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Charlton Lions spread Christmas cheer

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Members of the Lions Club are pictured here during their holiday visit to Charlton Manor.

CHARLTON — The Charlton Lions Club continued its Christmas tradition of helping community members in need again this year with donations to the Elementary and Heritage Schools, and a visit to the Charlton Manor.

More than ten years ago, the Lions were approached by the Principal at the Heritage School and asked if the Lions could possibly help out a few families in need for the holiday. The Lions happily responded with Walmart gift cards for the Principal, and ever since have been helping out at

Christmas. This year the Lions gave the Principals at the Elementary and Heritage Schools each \$600 worth of Walmart gifts cards for them to hand out to families in need. The Lions Club supports numerous charitable causes throughout the year, but the members agree that helping families at Christmas is one of the most rewarding. Knowing that we can make a small difference in some of our families in Town makes the work we do year-round worth the effort.

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Shepherd Hill Regional Drama Club presents “The Westing Game” on Jan. 10 and 11

DUDLEY — The Shepherd Hill Regional High School Drama Club will be presenting “The Westing Game” on Friday, Jan. 10 and Saturday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Connie Vanco Galli Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Children 5 and under are free, however, please be advised that there will be flashing lights and loud explosions during the performance. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

“The Westing Game” was adapted by Darian Lindle, from the Newberry Award winning novel of the same name by Ellen Raskin. “The Westing Game” is an intricate “Whodunnit?” surrounding the death of millionaire Samuel Westing and his eccentric will that challenges a group of strangers to puzzle out the clues left by Westing and discover his murderer. Along the way, as each member works

out the answer, they discover truths about themselves - and their neighbors - that they may not have expected. Join the cast as they strive to find a murderer and win Westing’s fortune. Do you have what it takes to win it all in the Westing Game?

The SHRHS Drama Club is well known in the community for their past performances of “What I Want to Say But Never Will,” “It’s All Greek to Me,” and last spring’s night of one acts, “The Real Inspector Hound” and “A Mad Breakfast.”. The students are very excited to be presenting an adaptation of such a well-loved novel and have worked very hard to put the show together. “The Westing Game” is directed by Performing Arts Director, Kristin Griffiths with co-direction by Assistant Performing Arts Director, James Foley. For advance tickets or more information, please contact Kristin Griffiths via email at kgriffiths@dcrsd.org.

Worcester Red Sox President to speak at Chamber’s Annual Meeting

STURBRIDGE — The Chamber of Central Mass. South will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at The Barn at Wight Farm, 420 Main Str., Sturbridge. The Chamber is very pleased to welcome Dr. Charles Steinberg, the President of the Worcester Red Sox, as the keynote speaker. The meeting is sponsored by Quinsigamond Community College.

Dr. Charles Steinberg joined the Pawtucket Red Sox as President on Nov. 5, 2015 after many years as Executive Vice President of the

Boston Red Sox. In a vast career in which he has also worked with the Baltimore Orioles, San Diego Padres, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig, “Dr. Charles” has helped revamp and re-energize the PawSox front office while leading the effort to aggressively reach out to the community to restore and enhance bonds of connection.

Working with his friend and mentor, PawSox Chairman Larry Lucchino, nearly all of their careers, Steinberg spent 11 seasons with the Red Sox (2002 through

2007 and 2012 through 2016), but also two with the Dodgers as Chief Marketing Officer and two with Commissioner Selig as Senior Advisor for Public Affairs. He is currently helping Selig with his memoirs. He spent 19 years with his hometown Orioles, rising from intern to head of public relations, and followed Lucchino to San Diego, where, in 7 years with the Padres, he rose to Executive Vice President.

Each of the four major league

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“Christmas by Candlelight” welcomes visitors to new Christmas Tree Trail

SUTRBRIDGE — More than 3,500 wishes were made at the Christmas Wish Bridge at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) during the first weekend of its popular Christmas by Candlelight event. A new feature this year, the Wish Bridge is a part of OSV’s Christmas Tree Trail - 50 sparkling trees set along a quiet path that visitors can enjoy to escape the hustle and bustle of the Common and take in a more serene holiday experience. The bridge, found at the end of the Christmas Tree Trail, encourages guests to write out a special wish and place it on one of the nearby trees in hopes that holiday magic will make the wish come true.

Christmas by Candlelight is a holiday tradition at Old Sturbridge Village, celebrating a season of memories and magic while honoring the New England Christmas of the 19th century. Also new to the event this year was a member cookie contest, encouraging village members to submit recipes to be selected and showcased during a cookie sampling in the Parsonage building. For this first-time contest, held in November, the winner was announced as Debbie Dymek. Dymek, a longtime member with OSV, receives services from Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She has developed strategies to bake successfully over the years and won for her “Yulelog” cookie recipe this year.

Last weekend at the event, category winners were announced for the highly anticipated Gingerbread House Contest. Category winners in 2019 are:

- Adult Professional Winner: Loren Stanard
- Adult Non-Professional Winner: Denelle Cooke
- Youth Winner: Melody Berreth
- Family Winner Culross Family

Ruda gets high marks in six-month review

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – It’s been six months since Jonathan Ruda stepped into his position as Town Administrator, meaning it was time for selectmen to perform the customary performance review of the town hall’s leader during a meeting on Dec. 9.

Ruda received high marks in all five categories, with each selectman presenting a score between one and four — four being the highest possible mark. Ruda didn’t receive one score below three with his lowest accumulated score being a solid three for employee, community and intergovernmental relations. Ruda’s highest score was a perfect four for meeting the performance criteria set upon him by selectmen when he was hired. For the other three categories Ruda received a 3.2 for relationship with the Board of Selectmen, and scores of 3.6 for both communication with selectmen and fiscal management respectively. His overall score for his assessment was a 3.48.

Ruda received numerous com-

pliments from selectmen with each member of the town’s highest elected board having the chance to share their thoughts on each category during the review. At the end of the tally, selectmen offered compliments to Ruda for his effectiveness, communication, and adaptability to the job of town management despite having no experience in the field when he applied.

Selectman Paul Joseph stated that he found it difficult to pinpoint any areas that need immediate improvement for Ruda, with many of his shortcomings being seen as more a result of a lack of time or experience in a management position that will come with his natural growth while leading the town.

“He does a really good job in each of the five areas, and for me, it’s not a question of improvement; it’s more a question of him maintaining what he’s currently doing,” said Joseph.

Selectman Steve Sullivan gave his own shining review of the Town Administrator, complimenting Ruda on stepping up to the challenge and doing well by the town in such a short time.

“He’s taken on things that have fall-

en through the cracks. He can always get better and I just look forward to Jonathan getting better in his role, continuing to grow and continuing to do what’s best for the town,” Sullivan said.

These sentiments appeared to be shared by every member of the board. Selectman Jason Johnson said he too expects Ruda to continue to grow and agreed that most of where Ruda has been deemed to need improvement are expected to come with time.

“Anyone in a new position, especially the first few months, shouldn’t worry about any kind of continuous improvement being mentioned. When we start new jobs, we come in having some preconceived notions. We have loads of experience typically and then you see what it really is and make the adjustments. There’s nothing wrong with that,” said Johnson.

Selectman John Marsi touched on the fact that Ruda has experience as a former selectman of Dudley and that it’s easy to forget that he’s only been in his current position for six months. Even still, he feels Ruda has done an exceptional job adapting.

“The expectations and reality and having to adjust is a real thing. Jonathan did it amazingly well,” said Marsi. “I think if we picked anybody else, we would have had a different discussion tonight just from the learning curve alone.”

Finally, Selectman Kerry Cyganiewicz said he was more than pleased with the outcome of the past six months and agreed with Marsi that the board made the right choice.

“It was definitely a good decision bringing Jonathan on board in this role and I’m looking forward to what comes next,” he said.

Ruda offered brief comments after his evaluation where he complimented the board on making a hire that could have been considered “politically difficult.” He said the fact that he was once a selectman and is now serving the town on a new level inspires him every day to do right by the board and the community.

Poor road maintenance causes damage to town plows

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The first snowstorms of the season have hit the region, sending local crews into the elements to clear the roads and clean up the town. However, these recent weather events have brought to light a concern within the town of Dudley that has caught the attention of both the Highway Superintendent and the selectmen.

While giving a post-storm update to selectmen during a meeting on Dec. 9, Highway Superintendent Vincent Polletta revealed that two plows received notable damage during the storm. The damage was caused during the plowing of a pair of private roadways, Causeway Shores and Norman Lane, which the town managed in cooperation with the residents of the roadways.

“They were both broken on two separate private roads. It

was about \$400 worth of damage on one and \$480 worth of damage on the other,” Polletta told selectmen.

