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Long-lasting language

THE MINOR DETAILS
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"Daddy, I think she is talking in Spanish."

My wife and I were watching a second season episode of "Fuller House," on Netflix last weekend (don't judge me, bad sitcoms are a guilty pleasure), and my son walked and noticed one of the characters speaking in a foreign language (it might have been Italian, but to a child, every foreign language is "Spanish"). With his limited experience learning Spanish at school and at home (I've tried to pass on what I know for basic conversation — now's the time!), he's been catching times in life when English is not being spoken.

Earlier that morning, he was not feeling too well, and was sick to his stomach, so he was in the process of recovery. I sat down at my compute to put in some work cleaning out e-mails, and chuckled when he asked me, "Daddy, what's Spanish for 'I'm not sick anymore?'"

Now, if you are a former high school Spanish teacher of mine, you might want to shield your eyes at this next part — but I had no idea how to translate for him. I took four years of Spanish in high school from four different awesome teachers. I learned quite a bit. I was even in the Spanish Honor Society as a senior. That year was also the last time I ever spent any time learning Spanish. I kind of regret that. Everything I learned in those four years essentially went down the drain as the years went on.

I mentioned a Netflix show earlier on, but another one I recently watched was a former CBS show called "Limitless," based on the recent Bradley Cooper movie of the same name. In it, a special drug called NZT allows people to access every part of their brain. Every memory back as far as the brain functions is remembered with absolute clarity. Every word of a previously read book can be recalled with a thought. Skills can be virtually downloaded with one pass through. As you can tell, in this fictional world, such a powerful drug creates many problems for our protagonist.

Anyway, all of that flashed through my head as I struggled to remember what "sick" translated to in Spanish. I tried my best to dust off the archives labeled "Spanish" in my brain, but the archives were buried too deeply beneath the avalanche created by 15 years of life. I had nothing. Even now, as I write this, I struggle to get anything more coherent than "Donde esta la biblioteca? (Where is the library?)" or "Me gusta las hamburguesas (I like hamburgers)."

There are many other random words that I have somehow remembered, like coche (car), casa (house), deportes (sports), pantalones (pants), the days of the week, most colors, and most all of the numbers. The more complex, sentence-building words, with verb conjugations and past, present and future tenses, are just completely gone. All of it would have come in handy when I was in El Salvador eight years ago, but unfortunately, even then I was so out of practice, I had to heavily lean on a translator to get anything done.

So flash forward back to last weekend. I can only hope that my son retains what he learns of whatever foreign language(s) he can absorb. He certainly is starting a lot earlier than I did!

By the way, the answer to "I'm not sick anymore" is: "Ya no estoy enfermo." Thank you, Google Translate. And to my old Spanish teachers, I apologize. Lo siento.

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THE YEAR THAT WAS

File photo

This issue of the Charlton Villager is the last regular edition of the calendar year, as next week's paper (Dec. 23) will be a special "Sports Year in Photos" publication. The week after that (Dec. 30) will be our annual "Stonebridge Press Year in Photos." We will return with our regular coverage in our Jan. 6, 2017 edition. From all of us here at Stonebridge Press — Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Coats for a cause

BAY PATH TEAMS UP WITH EVANGELIDIS FOR ANNUAL COLLECTION

Photo courtesy Kimberly Roy

Members of the Interact Club posed with Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, who visited Bay Path to recognize the efforts the Interact Club made during the annual coat drive. The Interact Club had collected an astonishing 400.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The Worcester County Sheriff's Office spent Wednesday, Nov. 30, and Thursday, Dec. 1, traveling around Worcester County, distributing winter coats to organizations and people in need. The coats were all donated from local organization, clubs and individuals, including the Interact club at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Earlier in the month, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis visited Interact to give them recognition for all of the hard work they put in. The coats collected by Interact and all the other donors helped provide coats for people who would otherwise not be able to afford it on their own.

If you've never heard

Please Read **COAT DRIVE,** page **A12**

New charter school to hold enrollment lottery

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School is now accepting application for its enrollment lottery. After a rocky start, the charter school — which has partnered with EL Education — has made a few modifications to their application process, most notably a change in the towns that are considered in the school's district.

The hands-on project-based school now includes the towns of Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Holland, Monson, Palmer, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Wales and Webster. The towns of Dudley, Charlton, West Brookfield and Warren have been eliminated from the district.

OSV Charter School has been working with the Department of Primary and Secondary Education to find the neediest school systems in the district. Six of the schools included in the district are deemed underperforming in the state, four (Southbridge, Palmer, North Brookfield and Leicester) are in the lowest 10 percent, said OSV Senior Vice President Deb Friedman.

The OSV Charter School will give an "alternative education" to families within those communities, "espe-

Please Read **CHARTER SCHOOL,** page **A12**

Jack Carney, 3, loved seeing Santa Clause. He even got to high five him.

SANTA COMES TO TOWN … FOR BREAKFAST

Olivia Richman photos

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Education Foundation held its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast early morning on Saturday, Dec. 10. *For more photos, turn to page A8!*

Eight-year-old Caleb Turpin and sister Gracie, 5, posed with their pancakes

Southbridge native wins Navy recruiting award

Photo courtesy Burrell Parmer

Southbridge native Raymond Gonzalez, second from left, was presented with the Recruiter of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year Awards last month. He is pictured with Commander Jeffrey Reynolds, NRD Executive Officer, Commander Karen Muntean, NRD Commanding Officer, and Master Chief Petty Officer Eric Mayes, NRD Command Master Chief.

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Southbridge native Petty Officer 2nd Class Raymond Gonzalez was presented with the Recruiter of the Year and Junior Sailor of the Year Awards on Nov. 17. Assigned to Navy Recruiting Station McAllen, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio, Texas, Gonzalez was also rewarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Gonzalez, a 2007 graduate of Southbridge High School, said he has a lot of Southbridge — and Pioneer — pride. It was his time in

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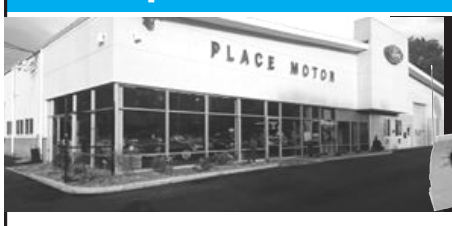

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CPL craft fair a popular destination

Olivia Richman photos

CHARLTON — The Friends of the Charlton Public Library held their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3. An always popular and well-received craft fair, the crowds were drawn to the unique homemade items, beautiful artwork and fun gift ideas available throughout the three floors of the library. All of the proceeds from the Craft Fair went back to the Friends, who provide funds to the library for events, programs, supplies and anything else the library may need that goes beyond the available budget.

Pat Beland, pictured with granddaughter Beth Dreitlein, had her handmade lawn ornaments and home decorations for sale.

Gregg Dreitlien sold handmade cornhole boards at the craft fair.

The Craft Fair also featured a silent auction. The most popular item was a quilt donated by vendor Susan Burns.

It was Susan Burns' first craft fair in years. The quilter is pictured with her daughter Maura Burns.

"I've always loved sewing," said Kerry Durwood, pictured with daughter Bridget. Durwood was selling baby bibs and other baby gear at the craft fair.

Friends of the Charlton Public Library member Nicole Messier was very excited for the Friends' second annual Craft Fair.

Dale Barsamain sold original art, crafts and jewelry. She said: "This is a great, well-lit space for a craft fair!"

Jennifer Wall of Mama Bear Makes sold bath products a the craft fair.

Lauren Valentin and Erica Clarke of Stellar Stitching have been working together on handmade clothing items for three years.

After teaching science for 38 years, retired Bob Giustina said he needed something to do. His solution? Creating bird houses and home décor out of wood.

Claudyne Pearson sold homemade scarves.

One of the most unique vendors, Curtis Emerson sold handmade wood bowls and utensils.

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Handbell Christmas Concert delights at local church

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BRIMFIELD — The Brimfield Bells Memorial Handbell Choir held their annual Handbell Christmas Concert at the Brimfield Congregational Church on Dec. 8. The 10 members performed holiday music, including "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Santa Bells." The well-attended concert was followed by a reception. Founded in 2004 by Vivian Wells and Paul Watson, the choir performs to benefit the Songs Of Love Foundation, which has a mission to create an original personalized song for any child with a serious illness.

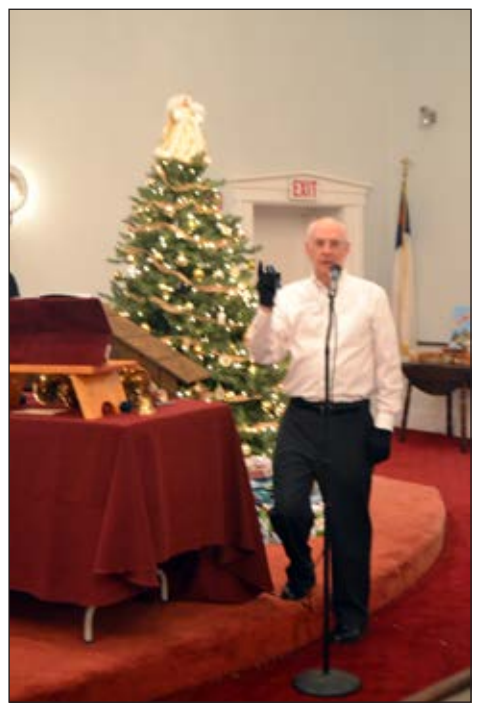
Brimfield Congregational Church was packed with people for the Brimfield Bells Memorial Handbell Choir's annual Christmas concert.

The Brimfield Bells performed "Ring Jubilee" by Susan E. Geschke as the final song in the concert.

The 10 members of the handbells choir include: Linda Wetson, Debbie Dunbar, Pam Moriarty, Janice Ludemann, Robin Jenks, Ruth Bys, Diane Nichols, Elizabeth Sutton, Amy Willard and Bob Willis.

The choir performed "Trumpet Voluntary" by Jeremiah Clarke.

While the bell choir is more than just ringing bells, the Brimfield Bells said they are always looking for new members and "all you need to know is how to count to four." The members will teach interested musicians all they need to know.



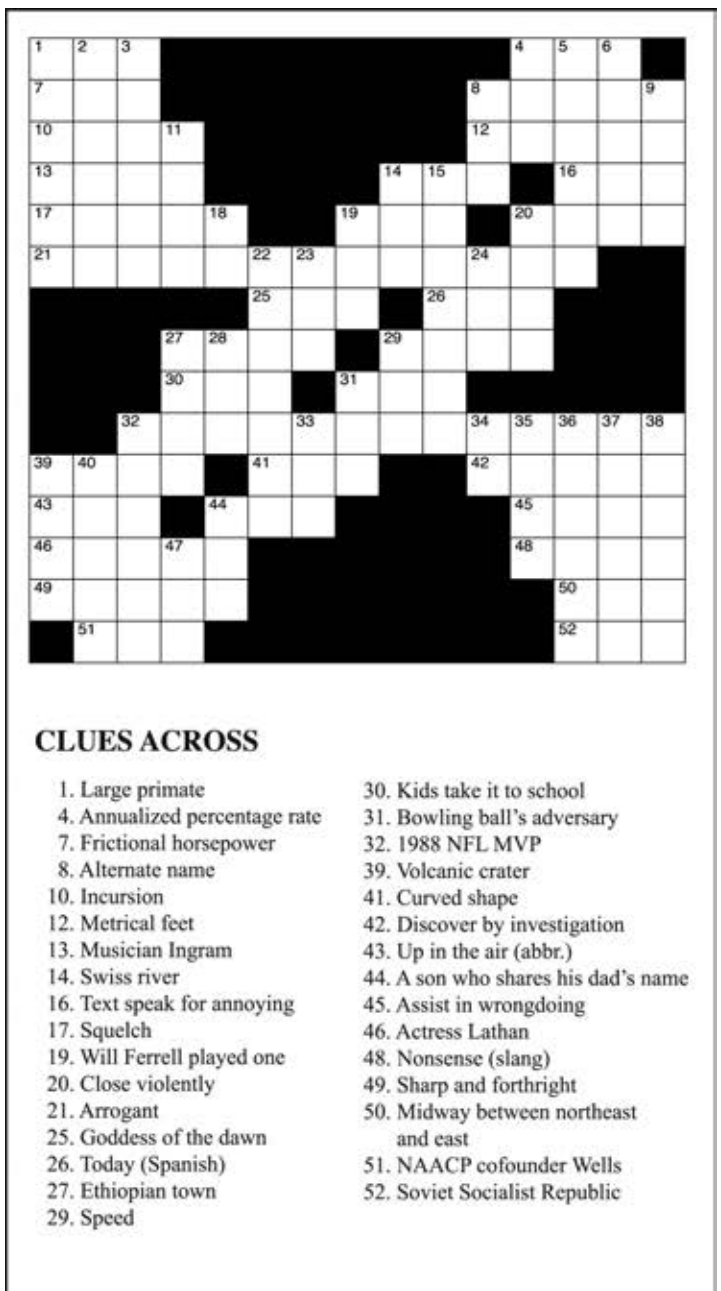
Director Bob Willis discussed some of the music on the program between each performance.

