 28, 2019 – Wednesday – Diamonds and Pearls the ultimate tribute show.

For \$95 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Lake Pearl in Wrentham MA. where you will hear the music of Neil Diamond, Carol King, Janice Joplin and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or schrod

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

October 8th - 15th , 2019 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip and for 2020 trip

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

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

Trips are open to the public!

Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

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

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Ziak, 87

WEBSTER- Barbara (Budzinski) Ziak age 87 passed away Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Brookside in Webster. She leaves her husband of 61 years, Joseph Ziak of Webster and a son Rodney Ziak of Charlton. She also leaves nieces. She was born in Worcester, MA

daughter of Bernice Budzinski and lived here all her life. She was employed as shoe worker for many years. There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10 AM in St. Joseph Basilica, Whitcomb St., Webster with

burial in St. Anthony Cemetery, Webster, MA. Morning of funeral, please go directly to the church. Omit flowers and family requests donations in her memory be made to St. Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster, MA 01570. The Shaw-

Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

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

2019

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

April 27 — Dinner and concert with noted French-Canadian singer Josee Vachon. The Saturday evening event will take place at the La Salle Reception Center, 444 Main St., Southbridge. The cost and additional details to be announced soon. (508) 764-7909

May 4 — "A Spring Day in New York City" — to do as you wish — a day of sightseeing, shopping, visiting a museum, dining at a special restaurant, attending a Broadway matinee performance or visit the 911 Fountains and the new museum via a ticket through 911museum.org. The possible activities are many. Departure from Southbridge is 6:30 a.m., and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are comfort travel stops to and from New York City. The cost per person is \$59. Reservation deadline is April 30. For early reservation and for information, please call (508) 764-7909. New York City is our 24th annual visit in 2019.

June 14 — "Evening at the Boston Pops" features a musical journey to European countries with a noted conductor leading the Boston Pops Orchestra, with each concert piece a selection of stirring 19th century anthems by Romantic-era composers, including Greig, Smetana, Strauss, Berlioz, Elgar, Wagner and Verdi. Each piece honors a particular nation, while the finale, Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" (Europe's official anthem) pays homage to the continent's motto of "United in Diversity." The concert is enhanced by a montage of evocative video images curated by Rick Steves, America's leading authority of extensive knowledge of European history and culture and of PBS fame. All considered, this promises to be an extremely entertaining night, and please reserve early. The cost is \$59 per person for the 8 p.m. concert, with reserved second balcony center seating and motor-coach transportation. Departure is 5:30 p.m. from the RMV, La Rochelle Way in Southbridge. This is the 37th annual excursion to the "Pops."

Aug. 11 — "A Sunday Afternoon at Tanglewood" — a noon luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Thomas Aedes, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with the music of Ives and Beethoven and guest pianist Inon Barnatan. The cost is \$127 (an inclusive luncheon, concert and motor coach transportation). A payment plan is available. The reservation deadline is July 30. Departure is 9 a.m., RMV parking lot, Southbridge.

Sept. 23-25 — A three-day excursion to Cape May, N.J. The cost and all of the details to be announced soon in this listing of trips.

Nov. 16 — "Do As You Wish Day in New York City" — shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museum, attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and

enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and from New York City. Cost is \$59 per person. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6. For information and reservations, call (508) 764-7909. To avoid disappointment, call early.

Dec. 7 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

March 21, 2019 "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" at PPAC: Lunch at Mossimo's on Federal Hill. Please choose: eggplant Parmesan, salmon, or chicken piccata~ \$99.

April 9 JFK Library and museum w/wine tasting & Venezia Restaurant for lunch. \$81. Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parmesan, steak tips, chicken piccata, or pasta primavera Kentucky w/ARK, horses and more \$869. 7 day trip! March 31-April 6. Includes 12 meals, 2 shows; Loretta Lynn's homestead; Hatfield & McCoy tour; Toyota Tour; tour of Wheeling, WV; cut-through project in Pikeville; horse farm tour; "Grand Canyon of the South" and other fun highlights!

Hotel Frontenac ("bucket list" hotel!), Quebec: 5 days w/White Mt. Hotel, N. Conway, NH, April 27-May 1: \$999. 8 meals, show, and touring in Quebec. Come and stay at the famous hotel that's in all the photos of Quebec! True luxury!

April 9 is a trip to the JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM w/wine tasting and lunch at Venezia's. \$81. (\$2. discount if you're a veteran.) Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parm, steak tips, chicken piccata, pasta primavera. Make sure to include meal choices when you sign up. Besides lots of information about the life and legacy

of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, there is also an extensive collection of first lady Jacqueline Kennedy's clothes, including the dress she wore when she gave a televised tour of the newly restored White House. You also don't want to miss the Freedom 7 space capsule, which took Alan Shepard into space in 1961. The Venezia is always a nice place for lunch with wonderful food! Leaves Whitinsville WalMart at 7:15 a.m., home around 4:30.

MONDAY, MAY 6 -- Trip to the Cape w/Daniel Webster Inn, the Sandwich Glass Museum, and the very interesting Cape Cod Canal visitor center -- \$71. There will be a buffet lunch at the lovely historic Daniel Webster Inn with its great food and wonderful atmosphere! Leaves Whitinsville at 7:45 a.m., home around 6:30 p.m.

Tues, May 28 -- the Lobster Bake Cruise returns! This has turned into a yearly tradition because everyone loves it so much! Don't wait to sign up or you'll miss out! Cruise around Gloucester harbor with music and dancing and white linen tablecloths while you dine. Lobster and baked chicken both. \$85. Leaves Whitinsville at 8:30 a.m., home around 7 p.m.