The Highway Superintendent later added that with private and dirt roads, it’s seldom that proper maintenance is done to keep the roadway smooth and durable, which could have played a role in the situation with the town’s plows.

“With the dirt roads, there’s nobody taking care of them, and they just keep getting worse and worse every year,” Polletta said. “There’s no incentive for anybody to keep them in better condition than where they’re at.”

This situation created concern among members of the Board of Selectmen, specifically Chair Steve Sullivan. He stated that while the town is

willing to work with the property owners on these roads to maintain them in the winter time even though they’re not town property, if the roads are going to create an issue for town owned vehicles, that’s a problem that will need to be addressed.

“It’s always been stated publicly, at least as long as I’ve been on the board, that we’ll maintain these roads, but if we start losing equipment, something’s going to have to give, so we’re going to have to take a look at that,” Sullivan said.

Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda presented a possible solution, a program he says could allow residents of these private roads access to resources for road maintenance.

“We have gotten at least the

information about the program into residents’ hands on private roads. We’re planning on having a spring meeting to give the more information as to how to bring their road up to meeting the standard to being approved by the town. Unfortunately, that lapse in time has put us in this position, between when we came up with the road betterment policy and getting it out,” said Ruda.

It will certainly be a work in progress, but Ruda sees promise in what the program has to offer. For now the roads will continue to be maintained by the town with the Highway Superintendent continuing to inform town officials of any further incidents during plowing during his monthly reports.

Charlton Lions kicking off 2020 with meat raffle

CHARLTON — The Charlton Lions are ready to welcome 2020 with our famous Meat Raffle being held Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Heritage Golf Course at 85 Sampson Rd. in Charlton.

There will be six tables of beef, pork and poultry to be won.

The raffle begins at noon with early bird tickets available to those who arrive before 1 p.m. For more information, please email thecharltonlions@gmail.com. What a great way to start 2020 with filling your freezer with meat from Fairway Beef! And remember...100 percent of what we raise goes back to the community. The Charlton Lions thank you for your continued support!



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Area towns join gun Buyback Day



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Pictured: Dudley Officer James Annese Nichols College Intern Ms. Taylor Comness, Officer David Carpenter, Police chief Steve Wojnar (Seated) Volunteers Ms. Emilia Noyes (Worcester State College) and Chrissy Grech (Umass Medical School).

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Polls have repeatedly shown around half of the US population owns guns, and millions of them are in our homes. Last Saturday, police departments across the area gave residents a chance to reduce that firepower a little bit with the annual Gun Buyback Day.

In general, relatively few people participated.

“The stuff we get is usually either

something they don’t know what to do with, or it’s broken,” Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw noted afterward, describing them as generally “lower-end.”

Specifically, Webster got “a couple” of guns – a BB gun and a starter pistol – while Dudley reported collecting five, including a few paintball guns.

Shaw said that’s far below what his department received when Webster initiated the program in 2015. Then, they collected 56; he partly attributed the drop to the fact many more depart-

ments are participating, so the guns get more dispersed.

To him, that’s actually a good thing. He sees having more options to turn them in as beneficial to the community as a whole.

Before the event, Dudley Chief Steven Wojnar described such weapons this way: “These can often be the subject of theft or improper use. These circumstances can lead to injuries and death. For whatever the reason, those looking to dispose of unwanted weapons, have a great opportunity to do so safely.”

Indeed, even though the day has passed, Shaw said people can turn such guns in anytime, or take them to dealers and consign them. He said he’s seen research that suggests around 30 percent of guns in crimes were stolen from homes.

Southbridge Chief Shane Woodson agreed, noting, “What I have seen in our community in previous years is that many senior citizens come to our Gun Buy Back saying their spouse had recently passed away and they no longer wanted the firearms in their homes. ... Even if we remove one firearm from the street, I consider the Gun Buy Back successful and our PD will continue to participate for many years to come.”

A study from the November 2013 International Journal of Police Science and Management found that such a view is common, but buybacks have minimal actual impact. Looking at the buyback program in Buffalo, a team led by Scott Phillips found “no significant impact” from the first one, but some effect from the second and third on some crimes. Most notably, they found “an overall downward trend in the level of gun robbery after the third intervention, but the effect was only temporary and lasted about a year.” Later, they



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note that reduction “took several years to materialize.”

Homicides of all types (with and without guns) were “stationary” during their study, with changes being just “white noise,” but it also states “there were increases in gun homicide levels” after buybacks.

In general, the Phillips team concluded, their project “failed to provide robust evidence that the gun buy-back policy of Buffalo did significantly lower post-intervention gun-related crimes.” Gun buy-backs largely serve “to satisfy the public’s expectations” and are “rational and workable policy to reduce the public’s fear,” but are “an ineffective response on the part of local policymakers,” the team argues.

Shaw noted part of the solution is already in use – gun safes and trigger locks, which are generally available for many guns today. Those make household guns a lot more secure, less likely to be either stolen or used in the heat of the moment.

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Dudley invites property owners to apply for grant funding

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – A grant opportunity in the town of Dudley is opening the door for property owners to see repairs and improvements to their homes to the tune of up to \$35,000 per housing unit.

Dudley recently opened applications for property owners to benefit from the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant program through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a competitive program that Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda hopes will allow locals on a

tight budget the chance to make those small but significant fixes, repairs and updates to their homes.

“I am very excited about this grant. Many Dudley residents struggle to pay bills, to heat and maintain their homes, to provide for themselves and their family. Many are seniors that worked all their lives to have what they have. Something like a new roof, window replacement or boiler or furnace replacement can send people on a fixed income into a financial tailspin and as a result the maintenance of their homes is deferred and causes a decrease in the value,”

Ruda said.

The program is geared towards low- to moderate-income homeowners within a certain income bracket. Qualifying single person household must make \$52,850 or less a year while and four-person household can’t make more than \$75,450. If approved, the grant would help applying families with a range of improvements to their homes including roofs, plumbing, painting and siding, septic system repairs, weatherization, handicap accessibility, electrical improvements and more. The work would be completed by licensed private contractors

and would not exceed \$35,000 although the actual amount granted would change on a case by case basis. The program would be implemented on the town’s behalf by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in partnership with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Communion. The grants would be in the form of a 15-year deferred payment loan program and would never require repayment if the home is not sold within the loan period.

Ruda said the town’s role in this program is to act as the conduit to help Dudley citizens address critical issues in their homes.

“Our goal is to provide meaningful, measurable and personal assistance to the most vulnerable members of our community,” Ruda said. “This frankly is what gets me excited to be a public servant. It’s one of the things that local government should be doing.”

Qualifying residents can submit a pre-application form to be added to the wait list to benefit from the grant funding. Forms are available at www.dudley-ma.gov.

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clubs established attendance records in his tenure. With each club, he has created innovative ballpark entertainment and community initiatives. He led the creation of the Padres Scholars, Red Sox Scholars, and PawSox Scholars programs, as well as landmark initiatives in pediatric cancer research awareness and fundraising. Among his memorable ceremonies was the Fenway Park event following the Boston Marathon tragedy in which David Ortiz made his unforgettable and unrepeatable speech.

Dr. Steinberg also serves as Director of Sports Communication at Emerson College and is a musician and songwriter whose compositions have been recorded by Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr. among others. He wrote

the theme songs for Wally the Green Monster and the PawSox, and performed with Jimmy Buffett at Fenway Park in 2004. He sang (briefly) on the Dropkick Murphys’ hit song, “Tessie,” and had a cameo with Drew Barrymore in the Farrelly Brothers’ hit film, “Fever Pitch.”

All are welcome to attend the meeting and luncheon. The Barn at Wight Farm will serve Not Your Average Chicken Cordon Bleu with Supreme Sauce or the vegetarian option, Seasonal Ravioli for the lunch entrée with Apple Cranberry Crisp for dessert. The cost to attend is \$30 per person for CMS Chamber Members. (\$225 for a table of 8) or \$40 per person for non-Members. Please RSVP to 508-347-2761 or email info@cmschamber.org by noon on Jan. 15.

LIONS

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The Lions also visited the residents at the Charlton Manor to spread some Christmas joy. For over 20 years the Lions have visited the Manor with Santa and Frosty the Snowman, bringing gifts and singing Christmas Carols. Again this year, Santa got the residents involved in an old fashion sign-along, while his elves handed out gifts for all 31 residents, including blankets, socks and scratch tickets. We even had a \$50 and a \$100 winner in the group. Santa can still work miracles.

