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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Tori Murphy of Auburn was one of three area high school students to receive scholarships from the Massachusetts Police Association recently. She is pictured here with fellow recipients Lauren Moran from Saint Peter-Marian High School in Worcester and Cait Kemp from Leicester High. Photo courtesy of Auburn High School's Twitter feed.

Charlton selectmen welcome draft hazard mitigation plan

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton is edging closer to finalizing a hazard mitigation plan as one of several towns in Southern Worcester County looking to increase preparedness in the case of a significant natural disaster.

Peter Peloquin, Assistant Planner for the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission, presented a draft of the plan to selectmen at a meeting in late June where he explained that the purpose of the plan is not to respond to the effects of a storm after it happens, but rather to be prepared for a weather event before it does any damage. However, adopting such a plan could also greatly enhance the resources the town has in the aftermath.

“This is more encompassing all natural hazards so we’re thinking tornados, earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, droughts, snow storms, etc.,” Peloquin told selectmen. “Charlton is doing this plan because in the General Disaster and Mitigation act of 2000 it requires all towns and cities to develop and adopt a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that’s approved by FEMA and adopt-

ed by the town selectmen. By adopting the plan, it enables the town to pursue grant funding through FEMA.”

Peloquin said his department examined buildings in Charlton, the personnel on hand to handle situations, and zoning and planning rules and regulations as well as storm management. Speaking to the benefits of having the plan in place Peloquin estimated that a well thought out and functioning Hazard Mitigation Plan would save a community \$4 in response cost for every dollar spent on creating a preemptive plan of action.

“We’re trying to break the cycle of disaster and rebuild,” Peloquin said. “We are looking at all areas of all kinds of weather situations we could think of - It’s not a plan for how we’re going to respond when these things happen. We’re thinking about trying to prepare prior to when these storms do occur.”

The CMRPC acted as a technical assistant on the plan while local hazard mitigation teams consisting of Charlton personnel conducted several meetings to identify local hazards. The public meeting held before the Board of Selectmen in June was the third step in the process, a public meeting providing an update on the plan’s development as well as presenting a draft. The plan was produced after CMRPC helped identify and map critical facilities and local hazard areas with the goal of prioritizing mitigation strategies. Public feedback was also gathered through a survey in the summer of 2018 where 62 responses indicated that there are concerns over the town’s preparedness for natural disasters.

While Charlton does have existing mitigation measures in place, such as dam safety regulations, salting and sanding roadways, permits for outdoor burning, zoning regulations, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, tree trimming, and drainage, the plan enhances and builds on the policies and procedures already in place effectively modernizing and adding to the current response plan. Some of the highlights of the draft included pursuing funding for a comprehensive study to identify, prioritize, and replace culverts town-wide, making an inventory of shelter and emergency resources, improving and maintaining hazard warning systems, continuing incorporating disaster

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North Oxford sewer rates rise

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD – After continuing their public hearing so residents of the affected area could be directly notified, selectmen unanimously approved a proposed sewer rate hike for North Oxford last month.

The plan calls for boosting last year’s rate of \$10.98 per 1,000 gallons to \$12.35 for the sewer service area between the

high school and the northern town line. Residents in South Oxford, where a separate system exists, will see no change in their rate of \$16.86.

DPW Director Sean Divoll said the hike is needed to address issues surrounding “inflow-infiltration,” which has increased the quantity flowing through the system. That, in turn, means higher costs for transport

through Auburn to the Upper Blackstone Treatment Plant, which also charges for treating it.

The idea of delaying the hearing came from Selectman John Saad, who argued that nobody had shown up at its previous session in early June and few people read the legal ads. He requested the town send notices directly to the roughly 400 customers. It did so, but just

one person attended the continuation to express concerns.

Richard Neiland objected to the fact the town charges for all water used, noting some towns give breaks for uses that do not end up in the sewer system, such as pools and irrigation. He said his last quarterly bill showed 22,000 gallons at a cost of \$241.56; the new rate would hike it to \$271.70.

“What are they changing

drastically to go that high?” he asked.

That’s when Divoll noted the town does have a “deduct meter” program, by which residents measure their exterior use. Oxford provides the meters for free, but homeowners need a licensed plumber to install them. He also explained the “I-I” issues.

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Cabaret Lulu, a group of experienced performing artists out of New York City, will be performing at the Sturbridge Host Lakeside Theater on Wednesday, July 24 as part of an event sponsored by the North Brookfield Council on Aging.

Cabaret Lulu to perform at Sturbridge Host

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—Cabaret Lulu, a group of experienced performing artists out of New York City, will be performing at the Sturbridge Host Lakeside Theater on Wednesday, July 24 as part of an event sponsored by the North Brookfield Council on Aging.

Founded in the early nineties and led by entertainer and comedian Lucille Gould, Cabaret Lulu is made up of actors, singers, and dancers from Broadway and New York Television, Film and Recordings who travel throughout the East Coast to perform their unique shows.

“We created this in New York City’s the-

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Sturbridge Trails Committee receives MassTrails grants

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Trails Committee has been awarded two MassTrails grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation as of Wednesday, June 26, after applying for funds to further its trail construction last February.

The grants are part of the MassTrails program, an initiative by Gov. Charlie Baker to provide funding and resources to expand shared-use pathways and recreational trails throughout the state. Announced in November of 2018 and managed by the MassDOT Trails Team established in 2017, it will provide approximately \$5 million in matching grants this year along with technical assistance and resources in order to build and maintain Massachusetts trails.

“The driving focus of the grant program is to help communities start building missing sections of trails,” said Tom Chamberland, a member of the Sturbridge Trails Committee. “It’s about opening up a bigger network of recreational trail opportunities.”

The first grant, which is in the amount of \$44,390, will allow

the town to begin the initial phase of parking lot and trail construction on the Riverlands, located at 52 Stallion Hill Rd., across from the main parking lot for Old Sturbridge Village. The town is planning for the first grant to cover the expenses of a 22 car parking lot and the first couple thousand feet of the Grand Trunk Trail.

“The total length of the Grand Trunk Trail through Sturbridge is a little over six miles,” said Chamberland. “We have two and a half miles completed and the Riverlands section is another mile and a half.”

The second grant, which is in the amount of \$12,500, will allow for a feasibility study to be done for the central Sturbridge section of the Grand Trunk Trail, which is proposed to be a major trail from Westfield Lake in Southbridge paralleling the Quinebaug River all the way out to Route 20 at the

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Stop Abuse Today fundraiser to feature Cold Train

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
CORRESPONDENT

HOLLAND — Stop Abuse Today, Inc., a local 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that supports abuse victims and their families, will be holding Concert for a Cause on Sunday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the grounds of Diane's Villa Nova, located at 5 Brimfield Rd., to raise money for its outreach programs.

The concert will feature Cold Train, a popular southern rock tribute band, from 2 until 6 p.m., preceded with an acoustic set by local musician Ron Jones from noon to 2 p.m.

"We have had a motorcycle ride a couple years

in the past and the ride fell through this year, but we already had booked Cold Train for the date," said Stop Abuse Today board member Janet Zafirir. "We were searching for an alternative situation and the Baldarelli's at Diane's Villa Nova wanted to do something too, so we decided to do it together because they have an outdoor space. Cold Train has a great big following around here and they are such giving, awesome people who have been so happy to help us out for this cause."

All ticket sale proceeds from the event are donated to Stop Abuse Today, which was founded in honor of a Wales woman was murdered by her husband in 2001. It focus-

es on helping the towns of Brimfield, Holland, and Wales by supporting abuse victims and their families, promoting awareness of elder abuse, bullying, and domestic violence, and partnering with school systems, public safety officials, community groups, and local and state government leaders.

"The cause is really important to everyone out there," said Zafirir. "Unfortunately, it is a widespread issue, and if someone is not a victim themselves, they probably know someone who is whether they are aware of it or not."

Stop Abuse Today is still looking for sponsors and donors for the event to give funds or raffle

prizes and is hoping to get more and more local businesses and individuals involved with Concert for a Cause in order to keep the organization's advocacy active on a very local level.

"We are already getting a lot of support in that direction from the local businesses and I like that because it's at a grassroots level," said Zafirir. "These are the people who all these issues affect and they are willing to reach out and help."

The organization hopes that events like Concert for a Cause will help more people come forward with their cases of domestic abuse and get them involved with Stop Abuse Today by taking advantage of educational

resources and attending their monthly meetings, which take place on the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Community Center or Town Hall and are always open to the public.

"People need to understand that it's ok to come forward and get the help and support they need," said Zafirir. "More people are becoming aware of it's such an ongoing issue and now it's a little easier with less stigma. We understand it isn't easy to recognize or accept that this is what's happening to you, but don't be afraid to ask for help."

Along with the concert, the event will also include raffles and food and beverages, includ-

ing beer, wine, and soft drinks, that can be purchased at Diane's Villa Nova. Tickets for the event are \$15 if purchased in advance or \$20 at the door. All tickets and items purchased at the event are cash only. No outside coolers and food or pets are allowed. Concert for a Cause will be held rain or shine and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, call Diane's Villa Nova at 413-245-9090 or Janet Zafirir at 508-450-7001. To learn more about the cause, go to the Stop Abuse Today Inc. Trifecta Facebook page or www.StopAbuseToday.org.