June 17--"On Golden Pond" at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse w/lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm. Choice of turkey, haddock, or roast beef. \$89. Leaves Whitinsville at 8:45, Home around 7

July 3 - "Singing in the Rain" - Theatre by the Sea, Wakefield, RI Lunch at The Bistro right at the theatre! Choice of Tuscan chicken, fish, and vegetarian option. \$104. Leaves Whitinsville at 10AM, home at 6:00

July 12 - "The Odd Couple" at New London Barn Playhouse w/Italian buffet lunch. Leaves Whitinsville at 8AM, home around 6:30 or 7. \$84.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Springtime anglers hit Wallum Lake



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This past weekend, fishing took center stage for many anglers. The opening at Wallum Lake had a light turnout. Mass. Fish & Wildlife continued to stock local lakes and ponds in the valley, and some rivers also received a good stocking of fish. The big news was the size of the brown trout that were stocked at Webster Lake this past week. One local angler had a Mass. Fish & Wildlife stocking truck roll up to the ramp at the town beach in Webster, & stock some heavy duty brown trout. After the truck left, he started fishing and caught and released more than a dozen browns. He brought home a couple of them to cook, but not before he called this writer to come over to take a look at the super size browns.

After looking at the fish, my first remark was that I hope they stocked some of the browns into Wallum Lake. Most of the browns were in the 16 to 17 inch class. My hopes were dashed when I visited Wallum this past weekend and talked to a few anglers that had just got done fishing. Not only did they not catch any brown trout, but a few did not catch a single fish. In talking with a ranger at the park he mentioned that a couple thousand rainbow trout were stocked by both Mass. &

Rhode Island prior to opening day. Reports of many trout feeding on the surface on the Rhode Island side of the lake were hard to catch. Trolling a black wooly bugger fly should have done the trick, but most anglers were using lures, power bait, and live bait.

As mentioned in previous columns that the state could not stock rainbow trout because of the high acidic levels in the lake more than 20 years ago, the introduction of tons of lime corrected the problem and has continued to stay at levels needed to sustain the rainbow trout stocking. Unfortunately for sportsmen, they are losing out on some great brown trout fishing at Wallum because of Mass. & Rhode Island unwillingness to work together to make Wallum Lake a trophy brown trout pond. It is still not too late for Wallum Lake to receive some big browns this year from either state, and I do hope that they are planning to do so. Sportsmen deserve no less. Reports of huge schools of alewives (baitfish) at the lake this past summer will provide the feed necessary to grow big browns.

Reports of tick bites in the area during the past week on dogs and residents is a sure sign that they are on the move. Most outdoorsmen now realize that deer tick bites can be very serious for both animals and humans, and are a constant threat to their health. Most tick bites are not found before the 24 hour time for most infections, and



require immediate attention to insure the infection does not spread to other parts of the body. Lyme disease has caused the death of many humans and pets over the past 20 or more years and it is becoming a larger problem every year. All insect bites are serious, including bee stings and spider bites.

This past week, the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club honored the late Wally Pasickniak of Uxbridge during a brief ceremony at the clubs trout pond prior to their fishing derby this past Saturday. A granite seat was placed at the big oak tree on the South side of the pond

engraved with his name, to remind all members of the club of the sacrifices Wally made during his many years at the club. Without these hard working dedicated members we all would not be enjoying the club as we do today. Many other clubs members in the valley now enjoy the hunting and fishing opportunities today because sportsmen like Wally realized there sport may not survive in the coming years, if Rod & Gun Clubs did not exist. Thanks Wally and all of the other members that kept the club together during hard times.

This week's picture shows Wally Pasickniak, Jr. with his wife Donna & family member Mark Kuras.

Opening at Wachusett Res. this past Saturday had a lot of small lake trout being caught, with one six pound being registered. The Laker's stomachs were full of small perch, small bass, but no smelt. The Quabbin Res. opens this Saturday. Be sure to have your boat washed at a registered site prior to fishing.

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How to travel on a budget and still have fun

Many people are passionate about traveling. Travel, whether it's domestic or international, can be an invaluable way to experience other cultures, meet new people and get a sense of history.

As valuable as travel can be, many people feel they cannot afford to

travel. However, there are ways to travel on a budget and still have fun.

- Stay close to home. Men and women traveling on limited budgets can save money and still have fun by staying close to home. The closer your destination to your home, the less costly your trip figures to be.

By visiting destinations that are within driving distances, travelers can save money on the cost of airfare, which is typically among the most expensive components of traveling. Road trips also afford travelers ample flexibility that might not be available to travelers who are traveling

abroad. That flexibility can make road trips more fun than more structured vacations.

- Choose affordable destinations. Overseas travel is not necessarily more expensive than domestic travel. Certain destinations are ideal for bargain hunters year-round. Research affordable destinations via a Google search or utilize the "deals" sections on travel websites such as Orbitz®.

- Cook some of your meals. Food is among the most costly expenses for travelers. Men and women can save some money by cooking some of their meals during their vacations. Doing so

saves money on dining out, and travelers willing to experiment by cooking dishes native to the places they're visiting can have some fun in the kitchen.

- Travel during the off-season. Avoiding certain destinations during the height of their tourism seasons is another great way to save. The cost of lodging and airfare peaks during tourist season, but travelers willing to travel during the off-season can save substantial amounts of money. In addition to saving money on lodging and airfare, travelers who plan their vacations during the off-season may also save money on local attractions.

- Do your homework regarding your destination. Thanks to websites such as TripAdvisor®, travelers can now learn as much as they want to learn about a given destination before they ever visit it. Such websites can be invaluable resources to travelers who want to enjoy their vacations but must do so on a budget. Research affordable tourist attractions and restaurants, even looking for free activities. Such research can be fun and make for more enjoyable trips.

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Get the financial facts about timeshares

Many people turn to timeshares as a way to enjoy annual vacations. But is investing in a timeshare a financially sound decision? That depends on who you ask.

Getting the facts about how timeshares work and learning a few tricks can help anyone make an educated decision about timeshares.

In a timeshare, individuals purchase a place to stay in vacation property. They typically can then use this room and the surrounding amenities once per year, and often must travel to the same location time and again. Timeshares long have held appeal because they are marketed toward people who may not be able to buy a vacation home, but still want to vacation each year.

There are some advantages to timeshares. They provide a guaranteed vacation destination each year in a familiar place. This is great for people who value familiarity. Timeshares also

make it possible to afford a vacation in an expensive resort. Sometimes a person can trade times or locations with other timeshare owners, enabling more versatility and new destination experiences. For those who have to skip a year, it may be possible to sublet the timeshare or let family and friends use it if the agreement allows.