The money for these great Christmas traditions comes from our fundraisers; the Lions’ Sausage and Peppers tent at Old Home Day, the Meat Raffles, the Toll Road in May, the spring dance at the Elks in Auburn, Night Golf in August, and all the other fund-

raisers we do throughout the year. Most of the money we raise comes from our great supporters throughout the Town of Charlton. Every year you support us, so we in turn can support some of our citizens in need during the holiday season. So, the Charlton Lions would like to thank all of you for supporting us. This year, as we think about all of our good fortunes, please take a minute to pat yourselves on the back, because your kind and generous donations to the Lions Club has meant a better holiday season for so many members of our Charlton family.

If you’re interested in learning more about what the Charlton Lions Club does for our Town, or perhaps if the Lions Club could help you, please call Steve Doucette, the Club President, at (508) 248-4411. Be Part of Something Great – Become a LION.

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Woman in Business announces Women of the Year

STURBRIDGE — Woman in Business, Inc., (WIB), has announced its 2020 annual Scholarship Fundraiser to benefit local students in the community.

“A Night of Tantasqua Talent” features students from Tantasqua Regional High School and is a cabaret-style show with a number of one-act performances under the direction of Samantha Briggs.

The fundraiser will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center.

Cost to attend is \$30 per person, and includes dinner, sweet treats desert buffet, awards presentation and the performance. Tickets are available online starting Jan. 2 at wibsturbridge.org.

For the second year in a row, WIB will also be presenting awards to the “Oustanding Woman of the Year,” where local women are recognized and celebrated for their contributions and commitment to the community. Three women



Rita Schiano

will accept the award in February: Margaret Morrissey, Cindy Howard and Rita Schiano.

Margaret Morrissey is the library director at the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, a position she has held since 2008, and considers it an honor and a privilege to serve the community and to be part of a service that has been an integral part of the life in Southbridge for more than one hundred years. Born in Ireland, she has now spent more time in the United States than in her homeland.



Margaret Morrissey

Margaret attended the University of Rhode Island and was awarded a Masters in Library and Information Science. Her undergraduate is in Business Administration and she holds a graduate diploma in Women’s Studies, awarded by the University of Limerick. After graduation, she worked at the university library, prior to immigrating. In her free time, Margaret likes to listen to music, putter in the garden, visit museums and explore historic sites.

Rita Schiano is a resil-



Cindy Howard

ience strategist and coach, speaker, and founder of Rita Schiano ~ Live A Flourishing Life. A former corporate vice-president and small business owner, Rita’s leadership knowledge, strategies, and insights draw from both sides of the aisle. Organizations use Rita to help staff build resilient leadership skills, manage stress and improve morale. As a personal strategic coach, she helps clients focus specifically on their most important goals, interests, challenges, and needs. Rita is the author

of several books and articles for The Huffington Post/AOL Healthy Living, a guest blogger for Psychology Today, adjunct professor at The American Women’s College and Bay Path University, and a past Professional Member of the National Speakers Association.

Cindy Howard is the executive vice president/COO for the Center of Hope Foundation, Inc. She has a Bachelor’s in Education and a Master’s in Psychology, and taught in local school systems for several years before beginning work at the Center of Hope in 1988. Besides administrative duties, her work includes being the legislative liaison at the State and Federal levels for the 64 town-wide area that the Arc covers, developing relationships with more than 25 legislators in those districts, as well as sponsoring a well-attended Annual Legislative Breakfast that celebrated its 29th year in 2019. Cindy has overseen the agency subcontract business, Noress Corp. since 1988, and is involved in the start-up and growth

of the small agency businesses. She is also involved in business and civic networking groups, especially the Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce.”

“A Night of Tantasqua Talent” Producer Sponsors include Cornerstone Bank and bankHometown; Director sponsors: Brenda M. Bianculli, CPA, Jones & Jones Realty, Quinsigamond Community College, Steve’s Collision Center and Your Hometown Shopper.

Over the last 28 years, WIB has awarded more than \$41,000 in scholarships to more than 100 graduating seniors and young women within its community footprint for their continuing education.

Woman in Business, Inc., was founded in 1985 and provides a network to share business experiences, knowledge and ventures. For more information, email info@wibsturbridge.org.

Dudley hopes for more emergency preparedness funding

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Months after announcing the appropriation of a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness, or MVP, grant, Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda says Dudley is ready to go all in to seek more funding and help the community implement plans to prepare for the future Mother Nature may bring.

The MVP grant is a state funding source dedicated to assisting communities in addressing and mitigating hazards that occur as a result of climate change. In June, Dudley was named as one of several towns to receive MVP grant funding with the town’s \$15,000 share to be put towards performing a study of natural hazards with a focus on preparing for the next big storm. Dudley has been hard at work preparing for the next weather event since a tornado tore through parts of the town and neighboring Webster in August of 2018. For Ruda and others, this

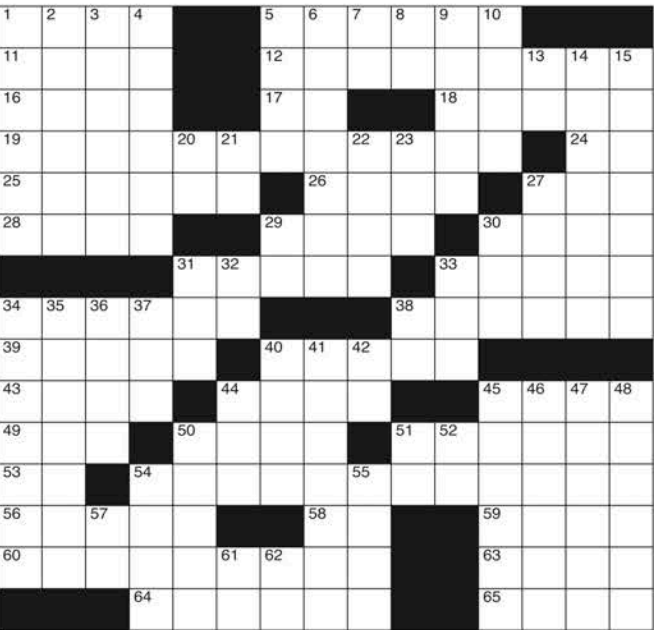
was a wakeup call that he says can’t be ignored.

“Whether one believes in climate change or not is a debate that I’m completely uninterested in having. What I am interested in is putting our town in a position to be eligible to receive grant funds to address the natural hazards that clearly exist and impact the town such as flooding, drought, winter storms, tornadoes, and extreme temperature,” Ruda said. “Our storm water mitigation in general is a big and costly issue that faces the town. We were within days of being fined by the EPA for letting it go for so long. The first step in receiving meaningful construction and engineering assistance in the form of grants is to hold a series of meetings with different stakeholders from the community to address and identify our vulnerabilities and we’re doing this with the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission over the course of this winter and the next several months.”

In September, Ruda informed selectmen that a second MVP grant was available for implementation. Once meetings with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission are done and a plan is written up Ruda believes the town will be in a good position to receive more funding to put their action plan into motion.

“The money to help us is available. It is a matter of identifying it and meeting the requirements to apply for it. We as a small town would be crazy to continue to ignore these opportunities,” Ruda said.

From Ruda’s perspective, the time is now to make Dudley more prepared than ever for a significant weather event. Whether that’s through infrastructure improvements or action plans, he believes the town cannot rest on its laurels and hope for the best. Should the town receive added MVP funding it would go a long way towards accomplishing that goal for the community.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Database management system

5. Soft blue-gray mineral

11. Algerian coastal city

12. A healthy redness

16. El __, border town

17. Part of the mind

18. Female body part

19. Atrocities

24. You can call Paul Simon this

25. Copyread

26. Large integers

27. Large, flightless bird

28. Bread and whiskey are two

29. Indicate pain or discomfort

30. Worry

31. Wild goats

33. Belittle

34. More supernatural
38. Wakes up

39. Intestinal pouches

40. Popular dance

43. American state

44. CSI actor

45. Having a keen enthusiasm for

49. Swiss river

50. Restaurant item

51. Intense unhappiness

53. Unit of loudness

54. Increase in velocity

56. Mesoamerican religion

58. Early multimedia

59. Forearm bone

60. An unprincipled person

63. Swarming with

64. Shellfish

65. Root of taro plant

CLUES DOWN

1. More silly

2. Adult beverage

3. Iron used for lofting

4. Noses

5. Smile

6. One who examines closely

7. Lethal dose

8. Denotes past

9. “This Is Us” actor Fitch

10. Dabbling ducks

13. Polish beer

14. A type of cat

15. Shows respect for

20. OfI

21. Commercial

22. Chai and chamomile are two

23. Lodging option

27. Geological times

29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)