The holiday-themed concert was a great way for people to get into the Christmas spirit.

"Santa Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" were familiar and fun songs for the audience to listen to.

The music was relaxing and beautiful and kept the audience enthralled throughout the concert.

The audience clapped enthusiastically between each song on the program.



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4. Annualized percentage rate
7. Frictional horsepower
8. Alternate name
10. Incursion
12. Metrical feet
13. Musician Ingram
14. Swiss river
16. Text speak for annoying
17. Squelch
19. Will Ferrell played one
20. Close violently
21. Arrogant
25. Goddess of the dawn
26. Today (Spanish)
27. Ethiopian town
29. Speed
30. Kids take it to school
31. Bowling ball's adversary
32. 1988 NFL MVP
39. Volcanic crater
41. Curved shape
42. Discover by investigation
43. Up in the air (abbr.)
44. A son who shares his dad's name
45. Assist in wrongdoing
46. Actress Lathan
48. Nonsense (slang)
49. Sharp and forthright
50. Midway between northeast and east
51. NAACP cofounder Wells
52. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Again
2. Erectile organs
3. Concluding speech
4. Pie _ __ mode
5. With pustules
6. Muslim calendar month
8. Need it to live
9. Thailand
11. Container to serve food
14. Boxing great
15. Woolen blankets
18. Expresses surprise
19. Emergency medical services
20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid
22. Reporter
23. Arrived extinct
24. Ad __
27. Academic bill of rights
28. A pair
29. Pumpkin and apple are examples
31. China
32. Made illegal
33. Be mistaken
34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"
35. Semite
36. Martens with short tails
37. Large bodies of water
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39. Dough used in Latin American cuisine
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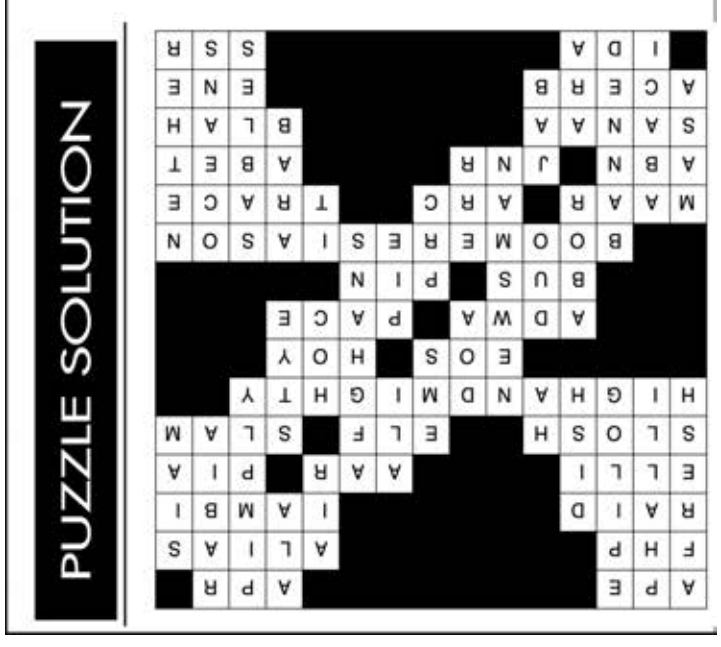
47. Macaw



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Smola, Gobi announce grant for Opacum Land Trust

BOSTON — Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren) and Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) are pleased to announce that the Opacum Land Trust has been awarded a Conservation Partnership Grant in the amount of $85,000.

These funds will be used to protect a 76-acre parcel of woodland that is adjacent to Brimfield State Forest and also provide an additional entry point to the forest.

"The Opacum Land Trust is a tremendous asset to our community," said Smola. "It's great to know that this property will be protected and enjoyed by local residents for many years to come."

"The first land trust was founded over 100 years ago right here in New England, and the many others since, throughout the region, have played an indispensable role in protecting open spaces of all kinds," said Gobi, Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture. "The Opacum Land Trust is a major part of that mission and I am thrilled that they have received support from the state to continue the great conservationist work that they do."

Conservation Partnership Grants assist not-for-profit corporations in acquiring lands suitable for conservation or recreation purposes. All projects funded through these grants must provide access to the public. Conservation Partnership Grants are awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.

Senior center's Cookie Swap a sweet treat for the holidays

Each participant's assortment of cookies was wrapped up in festive gift-wrap for the holidays.

Olivia Richman photos

BRIMFIELD — The Brimfield Senior Center's third annual Cookie Swap was a blast. On Friday, Dec. 9, Senior Center members gathered to trade homemade cookies. The popular event allows participants to bring in three dozen of one cookie, but leave with three-dozen of a variety of cookies. The festive feeling and sharing of family recipes makes the Cookie Swap a great holiday celebration.

Event goers had a smorgasbord of cookies to pick from at the Cookie Swap.

"You get such a great variety!" said Gerri Kropika.

Patti Emerson brought her Italian biscotti to the Cookie Swap.

Jackie Dong made nine-dozen cookies for the Cookie Swap: Sugar cookies, pumpkin cookies and Cool Whip cookies. "The Cool Whip cookies are really good!" she said.

Senior Center Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Sutton said she loves the Cookie Swap because of the cookies. She said: "I love the mingling, the sharing, the happiness…"

Joan Demers has been running the Cookie Swap for the past three years. Said Demers: "It's such a festive thing! It is!"

"I love the energy and all of the different cookies you end up with," said Activities Director Lila Brady. "Everyone just loves it!"

Judy Hitchcock said she loves the Cookie Swap because of the friendship and community surrounding the event.

The Cookie Swap is not only for collecting cookies, but meeting with friends.

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Holland Elementary hosts PTO Craft Fair

Olivia Richman photos

HOLLAND — The Holland Elementary School was filled with homemade crafts, jewelry, toys and clothing and other unique gifts and creations for the annual PTO Craft Fair on Sunday, Dec. 11. All of the profits from the craft fair went to student activity funds.

Amanda Arnberg and her mother Justyne Smith of Bay Path crafters provided a unique twist on a wreath.

"I love doing this for the kid," said Caroline Abercrombie, of Huggable Snugglies. Children were able to stuff their own plushes.

"I started with just cat scarves," said Martha McCormick. "Then puppies... Then snakes!"

People attending the craft fair saw a large variety of items that would make great gifts for people on their list.

Members of the Holland PTO served a variety of food at the craft fair.

Sarah Maguire has been crocheting for 10 years.

Joanie Robbins sold holiday bottle lights, great for the festive season.

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Bay Path hosts Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast

Student Council members Jiliana Marrero, Morgan Girard and Samantha LaPage dressed as elves for the Pancake Breakfast.

Olivia Richman photos

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Education Foundation held its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast early morning on Saturday, Dec. 10. Families poured into the school for a delicious pancake dinner and the chance to meet Santa Claus and get a professional photo taken with him. With caroling, "Frozen" characters, Jake from the Bravehearts and crafts, the fundraiser was a huge success and a blast for all the children. The money raised at the event went towards Education Foundation's scholarship fundraisers and tools for the 2017 graduating seniors and faculty mini-grads.

Jen Landry, Gabby and Connor Thebeau posed with Santa Claus.

Colton, Cody and Owen Porter enjoyed the "delicious" breakfast.

The Verham family couldn't wait to see Santa Claus.

Richard and Valerie Daoust brought their granddaughters Charlotte and Olivia to see Santa Claus.

"We are having a great time!" said Christine Iandoli, pictured with her equally festive daughter Carmen.

Student council members sang some Christmas tunes for the families enjoying their breakfast.

Kalie Anctil, 10, asked Santa Claus for an iPod and a winter coat.

Brianna Hicks had fun with Jake from the Bravehearts.

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Busy craft fair season continues at Federated Church

Olivia Richman photos

STURBRIDGE — Saturday, Dec. 3 was one of the busiest days for craft fairs in the area, with more than five craft fairs taking place that morning. The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale's Holly Berry Craft Fair was the talk of the town that morning, as craft fair goers discussed which fairs they had already attended. The festive fair included holiday gift ideas galore, making it a fun experience for anyone looking to check people off of their list.

Barbara Karpowich has been selling handmade snowmen for over 19 years.

Ware residents Mary Elen Midura and Carol Gancorz sold "Concrete Critters."

Mike and Cynthia Sargentelli have been making wood crafts together for years.

Connie Savoie and Jeanne Dawber sold homemade crafts and mittens. The two have been friends for over 70 years!

Kasey Jones and Althea Vincent with their grandfather Brian Jones, who was selling handmade postcards at the craft fair.

Michelle Connors isn't new to crafting. When she heard of the upcoming craft fair she tried to think of something new to bring to the table. She started making cute snowmen out of socks.

Barbara Steadman has been knitting since she was 12. Her homemade sweaters were a huge hit at the craft fair.

Mother and daughter duo Pat and Julie Fabbri created polymer clay ornaments with knitted caps, just in time for the holidays.

The church kept the rooms festive with holiday decorations. Many of the vendors were also in holiday-themed attire, making the atmosphere even more fun.

Church member Janet Rae-Sinanian (left) and Tanja Pevner were excited to be a part of the church's fifth annual craft fair.

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OPINION

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Antiques and the holidays

Courtesy photo

A few of the many coins in our Jan. 26 auction.

Antiques, Collectibles & Estates

Wayne Tuiskula

I hope that all of you are enjoying the holiday season! There are some great buying opportunities to those of you choosing to purchase vintage items as gifts. There are many local antique shops offering discounts and special events where you can find a unique gift for the people on your list. You can find information and websites for local antique shops on the website antiquecommon.com.

There are also a number of events where you can take part in an old fashioned Christmas. Hopefully, some of you were able to attend the event at Denholm's department store in Worcester. The store was opened in 1870 selling dry goods. It closed in 1974 but a night at the store was recreated by Preservation Worcester on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Old Sturbridge Village is celebrating "Christmas by Candlelight." It is described as "an evening filled with New England holiday traditions, live musical performances, storytelling, sleigh rides, festive foods, a roaring bonfire, and strolls around the decorated Village Common." There will also be holiday craft workshop, model train display, nightly tree lighting and a gingerbread house contest. See osvchristmas.org for more details.

If you are willing to travel a little there are other holiday events taking place. Mystic Seaport's Lantern Light Tours are billed as "A New England Holiday Tradition." This year's performance is a 70 minute set on Christmas Eve in 1876 that is inspired by "The Nutcracker." The performance takes place as the audience walks through the "cobblestone, wood planking, grass, gravel, and stairs" at the popular attraction. Details can be found at www.mysticseaport.org.

The Fall River Historical Museum celebrates the holidays by decorating with "award-winning Christmas trees," one of which hangs upside down from the ceiling. Their display has been featured in Victorian Homes magazine and on television. Other events including "Victorian High Tea in Easton Tea Room" are also scheduled. See lizzieborden.org for details.

If you'd like to ring in the New Year with something old, the 3rd Annual Sturbridge Antique Show is offering a New Year's Eve reception and early viewing. The New Year's Eve event offers early viewing from 6 to 8 p.m., along with entertainment and a cash bar. The New Year's Day show runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Up to 75 dealers and exhibitors are expected. See sturbridgeantiqueshow.com for details.

We have many events already scheduled for the winter and spring. We have been picking up quality items for our Jan. 26 auction which will take place in Worcester. I will be appraising items at a fundraiser for the Athol American Legion on Jan. 14. I will also be lecturing on antiques for the Greendale Retired Men's Club at the Greendale YMCA in Worcester on March 1. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will be held at Bay Path in Charlton on March 6. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information on these and other upcoming events.

