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Friday, March 15, 2019

## Planning Board records vote of “No Confidence” in selectmen

BY JASON BLEAU  
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Planning Board has submitted a unanimous vote of “no confidence” in both Town Administrator Robin Craver and the Board of Selectmen in the latest chapter in the ongoing Valley Green Grow saga that has now lasted for nearly a year.

The Planning Board started off its meeting on March 6 by reading a pair of decla-

rations targeting the Town Administrator and selectmen respectively, accusing them of discrimination and refusing to support the Planning Board in legal matters. Members voted unanimously for both declarations. The votes preceded a more than four-hour discussion that saw the Planning Board vote down a subdivision plan submitted by Valley Green Grow, which is seeking to build a marijuana growing operation at the site of

Charlton Orchards at 44 Old Worcester Rd. The Planning Board had previously denied the site plan for the project in January. The March 6 meeting was the final public hearing for the project.

Planning Board Chair Patricia Rydlak read two prepared statements, the first targeting the Town Administrator, Robin Craver, and accusing her office of discriminating against the Planning Board and related

employees.

“The Charlton Town Administrator acted, and continues to act, in a manner that is extremely disruptive to the proper functioning of the Charlton Planning Board, specifically unfair treatment of the former Planning Director, reduction of the former Planning Director’s salary, attempting to demote the former Planning Director, and attempting to reduce the new planner salary position. These

show a clear pattern of discrimination against the Planning Board,” Rydlak stated. “(Also) denying legal counsel to the Planning Board, leaking accusatory memos to the media in an attempt to embarrass the Planning Board, unfair treatment of the Planning Board’s administrative assistants, accusing the Planning Board of illegal wiretapping, insisting that the Planning Board has

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**DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?**

Bonnie Drake  
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The answer was an enthusiastic “Yes!” for Makayla Drake and her dad Will of Charlton, who enjoyed some bonding time while building this friendly looking fellow recently.

## Budget season in Full swing in Dudley

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY – The town of Dudley is officially in budget season after the Board of Selectmen held its first discussion concerning the FY 2020 spending plan in late February.

Town Administrator Greg Balukonis provided some insight into the current budget outlook on Feb. 25, delivering updates on revenues and the potential tax increase that the town may be seeking at the spring annual town meeting.

“The total revenue increase to the town for Fiscal ’20 is \$529,644, which is about a 2.7 percent increase and it does not

include any changes in the enterprise fund,” Balukonis said, later detailing the potential proposed tax assessment increase that could come before the town. “We’re not rolling in the money here as we have in the past. A 2.7 percent budget increase across the board is pretty modest. We’ll make changes and tweaks wherever we possibly can. We have contractual increases that we have to be able to pay for next year, and thankfully, those are fairly modest due to good relationships with our unionized employees.”

Among the expected increases are several mandates such as health insurance, retirement, education costs and other expenses.

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## Lamarche named new Dudley-Charlton Superintendent

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley Charlton Regional School District has a new leader. Members of the school committee voted on Tuesday, March 5 to hire Steven Lamarche as the district’s new superintendent following the departure of Gregg Desto in 2018.

Lamarche was one of four finalists to be considered for the job and one of two that received heavy consideration by the school committee after over an hour of discussion and deliberation. Lamarche comes

to the district with experience as a superintendent having led the Bourne school district since 2010. He also worked in Webster earlier in his career, and showed interest in moving to the area if he were to be selected for the job. Lamarche received five votes from the school committee, enough to approve his hiring, while committee members Stephanie Reed and Elaine Rabbit voted in favor of hiring Fall River Assistant Superintendent Dr. Julia Carlson, who was also heavily considered by the majority of the committee during the meeting. Committee member Catherine

Kabala was among the first to show support for Lamarche, and one of several to see his experience and his willingness to commit to the local communities as a selling point.

“He’s a sitting superintendent who has been at his job a long time. He knows the legislators of Massachusetts. He lives in Massachusetts. He wants to come to this district, which I think is a big plus,” Kabala said.

Committee Chair Pauline Aucoin echoed the sentiments of

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Courtesy Photo

Steven Lamarche has been chosen as the new Superintendent of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District



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Ethan Chaves of Charlton plays a piece with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

## Charlton violinist follows passion with Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra

BY JASON BLEAU  
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Some people find their passion through higher education, some inherit their talents from their parents and friends, but it’s not uncommon for someone to just happen upon a passion simply by chance. For Charlton’s Ethan Chaves, that’s exactly how he found his passion for music and the violin.

At 14 years old, Chaves has fully embraced his talent for music as a member of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra which he joined at around eight years old. Most recently Chaves took part in the symphony’s version of the renowned opera Puccini’s La Bohème in January and it’s just one of

many fantastic experiences he has been able to embrace over the past six years.

In an interview, Chaves admitted that his musical talent isn’t something passed down by his family. It’s a talent he has discovered all on his own and one that has become a passion and possible career goal for the future.

“I just found it and really like doing it,” Chaves said. “I’m always learning new things and every piece presents its own challenges.”

Over the last six years, Chaves has advanced as a member of the orchestra, moving his way to the front of his section and today acting as concert

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# School Committee offers first look at FY202 Budget

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

**DUDLEY / CHARLTON** – Despite approving a Proposition 2 ½ override for the school district last year, Dudley and Charlton voters will see a request for more funds as the budget season has officially begun.

Interim Superintendent of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Dr. Kristine Nash presented details of the current proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year on Tuesday, March 5, where it was confirmed that the district is bringing forth a \$50,058,069 to the towns which includes a \$149,380 increase that would be assessed to the town. The School Committee considered a second option that would have balanced the budget using alternate funding sources, but the majority decided to support the tax assessment option instead.

Dr. Nash said that these numbers are preliminary estimates as there remain unknowns for the district to assess.

“We don’t know what the increases are going to be,” Dr. Nash said. “We don’t know, for example, what’s going to happen with the group insurance plan or whether or not that could result in a positive to the school district with respect to the change. Those are unknowns. We don’t know what the actual unemployment cost will be. There could be some savings there. We cer-

tainly don’t know the unknown of special education. That’s probably the most volatile area in our budget.”

Regardless, the proposal created a slight divide among members of the school committee, especially as the district had promised voters they wouldn’t seek more tax funded dollars after receiving the override. However, the second option of utilizing other funding sources to balance the spending plan was not eliminated completely and that it could still be on the table if the taxpayers choose not to support a tax increase.

The discussion also offered an opportunity for insight into the realities of the Proposition 2 ½ override that was approved last April. That vote added \$3 million to the school budgets, but according to Dr. Nash it’s not a fix all solution to the real underlying issues that plague the district every budget season.

“The \$3 million was never meant to be a permanent solution to the budget issues. For this district, or most districts, to maintain a level service budget yearly, most districts will need somewhere between a three to four percent increase on a \$50 million budget. That would mean \$1.5 million yearly to maintain what you have. We are not seeing that,” Dr. Nash said. “Given the funding mechanism in the state of Massachusetts, as with many states, where towns need to support you via their budgets

if you will in a good year this district may get somewhere around \$600,000 to \$700,000.”

Dr. Nash warned that next year will present its own challenges as the district will continue to face an annual budget gap that has been a primary source of its financial struggles.

“That gap will mean that this committee will have to seriously look at what their steps are going to be,” Dr. Nash told school committee members.

Her warning was backed by comments from the district’s Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu, who explained that while state aid has increased for the schools, the harsh reality is taxpayer support is essential to the budget process.

“In looking at state aid, the increases that the district is looking at from Fiscal ‘19 to Fiscal ‘20 are \$73,380 in Chapter 70, \$38,307 in transportation and a total state aid increase of \$11,687. That’s a good revenue increase but far short of that \$1.5 million necessary to have that three percent annual growth a district needs to maintain level service and have some opportunity for growth. Without the state providing this aid, unfortunately our need has to go back to the taxpayers of the communities,” Mathieu said.

Dudley-Charlton school officials will continue to discuss the budget in upcoming meetings with a dual-town roundtable scheduled for March 20.



Jason Photo

**Bleau** Interim Superintendent of the Dudley Charlton Regional School District Dr. Kristine Nash details the proposed FY 2020 budget

# Dudley adopts hazard mitigation plan

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

**DUDLEY** – The town of Dudley has officially adopted a hazard mitigation plan, an initiative set in motion in late 2018 after a tornado tore through Webster and part of Dudley.

In late February, the Board of Selectmen met with Peter Pelouquin,

an Associate Planner for the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, or CMRPC, who requested that the Board of Selectmen officially adopt the mitigation plan after the commission reviewed the document and left it relatively unchanged.

“There have been zero changes since (the selectmen) voted on the draft,” Pelouquin said, noting that both FEMA and MEMA have approved the plan. “Tonight, when the board adopts the plan, it will go back to FEMA. They will give it the final approval. It will be a live working document for the town.”

The plan received unanimous approval from selectmen.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan was first discussed in late 2018 after Town Administrator Greg Balukonis explained the need for a revised document to reflect response plans for violent weather such as the tornado that hit the town last August. In the immediate aftermath of the tornado, the town formed a committee composed of the fire chief, assistant fire chief, police chief, town planner, town administrator, water & sewer superintendent, and the treasurer collector who met with CMRPC representatives to finalize a plan. The Board of Selectmen approved the draft document in December.

“It involved all of the department

heads — we all participated in that exercise over a period of month. I think we started around the time the tornado ran through town. It gave us pause to think what could be possible if we didn’t have a plan like this in place,” Balukonis told selectmen in February.

Last year, Balukonis revealed that the mitigation plan is also essential to receiving federal funding, which will help pay for improvements needed in the long run such as drainage enhancements, dam repairs, and the development and implementation of a debris management plan which are all identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan as primary concerns for the town.



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# Stageloft presents "Real Housewives: The Musical"

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—Stageloft Repertory Theater has announced its upcoming production of Real Housewives: The Musical, a comedic drama taking place on three weekends from March 29 through April 14.

Based on the popular reality TV franchise with the book, music, and lyrics written by award-winning playwright Molly Bell, Real Housewives: The Musical is the dramatic, humorous, and chaotic story of a group of five wives with very different personalities and marriages who are ruling their social lives with gossip, deceit, and madness.

"We chose Real Housewives because it's fun," said Christine Taylor, Executive and Artistic Director of Stageloft. "It's been a long, cold winter and this is sure to give everyone a laugh."