Auburn residents named to Worcester State Dean's List

WORCESTER — Worcester State University congratulates the following residents of Auburn on being named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester of 2019.

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Auburn resident named to Dean's List at Bridgewater State

BRIDGEWATER – Timothy Prosser of Auburn has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bridgewater State University:

Leicester officials look within for new police leadership

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – The police department will see familiar faces in new places this fall, as the internal appointment process for the chief and lieutenant positions continues.

Following the retirement of former police chief James Hurley in December, selectmen opted to promote the next chief from within the department. At the Board's June 17 meeting, selectmen voted 4-1 to use the MMA Consulting Group to conduct an internal assessment of department personnel this summer.

Selectman Harry Brooks was the lone dissenting vote at the June 17 meeting.

"I voted against using the consulting firm because I believe

it's a waste of money," Brooks said. "The Board already voted to appoint internally, and I believe they will just tell us what we have already learned."

Over the next few months, the goal for the consulting group is to help identify the best internal candidates to fill the chief and lieutenant positions, officials said. To ensure fairness, the MMA assessment will include the entire police department roster.

The MMA Consulting Group, based in Plymouth, specializes in municipal affairs. Town officials have stressed the importance of the evaluation and selection process this summer, especially following the departure of a well-liked chief in Hurley who helped advance the department in several ways.

After Hurley's retirement,

officials determined that internal candidates would be the best options due to familiarity with the department. Maintaining strong communications with other town departments and continuing community outreach efforts will be priorities for the next leadership team, officials said.

"All current staff members are eligible to compete for these positions," said Town Administrator David Genereux, who has helped facilitate the process. "The goal is to have a permanent chief and lieutenant in place by the early fall."

Kenneth Antanavica has served as the department's interim police chief since Hurley's retirement. Paul Doray, meanwhile, has served as the LPD's interim lieutenant.

Almeida graduates from Emmanuel College in Boston

BOSTON — Micaela Almeida of Auburn graduated from Emmanuel College on Saturday, May 11 during Emmanuel College's 97th Commencement Exercises on its campus in Boston. Almeida received a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a concentration in Health Sciences during the ceremony.

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Summer Fun Classes at Hitchcock include tennis, outdoor games, rainy day activities, creative fun and individualized projects.

BRIMFIELD — At Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, it means kids ages three to 12 can pick and preregister for the classes they wish to attend over a three week session July 15 – Aug. 2. Every hour each morning between 9-11:50 a.m., children begin a new class,

based on their age, including: Story Time, Games, Tennis, Arts & Crafts and Design and Create. The focus is on fun and friendship while actively participating in age appropriate activities. Some students choose just one week while others up to three weeks to attend

classes. Small group sizes, eight for ages three and four and 15 for older children, are a part of our desire to create a family like atmosphere.

For Hitchcock’s new hires, Mary Mentzer and Jordan Lapierre, our Summer Fun classes will mean some creative planning and preparation for Tennis, Games and arts and crafts classes for kids ages three to 12. Our returning staff, Kathryn Henry, will be teaching Design and Create and Story Time for the third year.

Mary has previously taught arts and crafts for a dance studio summer day camp, she volunteered and worked part time at a dance studio and is attending college for pediatric nursing and she shares this “What I found important when interacting with the kids is knowing every kids comes into the classroom from a different life and all have different fears and expectations.”

Jordan was a volunteer at Tantasqua’s track camp in 2018 working with seven to 12 year old students and she shared one important aspect of teaching kids is “Making sure kids were taking care of their bodies while still having fun.”

For more information on the summer program at Hitchcock visit www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977



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Charlton’s Alisha Warren receives award from Bay Path

CHARLTON — Wife and mother of four, Alisha Marie Warren of Charlton, is the PN Class of 2019 Honoree of the Clinical Excellence Award.

Warren received the award for her distinguished clinical performance throughout her training



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Warren receiving the Clinical Excellence Award from Professor Regina Sanetti, MSN Ed, RN.

and education at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy. Warren received the Clinical Excellence Award, an engraved crystal woven plate from Tiffany & Co., at this year’s Graduation and Pinning Ceremony in the Great Room, the Overlook Masonic Health Care, Charlton, June 21. Warren is a 2004 graduate of Shepherd Hill High School, in Dudley, MA. She received her Bachelor of Science majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology from Worcester State University in 2010.

“We congratulate Alisha Warren for this immense honor and wholeheartedly applaud her family for their love and support. Alisha has been a revered practical nursing student. We are so very happy that, together with her husband and children, and her parents, they all witnessed Alisha receive the Clinical Excellence Award,” said, Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director.

“Alisha Warren truly exemplifies our desired graduate, one who exhibits clinically competent skill with compassion. As a practical nursing graduate and soon to be LPN, Alisha has a promising nursing career ahead of her,” concluded Bolandrina.

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mitigation actions into appropriate local and regional plans, and updating the hazard mitigation plan every five years.

While the draft plan was received warmly by selectmen, there’s still work to be done. The draft plan must now be received by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency before it comes back to the Board of Selectmen for a resolution voting to adopt the final draft. If FEMA approves the final plan, Charlton will officially have a solid plan in place for any future natural hazards that may target the community.

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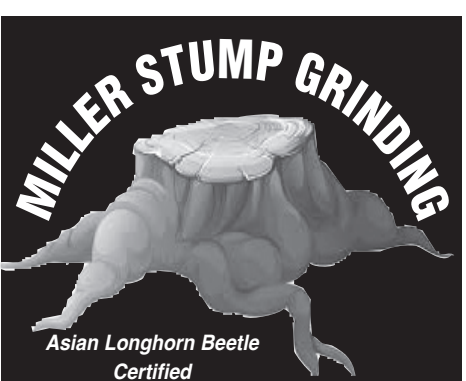
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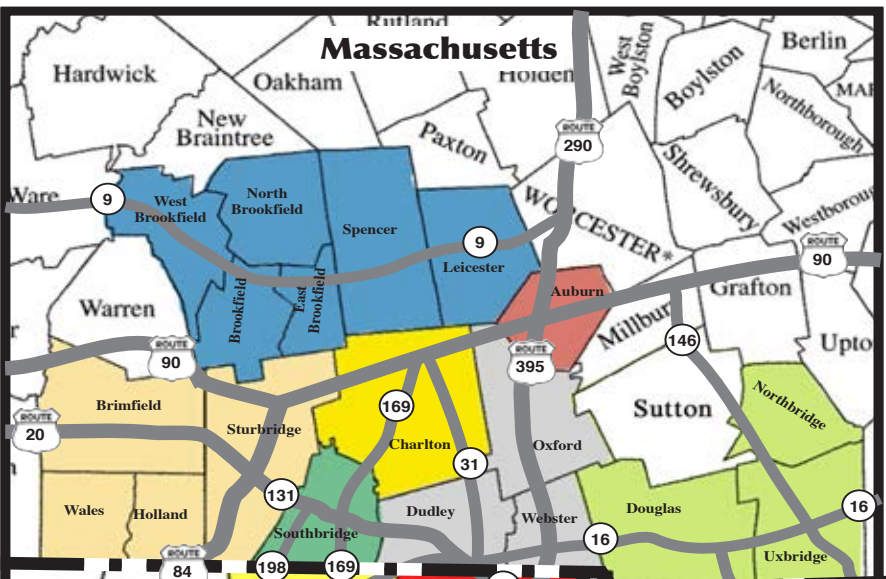
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The Abletones bringing Big Band music to the Common



STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Lions Club, The Sturbridge Rotary Club and the Sturbridge Parks and Recreation Committee will co-sponsor an evening concert on the Sturbridge Common, Thursday evening, July 25, starting at 6 p.m. The featured music will be the 18 piece Big Band, The Abletones, led by band-leader Dan Gabel. The group is dedicated to recreating the sights and sounds of the big band era. They focus on the sound of the 1930s and '40s music led by Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Count Basie, Gene Krupa and many others. The bandstand, now in its 25th year on the common, was designed for this type of music.

The band plays the New England states as well for non-profit organizations, businesses, retirement communities, weddings, ballrooms and swing dances. Included in the program will be the female quartet, The Moon Maids, whose harmony is a pleasure to listen to. Dan Gabel has played trombone with the Glenn Miller orchestra as well as the Tommy Dorsey and Cab Calloway orchestras. His credentials include the jazz program at the Worcester Youth Orchestras Inc., and has served as CEO and President of the American Big Band Preservation Society. The Sturbridge Lions Club and the Sturbridge Rotary Club are consid-

ering this performance as a way of saying “thank you” to the community for its support throughout the year. The Lions and Rotarians are proud to be members of the world’s two largest service organizations with more than three million members worldwide serving in 250 countries and geographical areas. We are pleased to have the Parks and Recreation Committee of Sturbridge part of the sponsorship to bring this talented group of musicians to play for us on the Common. So, please join us on July 25 for an evening of relaxation and enjoy the sound of the Big Band era on the Sturbridge Common. Bring your favorite chair, stool or blanket to relax on. Parking is available behind the town hall. The Lions and Rotary Club’s main mission is serving people with vision and hearing problems as well as scholarships to Tantasqua Regional High School students and other needs as requested.