Timeshares have some notable drawbacks as well. Cost-efficiency is one notable drawback of timeshares. The American Resort Development Association, a trade group for timeshare companies, offers that the average cost of a timeshare is around \$20,000, with an annual maintenance fee of \$660. Those fees are paid even if the resort isn't used that year. Chances are a person can get a comparable vacation elsewhere for a lower cost — especially with the abundance of vacation property rentals available from tradition-

al hotels as well as sites such as Airbnb.

A timeshare is not like a traditional real estate investment. According to Investopedia, it is an illiquid asset that is likely to lose value over time. Those who decide to sell their timeshares often find they must do so at a deep discount. Furthermore, those who sell a timeshare at a loss may find the Internal Revenue Service doesn't let them claim a capital loss, which is often the case with other investments and property.

To make timeshares work, individuals can opt to buy used, which is often at a fraction of the cost offered new by resort developers. Also, realize that a timeshare is a lifestyle purchase, not exactly a real estate investment. Timeshares are not a way to turn a profit. Try to purchase in desirable locations as well. Doing so increases the likelihood of resale in the future.

LEGALS

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall (21 Main Street) regarding the town meeting articles regarding proposed zoning by-law changes. The proposed zoning by-law changes will affect the following sections:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 12: Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments; to Adult Use Marijuana Establishments

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 3, by inserting a new paragraph in Section 3.1 prohibiting the operation of so called "recreational" or "adult use" marijuana establishments in the Town of Brimfield

To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 7A: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations in the Business District; by inserting "and Residential/Agricultural Districts" and by adding the following: Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations may be permitted only upon issuance of a special permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) is the Zoning Board of Appeals) and upon issuance of Site Plan approval by the by the Planning Board under such conditions as each board may require. And further amend Section 3.1 Lot Requirements; Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be permitted on lots larger than 5 acres in the Busi-

ness District; to strike out 5 insert 15 acres, and insert "and Residential/Agricultural Districts"

By Petition: To amend Section 1.2 as it pertains to the Business District to add the following (prior to; as laid out by the Commonwealth of MA) and inserting: "An additional exception, adding specific parcels to the Business District exclusively for the construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installation (as allowed under the terms and definitions of Section 7A of these by-laws) on the following parcel on the Holland Road, 17-0-6 as shown on the Assessors Maps for the Town of Brimfield"

By Petition: To amend Section 1.2 as it pertains to the Business District to add the following (prior to; as laid out by the Commonwealth of MA) and inserting: "An additional exception, adding specific parcels to the Business District exclusively for the construction of a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installation (as allowed under the terms and definitions of Section 7A of these by-laws) on the following parcel on the Holland Road, 17-C-2 and 17-C-2.1 as shown on the Assessors Maps for the Town of Brimfield"

For the complete narrative of this proposed changes please visit <http://www.brimfieldma.org> under "town news", visit the Town Hall Annex at 23 Main Street or contact the Planning Board at planning@brimfieldma.org.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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East Brookfield, MA 01515
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 27 & 28

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY
Registration opens
6 am; fishing at 8 am
Cash prizes & trophies
Spencer Fish & Game
Club
155 Mechanic Street
Spencer, MA 01562

FRIDAY, MAY 3

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER
6:30 pm. An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders

Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving
Advance ticket sales required
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260 West Main Street
West Brookfield, MA 01585

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MAY 3 & 4

65TH ANNUAL WINDHAM COUNTY 4-H AUCTION & TAG SALE at Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center, 326 Taft Pond Rd, Pomfret, CT.

Auction - Preview at 5pm both nights, unique and antique goods and services, live plants, tickets to events. Venues and vacation spots for the whole family. Silent auction baskets and 50/50 raffle both nights. Auction starts at 6pm on Friday. New this year, auction of outdoor equipment and furniture starts at 5:30 PM on Saturday. Tag Sale Early bird buy in to 3,500 square feet of bargains \$5.00/person from 10:30 - 12:00 on Friday, May 3 (\$5/person). Tag Sale open free to all from 12:00 - 5:00 on Friday and 9:00 - 5:00 on Saturday. Mary's Kitchen open during all open hours both days.



FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MAY 3, 4, 5

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SATURDAY, MAY 4

9-11 a.m.
Mr. Dennis Reiter of PeaceMaker Ministries will facilitate a seminar entitled "RESOLVING RELATIONAL CONFLICT"
Creation Church
47 W. Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT (near the dam) creationchurch.org

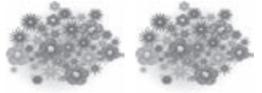


THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MAY 9, 10, 11, 12

RECORDS & BURPEE CHILDREN'S ZOO AT KLEM'S Educational family fun!
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FRIDAY, MAY 10

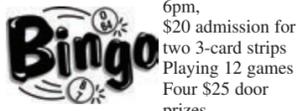
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SATURDAY MAY 11

PLANT & FLOWER SALE
9am-2 pm
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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY JULY 19, 20, 21

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6:30 pm
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 pm
Murder Mystery Dinner
An interactive dinner theater
The Fashionable Murders
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110 NOVENAS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail). Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that herein You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted. A.K.

Thanksgiving Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail). Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times) Sweet mother I pray for this cause in your hands. (3 times) Holy spirit, resolve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me; in all instances of my life, you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of material things. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. This person must say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the prayer is granted. Thank you.

130 YARD SALES

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400 SERVICES

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WORCESTER COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK, Garden of Valor, Paxton, Mass. 2 lots for sale, \$4000 for both lots. Call Alan at 508-885-4381

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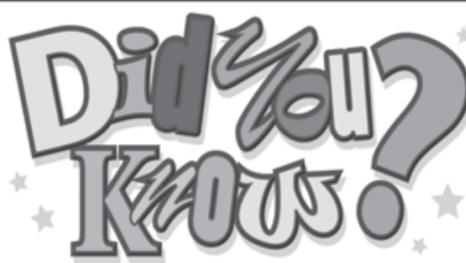


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A. 3 10 22 23 26

Clue: Cuts lawns

B. 9 10 17 8

Clue: Dirt

C. 24 10 3 18 10 9 12

Clue: Fertilizing material

D. 22 23 23 1 17 7 21

Clue: Removing errant plants

Answers: A. mower B. soil C. compost D. weeding

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7	4	6	2	5	1	9	3	8
4	5	7	3	2	6	8	9	1
9	6	3	5	1	8	7	2	4
1	2	8	9	4	7	5	6	3
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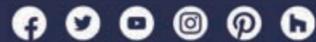
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What is a Nursing Home?