Stageloft's version of the production, presented by special arrangement with Stage Rights, is directed by Jackie Fashjian with music direction by John Leslie and choreography by Jackie McGerigle. It stars local performers Stephanie Sarkisian, Regina Stillings, Christina Pierro, Libbey Stearns, Laura Gulli, and Nick Doig, who plays all 16 male characters in the show just as it was written.

"The cast has been terrific to work with," said Taylor. "Three of the



The Women of "Real Housewives: The Musical." Left to right: Stephanie Sarkisian, Regina Stillings, Christina Pierro, Libbey Stearns, Laura Gulli.

women have been with us in the past and two are new to Stageloft. These ladies need to be extremely strong singers and actors for this production, and they are. Nick Doig is also extremely talented and a comedic force who has been involved here for years. They've all really been a treat to have on stage."

Stageloft recommends that only adults age 18 and up attend Real Housewives: The Musical, as some of the subject matter is not suitable for children.

"This isn't a show to bring the whole family to," said Taylor. "It's really meant for adults only."

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Real Housewives: The Musical will have nine performances, including Fridays, March 29, April 5, and April 12 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, March 30, April 6, and April 13 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, March 31, April 7, and April 14, at 2 p.m. 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 upcoming shows in the 2019 season include "Drinking Habits," "Legally Blonde the Musical," "Seven Ways to Say I Love You," "Disney's Newsies," "Beer for Breakfast," "Spitfire Grill the Musical," and "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)."

To purchase tickets in advance for Real Housewives: The Musical or for more information about Stageloft's 2019 season, call the theater at 508-347-9005 or visit their Web site at www.stageloft.org.

## Sturbridge Fire Department launches Adopt-a-Hydrant Helper Contest

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—For the first time this year, the Sturbridge Fire Department is asking kids in the town to help them shovel out a fire hydrant after each big snowstorm for a chance to win a ride to school in a fire engine.

The new Adopt-a-Hydrant

Helper Contest was established to encourage Sturbridge residents to make sure that the fire hydrants are shoveled out after each snowstorm and give kids an incentive to help keep their hometown safe.

"This idea was something I had seen from another part of the country on social media," said Sturbridge Fire Chief

John Grasso. "We thought it would be a good opportunity for the community to get involved to help keep us safe."

The town has had a positive response from families since the start of the contest at the beginning of the winter season, with many children getting out in the snow with the hope of getting quite a unique and elaborate ride to school.

"We are seeing more participation with each storm that is worthy of shoveling," said Grasso. "It's been awesome because the hydrants are really a life line to protecting the properties and lives in town. With the small staff we have, it's sometimes almost an impossible task to get all the hydrants shoveled in a timely manner, so the kids have been a huge help to us and their neighbors. Also, what kid doesn't want to ride in a firetruck?"

Ella Reed, an 11-year-old fifth grader at Burgess Elementary School, was the first child to win a ride in a Sturbridge Fire Engine, and said it was an amazing experience she got to share with her mom, her brother, and her friend.

"I didn't think I was really going to win at first because I thought so many other kids would be trying to win too," she said. "But then I did win, and my friend really wanted to go too. It was so amazing, it was a humongous fire truck in a small town."

Reed isn't going to try to win again because she wants to give other kids a chance to ride in a fire engine, but she does think that shoveling out fire hydrants is a really important thing to help the town with.

"It's important because if there's ever a fire, it will be

hard for the firemen to try to shovel it," she said. "It also gets kids to help with their community."

To participate in the Adopt-a-Hydrant Helper Contest, parents or guardians must send photo proof with their child's name, the location of the hydrant, and an adult's contact information to the Sturbridge Fire Department. After each snowstorm, the names of the kids who shoveled out a hydrant in the town are placed

in a boot and a winner is drawn and that child's parents are contacted. Up to four people are allowed on each fire engine ride.

For more information on the Adopt-a-Hydrant Helper Contest, contact the Sturbridge Public Safety Complex at 508-347-2525 or visit the Sturbridge Fire Department's Facebook page.



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Young Jack raises his shovel in triumph after doing his part to help out the fire department's Adopt-a-Hydrant Helper Contest.



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# Harrington Heroes Gala features food, auctions and 2004 Red Sox Champions

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WORCESTER — Harrington HealthCare System will host a major fundraising gala this summer with net proceeds to benefit its Southbridge-based Cancer Center.

After a successful event in 2018, the healthcare system is back with the Harrington Heroes Gala on Saturday, June 22 at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. This year's special guests are Tim Wakefield and Derek Lowe.

Tickets go on sale April 1. Event details can be found at [one.bidpal.net/herogala2019](http://one.bidpal.net/herogala2019).

The event will feature signature food tastings from area restaurants, open bar, a live and silent auction, dancing and a photo booth, among other entertainment surprises and on-stage programs.

Tickets levels are identified as General Admission (\$150 per person) and VIP Experience (\$500 per person).

VIP Experience ticket holders will be given an exclusive cocktail hour beginning at 5 p.m., advanced access to the event's silent auction items, a private bar and lounge for the entire evening, and a meet and greet with Wakefield and Lowe, including a signed baseball and photo. Only 100 VIP tickets will be sold.

The event will be, in part, a 15-year celebration of the 2004 World Series Red Sox, with themed events and décor



Derek Lowe



Tim Wakefield

throughout Washburn Hall and the main Ballroom.

Net proceeds from the 2019 Heroes Gala will benefit The Cancer Center at Harrington, a free-standing, two-story building in Southbridge, celebrating its 10th birthday this fall. The Cancer Center offers medical and radiation oncology, hematology treatment, patient navigators, advanced support services and compassionate, quality care. Over 1,900

patients were treated at the Cancer Center in 2018.

The dedicated pharmacy located inside the Cancer Center is undergoing extensive renovation to expand its square footage, add state-of-the-art monitoring systems and upgrade air

handling equipment in the compounding room. The project is estimated at \$1 million.

The Heroes Gala is a collaboration of many area vendors and organizations in addition to Mechanics Hall, including Creedon and Co., 508events, Creative Chaos Photography, Ocean State Charity Events, Your Love in Lights, Your Fun Photos and AMR Elements.

The VIP Experience is in partnership with Boston-based Blue Sky Sports and Entertainment, an industry leader of client services including sports marketing, athlete endorsements, media representation, event planning and corporate entertainment and consulting.

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## Applications welcome for Ronald J. Denault Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship

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Committee. Ideally, applicants will show evidence of scholarship, leadership, and community service.

Interested persons should complete and submit an application packet no later than April 30, 2019. The application packet will include the following: an application form; a one-page essay summarizing why the applicant is interested in a career in law enforcement; two letters of reference; and documentation of academic scholarship. Details regarding all requirements will be included with the application form. Application forms can be

obtained at the public library, the police station, through the guidance offices at either Bay Path Regional or Shepherd Hill Regional High School, or are downloadable from the posting on the community calendar on the Town of Charlton website. Further questions may be directed to Mrs. Ronald Denault, who can be reached at 508-248-7711.

Completed application packets should be mailed to the Ronald J. Denault Law Enforcement Scholarship Committee c/o P.O. Box 352, Charlton City, MA 01508.

## Northeast Energy Center project to move forward

PROJECT LOCATION UNLOCKS BROADER OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLTON — North-East Energy Center (NEC) officials announced today that the project planned for Charlton will proceed at an alternate location along Route 169. The project, which is expected to serve as critical energy infrastructure for the Commonwealth and a catalyst for growth in Charlton and surrounding communities, will improve reliability, energy resilience and also provide access to natural gas which can facilitate economic development, help reduce dependence on oil, and serve as a low-cost

energy alternative. The location choice, which comes in response to requests from Massachusetts officials, will help ensure that the facility provides benefits beyond its core customer, National Grid.

"I am pleased to report that we continue to work with community stakeholders and that the project is on track and moving forward," said Boris Brevnov. "We filed an updated package with the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board detailing our plans for the Route 169 location.

"In addition to the logistical advantages, the Route 169 location is contiguous to an existing utility scale solar installation, a high efficiency gas fueled power generation facility, and a manufacturing plant," Brevnov continued. "We believe that this corridor in Charlton is a remarkable development that rivals any next generation energy park in the United States. With the addition of a state-of-the-art LNG liquefaction facility to its industrial zone, Charlton will become a leader in sustainable energy and community development."

## Community Garden hosts welcome and volunteer appreciation event

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Community Food Collaborative (CFC) is celebrating the start of its second year and the current expansion of its community garden. The garden located behind the town hall in Sturbridge produced 1,524 pounds of fresh, organic vegetables in its first year. All vegetables produced are donated to the St. John Paul II

Food Pantry in Southbridge.

The CFC is hosting a Welcome and Thank You Event honoring volunteers who worked in the garden last summer and welcoming any new potential volunteers. The event is being held on Wednesday, March 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the Sturbridge Federated Church fellowship hall. No RSVP needed.

During a brief presentation you'll learn about the garden plans, its expansion, its participation structure and new work schedule. You'll also have the opportunity to walk over and visit the expanded garden. If you are interested in volunteering, signup sheets will be available.

To see what the garden did last year, visit [www.facebook.com/CFCGardens/](http://www.facebook.com/CFCGardens/). For questions, email [CFCGarden357@gmail.com](mailto:CFCGarden357@gmail.com).

