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# Superintendent addresses coronavirus concerns

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON – As the threat of COVID-19, better known as the coronavirus, continues to generate concern nationwide, the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of its students but are urging everyone not to panic.

Superintendent Steven Lamarche discussed the ongoing concern surrounding the virus which has dominated headlines worldwide at the start of 2020 during a meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee in late February. He said that while the virus is certainly an issue the district is keeping an eye on, it's important for stu-

dents and parents to remain calm and to continue to take the same precautions they would for any other sickness during any normal winter.

"The coronavirus is obviously not going away. We did receive some communication from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public

Health – I think the number one thing they're asking us to do is to not panic. Be aware, learn, but do not panic," the Superintendent said.

He went on to note that Massachusetts remains a low-risk state with only one confirmed case as of the Feb 28. That number has since jumped to eight cases in early March.

"The risk to our residents

and our state still remains extremely low," he said. "They continue to recommend guidance even though it's extremely unlikely that you will have coronavirus. They continue to recommend the precautions that can prevent cold and flu that can help against coronavirus as well."

School practices include  
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## Board of Health inquiring into rumored transfer station

BY JASON BLEAU  
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CHARLTON – Following a recent report printed in the Charlton Villager, the town's Board of Health is clarifying that recent conversations have not involved support for a landfill, but rather involved rumors of a transfer station, as well as the possibility of exploring recycling opportunities for local residents.

In an interview with the Villager, Charlton Board of Health Chairman Matthew Gagner clarified that any thoughts of the Board of Health being in favor of a landfill are untrue especially in light of the landfill concerns that have plagued Charlton in recent years. The Board of Health chair and his fellow members were inadvertently misquoted and misrepresented from their meeting on Feb. 18, which discussed rumors of a transfer station, not a landfill — the difference being that a transfer station is a temporary holding area for waste, while a landfill is defined as a more permanent trash disposal location.

"The rumor that we heard was that there may be a transfer station being

opened in Southbridge, not a landfill. A resident has asked us a couple of times if we heard anything about a transfer station in that town, and there's nothing to report. We haven't heard anything. The rumor was the town of Southbridge, or perhaps Casella, was going to open a transfer station in Southbridge and that's where we have Charlton residents inquiring what we plan on doing about it if anything.

If it's in Southbridge, then there's not a lot that this town can do about it," said Gagner. "The only talk of a landfill is where we were discussing our own landfill that has currently been capped."

Currently, the landfill at 54 Flint Rd. is in the early stages of being capped, while the 90 Flint Rd. landfill has been capped and is retired.

Gagner also clarified that the idea that caught Charlton health officials' interest for pursuing wasn't a landfill, but a recycling center or similar concept. This is in line with recent discussions involving numerous boards in early 2020 about the need for a place where Charlton residents can dispose

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## Second Chance leads the pack in access to veterinary care

REGION — How do you end the cycle of overcrowded animal shelters? How do you keep pets in their homes? To Second Chance Animal Services the answer was clear - access to veterinary care. The nonprofit added that to their mission in 2013 and never looked back. They knew that while adoptions are an important part of helping pets get a Second Chance, they needed to focus on preventing surrenders in the first place.

Second Chance started offering veterinary services back in 2006 when they opened their low cost spay/neuter clinic. They quickly recognized additional needs for these pets and moved on to include vaccine clinics at their facility and throughout the state. In 2009 Second Chance expanded their spay/neuter clinic and in 2013 began the journey to full service veterinary care. What impact did that have? The organization went from helping a few thousand pets a year to over 40,000 pets a year (in 2019).

Access to services, like in humans, plays a vital role in keeping pets healthy and in their homes.

"We didn't realize when we opened our first full-service hospital how great the impact could be on the pets in the community," stated Sheryl Blancato, CEO. "It didn't take us long to open up our second hospital in Worcester, and then our third hospital in Springfield."



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Kristen Cormier joined Second Chance in 2012.

A staggering 23 million animals are living at or below the poverty level, and 77 percent of pets in underserved communities have never seen a veterinarian according to the Humane Society of the United States.

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## QUINEBAUG LODGE PRESENTS GRAND LADY'S SERVICE AWARD

On Monday night, March 2, the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was open to family and friends. Niki Hicks was presented the Grand Lady's Service Award. Hicks is the second woman to receive this award. The award was presented to her by our 24th District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM), Rt. Wor. James J. Gonyea for her dedication and extended helping hand to the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and their members. She has been an internal part of the lodges warm welcoming, friendly and fraternal environment. Hicks has been very instrumental in helping with our monthly meeting dinners, monthly breakfast, and supporting and participating in lodge events. She is a great asset to Quinebaug Lodge and is truly deserving of this recognition and our love. Quinebaug Lodge members are very grateful and proud of her support and dedication to Freemasonry. Pictured, left to right: Wor. Chris Kanz Master, RT. Wor. James Gonyea District Deputy Grand Master of 24th Masonic District, and Recipient Niki Hicks, and her husband Wor. Bryon Hicks.

## Trump, Biden top local primaries

BY JASON BLEAU  
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REGION — The presidential primaries in Dudley and Charlton saw a clear frontrunner on the Republican ticket in the form of incumbent president Donald Trump, but voters in both communities found themselves split between two clear frontrunners for the Democratic Party nomination for the nation's highest elected seat.

Former Vice President Joe Biden and returning presidential candidate Bernie Sanders each dominated the competition in the two towns, but it was Biden who earned the most votes on route to winning the state of Massachusetts in the presidential primaries. In Dudley Biden earned a total of 506 votes defeating Bernie Sanders by exactly a hundred votes between Dudley's three voting districts. In Charlton the difference was a little larger as Biden earned 679 votes to Sanders' 515. Michael Bloomberg placed

third in Charlton with 235 votes while Elizabeth Warren was third in Dudley with 169 votes. Both Bloomberg and Warren suspended their campaigns for the Democratic nomination following their defeats on the national stage.

On the Republican ticket the results were no surprise. Sitting President Donald Trump owned both towns earning 608 votes in Charlton and 550 votes in Dudley becoming the only candidate on the party ticket to reach triple digits in either town. Trump's victory is in line with expectations as incumbents have historically shown to have strong support in primaries. William Weld, a former Governor of Massachusetts, finished a distant second in both towns.

In total, Dudley saw 2,043 votes cast among the two main parties and a handful of third-party votes. Charlton counted 2,531 votes also mostly contained to the two main parties with less than ten being for third party candidates.



# Emergency alerts to be posted on message board

**BY JASON BLEAU**  
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CHARLTON – In an effort to make use of an available resource and keep Charlton residents better informed of emergencies, public alerts will soon be appearing on the electronic message board visible outside of the Charlton Public Library.

Positioned right in the center of town across from the town green and town hall, the electronic message board is a rela-

tively new addition to Charlton that replaced the more traditional signs previously utilized by the library to inform commuters of meetings and town events. At a meeting on Feb. 25 Jeff Sorel, the town’s IT technician, sought to take advantage of a state program that would make the sign a prime source of emergency alert information as well.

“It’s a free service from the state and federal governments. It doesn’t cost the town any-

thing. We have the option to discontinue service any time if we feel it’s intrusive,” Sorel told selectmen.

He said the recent Amber Alert in Springfield helped inspire him to explore the program which would allow FEMA, MEMA, Amber and Presidential alerts to be more front and center for those traveling through Charlton.

“It’s not controlled by us as far as how the alert gets posted. It’s done by the emergency

management agencies issuing the alert and it’s all done by geographical location,” Sorel explained.

The alerts would not include flashing lights or anything too visually distracting. They were described as simple text and visuals informing commuters or those in the area that an alert has been issued and any other pertinent information to the situation.

Selectmen embraced the idea with Selectman John McGrath

making the motion to sign up for the program which he said can only help keep residents safe and informed of any situation local, statewide or nationwide they need to heed.

“I think it’s just an added feature to be able to have MEMA or public government groups to be able to post those emergency alerts,” said McGrath.

The vote to enter the program was unanimous among selectmen who were present.

## Historical Society meets March 26

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society will meet on Thursday, March 26 at The Publick Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Donald Blais will be our guest speaker with his program “Looking Back on The Life of J.F.K.”

In 2017, our country observed the 100th anniversary of the birth of the 35th president of the United States; John F. Kennedy. For this anniversary, Blais’ presentation will look back and explore his life, his naval service in World War II and political rise from congressman to The White House. His talk will also explore his presidency and the many challenges he and America would face together.