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Sturbridge Herbfest coming in October

The first annual Sturbridge Herbfest will be on Saturday, October 5, 2019, 9:30-4:30. This Herbfest is a brainchild of 3 local herbalists: Salli Greene, Joanne Grubert and Chris Haller. There are very few herbal conferences nationally and none in this area. The New England Woman's Herbal Conference, which they have attended many times, is in Northern New Hampshire and sells out early, every year. This can make it difficult for herbalists, young and old, male and female to gain more education in a conference setting. The International Herbal Conference is every two years in June. There is also Herbstock in Somerville, MA once a year. Sturbridge, because it is centrally located, is an ideal location, and is expected that the Herbfest will be an annual event.

The three herbalists contacted the Sturbridge Senior Center and the Board of Selectmen. Both approved holding Sturbridge Herbfest at the Senior Center at 480 Main Street. To date there are 3 Intensives (2 hour classes) and 17 - 50 minute classes scheduled. There will also be food vendors and craft, jewelry and product vendors set up on the lawn of the Senior Center. Hours are 9:30 - 4:30, Saturday October 5, 2019. Mark your calendars!!

The Sturbridge Herbfest is now taking vendor applications, \$50 for a 10x10 space. Pre-registration is \$10 and \$15 the day of the event. Intensives are \$25. The other classes are part of the admission. For more information call Salli, at Alternatives For Health 508-347-2111.



10 Important Lessons from A Nursing Academy Director

“One does not become a nurse by osmosis. You go through a competitive admission process, complete a rigorous program, and pass the NCLEX, then you’re a nurse.”

Gretheline Bolandrina
MSN Ed, RN, CRRN

When I started in nursing education in 2005, I never thought I’d be a director of a nursing program. Almost six years at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, a 5th place in-state ranking, and several new clinical sites later, I answer an ad to get published in the Spencer New Leader for the WRITE STUFF!

ONE. Things happen quickly.

When I was asked to be interim director in 2015, I was only on my second year as full-time faculty. After proctoring a test, the actual offer all happened in just a day. The night before was uneventful. I remember it was a swift decision to step up and lead. I saw the big picture. The superintendent, Mr. Lafleche and the other full-time faculty, Professor Dockstader were there and both supportive. It was a quick but exciting time!



TWO. Nurses never get old.

It’s been almost 32 years since I graduated with my BSN and to this day, I still get asked, “Do you like nursing?” I always answer, I do and a lot. I also don’t mind being asked. I don’t think

I could ever really get tired of being a nurse. The cool thing now about being in an academic setting is that every nursing student I encounter gets to be a part of my nursing journey. I get so much satisfaction helping a nursing

student succeed the same way that I got satisfaction in helping patients when I was a bedside nurse.

THREE. Once a nurse, always a nurse.

Even after I’ve been behind a desk, managing day to day activities for the practical nursing academy, I keep up to date with “everything nursing.” I have a list of nursing specialties that I keep tabs on because I have nursing students and graduates who have expressed specific interest and I keep them connected. There’s ER nursing, advance practice nursing – Nurse Anesthetists, home care nursing, and of course, nursing education. They are all exciting specialties. I try to connect as many as I could. There isn’t a shortage of seasoned nurses as role models and mentors.

FOUR. At admission interviews, we prefer to look at the whole candidate.

We conduct panel interviews for admission into the Academy, you need to look the part to play the part. Not to be intimidating but we look at everything! You need to channel your best

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In 1900, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur viewed the undeveloped expanse of land that stretched from Plantation Street down to the shores of Lake Quinsigamond as an ideal setting for peaceful contemplation and retreat from the rigors of their teaching ministry. Since the Sisters purchased the property, its purpose has expanded significantly beyond its original intent.

Today, some 100+ years later, this property has become home to Notre Dame Health Care, a non-profit organization that takes a holistic approach to the ministry of healthcare delivery. Following the teachings of Saint Julie Billiart, who founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the mission of Notre Dame Health Care reflects the gospel message in every aspect of its programs and services.

The Sisters have driven innovation in health care, recognizing and addressing specific needs as the times have changed. Its first program, a skilled nursing facility for both the Sisters and the greater local community, delivers high quality care with dignity and respect. The success of this program prompted the addition of other, much-needed programs and



services. Through the years, Notre Dame Health Care has enhanced its portfolio of services with assisted living apartments, memory care units, post-acute and short-term rehabilitation, hospice and palliative care for adults and children, and an educational “bridge” center.

Every program at Notre Dame Health Care offers

distinct features that engage residents, encourage socialization and promote a better quality of life. Social activities, such as art and music therapy, along with social dining and field trips, help promote a sense of community for every resident. Notre Dame Health Care also offers daily Mass and the Rosary for its Catholic residents. We acknowledge the spiritual value in all faith traditions through the provision of pastoral care and ecumenical services for all.

The Sisters’ influence and “special touches” are reflected in many unique features which are present throughout our facilities. Peaceful gardens and serene landscaping surround each building; lavish court-yards and green space invite residents to experience the outdoors in a safe, pleasant atmosphere; exquisite photography and multi-medium artwork adorn the hallways. Differences in design abound in each of our facilities, giving each resident space its own distinctive character.

In addition to exceptional health care services, Notre Dame Health Care has created unique educational opportunities for staff and the local community. Emblematic of the Sisters’ ministry to educate for life,

the Educational Bridge Center was originally founded as a way for employees to advance in their careers. Subsequently, the Bridge Center has become a lifeline for those seeking citizenship, adult basic education programs, or support in attaining a high school diploma or an advanced degree. Drawing upon their years of service in the classroom, retired Sisters tutor students as they embark on their personal academic journeys to a better quality of life.

Not only does Notre Dame Health Care lead the industry in top-rated programs and services, the organization also has an incredible staff retention rate. Every employee exemplifies the organization’s mission and works synergistically to continually raise the bar and operate at the highest possible level.