Courtesy Photo

The Sturbridge Lions Club, The Sturbridge Rotary Club and the Sturbridge Parks and Recreation Committee will co-sponsor an evening concert featuring the Abletones Big Band and the Moon Maids (pictured) on the Sturbridge Common, Thursday evening, July 25, starting at 6 p.m.

Stageloft presents “Seven Ways To Say I Love You”

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
CORRESPONDENT

FISKDALE—Stageloft Repertory Theater has announced its upcoming production of “Seven Ways To Say I Love You,” a comedic collection of short plays by Adam Szymkowicz that tackles the difficult topics of love and heart-break. The series of seven plays includes “Ambience Pizza,” “Film Noir,” “Mind of the Critic,” “Money Penny Waits,” “The Moment,” “Smashing Eyes” and “Little Folded Hands,” and each one deals with a different couple, relationship, and situation. “This collection of funny, sweet, silly, poignant and stylistically diverse short plays from New York Favorite Adam Szymkowicz has something for everyone,” said a press release from Stageloft. “From the awkwardness of asking out a pizza store clerk (Ambience Pizza), to a campy infidelity revenge comedy (Film Noir), to the couple destined to be together no matter

the obstacles (John and April), this collection explores heart, grief, pain, and humor as the plays dance around the eternal human theme of love.” Stageloft’s production of “Seven Ways To Say I Love You” is produced through special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. and directed by Robert C. Latino. The show stars Greg Glanville, Josh Raymond, Laura Jedynasty, Nika Tomasic, Brittany Grenier & Sean Gardell. It is produced through special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. “Seven Ways to Say I Love You” will perform for two week-ends from July 12 through July 21 with 8 p.m. performances on Fridays, July 12 and 19 and Saturdays, July 13 and 20 and 2 p.m. performances on Sundays, July 14 and 21. Tickets are \$20 each or \$18 for seniors over age 60, students, and military personnel. Discounts for groups of 20 or more people are available and the theater is fully accessible. Stageloft’s other upcom-

ing shows in the 2019 season include Disney’s “Newsies” in August, “Beer for Breakfast” in September, “Spitfire Grill the Musical” in October, and “Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)” at the end of November and into December. The theater is also in the midst of its annual youth summer workshops, with two sessions for kids in third grade through 10th grade and one session for kindergarteners through second graders, and will be presenting “Christmas in July: Two Holiday Plays by Mrs. Evelyn Marritt” on Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 27 at 4 p.m. and Disney’s “Frozen Junior” on Friday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 and 4 p.m. To purchase tickets to Seven Ways to Say I Love You or for more information about Stageloft’s youth summer workshops and 2019 season, call the theater at 508-347-9005 or visit their Web site at www.stageloft.org.

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

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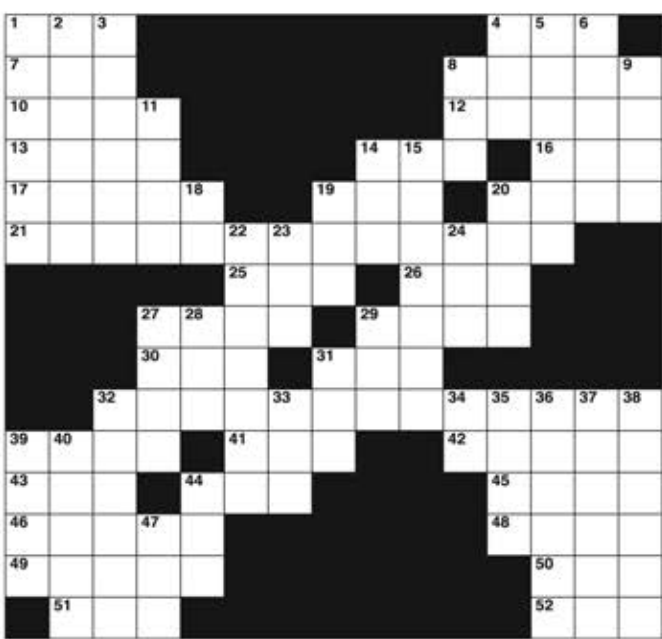
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors’ group

4. One millionth of a gram

7. Contrary to

8. Oohed and __

10. Popular sandwiches

12. Construction site machine

13. Variety act

14. Fall back

16. An electrically charged atom

17. Mountain lakes

19. Japanese classical theater

20. Pesky insect

21. Natural wonders

25. Design file extension

26. Genus of grasses

27. Container for shipping

29. Theron film “__ Flux”
30. Get older

31. Chinese surname

32. Edith Bunker actress

39. Natives to Myanmar

41. Soda comes in it

42. Counting frames

43. Where some get their mail (abbr.)

44. Having ten

45. Assn. of oil-producing countries

46. A type of cigar

48. World’s longest river

49. Single-celled animal

50. Decay

51. General’s assistant (abbr.)

52. Pigpen

CLUES DOWN

1. __ and Costello

2. Islamic teacher

3. Clothing

4. Disfigure

5. Irons

6. NW Italian seaport

8. Play a role

9. A reduction

11. Short poem set to music

14. Pain unit

15. Get in form

18. Junior’s father

19. To the __ degree

20. Wild or sweet cherry

22. Content

23. Earn a perfect score

24. Korean surname
27. Herb __, San Francisco columnist

28. Ottoman military commander

29. Satisfaction

31. Kids’ TV channel (abbr.)

32. Poke quickly

33. Pouch

34. City of Angels

35. Dark olive black

36. Nocturnal hoofed mammals

37. Wild cat

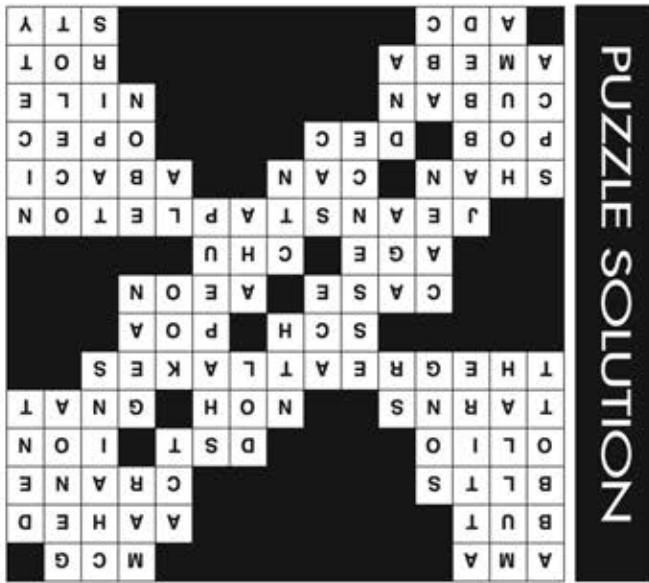
38. Fine detail

39. Prevents harm to creatures

40. A city in Louisiana

44. Everyone has their own

47. Basics



Police, fire chiefs welcomed to Safety Building Committee

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – On May 20, the town of Charlton approved the construction of a new public safety complex to be erected on Masonic Home Road. Now the project moves to the next steps as a new committee was established to see the construction through to the end.

The Charlton Board of Selectmen voted to establish an 11-member public safety construction building committee on June 18 with the committee to be made up mostly of the same members as the previous building committee, with two exceptions. After some deliberation and minor debate, the selectmen voted to make Fire Chief Ed Knopf and Police Chief Graham Maxfield full time members of the committee and finalized a pair of August dates to be set aside for a referendum allowing voters the final say on the project after town meeting approved \$28.5 million for the construction.

The original building committee that helped produce the proposed project as it stands right now was comprised of two members each of the police and fire departments as well

as a selectman and two members of the public along with one alternate from the fire and police departments respectively. Selectmen played with the idea of keeping the established membership intact, but it was selectman David Singer who recommended the chiefs be permanently added to the mix rather than serving as alternates as they did before.

“I greatly appreciate all the work that the Public Safety Building Committee has done. I know, as do (the other selectmen) the work that goes into being on the committee. It’s a lot of work, a lot of time, and a lot of dedication. That being said town meeting did approve the monies, but we’re not locked in to the plan or technologies. We have room to flex with that as long as we stay within the budget town meeting voted. That being said, I would personally like to see the makeup change for the next phase. I would like to see a five- or six-member committee. To me I think it’s critical that both chiefs are key members of this committee,” Singer said.

However, Selectman John McGrath argued that the chiefs seemed to feel comfortable with the status quo and that adding them wasn’t entirely necessary

unless they wanted to serve on the committee.

“I think that the chiefs have basically picked the people that they feel represent them on the committee very well and I know that the chiefs have not been shy at showing up at the meetings,” McGrath said. “I would ask them if they’re comfortable with the way the committee is set up now.”