Donald Blais, Jr. grew up and still lives in Palmer, Massachusetts. He is the current chairman of the Palmer

Conservation Commission and also has served on The Palmer Town Council.

Blais has a Bachelor’s degree in History from Westfield State College with his main interest being on Presidential History. Some of Donald’s History talks have been on U.S. Grant, The Lincoln Assassination, and The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt.

Historical meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper.

Society Annual Dues are \$10, which help support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November’s meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m.

## Southbridge Water Department to begin hydrant flushing

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Water Department will start its semi-annual hydrant flushing program on Sunday, March 15 at approximately 9 p.m. and continue during overnight hours for approximately six to eight weeks between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Flushing will start in the Westville area and continue easterly throughout the town.

The procedure will include the cleaning of the reservoir intake screens, flushing accumulated sediments from the water mains and testing the operation of each hydrant.

The department requests that during this period, customers check their water before washing clothes. Customers may also find accumulated sediments in their house laterals and experience some discolored water. This will clear after a brief run of water at the tap. Please contact the Southbridge Water Department at (508) 764-3207 if you have any questions or comments.

## Donations sought for Treetops Montessori School

FISKDALE — In the wake of a recent fire that caused heavy damage to the Treetops Montessori School on Brookfield Road, community members have taken to social media seeking donations to help the school’s owners get classes back on track as they search for a temporary location.

“Your donations would be greatly appreciated!” reads a message posted to the Sturbridge MA Community Facebook page last week. “As the owners work diligently to get a temporary location so the kiddos can get back in their routine of being at school, they need the community’s help!”

Supplies for math, language and sensorial activities are needed the most, including white glue, dry erase boards and markers, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products, spray bottles, table and floor mats, moveable alphabet letters, sandpaper letters and numbers, a spindle box, small tables and chairs, child size shelves, wooden trays, Play-Doh, colored sand, small bowls and pitchers, marbles, pomp oms, child size utensils, hammers, scoops and spoons, child size tongs and tweezers, crayons, regular and construction paper, glitter, sequins and table confetti, regular and colored pencils, and glue sticks.

Donations are currently being accepted at the Strbridge Coffee House (407 Main St.), Hearthstone Market (630 Main St., Fiskdale), BTS Smokehouse (392 Main St., Sturbridge), and Kid Power Gymnastics, Inc., 221 Sturbridge Rd., Charlton.

Financial donations are also welcome either through an account at Cornerstone Bank or a GoFundMe page established in support of the school.

## Accident claims life of Wales man

WALES – A man in his 40s was killed last weekend during a single-vehicle crash on Hollow Road.



The March 7 wreck occurred at about 11:20 a.m. Troopers assigned to the State Police barracks in Sturbridge responded to the incident, along with Wales Fire and EMS personnel.

Upon arrival, responders located a 2010 Toyota Rav4 that had struck a utility pole. The operator was a 44-year-old Wales man. He was transported to Wing Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The victim’s name was not released as of press time, pending family notification.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash, and the operator was the sole occupant of the Toyota, police said.

The cause and circumstances of the crash remain under investigation by Troop C of the State Police, along with the State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section and the Crime Scene Services Section.



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washing hands constantly, the use of hand sanitizer, avoiding excess contact to the eyes, nose and mouth and embracing the practice of sneezing into the sleeve rather than the hand and staying home if you do feel under the weather to avoid spreading any illness. The school district is also making sure to wash classrooms, tables and other hard surfaces daily. Superintendent Lamarche complimented the district’s staff of custo-

dial workers for a job well done so far in helping combat any and all illnesses that have the potential to spread around the schools.

“I think our custodians are doing a fabulous job at that. I’ve engaged with a few custodians who continue to work hard,” the Superintendent said.

Aside from the general concern about spreading the illness, the coronavirus has also created questions for the upcoming trip to Europe. A group of 116 students from Shepherd Hill Regional High School are scheduled to visit Eastern Europe over

April vacation but concerns of the global spread of coronavirus and the possibility of border closures have schools officials keeping a close watch on any potential impact the virus could have on travel. Superintendent Lamarche said at worst this would result in rerouting or rescheduling of the trip, but not cancellation.

“There would be some future trip worst case scenario. Right now, the places that they’re visiting, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, there have been no reported cases of coronaviruses in those countries.

Germany, Austria and the United Kingdom have had some cases that have been diagnosed with coronavirus, but it is still minimal at this time. It is not a high-level area, according to the World Health Organization,” the superintendent said.


The district continues to receive updates on the trip’s status weekly and plan to provide updates to parents and students as often as possible to allow for proper planning should the trip be rescheduled or changed in any way.

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- **Charlton Baptist Church**, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488, [www.charltonbaptist.org](http://www.charltonbaptist.org), Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- **Charlton City United Methodist**, 74 Stafford St. 248-7379, web site: [CharltonCityUMC.com](http://CharltonCityUMC.com), Sunday worship 10:30 am, Sunday School 9 am.
- **St. Joseph’s Church**, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248-7862, [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com), Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
- **Hope Christian Fellowship**, 6 Haggerty Road, 248-5144
- **Assemblies of God Southern New England District Headquarters**, Route 20, 248-3771, [snedag.org](http://snedag.org), Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Jehovah’s Witnesses**, Route 169, 765-9519
- **Lamblight Christian Church**, 37 Main Street - Grange building 1st Floor, Charlton, Ma 01507, Rev. Stephen Wade, (774) 452-2393 - Pastor’s Cell. Sunday Service 10:30am. [www.visitlamblight.com](http://www.visitlamblight.com)
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# Southbridge library to host introduction to Yiddish song



SOUTHBIDGE — The Jacob Edwards Library, located at 236 Main St. in Southbridge, will host “An Introduction to Jewish Heritage with Yiddish Song” Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Yiddish, the thousand-year-old language of the Jews from Eastern Europe contains within its vocabulary, idiom and grammar the experiences, world view, and culture of Ashkenazic Jewry. In this program, Yosl Kurland will perform Yiddish and Loshn Koydesh (holy

tounge or Hebrew) songs of lullabye, love and liturgy, social justice, of kindness and of hope spiced with the humor of Yiddish vaudeville. The Yiddish is made clear with story, explanation, and projected translations. In introducing Jewish music and culture to diverse audiences, Yosl works to foster intercultural understanding. Yosl will be accompanied on accordion by Aaron Bousel.

Vocalist and educator Yosl Kurland, a founding member of the Wholesale

Klezmer Band ([www.ganeydn.com](http://www.ganeydn.com)) since 1982, performs and writes Yiddish songs and synagogue music. With his band he performed widely for weddings, bar/bas mitzves and concerts, including at Carnegie Hall with Pete Seeger, and has taught workshops at elementary, middle and high schools on Yiddish music, dance, literature. He developed programs on “Yiddish Songs of Cultural Resistance in the Holocaust” and “A Jewish Perspective on Social Justice in Song.” He taught history at an inner-



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city alternative high school for 17 years using period songs to engage students and to illustrate events more vividly. He teaches adult education classes on Yiddish language and literature as well as klezmer music and is a cantor for Temple Israel of Greenfield.

Wholesale Klezmer Band accordionist Aaron Bousel began playing the instrument at age ten, though it wasn't until 1995 that he began to play klezmer. He has participated in workshops at KlezKanada in Quebec and Yidstock at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst. Soon after moving to Amherst in 1997, he became accordionist for the band Hu Tsa Tsa with which he has played for life-cycle celebrations and local synagogue functions. He is also accordionist for the Yiddishkeit Klezmer ensemble and has accompanied Mak'hela, the Jewish chorus of western Massachusetts.

## Local Lutheran Church recognized for public welcoming statement

STURBRIDGE — Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been recognized by Reconciling Works (formerly Lutherans Concerned/North America) as the most recent Reconciling in Christ congregation in central Massachusetts. This recognition comes after the congregation fully adopted a public statement of welcome for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

The statement reads, in part, “With this statement we commit to being a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

“We believe and admit that all people are created as both

one hundred percent sinner and one hundred percent saint; that all people are undeservingly cherished children of God, loved, and saved by grace through faith.

“We are called to love our neighbor as ourselves, whoever that neighbor might be.