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YMCA ANNOUNCES NEW TRUSTEES

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SOUTHBRIDGE — The Tri-Community YMCA proudly announces the appointment of four new members who will serve on its Board of Trustees — from left, Stacy Anger Jarvis, Lisa Mason, Eric Cooley, Lismarie Collazo.

To the Editor

Thanks for making food basket giveaway a success

To the Editor:

Once again, I would like to express thanks and pride for how our Tri-Community (Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton) helped us provide Thanksgiving food baskets to families that needed a little help this year.

There is no greater joy than serving and giving joy and hope to people who could use a lift anytime of the year, but especially during the holiday season. Our group (four churches) with help from several local businesses, organizations and generous Tri-Community families, were able to provide more than 400 families with a turkey and all the fixings to go with it — including a few extras. In addition, some extra food we collected went to four places serving community dinners in our Tri-Community. We received hugs and words of thankfulness and praise from the families receiving the food.

So, I wanted you to know about the families you helped with your donations and to share the rewards of giving and serving. Some folks even offered to help us with standouts at markets next year if we are able to continue this ministry yearly.

We had an elderly man who donated a jar of gravy and said, "This is all I can give, but I want to help in some way."

One of the volunteers asked if we could bless him with a basket. He replied, "No, thank you. We have all we need."

We had a group of teens at a couple of stores collecting food who made comments about how they couldn't believe how many people gave so much food, and how much joy they got learning to serve as they collected it. They were very happy that they had helped.

Special thanks go out to Southbridge Savings Bank, Southbridge Savers Bank, Southbridge Credit Union, Southbridge Rotary Club, Sturbridge Rotary Club, Southbridge Tool & Manufacturing, Cormier Jewelers, Stonebridge Press, Southbridge Fire Department, Southbridge Police Department, Morin Jewelers, Expert Laser Services, Big Bunny Market, Shaw's Supermarket, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Elm St. Congregational Church, St. John Paul II Food Pantry. A few others donated but wished not to be mentioned publicly. We couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you.

It's my prayer that God will bless each of you and you'll have a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Cathy Chernisky
Chairman, Tri-Community Church Collaborative

Home prices on the rise

Realtor's Report

James Black

Home prices are higher than they were at the peak of the market.

Yes, you read that correctly — home prices are higher than they were 10 years ago. Keep in mind these are national numbers so different areas in the country have had different levels of growth. In Worcester County over the past 6 months, we have an average sales price for a single-family home of $301,232 vs. $330,280 over the same period 10 years ago. Which equates to about an 8.8 percent drop. I think those number can be skewed a little though.

In 2006 there was a lot of new construction and buyers pay a premium for new construction homes and due to the market crashes the builders and lenders have been more skeptical about doing many large scale projects thus resulting in a higher percentage of resale home, so in reality I think the percentage change is actually much lower. The other piece of date that is interesting is that in 2006 it was taking on average 82 days to get an offer on a home and today it is 46 days. Also, the list price to sales price ratio in 2006 was 97 percent while it is 99 percent today. Many of these numbers are driven by the lack of building and less people putting there homes up for sale resulting in buyers entering multiple offer situations and bidding higher than they would have otherwise but they need a place to live.

I also decided to just go a little east into Middlesex County and the number for days to offer went from 71 in 2006 to 34 in 2016 and the list price to sales price ratio went from 97 percent to 100 percent. The really interesting data is that the average sales price was $560,082 in 2006 and today it is $636,402 or a 13.6 percent increase from 2006. This tells me there are definitely plenty of areas where people could make a profit that bought in the time that was considered the peak.

The other thing to consider when thinking about the housing prices coming back to their previous values is that we have not factored in inflation because the cost of many other items have increased so if you bought for $1 in 2006 may be more like $1.20 in 2016. If you are thinking of selling your home don't assume you can get the price your home was valued in 2006 but depending on the location it is a possibility. I recommend having a realtor do a comparative market analysis on your home if you want to know where you stand.

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Here's your retirement 'to do' list

Financial Focus

Jeff Burdick

At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual – so you may have assembled an impressive "to do" list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future – but have you ever thought of developing a "to do" list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement?

If not, you may want to think about it – and here are a few list-worthy items to consider:

Examine – and re-examine – your planned retirement age. You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.

Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle. When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses – and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules. It isn't enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans – you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 1/2, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is "required" – if you don't withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50 percent rate.

Review your health care situation. When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you'll want to become familiar with what it does – and doesn't – cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

Think about long-term care. One service that Medicare doesn't cover – or, at best, covers only minimally – is long-term care. If you faced an extended stay in a nursing home, the costs could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.

Develop your estate plans. Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents – such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. – so you'll want to work with a legal professional to ensure you're making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement "to do" list will eventually get "done." And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.

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Holiday helps and hints

Take the Hint

Karen Trainor

Decking your halls for the yuletide? With the hustle and bustle of the season, it can be a challenge to find the time to get everything done — never mind having to deal with some common holiday nuisances. Read on for some hints to halt the hassles and keep merry!

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If you're using old-fashioned silver tinsel icicles on your tree, prevent the static cling by putting the box in the freezer for half an hour before hanging them ~ no more clumps!

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Organize your spools of gift-wrapping ribbon by stacking them on an upright paper towel holder. Tangles are gone and you can see what you have at a glance!

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And if you use your festive candles year after year, here's how to revive their color and luster: Just wipe them down with a little dab of olive oil and buff to a nice sheen.

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Or simply spray the dull candles with furniture polish and wipe well.

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To prevent candles that are stored in off-season from warping, store them flat in a dark, dry place.

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When using candles on a dining room or kitchen table, make sure the candles are unscented. This way the scent won't interfere with the food you're serving.

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Here's an oldie but goodie: Freeze candles for one hour to make them burn longer, drip less.

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Clump-free Tinsel: Keep tinsel icicles from clinging together by sticking them in the freezer for half an hour before you hang them.

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Organized Wrapping: Keep holiday ribbon on an upright paper towel holder for easy access. It's a great way to sort your ribbon, even out of season.

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Did you know? Smell is the most potent of our senses. If your house smells like Christmas, your visitors will feel doubly welcomed. For a quick pine fragrance, simply sprinkle your carpets with a pine scented carpet freshener before vacuuming.

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Recycle Tree Trims: No matter how carefully you choose your fresh tree, branches often have to be trimmed. The good news is, the fragrant needles from pruned branches can be recycled into festive favors:

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Scented Sachets: Balsam pine needles are the stuff pricey pine pillows are made of. String tied muslin bags of pine needles are top sellers at gift shops. To whip up a festive balsam "pouch," cut two rectangles of fabric from wool or flannel (old flannel shirt material is ideal). Depending upon how many needles you have, you can stuff small sachet pillows nice and tight with ground up needles, adding a drop of balsam essential oil for good measure. For finely ground needles, you will need a net or double flannel lining to prevent the grindings from escaping. To finish it off, use an elastic band to tie off the top. Wrap a festive ribbon around it and glue on a tiny pinecone or two.

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Pine Pillows: If you don't have an abundance of fallen needles, you can still capture the scent of balsam. Fill a cheesecloth or net pouch with the tips of Christmas tree branches. Add some polyfill stuffing, and sprinkle in a few drops of pine or balsam essential oil. Secure open end shut. Stuff the cheesecloth filled pouch into a travel size zippered pillowcase. Add polyfill as well as a few more drops of essential oil. Be sure to use enough stuffing so pillow is stuffed solid, yet still soft.

Note: Balsam pillows and sachets have long been given as a gesture of friendship so they make the ideal holiday hostess gift.

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Pine Potpourri: Wish you could retain that delightful pine scent of your Christmas tree? This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year!

Mix together: 1/2 cup bayberry leaves; 1/2 cup snipped balsam needles; 1/2 cup miniature pine cones; 1/2 cup rose hips; 2 tsp. orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil.

Combine the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid.

Note: To rejuvenate and extend your pine potpourri, try this economical trick: Put some ground corncob material (sold as cellulose or litter material at the pet store) in a jar. Add several drops of essential oil, place lid on jar and shake. Shake the jar every day for about a week or so. Add it to your potpourri, to give it body and hold the scent.

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Disability unemployment rate scandalous at 70 percent

Guest Commentary

Gary Blumenthal, ADDP

I really want to be happy that last month the U.S. unemployment rate reached a nine-year low of 4.6 percent, with Massachusetts doing even better with a 3.3 percent unemployment rate. But behind those impressive numbers are some less thrilling numbers suggesting that whole categories of people are shut out of our recovering economy.

For African Americans, the unemployment rate remains double the average U.S. rate at over 8 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and youth unemployment exceeds 10 percent. Political leaders are aware and sensitive to these disparities and have in place a variety of programs to help ameliorate these inequities.

However well-intentioned state and national leaders are about helping people have jobs, our leaders seem less focused on the scandalous rate of unemployment impacting people with disabilities, where the rate of joblessness exceeds over 70 percent.

Our culture and economic system stresses the value of work. We measure the success of our children with their ability to contribute to their own support by graduating from school, finding a job and using their own income to address their own needs. Whether we admit it or not, our culture looks down on people who don't make an effort to work.

If you are a person with a disability you face a horrendous paradox. Discriminatory stereotypes make it hard to convince employers of your value, while institutional barriers make it difficult to enable you to get a job. Transportation, health care, housing, job training and individual supports are difficult to navigate for all people, even more so for individuals with disabilities.

For the intellectual and developmental disabilities community, the employment crisis continues year after year with no end in sight. There is a continuous erosion of support from the very leaders whose help is desperately needed.

There are hundreds and thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who want to join the work force, however in Massachusetts, the Commonwealth is closing doors related to employment rather than expanding employment opportunities.

For all the right reasons, including a tremendous decline in piece-work options, the Commonwealth closed all of its sheltered workshops, with the promise of expanding more inclusive employment and meaningful day opportunities for people with I/DD. However, that promise was painfully undermined by the state cutting funding for developmental disability job programs, while expecting these programs to accomplish significant increased outcomes with a deep budget reduction.

So rather than increasing job placements or meaningful day activities, people with developmental disabilities remain mired in underfunded programs that can't meet all of their needs, while our unemployment numbers continue in the 70th percentiles, as others celebrate low unemployment records.

Gov. Charlie Baker has the opportunity to address this scandal in his developing FY 18 budget by restoring developmental disability job and meaningful day funding. The Commonwealth claims its supports "Community First" and "Employment First" for people with disabilities. I'm looking forward to seeing the governor put the state's money behind its values in his upcoming budget.

Gary Blumenthal is the president and CEO of the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers in Framingham.

The Center of Hope Foundation is a member of ADDP and the Arc, a state and national organization supporting people with intellectual disabilities for over 60 years.

I would like to add that our local Arc, here in Central Mass is tasked with finding employment options for over 200 people who want to have meaningful and productive work. If you would like to learn how you can employ a person with a disability or use our 14 small business services that also employ people of all abilities, please contact Cindy at the Center of Hope Foundation, Inc. at cindy@thecenterofhope.org or at 508-764-4085. We encourage our community to tour the Center and learn about the benefits of hiring someone with a disability.

- Cindy Howard, Executive Vice-President/ COO, Center of Hope Foundation Inc., Southbridge, contributed to this report

School Menus

SHEPHERD HILL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, cheese croissant, minestrone soup, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken fajita wrap, peppers/onions, sour cream, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Thursday, Dec. 22: Roast turkey, mashed potato, carrots/roll, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Friday, Dec. 23: Meatball grinder, salad, fruit, variety of sandwiches

CHARLTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, cheese croissant, minestrone soup, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken fajita wrap, peppers/onions, sour cream, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Thursday, Dec. 22: Roast turkey, mashed potato, carrots/roll, fruit, variety of sandwiches

Friday, Dec. 23: Meatball grinder, salad, fruit, variety of sandwiches

CHARLTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 19: Cheeseburger, whole grain roll, potato, fruit

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Meatball grinder, whole grain roll, vegetable soup, fruit

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Nachos guacamole, salsa/cheese/meat, three bean salad, fruit

Thursday, Dec. 22: Roast turkey, mashed potato, carrots, fruit

Friday, Dec. 23: Macaroni and cheese, carrots, whole grain roll, fruit

BAY PATH

BREAKFAST

Monday, Dec. 19: Pancakes with mixed berries, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Ham, egg and cheese croissant, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Scrambled eggs, bacon, whole-wheat toast, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Thursday, Dec. 22: French toast with syrup, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz. fruit juice, fruit variety

Friday, Dec. 23: Assorted bagel, assorted cream cheese, 4 oz. yogurt, 4 oz., fruit juice, fruit variety

LUNCH

Monday, Dec. 19: Teriyaki chicken, vegetable fried rice, mixed vegetables, fortune cookie, fruit variety

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, baked hash brown, cucumber salad, fruit variety

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Roast pork with mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed carrots, whole-wheat dinner roll, fruit variety

Thursday, Dec. 22: Assorted calzones, an assortment of calzones filled with meats, veggies and cheese, marinara dipping sauce, tossed salad, fruit variety

Friday, Dec. 23: BBQ pulled pork on a whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato fries, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit variety.