30. Where G-men work

31. Hot beverage

32. One of the six noble gases
33. Southern constellation

34. South American nation

35. Suitable for use as food

36. The back

37. I (German)

38. Blood group

40. Fit to stand trial

41. Praise excessively

42. Female’s title

44. EU predecessor

45. Acutely insightful and wise

46. Disguised

47. Improved the appearance of

48. Generator

50. The real __, the genuine article

51. Male’s title

52. Home of the Hawkeyes

54. About aviation

55. At all times

57. Military peace officer

61. College degree

62. Indicates position

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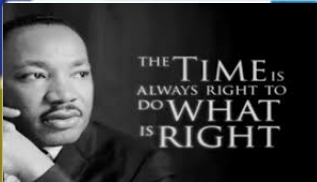
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BREAKFAST

JANUARY 2020
Bay Path High School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety2	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety3
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety6	Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety7	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety8	Pancakes with Mixed Berries 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety9	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Quesadilla 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety10
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety13	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety14	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety15	French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety16	Ham, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety17
	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety21	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety22	Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety23	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety24
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety27	Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety28	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety29	French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety30	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Quesadilla 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety31

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LUNCH

JANUARY 2020
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			General Tso's Chicken Crispy Chicken tossed in a Sweet & Spicy Ginger Sauce over White Rice Steamed Broccoli Fortune Cookie Fruit Variety2	Buffalo Chicken Tenders w/Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety3
Chili Fries Baked French Fries topped with Homemade Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll Fruit Variety6	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Sweet Peas Fruit Variety7	Buffalo Chicken Dip with Whole Grain Tortilla Chips Veggie Sticks w/Ranch Dressing Roasted Chick Peas Fruit Variety8	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Whole Wheat Pasta topped w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Green Beans Fruit Variety9	Mozzarella Sticks Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Sweet Corn Veggie Sticks w/Hummus Fruit Variety10
Cheeseburger Beef Burger topped with Cheese on a Whole Wheat Bun Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Home Fries Fruit Variety13	Turkey Bacon Melt Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Tossed Salad Fruit Variety14	Shepherd's Pie Seasoned ground Beef and Corn topped with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety15	Macaroni & Cheese Elbow Pasta in a Creamy Homemade Cheese Sauce WW Dinner Roll Sweet Peas Fruit Variety16	1/2 Day17
	BBQ Rib Sandwich on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Sweet Potato Fries Cucumber Salad Fruit Variety21	Chicken Tacos Seasoned Chicken Slices, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream in a Whole Wheat Wrap Mexican Street Corn Salad Fruit Variety22	Swedish Meatballs in a Savory Gravy Served over Egg Noodles Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety23	Chicken Patty Sandwich Chicken Patty on a Whole Grain Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato Veggie Sticks w/Hummus Fruit Variety24
Teriyaki Chicken Served with White Rice Steamed Broccoli Vegetable Egg Roll Fortune Cookie Fruit Variety27	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety28	Hot Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich A slice of bread topped with Roasted Turkey & Gravy served with a side of Mashed Potatoes Steamed Green Beans Cranberry Sauce Apple Crisp29	Assorted Calzones An Assortment of Calzones filled with meats, veggies and cheese Marinara Dipping Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Variety30	Chicken Nuggets w/ Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety31

Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita
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Spirits bright at Auburn High School’s holiday craft fair

AUBURN – Although this is Santa’s busiest time of the year, he always makes time to stop at Auburn High School and say hello to youngsters. On Dec. 14, families from throughout the area attended the annual holiday craft fair at AHS. The event is one of the largest fairs in the area, with hundreds of vendors occupying two floors. No matter what guests were searching for, there was something for everyone’s Christmas list. The event also featured several AHS student volunteers who assisted vendors and served meals throughout the day.



Maverick MacDonald, 5, of Woodstock, CT, shares his Christmas list with Santa.

Kevin Flanders Photos



Tammy Dasho, of Paxton, gets ready for a day of crafting.



Members of the Brown family represent Shrewsbury-based Umbrella for Infants.



Michelle Sargent, of Worcester, left, introduces her creations to Mary Ellen Newsom, also of Worcester.



Jessica Sangrones, left, and Katie Chaffee greet guests.



Carl and Sarah Gamache, of Auburn, have plenty of fun activities for guests to enjoy.



Mark Mitchell, 8, of Worcester, shares his love of sports with guests.



Linda Pronto, of Holland, offers an array of items.



Warren's Everett Smith is feeling festive at the fair.



Members of the Betty and Beazy staff take a quick break during the busy fair.



Guests take a journey to faraway lands thanks to Mark Jordan's creations. The artist lives in Auburn.



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EDITORIAL

Make those resolutions stick

Christmas has come and gone. Wrapping paper now fills waste baskets everywhere, and leftovers are still piled high in the refrigerator. There are gifts to be returned (or perhaps re-gifted; don't worry, we won't tell). Thank you cards are being sent out by the dozens and our hearts are full with another year of Christmas memories. New Year's Day is here, and resolutions are a fun way to celebrate the year to come. What will 2020 bring for you, and how will you make it your best year yet? The idea is to make a plan and stick to it.

In the United States, only a mere 8 percent of people are successful in keeping their New Year's resolutions. If you want to keep yours, we've provided a few tips.

Identify why you want to make the resolutions you do. Our level of motivation determines whether or not we fail or succeed at any given goal. Those who change their ways because they think they should tend to fail. Their counterparts who find success do so because they truly want to make changes.

If you have too many resolutions, you could bombard yourself into not attaining any of your goals. The idea is to start small. If you want to become a runner, yet have never run before, going out for an hour long run every day won't last long. Start with running or exercising two or three days a week at 30 minutes a pop. Easing into any change is the best avenue, because it allows you to slowly build your new habit. If you want to change your diet, you'll need to change how you shop and how you cook.

If you put your money on the line, you could become more successful than you think. Studies show that individuals who have a financial incentive lost 14 more pounds than those who don't.

Invite family and friends in on your resolutions. We all know the famous phrase "strength in numbers," and the support of those around us has hefty benefits. If you have someone to work out with likely their motivation can pass over to you and vice versa.

Oftentimes, when a person fails or experiences setbacks, they give up on their goals altogether. If you view your goal as an adventurous journey and realize that persistence is a choice, you will be more likely to succeed.

There are two types of goals, prevention and promotion. Promotional goals are hopes, or things we'd like to achieve. Prevention goals are things we believe we are responsible for doing. So your goal goes from "I'd like to lose weight so I can fit into my clothes better" to "I'd like to lose ten pounds because it is my duty to my family to stay healthy." Prevention goals tend to stick. When someone experiences a set back while trying to achieve a prevention goal they are more likely to get back on the wagon again.

Writing things down is another great way to make a goal easier to attain. To look at your progress can be a chief motivator.

In the words of Simon Newcomb, "As years passed away I have formed the habit of looking back upon that former self as upon another person, the remembrance of whose emotions has been a solace in adversity and added zest to the enjoyment of prosperity."

DON'T MISS A BEAT

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!



OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM CHARLTON, CHARLTON CITY, CHARLTON DEPOT AND BEYOND

Go in the strength you have

To many of us obsess in life believing we aren't enough, or we don't have enough. I both see it and hear it all the time. "I'd love to do ____ but I'm not ____ enough to do it" ... or "I'd love to have ____ but I don't have enough ____."

That's enough material to write a dozen columns, and I will over time, but today let's focus on the first one.

What is it you'd love to do but don't? We all have dreams. As children, we dream of being astronauts or firemen. Soldiers or nurses. Musicians or actors. As we mature, we become more focused and either choose a career in life or settle for one. We either choose for ourselves or allow others or circumstances to choose for us.

Why is it we don't pursue our dreams? Too often we believe we are not enough. We quickly convince ourselves we aren't good enough, talented enough or smart enough. We give up on whatever we want and settle on what we believe we can have ... or worse ... what someone else tells us we can have.

I sat in church Sunday and was reminded of the ancient but applicable scripture contained in the book of Judges. No, I'm not going to preach. And you don't have to be a believer to benefit from old wisdom passed down through the ages.

"The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Am I not sending you?" Judges 6:14

I find great encouragement in these words. I use them in my life as "Go in the strength I have and pursue my dreams."

I've mentioned in this column several times that I was blessed to be raised in a positive home with parents that encouraged me and a father who convinced me I could do and become anything I wanted to be. I realize how fortunate I am and understand that for most others in life, their circumstances were different. I say "were" different and not "are" different. How we were raised certainly impacts our lives, but we cannot allow it to rule our lives.