“We understand the injustice that has been the burden of the LGBTQIA+ community, the damage that has been done by the Church, and we seek forgiveness for that through that understanding. All we have to offer is our love and our community, and we offer it.

“All genders, all races, all

ages, every sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; there is room for you here at our table, come and be fed.”

The Rev. Dan Purtell, Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church sees this statement as an essential step in living out our faith and the message of the gospel. We are reminded that we are united in the Body of Christ, and this statement and action to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation, moves us forward in our efforts to live into that, particularly in the ways that we recognize how historically the church has done great harm to the LGBTQIA+ com-

munity. The Reconciling in Christ recognition means that the congregation will be listed on a roster of congregations, organizations and synods in the United States and Canada, which publicly welcomes members of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Aubrey Thonvold, Executive Director of Reconciling Works, said “We welcome Bethlehem Lutheran Church to the Reconciling in Christ family. It is with love we are called to welcome all God's Children Into our congregations, communities, and our world. We thank Victor Matheson and

Boyd Wood for being active members working for reconciliation and growth within the church so people of all sexual orientations and gender identities can share a lived experience of love, welcome, and family.”

Reconciling Works is a Christian ministry affirming God's love for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Reconciling in Christ is a program of Reconciling Works.

## Private road maintenance a prime concern in Dudley

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Despite a poor response to invitations to discuss a new program concerning maintenance of private roadways in Dudley, town officials are continuing to examine the future of plowing and upkeep as wear and tear to town vehicles becomes a more prevalent concern.

In early December, Dudley selectmen spoke with Highway Superintendent Vincent Polletta, and learned that two plows had received damage while plowing private roadways after a snowstorm. At the time, the estimate combined repair costs for both plows was \$880 which sparked a conversation about whether or not the town should continue to manage these roadways as they currently do.

At the time, selectmen indicated a desire to continue to maintain these

roadways during the winter as a courtesy, but the damage to town vehicles caused several on the board to note that eventually the town would have to decide between providing that courtesy or maintaining their equipment. Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda presented a potential solution, a program that would allow residents of private roads to access resources for road maintenance to make their roadways more durable and safer to plow. However Ruda admitted at a meeting in February that he had received an underwhelming lack of interest from residents.

“I received a very poor response from residents who may be interested in taking advantage of the road betterment program,” Ruda said. “The idea of having a larger crowd for a spring informational meeting is not going to be an option. For those residents who have responded I want to meet privately with each one.”

Ruda said his concern was that the issue had gone on for so long that now something has to be done before the town suffers an even bigger financial problem with vehicle upkeep due to the condition of these roadways. In his words, the town can't continue to “kick the can” on the matter and said the town may want to consider implementing a public policy for snow removal and repair of private roads.

“I think we should carefully consider that beyond the cost of repairing equipment damage during a snow storm we also run the significant risk of being unable to use the damaged equipment diminishing our ability to keep all of our roads open during a storm,” said Ruda.

Selectmen seemed to agree with Selectman Steven Sullivan indicating that many of the private roads predate his time on both the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board and looking at the

potential for continued damage to town vehicles something needs to change or the town will be faced with an even more significant situation in the future.

“I agree (with the Town Administrator), it's not just so much that we're risking the damage to the equipment but when the equipment is down it effects the whole operation,” said Sullivan. “We've got to figure this out. We can't continue on.”

Selectmen asked the Town Administrator to consult with the Highway Superintendent to discuss damage already done from the roadways and assess the possibility of any future damage if the current practice continues. Town Administrator Ruda also said he will be seeking money in the budget to handle legal fees for consulting town counsel on the possibility of a new policy being implemented for private roads in the near future.

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of recyclable material or yard waste.

“The recent conversations involved a recycling center which would be a place where we could go and recycle white goods like kitchen stoves and things like that or a drop off and disposal areas for yard waste. Our town of Charlton does not have an area where somebody could go and drop off that material right now,” said Gagner.

The town of Southbridge, however, does have a recycling

drop off center which the Board of Health feels could be a good starting point for inspiration.

Further commenting on the landfill controversies, Gagner said the real story there is that the water lines have been installed and the 90 homes effected by the landfills are now receiving public water. Gagner wants citizens to be aware that no conversations about interest in a landfill have taken place and that any such information is the result of misconceptions or misquotes. He also stressed that the Board of Health has an open door policy and are willing to answer any questions about

any issues that members of the public may have.

“We allow people from other towns to come in and speak their peace on other issues. We're very easy going and our office runs very smoothly as a result of that,” Gagner said. “I do not believe for a second the town of Charlton Board of Health is in favor of any landfill in any of our communities. I don't think the town of Charlton has any interest seeing a landfill going in our town or any of our neighboring towns. I think if there was consensus of reality on our board, we wouldn't be in favor of that.”



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Provide a bit of protection from the blazing hot sun with a shade tree, pergola, umbrella or retractable awning. Deciduous trees and vines add shade during hot summer months, but let the warm sunlight shine through during the cooler months of the year.

Reduce maintenance by growing plants suited to your climate and growing conditions. Use fewer varieties and more of each to provide unity while reducing maintenance. Include permanent plantings of

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Add some therapeutic fragrance to your space by growing a pot or patch of Lavender lady, an English lavender. Brush your hand over the foliage and flowers to enjoy its relaxing fragrance. This compact variety flowers just 90 days from sowing and is hardy in zones 5 to 9.

Perfume the air with blue Evening Scentsation petunia. Perfect for containers and hanging baskets, its fragrance peaks during the evening hours. Set a container of compact Deep Purple nicotiana near your chair or entryway for a fragrant greeting in the evening.

Get a boost of color and health benefits by inviting birds and butterflies into your sanctuary. Being in nature lowers your blood pressure and improves your mood and adding bird watching to the mix increases these benefits.

Plant Tip Top Rose nasturtium to bring in the hummingbirds and butterflies. This compact plant boasts showy rose-colored flowers that bloom all season long. Pluck a few of the edible leaves and flowers to enjoy in your salad.

Summer Jewel Salvias include red, white, lavender and pink flowered wind and rain tolerant beauties. You'll enjoy the butterflies and hummingbirds visiting the flowers and goldfinches feasting on the seeds.

Extend your enjoyment into the evening with some night lighting. Drape a string of lights over a pergola, arbor or tree. Lead the way to your retreat with some solar powered path lighting. Within the space, light a few candles or lanterns for more intimate lighting.

Brighten the night garden with a few flowers that shine during the darker hours. Gypsy White baby's breath is a non-invasive species and has better branching and heat tolerance, making it an attractive low maintenance option.

Mega Bloom Polka Dot vinca's bright white flowers are a standout in the garden. Its



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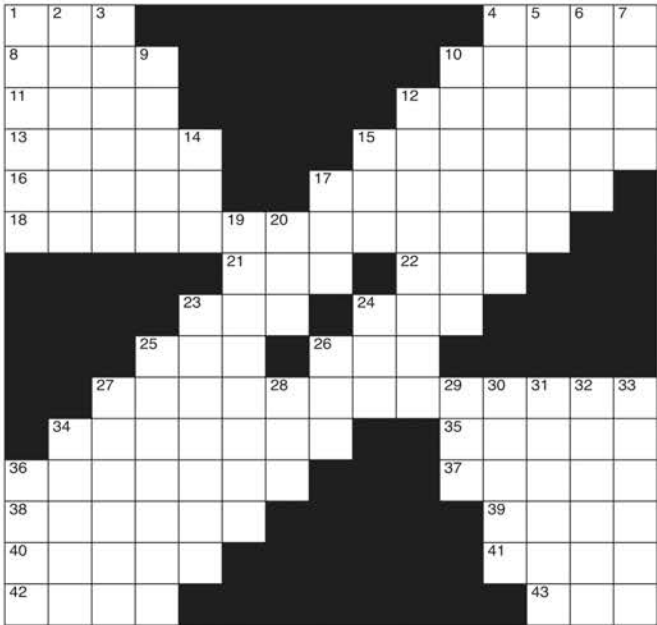
As its name implies, Evening Scentsation petunia fills gardens and relaxation areas with its aroma especially in the evening hours.

pure white petals with bright pink center provide a nighttime glow as well as daytime interest.

Be sure to include a comfortable chair, hammock or glider to relax into the space. Add the soothing sound of water to help mask any unwanted noise.

Then grab a good book, your favorite beverage and escape to your own backyard retreat. You'll leave the space refreshed and ready to embrace and enjoy whatever comes next.