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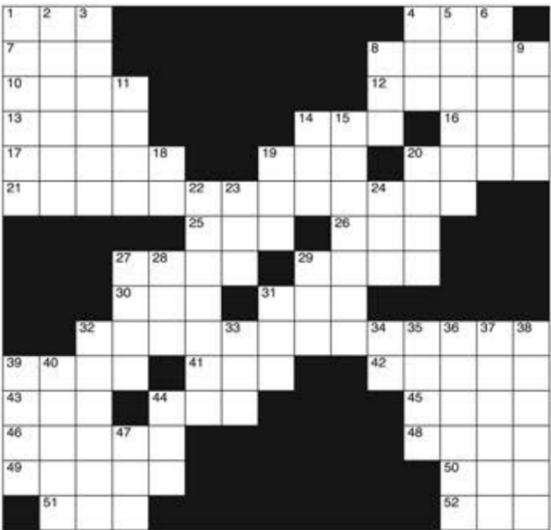
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| 4. Not a starter                 | 31. A very large body of water                      |
| 7. Matchstick game               | 32. A configuration of stars as seen from the earth |
| 8. One who receives a gift       | 39. Herringlike fish                                |
| 10. One shows highlights         | 41. No (Scottish)                                   |
| 12. Open sore                    | 42. White-breasted N. American auk                  |
| 13. Within                       | 43. American time                                   |
| 14. ___ Caesar, comedian         | 44. Adult female                                    |
| 16. Investment account           | 45. Singer Horne                                    |
| 17. A negatively charged ion     | 46. Pronouncements                                  |
| 19. Immoral act                  | 48. From a distance                                 |
| 20. Cheek                        | 49. Indian term of respect                          |
| 21. Lacking in vigor or vitality | 50. One from Utah                                   |
| 25. Partner to flow              | 51. Never sleeps                                    |
| 26. Ink                          | 52. Type of bulb                                    |
| 27. "Mad Men" actor              |   |
| 29. A taunt                      |   |

### CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Hard to believe                           | 23. Antiballistic missile    |
| 2. Used as a pigment in painting             | 24. Taxi                     |
| 3. Induces vomiting                          | 27. Covers the engine        |
| 4. Fifth note of a major scale               | 28. Commentator Coulter      |
| 5. Written in a majuscule script             | 29. Mousse                   |
| 6. Brews                                     | 31. Witness                  |
| 8. Misfire                                   | 32. Unlikely to be forgotten |
| 9. Amounts of time                           | 33. Bar bill                 |
| 11. The act of perceiving something visually | 34. Morning                  |
| 14. Female sibling                           | 35. City south of Moscow     |
| 15. First                                    | 36. Highly incensed          |
| 18. Sodium                                   | 37. Intricately decorated    |
| 19. Brother or sister                        | 38. Drew closer to           |
| 20. Satisfy                                  | 39. Beers                    |
| 22. The lands of an estate                   | 40. Central China city       |
|  | 44. Touch lightly            |
|  | 47. Habitual twitching       |



# Citizen scientists sought to protect vernal pools



Matt Burne

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Mother Nature is seeking citizen scientists to identify and protect vernal pools.

And the timing couldn't be much better, since those pools will be coming to life in the very near future. Sometime in March or April, as soon as the snow melts a bit, the temperature rises above 40, and there's a good rainy night, watch for frogs and salamanders crossing dark roads all over the region.

They're mostly going home to such pools to breed.

According to naturalist Matt Burne, contrary to common belief, vernal pool inhabitants "really do a good job of clearing out the mosquito population" if the system is healthy. For it to be, it needs two critical things — diversity, with as many native predators, insects, molluscs, frogs, plants, and invertebrates as it can handle; and a healthy surrounding ecosystem, the size of which varies on the species present. Treating them for mosquitoes tends to kill "an awful lot of the food web" in the

pool, not just the target insects, he noted.

He spoke recently and Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary to an audience of about 20 people. He's vice president of the Vernal Pool Association, Conservation Director of the Walden Woods Project, and spent 10 years with the state's Division of Fish and Wildlife focused on regulatory protection of vernal pools.

Spotted salamanders, the earliest pool user, migrate from an average radius of about 400 feet, and "can't breed anywhere else," Burne noted. While people often don't see spotted salamanders because of their nocturnal habits, their "big, squishy softball" egg masses are very common sights in small woodland pools in early spring.

He said those come from "a remarkable mating ritual we call congressing," in which dozens or hundreds of salamanders gather for a swirly swimming dance in which males release their sperm and females collect it without any direct contact between them. The egg masses themselves

start out white, but turn green due to a symbiotic algae which eats the embryos' waste while providing them with oxygen.

Burne said several other species are also termed "obligate" vernal pool species — two related "Jefferson-complex" salamanders, the marbled (or Opacum) salamander, common wood frogs, fairy shrimp (which he described as "sea monkeys, just bigger"), and a few insect types. Many others will use such pools when available, and the pools are often the linchpin of the nearby area.

"One of the really valuable features of vernal pools is production of leaf litter into high-value fatty frogs that will feed other species," including turtles, birds, snakes, raccoons and "all sorts of other stuff," Burne said. "It makes the ecological contribution of what's happening in that pool reach way out into the landscape."

Much of that complex process happens in a couple of months. By definition, vernal pools fill in fall (often at least partly with groundwater), freeze over winter, and come to life in spring, but dry out by mid-summer, and have no access for fish. But even that's a little simplistic, since permanent pools, even manmade ones, can attract the obligate species, as can some that do periodically become big enough to have fish. All of them are considered "wetlands" under state law, and do not need to be certified to be protected, he noted.

As one audience member later observed, "We assume if it looks like a vernal pool and acts like one in any way, we throw a buffer around it."

That, however, points to something Burne sees as a threat to vernal pools: development laws only require protecting 100-150 feet, so such pools tend to be effectively destroyed as vernal systems even when the pool itself still exists. Similarly, developers sometimes change the vernal pools into retention basins, with the same effect. Better use of conservation development guidelines that concentrate homes



Gus Steeves Photos

A mass of salamander eggs seen in Brimfield

away from wetlands can help, he said.

Other threats come from climate change changing the rain and temperature cycles. For one example, naturalists have often found frogs killed by infections. For another, Burne showed images of a big pool full of tadpoles, but noted they were all dead the next day, after a huge rainstorm. Nobody's sure why, but he said they believe the sudden water temperature change might have stressed the frogs to death.

Even without sudden changes, warming can dry the pools out faster than frogs can mature. He noted recent years' trend of "really dry early spring and really wet early summer ... does not comport well with how the vernal pools evolved over the last 10-15,000 years."

Furthermore, he added, "the current situation for ephemeral wetlands is getting increasingly bad, with some legislation at the federal level that would eliminate protection entirely."

Add them together and you see why Burne hopes people will get involved to save them. Citizen science provides "a great opportunity for community engagement and wetland protection," he said, noting he's brought young people into such areas to identify species. Often, it's the first time they've ever seen such wetlands. He's also involved in "Bio-Blitzes" of various kinds in which naturalists and other specialists spend an afternoon doing that.

Technology can help the process. The state's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species program fairly recently set up an online Vernal Pool and Rare Species (VPRS) reporting system. For more casual users, a smart phone app called iNaturalist allows you to take photos of species and get a few options of what it is, then upload the photo to a Web site where specialists can check it for accuracy.

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## Bay State Savings Bank promotes Jayme Burdett



Jayme Burdett

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce Jayme Burdett has been promoted to Vice President/Branch Manager at the Bank's 378 Burncoat St. location in Worcester. In this role, he will be responsible for overseeing bank operations at his branch location.

Mr. Burdett joined Bay State Savings Bank in June 2012 as Branch Manager. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams and holds over 14 years of professional banking experience. Additionally, Mr.

Burdett serves as Treasurer for Rachel's Table in Worcester. He is also a Best Buddies Central Massachusetts committee member and Relay for Life Worcester board member.

He lives in Charlton with his wife, Clare, and his two daughters, Abbey and Megan.

Bay State Savings Bank of Worcester has been a mutually owned community savings bank since it was founded in 1895. In addition to its main office, Bay State Savings Bank has branches in Auburn, Holden, and Worcester. For additional information, visit [www.bay-statesavingsbank.com](http://www.bay-statesavingsbank.com).

## Open House planned at new Tech Incubator

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Tech Incubator (STI) has announced an open house on March 14 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Come see the only technology incubator in South-Central Massachusetts, and share a glass of wine or beer with your neighbors, friends, government officials, and prospective tenants. Facility tours will be offered, including demonstrations of some of the latest developments in medical device technologies. Please RSVP by March 11.

The STI is now accepting applications for leased office and lab space. The 9,000-square-foot facility is within a one-hour drive of Boston, Providence, Hartford, Worcester, and Springfield. Space is available for immediate occupancy.

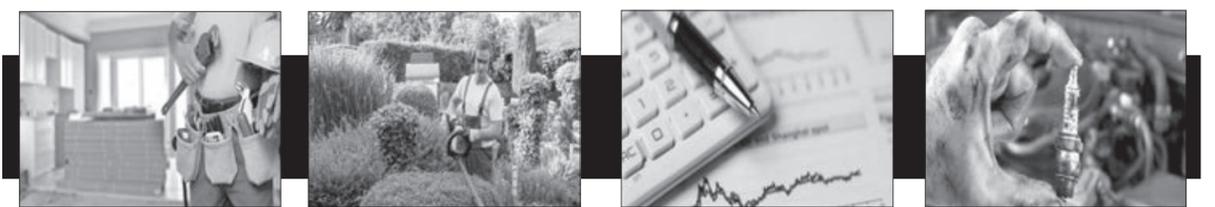
About the Southbridge Tech Incubator  
The STI is a privately held collaborative workspace. Its aim is to provide an environment where tenants can create, build, interact, and share ideas and resources. A wide variety of consultants and mentors are available to

help tenants' teams navigate the medical regulatory gauntlet, meet their fundable milestones, and achieve commercial success.

Formerly occupied by medical device development firm Optimum Technologies, Inc., the newly refurbished building is fully operational for the development and pilot production of medical devices and other technology products. Furnished offices from 96 to 207 square feet are available, as well as furnished and equipped labs from 266 to 679 square feet, clean room with flow hoods and assembly equipment is also available. Common areas include fully equipped conference rooms, full kitchen with microwave & coffee makers, break room, machine shop/maker space, and shower. Leases include high speed wired and wireless Internet and network copier/printers. A long list of technical equipment needed for mechanical, electrical, and optical engineering is also available. Off-street parking is included.

Leases start at \$12 per square foot. Details available at [SouthbridgeTechIncubator.com](http://SouthbridgeTechIncubator.com).

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# Sheldon's Harley-Davidson gets the 'Gold' for outstanding performance

AUBURN — Sheldon's Harley-Davidson of 914 Southbridge St. has earned the prestigious Gold Bar & Shield Circle of Excellence Award for 2018. Presented by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, this award is given to the top four dealerships in each U.S. sales market. Sheldon's Harley-Davidson is the only dealership in New England to win a Gold Bar & Shield Award for 2018.

Sheldon's Harley-Davidson earned this award based on motorcycle and related product sales performance, customer service and satisfaction, and operational measures.