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Monday, Dec. 19: Chicken Mornay, couscous, Roman blend vegetables, applesauce

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Meatloaf and gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, jardinière vegetables, strawberries with shipped cream, diet = strawberries

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Turkey a la King, wild rice, Brussels sprouts, rice pudding, diet = diet tapioca

Thursday, Dec. 22: Holiday Meal — Chicken with sage stuffing, chicken gravy, sour cream chive potatoes, peas and carrots, carrot cake, diet = chocolate mousse

Friday, Dec. 23: Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, fresh fruit

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 academic year for students eligible for Kindergarten through Grade 3. Give your child a unique educational experience and be a part of this pioneering opportunity. The Academy offers education in partnership with EL Education, which provides high-achieving and engaging learning environments. Free public information sessions are planned on the following dates and locations, all are welcome:

• Tuesday, Dec. 27, Old Sturbridge Village Fuller Conference Center, Sturbridge, at 10 a.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 28, Old Sturbridge Village Fuller Conference Center, Sturbridge at 10 a.m.

• Thursday, Jan. 5, Monson Free Library, Monson at 6:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Jan. 10, North Village Community Room, 18 Village Way, Webster, 3:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 18, North Village Community Room, 18 Village Way, Webster, 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.osacps.org.

READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

Bay Path Interact Club collects coats for sheriff

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of Interact, it's because the program just started this year. There are currently 10 members.

Said Mathematics teacher and advisor Jennifer Reil: "We have a great group. It may not be a lot, but the students we have are truly dedicated. They are awesome. I've never really experienced a group of kids like this, who just put their whole self into every single project we've done so far. It's amazing."

While students have to be elected into the National Honors Society, Interact only requires that students attend two consecutive meetings. They don't have to be elected or be honors students. They just have to want to get together and help others, said Reil. So it's not a surprise that the students were quick to jump on board when they heard about the coat drive.

Co-Advisor Rick Correro had participated in the coat drive before, back when he was a teacher at the Southbridge Middle/High School. When he came to Bay Path he brought it to Interact's attention. While all of the students were on board immediately, Reil credited 11th grade Programming & Web Development student Jamie Butkiewicz with getting the ball rolling.

According to Reil, Butkiewicz decided "on his own" to ask every single shop teacher if the club could place a box in their shop, creating a "healthy competition" for the coat drive. Interact offered a $50 gift card for the shop that collected the most coats.

"Usually, when shops compete it makes a lot more shops take part," explained Butkiewicz. "We tempted them with a gift card, which they would want for their shop party in December. It seemed to work really well. I ran around to each shop, asking if they wanted to participate. They all said yes."

Interact was able to collect an astonishing 400 coats, between their boxes in each shop and boxes set up at some Southbridge Credit Unions, who also provided the reward money and boxes.

"I'm truly amazed," said Reil. "Their ability to communicate this with others... It can be a difficult topic for teenagers. Many teens don't stop to think of others. It was amazing that they were spreading the word, talking it up... They even got other clubs involved to help share the message."

Butkiewicz said the coat drive had "went beautifully" and he was surprised by the amount of coats they were able to collect at the school.

He said: "I feel we can do a lot more if the school sticks together as a team."

When Evangelidis came to visit Interact, he explained that he has seen so many people without coats each winter. For the teens in Interact, it was a great opportunity for them to become aware of what's going on in their community. But even more so, the coat drive had given them an opportunity to help and really do something about it.

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OSV charter school in process of enrolling students

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cially those that can't afford to send their children to private schools." The OSV Charter School is another choice or option for those families who can't afford to send their children to another town.

"Last year, you found Southbridge with over $1 million-worth of pay-outs to other school districts because of school choice," said Friedman. "But for many parents at an economical disadvantage, they can't even provide transportation to those communities. They need an affordable option."

The Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School held a public hearing on Dec. 6, where people were invited to make statements. The next part of the process will be in January, when they meet with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). They won't know until the middle of February if the school is approved, but enrollment must be completed by March so the process has already begun.

"Last year, I had the opportunity to meet so many fabulous parents who were so passionate about getting their children the best education possible," recalled Friedman. "I will tell you, hardest thing I had to do was inform people that we didn't receive the charter last time. These parents were so – almost – dependent upon this happening. Their disappointment … I feel I'm just doing this for them all over again. I feel a commitment to them to do everything possible to make this happen."

The school will be offering "alternative forms" of education for different types of learners, with an emphasis on knowledge and skills, character development and high quality work. According to Friedman, those three are what make a "well-rounded student," as opposed to memorizing facts and dates.

The charter school hopes to provide a unique experience for their students. While there will be some traditional classroom experiences, they hope to use their resources to provide even more opportunities for all types of learners.

"For example, if the students are studying Native Americans they will go into the village and see how the Native Americans would have lived in the 19th century. They will look at our collections, see our artifacts," explained Friedman. "We will have experts come in and talk about Native Americans in the 21st century and what has become of them today. They'll learn Native American music in music class, do Native American art in art class, and learn Native American dances in physical education. At the end of eight weeks they will do a presentation for the community on all that they learned."

The charter school plans to open with kindergarten through third grade, with two classes at every grade level. The maximum students allowed per classroom will be 20, making the maximum amount of enrolled student 160 in the opening year. Eventually, the charter school will be kindergarten through eighth grade, 360 students.

While the proposed district will be the school's priority, any child in Massachusetts can apply. Applications are due by March 3.

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Gonzalez: 'I'm grateful for having lived in Southbridge'

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Southbridge that shaped who he is today, said Gonzalez.

Olivia Richman spoke with the accomplished young man about his passion for recruiting, how it felt to be recognized for his hard work and what he does with his family during his down time.

How did you feel about receiving the Recruiter of the Year Award?

"I felt fulfilled. That's the best way to explain it. I was recruiting in the area that was deemed — not 'un-recruitable' but — a very tough area, because of the culture down here in McAllan, Texas, a border town. The families cannot pass the checkpoints so they don't want to see their children go anywhere north and half the people don't really qualify. For the last three years, the station I worked at was ranked one of the lower stations. So for me, it was really nice. I felt really fulfilled by being able to complete that accomplishment."

So how do you receive this award?

"It goes off of how many people join Navy off of your part. Not every recruit is held the same. Some have higher values. I recruited six or seven nuclear engineers, two of which were female. The Navy has nigh need for those two things. All in all, I recruited 43 personnel into the Navy, which is pretty good."

And then you also received the Junior Sailor of the Year Award.

"It's based on what kind of a person you are. The Navy judges that based off of demographic of how well rounded you are. In my case, I do a lot of volunteer work. I'm the head coach of a Texas Youth Football team for the past two years. Then there's qualifications, common knowledge and appearance."

How did it feel to be recognized for all of your hard work?

"It felt amazing, to be honest. It felt amazing just because it's clear that when you put your heart into your work you get results back. When I was a civilian, I felt that no matter how hard I worked, I was just as good as the next person. But with this, the more I applied myself the more I found recognition. It was nice going to a nobody to being a house-hold name out here in Texas."

How long have you been in the Navy?

"I've been in the Navy for seven years, and recruiting for close to two years. They were telling us where they needed people with good work ethic. I saw it as an opportunity to do something different for myself. To be honest, when I was recruited in 2009, I knew nothing about the Navy. I just saw the opportunity. But after five years, I decided to do recruiting. There's a lot more to share with young adults and give them the option and information they require to become a service member. There's more than just one way to success. A lot of people, especially down here, believe there's only one way to success — working at the oil fields or going to college. I wanted to give that alternative path. A lot of people come from very poor families and they go on to have great careers and they contact me and say it's going great, and thank me for the opportunity."

Is that the most fulfilling part to you?

"Yes, I'm getting awards. But where I win is with the people that I help, the lives that I change. Three months ago, I recruited a young man who was homeless. He was living behind a firehouse. Now he's a nuclear engineer and he's leaving for boot camp. That's one of the greatest success stories I've ever seen. For me, that's what feels good about it all and that's why I stay recruiting."

That's an amazing story. It must feel great to make a difference in someone's life like that. What made you decide to join the Navy?

"At the time, I had dropped out of Worcester State, not because it was hard but because I was too focused on work. When you graduate high school, nobody tells you about the taxes, the bills you will accumulate. So I was working two jobs. They were both great jobs but I had very little time to myself. I had a girlfriend and things were getting serious. We got married and she became pregnant and I needed more time to be with my family. I decided this was something that would offer a salary and pave a way for a great feature. And since I joined everything has been going fantastic to be honest."

What's next for you?

"Right now I'm working on my Leading Pay Officer Qualification. I will be in charge of my entire station. I'm also working on getting other qualifications as well. You can't just look at the short term. I'm looking at year's down the road. I'm looking to finish my BS degree by the summer time."

What do you do when you're not working?

"I coach my son's youth football team and I work on my motorcycle. I also like to work out."

You're originally from Southbridge. How did you like growing up in the area?

"I'm grateful for having lived in Southbridge. I met a lot of people who helped me become the person I am now, a lot of role models. I had a music teacher who helped me come out and learn to express myself. I played football. It was all a great experience. I have a lot of Pioneer Pride. I'm hoping to make a trip back this summer to see my family. I just love Southbridge. There's a lot of people that have bad things to say, but I have a lot of pride for my hometown."

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POLICE LOGS

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CHARLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARRESTS

Thursday, Dec. 1

5:22 p.m.: Jacob Edward Armstrong, 34, of 58 Dennison Cross, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and marked lanes violation

8:42 p.m.: Sarah M Figueroa, 27, of 217 Sturbridge Road, Apt. #48, was arrested on a warrant

Wednesday, Dec. 7

10:07 p.m.: Gerald A. Torres, 26, of 33 Valmar, Worcester, was arrested on a warrant