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Open Sky's Adult Family Care program (AFC) provides both financial support and practical assistance to families caring for a qualifying family member at home. Whether you need assistance in finding resources for a young adult with autism or an aged parent with dementia, our dedicated staff have the expertise needed to help you make the right connections and guide you through the process.

Benefits of AFC for Caregivers:

- Tax-free monthly stipend – in many cases this means family members will receive funds for care they are already giving

- Ongoing nursing support

- Training and professional support

- The personal satisfaction that comes from helping someone grow and live as independently as possible

- The peace of mind of knowing there's always someone to call for help and support

Eligibility Requirements:

- The person receiving services must be 16 years of age or older

- He or she must need assistance with one or more activities of daily living such as bathing, eating or dressing

- He or she must be eligible for MassHealth

- The person is unable to live safely on their own

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Help! I've fallen and i can't get up!!

We've all seen the commercial of the unfortunate elderly women lying on the floor after a fall. Regrettably, this really happens more often than you might think. The Center for Disease Control's 2014 survey found that 28.7 percent of adults 65 and older reported falling at least once in the preceding 12 months equaling an estimated 29 million falls, 7 million of which resulted in injury. This number increased to 36.5 percent in the 85 and older population. What's worse is that the CDC estimates every 20 minutes, an elder person dies as a result of a fall. The financial costs are staggering: \$637.5 million was spent for falls resulting in fatal injuries. The cost of non-fatal injuries was \$30.3 billion. These statistics are expected to increase as the baby boomer generation ages. By 2030, there will be 74 million people age 65 or older in the US. If the current trend continues, that may result in 49 million falls and 12 million injuries per year.

What's behind this growing health concern? Many falls occur because our ability to maintain balance diminishes as we age. Our muscles become less flexible and weaker. Nerve conduction becomes slower, decreasing reaction time. Vision, an important component of the balance mechanism, often becomes impaired. In addition to these factors, multiple medications, blood pressure changes, and other health conditions impact balance.

All is not lost! Evidence based research has shown that exercise is the best intervention to reduce the risk and rate of falls. Here's what the research shows is the best way to reduce our risk:

Strength training exercise.

Exercise that provides a moderate or high rate of challenge to the balance.

Exercise that addresses stiff joints and tight muscles.

In addition:

See your primary care provider regarding medical issues that affect balance including blood pressure, medications, and visual impairments.

Complete a home safety check: get rid of scatter rugs, remove cords across pathways, and clean out clutter. Consider adding grab bars and railings on stairs.

A visit to a physical therapist is a good way to start. Physical therapists are experts in exercise and fall prevention. Comprehensive Physical Therapy, with offices in Leicester and West Brookfield, offers the Balance for Life program. Balance for Life is a comprehensive program that is designed to address multiple factors that contribute to falls. As part of a thorough evaluation, computer generated graphs help to identify areas of concern. Individual exercise programs are designed to meet each person's specific needs. Education regarding home safety, fall prevention, and other health issues is provided to maximize independence once the program is completed. The end result is a stronger, more flexible, and safer you.

Don't become a statistic! A comprehensive balance program can keep you strong, healthy, and independent. Balance for Life is covered by most health insurance companies with a referral from your physician. Contact our office for more information on how you can protect yourself from falls.

Rosemary Wolanski, MEd, DPT

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self. Are you dressed appropriately? (Business casual). Did you arrive on time? (15 minutes early is on time for nurses). The pressure is, are you a good fit for us and are we a good fit for you? What does your references say about you? What does your work history show? We obtain handwriting samples. I can keep going. . .

FIVE. Prudent nurses don't have to be witches or ogres.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy produces real world ready, prudent LPNs. All praises go to the hardworking faculty and staff, plus the supportive office of the Superintendent, and all the key individuals at our various clinical sites. The work that Bay Path has done in supporting prudent nurses. Powerful nurses. The rigorous academic requirements do not take away from nursing students. Who they are becomes

enhanced, their character- whether in school, clinicals, work, or their homes. The amazing thing is, our nurses are intelligent and beautiful inside and out. They have the power to change lives!

SIX. You shouldn't sit around waiting for doctor's orders.

Between assertiveness and being articulate, I can identify inherent and developing traits in our future nurses. As a new graduate nurse back in the day, I would never be caught dead waiting for doctor's orders! I was proactive. I anticipated the next steps. I was blessed to have strong instructors who instilled assertiveness and being articulate. Instructors who helped me figure out what I'm strong at and polish that. What I'm weak at and strengthen it.

SEVEN. Don't wait for good luck, hard work is important as well as talent.

There's no doubt some students have unparalleled caring abilities, but if you want to be a successful nurse, good luck is not enough. It's great to know the fun-

damentals in nursing, solidly. There's a lot of hard work involved in nursing, our students are prepared for that. They have discipline. They show up not just on time, but fifteen minutes earlier! And they know their stuff.

EIGHT. You may view yourself as the super nurse, but you should also be a team player.

It's necessary in nursing to be a team player. It's important to know how to catch the ball as well as hit. Nursing is like performing as part of an ensemble. Even when a nurse thinks she's the smartest person in the room, or when he thinks he knows more than the doctor, perform your role with grace and humility. No need to be a show off. At the end of the day the team is working towards the same goal to benefit the patient.

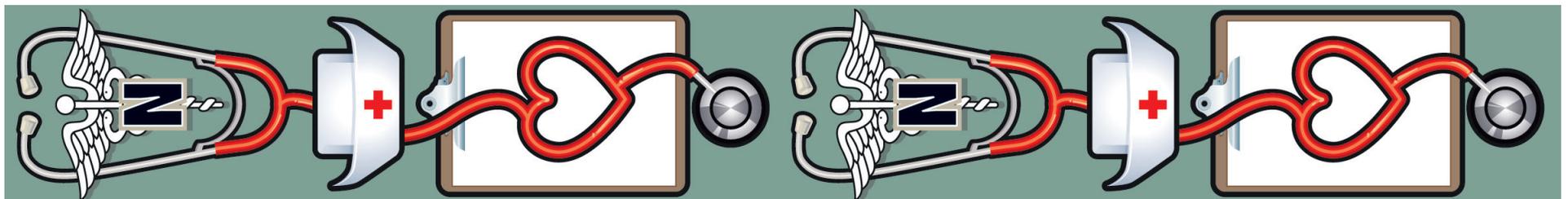
NINE. You may be a super nurse, but things won't always go your way.