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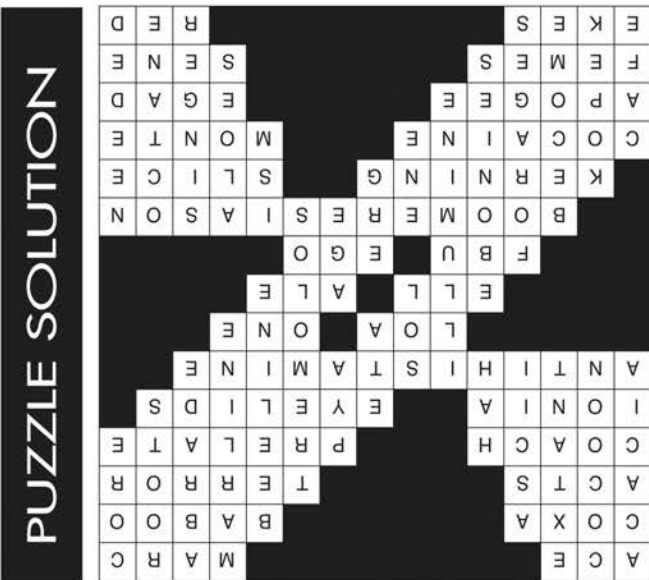


### CLUES ACROSS

1. A team's best pitcher  
4. Designer Jacobs  
8. Hip joint  
10. A dialect of English  
11. Portrays  
12. Panic  
13. The head of a team  
15. High priest  
16. League of Legends locale  
17. Protective folds  
18. Treats allergies  
21. Voodoo spirits  
22. Single unit  
23. Unit of measurement  
24. Brew
25. Burundian franc  
26. Self  
27. Bengals great  
34. Making letters overlap  
35. Piece of pizza  
36. Illegal drug  
37. Card game  
38. The highest point in the development  
39. Oh, God!  
40. Wives (law)  
41. Monetary unit of Samoa  
42. Supplements with difficulty  
43. Valentine's Day color

### CLUES DOWN

1. Warm climate tree or shrub  
2. Silky case spun by larvae  
3. Still in existence  
4. Light, two-stranded rope  
5. Wear away  
6. Beginnings  
7. Essence  
9. American Standard Code for Information Interchange  
10. Path  
12. Repeated tones  
14. Expresses surprise  
15. Monetary unit of Burma  
17. When you hope to get there  
19. Brighten  
20. Fifth note of a major scale
23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees  
24. We all do it  
25. Scrounges  
26. Unit of energy  
27. Begin to be  
28. Midway between northeast and east  
29. Distinctive practice  
30. Succulent plants  
31. Performer  
32. Gas station term  
33. Required  
34. Soviet monetary unit  
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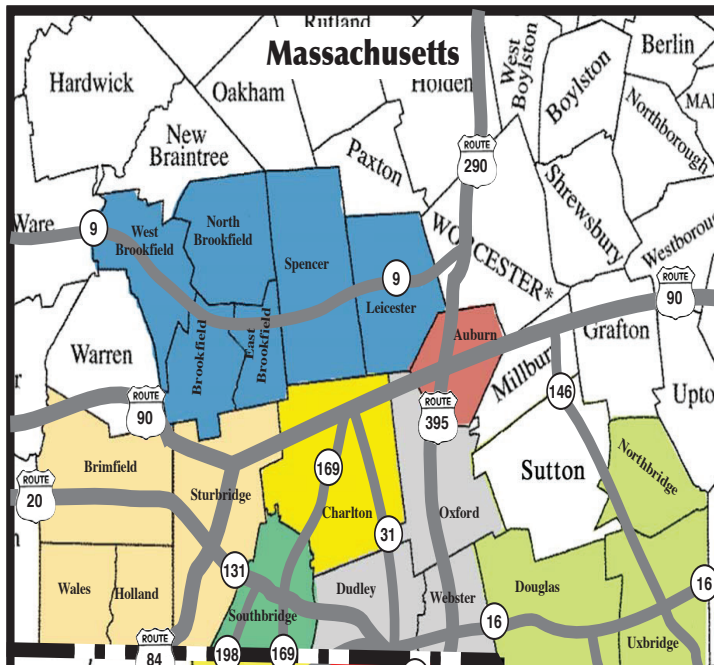
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EDITORIAL

In celebration of strong women

International Women’s Day, observed this past Sunday, may seem like a new progressive holiday; 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. 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 our staff chose to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today. The list was endless; therefore, naturally hard to choose, so in order to prevent a 200 page editorial, we narrowed the list down to our favorites.

Social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women’s Social and Political Union in 1903 to campaign for the parliamentary vote for women in Edwardian Britain, ‘Deeds, not words’ being its motto. Pankhurst is described as a charismatic leader and powerful orator, Pankhurst rallied thousands of women to demand, rather than ask politely, for their democratic right in a mass movement that has been unparalleled in British history. The battle did not come without consequences, she endured 13 imprisonments, leading her name and cause becoming known throughout the globe.

At the age of 15, 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. This event gave the famous Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin 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. To find Colvin’s name in a history book is rare. This in part because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child. Colvin went on to become a nurse’s aide.

In an interview in 2005, Colvin 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. Colvin was not invited officially to the opening of the museum in 2016.

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.

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Birthing dreams

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

I’ll never forget the day when my grandsons were born. While in many ways, it was a blur of a mixture of intoxicating joy and anxiety, there are several images that are forever ingrained in my memories. Birthing is a nine-month process, no doubt, but I got to see the final inning. Both boys brought on minor complications for their mother, so it was the team of doctors and nurses that made this miracle possible in the ninth inning.

There was a couple of doctors and several nurses on hand to birth a single child. All the focus of several adults was to make sure the babies were born and entered the world safely while keeping mother healthy. For some kids, that may be the most positive attention they will receive from a group of adults. Birthing is always a miracle.

This morning when I woke in my happy place – Sierra Madre, Calif. – my grandsons, Caleb and Noah were sleeping in the bedroom next to me. The joy I felt was indescribable. There is nothing that lifts the human spirit like being in the presence of people you love and who love you in return.

As I reflected on this gift of being under the same roof as Caleb and Noah, I was brought back to the days they were born and was overwhelmed with pure gratitude for what it took to bring them here on earth. As I said, birthing is always a miracle.

Yesterday, I witnessed a different kind of miraculous birthing – the birth of a dream in the imagination of a boy. It was opening day of Sierra Madre Little League’s spring season. It began with a parade of the teams and ended with a ceremony at the baseball park. What I found to be incredible, is how this town of ten thousand people turned out to support these kids. The parade route was lined with residents and after their team passed, they fell into line and followed them to the ceremony.

There were over 50 volunteer coaches, hundreds of kids in baseball uniforms and I’m guessing a thousand or more residents in attendance. As I sat in the bleachers listening to the introduction of teams and coaches, I listened to the conversations around me and realized many of those in attendance did not have a child on the team, yet they turned out to support the youth of their community.

But what stood out to me the most was the wonder I saw in the eye of my

grandson, Caleb. Of course, I’d be bragging if I told you all about how Caleb not only had a three-run homer, and drove in another 6 runs with two singles, but something much more beautiful was unfolding – a dream. When we got home that night, Caleb was asking questions about college baseball, and then Babe Ruth, and Ted Williams. He had a sparkle in his eye – the glimmer of a dream being born. Caleb, no doubt, has dreams of being a great baseball player someday.

I’ve learned through years of experience that kids who are involved in group or team activities are better students and get into less trouble. And if their parents or guardians turn out to volunteer and support them, the positive impact of the activity is compounded. Whether its sports, music or any activity that teaches them discipline, focus and how to achieve a goal, these kids have a greater shot at growing into successful and happy adults, and even better, a better chance of birthing big dreams.

We’ve all heard the old African saying that says, “It takes a village to raise a child.” I would also add, it takes a village to birth a dream in a child. Because of the dedication of coaches, and the community of Sierra Madre, kids like my grandson, Caleb, are dreaming big dreams. I don’t know about you, but we need more of that in America. Sierra Madre, California is showing the rest of us how to not just dream dreams, but birth dreams. The actions of this village are not just raising children but planting dreams and creating young people who develop habits of achievement that will follow them into adulthood. Like the moment of birth, this community is planting dreams that will be born later in the form of successful and productive adults.