OTHER ACTIVITY

Friday, Dec. 2

7:17 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Dresser Hill Road

9:20 p.m.: Police responded to a hit and run on Richardson Corner Road

Saturday, Dec. 3

1:27 a.m.: Police investigated a suspicious motor vehicle on Burlingame Road

Sunday, Dec. 4

1:58 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Oxford Road

3:38 p.m.: Police investigated a suspicious motor vehicle on City Depot Road

Monday, Dec. 5

5:38 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Brookfield Road

5:40 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Stafford Stret

5:56 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Brookfield Road

7:45 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Sampson Road

3:00 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Reynolds Road

Tuesday, Dec. 6

6:52 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Old Muggett Hill Road

7:27 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Saundersdale Road

Wednesday, Dec. 7

7:44 a.m.: Police investigated a suspicious activity on Griffin Road

1:39 p.m.: Police investigated larceny on Worcester Road

4:35 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Worcester Road

5:07 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Sturbridge Road

5:31 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on N. Main Street

Thursday, Dec. 8

4:09 p.m.: Police investigated suspicious activity on Gale Road

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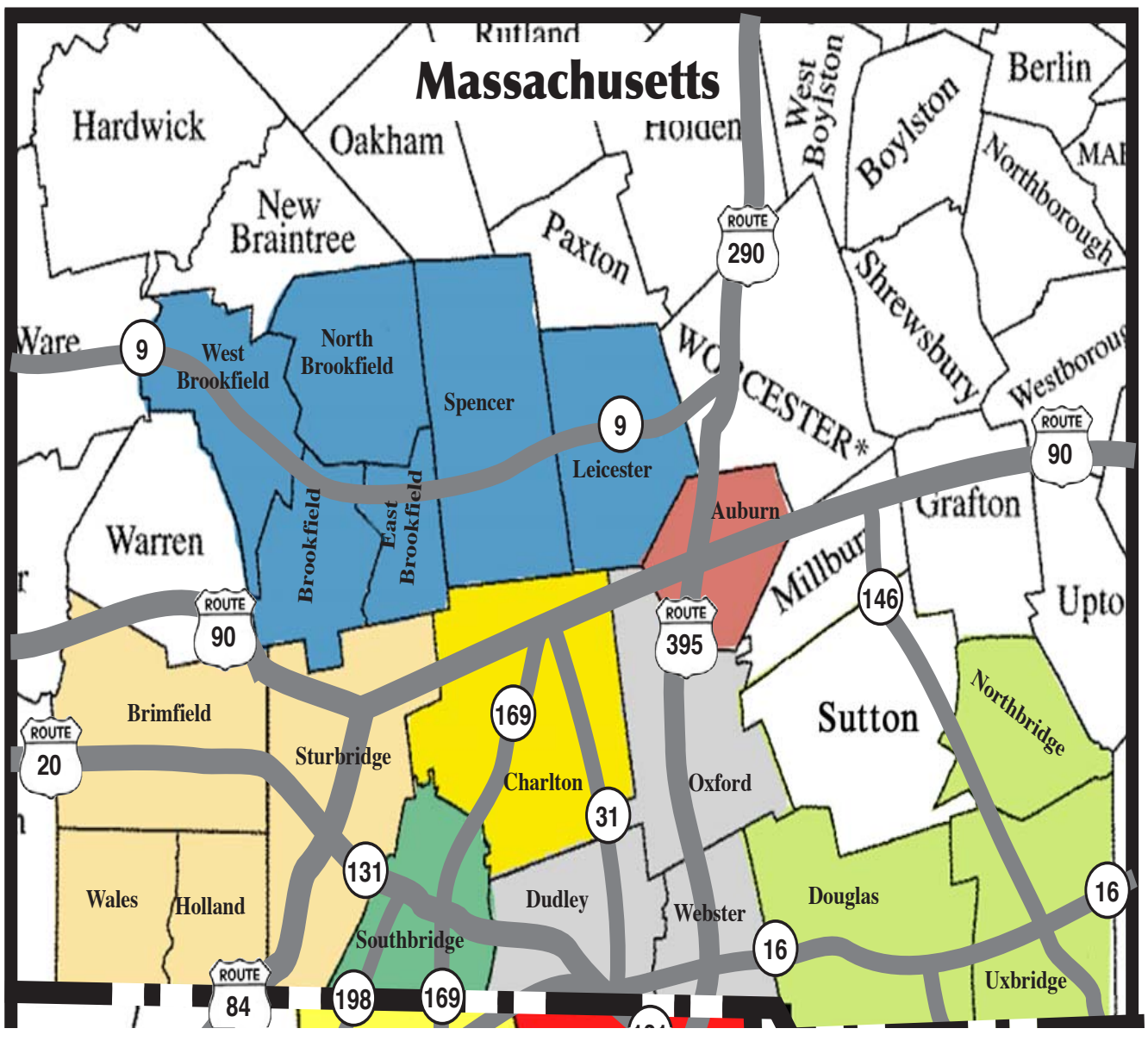

CALENDAR

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Thursday, Dec. 15

STURBRIDGE

Come grab a drink and meet some new people. We will be the ones with books at the bar…JHPL Books on Tap, Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Oxhead Tavern, 366 Main St., Sturbridge. Ernest Hemingway: "A Farewell to Arms" or "The Garden of Eden." This laid-back gathering gives folks the chance to discuss a book in a relaxed atmosphere, no quizzes, no lists of questions. Heck, we don't even care if you finish the book or not! Books are available from the Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge. Sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library.

Friday, Dec. 16

BRIMFIELD

On Friday, Dec. 16, from 6-10 p.m., the First Congregational Church of Brimfield (20 Main St.) will host Magic: The Gathering. Youth over 10 and adults are welcome to join in the role playing card game. Refreshments are served.

Dec. 16, 10:45 a.m. Come on down to the Brimfield Senior Center for a fun Holiday Ornament Making class. Your instructor, Rebecca McMannus will provide the paints and materials so just bring yourself. The cost is only $4! Please reserve your space prior to Dec. 14. Snacks & beverages provided. Please call 413-245-7253 to register for this class. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, 413-245-7253.

Saturday, Dec. 17

BRIMFIELD

On Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at 8am the Men's Fellowship Group will meet at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield (20 Main St.). Men of any age are welcome for breakfast with a short Biblical study and conversation followed by work at the church and in the community.

Courtesy photo

Rachel Cofsky (left) and Westfield State University President Ramon S. Torrecilha (right).

Westfield State University honors best and brightest

WESTFIELD — On Friday, Dec. 2, Westfield State University recognized exemplary students for their leadership and service to the university and the surrounding community. The President's Awards for Excellence in Leadership were presented in a ceremony held on the Westfield State University campus.

"Tonight's honorees represent the university's best in leadership, service and academic excellence," said Westfield State University President Ramon S. Torrecilha, Ph.D. "These remarkable student leaders serve as role models for all students to remain engaged both on and off campus."

The President's Award of Excellence in Leadership was created in 2007. Eligible students must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher and exhibit a wide range of university and community service activities. To be considered for the award, interested, eligible students were required to complete an application and write an essay related to their leadership positions held at Westfield State or in the community.

The eight 2016 awardees include six seniors and two juniors, with a collective average GPA of 3.78. Each awardee participates in a wide range of university and community service activities. The 2016 recipients include Rachel Cofsky (Class of 2017), of Charlton. Cofsky is a senior, dual majoring in Theatre Arts and Communication. She serves as a Resident Assistant and participates in and attends leadership conferences. She performs in Musical Theatre Guild and Student Theatre Association, serves as a tutor, and teaches at Growing Footprints Educational Center.

She has volunteered at the Westfield Soup Kitchen and the Samaritan Inn, and is a student representative on the Communication Department Curriculum Committee.

Sunday, Dec. 18

BRIMFIELD

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Sunday School will present a Christmas Pageant at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield (20 Main St.). The pageant is part of the regular worship service at 10:30 a.m. As always a free breakfast is offered beginning at 9:30 a.m.

SOUTHBRIDGE

Holy Trinity Church's Family Worship Presents: "Star Search," a Christmas Skit performed by Holy Trinity Church's children and families. Come and join us on Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. for our yearly performance. This year, the kids take center "stage" in a modern approach to an age-old classic story. Music will be included to put us all in the spirit of love and joy. Refreshments and crafts to follow in the parish hall. Holy Trinity Church, 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge. 508-765-9559; holytrinitysouthbridge.org; holytrinitysouthbridge@gmail.com.

Please join us for our "All-You-Can-Eat" breakfast buffet, 7 to 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge, 339 Ashland Avenue, Southbridge. Our extensive menu includes French toast, Belgium waffles, custom omelets, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, and more. We ask for a donation of $9 for adults and $7 for senior citizens.

Monday, Dec. 19

STURBRIDGE

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Unit 109 will hold its monthly meeting on Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. We will be visiting member shut-ins at Charlton Manor for an evening of gifts and caroling. We'll be leaving form the Legion Hall, 507 Main St., Fiskdale. Please come out and join us.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

STURBRIDGE

The Christmas Party for members of the Friends of Sturbridge/ Fiskdale senior citizens will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, immediately following the Friends meeting which will take place at 1 p.m. All are invited to join us as we sing favorite Carols and exchange gifts. Each woman is asked to bring a gift costing no more than $10 for a woman, and each man a gift suitable for a man. A beautiful holiday basket is available as a raffle and contains several items, including a coupon to purchase a turkey, and a lovely handmade afghan donated by one of our members. Our usual refreshment table of homemade pastries, favorite cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, as well as other goodies will be available.

Saturday, Dec. 24

BRIMFIELD

Christmas Eve worship will be on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield (20 Main St.). The 7 p.m. worship will be for whole family participation and is particularly well suited for younger children. The 11 p.m. service will be a candlelight service. As Christmas is a Sunday, we will be holding a 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning worship.

Monday, Dec. 26

REGION

All S.C.M. Elderbus offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, to observe the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Friday, Dec. 30

BRIMFIELD

Friday, Dec. 30, at 7 p.m., come join us at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield (20 Main St.) for an alternative contemporary service down in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments are served. The service includes contemporary Christian music and communion.

The Brimfield Senior Center is celebrating the New Year with a Noon Year's Eve Party on Dec. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A time to say goodbye to 2015 and kick in 2016 in style. The Center will magically transform into a nightclub atmosphere complete with the warm, beautiful vocals of Tammy Casavant. So dress for a night on the town or come as you are and relax with your favorite 'mocktail.' Your meal will begin with an appetizer plate of shrimp, salad, rolls & butter. Dinner menu is homemade meatloaf, creamy mashed potatoes & gravy and broccoli casserole. At Noon the "Ball" will come down as we gather for a rousing "Auld Lang Syne" and toast in the New "Noon" Year. December birthday's will be celebrated with song, cake and assorted homemade cookies, games and prizes. The suggested donation for this event is $5. Please RSVP no later than Dec. 26. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, 413-245-7253. This event is being sponsored by The Friends of the Brimfield Senior Center.

ONGOING

CHARLTON

Grief Support Group at Overlook Hospice — 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.

SOUTHBRIDGE

The Winter Coat Closet at Holy Trinity Church, 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge, will be open every Saturday morning from 9-11 a.m., beginning Oct. 22 through Dec. 17. This ecumenical effort is supported by many churches in the area. There are coats available for men, women and children, as well as scarves & hats & mittens at no charge. Come down and browse through our racks. People wishing to donate clean, gently used winter coats can drop them off at the church on Saturday mornings. Please no light weight or dry clean only coats and no other type clothing, as space is limited. Children's and men's coats are especially needed. Call Chris McTigue, coordinator at 508-248-4726 for more information.

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

STURBRIDGE

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

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OBITUARIES

Stella Anderson, 99

SOUTHBRIDGE — Stella (White) Anderson, 99, of Charlton Street died Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Southbridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Stella is survived by her daughters: Susan Chaplin and her husband Charles of Southbridge and Gloria Curboy of Charlton, her son-in-law Charles Morse of Sturbridge, 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren.

Stella was predeceased by her husband, Earl Anderson in 1985, her daughter: Caroline Morse, son: Earl Anderson Jr., son-in law Nat Curboy of Charlton and Pauline (Cote) Anderson of Connecticut, and brothers: Edward White and Theophile Leblanc.

Stella was born on June 25, 1917 in Southbridge, the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Caroline (Guertin) White. She lived in the area all her life.

Stella was a known caregiver, especially having great joy while spending time caring for babies. She was a member of the Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge, enjoyed scrapbooking and most of all enjoyed time spent with her family.

A calling hour was held on Friday, Dec. 9, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. A funeral service followed on Friday, Dec. 9, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home.

Procession to Oak Ride Cemetery, Oak Ridge Avenue, Southbridge, will follow the conclusion of the funeral service.

The family wishes to express their thanks to the caring, supportive staff of Southbridge Healthcare for their nine years of care they provided to Stella.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations in Stella's name be sent to: Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 or Southbridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Attn: Resident's Fund, 84 Chapin Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

A memorial guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com.

Doris Anne Barnsley, 82

TOWNSEND — Doris Anne (Bradley) Barnsley, 82, of O'Fallon, Ill., and formerly of Sturbridge, died peacefully in her sleep on November 23, 2016, at the Colonnade Senior Living Center after battling Alzheimer's dementia.

Her husband, Major William Barnsley, USMC, predeceased her in March 2015.

Doris was born in Rockport, to the late Major William and Edith (Koch) Bradley. Her family later relocated to Townsend. She attended multiple high schools as her father changed stations with the Army.

After high school, she was a Barbizon modeling school student in NYC, then went to Fitchburg State Teachers college and became an elementary school teacher. She was a proud Marine wife, fierce mama bear to their four sons, and loving Nana to their nine grandchildren.

She was a dedicated and capable DIYer, making every house they lived in a home, and repurposing everything in typical frugal Yankee fashion. She loved dancing and enjoyed looking at Dancing With the Stars. Her ancestors helped found Gloucester, Massachusetts in the 1630's, and she was excited to be a member of the Cahokia Mound Chapter of Daughter of the American Revolution. She loved dogs and was a steady supporter of a local animal rescue league. She made the best fish chowder on the planet. She had a wicked smart sense of humor, a girlish giggle, and a smile to light up a room. She never missed a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. Above all, her sons and her grandchildren were her life.

She is survived by four sons: William of Sturbridge, Kerry of Concord, N.H., Brian of Swansea, Ill., and Kevin of New York, N.Y., nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be on at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, Townsend.