There's a point when communication breaks down. Team members call in

sick. The pharmacy does not deliver meds on time. It will not be a fun time at work. Nurses fix it from zero. Nurses coordinate and triage, then the team is back on their feet. Good things come out of struggles, better leadership skills.

TEN. Everything happens for a reason.

If the goal is to become a nurse, we are here to help. You need to do your part. You need to not just attend classes but also participate. Passing grade is 73%. You need to not just attend clinicals but truly, have a heart. Graduation attributes include communication! Practice, practice, and practice, because after ten months of rigorous academics and training, you will sit for NCLEX-PN and pass the first try. When you become an LPN, it will come full circle and you will be paying it forward. It's funny how things happen, for whatever reason but still everything comes up roses!



Brace Yourself!

While the word 'braces' may still, for some, conjure up images of teenagers or middle school children, the truth is you're never too old or young, for a healthy, beautiful smile that you feel confident to share. While healthy adult teeth can often be moved at any time, the American Association of Orthodontists recommends that children should have an initial orthodontic screening at age 7. An early exam identifies problems with growth and development or airway issues that may be resolved to allow your child the benefits of better growth with early intervention. At Central Massachusetts Orthodontic Associates (CMOA), we see patients who range in age from 7 to 77 and up! Our three offices are conveniently located in Worcester, Spencer and, in October of 2018, we proudly celebrated the grand opening of our new Auburn location on 567 Southbridge Street within the Heritage Shopping Center.

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Our doctors, Lisa M. Giarrusso, D.M.D. and Gregory Livanos, D.M.D. are both Board Certified orthodontists; a key deciding factor to look for in choosing your provider. In addition to completing a graduate program in dentistry, they go on to complete a 2 year residency of accredited specialty training in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. When you chose to have your treatment with a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, you can be certain to receive the highest quality care and treatment.

Dr. Lisa M. Giarrusso joined her father in practice in 1992. She is a three-time graduate of Tufts University and immediately joined the faculty upon graduation where she served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Orthodontics from 1992-2008. She became a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics in 1999. She is a member of the American Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontists, Massachusetts Dental Society, Tufts University Dental Alumni Association and the Tufts Association of Orthodontics.

Dr. Gregory Livanos joined Central Massachusetts Orthodontic Associates

in December 2004 after practicing for seven years in Kendall Park, New Jersey in his own private practice while also serving as a partner in a Warren, New Jersey practice. He served as a faculty member at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, teaching in the Department of Orthodontics. He is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey, where he received a Bachelor of Science in 1983 and went on to receive his D.M.D. in 1986, again at the Fairleigh S. Dickinson Jr. School of Dental Medicine in Hackensack, New Jersey. He completed a general practice residency at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady, NY in 1987 and went on to practice six years of general dentistry in Saratoga Springs, New York while maintaining a faculty appointment at St. Clare's Hospital. He received his Certificate in Orthodontics at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1995 and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics in 2005. He is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the American Dental Association and the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Drs. Livanos and Giarrusso are the 2006 recipients of the national APSE Employers award and the 2006 Massachusetts Council of Human Services Award for Small Businesses. Drs. Giarrusso and Livanos have vast experience with children while maintaining a large adult practice as well. The doctors have a great deal of experience in treating numerous patients who require orthognathic surgery in combination with their orthodontics.

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Help kids feel comfortable at the dentist



Routine dental examinations and cleanings are an important component of oral health-care for both children and adults. However, many children do not visit the dentist until well after the time recommended by medical and dental professionals. Parents may be unaware of the dental health timeline, or they could be reluctant to bring their children for fear of how their kids will behave — especially if parents are harboring their own apprehensions about the dentist.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child go to the dentist by age 1, or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. Yet, according to a survey commissioned by Delta Dental Plans, the average age of a child's first dental visit is 2.6 years.

Parents worried about how their kids will respond to the dentist can take the following steps to acclimate kids to dental visits to make them more comfortable during their appointments now and down the road.

- Be a positive role model. Children frequently learn by example. If they see their parents being diligent about dental care, they're more likely to embrace proper oral hygiene. Bring children to your own dental appointments so they understand the process

and become familiar with the type of equipment used.

- Stick to the first-tooth milestone. Take your child to the dentist on or about when his or her first tooth erupts. Early dental visits will get kids used to going to the dentist and prevent minor problems that may lead to more complex dental issues.

- Read books about the dentist and role play. Information can allay kids' fears about the dentist. Read books together about dental visits and act out possible scenarios with your kids. Give kids toy dental health tools and have them practice exams on you and vice-versa.

- Be supportive and instill trust. Avoid telling your child that everything will be okay. If a procedure is needed, this could affect his or her trust in you and make the dental office an even greater source of anxiety. Simply be supportive and offer a hand to squeeze or a hug if your child needs you.

- Consider using your dentist. Some parents like to take their children to a pediatric dentist, but it may not always be necessary. Many family practices cater to patients of all ages, and the familiarity of the office may

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Using nature to work with your body

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Did you know that the key to personal health may begin in the core of the body? Doctors and researchers are learning more and more about how the immune system and other functions of the body are tied to microscopic players housed in the stomach and intestines. Improving this digestive environment can benefit the body in various ways.

UNDERSTANDING PROBIOTICS

Bodily bacteria outnumber body cells by 10 to one, offers the health and wellness resource Healthline. Most of the bacteria in the body are harmless, and many of them in the gut actually are linked to numerous health benefits, such as weight loss, enhanced immune function, reduced risk of disease, and improved digestion. Unfortunately, bad bacteria also vie for space in the gut. If the good bacteria and yeasts, or probiotics, are not in abundance to push out the bad bacteria, like salmonella and E. coli, those bad bugs can proliferate, causing problems. It is essential to keep an abundance of probiotics available to stay healthy and maintain the "good vs. bad" balance in the gut.