As a former teacher and CEO, I've listened to too many people blame their parents and upbringing for their bad circumstances or negative results in life. I always listened patiently, then responded with, "Okay, that was then. What will you do now?"

So, life's been unfair? Join the club. You were dealt a bad hand? Get in line. Insecurity has you paralyzed with doubt? What makes you think you are

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

alone?

The world is crowded with people less fortunate than you who have succeeded and are living their dreams. You don't have to search long or look far to find a person who has overcome devastating odds to share a miraculous story of great achievement. The Internet now makes it easy to find these stories of great inspiration.

So now I have three very simple questions for you.

Why not you?

Why not here?

Why not now?

A thousand sound reasons why these questions are unfair and unreasonable are flooding your brain right now masquerading as legitimate justifications for why you cannot step out in faith and pursue your dreams. You aren't equipped enough, educated enough or talented enough. Or worse, my circumstances won't allow it or it's all my parents fault.

Pull yourself out of your self-doubt and say, "I can." Muster the courage to say, "I will." Take a deep breath and begin right now. And please, do not say, "it's too late!" I became a CEO at 29 years old and published my first book at age 52. I wrote my first column at age 61. Why not you?

You say it's too hard? Of course it is! It's supposed to be! Great achievement comes at a great price. Price rarely refers to money but almost always to time, effort and sacrifice.

Life's too short to settle at any age. Achievement begins with the desire to achieve and the question, "why not me?"

What am I trying to accomplish with this column? I want you to understand that you have the power to determine your destiny at any age. You are probably asking, "What happens if you fail?" The answer is "So what? Try again!"

Take a lesson from Rocky Balboa. In the first movie, Rocky's great achievement wasn't that he defeated the World Champion. He lost the bout. He did however decide to get into the ring. Face overwhelming odds and went the distance.

Why not you?

Why not here?

Why not now?

Go in the strength you have.

You are enough.

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Year-end – time for some New Year's financial resolutions



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

Have you thought about your New Year's resolutions for 2020? When many of us make these promises,

we focus on ways we can improve some form of our health. We vow to get more physically healthy by going to the gym, or we promise to improve our mental health by learning a new language or instrument. But it's also important to think about our financial health – so it's a good idea to develop some appropriate resolutions for this area, too.

What kinds of financial resolutions might you make? Here are a few suggestions:

Increase your retirement plan contributions. One of the best financial moves you can make is to take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income will be for the year, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if your salary goes up in 2020, increase the amount you put into your plan. Most people don't come close to reaching the annual contribution limit, which, in 2019, was \$19,000, or \$25,000 for those 50 or older. You might not reach these levels, either, but it's certainly worthwhile to invest as much as you can possibly afford.

Use "found" money wisely. During the course of the next year, you may well receive some money outside your normal paychecks, such as a bonus or a tax refund. It can be tempting to spend this money, but you may help yourself in the long run by investing it. You could use it to help fund your IRA for the year or to fill a gap in another investment account.

Don't overreact to market downturns. You've probably heard stories about people who lamented not getting in "on the ground floor" of what is now a mega-company. But a far more common investment mistake is overreacting to temporary market downturns by selling investments at the wrong time (when their prices are down) and staying out of the market until things calm down (and possibly missing the next rally). The financial markets always fluctuate, but if you can resolve to stay invested and follow a consistent, long-term strategy, you can avoid making some costly errors.

Be financially prepared for the unexpected. Even if you're diligent about saving and investing for your long-term goals, you can encounter obstacles along the way. And one of these roadblocks could come in the form of large, unexpected expenses, such as the sudden need for a new car or some costly medical bills. If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might have to dip in to your long-term investments to pay for them. To prevent this from happening, you may want to keep sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, in your investment accounts. Or you might want to maintain a completely separate account as an emergency fund, with the money kept in low-risk, liquid vehicles. If possible, try to maintain at least six months' worth of living expenses in this account.

It will take some effort but following these resolutions could help you move closer to your financial goals in 2020 – and beyond.

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A Round of Tips and Tricks from Readers

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, for many, thoughts turn to vows for the new year. From planet-friendly recycling and re-purposing ideas to being mindful and thrifty in our everyday lives, the following strategies, employed by readers, offer some simple inspiration for the coming year!

Bread bags are necessary packaging that can easily be recycled back into use. And as this reader attests, their sturdiness can accommodate even heavy loads:

Commercial bread bags are fantastic to reuse as trash bags for your car as well as durable enough to hold gathered collections of seashells or rocks.

Annie Wuelfing
East Brookfield MA

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Is a lack of tension causing tension? If so, get a grip with this quick and easy fix that saves a replacement cost!

I have a hint for your paper which I recently used.... Our bathroom shower curtain tension rod was starting to slip /fall from the wall and it was becoming annoying.

So we took a small portion of the shelf liner paper (that has a type of rubber



TAKE THE HINT

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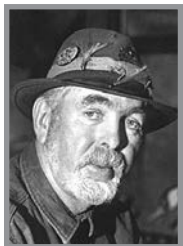
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This thoughtful reader makes life easier (and safer) for those around her. Check out her two very different strategies to prevent injuries and viruses:

I have been doing this so long I don't think about it, but with the crew at the office from an adult training center (disability) I am always protecting them. The empty our kitchen co-mingled bins, where we often have soup cans and other canned goods that were consumed for lunches. I have employees only use the can-opener around the top, leaving about a half inch of lid connected to the can (don't cut off the whole top), then after rinsing they can tuck the sharp edged portion inside the can and smash the top together, protecting fingers from cuts.

Cans with pull-tops, we drop the whole lid inside the can and press the

Be careful not to fish on thin ice



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Ice fishing was enjoyed by many anglers Christmas week, but extreme caution needed to be practiced, as most ice thickness ranged between three and four inches, on most ponds. A good cold blast of two or three days is needed to insure safe ice on most lakes and ponds. The rain that was predicted for this past weekend, could stop all ice fishing in the valley. Numerous Rod & Gun clubs are planning ice fishing derbies as soon as the

ice is four inches or better. This week's picture shows a huge Northern pike caught a few years ago by an angler that was ice fishing. Numerous anglers that enjoy fishing for Northern Pike are constantly asking Mass. Fish & Wildlife to include a few local ponds in the valley to be included in the pike stocking program. Manchaug Pond did very well with pike stockings in the past, but MF&W still ignores the request of local anglers to stock pike in it. The state often trades trout for pike from states that have an abundance of them. Many pike were stocked in the Western & Northern part of the state, but it is a long drive for some of the older residents and some handicapped fishermen of the valley. Neighboring states like Rhode island and Connecticut have numerous

bodies of water that sustain Northern pike and are fished by many local anglers annually. Fishing licenses in both states are reasonable for out of state anglers to purchase. This writer is completely satisfied with my jig fishing in local ponds for yellow perch, bass, & pickerel. The excitement of catching a dozen yellow perch from just one hole, and an occasional bass or pickerel provides all of the fishing pleasure I can handle in one day. The great eating of the yellow perch can provide a good meal when pan fried, & served with a good order of shrimp fried rice and a couple of egg rolls from my favorite Chinese Restaurant, the Food Works in North Uxbridge. Local deer hunters did very well during the two weeks of black powder season in



Massachusetts! The season closed this past Tuesday, Dec. 31, but not before Phil Harper of Uxbridge harvested a huge eight-point buck in the Uxbridge area with his bow. The buck weighed in at 246 pounds live weight and sported a huge set of antlers, as shown in this week's second photo. Local residents are still having problems with deer eating there expensive ornamental bushes, but they will need to wait until next year for any relief by sportsmen. Coyote season in Massachusetts remains open until March 7, 2020 for sportsmen that enjoy hunting them. There is no shortage of these animals, which have become overpopulated in many areas of the state. Groups of hunters were holding coyote hunting contests, but were stopped by anti hunting protesters. These killing machines are responsible for killing numer-

ous deer and wild turkeys throughout Massachusetts, as well as killing residents pets annually. The situation is only going to get worse as the coyote packs increase annually. With the possibility of a substantial increase on most all fishing and hunting licenses in Massachusetts in 2021, many sportsmen feel that some type of permit fee for residents and non residents that use Fish & wildlife property for walking, bird watching, hiking, etc. should be required to pay an annual fee also. It would sure help MF&W with their annual budget, and could alleviate the pending licenses increases for the sportsmen, that have paid millions of dollars over the years to purchase open land throughout the state. *Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

Create a festive centerpiece from your indoor and outdoor garden



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Festive homemade centerpieces add a personal touch to holiday gatherings.