Following the service, she will be buried at Hillside Cemetery next to her parents and husband and near many other family members.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Alzheimer's Association or your local SPCA/Humane Society

Betty G. DiGregorio, 90

SOUTHBRIDGE — Betty Grace (Weaver) DiGregorio, 90, formerly of Worcester Street, passed away peacefully on Nov. 23, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.

She leaves her Husband of 60 years, Anthony DiGregorio, of Southbridge, her daughters, Carol Ann Dillon Auty, of Medway and Susan Michelle Dillon Barone, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, and a step-daughter, Dara Amore, of Rhode Island. Betty also leaves six grandchildren, Kim Thibeault and Sheri Tagliaferri, both of Medway, Heather Perrone, of Mendon, Stacy Remillard, of Northbridge, Jason Cronin, of Oakdale, Conn. and Nick Barone, of Haddam, Conn., eight great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her step-son, William Joel DiGregorio, her five brothers, Julius Mack Weaver, John Otis Weaver, Everett Weaver, J.C. Weaver and Arthur Weaver, and her six sisters, Elsie Gertrude Scott, Lela Josephine Weaver, Nancy Zelma Smith, Evy Weaverry Elizabeth Nowokunski and Martha Lue Tucker.

Betty was born in Gastonia, North Carolina, the daughter of William Arthur Weaver and Martha Estella (Stanley) Weaver, and moved to the Southbridge area in 1956. She was a member of the Southbridge Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for 60 years and was very active in her faith. During her years in Southbridge, Betty worked at Billis' Diner, Ovides Restaurant and at the American Optical Company. Betty loved to yard sale and buy and sell antiques. She enjoyed music and loved to sing. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the staff at Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center for the kindness and compassion they extended to Betty while caring for her.

There are no calling hours. There will be a private burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Southbridge.

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St., Southbridge, is directing the arrangements.

Shane N. Thibeault, 44

STURBRIDGE — Shane N. Thibeault, 44, of Main St., passed away on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge.

He leaves his parents, Joseph L. Thibeault of Southbridge and Leona V. Vilandre Thibeault of Sturbridge; his two brothers, Keith W. Thibeault and his wife Tracie of Worcester and Jason J. Thibeault and his wife Nicole of Southbridge; and his sister, Melanie L. Vermette and her husband Edwin of Southbridge. He was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews and he was also a Godfather.

He was born in Southbridge on Dec. 22, 1971.

Shane was truck driver and heavy equipment operator for Voyco Construction in Southbridge for the past 2 years. He previously worked for Kaitbenski Construction in Sturbridge for 22 years.

Shane loved riding his motorcycle and truck driving. He also loved fishing. He had the appearance of a tuff guy on the outside, but he had a heart of gold on the inside.

His funeral was held on Friday, Dec. 9, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was held at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Thursday, Dec. 8.

His family requests to please omit flowers and that donations may be made to the Shane Thibeault Memorial Fund, c/o Southbridge Credit Union, P.O. Box F, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Livio A. Sanelli, 68

SOUTHBRIDGE — Livio A. "Sam" Sanelli, 68, of Southbridge, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 8, suddenly at home.

Sam is survived by his brother Ernesto and his wife Susan of Southbridge; nephew Dana and his wife Diana and their daughter Lucy; his niece Jessica and her husband Ryan and her children Jacob and Justin; his niece Angiolina and nephew Antonio and relatives in Italy.

Sam was born in Caramanico Terme, Italy, the son of Amadio and Angiolina (Molella) Sanelli. They moved to Southbridge in 1955. He served in the Army from 1966-1970. He worked for the Massachusetts Highway Department for 33 years. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson for 45 years.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Dec. 12, in St. Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will take place on Friday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. in St. Mary's Cemetery, Charlton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

A memorial guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com.

Bruce A. Grant, 65

SOUTHBRIDGE — Bruce A. Grant, 65, formerly of 33 Goddard Street and Christopher Heights in Webster, died Friday, Dec. 2, at Vibra Hospital in Leicester after a long illness.

Bruce was born in Southbridge, the son of Herbert E. and Edna J. (Baker) Grant and lived in the area all his life. Bruce had many fond memories growing up in Charlton with this family. He graduated from the Mass. Maritime Academy in 1972 where he served as a Merchant Marine Officer hauling fuel throughout the world. He was proud of his service and kept a scrapbook of his worldly adventures. Bruce was a "long time friend of Bill."

He leaves behind two nieces, Laurie Burlingame of Charlton and Sandy Martinez of Sturbridge, his sister-in-law Genevieve Grant of Sturbridge along with many friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Douglas Grant, a sister Debra Grant, niece Jennifer Saviengsack,his nephew Patrick Grant and long time companion Evelyn Rupert.

Bruce enjoyed watching television, game shows, the History Channel and playing gin rummy. He greeted you with a warm smile and always left you with a Bruce-ism, "Carpe Diem" and "Maintain" were two of his favorites. Bruce will be missed.

His funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street, Southbridge. Calling hours were held prior to the service. Burial was at Westridge Cemetery, Main Street in Charlton at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham MA 01701.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com.

Frank F. Leo

BROOKFIELD — Frank F. "Frankie" Leo died peacefully at home on Dec. 9.

Born in Southbridge on Oct. 4, 1951, he was the son of the late Francis F. and Theresa (Latour) Leo. He lived in Sturbridge before moving to Brookfield in 1989.

He leaves his wife of 30 years, Karen (Bullard) Leo, and his three children, son Myles Leo of Worcester, and daughters Maida and Hannah Leo, both of Brookfield.

He was predeceased by his daughter Hillary Leo. Frankie also leaves his siblings: Francis Jacques of Southbridge, Dennis Leo of Spencer, Phyllis Chartier of Ware, Richard Leo of Charlton, and Theresa Leo and Michael Leo, both of Sturbridge. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and his good friend David Roscioli of Sturbridge.

He attended local schools, receiving a degree in Criminal Justice from Quinsigamond in 1992. He served on the Sturbridge Police Department from 1977-2003, and was the supervisor of the successful Sturbridge Police Explorer Program.

Frankie served with the 503 MP Company stationed in Frankfurt Germany from 1971-1973. He served in the 94th MP Company in Boston in 1986, then the 366th MP Detachment CID as a Special Agent, retiring in 2012. On 9/11 he was deployed to Washington D.C. where he performed protective service details for top military officials such as the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and others.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, also at the church. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. To sign an online guest book, please visit www.BelangerFuneralHome.com.

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SPORTS

Defense plays well, but Rams can't score enough to keep pace with Northampton

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Playing their first game of the 2016-17 season, the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team displayed strong defensive skills versus Northampton High on Monday, Dec. 12. The Rams held the Blue Devils to six first quarter points and just 19 by halftime, but The Hill had trouble scoring as well. As a result, Northampton pulled away late and won the contest, 53-47.

"I think we did well defensively," Shepherd Hill head coach Jim Hackenson said, complimenting the way his group turned the full-court man-to-man press into steals. "I thought we played hard."

The steals — and a pair of 30-second shot clock violations — didn't lead to many points, though, as the Rams also scored 19 points through the first two quarters for a 19-19 stalemate at halftime.

"We had seven points in the second quarter for the longest time," Hackenson said of a near four-minute scoreless stretch to open the second frame.

The scoring then picked up a bit in the third quarter, with Northampton netting 14 points to Shepherd Hill's 13, making it a one-point game (33-32) heading to the final stanza as the Blue Devils' Meg McCarthy emerged by scoring eight of her 12 points in the quarter.

In the fourth, Ram junior Bailey Savage (17 points) knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers to tie the score at 39-39. But with two minutes to play, Emma Tanner (10 points) of the Blue Devils secured a steal and finished with a layup to give her team a 48-42 lead, which tied their largest advantage of the game.

Shepherd Hill senior Kyra Foss (10 points, 6 rebounds) gave her team life with a pair of inside buckets, cutting the deficit down to 48-46, but Northampton sealed the deal by hitting their free throws. Overall, the Blue Devils made 11 of 14 attempts from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter alone.

When asked how he thought his team played in the regular season opener, Hackenson said, "No complaints other than the fact that we couldn't score. We had opportunities but we threw the ball away too much. We just need to take care of the ball a little better."

Hackenson added that The Hill continued to try and dish the ball down low to post players Julia Dandridge, a junior, and sophomore Molly Springer, but Northampton's Lauraine Joensen (13 points) and McCarthy, a pair of 6-footers, either altered the passes or defended well against the inside shot.

The Rams have now played Northampton three straight years, winning the first contest and dropping the last two. Both teams compete in the Western Mass. Division 1 district tournament, so it prepares The Hill for "a taste of their action out there," according to Hackenson.

Shepherd Hill will host Holyoke High, another Western Mass. Division 1 club, on Dec. 30.

Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Kyra Foss delivers a pass down the court. At right: Julia Dandridge of Shepherd Hill gets past Northampton defender Lauraine Joensen before converting a layup.

SPORTS BRIEF

Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any student, parent or teacher from any of the surrounding towns can ski or snowboard for eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just $150 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eight-week program begins on Saturday, Jan. 7 and ends on Saturday, Feb. 25. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through you health insurance coverage.

Also, anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Century Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Worcester State University set to host plenty of baseball clinics

Various baseball clinics will be held at Worcester State University this year and rolling into the next. Please visit http://www.wsulancers.com/camps-clinic/index for additional information on any of the clinics.

First Holiday Fun Baseball Clinic: Dec. 27-29, 9 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Friday Night Baseball School: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, March 3, hitting from 6-7 p.m., pitching from 7 to 8 p.m. in multipurpose gym/cages.

22nd annual Hitting Clinic: Feb. 20-22, 9 a.m. to noon in multipurpose gym/cages.

10th annual Pitchers and Catchers Clinic: April 18 and 20, 9 a.m. to noon outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

Third annual U.S. Baseball Academy: June 26 and 29 outdoors on Lyons Diamond.

10th annual Instructional Prospect Clinic: Aug. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Lyons Diamond.

Shepherd Hill well represented as Midland Wachusett League Fall All-Stars

The following are the Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes who reached All-Star status within the Midland Wachusett League:

Shepherd Hill Regional High School

FOOTBALL

Matteo Belsito — Defensive
Josh Gelb — Defensive
Jake Tondel — Specialist
Alec Lindstrom — Offensive
Kevin Mensah — Offensive

FIELD HOCKEY

Kory Fortier
Abby Leahy

BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY

Dan Roy
Dan Stevens

GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY

Julia Carrier
Gabrielle Lawrence
Emma Sullivan

BOYS' SOCCER

Brian Burns
Jeremy Martin

Girls' Soccer
Hailey Demers
Becca Nguyen
Meg Nguyen
Alyssa Trueman

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Lilia Fitton — Athletic
Brianna LaBarge — Athletic

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church offers Christmas services

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — It's December, and the holiday season is in full swing. There are many ways to get into the Christmas spirit this month, including some unique worship services at local churches like the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge.

On Saturday, Dec. 24, there will be two Christmas Eve Worship services at 4:30 and 11 p.m. The earlier service will be more hands-on and focused on families "before the children get too tired," said Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt. Children can ring bells and there will be stories read to children as well. The 11 p.m. service will be "reflective and joyful," and usually draws in around 50 people.

On Christmas itself, families are invited to come in and worship in their pajamas. The church will also be providing hot cocoa. Said Roenfeldt: "Having Christmas fall on a Sunday is an unusual thing. It happens every seven years or so. We wanted to make it something that matches people's home traditions. We wanted to add to that."

On top of wearing pajamas, the unique service will also include the opportunity to open gifts throughout, making it "very interactive." The service, which is about the gift of Christmas being Jesus, will be "fun and casual," with each present telling them what to do next.

So what is the service all about?

Said Roenfeldt: "It's about talking about God coming as a baby, which is different than other legends. To have a God who comes into the world the same way we do and fully embraces the goodness of our humanity alongside the brokenness and messiness – that's what we are celebrating. It's worth having worship over."

While the Bethlehem Lutheran Church said that Christmas is about "celebrating Christ," coming together to celebrate the holidays is about more than just that. For the church and every other church in the area, the holidays are a time to get together with everyone.

"You can have devotions or read scripture by yourself. You can pray by yourself. But the point of gathering together is because we are woven into the body of Christ," she explained. "As Christians, we show up not just to give what we have, but to receive and be made into a community."

And the worship services aren't just for church members. The entire community is invited. The worship services are open to the public. You don't have to be religious or affiliated with any church to take part.