GETTING PROBIOTICS

While the body can be healthy without the addition of probiotics, having more can be beneficial. The Cleveland Clinic says that food and supplements containing probiotics assist the good bacteria already present in your gut. When a course of antibiotics wipes out

both good and bad bacteria, for example, probiotic-rich foods and supplements can more readily replace what's lost.

Dietary sources of probiotics include some yogurts, cheeses, kefir, sauerkraut, miso, kimchi, pickles, and beverages like kombucha, a fermented tea. Getting probiotics from foods is the most natural way to supplement good gut bacteria, as the foods meld with the probiotics in ways that doctors may never understand to deliver the most benefits.

The downside is it's impossible to measure just how many probiotics can be acquired from foods. That is what makes supplementation so handy. Capsules and tablets are loaded with a variety of different active bacteria and yeast cultures to aid the digestive system in measurable ratios. Some tout anywhere from one to 30 billion active colony-forming units (CFUs) per serving.

SIDE EFFECTS

Probiotics are generally healthy for people to consume in amounts found in foods, advises the Mayo Clinic. Most healthy adults can safely add foods or dietary supplements that contain probiotics to their diets. Introducing probiotics may cause temporary and mild flatulence, discomfort and bloating.

Probiotics can be yet another tool to improve overall health at any age, but especially for adults looking to minimize illness risk.

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help make children feel more comfortable. Speak with your dentist about the ages they see.

• Steer clear of negative words. Michael J. Hanna, DMD, a national spokesperson for the AAPD, suggests using positive phrases like “clean, strong, healthy teeth” to make the visit seem fun and positive rather than scary and alarming. Let the office staff come up with their own words to describe processes that won’t seem too frightening.

By employing these techniques, kids’ dental visits can be more pleasant for all involved, paving the way for a lifetime of healthy teeth.



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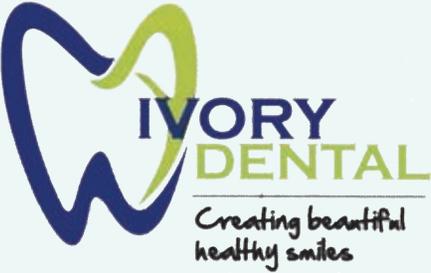
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Outdoor improvements that boost home value

Whether home improvement projects are design to improve the interior or exterior of a house, focusing on renovations that make the most financial sense can benefit homeowners in the long run. The right renovations can be assets if and when homeowners decide to sell their homes.

So how does one get started? First and foremost, speak to a local real estate agent who is knowledgeable about trends in the community. While a swimming pool may be something coveted in one area, it may impede sales in another. It also helps to study generalized trends and data from various home improvement industry analysts to guide upcoming projects.

The following outdoor projects are just a few renovations that tend to add value.

- **Fire pit:** A fire pit is a great place to gather most months of the year. Bob Vila and CBS news report that a fire pit realizes a 78 percent return on investment, or ROI.
- **Outdoor kitchen:** Many buyers are looking to utilize their yards as an extension of interior living areas.



Cooking, dining and even watching TV outdoors is increasingly popular. Outdoor living areas can be custom designed and built. In addition, prefabricated modular units that require a much smaller commitment of time and

money are available.

- **Patio:** Homeowners who do not already have a patio will find that adding one can increase a home's value. Patios help a home look neat, add useable space and may help a home to sell

quickly. The experts at Space Wise, a division of Extra Space Storage, say that refinishing, repairing and building a new patio offers strong ROI.

- **Deck:** Deck can be as valuable as patios. A deck is another outdoor space that can be used for entertaining, dining and more. Remodeling magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report indicates that an \$11,000 deck can add about \$9,000 in resale value to the home, recouping around 82 percent of the project's costs.

- **Door update:** Improve curb appeal with a new, high-end front door and garage doors. If that's too expensive, a good cleaning and new coat of paint can make an old door look brand new. These easy fixes can improve a home's look instantly.

- **New landscaping:** The National Association of Realtors says an outdoor makeover that includes well-thought out landscaping can net 105 percent ROI. Installing a walkway, adding stone planters, mulching, and planting shrubs are ideas to consider.

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The basics of mulching

Mulch is available in various forms. Like other land and garden products, mulch can go a long way toward helping plants thrive.

Mulch comprises just about any material that is spread over the surface of soil. Its purpose is primarily to help soil retain moisture. In addition, mulch can staunch weed growth, keep soil cool, improve the aesthetics of garden beds, and even improve soil nutrient composition. When the right mulch is chosen, it can reduce the amount of time homeowners spend watering and weeding their gardens and insulate plants from dramatic changes in weather.

Gardeners may not realize that mulch also can prevent garden soil from becoming overly compacted, according to HGTV. This can mean beneficial earthworms can move easily through the soil, creating channels for water and depositing their nutrient-rich waste products.

Gardeners can choose organic or inorganic mulch. Organic mulches are derived from natural materials that will decompose over time, lending organic matter as well as various nutrients to the soil. Organic mulches also may contain beneficial microorganisms that can fight against plant diseases. Inorganic mulches may be made of stones, landscape fabrics and plastic. Both types will need to be amended or replaced as they degrade. Those who want the most environmentally-friendly mulching materials can choose all-natural mulches instead of synthetic alternatives.

To work effectively, mulch should be applied in a two- to three-inch layer of material, state the experts at Old World Garden Farms. This is the ideal amount to retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth without choking plants. Also, mulch that is too thick may make it impossible for water to penetrate, or it may prevent the soil from airing out, causing continuously wet conditions that lead to root and stem rot.

The University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center says mulch should not be placed directly against plant crowns or tree bases, as this can promote the development of disease. It may also serve as a habitat for bark- and stem-eating rodents. The center also suggests watering newly installed bark or wood mulches to prevent fungi from colonizing in dry mulch and causing problems like a water-repellent surface on the mulch.

Home landscapers considering mulch types may find that compost, manure and grass clippings (from nonpesticide-treated lawns) can be inexpensive and versatile in garden beds. The home advice site The Spruce notes that newspaper may also be effective. Many newspapers have switched over to organic dyes, especially for their black and white sections. Newspapers are an inexpensive way to suppress weeds and act like organic mulch in beds. They can be covered with other organic mulch, like shredded bark, for more visual appeal.