Take a break from the holiday rush for a bit of gardening relief. Grab a pruner and basket then wander through your landscape gathering a few evergreen branches, berry-laden stems and cones to create a holiday centerpiece. Most gardeners are used to walking into their summer garden collecting blossoms to create a bouquet or arrangement for their summer parties. Winter should be no exception. Start by gathering some greens. The fan-like sprays of arborvitae, blue-green sprigs of juniper and stems of other evergreens like yews, boxwood, pines, and spruces provide all the greenery you'll need. Now look for items with interesting color or shapes. Red and yellow twig dogwoods, curly willow, contorted filbert and fantail willow provide interesting color and form. Next, gather cones, berries and fruits such as rose hips, the blue berry-like cones of junipers, sweet gum seedpods, alder's cone-like fruit, and of course evergreen cones as substitutes for summer blooms. Don't overlook purple

coneflower, black berry lily, penstemon and other seed heads and pods. Fluffy seed heads of ornamental and native grasses make nice fillers. All these make beautiful additions to any arrangement and can be painted or glittered for some added glitz. And don't be afraid to add a few shiny ornaments for a bit of holiday flare. Look for decorating possibilities that your indoor garden can provide. Dress up small plants to create a centerpiece and larger plants to provide a bit of seasonal color and decor. Stop by your favorite florist or garden center and purchase a few water picks and cut flowers. Place the cut flowers in the picks and sink them into the pots of your favorite houseplants. This adds some color and seasonal interest to any green plant. Consider creating a changeable houseplant container. Plant several compatible indoor plants in a large container. Sink a small empty pot in the space where you want to create a focal point. Set a small potted flowering plant inside this empty one. Replace the flowering plant occasionally to




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freshen up the container garden or create a seasonal display. Miniature poinsettias, azaleas, African violets and cyclamen allow you to change out the display throughout the year and for any special occasion. Make it even easier to change the display by filling a large basket with a collection of potted houseplants and flowering plants. Switch out the flowers as they fade and foliage plants as the holidays, your mood or the décor changes. Use silk flowers, glittery spikes and decorative ornaments to add a splash of color and sparkle to your indoor garden as needed. Exchange these for red, pink and white hearts on Valentine's Day, colorful Easter eggs, or faux fall leaves as the seasons change. Once you've created your first arrangement, you'll be looking for additional opportunities to create more. And as you plan this year's garden, consider growing more plants that can be used to dress up your dinner table and other rooms in your home. Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Those who are close to McKenzie would add she is hard working, caring, and a good role model to others. She is very resilient and does not give up easily! Her teachers report she does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math. McKenzie likes going to school because she enjoys learning and getting to socialize with her friends. When she grows up, McKenzie's dream is to become a professional chef. She also hopes to be a homeowner, have a successful career, and start a family of her own.


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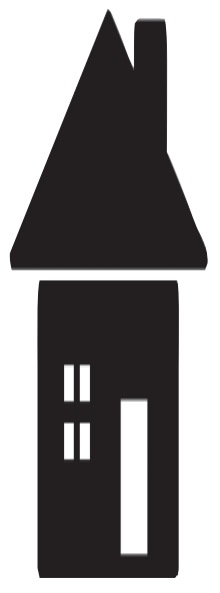
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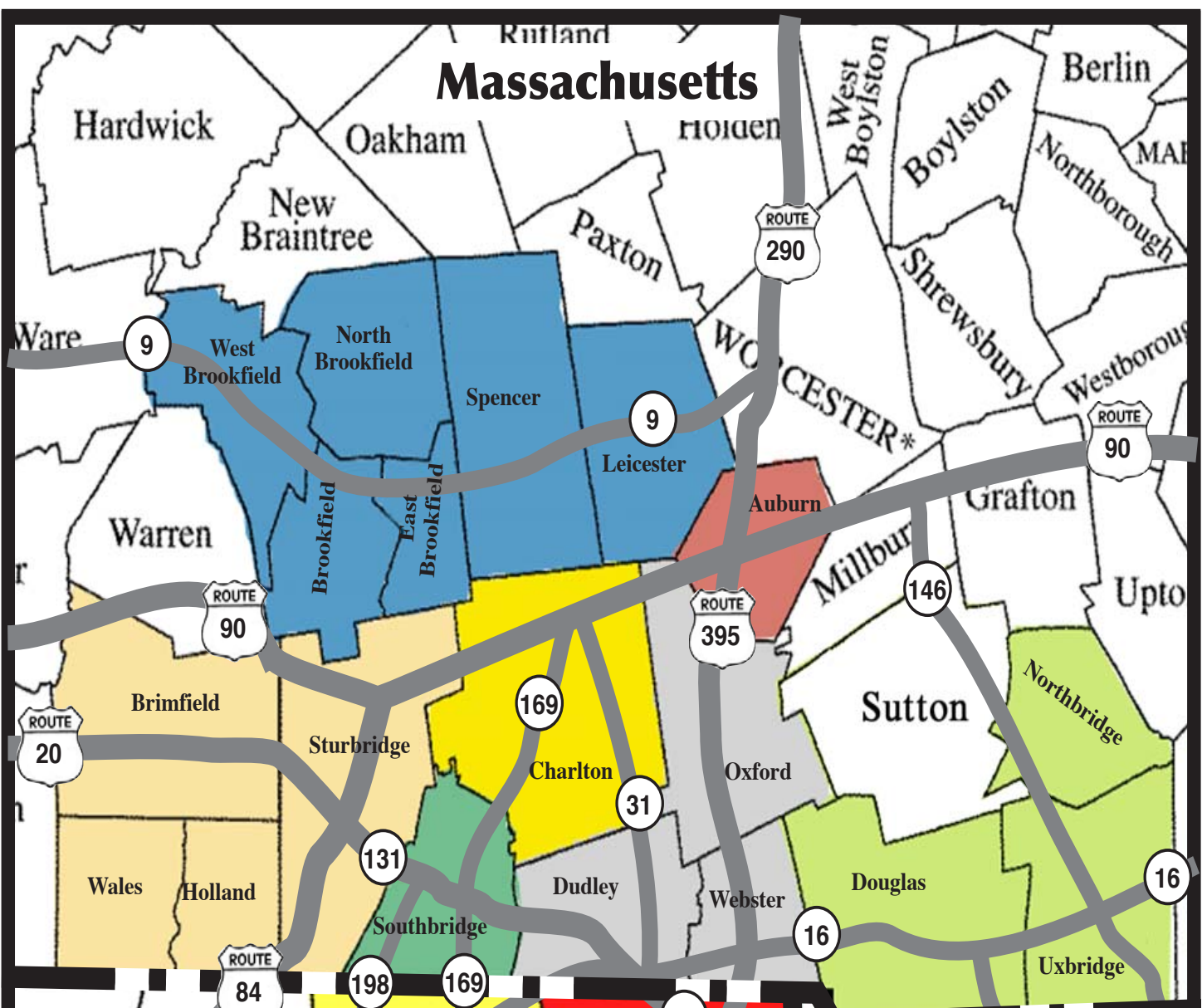
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Attending conferences, and sitting in auditoriums etc. this week, with the sounds of coughs, sneezes and so much

more, I joked we could film a TV ad for Flu Shots! However, I keep a hair scrungie (pony tail holder) on my wrist which works great to hold or open door handles (auditorium, class room, restroom), etc. I also took a Zip-lock bag, placed a wet one (wipe) inside and added a little extra hand sanitizer. I had a moist towel to clean my hands every time a pen, clipboard etc. was shared.

Finally a nurse told me to help when the flu hits hard, they put a drop of hand sanitizer beneath each of their nostrils and invite patients to do

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SPORTS

Total team effort helps Tantasqua get past Rams



Shepherd Hill's Cam Hackett drives into the lane through a pair of Tantasqua defenders.