"We are hoping to provide a place for people to come together. We need more of that in our lives," said Roenfeldt. "We need a lot more holiness and a lot more shelter from the storm and a lot more opportunities to be connected."

While the giving spirit is always strong during the holiday season, the Bethlehem Lutheran Church recognizes that many times that amount of giving severely slows down after Christmastime. For that reason, the congregation will be participating in two large-scale services in January.

The first is the Scarf Bombing. The church will be giving out scarves, hats and mittens to people who need them. They will also be leaving them in public spaces so people can take them if they are needed. Said Roenfeldt: "We are trying to give people access to something they need this winter with no shame."

They will also be taking part in the Souper Bowl, where they will collect non-perishable food items in the community to donate to the local food pantry in Southbridge. The boxes will be NFL and AFL themed.

"We want to help people that are hungry, especially after the holidays," she explained. "After Christmas, many people forget about doing things like this."

To find out more about upcoming worship services or learn more about how you can help with the fundraisers, visit www.bethlehemsturbridge.org.

Olivia Richman can be reached at 508-909-4132 or by e-mail at olivia@stonebridgepress.com.

SPORTS

Massachusetts Elite Football teams headed to Nationals

Courtesy photos

The Massachusetts Elite sixth and eighth grade football teams are headed to the FBU National Championship in Naples, Fla. Local athletes Liam Groh of Charlton and Ben Wing of Oxford are part of the sixth grade squad.

WESTWOOD — The sixth and eighth grade Massachusetts Elite Football teams won their way into the Elite 8 of the FBU National Championship. The concluding rounds of the tournament will take place in Naples, Fla. beginning on Friday, Dec. 16. Both teams competed in and won their super regional bracket games, which were held in Newport, R.I. from Dec. 2-4.

"We are very proud of our teams," said Mass Elite founder and sixth grade head coach PJ Vande Rydt. "Our players have worked very hard to get to this point. We have 65 young men from 35 cities and towns across Massachusetts and represent a true cross section of football leagues and school programs."

Massachusetts Elite Football has a long history of success, with teams previously competing in the National Championship Final Four in San Antonio, Texas. The program also boasts several alumni currently playing or headed to Penn State, Northwestern, UCLA, Boston College and other Division 1 football programs.

This is a tremendous accomplishment for these boys and for football in the state of Massachusetts. Vande Rydt says Team Massachusetts will be able to compete with these teams that play football all year long. This program shows colleges from around the country that the talent is as good in Massachusetts as it is in all the southern states.

Opening games will be held Saturday, Dec. 17. The sixth graders will compete in their quarterfinal matchup against Dallas Metro (Texas), while the eighth graders will take on Kentucky.

Local athletes Liam Groh of Charlton and Ben Wing of Oxford are part of the Massachusetts Elite sixth grade team.

Liam Groh of Charlton plays on the line for the Massachusetts Elite sixth grade football team, which is heading to Naples, Fla. for the FBU National Championship.

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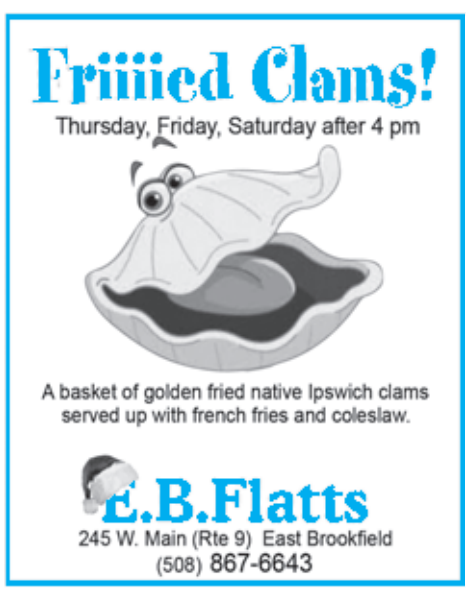

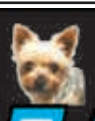

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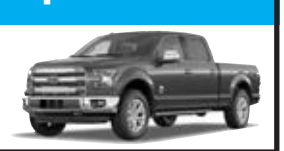

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CHARLTON – 175 Oxford Rd! 6+ Rm Split! 1.53 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit w/ Tile Flr! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Anderson Slider to Trex Deck! Brick Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Bow Window! Master w/Hrdwds, Slider to Deck! Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Garage! Quality Updates Through Out! **$279,900.00**

DUDLEY – 61 New Boston Rd! 1,300+' Ranch! 1.52 Acres! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frplc Liv Rm w/Bay Window & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2nd Bath w/Skylight! Shed! Vinyl Siding & Windows! **$229,900.00**

OXFORD – 11 Daniel Dr U:B! 55+ Adult Community! Twin Elm Estates! Nice 6 Rm End Unit! Applianced, Granite Eat-in Kit! All Hrdwd Flrs! Liv Rm w/Slider to Deck! Master/Walk-in Closet, Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Fam Rm! Craft Rm/Office! CAir! Attached Garage! **$249,900.00**

DUDLEY – 32 Central Ave! 6 Rm Townhouse! Huge Liv Rm w/Wood Laminate Flooring & Triple Window! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Dble Stainless Sink! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Garage! Oil Heat! Shed! Fenced Yard! **$169,900.00**

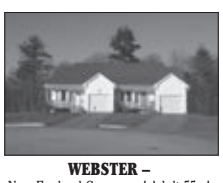
THOMPSON – 449 E Thompson Rd! 6 Rm Contemp! Beautiful 1.5 Acres! Applianced Kit w/Quartz Counters, Cherry Cabinets, Breakfast Bar! Formal Din Rm! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Frplc! Master w/Walk-in Closets, Private Deck & Full Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! CVac! Mitsubishi A/C! Wired for Generator! 2 Car Garage! 2 Sheds! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER – 52 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Spacious Applianced Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm or 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwods & Built-Ins! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Den or Office! 1/2 Bath on Main Level! 2 Oversized Bdrms w/Hrdwds on 2nd Flr! Full Bath! Mud Rm! Full Walk-out Basement! Rear Patio! Immediate Occupancy! **$154,900.00**

DUDLEY - 43 Mason Rd! Remodeled 7 Rm Ranch! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/ Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! Large Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Din Area w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 2 Full Exceptional Bathrms! Fam Rm! Office! Security! Oil Heat! AG Pool! Trex Deck! Shed! 2 Car Garage! **$264,900.00**

SUTTON – 58 Stone School Rd! Easy Access Rte 146! 7 Rm Colonial! 1.12 Acres! Farmers Porch! Applianced Kit w/Din Area, Tile Flr, Slider to Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds, Custom Wood Ceiling w/Crowns! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Office w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 13X25' Master! 2 Baths! **$294,900.00**

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



WEBSTER –
New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths/Master! Applianced! Granite! Hrdwds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! **From $234,900.00**

DUDLEY – 4 Cross St! Newly Renovated 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Granite Kit w/Tile Flr! Picture Din Rm & Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! New Bath w/Marble Shower & Tile Flr! 1st Flr Master! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets! 3 Season Sunrm! NEW Furnace, Plumbing & Electric! **$149,900.00**

SOUTHBRIDGE – 32 Glenview Ave! Custom 6 Rm Contemp! Open Kit & Din Area w/Cathedrals & Skylight! Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Private Deck! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Finished Lower Level w/LP Frplc! New Kit Cabinets, Counters & Roof 2014! **$249,500.00**

WEBSTER – 17 Fort Hill Rd! Looking 30 ACRES OF PRIVACY & SERENITY! 5 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets! Formal Din Rm! Liv Rm Leads to Screened-in Porch Overlooking Pond! 2 Large Bdrms! Updated Bath! Full Basement w/Laundry! 2 Car Detached Garage! Oil Heat! Gas Hot Water! **$274,900.00**

WEBSTER – 129 Lower Gore Rd! 6 Rm Split! Immediate Occupancy! 1.5 Acres of Privacy! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Tile Flr! Din Area w/Sliders to Deck! Liv Rm w/New Carpet! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall! 1.5 Baths! 6 Panel Doors! Newer Furnace! Town Services! 2 Sheds! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 26 Pepka Dr! 7 Room 1,790' Ranch! SS Applianced Kit & Din Area w/Tile Floor! Formal Din Rm & Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Family Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Full Tile Baths! Huge Basement! Patio! Circular Drive! Great Yard! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 24 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape w/Full Dormer! Convenient Location! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets & Ceiling Fan! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Carpet Over Hrdwds! 1st Master w/ Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Oil Heat! Town Services! Gas Avail! Vinyl Siding! Garage! **$169,900.00**

WEBSTER - NEW ENGLAND COMMONS! 55+ Adult Community! 5 Rm 1 Level Living! Kit w/Pantry, Tile Flr, Corian Counters & Breakfast Bar! Liv Rm & Master w/Trey Ceiling, Master Bath w/Step-in Shower! 2nd Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling! 2nd Full Bath! Attached Garage! Farmers Porch! Full Basement! **$249,900.00**

DUDLEY - 174 Klondike Rd! Pierpont Meadow Waterfront! West Facing! Beautiful Sunsets! Full Recreational! Cozy Yr Rd Getaway! Renovated! Applianced Kit w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/ Frplc & Hrdwds! 1 Bdrm! Updated Bath! Heated Sunroom Overlooking Water! Recent Electrical, Plumbing, Well & Septic! **$199,900.00**

WEBSTER – 36 North Main St! 6 Room Cape! Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Dining Area! Living Room w/Wall to Wall! Den w/Wall A/C! 1st Floor Bedroom! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Recent Roof & Furnace! Will be Updated to Circuit Breakers! Nice Back Yard! Off Street Parking! **$89,900.00**

WEBSTER – 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! **$114,900.00**

WOODSTOCK – 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154' Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 9ft Ceilings! Loads of Upgrades! Applianced Kitchen w/Huge Granite Island! Formal Dining w/Hrdwds! Fireplaced Family Room! Master Suite! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! CAir! 2 Car Garage! **$389,900.00**

WOODSTOCK – 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliance Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **$259,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Chestnut St Unit 22! "Stonegate" Conveniently Located! Freshly Painted 4 Rm 2 Bdrm Condo! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Pantry Closet, Tile Counter, Dble Sink & Ceiling Fan! Liv Rm w/Wall A/C & Flat Panel TV! Full Bath! Electric Heat & Hot Water! Storage! 2 Parking Spaces! Coin Op Laundry! **$69,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 71 Birch Island! 7 Rm Colonial w/Lake Views from Every Rm! Hrdwds in Din/Liv & Master Bdrm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Walkout Lower Level Fam Rm! 239' Waterfront! New Metal Roof! 2 Car Attached Garage & 3 Car Detached w/2nd Flr! Needs to be Seen to Appreciate Everything it Could Be! **$674,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 402 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hardwood Floors! Applianced! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm! CAir! Gas Heat! Recent Trex Deck! Garage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 701 Treasure Island! Townhouse End Unit! 6Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! New LG Stainless Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm w/ Sliders to Patio! New C/Air! Garage w/ Storage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$284,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 46 Pt Pleasant Rd! Middle Pond – Southern Expo! 8 Rm Custom Cape! Open Flr Plan! Fully Applianced w/Lunch Counter! Lake Facing Brick Frplc Liv Rm, Din Rm & Fam Rm! 19' Master! 4 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! 2 Baths! Huge Trex Deck! Buderus 5Z Oil Heat! **$449,900.00**

CHARLTON - South Charlton Reservoir! 302C Partridge Hill Rd! Full Recreational! 75' Waterfront! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! Great Water Views! Open Flr Plan w/Cathedrals, Skylights, Frplce! 2 Baths! Fam Rm! Garage! Sandy Shore, Great Swimming! Dock! **$329,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool & Corner Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, Both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! **$1,195,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 103 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/ Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! CAir! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$279,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 113 Birch Island Rd! Overlooking Middle Pond! Eastern Expo – Beautiful Sunrises! 5 Rm Year Round Waterfront Home! 2 Bdrms! Renovated Kit & Bath! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Frplc! Listed by Another, **SOLD by Century21 Lake Realty!** **$285,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! **$189,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 Checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck w/Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apartment w/Granite Kit, SS Applianced, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrm, Nice Bathrm! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplcd Liv Rm, Bdrm & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! **$1,449,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure = Sunsets! 100' Level Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch - Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of Space for Outside Enjoyment! 2 Docks! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! **$489,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 36 Laurelwood Dr! Magnificent Lake Property! .75 Acres! Western Expo – Beautiful Sunsets! Frplc Liv Rm! Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 3 Car Garage! Mahogany Deck! Cabana! Sandy Beach! New Dock! Boat Ramp! **$799,900.00**

HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 430 Mashapaug Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like Grounds! Situated in a Cove Sheltered from Storms, Idle Out to Main Lake! Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan! Custom Cherry Kit w/Quartz Isl, SS Appliances, Wall Ovens, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Wood Stove Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck w/Electric Awning & 12X18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Granite Dble Vanity & Custom Glass Shower w/Waterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office w/French Pocket Doors & Custom Desk Wall! Side Entry Mud Rm w/Custom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundry Closet & Half Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 w/Cathedrals! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Add Storage! Full Walkout Basement - Need More Rms! Zoned Hydro Air! 3 Car Garage! Sheds! Dock! Long Driveway or Direct Access from Shore Dr! Full Recreation Lake! **$799,900.00**

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THOMPSON, CT - 1117 THOMPSON RD

Recently remodeled Ranch! New engineered hardwood flooring, carpeting, kitchen cabinets, granite counters and appliances! Partiellly finished lower living level! Close to I395! assisted sale **$194,900.**

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WEBSTER - 9 GORE GABLE RD

1st Time Offered! Beautiful 4 bedroom colonial! Front to back Fireplaced formal living room! Formal Dining Room! Family room with cathedral ceilings! Eat in Kitchen! Screened in summer room! 2 Car Garage. Forced Hot Water by Oil! **$264,900.**

WEBSTER-4 PANARELLI WAY

Beautiful Colonial Located In A Quiet Cul De Sac! Amazing Grand Foyer With Cascading Stairway! 7 Room, 3 Bed 2.5 Bath Home! Gleaming Hardwoods! Fireplaced Living Room! Applianced Kitchen! Master Suite! Jacuzzi Tub And Shower Stall! Private Back Deck! 2 Zone Heating And Cooling! **New Price $309,900**

THOMPSON CT- 351 QUADDICK RD

Welcome to the country at its best! This gorgeous 3 bedrm 2.5 Bath contemporary home, nestled on a private beautifully manicured yard on 2.64 Acres! Granite countertops and island! Brazilian cherrywood throughout kitchen, dining, & living room! Cathedral ceiling living rm! Propane fireplace heater! Downstairs master bedroom, full bath! First flr half bath w/ washer dryer. 2 Car garage! **New Price $299,900.**

DUDLEY- 23 INTERVALE RD

Welcome home to this charming 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath cape! One acre! First floor master bdrm w/ full bath! Living room w/pellet stove! Lower level has additional heated family room! W/ 2nd full bath! Sit out and grill on the recent deck and enjoy the fresh air! Make sure you put this one on your "to see" list! **New Price $199,900**

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WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS

Webster - Lot 119B Thompson Rd
Town Water & Sewer $43,500.
Webster - Lot 119A Thompson Rd
Town Water & Sewer $43,500.
Webster - 114 Lake St. **Multi-Family Zoned**, 12,000 +/- Sq Ft Lot.
Town Water & Sewer, and City Gas! $56,900.
Webster- 122 Gore Rd. Lot Approx. 1-1.2 +/- Acres. Town Water & Sewer. Level Lot.
Business Zoned $110,000.

AUBURN- 5 PINEDALE RD

Centrally Located to All Major Routes! Route 395/290/20/12 and Mass Pike. Charming 4 Bed Cape 1,493 sq ft. +/- Huge Family Room 22x20 to Deck 20x15, Hardwoods, Newer Roof, Vinyl Siding, Spacious Flat Level Lot, Paved Drive, 2 Sheds, Town Services. **$239,900.**

PLAINFIELD, CT - 94 NORWICH RD

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Young Modern Commercial Building - Theater/ Performimg Arts/Club District, Formerly a Club. Approximately 5000 sq ft on 1st floor! potential to double the square footage with a 2nd floor. Paved parking. On Route 12, quick easy access to I395! Great Potential! **$1,000,000.**

DUDLEY - 217 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD

Lovely Country Setting for this 3 Bedroom Cape! Motivated Seller! Private setting on 1 Acre. Roomy 2 Car Garage Open Concept Floor Plan. Living-Dining Area. Country Kitchen with Eat in Dining Area. Access to Rear Deck for Summer Fun. Walk out Basement for Convenient Access to Backyard. Electric Fence to Keep The Dogs Safe! Good Value! **NEW PRICE $244,000**

THOMPSON CT– 1 MASON TER

New To The Market! Fully Remodeled 2 Family Unit! Maintenance Free Exterior! Spacious 3 Bedroom Units Fully Applianced With Brand New Dishwashers, Hot Water Heater And Washer/ Dryer Hookups In Each Unit!! Brand New Roof And Second Bioler Installed For Separate Units Heat. Pleanty Of Off Street Parking And Excellent Location. Close To 395.Great Investment Property! Check This One Out! **$149,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD

WEBSTER LAKE: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakefront, large deep lot 10,489sf , flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 BRs (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year+/- young roof. **$445,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 LAKESIDE AVE

Authentic LOG HOME Summer Cottage! 100' Waterfront! Western Exposure! 10,000 + sq. ft. Lot offers loads of enjoyment! Other possibilities due to the size and frontage of the lot! EXPANSIVE VIEW OF SOUTH POND! Inground Sprinkler System! Don't let this one pass you by! **$374,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE -WATERFRONT LOT

22 SOUTH SHORE RD. New to the Market. Southern Exposure! Panoramic Water View of South Pond! Breath taking morning sunrises! Have fun Kayaking, Sailing, Boating, Swimming, Snorkel, Skiing, Ice Boating, Snowmobiling, and Skating! Suspended low maintenance Dock! Custom architectural home drawings. Engineered and was approved, conservation site plans, (needs to be resubmitted, expired) Conservation Site Plan DEP# 323-0926. **$189,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - TREASURE ISLAND

Welcome to Treasure Island ! Located on the Shores of Beautiful WEBSTER LAKE! Current Owner's Remodeled every inch of this Unit with a "Magazine Worthy" Flair! Each Room is Elegantly Appointed! Bamboo Floors! Family Room in Lower Level has Gas Fireplace with "Floor to Ceiling" Custom Granite & Mantel! Tastefully Finished w/ Crown Molding! "Lux" Master Bath W/Italian Tiled Shower Surround! Enjoy the Outdoors Deck, Private Beach & Heated "Salt Water" Pool! 2 Boat Slips! **New Price $334,900**

WEBSTER LAKE - 113 BIRCH ISLAND RD

WebsterLakeWaterfront!BreathtakingviewofMiddlePond! Catch the Early Morning Sun at breakfast right at water edge or in the huge 4 season porch! Many recent updates! Interior Freshly Painted! FieldstoneFireplace!Hardwoods!OilHeat!2bedrooms!And much more! **NEW PRICE $319,900**

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E BROOKFIELD
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6 PM to 8 PM
Saturday 11 AM to 7 PM
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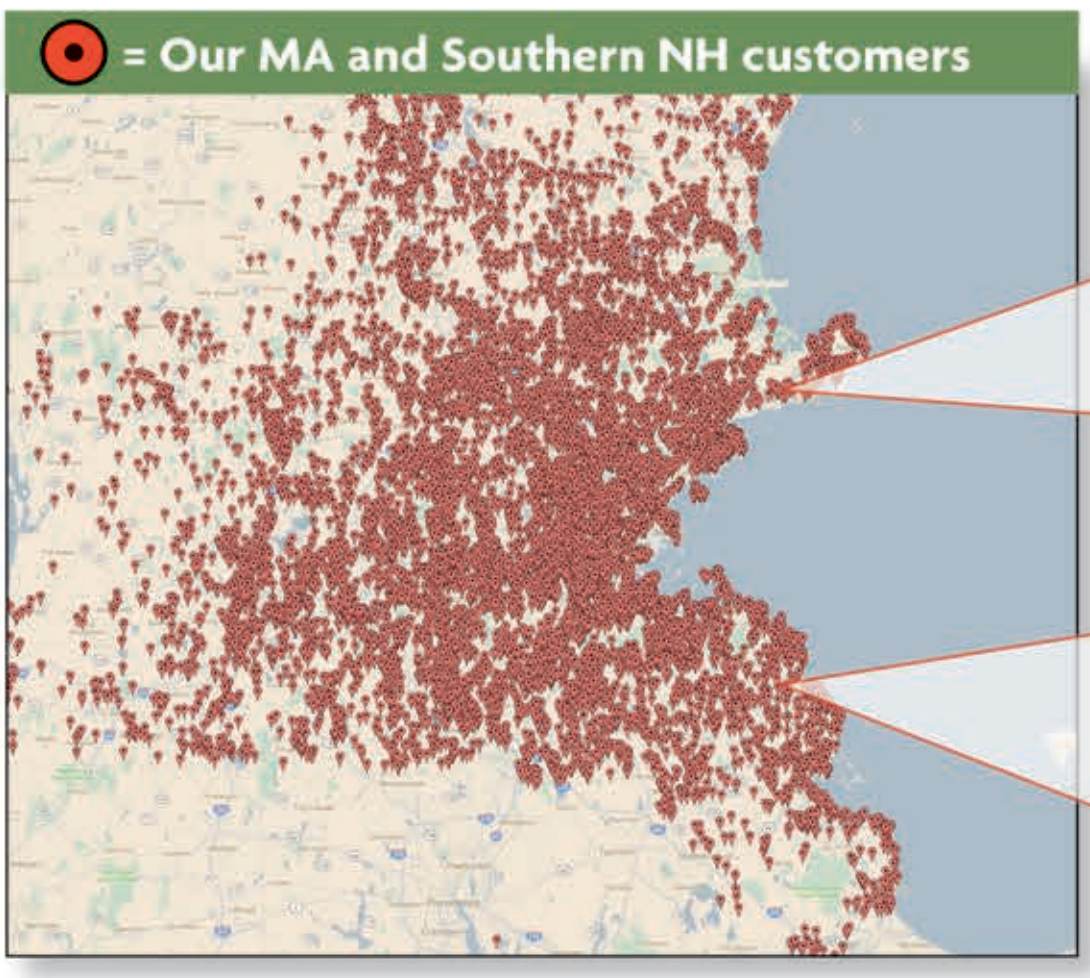

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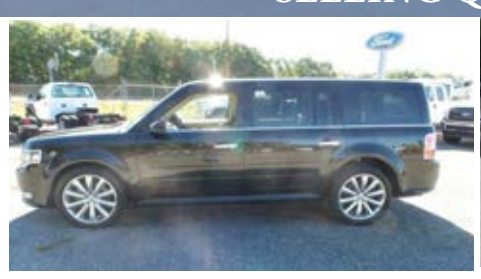

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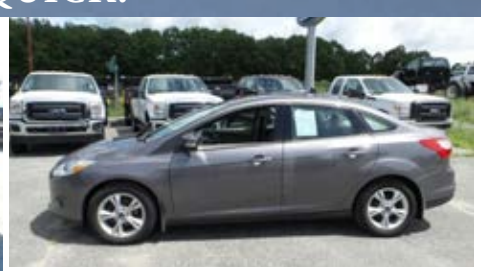

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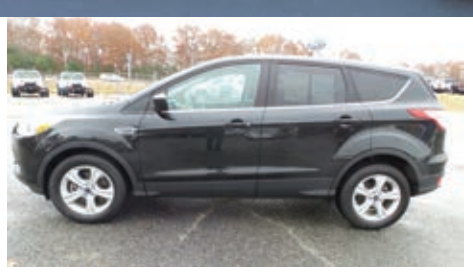

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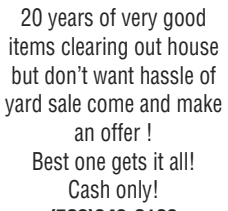

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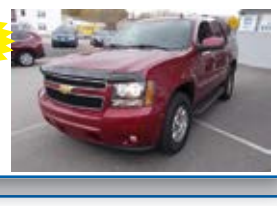
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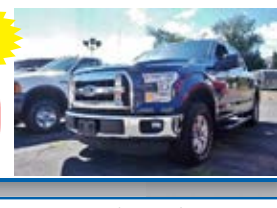
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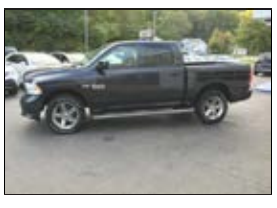
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