Mulch can be a versatile asset when doing gardening projects around home landscapes. And the benefits are more than just aesthetic.



Get ready: Early spring landscaping tips

During the cold months of winter, many people stare longingly out of the window dreaming of spring and time spent outdoors. For those with green thumbs, images of tending to the garden and other aspects of their landscapes no

doubt dominate such daydreams.

Draw inspiration from those budding crocuses and daffodils pushing through the last remnants of snow and employ these tips to prepare for the upcoming gardening season.



• One of the first steps is to apply a preemergent weed killer to get a head start knocking out weeds that can plague the lawn during the growing season. Killing weeds at the roots early on can mean far fewer hassles in spring and summer, and may prevent new generations of weeds from cropping up each year.

• While it may be tempting to take a prematurely warm day as a sign that spring is in full force and purchase a bunch of annuals, it's better to know the last of the possible frost dates (check "The Farmer's Almanac"); otherwise, you may waste time and money planting flowers or vegetables only to have a hard frost. Amend the soil so that it is the right consistency — just crumbling when lifting it. Soil that is too muddy after spring thaw can harden, making it difficult for plants to flourish later on. Speak with representatives at a local lawn and garden center about which types of amendments you can add to the soil in your particular area to enrich it.

• Lawn and garden experts at The Home Depot suggest filling in bare patches of lawn now by mixing a few shovel-

fuls of soil with grass seed. Then apply this patch to the bare areas, water, and continue to care for the area until the spot fills in.

• Spend a day in the garage or shed tending to the lawn mower and other gardening equipment. Clean all tools and ensure that everything works, repairing parts as needed.

• Give outdoor entertaining spaces a good scrubbing, clearing away dirt and grime that may have accumulated over the winter. Use a leaf blower to blow away any leftover leaves.

• Check if the front porch, railings or decking need painting and/or staining. Tackle these projects when the weather is cooler so everything will be ready for those peak spring days.

• Think about any annuals you might want to plant in the landscape this year that will complement any existing shrubbery or perennials. Come up with a theme so that the entire yard is cohesive.

Before homeowners know it, winter is gone and it is time to once again enjoy long days spent outdoors. Get a jump start on spring lawn prep as soon as you can.

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Must-haves for an amazing kitchen remodel

Kitchen remodels are among the most popular home renovation projects, whether they consist of swapping out cabinet hardware or doing major demolition.

Due to the sheer amount of time families spend in the kitchen, not to mention the number of tasks performed in this space, it is easy to see why Remodeling magazine consistently ranks kitchen renovations as projects that will enable homeowners to recoup a high percentage of their investments. In the magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report, midrange major kitchen remodels costing an average of \$63,829 recouped 59 percent of that investment.

When investing in a kitchen project, it is important to incorporate items that are coveted.

- **Deep, double sinks:** Having a double sink enables you to soak dishes in one side and then wash on the other. It also makes it easy to wash and prep produce for meals.

- **Kitchen island and bar stools:** Even though many meals are enjoyed around the table, there's something to be said for the convenience of a kitchen island and some well-placed bar stools for quick breakfasts or snacks.

- **Smart kitchen storage:** Work with a contractor to include storage solutions built into cabinetry and the pantry. Slide-out shelving,

nooks for a paper towel roll and custom-designed areas to store stand mixers and other necessities can make kitchens more functional.

- **Outdoor access:** If possible, design a kitchen so it is easy to access the backyard via sliding doors. This can make outdoor entertaining or even coffee on the deck much easier.

- **Under-cabinet lighting:** Fixtures installed under cabinets provide both ambient lighting and task lighting. Such lighting makes it easier to see what you're working on as well, as even well-placed overhead lighting can fail to illuminate dark corners and spots on the counters.

- **Convenient warming drawer:** This appliance provides backup to the oven. It's a slide-out drawer that can keep prepared foods out of the way and warm until they are ready to be served. This is particularly handy for holidays and other entertaining.

- **Beverage station:** Designate one area of the kitchen to beverages, such as coffee and tea. Or make the area an informal bar. This can limit traffic in the kitchen to a single area.

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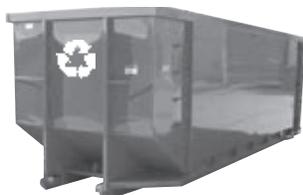


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How to save up for your first home

Home ownership is a dream for people across the globe. Many people save for years before buying their first homes, squirreling away every dollar they can with the hopes they can one day become homeowners.

But thanks to factors beyond their control, even the most devoted savers can sometimes feel like their dream of home ownership may never come true. According to the Pew Research Center, American workers' paychecks are larger than they were 40 years ago, but their purchasing power is essentially the same. Things aren't much different in Canada, where analysis from Statistics Canada and the Bank of Canada has shown that, since 2015, wage growth in Canada has been weaker than in the United States.

Various challenges can make it difficult to buy a home. However, some simple strategies can help prospective home buyers build their savings as they

move closer to the day when they can call themselves "homeowners."

- Determine where your money is going. If you're finding it hard to grow your savings, audit your monthly expenses to determine where your money is going. Using exclusively debit or credit cards can simplify this process, as all you need to do is log into your accounts and see how your money was spent over a given period. If you routinely use cash to pay for items, even just to buy coffee on the way to work, keep a notepad handy so you can jot down each expense. Do this for a month and then examine how you spent your money. Chances are you will see various ways to save, and you can then redirect that money into your savings account.

- Become a more savvy grocery shopper. Another great way to save more money is to alter something you already do each month: grocery shopping. If you haven't already, sign up for discount

clubs at your local grocer. This is a largely effortless way for shoppers, especially those buying food for families, to save considerable amounts of money. Shopping sales at competing grocery stores also can save money.

- Dine in more often. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that Americans spend, on average, 6 percent of their household budgets on food. However, the USDA also notes that Americans spend 5 percent of their disposable income on dining out. If these figures mirror your spending habits, you can nearly cut your food spending in half by dining out less frequently. That might be a sacrifice for foodies, but it can get you that much closer to buying your own home.

Saving enough money to purchase your first home is a worthy effort that can be made easier by employing a few budget-friendly strategies.

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