"We're proud to present this high honor to Chad Clark & Bryan Castor for the outstanding work being done at Sheldon's Harley-Davidson," says Dave Cotteleer, Vice President and Managing



Sheldon's Harley-Davidson

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Director for the United States. "Dealers like Sheldon's Harley-Davidson are a big reason why Harley-Davidson is one of the most respected and recognized brands in the world, and why we enjoy having the loyalty and commitment of our riders."

Gold Bar & Shield award recipients like Sheldon's Harley-Davidson consistently elevate the brand by providing their customers with exceptional and authentic Harley-Davidson experiences.

Sheldon's Harley-Davidson has been in business in the region since 1920. They have a history of being honored by Harley-Davidson, and earned Bar & Shield awards in 2014 and 2017. They were also recognized in 2016, 2017 & 2018 as the Best of the Best Motorcycle dealership in Central Massachusetts.

## BOARD

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no authority over our site plan appeal when in fact it does, and for causing undo stress to the Planning Board members and their families. The unknowns of being personally named in a lawsuit don't sit well with our children and our spouses."

The statements reference the recent decision by the Town Administrator and selectmen to disallow the use of town council to defend the Planning Board in a case against them accusing them of open meeting law violations. In addition, Valley Green Grow has sought to overturn a decision by the Planning Board that ruled against their site plan application. They have brought the matter to Worcester Superior Court, where the Board of Selectmen also refused to allow use of town counsel or an independent attorney.

The Planning Board has accused the Board of Selectmen of purposefully delaying the hiring of an attorney in order to allow the town to default in court and the Valley Green Grow plan to proceed. However, Board of Selectmen Chair John McGrath has publicly denied this accusation arguing that the deadlines have been extended and the town is working to combine several cases together for resolution. Regardless, the accusations were part of the second statement from the Planning Board which targeted the selectmen.

"The select board acted and continues to act in a manner that is extremely disruptive to the proper functioning of the Charlton Planning Board, specifically delaying legal counsel when requested for the site plan hearing process and

denying the original attorney decided upon because the applicant did not prefer said attorney, denying legal counsel for the site plan appeal," Rydlak read from the second statement. "This, we believe, will turn into another delay however this will not repair the fact that the applicant has been gifted the advantage of timing for their strategy."

There was some debate among Planning Board members as to how they wanted to word the statement seeing as not every member of the Board of Selectman was against hiring legal representation for the Planning Board. Selectmen David Singer and Karen Spiewak have come to their defense at public meetings while selectmen Debra Noble and John Szafarowicz have taken a more unopinionated approach in public forums. Still, Rydlak felt that the board as a whole should be addressed under the vote of no confidence.

"We do currently have two Board of Selectman members that have openly stated that we should have council. That's David Singer and Karen Spiewak. We did receive a letter of support from David Singer that we should have council. The other members could have stepped up and they would have had the majority and the ability to override the Town Administrator and chair however they did not and have not stepped up," Rydlak said.

Following both statements, Rydlak concluded that the Planning Board "strongly suggests" both the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen change their actions toward the Planning Board in the foreseeable future. She also publicly thanked selectmen Singer and Spiewak for their support of the board.

## LAMARCHE

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many who called the decision between Lamarche and Dr. Carlson a difficult choice, but ultimately, she too voted in favor of hiring Lamarche also on the grounds on similar ground.

"He's an experienced superintendent, and could thus hit the ground running. He comes with a special education background and that experience is a valued added component," Aucoin said. "He is willing to relocate, which is a sign of his commitment to this position. His record of accomplishments in his current position suggests that he always does more than is expected. He goes that extra mile."

The two dissenting votes, Stephanie Reed and Elaine Rabbitt, had the opportunity to support a universal vote in favor of Lamarche after the decision was made, but chose to let their votes in favor of Dr. Carlson stand for the record. Both had previously voted against the hiring of Gregg Desto in 2014 and, as they did with Desto, they stated they will support Lamarche regardless.

Stephanie Reed said her vote was based on who she thought would be more creative and able to move the district forward rather than settling for the status quo citing interviews with the candidates during the hiring process.

"I know that Mr. Lamarche comes with superintendent experience, but with some of his answers about keeping

things the same I don't see that meeting our students needs or our district's future," Reed said. "While Dr. Carlson does not come with the superintendent experience she does come with the experience that teaching and learning of students is constantly changing. When we look back at the success of our past superintendents they have not come with budget experience or superintendent experience, but with the want to make a difference in our district."

Elaine Rabbitt took a similar stance pointing out Dr. Carlson's willingness to think outside the box as a primary factor in her decision.

"Everything about Dr. Carlson in the process of interviewing and what she has done is innovative, creative, and looking at making something out of nothing," Rabbitt said. "Dr. Carlson, for me, was the person that demonstrated the initiative and the innovation regarding programming and what programming can do."

Steven Lamarche has accepted the job, and is expected to take over as superintendent on July 1. It is expected that the district will continue to be led by Interim Superintendent Kristine Nash for the remainder of the fiscal year. In addition to Lamarche and Dr. Carlson, Rhode Island's Burrillville Public High School principal Michael Whaley and Erving School Union #28 superintendent Jennifer Haggerty were also considered for the superintendent post.

## BUDGET

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The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District recently proposed an increase to their budget which was not figured into the Town Administrators numbers in February. However, Bay Path's proposed increase for education was discussed which Balukonis said is a bit more significant than it has been in the past.

"The budget is up \$157,750. The reason for that is there are 21 new students from Dudley that are going to be going to Bay Path. I did meet with the Superintendent of School. We went through the budget along with his business manager. I'm comfortable with it, but given the amount of the budget increase, which is substantial compared to how it's been in the past, he

offered to come in a meet with the Board of Selectmen," Balukonis said.

The Town Administrator said he is seeking input from town departments, as he does every year, to see where they would like to increase their budgets and where added spending might be needed. He said he'd like to keep that increase to a maximum of two percent of the added tax assessment. Looking at dollars, Dudley has room for a maximum proposed increase of \$345,030 to the budget under the rules of Proposition 2 1/2. However, Balukonis is hoping the town won't have to ask for the full increase.

With numerous variables, including precise state aid, still to be worked out Dudley has many unanswered questions still to be resolved before finalizing its proposed budget. However, it's safe to say the process is in full swing. Balukonis said he plans to present a "balanced budget" in the first week of April.

## CHAVES

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master, a job that sees him lead a group of around 40 of his fellow violinists in different productions.

"I started in the lowest orchestra, and now I'm in the senior orchestra, so I've worked my way up through it. It's a great experience. I've also done five operas with them," Chaves said. "Being a violinist is a little different than a lot of the other instruments. There are about forty of us while most sections have, maximum, ten or twelve musicians so it presents its own challenges. When you're leading a section you have to transmit a lot of stuff and it can be difficult with that many people in the group."

Ethan's mother, Leslie Chaves, said watching her son grow and evolve as a musician, especially since this is a passion all his own, has been an incredible experience for her as well. With Chaves home schooled, Leslie commits

a lot of time to her son and seeing him succeed with the orchestra makes it all worthwhile.

"It's great, but it's a lot of work as a parent. There's a lot of driving and hours, but I think it's great because it's his own passion. It's not mine. He has grown so much as a musician ever since he started so it's really a phenomenal thing to watch," Leslie Chaves said. "To watch him make his way to the front over the years and the past three years he's been a concert master obviously it brings me a lot of pride. He's very good at it so that makes me even prouder as a parent because he's good at it."

Who knows what the future might hold for Chaves, but one thing is for certain — music will always be a part of his life. Whether it's continuing his relationship with the Boston Symphony Orchestra or advancing to bigger opportunities Ethan Chaves is a prime example of how finding your passion can be as simple as trying something new and seeing how far you can go with it.

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## Saturday, March 16

**CORNED BEEF DINNER:** 5:30-7 p.m., Charlton City United Methodist Church. We are cooking our sumptuous corned beef dinner with the fixings, including corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, carrots and turnips, plus homemade cake with green sprinkle frosting. \$10 for adults, \$6 for children age six to 12, under five free. Maximum of \$40 per family. Get your reservations in for seating or order take out. Call (508) 248-7379 to reserve a table or order a take out dinner.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE FUNDRAISER,** 7-11 p.m., Polish Club, Southbridge. Corned beef and cabbage dinner catered by Elm Centre Café and Catering. Music by DJ Shawn Clark. All proceeds to benefit the Relay for Life of SWC.

## Sunday, March 24

**MEAT RAFFLE:** 2 p.m., Charlton Beagle Club, 103 Bond Rd.

## Sunday, March 31

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

## Sunday, April 28

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

## ONGOING

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

**"A CARING PLACE" MEMORY CAFÉ:** A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often

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

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

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

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

**NUMISMATICS:** Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: PLAYGROUP:** This free program for preschool-aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. 9-11 a.m. Mondays while school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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

**YOGA:** Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels

welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# OPINION

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## TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for supporting the Taste of the Towns



To the Editor:  
 Thank you to the following vendors, businesses, organizations and individuals who helped the Charlton REAS Foundation raise over \$10,868 from the 10th annual Taste of the Towns and lottery calendar fundraisers:

To Fr. Bob Gratarotti, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton for allowing us to use the church hall. To the Volunteers and those who pitched-in to help: Bob Racki, Brian Garney, folks from Cornerstone Bank, Country Bank, and Savers Bank. A huge shout-out to first-time emcee Terri Gough – great job! To the Vendors: Bay Path Culinary (sponsored by Southbridge Credit Union), Ed Stearns Dressed Meats, Francesco's Italian Bakery, McDonald's-Sellia Corp., Old Sturbridge Village, Ronnie's Seafood, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Sugar Creative Confections, Suzy Q's Ice Cream Truck, Ted's Deli, Ted's Package Store, Zorba's Pizzeria. And of course to all who donated silent auction items, raffle items, door prizes and monetary donations.

In these past ten years, the Charlton REAS Foundation has given 309 awards to qualifying Charlton senior citizens totaling \$115,500. This would not be possible without all the volunteers, vendors, donors and board members. Our utmost appreciation to all who participated.

Still to this day, many senior citizens are on fixed incomes and sometimes have to make choices between food,

medications, heating their homes, as well as other daily necessities. The Charlton REAS Foundation is here to assist with energy needs to possibly free up some funds so clients may not have to make such difficult choices.