Both chiefs were present for the discussion and revealed their faith in the members that served on the building committee, although both noted they are employees that answer to the Board of Selectmen and would serve if called upon. However Chief Knopf wanted clarification of exactly what it is the new committee would be working on. Selectman Singer said tweaking the design would be one of the committee’s most pressing responsibilities specifically pointing out that the current proposal has two gymnasiums, one for police and another for fire personnel, which seemed to Singer to be a waste of space and resources when one gym would do. Chief Knopf said that even with himself and Chief Maxfield on the committee they may not have the knowledge needed to make appropriate calls on the build-

ing layout.

“I think we’re at a stage now where we’re making decisions on how the building is going to look and how it’s going to operate,” Chief Knopf said. “There needs to be subject matter experts involved that we need to be taking their recommendations from and I don’t know if this committee has any of that. I don’t believe there are.”

Town Administrator Robin Craver intervened to clear up some details about the project and the personnel involved. She noted that there are several individuals involved outside of the building committee that will help resolve any design issues or major changes needed to the plan and they will be working closely with the building committee to finalize the proposal.

“We have an owners project manager that oversees the whole thing. We also have an architect that will be designing the building. This committee has done hours on its own of going out to other buildings and taking a look at them. We never expected to find that kind of technical expertise on a building committee. That’s more the guiding body. But we would get experts in the areas that we need,” Craver said. “I

really don’t want anybody at home thinking that this committee would be doing any design or technology or any of those components because that would be done by professionals who do these buildings all the time.”

After continued discussion the decision was made to compromise, keeping the bulk of the existing membership of the building committee intact increasing the membership to eleven adding the two chiefs as permanent members. Now three police officers, three firefighters, one selectman, two citizens, and two alternates from each of the departments will make up the committee which will officially be retitled to reflect the committee’s new charge of overseeing construction plans for the building.

In addition to finalizing the building committee, selectmen also agreed on two dates, a primary and backup, to use Heritage School for a referendum to allow voters to cast their ballots in support or opposition of whatever finalized plan is put forward. The primary date is Aug. 13, but if the school is unavailable on that day the vote will be held on Aug. 20.

CABARET

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ater district as a necessity because we wanted to start our own thing and keep working but not wait for an agent to call,” said Gould. “It took off there, but we travel around now. To us, Sturbridge is the height of Massachusetts. What we want is to really get the name out locally.”

The group performs original shows consisting of skits from various well-known shows, including “Gigi,” “My Fair Lady,” “The King and I,” and “Oklahoma,” and songs from famous artists, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Nat King Cole.

“These are all professionals in Cabaret Lulu and they do this because they are off duty or aren’t working on a show at the moment,” said Gould. “These are people who work with me on a constant basis. It’s a variety show, but our own show, and every time a show goes someplace, it has to be a new show because we want people to keep coming back.”

The Sturbridge show, titled “Love is the Thing,” will specifically focus on the theme of love and feature many famous songs, including “Let’s Do It,” “Let’s Misbehave,” “Making Whopper,” “These Foolish Things,” “What a Wonderful World,” and “The Glory of Love.” The cast will include professional performers Lucille Gould, Roumel

Reaux, Renai Baker, and Robert Aberdeen with music by the group’s pianist, Kinu Mikami.

Cabaret Lulu performs for many different groups, clubs, and organizations, but has a mission to be inclusive and focuses on providing entertainment for elderly populations in general, traveling around and reaching out to older people and performing songs they remember well and can sing along to.

“The North Brookfield Council on Aging has gone and raised money to sponsor Cabaret Lulu so that the people at the North Brookfield Senior Center can come see us,” said Gould. “We do this for the seniors because they need us, and when they bring their children or grandchildren who have not

been exposed to people like George Gershwin, they flip out and really love the show too. At the same time, it’s not old fashioned, but sophisticated and really good theater.”

Although the show is sponsored by the North Brookfield Council on Aging and free for seniors through the North Brookfield Senior Center, anyone in the area of any age is welcome and encouraged to attend. General admission tickets, which include lunch from the Sturbridge Host kitchen and the show, are \$48.50.

For more information on Cabaret Lulu and a full show schedule, go to www.cabaretlulu.com. To purchase tickets for the Sturbridge show, call 1-866-585-8872 or email lucie9g@gmail.com.

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GRANTS

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Sturbridge and Brimfield town line. Eventually, it is envisioned to be a 66 mile trail, the Titanic Rail Trail, from Palmer to Franklin.

“We have both ends done, but the middle is kind of loose,” said Chamberland. “This feasibility study is to figure out how to connect the trail and work on the last section. The challenge is the Grand Trunk Rail Line has been all but obliterated in that section because of I-84 and it cuts through the middle of Old Sturbridge Village. We need to figure out a new way to route the trail. It will give us potential options and cost and from there the town can decide what to do.”

The state required time frame to complete the projects that are funded by the MassTrails grants is two years and it is estimated that the projects will start sometime in the fall, as the town is currently waiting on the state to provide contract documents.

“I anticipate both projects will start sometime in September,” said Chamberland. “The town is required to provide a 20 percent match to the grants, so our match is a combination of funds from the Community Preservation Fund, approved at last June’s annual town meeting, and our due time and

labor.”

The Sturbridge Trails committee is hoping that the upcoming projects made possible by the MassTrails grants will connect the town in new ways, give residents and visitors an opportunity to travel throughout the area’s trails and parcels without driving in a car, and provide a possibility to eventually connect with other regional trails, including Blackstone Valley and Southern New England.

“The vision of the Grand Trunk Trail was to be the main backbone trail for the residents to use and it is envisioned to be an east to west trail that will go from one end of town to the other,” said Chamberland. “When it’s complete, you’ll be able to go fishing at East Brimfield and end at Westfield. The trail passes through the Riverlands, goes very close to Leadmine Mountain Parcel, and gives an opportunity to get to open space parcels without getting in your car and driving to a parking lot. It is a key part of the interconnect ability of open space parcels and it will make a longer journey and experience.”

More information on the Sturbridge trails and MassTrail Grants can be found on the Friends of Sturbridge Trails Facebook page or by going to the Sturbridge Trails Committee Web site at <http://www.sturbridgetrails.org>.

SEWER

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“We have a plan in place to address that inflow-infiltration,” he said. “... We think the sewers along Route 20 are to blame for this.”

He said the department has already put a camera through those sewer lines to locate leak points, and will do dye-and/or smoke-testing to see where others might be. He said he’s met with state Department of Transportation officials on including sewer main upgrades as part of the state’s Route 20 project; the design work is done, all Oxford needs is a source of funds for the roughly \$3 million the work needs.

Town Manager Jen Callahan said she’s working with affected businesses to calculate the economic impact of their sewer plan as part of their appeal for state aid.

“If we had a funding source, we could open bids tomorrow,” Divoll said.

The two largest areas served by that part of the sewer system are Plymouth

Village and the Thayer Pond condo complex, with several other homes and businesses on Route 20, 56 and some side streets.

Divoll said he’d like to see the town create a sewer stabilization fund “to protect the ratepayers” by providing a source of funds for projects other than rate hikes. At present, if projects aren’t paid by rate hikes, by law they default to the general taxpayers, many of whom aren’t served by sewers.

In other business, Callahan announced Oxford will be getting a state Historical Commission grant for preservation of the Library, as well as a Stanton Foundation grant of \$198,875 to build the new dog park. She also recently appointed Tom Purcell to be the town’s new health agent by contract (rather than an employee), and signed Oxford on to the national opioid lawsuit. Selectmen also approved a host agreement with True Roots Marketing, which plans to open an adult-use cannabis facility.

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I started using marijuana in high school because I was nervous about girls.

At 17, I still had not successfully had a physical relationship with a girl, and the social and hormonal pressures were intense.

The '70's was a decade of a lot of moral "freedom", which basically amounted to "intimacy" being talked about in magazines, on TV and shown in movies with unprecedented frequency and verisimilitude.

Nowadays, it's commonplace to see graphic love scenes on TV, but back then it was new and electrifying to see people "making whoopie" in films without a fast cut to a scene of waves breaking on a shore, or logs burning in a fireplace, a euphemistic device brilliantly parodied in the comedy "Top Secret."

All this to say that sex was always top of mind for me back then. And my anxieties about it, about my performance, about the possible consequences, were also top of mind, and worrisome.

To ease the discomfort, I sought out someone who I knew was a marijuana user, with whom I also desired to have a fling. This girl was more than happy to get me "high".

(Marijuana was, of course, illegal back then. I don't know where she got her stash, but her older brother is a likely possibility. I recall months later trying on his leather jacket and finding inside the pockets two enormous plastic bags of pot.)

The effects of smoking were immediate. I was no longer nervous about anything. I was friendly, clever and amusing, untroubled by the possibility of rejection. I felt like the charming fellow I could never comfortably be in "normal life," but felt myself capable of being.

A few hours later, of course, I was back to my old confused, introverted self... but also ravenously hungry.

Pot became a staple in my life for many years, and it all started by "solving" my problem of anxiety over getting intimate. After a while, nervousness about sex was no longer my problem. Quite the opposite: irresponsibility about sex became my problem.

Today's medicos undoubtedly recommend drugs to teens for similar anxieties. Today's marijuana, as well as today's psych meds, are far more powerful and addictive than anything I would have been exposed to in 1977, so I am concerned about the 17 year olds of 2019 who might be as nervous about life as I was.