What happened on a Saturday morning in Sierra Madre wasn’t about baseball, it was a community midwifing dreams in the minds of children. The community helped their children know that they mattered. It wasn’t a day about sports but about love and miracles.

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Do-It-Yourself Tips for Health and Well Being

The answer to common maladies isn’t always in a medicine cabinet. In fact, treating everyday ailments or symptoms of aging is often a matter of common sense. From mental maneuvers to manual massage, the following self help tips are geared toward effectively promoting good health and well being!

Improve Memory: What’s your memory grade? If you’re a flunky when it comes to remembering, it may be time to get your brain back in shape with some mental gymnastics. No matter what your age, experts say exercising your brain really may make the difference between using it and losing it. Activities such as doing crossword puzzles, playing word games or cards, strengthens the receptors between brain cells in memory transmission areas. If you sense memory loss occurring, use mental helps such as calendars, calculators, list making, and group discussions to exercise your memory receptors. And relax. According to the experts, worrying about what you’re going to forget can actually cause a mental block!

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Effortless Memory Boost: Too tired to exercise your brain to boost memory? Dab on your favorite perfume! Believe it or not, medical studies show memory skills are enhanced while people are wearing a fragrance. The theory is that because the part of the brain that stores memory is located near the part that senses smell, the memory is boosted when you sniff a fragrance. Now, if you can only remember where you put the cologne.....

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Laughter is the Best Medicine:



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Groucho Marx once declared “A clown is like an aspirin, only he works twice as fast!” And health officials worldwide have proved laughter really may be the best medicine. According to University of Maryland Hospital studies, the benefits of laughing include improved coordination of brain functions, memory improvement, reduction in stress and depression, pain relief and stronger internal muscles. One UM doctor even claims twenty seconds of hearty laughter gives the heart the same workout as three minutes of hard rowing. So enjoy a daily dose of laughter, it’s free, fun and contagious!

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Stress Busters: It’s 2 p.m., you’ve got a pile of unfinished work, you’ve yet to each lunch and the phone keeps ringing! If the high tech and high stress world has got you chewing your acrylic nails off, try these easy office stress busters: At the first sign of stress, massage therapists suggest simply massaging the palm of one hand by making a circular motion with the thumb of the other. Or, when you’re stressed out, reach for a steaming mug of decaf or other hot beverage and cup your hands around the mug. Bring your warm hands to your closed eyes for a few seconds and take a deep breath to induce calm. And here’s a good excuse to snack on the job: Carbohydrates stimulate serotonin in the brain, so reach for a bagel, crackers or pretzels to help calm down fast.

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The Buzz on Caffeine: If you love your coffee, you now have another

Will your money last as long as you do?



FINANCIAL FOCUS  
JEFF BURDICK

What do your fellow citizens fear most? Almost half of them – 49 percent – are most afraid of running out of money during retirement, a higher percentage than the 44 percent whose chief concern is failing health, according to a recent survey by Aegon Center for Longevity and other groups.

What steps can you take to help ensure your money will last as long as you do?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Estimate your longevity. None of us can say for sure how long we’ll live. However, you can make some educated guesses based on your health and family history. And once you do have at least a ballpark figure, you can then determine about how much money you may need to last the rest of your lifetime. A word of caution: It’s probably going to be more than you think. Health care costs alone can run into the hundreds of thousands, even with Medicare.
- Determine when you’ll retire. Your retirement age will have a big impact on how long your money can last. The longer you work, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401(k). Plus, if you have health insurance through work, you should be able to cover some of the out of pocket health care costs you’d normally have to pay if you’re retired.
- Invest as much as you can in your retirement. During your working years, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. And every time you get a raise, try to increase the amount you put into your employer’s plan.

• Protect yourself from long-term care costs. If you’re fortunate, you’ll never need any type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care provider. Still, there are no guarantees, and long-term care expenses can be big enough to threaten your retirement savings. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare typically pays just a small portion of these amounts, so you may want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will pay for qualified long-term care costs. Or you might consider a “hybrid” policy, which combines long-term care protection with life insurance. So, if you never needed long-term care, your hybrid policy would pay a death benefit to your beneficiary, but if you did need the care, your policy would pay benefits toward those expenses.

- Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate. During your retirement, you’ll need to withdraw money from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. But you’ll want to avoid taking out too much each year, especially during the early years of your retirement. It’s important to establish an annual withdrawal rate that’s appropriate for your needs, taking into account your age, sources of income, lifestyle and other factors.

The thought of running out of money during retirement is scary indeed – but by making smart choices, you can go a long way toward alleviating this fear and enjoying your life as a retiree.

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# Flea market season has started



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& ESTATES  
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WAYNE TUISKULA

Those of you reading this column are more likely interested in flea markets with antiques and collectibles than t-shirts and food products. Check Web sites before you go, and you should be able to get a pretty good idea of what you will find. Also be sure to check to see the dates when outdoor flea markets open. Some good local flea markets have permanently closed, but others have opened in the area to take their place. You may want to call or

email the flea market you plan to attend to get details before traveling there. Some long running flea markets are right in our backyard. Most of you should be familiar with the Grafton Flea Market, Charlton Flea Market, and Douglas Flea Market. The Rietta Flea Market in Hubbardston is one of the largest in the area. They are open on Sundays beginning sometime in April. Their website says “for as long as most of us can remember, Rietta Flea Market has been one of the largest and most popular flea markets in the Northeastern U.S.” Another nearby flea market is in Sturbridge. The Sturbridge Flea Market’s website describes it as “3 Levels & 150-plus Dealers 1000’s of unique items at fair prices!” Traveling a little further west on Route 20, you will reach the Yankee Flea Market. Their website description is “... home to over 165 vendors in our 15,000 square foot indoor market. We have everything from

new to old, vintage to antique.” Even further west you will find the Flea Market at Eastfield Mall in Springfield. Their description is “upscale resale, craft, art and antique vendors in a unique climate-controlled market space.” Another one where I have made good finds is the Olde Hadley Flea Market. The fields are typically full of vendors on days with nice weather. Kev’s Barnyard of Granby is a newer flea market. They describe the market as a “wide array of merchandise from antiques to pre-owned items and furniture. Our co-op sits inside a historical 19th century post and beam, New England barn.” Traveling north, the Hollis Flea Market is a good option. It claims to be the longest and oldest running flea market in New Hampshire. Todd’s Farm in Rowley invites you to “Be Up Before the Cows!” They tout over 240 vendors from New England and New York. In Connecticut, websites for the Eastern Connecticut Flea Market in Danielson

and Elephant Trunk in New Milford note that they are open regularly. There will also be a special one-day flea market on Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m., sponsored by the Salmon Brook Historical Society in Granby. In the next state over, there is a regularly running flea market at the General Stanton Inn in Charlestown, R.I. Other flea markets are a short drive away. The Somerville, MA Flea Market claims that “the majority of our vendors deal in vintage and antique wares that have been reclaimed restored and repurposed.” If you vacation at the Cape, the flea market at the Wellfleet Drive-in typically has vendors selling antiques. Lastly, an article on flea markets wouldn’t be complete without including the Brimfield Antique Flea Market. The 2020 dates are May 12-17, July 14-19, Sept. 8-13. I hope to see you on the fields! I’ll be presenting on antiques for The Sturbridge Rotary Club on March 18. I’ll be appraising items for the Douglas, MA



Historical Society on May 3. Other events are being scheduled. Please see [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other 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)

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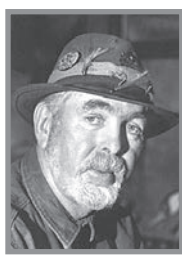
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# Spring arrives early



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Spring came early this year, and it was none too soon. This past week, the peepers (tree frogs) were already chirping in my back yard at the small pond on my property. My first Robbin was also spotted last week. Some daffodils are already well ahead of last year, and should blossom in a couple of weeks in my back yard. Wild turkeys are already strutting there stuff and when the wild turkey season starts in Massachusetts on April 27 this year, there should be little problems calling in your bird.

The youth hunt for wild turkeys starts April 25, and it is a great opportunity for parents to take the youngsters out for a day in the field hunting for this great game bird. During the youth hunt, a full day of hunting is allowed starting at a half hour before sunrise until 5 p.m., unlike the regular season, where hunting hours are a half hour before sunrise until noon.

The Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife personnel have started their spring stocking of trout in numerous lakes and ponds in the Central District. Cape ponds have received numerous stocking of trout providing anglers with some great early fishing. For a complete list of ponds and streams that have been stocked go to the Mass Fish & Wildlife Web site. A reminder that Wallum lake is closed to all fishing until April 11!

This past week, I received a letter and picture from Francis Darling of Uxbridge. Francis was going through some of his dads papers and came across an old picture that had been

printed in the Woonsocket Call in the late '40's. After World War 11 his dad helped build the road leading into the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. His dad also donated a replica of a Parker double barrel shotgun that was made of wood, which had been hanging in his barn.

His dad's relatives had a store in Woonsocket, R.I. called "E. R. Darling Guns and Cutlery," which was closed in 1925. The gun still hangs over the fireplace at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. The gun once hung over the club road, but was later hung over the fireplace. The gun was also stolen from the club many years ago, but was found and returned to the club. This week's picture shows, from left to right: Robert Rabidor, vice president, William Albin. The gun was presented to the club by Benjamin Green, president of the Beagle Club, and Henry Gardiner was vice president back in the day.

The gun was presented as a symbol of "good will and fellowship" between the two organizations. It is always great to have this kind of history brought back to light, providing the current generations with some knowledge of the work and vision the sportsmen had back in the day. I would like to thank Francis Darling for sharing this important piece of history of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Anyone that has this type of history, that would like to share with our readers, would be greatly appreciated. Send it to Ralph True, Sr., 367 Mendon Rd., Uxbridge, MA 01569, or to my e-mail at oldsalt\_65@msn.com!

This is the time of year that sportsmen need to think about purchasing a four legged hunting companion for the 2020 bird hunting season, if they do not already have one. Purchasing a new pup for the family, and for hunting birds will have him or her



ready for the field by the time October rolls around. I have always been partial to a female dog. They just seem to mind a lot better, and are easier to train. Purchasing a pedigree dog from a well known breeder is extremely important. Ask to see both parents and make sure

they have good papers. Labrador Retriever pups are my favorite, but Brittany and German Shorthair pointers are also a popular dog among bird hunters. Make sure you have the time and finances to properly take care of your new pup. Veterinarian bills can

be costly & having the time to train and exercise the dog can become demanding. If you decide to purchase a dog, it can be a very rewarding addition for you and your family.

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

## TRAINOR

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excuse to drink high octane java! A ten year study by the University of Bristol revealed coffee drinkers really may be better thinkers. The report said a cup of coffee can help in the performance of tasks, requiring sustained attention. It further helped enhance a person's ability to perform these tasks, during low alertness situations such as at night or when a person has a cold.

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Hearing Help: Are you saying "Huh?" more than you used to? Well before you run out to by a hearing aid, you might want to consider a pair of sneakers instead! Believe it or not, researchers at Miami University in Ohio report aerobically fit people heard sounds at lower volumes than their sedentary counterparts. In fact the researchers went as far as to declare that a fit person at age 40 can have the hearing of a 20 year old! The concept is that aerobic exercises such as walking, enrich the blood with oxygen and improve blood flow to the ears, which improves hearing function. For A proper hearing "fitness" routine, the experts suggest working your way up to walking 30-60 minutes, five or six days per week. For an optimum hearing boost, add strength training, as those who are aerobically and muscu-

larly fit had the best hearing!

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Eye Test: Babyboomers may be soon discovering their eyes aren't as sharp as they used to be! Here is a quick vision test to gauge whether or not it's time to have those glasses upgraded: A person with good vision should be able to read the numbers and letters on a license plate 80 feet away. If not, it's time to get a vision check up. If you work at the computer all day, this simple "eye break" exercises tired eye muscles. Hold a pencil one foot away from your eyes, focus on an object behind the pencil for several seconds, then blink and focus directly on the pencil for a moment or two. This helps relaxes and revitalize eyes. At home, relieve eye strain by cutting two thin slices of raw red potato. Keep them on your closed eyelids for 20 minutes

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Sweet Slumber: Are you always tired? Is your nightly slumber less than satisfying? If so, it might be time to reset your sleep clock to ensure your daily dose of rest! If your body clock is set to a different time than your schedule, you'll feel tired. Experts say when you're in your 20s and 30s, your body is typically set to stay up late and sleep late. On the other hand, it's common for people in their 60s and 70s to fall asleep at before 8 p.m. and wake up before the birds. Here's how to get back

to a normal sleep rhythm by resetting your sleep clock: Bright electric light can shift your body clock, according to a 2001 study published in the Journal of Investigative Medicine. If you want to stay up later, sit under a bright light bulb for one to two hours before your current bedtime. This will slowly shift your body clock to a later bedtime. In the morning, block out bright light until you've been up for an hour or two. If you want to go to bed and get up earlier, dim the lights in the bedroom after 9 p.m. and pull up shades to allow the morning sun to stream in.

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Stall Senility: If forgetfulness has you fretting about a future with Alzheimer's, here are some facts that may actually help you stall or prevent the disease. While searching for the cause for Alzheimer's disease, researchers found some interesting clues. Middle-aged people with high cholesterol or high blood pressure have a 50 percent greater risk for developing Alzheimer's later in life. Studies also reveal patients may have low levels of vitamin B-12, A and C and beta-carotene, and high concentrations of aluminum and mercury. Most revealing is that a recent study of people genetically predisposed to developing Alzheimer's disease, showed those who consumed the most fat on average, as well as the most calories, were more likely to develop the disease com-

pared as to people who followed low-fat, low-calorie diets. So take your vitamins and eat healthy to up your odds of avoiding Alzheimer's!

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint 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 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. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*

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## SECOND CHANCE

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"Looking at these numbers, we see it's imperative to give pet owners access to care within a reasonable driving distance," notes Blancato.

Second Chance recently announced their next hospital which will be located in Southbridge, slated to open in the fall of 2021. This hospital, unlike the previous three, will include a partnership with the local vocational school.

"We realized that to keep up with the growing needs of pets in the community, we had to include the next generation of the animal welfare community. With Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School providing the education and our hospital providing real world experience, it will be a win-win-win for all involved," said Blancato.

The lower level of the new hospital will be home to the Bay Path Veterinary Education Center featuring classroom space and a learning lab for the vocational students in the new veterinary science program. The full-service hospital on the main floor will provide the year-round, full-service veterinary care that Second Chance is well known for.



SPORTS

Sammies take over in second quarter, bounce Bartlett from sectional final



Joey Anderson of Bartlett works the baseline on a drive toward the basket.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Editor’s Note: The following articles detail the results from the three teams in the Stonebridge Press coverage area that reached their respective Central Mass. Tournament finals.

WORCESTER — The Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament final between the Sutton High and Bartlett High boys’ varsity basketball teams, the top two seeds in the bracket, played out like most thought it would in the first quarter. The top seeded Sammies and second ranked Indians, both quick, high-flying squads, were putting up points in bunches at Worcester State University’s John P. Brissette Competition Court on Saturday, March 7. Play entered the second quarter with the score knotted up at 18-18.

But Sutton’s coaching staff got through to its players between periods, explaining that defense would in turn lead to offense.

“We kept harping on them that we have to defend,” said Sammies’ head coach Andy Niedzwiecki. “You can’t go up and down with Bartlett because they’re just too good. Our big thing was getting back. Once we get back and keep guys in front of us, we’re a tough team defensively, and it showed.”

Sutton won second-quarter scoring by a 24-10 margin to lead 42-28 at intermis-

sion. The second half played out much like the second frame — the Sammies won the third quarter 20-9 and the final frame was tied 9-9 — as they rolled to a 71-46 victory.

“That second quarter was a killer quarter,” explained Bartlett head coach Tony Paranto. “It’s disappointing, but we got beat by a better team tonight.”

The second quarter belonged to Sutton’s Brendan Faucher. The Sammies started the frame on an 11-0 run, with Faucher netting 10 of those points. Faucher added another three baskets on two layups and a hook shot later in the period as he scored 16 of his 18 points in the eight-minute stanza.

“Brendan had a great second quarter, he scored 16 points, and we didn’t have an answer for him inside,” said Paranto. “We had three different people trying to contain him a little bit and we couldn’t contain him.”

It also didn’t help the Indians’ cause that they’d take a shot, miss it, the Sammies would corral the rebound and then, more often than not, score down the other end of the floor.