As we New Englanders' know, some winters can be brutally cold, but many people don't think about the extreme hot/humid summer weather and what that may mean for some senior citizens. Older adults are more prone to heat stress than younger people and so the Charlton REAS Foundation offers qualifying senior citizens assistance toward an air conditioner or with their electric bill. If you know someone who may need assistance, the heating season begins October 1st and the cooling assistance begins May 1st. Please call 508-868-5289.

On behalf of the Charlton REAS Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for your support!

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## Who can you trust to reduce stress of estate planning?



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When it's time to do your estate planning – and it's actually never too soon to begin – you may find

the process, at first, to be somewhat bewildering. You'll have many questions: What sort of arrangements should I make? Who should get what? And when? How can you address these and other issues?

You'll need to get some help. In drawing up your estate plan, you will need to work with an attorney. And for guidance on the investments that can help fund your estate planning arrangements, such as a living trust, you can draw on the help of a financial advisor. You also may want to connect with a trust company, which can help facilitate your estate plans and coordinate the activities of your legal and financial professionals.

Of course, you might think that only the very wealthy need a trust company. But that's not really the case – people of many income levels have long used these companies. As long as you have a reasonable amount of financial assets, you likely can benefit from the various services provided by a trust organization.

And these services can range from administration of a variety of trusts (such as living trusts and charitable trusts) to asset-management services (bill-paying, check-writing, etc.) to safekeeping services (such as providing secure vaults for jewelry and collectibles).

In short, using a trust company can make things a lot easier when it's time to plan and execute your estate. A trust company can help you in the following ways:

**Avoiding family squabbles** – It's unfortunate, but true: Dividing the assets of an estate can cause ill will and turmoil among family members. But a trust company can act as a neutral third party, thus minimizing any feelings of unfairness.

**Providing greater control** – When you establish an arrangement such as a living trust, administered by the trust company, you can give yourself great control over how you want your assets distributed. For example, you can specify that a certain child receive portions of your estate spaced out over several years – a move that may appeal to you if you think this child might not be ready to handle large sums all at once.

**Saving time and effort** – As mentioned above, when you work with a trust company, you can let it do all the "legwork" of coordinating your plans with your financial professional, tax advisor and attorney. And these professionals are used to dealing with trust companies.

**Gaining Protection** – Trust companies assume fiduciary responsibility for your financial well-being – which means that your best interests will always be considered in each service and transaction performed.

You can choose from among a variety of trust companies, large and small. Before choosing one, you may want to check out the services and fees of a few different firms. In any case, as you move toward that time of your life when estate planning becomes more essential, talk to your attorney, tax advisor and financial professional about whether using the services of a trust company might be right for you.

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## In celebration of great women in history

International Women's Day may seem like a relatively recent phenomenon; however, it stems back to 1909, when The Socialist Party of America organized a day for Women on Feb. 28 in New York. One year later, the International Socialist Woman's Conference announced that a day for women be held each year.

Fast forward to 1917 in Russia, where, on March 8, women were given the right to vote. The day was celebrated annually in communist countries. In 1975 the holiday was adopted by the United Nations.

The long and the short is that this day is a day to celebrate women past, present and future. With that said, we would like to take this occasion to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today.

The first woman created a shift when she was just 15 years old. Claudette Colvin was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Ala., when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman, and was arrested and jailed for her act of defiance. Although Claudette's story would sadly become lost in the shadow of subsequent events, it was her example that gave the more celebrated Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin herself was one of five plaintiffs involved in the federal court case filed by civil rights attorney Fred Gray in 1956, in which they challenged bus segregation. The outcome was that a judge ordered that the local laws in regards to bus segregation were unconstitutional.

Despite her significance to the history of the Civil Rights movement, to find Colvin's name in a history book is rare. This is, in part, because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child at the time of the incident. Colvin went on to become a nurse's aid. In an interview in 2005, she said, "I feel very, very proud of what I did. I do feel like what I did was a spark and it caught on."

As for recognition, Colvin said, "I'm not disappointed. Let the people know Rosa Parks was the right person for the boycott. But also let them know that the attorneys took four other women to the Supreme Court to challenge the law that led to the end of segregation."

Colvin's family has been trying since 2016 to have her recognized and honored in the National Museum of African American History and Culture, to the opening of which she was, quite unjustly, Marie Curie is the next on our short list. Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who was the first to delve into radioactivity. Curie, who was born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to win it two times. Collecting several firsts, Curie was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In a time when most women spent their days in the home taking care of their children and husbands, Curie had to smash several ceilings for her own advancement. Curie was known for her honesty and moderate lifestyle. All of her prize money, she donated to scientific research and refused to copyright the radium-isolation process so that her fellow scientists could continue research unhindered. In 2011, Poland and France declared the year would be 'The Year of Marie Curie'. She became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris in 1995.

We can't run a piece celebrating women without mentioning Joan of Arc. The warrior has been dubbed a heroine of France for her role in the Hundred Years' War. D'Arc was born to peasant parents in 1412 in the northern region of France. The story goes that Joan was driven to take up arms after experiencing visions of three saints, who instructed her to support Charles VII in the war. Joan of Arc, now one of the nine secondary patron saints of France, was a woman who defied her gender role in truly bold fashion. Tragically, she died at the age of 19, captured following a series of military setbacks and turned over to the invad-

## Vinegar is a Big Help for Health and Home

For years, the virtues of vinegar have been overlooked. While our grandmothers touted the acidic brew as a valuable aid all around the house, flashy modern products have one by one replaced the modest bottle of vinegar for all but the most menial cooking tasks. It's time we reevaluated that humble container crowded in the back of the cupboard. Believe it or not, vinegar packs such a punch it can alleviate the need for a myriad of expensive household and personal care products.

While this column has addressed the assets of vinegar in past pages, here are more interesting and cost saving ways vinegar can be put back in active duty.

**Best Blooms:** Springtime translates into vases of freshly cut flowers. Here's how to make your blooms last longer: Add two tablespoons of vinegar plus three tablespoons of sugar to each quart of warm water. Stems must be kept in three to four inches of the nutrient.

**Dust Buster:** To keep exhaust fan grills and air conditioner blades dust free, simply sponge with a cloth dipped in white vinegar periodically. The treatment helps repel future dust.

**Ouch Relief:** For natural sunburn relief, reach for the vinegar! Fill an empty spray bottle with straight vinegar and spritz on to sooth sunburn.

**Mist Tryst:** Make your own effective air freshener by mixing together the following ingredients: One teaspoon baking soda, one tablespoon vinegar, and two cups of water. After it stops foaming, mix well and transfer to a spray bottle to mist away odors.

This folk remedy claims to cure a sore throat overnight. Mix a table-



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 KAREN TRAINOR

spoon of vinegar in a eight ounce glass of warm water. Gargle every hour and swallow two mouthfuls after gargling. Begin treatment at the first sign of a sore throat.

**Gargling with cider vinegar** has also been claimed to cure hiccups.

**Sleep Aid:** Mix two tablespoons of apple cider vinegar with one cup of honey and store this mixture in an airtight container. To induce sleep, take two teaspoons of this mixture.

**Fight Fungi:** It's been said a foot soak in one half vinegar and water changes the pH in skin, aiding in the treatment of Athlete's Foot and nail fungi.

**Sew Aid:** If you take out a seam or hem and are left with tiny holes in the fabric, you can remove them by placing a cloth moistened with vinegar under the fabric and ironing.

**From the kitchen:**  
 \*A spoonful of vinegar to cooking water makes cauliflower snowy white.  
 \*Tenderize meat by marinating in vinegar overnight.  
 \*Cheese keeps longer if you wrap it in a vinegar soaked cloth in a sealed container.

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 Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located

# Trailer tribulations



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By the time you read this column, most of the snow cover will be gone, according to the weatherman, and my boat will be in the backyard getting ready for the Wallum Lake opening day of April 13. This past Sunday, I was talking to Mike Guertin at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club from Uxbridge. Mike is a guy that loves fishing on the ocean almost as much as I do. The subject of fishing on the ocean with our boats over the years, revealed some of the problems we had encountered over the years, of which some could have ended in tragedy.

Owning your own boat and making every trip a memorable one and living to tell about it is not easy. It all starts with making sure all of your equipment on the boat is in good working order. Owning a boat is not cheap, as any boat owner can tell you. Purchasing insurance for your boat requires you to also take out insurance on the water, like Sea Tow or other towing services on the water. Getting a Coast Guard safety check in your home town for your boat is a good way to insure that you are in compliance with all safety regulations. It can also save you a safety check on the water by the Coast



Guard, at a time when you should be fishing.

It all starts with the trailering of your boat to your fishing destination and back home. One of my not so memorable fishing trips while trailering my 20-foot MFG fiberglass boat to Westport River, to catch a few tautog with my brother Mel; could have cost us our lives. My brother met me at my home at 4 a.m., and we were anxious to get to the boat ramp. On the way to Westport, just before 20 minutes from reaching our destination, I thought my trailer had somehow become unattached from my vehi-

cle. My side view mirror had me looking at parts of my boat being scattered all over the highway.

I quickly applied the brakes and pulled over into the breakdown lane. As I was stopping, a couple of cars tried to pass me, but ran over my two outboard motors that were now lodged underneath these vehicles. Numerous other vehicles tried to pass, but were stopped by the State Police. My brother and I exited the vehicle and we realized that we had been rear-ended by a pickup truck, and his truck was on my boat trailer, with my boat partially on the

roof of my van.

It sure ruined my fishing season, and fighting the insurance company for payment for the vehicle & boat was another fiasco. Never ever allow the insurance company to remove your boat or vehicle from the storage area that it was brought to. After they had it removed from the area to the insurance company's lot, they just strung me along for months, and I lost the entire fishing season. The accident obviously was not my fault!

We were confronted by the State Police asking us if we were injured. I

told them that we were OK, but that my brother Mel was recently released from the hospital after he had a heart transplant. He quickly ordered us to sit down on the guard rail, as he was calling two ambulances to take us to the hospital. It seemed that the truck driver fell asleep at the wheel. We were traveling at 60 miles per hour when he rear-ended us, and he evidently had the pedal to the metal. Fortunately, he had struck us dead center of the boat's transom. The trooper stated that if the boat was hit on either side, we

would have flipped our truck.