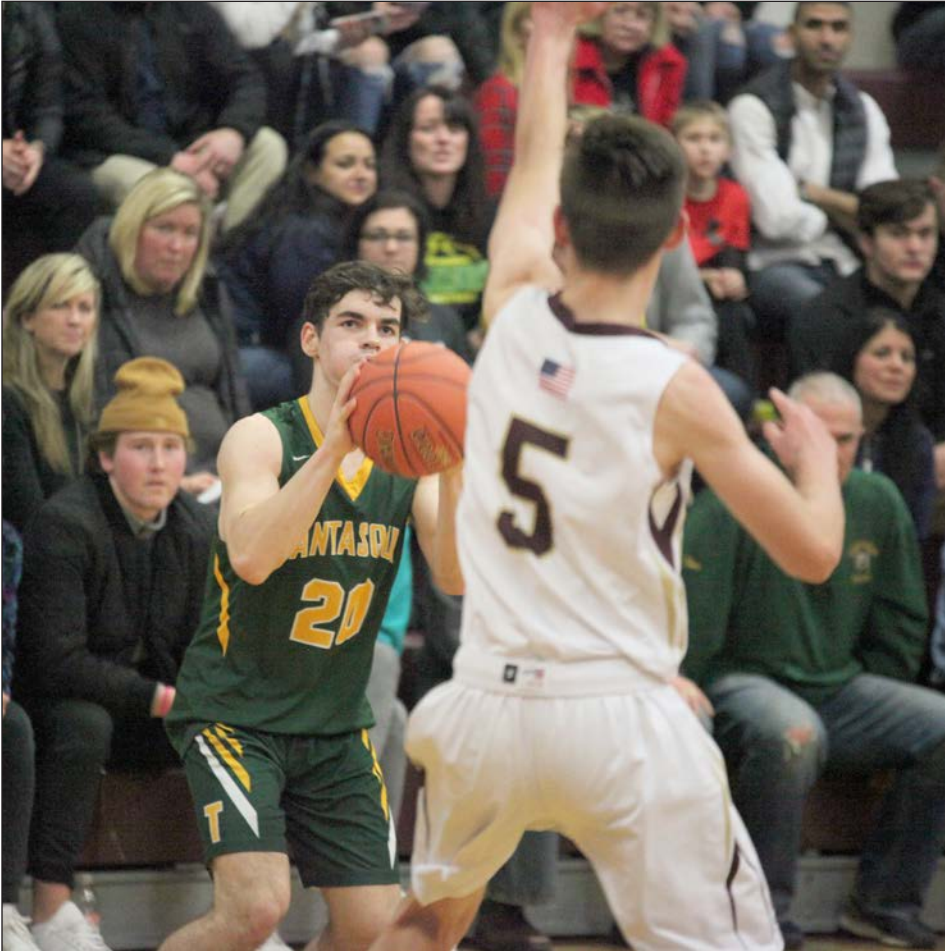
Cameron Gagnon of Shepherd Hill drives by Tantasqua's Mikey Lucas down the baseline.



Shepherd Hill's Anthony Zaleski ponders his decisions while clutching the basketball.



Shepherd Hill's George Karamanakos reaches out to catch a pass.



Mike Lucas of Tantasqua eyes the basket before letting a 3-point attempt fly.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Way back on Dec. 12, teams were allowed to open up their high school varsity basketball seasons. For Tantasqua Regional, its season-opener was set for five days later, but a snow day halted the game with Bartlett High. The Warriors were then set to play at Millbury High on Dec. 20, but a water pipe had burst, so that game was called off.

Finally, on Monday, Dec. 23, Tantasqua was ready to play at Shepherd Hill Regional, a team that has already been able to play three games. “We’ve had more practices than most college teams in the preseason,”

said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. “We’ve tried to do some different things in practice to make it not monotonous for the boys because they were starting to get sick of listening to me. Certain practices I let these guys [assistant coaches Nate Orzech and Dan Lavin] run it and I just officiated and we let them hear a different voice. Some of our alumni came in and scrimmaged us.”

Dion wondered how his team would come out in this first contest of the 2019-2020 season.

“You always worry about your conditioning, you worry certainly about your execution...and I think our guys responded pretty well,” he said.

The Warriors led at all the stops —



Brandon De Jesus of Shepherd Hill uses an up-fake to try and lure Tantasqua's defense into a foul.

16-15 after a quarter, 34-25 at the half and 49-32 through three quarters — before pulling away and winning by 21 points, 58-37.

“Their length and their athleticism posed problems for us,” Dion said of the early going. “They played exclusively between a 2-3 zone and a 3-2 zone. We don’t do a lot of that ourselves, so we hadn’t really practiced against it all that much. We were able to figure out a little bit there, certainly in the second half.”

Tantasqua took what Shepherd Hill was giving them, which was the outside shot, and the Warriors made those attempts count. By halftime, Tantasqua had connected on seven shots from 3-point land. They finished with nine 3s as the Warriors then went inside effectively in the second half.

“When you make shots, it certainly helps open everything else up because then they have to extend [defensively], you can get some dribble-drive and it opens up other areas,” explained Dion.

Tantasqua saw nine of its players register at least one basket, with Cameron Varney (15 points), Troy Lee (10 points, 7 rebounds), Will Pieczynski (8 points) and Joe Groccia (7 points) leading the charge.

“I think you will see with this team that on any night I’ve got five guys that could go for 15 and I think the other seven or eight guys are going to get

their 6 to 9, which can make us dangerous,” Dion said of his spread-the-wealth offense. “Who do you match up with?”

Simply put, the Rams could not, as they dropped to 0-4. Leading the charge offensively for Shepherd Hill with double-digit point performances were Brandon De Jesus (11) and Cam Hackett (10).

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SPORTS

‘Multi-dimensional’ Warriors too much for Shepherd Hill to handle



Nick Ethier photos
Shepherd Hill's Emery Mullen makes a head fake on a drive to the basket.



Paula Barbale of Shepherd Hill reaches up to catch a pass at the top of the key.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Double trouble. Times two.

That was the theme that played out in the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team's 58-42 victory over Shepherd Hill Regional on Monday, Dec. 23.

The Warriors, who improved to 2-1 with the victory, were led offensively by the 1-2 punch of senior Lydia Boland and soph-

omore Sophie Law, who tied for team-high scoring honors with 14 points each. In addition, eight of the 12 Warriors who got into the game scored.

"That's one of our strengths," Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said. "I think we've got a lot of weapons out there; you can't just focus on one of us."

Making matters worse defensively for the 0-3 Rams was where the Warriors' points came from. Of Tantasqua's

24 field goals, 17 were scored inside and accounted for 34 of its points while seven field goals were scored from the perimeter, including five 3-pointers. The Warriors' outside shooting produced 19 points.

"The kids have multi-dimensional offensive skills. They can all play inside and outside," Goyette said. "Each kid can shoot the 3 and take it to the basket and post up. I think we're tough to defend because we're strong in all those areas. I think we showed that [today]."

After Shepherd Hill jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead, thanks to a left-side 3-pointer by senior Paula Barbale (5 points), four different Tantasqua players combined to stake the Warriors to an 8-3 lead. The Rams cut the lead to 8-7 on baskets by freshman Emery Mullen and junior Megan Burdett, but Tantasqua scored the final five points of the period and led after one, 13-7.

The Warriors' pressing defense — which helped to force Shepherd Hill into 19 turnovers in the game — paid dividends in the second quarter, limiting the Rams to just six points in the period, after which Tantasqua was in control of the game. The Warriors led by 15, 28-13, at halftime

"I thought we were really strong defensively," Goyette said. "We played great man defense and we limited their scoring opportunities, especially in the first half. I thought we really shut them down."

Making it into the scoring column for Tantasqua, in addition to Boland and Law, were junior Emerson Cherry (8 points), freshman Haley Courtney (7), junior Ainsley Way (5), senior Kylee Fortuna (4), and junior Madison Varney and sophomore Shea Coleman (3 each).

"I thought it was just an overall good team effort out there. They worked well as a unit. We had a lot of good passing, we ran the floor well, we broke their press and we were able to score off breaking the press, too," Goyette said. "They're a Division 1, Mid-Wach A team, so this is a huge, huge win for



Emma Lanpher of Shepherd Hill dishes a pass inside the lane.



Shepherd Hill's Grace Nellis pushes a pass down the floor to teammate Emery Mullen.

us."

Mullen led Shepherd Hill in scoring, pouring in a game-high 16 points. Her seven baskets included a pair of 3-pointers, four drives to the basket and an in-lane jumper.

"Emery has a natural basketball ability," said Shepherd Hill head coach Maura Hackenson, who has replaced longtime coach Jim Hackenson on the bench for the Rams due to Jim Hackenson retiring last summer. "Emery works hard. We're very excited to have her."

Burdett also scored in double figures for Shepherd Hill, tossing in 10 points. Junior Emma

Lanpher scored 4 points, classmate Flora Marderosian added 3, and senior Kerry Greenough and junior Triniti Sughrue added 2 points each.

Hackenson seemed most please by the Rams' defensive effort, which resulted in 20 Tantasqua turnovers.

"We're a defensive team, for sure. They really work hard on defense; that's all I care about right now," Hackenson said. "Our offense will come. We're working on taking baby steps, but it will come. We're a young, inexperienced team but I've got great kids who work hard and they're going to make it happen."