“We were one and done each time. We had 10 points in the second quarter and then nine and nine; obviously that’s not going to win too many ballgames for us,” said Paranto. “We also only had four 3-pointers and we average 10 a season per game. They did a good job taking away the 3-pointer.”

Bartlett was 4-of-19 shooting the 3, while Sutton was 8-of-19. The Sammies’ Bryson Grenon (26 points, 11 rebounds) made three of the 3-pointers, while twin brother Trevian Grenon (13 points) also made three 3s. Faucher canned the other two triples.

“Bryson controlled the game from start to finish. He had a lot of points from the inside and he’s the smallest kid out there. He’s just a tenacious player,” Paranto said of the opposition. “Their big three stepped up and unfortunately for us it wasn’t our big three that stepped up.”

Bartlett’s big three of guards Logan Paranto (15 points, 13 in the second half), Brandon Boucher (12 points, 8 rebounds) and Wilson Aybar (7 points) were held to a combined 34 points, while the other big-time scoring option of Dylan Grandmaison, a forward, was limited to three points. Niedzwiecki gave compliments to all of his defenders for the low scoring totals.

“We can switch everything with the personnel we have and contain,” said Niedzwiecki. “Because we switch everything, everyone’s got to know who they switch onto and what they can do. We did a really good job of containing. They were forced into some very tough shots.”

Sutton, now 23-2, will play Western Mass. representative Sabais International Charter (15-8) in a Division 3 state semifinal after press time.

Bartlett finished 20-4. “Twenty wins is great as a numerical figure, but in our system we’re here to put championships up too,” said coach Paranto of the bittersweet close to the season. “I told the kids not to hang their heads but at the same time that’s what we’re here for.”

Tony Paranto’s time coaching his son, Logan, has come to a close after six years.

“It’s been fun as a father, fun as a coach, and it will probably sink in tomorrow that that era will be over,” said Tony Paranto. “It’s been really fun. To be able to coach your kid for six years — I’ve been doing this for 28 though, too — it will be something that will be a little bit remiss for the following years if I decide to keep coaching.”



Jason McKay photos

Bartlett’s Taven Phanthavong employs a full-court pressing defense on a Sutton player.



Bartlett High head coach Tony Paranto and co-captains Logan Paranto, Brandon Boucher and Wilson Aybar accept the runner-up trophy from the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. The Indians lost 71-46 to Sutton High.



Bartlett High’s Wilson Aybar, left, and other members of the Indians wait for the final moments of their Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament final with Sutton High to click down.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Charlton Youth Basketball to sponsor college scholarship

Charlton Youth Basketball proudly sponsors a scholarship program for four Charlton high school seniors accepted for enrollment at a university or college for the 2020-2021 academic year. The applicant for this scholarship must be a Charlton graduating senior who has participated in Charlton Youth Basketball for a minimum of two years and completed the application and typed an essay (250-word minimum) describing how playing Charlton Youth Basketball has had a positive impact on my youth. The due date is May 1, and four \$500 scholarships will be presented by Charlton Youth Basketball upon review of all applications.

Along with the essay, please provide your name, address, telephone, email, number of years playing Charlton Youth Basketball, grades participated, additional involvement (coaching, refereeing, volunteering, etc.), names of coaches from your experience, high school, college/university attending, and a signature. Please mail to: Charlton Youth Basketball, PO Box 811, Charlton, MA 01507.

Dudley Charlton Women’s Basketball to hold pickup games

On Monday evenings at the Heritage School from 7-9 p.m., you will find women playing pickup basketball. We play every Monday from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams or fees. Ages 18 and older are welcome. Come for some fun exercise. Contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 for more information.

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SPORTS

Beavers can't weather Hurricane Jordan as Maynard storms its way to title



Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Britt Kahler, co-captain Mackenzie Vollmer, superintendent Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, co-captain Victoria Russian and co-captain Gabby Muscatell pose with the runner-up trophy from the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament championship game. The Beavers lost to Maynard High 52-39.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Emma Ballard and Maynard's Claire Candela both race after the ball. Ballard was fouled by Candela on the play.

**BY KEN POWERS**  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — With four minutes remaining in the first half of its Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament final with Maynard High, everything seemed to be going according to plan for the Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) girls' varsity basketball team. The Beavers had overcome a slow start, hit four 3-pointers and led by nine points.

That's when Hurricane Jordan descended upon WPI's Harrington Auditorium.

Jordan Tucker, Maynard's 5-foot-8 senior guard, took over the game at that point. She scored all 13 of the Tigers' second-quarter points, finished with a game-high 25 and led Maynard past BVT, 52-39, on Saturday, March 7.

Blackstone Valley Tech, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, finished its season 20-6. With the win top-seeded Maynard (19-4) advanced to the semifinal round of the state tournament where it played Monson High,



Mackenzie Vollmer of Blackstone Valley Tech plays ball-hawking defense on Maynard's Alexandra Morgan.

the Western Mass. champion, after press time.

"We knew she'd be a problem," Valley Tech head coach Britt Kahler said of Tucker after the game.

Tucker didn't score in the second quarter until she hit a 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 4:40 to play to pull the Tigers to within six, 18-12.

While BVT could muster just two pairs of free throws the rest of the period, Tucker scored four more baskets — a left-side jumper, two layups and another 3-pointer, this one from the left elbow extended — and added a free throw. Tucker's second trey of the quarter tied the game at 22-22 with 1:14 remaining in the half, which was where the score stood at halftime.

When the teams left the court at the break, even though the game was tied, Maynard left looking like a team that was in the lead while BVT left looking like a team wondering what had just happened.

"I don't think we did a great job of defending [Tucker] in the first half," Kahler said. "She caught the ball a lot in the middle, which is something she should never have been allowed to do."

Maynard, seemingly, took control of the game early in the third quarter, scoring the first five points to go ahead 27-22. BVT didn't score until 2:23 remained in the period, sophomore Riley Webster hitting a pair of free throws to cut the Beavers' deficit to three, 27-24.

Maynard led 31-26 with 90 seconds left in the period, but Valley Tech senior Victoria Russian (six points) scored on a slashing drive through the paint with 28 seconds to play in the quarter to cut the Tigers' lead to 31-28 as played headed to the fourth quarter.

The Beavers pulled to within a point of tying the game, 31-30, with 6:39 remaining on a runner in the lane by sophomore

Emma Ballard (a team-high 12 points). It's the closest BVT would come to regaining the lead, however.

Maynard scored on its next three possessions, getting five points from 6-foot-2 sophomore center Hayle Thompson and two from Tucker, while BVT had a pair of turnovers and a missed shot on its next three trips down the court. When the dust settled the Tigers led by eight, 38-30, with five minutes to play. The Beavers never seriously threatened Maynard from that point on.

After the game Ballard, Russian and Kahler reflected fondly on the season that had just come to an end.

"I'm really proud of this team," Ballard said. "We started off slow but then we really clicked, and we came together. The energy we had on the court is just unforgettable. This is a great group of girls and I'm just so proud of how far we went."

Russian, who finished her career playing in two Division 4 finals (both losses to Maynard), smiled when asked about being a part of the BVT program.

"I've had so many great moments over the last four years, especially this year. We really worked together and worked so hard at practices," Russian said. "This is just a great team to be a part of."

Kahler said this year's edition of the BVT girls' basketball team was one of a kind.

"This is a special team, for sure. It took us about a month to get going and to bond. Once we found our groove, this group is fun. They love being together, they love the game," Kahler said. "We won the State Vocational Tournament and we won the league, but in all of that the best thing about the season is the memories we made together. This was one of the most enjoyable seasons I've ever had."



Madison Deppe of Blackstone Valley Tech dishes a pass to the outside to get the ball out of harm's way.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Victoria Russian drives around Maynard's Jordan Tucker after securing a rebound.



Amid a double team, Riley Webster of Blackstone Valley Tech puts up her shot and draws a foul.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Emma Ballard generates just enough space from Maynard's Hayle Thompson to be able to take and make a mid-range jump shot.



SPORTS

Blackstone Valley Tech can't keep pace with up-tempo Blue Raiders



Blackstone Valley Tech head Brew Cupid, superintendent Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, and co-captains Ryan Braun, Andrew Galicki and Shea Finnegan are the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament finalists after falling to Hopedale High 86-47 in the championship contest.