After we were released from the hospital, we took a cab ride to the yard that the vehicle and boat were being stored. Fortunately, we were able to get the van released, and we headed for home. We absolutely could have been killed or seriously injured that day. Those are only one of the dangers about trailering a boat to go fishing or other forms of enjoying a boat. Keeping your boat in a slip is expensive, but does have its advantages. Trailering your boat does allow you to fish Mass. & Rhode Island waters, saving a lot of travel on the water to fish the hot spots at different times of the year. Next week, I will share a couple of experiences on the water that could have resulted in serious injury or death to myself and my fishing buddies. I got a couple of fishing trips in the fog that could have been a disaster. Stay tuned!

Ice fishing continues to provide some good fishing North & West of the Valley. Safe ice is becoming very scarce locally and extreme caution needs to be used to stay safe. Ponds on the Cape are providing some good rod & reel fishing for trout.

This week's picture shows a boat that was navigating in the fog and ended up on the rocks. When the fog cleared, the captain realized he was a bit off course...oops!

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

## Antiques, collectibles and estates profile: Philip Stanley

Our region has some of the richest history in the country, some of the finest museums, and some of the most knowledgeable people in the field of antiques. Phil Stanley, of Worcester, is one of these knowledgeable people. I've had the pleasure of knowing Phil for many years. He is an expert in antique tools and scientific instruments, and has been an appraiser for PBS "Antiques Roadshow" television show.

Phil has an engineering background, so it makes sense that he has an interest in antique tools. He first developed an interest in woodworking tools, and eventually grew interested in all types of tools. He estimates that he has been collecting for 50 years. He studied the major books that were available on antique tools when he began collecting. They are "Antique & Collectible Stanley Tools Guide" by John Walter, "British Planemakers from 1700" by William Louis Goodman, "Ancient Carpenters' Tools" by Henry Mercer and "A Museum of Early American Tools" by Eric Sloane.

Thanks to Stanley's research and writing, there are now two more books available to those who are interested in tools. Phil wrote "Boxwood & Ivory: Stanley Traditional Rules, 1855-1975" and "A Source Book for Rule Collectors." They are both out of print, but available on Amazon.com and other used book websites.

Phil also gained some of his considerable knowledge by attending antique tool and scientific instrument auctions and shows. He finds that many dealers are happy to discuss antique tools and share information. Although he notes there are fewer auctions and shows for



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scientific instruments, there are still many events for tool collectors.

Mr. Stanley's tool research led him to also research patents. He informed me that a fire destroyed about 10,000 of the earliest patents in 1836. After the fire, the U.S. Patent Office contacted inventors who had been issued patents and they were able to restore 2,000 to 2,500 records. Phil has been delving further into early patents and documenting his finds. He plans to offer the results to the U.S. Patent office after "cleaning up the last bits and pieces of this database." He found additional information on some of the missing patents after researching court case documents and from reviewing articles in the "Journal of the Franklin Institute." His database will contain additional information on the 10,000 patents that were destroyed in the fire.

Phil offers some good advice to fellow tool collectors. He recommends reading books and attending live events when you can. You can also search for tool auctioneers and dealers online. Phil said that Martin J. Donnelly sends emails twice a week offering tools for sale. You can sign-up for emails on Donnelly's Web site: [mjdtools.com](http://mjdtools.com).

Mr. Stanley's additional advice applies to collectors of all kinds.

"It's always better to buy one good \$100 item than ten average \$10 items," he said. "You're going to be happier with the one good item and it's not going to depreciate in value, which the average stuff tends to do."

Phil said that one of the most interesting things he appraised while work-

ing on the "Antiques Roadshow" was a cracked airplane propeller marked DH-1. Charles Lindbergh was carrying mail when his deHavilland plane developed mechanical issues and Lindbergh was forced to land on an Iowa farm. The family took photos with Lindbergh. Lindbergh later wrote them a thank you letter for their hospitality. The family was also left with the cracked propeller. Mr. Stanley estimated that the propeller and related items could soar to \$15,000 or \$20,000 at auction.

Thank you for the great turnout at the Quaboag Historical Society and East Brookfield Historical Commission appraisal day. My next appraisal event will be held at the Worcester Senior Center on March 20. Other sales and events are being planned. Please see [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these events.



Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612-6111), [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com)

### TRAINOR

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on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy

tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press 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](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

### EDITORIAL

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ing English, who tried and convicted her on trumped up charges of witchcraft in hopes of breaking the spirit of the French resistance by executing its leading light. In 1456, Pope Callixtus III re-examined the trial and reversed the charges. Joan of Arc was subsequently declared a martyr.

In 1933, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt turned the position of First Lady from benign symbol to an active and intellectually vigorous power center. Roosevelt served as the United States Delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. Roosevelt was the topic of much controversy for her outspoken nature, especially in regards to civil rights for African-Americans. She was the first of our First Ladies to hold regular press conferences, host a weekly radio show and to speak at a national party convention. She was so bold to even disagree with her husband on certain policies. After her husband's death, Roosevelt spent her remaining years in active politics. She was the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and chaired John F. Kennedy's administration's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Roosevelt was nicknamed the 'First Lady of the World.'

Last but not least is a true unsung

hero, due to the fact that her name has never been known — Agent 355, who was instrumental to the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary War. Agent 355 was a part George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. With the fear of a trip to the gallows in the back of her mind every day, Agent 355 managed to continue to help funnel crucial information to the General. Unlike the women we mentioned before, Agent 355 used her role as a quiet, unassuming woman to make monumental gains that led to our freedom today. The identity of '355' is not yet known; however, she is referred to as 'lady' 355 in Washington's code book. The only direct reference to '355' was from ring leader Abraham Woodhull (known as Samuel Culper, Sr.) to Washington in which Woodhull described her as 'one who hath been ever serviceable to this correspondence.' We hope that one day her true identity will be discovered.

While we pay homage to strong women who have done incredible things, this does not negate the influential women we come into contact with in our everyday lives. As women we don't have to smash ceilings or gain notoriety to make a difference. We can be positive, powerful and influential in our everyday lives which in turn creates a domino effect that can last years after we're gone.

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# SPORTS

## Rockets take Wachusett to limit, but ultimately fall short



Nick Ethier photos

Auburn coaches clap in appreciation while players remain on the bench upset that the Rockets' season came to a close versus Wachusett, 3-1.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

FITCHBURG — It was anyone's game deep into the third period when the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team took on Wachusett Regional in the semifinals of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament on Wednesday, March 6 at Captain Kenneth W. Gaetz, Sr. Arena at Wallace Civic Center. But the second-ranked Mountaineers capitalized on their only power-play opportunity with 5:55 left and they added an empty-netter in the final minute to take a 3-1 decision from the sixth seeded

Rockets. "We got that penalty and they made it count," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard of Caleb Mackin's tripping call with 6:50 to play. "That was the backbreaker. Only one penalty and it was a weird goal. He was on his knees and there was a scuffle and somehow it trickled by." On the scoring play Wachusett's Grant Gardula sent the puck toward the Rockets' net and Kevin Skagerlind was there on the right side to receive the pass. He didn't get much on his first shot, and then fell to his knees but somehow managed



Although this shot beat Auburn's Mike Sosik, he made 33 other saves and kept the Rockets in the game before ultimately falling, 3-1, to Wachusett.

to nudge the puck past Auburn goalie Mike Sosik and into the net.

Gardula pocketed the empty-netter with 30 seconds remaining to give the Mountaineers the cushion they needed and the victory after falling short versus the Rockets, 4-3, in the lone regular season meeting between the two.

Wachusett then defeated No. 5 Groton-Dunstable Regional in the District Final on Sunday, March 10 to advance to the State Semifinals.

The Mountaineers also scored early in the contest versus Auburn when, with 11:24 remaining in the first period, Mike Iacaboni's shot from the point beat Sosik. The play was set up with a face-off win as Joe Jusseaume and Zak Kapusta had the assists.

Sosik was phenomenal in net for the Rockets, though, finishing with 33 saves.

"Coming into this tournament we didn't know who we were going to go with. They've been playing great all year and we went with Mikey the first game and see what happens," Bombard said of Sosik and Collin Winkelmann both playing well before the coaching staff chose Sosik to start in the tournament quarterfinals versus No. 3 Algonquin Regional, a 3-2 Auburn victory. "He played a fantastic game against Algonquin, so this time of year you get a hot goaltender you've got to ride him and tonight he picked up right where he left off. He was phenomenal tonight."

Bombard admitted that his team didn't play a strong first period, though.

"I just thought the first period we came out flat, we didn't do anything. They woke up and from there on in it was pretty

even — we had our opportunities," he said.

Bombard's first intermission pep talk seemed to work wonders for the Rockets, as Adam Lanier tied the score just 34 seconds into the second period. Lanier's initial shot missed just wide and hit the skirting of the net, but a heady play allowed him to gain possession and beat Wachusett goalie Jackson King with his shot. Anthony List and Ryan Lempicki had the assists on the goal.

Play remained tied, 1-1, into the second intermission as Sosik made save after save, including a point-blank rebound opportunity for Wachusett's Colin Moran that Sosik denied with his glove.

Sosik made two more opportunity stops with nine minutes to play in the third, robbing both Jack Felicio (on a mini break-away) and Skakerglind (on the ensuing rebound) before the Mountaineers solved him one more time for the win.

With 12 seniors on their roster composed of student-athletes from Auburn High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of the co-op program, the Rockets made a nice post-season run and finished 12-9-1.

"We expected to get one [round] past this, but the senior group's been great. They worked hard and dedicated their time to the program," concluded Bombard.



Adam Lanier of Auburn gains possession of the puck.



Ryan Lempicki of Auburn keeps his head up before targeting a shot toward Wachusett's net.



### WILDCATS FINISH OFF UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON

Courtesy photo

Congratulations to the Charlton Wildcats fifth grade travel basketball team on an undefeated season (13-0) this year. Pictured, from left to right (top row) are Coach Matt Rowden, Coach Jared Green, Aiden Tyler, Luke Smolski, Lucien Garry, Michael Woodson, Devin Rowden, Coach Brett Kustigian, Coach Dan Palacios (bottom row) Landen Palacios, Jake Ramsey, Xavier Mojica, Caden Green and Joseph Kustigian.

### SPORTS BRIEF



#### Charlton Softball accepting registrations for Spring 2019 season

Charlton Softball Association, the town's youth recreational softball league, has opened up registration for the upcoming spring season. Visit <http://charltonsoftball.org> to register.