Here's the thing—drugs are a quick fix. They aren't based on or supportive of rationality. They don't cure anything. They are simply substances that affect the body in various ways, some of which can be pleasant, but always with a price.

Any pain diminished by drugs inevitably returns. Drugs rob your body of nutrients and, in many cases, can interrupt normal body function enough to make you ill or even do you in.

Pot smokers, back in my youth, were typified by the comedy of Cheech and Chong, (the Key and Peele of my day) who became famous with slapstick movies about stoners getting into ridiculous situations fueled by "Thai stick", "Panama Red" and other species of weed. (I recall them as hilarious, however, I don't think I'd feel the same about

Garden Herbs: Proper Picking & Preserving



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Herbs not only bring essence and beauty to the landscape, they also provide an element of enchantment to a garden. Whether you grow herbs for their unique flavors, medicinal value, or just for the pure pleasure of it the humble herb adds spice to any garden plot! Read on for some harvesting and preserving tips, plus few recipes to spotlight your fresh snipped herbs.

Harvesting Herbs

While snipping herbs daily for kitchen use is a common practice, the act of fully harvesting herbs regularly is also important to ensure new growth. For best flavor, cut or snip herbs in the morning, after the dew has evaporated from the leaves but before the midday sun heats the plant.

Most annual plants can be harvested twice during the planting season. Cut plants back to about five inches above the ground and feed after cutting. Annual herbs can be harvested until frost.

Perennial herbs may be harvested once during the first year and up to three times each season after the initial growth year. Harvest up to 75 percent of the top growth in late spring and another quarter in late summer. Stop harvesting about one month before the frost date. Late pruning could encourage tender growth that cannot harden-off before winter.

Flowering herbs should be harvested when the buds are apparent or when flowers are just opening. This is when their oil concentration is at its peak.

Preserving Herbs

While herbs for cooking should be used fresh for optimal quality and flavor, a zealous growing season can necessitate preserving the herbal plants. There are several methods to "keep" herbs for later use. Freezing: This is the easiest method to preserve herbs that are to be used in cooking. Herbs should be cut fresh and rinsed briefly in cold water. Chop herbs and spread out on a cookie sheet to freeze. Once frozen, transfer to a zip lock freezer bag. Another popular way to freeze herbs for uses in soups and other dishes that require liquid is to place pinches of herbs in water filled ice cube trays. Freeze and pack them into a zip lock freezer bag. Don't refreeze herbs after thawing. Drying:Dryingisthetraditionalmethod ofherbpreservation. There are also several methods to dry herbs for later use. Air Drying: If the herbs are clean, do not wet them. Otherwise, rinse, shake off the excess water, and spread the herbs out to dry on paper towels or dishcloths until all surface moisture has evaporated. Remove any dead or damaged foliage. Then, tie the stems into small bundles with twine or string and hang them upside down in a warm, dry, airy place out of the sun. Be sure to make small, loose bundles and allow for good air circulation around each bunch. Dry indoors as sun and dew moisture can discolor and ruin the quality of many herbs. Hang and dry in the kitchen or even a garage or shed. Note: Some herbs, such as basil and mints may mold if not dried quickly. An alternative to hanging herbs to dry in bunches is to spread the herbs out on window screens. Suspend the screens over sawhorses or the backs of chairs. Turn the leaves often to ensure even drying. To air dry herbs with seeds, tie the herbs in small bundles and suspend inside a paper bag with holes punched in the sides. Suspend the bag in a dark area with good air circulation. Collect the seeds when they are dry, and store in rigid light-proof containers. Oven Drying: Traditional kitchen

stoves can also be used to dry herbs. Spread the herbs on cookie sheets and dry at the lowest temperature. Home food dehydrators also do an excellent job of drying herbs. Follow the directions provided with the dehydrator. Herbs are sufficiently dry when they are brittle and crumble easily. When the leaves are dry, separate them from their stems and package the leaves in rigid containers with tight fitting lids. Glass or hard plastic are best, although zip-lock plastic freezer bags can be used. To preserve full flavor, avoid crushing the leaves until you are ready to use them. Store dried herbs in a cool, dry place away from sunlight, moisture, and heat. Many herbs ca keep for a year if stored properly.

Herbal Recipes

Below are some simple, yet delicious recipes that showcase the flavor of freshly picked garden herbs.

Melted Cheese Spread with Yarrow

This is a great salsa alternative when served with Tortillas or corn chips)

Ingredients: one pound soft cheese; one tablespoon minced yarrow leaves; one half cup tomato soup two tablespoons whole Yarrow flowers; black pepper, onionpowderandgarlicpowdertotaste. Directions: Melt the cheese and add the tomato soup, stirring until well mixed. Add Yarrow leaves and spices to taste. Blend in one tablespoon of the Yarrow flowers. Use remaining flowers as a bowl garnish.

Quick Chive Biscuits

Bisquick makes it quick and easy to bake up a batch of biscuits laced with fresh chives.

Ingredients: two cups Bisquick; 2/3 cup sour cream; 1/3 cup water; one tablespoon chopped chives. Directions: Stir together all ingredients to a soft dough. Beat 30 strokes until stiff but still sticky. Knead dough ten times. Roll out one half inch thick and cut with a floured glass or biscuit cutter. ***

Cilantro Salsa

This spicy salsa is a tasty accompaniment to seafood.

Ingredients: one half cup minced onion; one half cup tomato (chopped small); one teaspoon minced Jalapeno chile; one teaspoon salt. Directions: Soak onion in cold water for a half hour, rinse and drain. Mix together all other ingredients and chill covered until serving time.

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

Life events can lead you to see a financial advisor



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Over the years, you'll experience many personal and professional milestones. Each of these can be satisfying, but they may also bring challenges – especially financial ones. That's why you may want to seek the guidance of a financial professional. Here are some of the key life events you may encounter, along with the help a financial advisor can provide:

New job – When you start a new job, especially if it's your first "career-type" one, you may find that you have several questions about planning for your financial future, including your retirement. You may have questions about how much you should contribute to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. What investments should you choose? When should you increase your contributions or adjust your investment mix? A financial advisor can recommend an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Marriage – Newlyweds often discover they bring different financial habits to a marriage. For example, one spouse may be more of a saver, while the other is more prone to spending. And this holds true for investment styles – one spouse might be more risk-averse, while the other is more aggressive. A financial advisor can help recommend ways for you and your spouse to find some common ground in your saving and investment strategies, enabling you to move forward toward your mutual goals.

New child – When you have a child, you will need to consider a variety of financial issues. Will you be able to help the child someday go to college? And what might happen to your child, or children, if you were no longer around? A financial advisor can present you with some college-savings options, such as an education savings plan, as well as ways to protect your family, such as life insurance.

Career change – You may change jobs several times, and each time you do, you'll need to make some choices about your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Should you move it to your new employer's plan, if transfers are allowed? Or, if permitted, should you keep the assets in your old employer's plan? Or perhaps you should roll over the money into an IRA? A financial advisor can help you explore these options to determine which one is most appropriate for your needs.

Death of a spouse – Obviously, the death of a spouse is a huge emotional blow, but it does not have to be a financial one – especially if you've prepared by having the correct beneficiary named on retirement accounts and life insurance policies. Your financial advisor can help ensure you have taken these steps.

Retirement – Even after you retire, you'll have some important investment decisions to make. For one thing, you'll need to establish a suitable withdrawal strategy so you don't deplete your retirement accounts too soon. Also, you still need to balance your investment mix in a way that provides at least enough growth potential to keep you ahead of inflation. Again, a financial advisor can help you in these areas.

No matter where you are on your journey through life, you will need to address important financial and investment questions, but you don't have to go it alone – a financial professional can help you find the answers you need.

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The joys(?) of boat ownership



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So, you want to buy a boat? Buying your own boat to fish from can be exciting but expensive. As the old saying goes, “The happiest two days of owning a boat are when you buy it and when you sell it.” Another saying is “A boat is a big hole in the water that you keep pouring money into.” They are both true, but they can also provide a family with a lot of fun on the water, and fishing from your own boat

can also be exciting and rewarding. Before you purchase a boat, you need to have a person that knows about boats with you before you put down you hard earned cash. What size boat do you want and can afford. Purchasing a big boat that needs a slip requires finding a slip first, as they are in high demand. Slip fees are also very costly, and the price is set by the feet of the craft , and vary depending on the location. Purchasing a boat that can be trailered in the 18-to-28-foot range requires a vehicle that has the power to safely transport it to and from your home.

Trailering your boat will require you to purchase insurance for both the boat and your trailer. Purchasing “SeaTow” or similar insurance will be necessary to provide help on the water in case you break down. Taking a course in navigation is extremely important. and having a (GPS) Global positioning system , or similar device is recommended for safe navigation on the water. Radar is another device that is extremely important especially when a fog banks moves in. The ocean is no place for armatures in a boat especially when the fog moves in.

Taking a Coast Guard

Safety Course prior to purchasing a boat is highly recommended. Trailering a boat on the roads today is insane and extremely dangerous. If you decide to purchase your own boat and trailer it, be prepared to put up with a lot of “idiots” on the road and at the boat ramp. Keeping a cool head and driving safely will keep you and your family safe, and will give you many enjoyable days on the water. Always keep you VISA GOLD card available in case of emergencies. Good luck.