Height advantage helps Minutemen muscle past Southbridge



Bay Path's Jackie Ross catches an inbound pass and goes up for a made basket.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — In the grand scheme of things, Bay Path Regional very well could be an average sized girls' varsity basketball team, but the Minutemen took advantage of their extreme height advantage when taking on Southbridge High on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

"We had a height advantage across the board," said Bay Path head coach John Selen.

And the Minutemen worked the ball down low as much as possible, finishing with 28 two-point baskets — plus two

3-pointers — in a 62-32 victory versus the Pioneers.

"That was the game plan, pump it inside and try to get it to our bigs inside," said Selen. "We are a pretty good rebounding team and have a couple kids with a nice touch around the basket."

Two interior players, Christin Pink and Terry Simon, finished with double-doubles. Pink had game-high totals of 14 points and 18 rebounds, while Simon, a freshman, registered 10 points and pulled down 10 boards.

"She had the kind of game we need her to have every game," Selen said of



Nick Ethier photos
Bethany Lasell of Bay Path shields the ball away from Southbridge defender Tamia Sanders.

Pink's play in order for the Minutemen to be successful. "She's a rebounding machine. She has perhaps the best jumping ability."

Pink, one of only three Bay Path players with any returning varsity experience, got going right away. She finished the first quarter with 6 points and 7 rebounds and was just a rebound away from a double-double at the half, which the Minutemen led 37-19.

With Pink and Simon having such

strong games inside the paint, that could be the offensive direction Bay Path goes in as the calendar shifts to 2020.

"We're still trying to figure out who we are," explained Selen, who lost the majority of last year's 16-4 3-point shooting team to graduation. "Maybe we're an inside team this year. We'll take

OBITUARIES

Joyce R. Ferland, 78

BROOKFIELD - Joyce R. Ferland, 78, passed away on Friday December 20, 2019 at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center. Being predeceased by her husband, the late Larry R. Ferland, Joyce leaves

behind two sons: Timothy R. and Robert A. LeBlanc; her daughter Brenda L. Casavant; her sister Jody Higgins; here dear friend Brenda A. Berard. Joyce was born in Fall River, MA on August 10, 1941, daughter of Franklin

G. and Alice A. (Folger) Bigelow; she worked as a CNA at the Hermitage of Worcester for many years. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School

Street Webster, MA. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

CALENDAR

Saturday, January 4

CHARLTON LIONS MEAT RAFFLE: The Charlton Lions are ready to welcome 2020 with our famous Meat Raffle being held Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Heritage Golf Course at 85 Sampson Rd. in Charlton. There will be six tables of beef, pork and poultry to be won. The raffle begins at noon with early bird tickets available to those who arrive before 1 p.m. For more information, please email thecharltonlions@gmail.com. What a great way to start 2020 with filling your freezer with meat from Fairway Beef!! And remember...100 percent of what we raise goes back to the community. The Charlton Lions thank you for your continued support!

Wednesday, January 15

PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR RESIDENTS OF STURBRIDGE: For three- and four-year-olds. By appointment only. If you have concerns about your child's development and would like them screened, please call (508) 347-7041 for an appointment.

ONGOING

THE STURBRIDGE FARMER'S MARKET is held every Sunday through Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Common.

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.

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 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 commu-

nity 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.

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

of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port. We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich. Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included. Four countries - Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then coach to Munich/Fussen.

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational meeting.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 - Tuesday - Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

April, 2020

May 19, 2020 - Tuesday - Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

June, 2020

July, 2020

August, 2020

Brimfield, and is well suited for all levels of practitioners, including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez at (413) 279-4330 for more information.

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.

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.

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May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Available upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

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For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

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.

*Japan: March 26 to April 9, 2020 *Japan with China extension: March 26 to April 22, 2020

*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington : August 3-15, 2020 *Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021 *Galapagos with extension to Peru (Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

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Bay Path's Ally Cruz searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to.



Christin Pink of Bay Path blows by a Southbridge defender and lays the ball in for two points.



Southbridge's Keyarah Nickerson looks at the basket before releasing a shot from the interior.

what we get and we'll build upon it.”

Bethany Lasell was another offensive contributor for the Minutemen — who improved to 1-1 in the young season — as she scored 8 points. In all, 11 Bay Path players made at least one basket.

For Southbridge, which got outrebounded by a 52-37 total,

the height differential will be a common trend this season.

“There’s a chance that we’re the smallest team throughout the whole state, but the girls don’t give up,” said head coach Elvin Rodriguez. “They keep fighting, and that’s what I love about these girls.

“No seniors, that’s two years in a row with no seniors, so

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we’re a work in progress,” added Rodriguez. “We had a few flashes of the offense working. I have no post presence, so it’s basically going to be pass and cut.”

What the Pioneers lack in height they make up for in heart. Eight players made at least a basket, with Haily Coburn’s 7 points being a team-high total. Melanie Figueroa pulled down a team-best 13 rebounds.

Rodriguez is confident that Southbridge will remain positive and continue to show fight against the taller competition.

“It definitely is frustrating when we can’t get a round, but at the end of the day you see what we have — my starting lineup averages 5-foot-2, if that — and it’s tough. I just tell the girls to box out and we’re going to get the over-the-back calls. They [the referees] will call it,” said Rodriguez, whose team slipped to 0-3.

A unique twist to the game saw at least four Southbridge



Southbridge's Jomarieliz Lebron sets her feet and releases a 3-pointer.

residents playing for Bay Path. That makes for a nice, yet competitive rivalry among the two teams.

“It’s nice to play Southbridge because there’s a lot of connection between the two schools.

It’s nice because there’s some camaraderie — they compete on the court but afterward there’s smiles,” said Selen.

The rematch at Bay Path is scheduled for Jan. 8.



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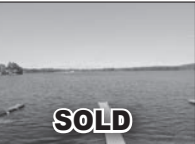
















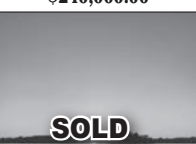

























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 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER 7 Hickory Lane \$259,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER 18 McGovern Lane \$280,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 39 Bates Point Rd \$735,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>THOMPSON 36 Cedar Road \$310,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 206 Treasure Island Rd \$345,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>HOLLAND 5 Deyo Drive \$275,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 4 Tobin Drive \$465,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER 8 Oakmont Street \$65,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER 28 Colonial Road \$285,000.00</p>
 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 24 Hickory Drive \$295,950.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 9 Nellies Way \$460,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 33 Susan Drive \$400,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 207 Beacon Park \$248,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 2 Brandon Road \$229,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>OXFORD 4 Carron Lane \$145,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER 26 Spring Street \$225,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 4 Brandon Road \$191,500.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER 12 West Ave Unit D \$170,000.00</p>
 <p>SOLD</p> <p>PUTNAM 49 Fox Road \$350,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 603 Treasure Island \$355,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 94 Tracy Road \$332,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>CHARLTON 63 Lincoln Point Rd \$480,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WORCESTER 215 Mill Street Unit 103 \$149,900.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>CHARLTON 125 Sunset Drive \$547,500.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>MILLBURY 51 Davis Road \$957,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>DUDLEY 12 Lakeview Ave \$425,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 50 Union Point Road \$608,500.00</p>
 <p>SOLD</p> <p>AUBURN 16 Lorna Drive \$325,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 50 West Point Road \$1,175,100.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 68 West Point Road \$489,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>THOMPSON 299 Quaddick Road \$380,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>SUTTON 5 West Sutton Road \$426,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 250 Killdeer Island Rd \$910,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE 9 Pebble Beach Road \$750,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>OXFORD 27 Rocky Hill Road \$255,000.00</p>	 <p>SOLD</p> <p>CHARLTON 3 Sunset Drive \$499,900.00</p>
<p><i>Thinking of Selling or Looking to Buy?</i></p>		 <p>UNDER AGREEMENT</p> <p>DUDLEY 61 Townfarm Road \$299,900.00</p>	 <p>UNDER AGREEMENT</p> <p>SOUTHBRIDGE Lot19 Cournoyer Blvd \$249,900.00</p>	 <p>UNDER AGREEMENT</p> <p>WEBSTER 27 North Main St \$249,900.00</p>	 <p>UNDER AGREEMENT</p> <p>DUDLEY 7 & 9 West Street \$399,900.00</p>	 <p>UNDER AGREEMENT</p> <p>MILLVILLE 152 Hill Street \$245,000.00</p>	<p><i>Give Us a Call!</i></p>	



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WHOLESALE PRICE: \$19,377
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4x4, 3.5L V6, Unlimited Sahara Trim, 18" Alloys, Satellite Radio, Hard Top.
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WHOLESALE PRICE: \$28,377
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#TM20153A
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