All girls, ages 4-16, are encouraged to play regardless of experience or skill. Charlton Softball will teach new players the fundamentals of the game, the value of teamwork and good sportsmanship, and develop a love for the game. For more experienced players, the league provides a competitive, yet fun atmosphere to further develop their skills and passion for the game of softball.

The cost is \$95 (\$70 for t-ball) and a \$20 sibling discount is available to families registering more than one child.

Visit <http://charltonsoftball.org> to register your daughter, and make sure to follow CharltonMASoftball on Facebook for the latest news and information.

**TRIPS**

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perform their father's hit songs - Venus DeMilo, Swansea \$95.00

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

**2019 Overnight Trips**

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

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

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

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

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

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

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

May 19: Newport Rail \$92

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

June 9: Gloucester Lobster \$102

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

July 14: Essex Steam Train \$102

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

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

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

Sept. 15-17: Atlantic City Resorts Casino \$259

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

**Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92**

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

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

**DUDLEY SENIORS**

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

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

**EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER**

For information and reservations, please contact Judy Shute (508) 867-9224

**LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER**

Contact Leicester Senior Center, Joan Wall, (508) 892-3967 for information and reservations.

Friday, January 18: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

Friday, February 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

Friday, March 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

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

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

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

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.

**MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH**

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

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

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER  
1 River St., Millbury, (508) 865-9154

NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER  
Phone: 508-234-2002  
www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging

**SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Contact Jim Julian at the Casabon 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:

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

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

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble or PLAY BINGO as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 3:30 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

April 30 - May 2, 2019 - Tuesday - Thursday - Atlantic City  
You will get 2 nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see 2 stage shows. Trolley's available.  
For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

May 19, 2019 - Sunday - Newport rail tour.

Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dining car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella - or Atlantic Cod.  
For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

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

Board the ship for a New England clam bake including clams, lobster chowder BBQ chicken and more finish with chocolate mousse. Cruise the harbor for 2 1/2 hours with music on board. Visit the Salem visitor center and shops.  
For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trips are open to the public!  
Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

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

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Come along with us on Wednesday April 24th as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation to the Luxurious Danversport Yacht Club which is about one and a half hours drive from Sturbridge. Included with

the Bus and the Show, is a delicious Plated Luncheon of Stuffed Breast of Chicken, or Baked Schrod, Salad, Potato, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

Tickets are also available for those people who prefer to drive on their own. These Shows are open to the Public ages 21 and over. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

**The Best Impersonators of All the Biggest Stars**

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors will travel to the Lake Pearl Banquet Facility in Wrentham to see the Edwards Twins on Sunday, May 19. The Edwards Twins are Las Vegas #1 Impersonators. See them as they dress and bring to life Sonny and Cher, Billy Joel, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Lionel Richie, Lady Gaga, Celine Dion, Bette Midler, Barbara Streisand, Tom Jones, Andre Boccelli, Rod Stewart, Pavarotti, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles and many more Stars. NBC Today Show says "It is One of the Most Extraordinary Shows We Have Ever Seen."

For just \$92, included is Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, a Lavish Sunday Brunch that has numerous Breakfast Foods and Lunch Food Choices, Cold Refreshments, Coffee, Tea as well as your Show Tickets. A number of my Friends have also seen the Edwards Twins on Cruise Ships and have told me these entertainers are Great! For Tickets or more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

**ST. ANDREW BOBOLA PARISH**

TRIP TO USA NATIONAL PARKS St Andrew Bobola Parish, is organizing a special TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS 11 DAYS, May 12-23 2019. Total cost: \$2,000  
PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN  
St. Andrew Bobola Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan March 17-28, 2019. All inclusive cost with breakfast, dinners is \$3,190.

Please contact: 508-943-5633. Registration forms are available on the website: www.standrewbobola.com

**UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12**

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

**2019**

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

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

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

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

Aug. 11 - "A Sunday Afternoon at Tanglewood" — a noon luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert

with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Thomas Ades, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with the music of Ives and Beethoven and guest pianist Inon Barnatan. The cost is \$127 (an inclusive luncheon, concert and motor coach transportation). A payment plan is available. The reservation deadline is July 30. Departure is 9 a.m., RMV parking lot, Southbridge.

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

Nov. 16 — "Do As You Wish Day in New York City" — shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museum, attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and from New York City. Cost is \$59 per person. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6. For information and reservations, call (508) 764-7909. To avoid disappointment, call early.

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

**UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

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

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

April 9 JFK Library and museum w/ wine tasting & Venezia Restaurant for lunch. \$81. Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parmesan, steak tips, chicken piccata, or pasta primavera

Kentucky w/ARK, horses and more \$869. 7 day trip! March 31-April 6. Includes 12 meals, 2 shows; Loretta Lynn's homestead; Hatfield & McCoy tour; Toyota Tour; tour of Wheeling, WV; cut-through project in Pikeville; horse farm tour; "Grand Canyon of the South" and other fun highlights!

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

April 9 is a trip to the JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM w/wine tasting and lunch at Venezia's. \$81. (\$2. discount if you're a veteran.) Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parm, steak tips, chicken piccata, pasta primavera. Make sure to include meal choices when you sign up. Besides lots of information about the life and legacy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, there is also an extensive collection of first lady Jacqueline Kennedy's clothes, including the dress she wore when she gave a televised tour of the newly restored White House. You also don't want to miss the Freedom 7 space capsule, which took Alan Shepard into space in 1961. The Venezia is always a nice place for lunch with wonderful food! Leaves Whitinsville WalMart at 7:15 a.m., home around 4:30.

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

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

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

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

All trips leave from Whitinsville Walmart, 100 Valley Parkway, Whitinsville. Make sure to always include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency phone number. Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to reserve.

# 31 DAY

## window & patio door sale

This isn't one of those 'limited time' offers that's **not really** limited. We're only offering this window discount, this patio door discount and this special financing for 31 days!<sup>1</sup>

There are limited appointments available, and you must book yours before **March 31<sup>st</sup>...**

**which means you only have LESS THAN three weeks left!**



**Less than three weeks left!**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Francis R. Allen



CHARLTON - Francis R. Allen, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, died Thursday, March 7, 2019. He was born in his mother's home and farm on Partridge Hill Rd. on November 4, 1925. He built his home and future across the street from where he was born. He married Theresa (Murray) Allen in 1947 and would have a 58 year marriage and five children.

Francis graduated from Charlton High School in 1943, entering the U.S. Navy, Amphibious Forces, seeing action in three critical South Pacific battles. After being honorably discharged in 1946, he came home and met "Terry" on a blind date. He would find a career-engineering. He started at Worcester Trade School, transferred to Worcester Polytechnic for two years, and finished his engineering certification at the Taylor School of Engineering in Uxbridge.

This was all while physically building a new house, finishing his school at night, and beginning his 32 year career as Chief Engineer at Cranston Print Works. He held several licenses including nuclear engineering, master pipe fitters, and stationary engineering.

Francis became a legend, not only to his children, but to hundreds who would be inspired by his love and dedication to the games of baseball and softball. He was so admired, that today the Francis R. Allen Softball Field stands in proud legacy to a man who probably umpired hundreds of games in his 16 years of keeping baseball and softball alive in the small town of Charlton. He was also an active member of St. Joseph's, and held numerous roles in

the church.

He was a generous man, with a great sense of humor who never saw a priority more important than his family, whom he cherished. He taught them about helping anyone in need, as well as passing along his love of sports. He loved working with his hands and had several of his creations patented.

Francis was laid to rest Monday, March 11, beside his beloved wife Theresa, and his son David, who both died in 2005.

He leaves behind his children, Cathy Allen and Linda Allen Kelly of Seattle, WA., Stephen Allen and his wife Mary Eddy of South Yarmouth, and Patricia Allen Rubega and her husband Robert of South Yarmouth, in addition, he leaves his daughters-in-law Brenda Ide Allen of Charlton and Aleta Rey Allen of San Antonio, TX. He treasured his 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren immensely, and leaves an abundance of comical and loving memories of their time with their Grampy.

Calling Hours were Sunday, March 10 from 5-7 pm at the ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd.

Francis' Funeral Mass was Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Ext. followed by burial in West Ridge Cemetery, in Charlton

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Hospice of Western and Central Mass., 1325 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA. 01030.

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## Theresa M. Remian, 90



SOUTHBRIDGE - Theresa M. (Tremblay) Remian, 90, passed away on Wednesday, March 6th, in the Overlook Masonic Healthcare Center, Charlton, after an illness.

Her husband of 57 years, Andrew J. Remian, passed away in 2007. She leaves her son, Carl A. Remian and his wife Karen of Charlton; her daughter, Jane A. Green and her husband Kenneth of Raleigh, NC; and many nieces and nephews. Her daughter, Gail M. Vermette, passed away in 2005. She was also predeceased by her brother Rene Tremblay. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Isadore and Exelina (Tavernier) Remian and lived here most of her life.

Theresa was a secretary at Superior Cakes in Southbridge for many years before retiring. She previously worked at the American Optical Co in Southbridge for many years. In her youth she modeled eyeglasses for the American Optical Co. She was a long-time member of St. Hedwig's Church in

Southbridge. She was an avid bowler and an avid golfer. She enjoyed sewing and loved eating lobster. Theresa enjoyed playing Canasta with her family and friends. Theresa and her husband Andy enjoyed taking many trips to Florida together and wintered in Florida after they retired. She enjoyed gardening and had an excellent green thumb. Theresa was very adept at crossword puzzles and enjoyed writing poems for others and for special occasions.

Her family would like to thank the staff at the Overlook Masonic Healthcare Center for all of the care and compassion they gave to Theresa during her illness.

Her funeral was held on Wednesday, March 13th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Hedwig's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, Everett St., Southbridge. Burial will be in St. Hedwig's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Tuesday, March 12th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. [www.morrillfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrillfuneralhome.com)

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## Donna R. (Fellows) Gaudette, 75

CHARLTON, MA / PASCOAG, RI - Donna R. (Fellows) Gaudette age 75 passed away Friday, March 1, 2019 at the Overlook Masonic Health Care, Charlton, MA. She was the wife of the late Joseph Gaudette. She leaves two sons, Robert R. Hart Jr. and his wife Jill of Bell, Florida, Christopher A. Hart and his wife Tammylyn of Pascoag, RI, two daughters, Tracy Norris and her husband Butch of Utila and Elizabeth Hatcher and her husband Kevin of Seattle, Washington, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She also leaves a sister Nancy Orfield of Minnesota.