Striper fishing has been hot one day and poor the next. Being there at the right time and fishing with the proper bait or lures is important. A lot of bait fish are moving

in and out of hot spots daily with a huge concentration of squid this year on the Cape. On angler reported being covered with squid ink even though he was not using squid. Bass were full of squid and were coughing them up when caught by anglers. Fluke & seabass fishing is holding their own, but no big bites reached this writers desk. My brother Ken & his Wife visited the Quabbin Res. last week and caught a couple of lake trout and one bass. The second picture shows Ken with a nice lake trout. Although the fishing was slow they had a great time. Fishing the Quabbin anytime of the year is always a great day in the outdoors. The

\$25 fee for admittance and use of a boat and motor with a tank of gas is a real bargain. Bear hunting can be dangerous, but exciting for some people and Janet Harper of Douglas loves the thrill of the hunt. As stated in last weeks column Janet & her husband Phil hunt all over the country and beyond, and they have plenty of mounts to prove there success hanging in there man cave and there woman’s cave. Nice Bear.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

MESKIMEN

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them if I watched one today; you never see any of their titles on “Best Comedy” film lists.)

Pot smoking was seen as unserious and innocent, nothing to get too worked up about. Overzealous educational films of prior decades which preached marijuana was a one-way ticket to insanity were rightly seen as exaggerated and inaccurate, playing on parental fears with laughably unrealistic situations.

A casual attitude about pot was partly the reaction to the obvious falseness of these “authoritative” films.

Marijuana didn’t destroy me. It didn’t turn me into a maniac, or ruin my life. But it didn’t assist me in navigating the many challenges of life. In fact, it got in the way of me controlling my life.

Although I had innumerable stupid misadventures, the worst thing that happened to me as a result of marijuana was that eventually I did not care what I took into my body to feel better.

THAT opened the door to some very serious drugs which absolutely could have destroyed me and very nearly did.

That may be the most dangerous facet of smoking pot, one that is ignored today in the current wave of legalized weed; if smoking or eating pot to solve one’s problems is acceptable, why stop there?

I don’t have the hard statistics to hand, but I reckon most people that, like me, eventually turned to harder drugs to satisfy their pain or their boredom began it all by smoking pot.

Smoking pot was, for me, a surrender to something, a giving up on a problem, not a victory. It was an expression of throwing my hands up and saying, “I can’t figure it out—I’ll just be numb.”

Once started down this road, I found it hard to resist other drugs that had equal promise to numb or to “enlighten”. And those drugs being toxic, the more I took, the less physical energy I had to face and conquer my problems on my own.

Eventually I got to the point many drug users get to where a partnership of sorts with chemicals becomes a stated reality. “I can’t be who I really am without them, therefore I won’t even try.”

It had all begun with trying to solve my nervousness with pot. That opened the door to a myriad of other dangerous solutions that stalled out my creativity and blunted my perceptions for a long time.

(By the way, when my nervousness

came back, it was much worse than before. So much for the marijuana “cure”).

I eventually of course did straighten myself out and left the druggie life behind forever, but that’s a story for another day.

You may be wondering why I am taking up this topic now, so many years later. I suppose it’s a response to the rising number of pro-marijuana ads in places where it is legal, with their promises of health, happiness, inspiration or delight, (free delivery!) just a mouse click or a text away.

Marijuana is legal now in Massachusetts and in many other places in America. I’m not necessarily offended by this, as I consider sending people to jail or prison isn’t a good solution and degrades people faster than pot.

But the lies about pot smoking are offensive to me. Claims about it being medicinal, the inference of the now ubiquitous “green cross” symbol, are falsehoods on the level of the timeworn “snake oil salesmen”.

Claims about pot making one more tranquil, or more creative, or more productive are all spurious; they may sound good, but close inspection will prove them invalid.

The tranquility, creative spirit or increased productivity one may achieve with pot will not last, and in its place will follow the same obstacle one was originally trying to handle, only now bigger and more difficult to confront.

With any drug, eventually, the human body adjusts to the toxicity and balances itself, creating a tolerance. More and more of the drug is required to have the same effect. More and more, stronger and stronger, oftener and oftener, one needs to continually increase just to keep up. This isn’t news.

Many addicts today take a variety of drugs just to get the effect they used to achieve with small doses of just one.

That’s the way it always goes. Anyone saying otherwise, as did the doctors who dispensed millions of prescriptions of opioids to unwitting patients, making them addicts, is either lying or catastrophically ignorant. Either way, it’s criminal.

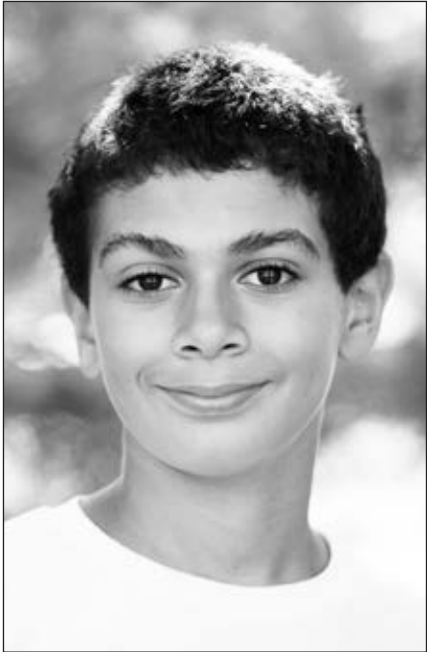
There are safe, non-drug methods to deal with nervousness, pain, boredom, or any of the unpleasantnesses of life.

Marijuana does not provide all the answers to the pain, disappointments and confusions of life, no matter how trendy the billboards.

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Friday’s Child



Damon ~ Age 13

Hi! My name is Damon and I have a good sense of humor!

Damon is a loving and affectionate thirteen-year-old boy of African American and Lebanese descent. He can seem shy when you first meet him, but Damon thoroughly enjoys the company of others once he warms up and feels comfortable. Damon’s favorite activity right now is playing video games but he is open to trying new things! He used to play flag football and enjoyed that very much. Damon would benefit from a supportive family that could expose him to different types of activities outside of the house. Damon is in the fifth grade this academic year and his teachers report he has great relationships with other students!

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SPORTS

Auburn Intermediate All-Stars
creating a magical summer



Auburn's Ryan Hunter winds up and delivers a pitch to the plate.

The families who have baseball players on the Auburn Intermediate 50/70 All-Star team haven't been able to take a vacation this summer, but for good reason. Auburn is on fire, having won the District 5 Championship as well as four of five games in the sectional round robin.

The fifth sectional game, played Monday, July 8 at Pappas Recreational Complex, felt more like a football game than an All-Star baseball tilt. With Auburn beating Milton National 28-15 in the fifth inning, these ball players have really mastered the importance and power of RBIs.

"What a high scoring game that was. We scored four touchdowns, while giving up two.

We did block one of their extra points, but later in the game they sacked our QB for a safety," coach Corey Handfield jokingly said. "The boys swung their bats well."

With aggressive base running and at the plate strategies, Auburn seems to have found a formula that works offensively. With every player contributing to the win, it's exciting to be in the stands. You never know when the next play will bring you to your feet!

"After a tough night in Sudbury on Sunday [July 7], it was good to see the boys bounce back and put that loss behind them and finish pool play 4-1," Handfield said.

Eric Dupuis and Ryan Hunter did a great job on the mound.



Danny Handfield of Auburn successfully steals second base.

Sam Soloperto and Tyler Cook hit home runs, adding to the excitement of the game — all while Rocco, Ryan, Riley, Eric, Isaac, and Garrett mastered stolen bases. The third base duo of Enzo and Marcus "Taco" created unexpected moments that make baseball fun. And, at their last at bat, Danny and Aidan "Chippie" got fans out of their seats, as they each had line drive shots into the outfield to close out the game.

The Intermediate Team will play in the State Semifinals on Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m. back at Pappas as the No. 2 seed against No. 3 Needham, a rematch of a June 30 game that Auburn won, 16-6. The top seed, Lincoln/Sudbury, will face off against No. 4 East Bridgewater at 4 p.m.

The two winners will then return back to Pappas on Sunday, July 14 for the State Championship. The first pitch will fly at 7 p.m.



Auburn's Enzo Santos-Diaz is able to keep the ball in front of him at third base so a Milton National base runner can't round the base and head home.

Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer
Basketball League Results

AUBURN — Monday, July 1 marked the halfway point in the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League season, as teams completed their fifth game in the 10-game stretch.

The results from the games, played at Auburn High, are as follows:

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Millbury 64, Auburn 42
Southbridge 49, Oxford 48
Northbridge 59, Tahanto 39
Bartlett 61, Leicester 47
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The action was intense back on Monday, July 1 when teams completed their fifth games in the 10-game regular season of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League.

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Cherry Valley Legion rallies, then deals Shrewsbury its first loss



Cherry Valley's Tyrus Garvin forces out Shrewsbury's Christian Siciliano and then throws over to first base during an attempted twin killing.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Chris Kustigian's two-out, three-run double highlighted a five-run seventh inning for Cherry Valley Post 443, which rallied from a two-run, sixth-inning deficit to defeat previously unbeaten Shrewsbury Post 397, 7-4, in an American Legion baseball game at Holy Cross's Hanover Insurance Park on

Tuesday, July 2. Cherry Valley improved to 9-4 with the win. Shrewsbury, which lost a second game that same night (8-6 to Milford Post 59), went into its three-day Fourth of July hiatus with a record of 8-2. Post 443 trailed, 4-2, when it came up to bat in the top of the seventh inning. The frame didn't start well for the visitors as Edgar Lopez grounded

out to third base for out No. 1. Evan Brindisi then got the rally started by working his way on base via a walk. He went to second base when Mike Bordeaux (two hits, RBI) singled to left field. Ryan Berry then struck out (for out No. 2) and unknowingly set the stage for Cherry Valley's comeback for the ages.

Post 443 manager Jim Stephens then sent pinch-hitter Matt Kustigian (Chris's younger brother) to the plate and he pulled Cherry Valley to within a run, 4-3, when he lined a solid single to center field, scoring Brindisi and moving Bordeaux to second.

Dan Mero then tied the game, 4-4, Bordeaux scampering home on Mero's single to center field. Matt Kustigian, who moved to second on Mero's hit, advanced to third when Tyrus Garvin reached on a Shrewsbury error, a play that also moved Mero to second.

That set the stage for Chris Kustigian (single, double, three RBI), who launched the ball into the alley between left and center field, the ball one-hopping the fence and scoring Matt Kustigian, Garvin and Mero to put Cherry Valley ahead, 7-4.

"I've got a lot of young kids on this team and the biggest thing I'm trying to teach them is being focused on every at-bat," Stephens said. "You have to work on your pitch. You have to hit your pitch. You have to look for your pitch.



Jason McKay photos

Aidan Gilman of Cherry Valley tries to fire a fastball past a Shrewsbury batter.

But, before all of that, you have to know what your pitch is.

"Chris, at times, likes the high pitch. We've worked really hard on him laying off of those pitches," Stephens continued. "Chris did a good job of being disciplined in that at-bat because [Shrewsbury pitcher Mike Bean] started him off with some high pitches. But Chris has consistently worked hard to improve his approach at the plate. He's to the point now where he's chasing pitches he can hit."

Bean took a no-hitter and a 1-0 lead to the mound with him to start the fifth inning, but Post 443 wiped out both in the span of three batters. Lopez led off with a booming double to the corner in left field, went to third base on a sacrifice bunt by Brindisi and then scored to tie the game, 1-1, on an RBI single to left field by Bordeaux.

Cherry Valley took a 2-1 lead in the top of the sixth inning, Garvin reaching on an error with two outs and then scoring from first base when Chris Kustigian's single to center field got under the glove of Shrewsbury's Tyler Hopping and rolled all the way to the wall.

Shrewsbury, however, scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take that fateful 4-2 lead to the top of the seventh.

Post 443 once again got a solid pitching performance out of right-hander Aidan Gilman. Gilman pitched into the seventh inning, allowing

Shrewsbury four runs on eight hits. He struck out five and walked four.

"Aidan gave me way more than I expected tonight," Stephens said. "He's been dealing with some soreness and hadn't pitched in eight or nine days. I sent him home [on June 28] and told him to get some rest.

"He texted me at one point and all the text said was, 'I want Shrewsbury on Tuesday,'" Stephens explained. "I didn't respond to his text so over the weekend he sent me about 10 more texts asking if he was pitching tonight. I never tell kids until the day of the game that they're pitching, but I knew he was pitching this game over the weekend just from all the texts he sent me. I knew he was ready."



Mike Keeler of Cherry Valley positions himself nicely to cleanly field a ball that was hit his way.



Cherry Valley's Mike Bordeaux slides safely into home plate for a run.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Join PinkHippy.org for a family event for cancer patients and survivors

Come join the fun. Paddle for Recovery with Casi, bring the entire family and play volleyball with the Holy Cross volleyball team, enjoy a potluck BBQ, hang out on the beach, swim and enjoy the end of summer!

It's no secret that Mother Nature can help heal. Just step outside after a stressful day and you immediately start to feel relief. Add in movement or exercise and the benefits grow. New studies have shown that outdoor activity can aid in recovery from disease, reduce stress, increase concentration, and improve your overall health and wellbeing. If you can enjoy these benefits while burning calories and building muscle, then that is what the doctor ordered.

Paddle for Recovery is a free SUP class for those currently undergoing or who have recently completed treatment for cancer. Our mission with this program is to provide an opportunity to escape on the water and maybe even find a new passion that can assist in recovery.

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Lake Siog Park in Holland. Grills and picnic tables are on site. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. Carry in carry out!

Schedule of events:
4-5 p.m. Registration, BBQ, Social

5-7:30 p.m. Volleyball Clinic and pick-up game (for kids and adults)
5:30-7 p.m. Paddle for Recovery for survivors (limit 10 spots, sign up early!)
8 p.m. Group photo of Survivorship
Contact info@pinkhippy.org, or call (508) 304-3463 for more information. Registration is required to attend this event.

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

Join the Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation on Monday, Aug. 19 at Pleasant Valley Country Club for their 23rd annual golf tournament. The cost is \$150 per person, twosomes and singles are welcomed. There will be a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. The event features 18 holes of golf on the PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping area and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start with a Florida-style scramble. Early registration is at 8 a.m. and carts with big rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks will be served. The dinner to follow is an executive buffet. For additional information and registration please call Golf Committee member Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation

Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909. Deadline for payment is Aug. 9. Golfers who make the entire payment by July 29 will be placed into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the pro shop at Pleasant Valley.

VickyD 3vs3 Basketball Tournament set for July 27

The third annual VickyD 3vs3 Basketball Tournament will be played at Sutton Memorial High School's Romasco Gymnasium (383 Boston Road) on Saturday, July 27. Family, friends and dozens of teams (grades 3 through adult) will once again come together to celebrate and remember Victoria Demers through her love of basketball. This is a fun, family-friendly event that includes food, prizes, raffles and of course some great basketball! Proceeds from the event benefit the Victoria Demers Scholarship Fund. Teams can register at vicky-d3v3.org. Registration is \$50 per team. Admission is free for spectators.

Demers was an exceptional young lady with drive, ambition and incredible heart. She was a 2016 graduate of Sutton High School, where she shined as a student, an artist and an athlete. Basketball was her passion and she gave all she had to the game and to her team. After high school Victoria continued her basketball career at Rhode Island College. On Tuesday morning, April 18, 2017, Victoria was involved in car accident on her way home from school and she passed away from her injuries two days later.

Vicky's high school teammates

have organized The Vicky D 3vs3 Basketball Tournament to honor and always remember the contributions that Vicky made on and off the court. With the help of Victoria's family friends and community, the event is sure to be an ongoing success. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Victoria Demers Scholarship Fund.

Seniors to play golf at a discounted rate

We are a social traveling senior golf group and play premium golf courses in Central Massachusetts at a reduced greens fee rate. We will play one Thursday each month from May through October. Men and women 60 and over are welcomed. If you are a foursome, threesome, twosome or a single, come enjoy great golf and make new friends.

Our third golf day will take place on Thursday morning, July 25 when we will play at Green Hill Golf Course in Worcester. Our group discounted rate is \$39 for 18 holes of golf and cart. There will be prizes for the three closest to the pin shots on all the par-3 holes and a fun prized putting challenge. New are prizes for chipping in from off the green with a lofted club. Come have some fun and play a nice course that provides some great views of Worcester. To sign up, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at wscgolfclub@gmail.com. You can also view our complete schedule on Facebook at Worcester County Senior Golf Club.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 16

PREPARING YOUR ESTATE PLAN: 5:45 p.m., Brookdale Eddy Pond East, 667 Washington St., Auburn.

It's a topic people tend to put off or ignore, but one of the most important things you can do is to develop a sound estate plan. Doing so lets you take a giant step toward a more secure future for yourself and generations to come. Attend our Preparing Your Estate Plan presentation and you'll learn more about: What to consider when creating your will; The benefits of trusts in estate planning; How to help reduce taxes on your estate; and How insurance can help protect your family.

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

MUSEUM HOURS: The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free to see a variety of artifacts and memorabilia concerning Auburn as far back as when it was known as the town of Ward. All are welcome to come. For more information contact Sari Bitticks at sarilb@verizon.net.

HISTORIC HOUSES SCAVENGER HUNTS: The Auburn Historical Museum at 41 South St. will be hosting a family historic houses scavenger hunt on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the month of July. Come and find out about some of the historic houses of Auburn that are in the newest book available at the museum. The event is free and open to the public.

NEW GROUP FORMING: If you're separated or divorced, you don't have to go through it alone. DivorceCare meets weekly, you'll receive practical support and find healing and hope for the future in a friendly, confidential setting. We meet Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave., Auburn. Call (508) 832-5044 or email divorcecare@faithauburn.org for more information.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple din-

ner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

BOYS' GROUP: Chuck wants boys in the 6th through 10th grades to join The Man Cave. The Man Cave is a boys' group that meets from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Thursdays at the AYFS, 21 Pheasant Court, Auburn. This is where members will learn that peers their own age share similar concerns. Group members will be able to discuss ways to cope with their concerns as well as receive positive feedback. Each week will center around a particular topic for discussion. No cost to join. For information, call Brandon Pare (508) 832-5707 x 16 or Dan Secor (508) 832-5707 x 14. Free food available.