She was born in Rochester, Minnesota daughter of the late Martin Fellows and Barbara (Tyson) Fellows and lived in

Charlton for the past several months, prior to that living in Pascoag, RI. Donna was realtor most of her life. She enjoyed puzzles and reading the bible. There are no calling hours. Memorial Service was held Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 PM at the Overlook Masonic Chapel, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA all are welcome with a gathering and refreshments afterwards. Please omit flowers and donations in her memory may be made to Overlook Hospice, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at [www.shaw-majercik.com](http://www.shaw-majercik.com) where you post a condolence or light a candle.

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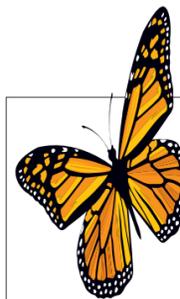
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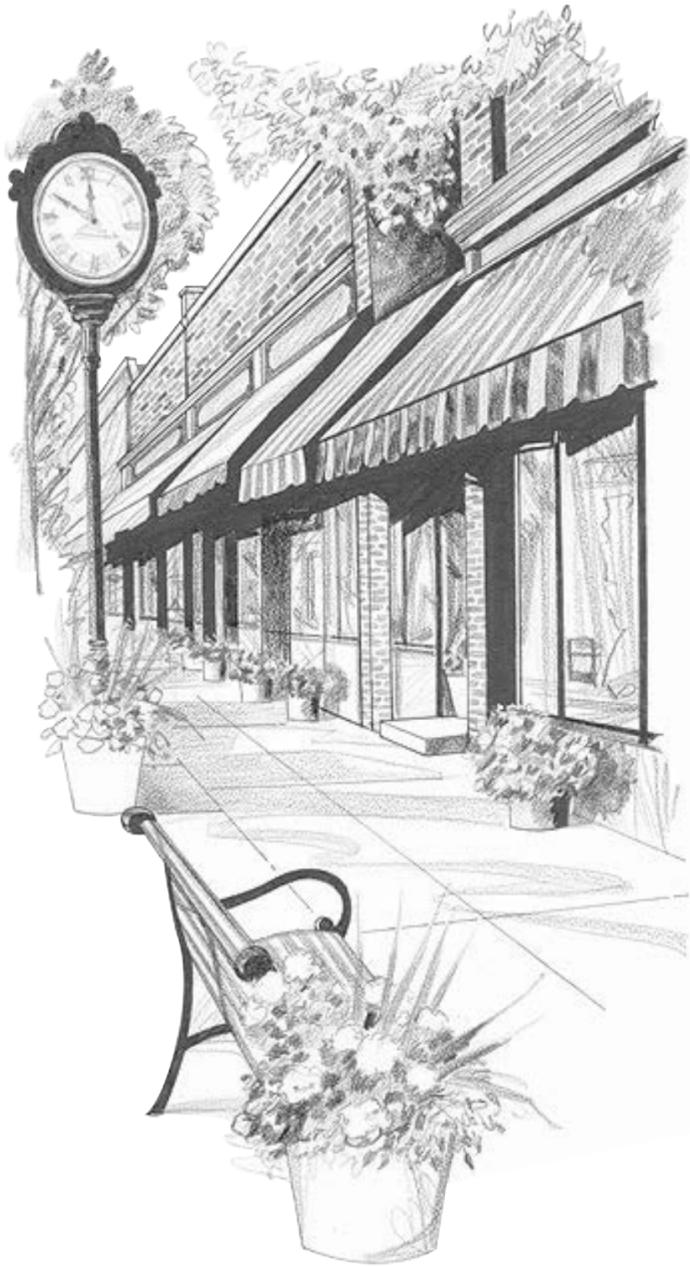
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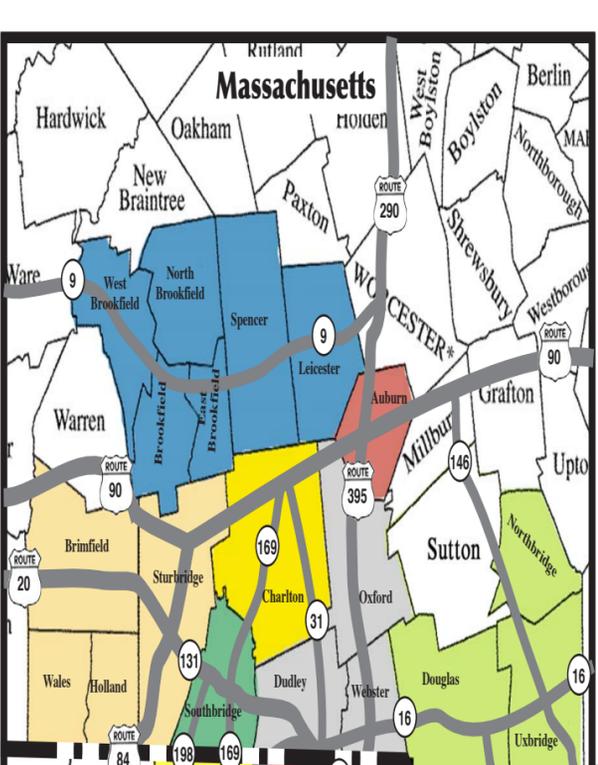
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**DUDLEY** - 73 Tracy Rd! Majestically Perched on a Knoll, 1.47 Acres Beautifully Landscaped, Spacious 2252' 8 Rm Colonial! Stainless Appliances! Eat-in Country Kit w/Center Isl, Pantry Closet, Recessed Lighting, Tile Flr & French Dr to Deck! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Classic 3 Windowed Bumped-out Wall! Entry Foyer! Formal Living Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! The Fireplace Family Rm w/Wide Plank Hrdwd Flr will Keep the Family Close! Side Entry Hall! Dble Closet, Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Upstairs 4 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 w/Hrdwds, 2 w/Wall to Wall w/Plenty of Closet Space! 18 Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Ceiling Fan, Walk-in Closet, Master Bath w/Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! Off the Hrdwd Hall the 2nd Full Bath w/Dble Sinks, Granite Vanity, Tile Flr & Linen Closet! Breezeway Attached 2 Car Garage! Quick Closing Possible, Start Packing! **\$349,900.00**

**THOMPSON** - 854 Thompson Rd! Appealing 9 Room Split! Beautiful 63 Acre Lot! Appliance Ready Kitchen! Dining & Fireplace! Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/Hardwoods! Fireplace Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 1.5 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 395 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **\$244,900.00**

**WEBSTER** - 35 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-in Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**

**PUTNAM** - 49 Fox Road! Fantastic 2,680' 9+ Room Center Hall Colonial Set On 3 Beautiful Acres! Featuring Center Island Stainless Appliance Kitchen! Formal Dining & Living Rooms w/Hardwoods! Comfortable Brick Fireplaced Family Room! Office/Den! Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Side Entry Foyer w/Coat Closet! Upstairs to 4 Spacious Bedrooms! Huge Master w/Hardwoods, Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Double Sinks! Full Walk-up Attic w/Plumbing Leads for Additional/Future Expansion! 5 Zone Oil Heat! 24X30' Detached Garage w/Second Floor Storage! Convenient to Everything Putnam! **\$389,900.00**

**PUTNAM** - 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 1/4 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 - Roof, Gutter, & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **\$129,900.00**

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**SUTTON** - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 2 1/4 Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**

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ANSWER:

## LEGALS

### LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF CHARLTON HIGHWAY MATERIALS & SERVICES

Sealed bids, appropriately marked will be publicly opened and read in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507 on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for the following highway materials which will be used on approximately 10,000 linear feet of road surface.

Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place **(Must be pre-qualified)**

Full Depth Pavement Reclamation (Calcium Chloride) **(Must be pre-qualified) all grading included.**

Stone Seal, Double Stone Seal & 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment (Must be pre-qualified).

This is a state funded project that exceeds \$50,000.00, therefore, all contractors intending to bid on Item 1 - Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place and Item 2 - Scarifying and pulverizing in place asphalt pavement, **all grading included** and Item 3 - Stone Seal, Double Stone Seal & 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment, **must be pre-qualified** by the Contract Engineer, Room 7373, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. With submission of the properly executed "Approval for Proposal Form" to the office of the Town Administrator, Municipal Office Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507, the prospective bidder will be entitled to a non-transferable proposal package.

Prospective bidders must obtain and utilize the bid package. The Town Administrator in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507, must receive sealed bids, no later than

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

*Each item shall be clearly marked in a separate envelope as to which category the bidder has chosen, i.e. "Item 1 - Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place". Any deviations from Massachusetts General Laws, Massachusetts Highway Department requirements and proposal stipulations will result in an automatic disqualification from the bidding process.*

This bid is advertised under Chapter 30; Section 39M, Chapter 149, Section 26 - 27F of the M.G.L., in reference to the prevailing wage rates. All road material work and materials shall conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Waterways.

**All bids must be submitted under Chapter 30, Section 39M, which requires a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond. The amount of such bid deposit shall be five per cent of the value of the bid.**

Within ten days of the notification of award, the contractor is required to provide a security bond under section twenty-nine of Chapter One Hundred and Forty Nine, for 50% of the contract award

All bids are effective April 2, 2019 and expire December 31, 2019.

Any questions should be directed to Gerry Foskett, Highway Superintendent at 508-248-2212.

The Town Administrator reserves the right to waive any minor informality in the bids and reject any or all bids and to make awards in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

March 15, 2019

March 22, 2019

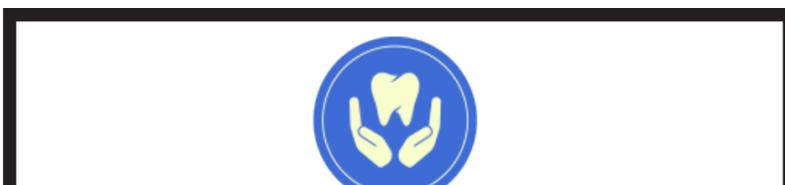


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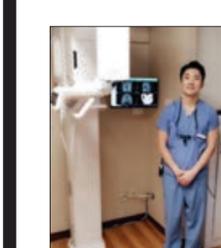


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