Growing blueberries in honor of National Blueberry Month

It's time to celebrate. July is National blueberry month so enjoy some of these nutritious berries and consider growing a few plants in your landscape.

Don't let a lack of space or poor soil stop you from growing blueberries. Simply plant a few blueberries in containers and enjoy their spring blooms, fall color and tasty and nutritional fruit for snacking, baking and including in healthful meals.

Blueberries prefer moist well-drained acidic soil. Most of us don't have this type of soil. We can, however, create the ideal conditions with a quality potting mix. Or make your own with a combination of sphagnum moss, pine bark and rice hulls or perlite for drainage. Incorporate a slow release fertilizer at planting to provide needed nutrients for six to eight weeks.

Grow one blueberry in a five-gallon pot with drainage holes. You only need one plant to have fruit but growing two blueberry plants more than doubles the harvest. Plus, you'll have more flowers and colorful fall foliage to brighten your patio, deck or balcony.

Select a blueberry suited to your



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growing region or one of the compact blueberry cultivars like Top Hat, Jelly Bean, Blueberry Glaze, and Peach Sorbet. Perpetua is not only compact but produces both a summer and fall crop.

Place your container in a sunny location. Check soil moisture in your container gardens daily. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist but not soggy wet.

Dress up the container and keep the roots cool and moist with mulch. Cover the soil surface with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark.

Birds are the biggest pest of blueberries. Simply cover the plants with netting as the fruit begins to develop to protect your harvest from hungry birds. This is a much easier task when dealing with a couple of potted plants versus a large in-ground planting.

You will need to provide a bit of winter protection if your winters are cold. Place your potted blueberries in a sheltered location and cover the container with woodchips to insulate the roots. Or sink the container in a vacant spot in the garden. You can also store your plants in an unheated garage for winter. Just be sure to water the plants anytime the soil is thawed and dry.



Melinda Myers Photo

Blueberry plants provide spring blooms, fall color and tasty, nutritional fruit.

And even if you don't get a big harvest – the flowers and fall color make great additions to any landscape. Visit MelindaMyers.com for tips on harvesting, storing and preserving blueberries.

Melinda Myers is the author of numer-

ous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

TRIPS

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Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92

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

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

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley's Country Jubilee, "Noah the Musical," and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyse-niors. Departure point: Dudley Town

Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

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

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

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

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

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019
USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington Aug. 3-16, 2020
JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020
JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020
SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER
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Thursday, Sept. 12: Newport Playhouse trip. The play is "BINGO." Leaving at 9 a.m. Return around 6 p.m. Cost is \$76 apiece, and includes dinner, show and cabaret! For more information or reservations, please call the Millbury Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

Sept. 22-24: Atlantic City Resorts. \$239. Three days and two nights. Departs 7:30 a.m., returns around 8 p.m. Price includes overnight accommodations at resort, two dinner vouchers and a show ticket, plus \$25 in free slot play! For more information or reservations, call or stop by the Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

PAXTON SENIORS

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

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

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

SOUTHBIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

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

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

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



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

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

October 8-15, 2019 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA – Room has just opened up for two couples on the 2019 trip, and I am taking names for 2020 trip,

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



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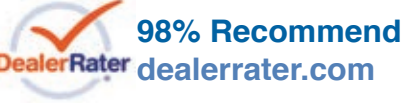
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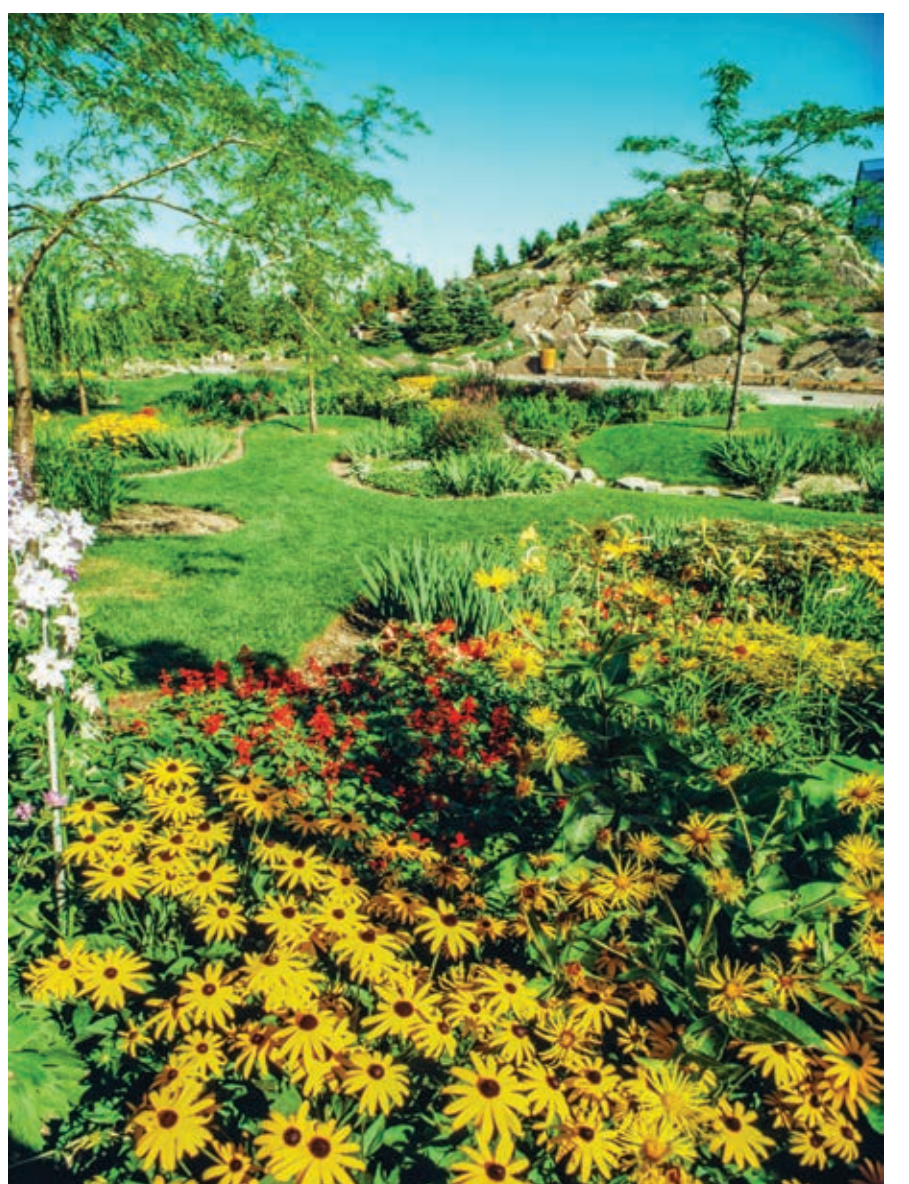
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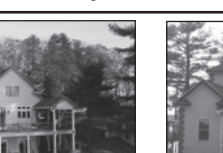
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WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST



Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acres in Historic Woodstock! 3 BR, 2-1/2 Baths. This Home is a Must See! Peaceful Country Setting! Vaulted Ceiling Family Room w/Built Ins, Cherry Cabinets, Sunken Dining Rm, Cathedral Mstr! Hdw'd & Tile Flr! Potential for Home Office, Teen/ In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. Resurfaced Driveway **\$399,000.00**

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



SORRY, SOLD!

Roomy 1300 sq.ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **New Price \$249,900**

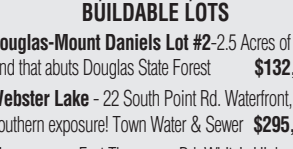
WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST



ON DEPOSIT

Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, w/fire pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! simply Amazing! **New Price \$299,900**

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Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$295,000**
Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**
Killingly - 37 Katherine Ave River Frontage 2/3rds acre. Town Water & Sewer **\$55,000**

WEBSTER - 5 JACKSON ROAD



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Beautiful corner Lot Split Style Home, just waiting for you! Fireplaced living room w/Cathedral ceiling! Recently updated kitchen with Granite counters & recessed lighting. Updated bath w/ceramic floor, 1-1/2 baths total. 3 nice size bedrooms. Finished lower level with wet bar. Central air. Recent roof, with 50 yr Warranty. 40' X 26' detached wood shop/ garage. Heated Pool, Inground Sprinkler System. So much more! **NEW PRICE \$279,900.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



LAND FOR SALE

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On The shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **\$345,000**

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Dudley: LAND 4.1 Acre updated bungalow, possibility of subdividing lots, town water sewer
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SUNDAY, JULY 14

MICHELLE MAE @ 2-5
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TUESDAY, JULY 16

Farmers Market and 5-7pm
Concert from 6-7:30pm
Los Sugar Kings
Concerts on the Common
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THURSDAY, JULY 18

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