Josh Mateo of Blackstone Valley Tech turns the corner and drives into the lane versus Hopedale.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — It may have taken all season, but the Blackstone Valley Tech (BVT) boys' varsity basketball team finally found an opponent that likes to run the court and play an up-tempo style of basketball as much — if not more — than it does. Unfortunately, the meeting of these similar teams came in the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament final, where the Beavers faced Hopedale High.

The Blue Raiders attacked the basket the first time they had the ball, the last time they had the ball and on seemingly every possession in between. Hopedale's net result was 36 made field goals, eight from beyond the 3-point arc, four players scoring in double figures, and an 86-47 victory at WPI's Harrington Auditorium.

With the win second-seeded Hopedale (19-5) advanced to the semifinal round of the state tournament, where it played 16-7 Drury, the Western Mass. champion, after press time.

Valley Tech, the tournament's No. 5 seed, finished its season 15-9.

"Hopedale played a really strong game. They're well coached, they're strategic and they want to win," said BVT head coach Brew Cupid, now in his second year with the Beavers. "We came out with a plan, but we did not execute that plan the way we expected. That's the game of basketball.

"The game is a game of momentum. In the first half we couldn't find the momentum. When Hopedale has the momentum, along with everything else, it's hard for us to compete," Cupid continued. "We came out in the second half with a [different] strategy and it looked good for a few minutes, but we just didn't deliver."

The Blue Raiders were in control of the game from the outset. Hopedale jumped ahead 6-0 two minutes in and led 17-7 at the end of the first quarter. The Blue Raiders extended that lead to 43-27 at halftime and 68-35 after three periods.

Senior Dan Liberatore led Hopedale, scoring a game-high 26 points, 18 of those points coming on

3-pointers. Sam Morelli, Liberatore's classmate, added 17 points, while sophomore Alex Luccini chipped in 14.

Hopedale's fast-breaking style of play led to a lot of easy baskets. The Blue Raiders finished the game with 26 two-point field goals, 21 coming from within four feet of the basket.

Valley Tech was led by junior Shea Finnegan and sophomore Ryan Flauto, who both scored 12 points. Another sophomore, Josh Mateo, added 10 points. Both Finnegan and Mateo hit a pair of 3-pointers.

"I'm proud of the team and the overall season. This is a young team and it's important to know that basketball is about getting to the ultimate game. We got there," Cupid said. "Winning teams are about not being satisfied to be there but figuring out how to get there again. So, while I am proud of this team, we have a lot of work to do to be back here in a year."

Cupid said he didn't believe the lopsided loss was simply a matter of his team just being happy to have advanced to the first tournament final in boys' basketball in school history.

"I don't think that we were [happy] to just be here. I was concerned, however, that our success might come to an end earlier than I expected it to. I expect to put the team in a position to win every game," Cupid said. "I think we had a legitimate plan, but again, Hopedale is a well-coached team and they played their game. We didn't play our game today."

Cupid beamed with pride when asked to quickly reflect on the just-completed season.

"This is our 24th game of the season. We started off 0-3 and it wasn't a happy holiday," Cupid said. "But, since then, we've won 15 of 21 games. To say that I am proud of this team is an understatement. I am excited for this team. I am excited and proud to be their coach. We'll see this facility next year."



Andrew Galicki of Blackstone Valley Tech moves the ball down the court while in transition.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Shea Finnegan keeps the ball away from Hopedale defender Sam Morelli while driving toward the basket.



Blackstone Valley Tech's John Furno makes a turnaround jumper between Hopedale defenders Chris Casey and Alex Waswill.



Ryan Braun of Blackstone Valley Tech eyes the basket while attempting a second-quarter free throw.



A pair of Blackstone Valley Tech players hug it out following the Beavers' sectional championship game loss to Hopedale.



# OBITUARIES

## Leo W. Caouette, 85



SOUTHBRIDGE- Leo W. Caouette, 85, of Charlton St., peacefully passed away in his home on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, after a long illness.

His lifelong companion and loving wife, Maria (Selig) Caouette, passed away in 2017. He leaves five step daughters, Elizabeth Conlon of Thompson, CT, Iris Conlon-Arsenault and her husband Jeff of Woodstock, CT, Sylvia Forcier and her husband Russell of Florida, Ursula Conlon-Towers and her husband David of Charlton and Monika Conlon-Simpson and her husband Stephen of Sturbridge; his sister Lorraine Gendron of Clearwater, FL; 2 Grandsons, Michael Lee Jarvis and Paul Beaupre. He was predeceased by his brother, Theodore Caouette

who passed away in 2012. He was born in Southbridge the son of Theodore W. and Norma P. (Girard) Caouette. Leo served many years in the National Guard.

Leo was a longtime self-employed carpenter, retiring many years ago. Leo loved airplanes and was a licensed pilot since he was 16 years old. He also loved restoring vehicles.

A Mass will be offered in his name on Saturday, April 25th, at 4:00pm at St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



## Brian D. Mitchell, 70



CHARLTON- Brian D. Mitchell, 70, formerly of Manchester, CT, passed away on Friday, March 6, in the St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.

He leaves his longtime companion, Paula M. Quattrocchi of Charlton; his son, Brian M. Mitchell of Springfield, MA; his daughter, Wendy Serville of Glastonbury, CT; his two sisters, Karen Hartley of Manchester, CT and Marilyn Seeley and her husband Pudge of East Hartford, CT; his grandchildren, Vanessa McCollum and her husband Steven, Alyssa Serville, Nicholas Powel, Alanna Serville, Rebecca Serville, Dominique Woods and Stephen Woods;

great grandchildren, Aiden, Sean and Maverick; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Butch Mitchell and his sister, Marsha Mazur. Brian was born in Maine, the son of the late Darrell and Martha (Kilgore) Mitchell.

Brian worked as a truck driver for Scholastic Books before retiring several years ago.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends fishing, camping, attending NASCAR races as well as watching sports and western movies.

In keeping with his wishes Brian's funeral services will be private. There are no calling hours.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

# CALENDAR

### Friday, March 13

SECOND ANNUAL BAKED POTATO BUFFET: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, Fellowship Hall, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. The buffet includes a baked potato with a variety of toppings, coffee, tea, or juice. Assorted desserts are also for sale. Advance tickets available from church members or at the church office, (508) 347-3915. Tickets are \$6 per person; children six and under \$4. Take-out orders are available.

### Friday, March 20

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER'S "JONAH THE MUSICAL": 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. Sponsored by Faith Formation Ministry.

### Saturday, April 4

"ROARING '20S MOM PROM: The MOMS Club of Charlton Area will host "A Roaring '20s" Mom Prom on Saturday, April 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Auburn South County Worcester Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. This evening of dinner and dancing will benefit two organizations, the John Paire Student Support Fund, which helps kids in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District have access to a well-rounded educational experience, and the Kennedy-Donovan Center of Southbridge, a nonprofit organization in Southbridge that supports people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges. Grab your spouse, friends and family members, and join the MOMS Club for the second annual Mom Prom. It's not just for moms, but all guests must be 21-plus. Early-bird tickets are \$45 per person until Feb. 14 and \$50 per person after that date. The MOMS Club, a chapter of the International MOMS Club, is a nonprofit group that provides support for stay-at-home and working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the Mom Prom or the club, please email charltonmomsclub@gmail.com, or purchase tickets at http://

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GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Charlton. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild. Six meat tables, one ham and one lobster table! Early birds arriving prior to 6 p.m. receive three free tickets to be used on the meat table of their choice. Selected "home-made" food purchases will be available for dinner, as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, etc.

### ONGOING

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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., Vista Adult Day at The Overlook. Loved ones welcome to join Vista Program with prior screening. Contact Kathleen Walker at (508) 434-2876.

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.

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WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday evenings at Hitchcock Academy in

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### EDITORIAL

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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, First Lady 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 the little 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 get 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 identify 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.



**TRIPS**  
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the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

**DUDLEY SENIORS**

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**FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS**

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On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.

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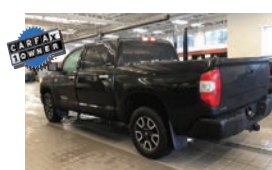
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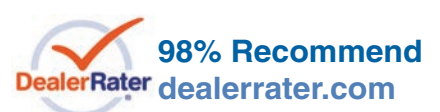
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**AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dr!** 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Appliance Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Pebble Beach Rd!** Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Fir Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Frst! Beautiful Appliance Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Fir Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**



**OXFORD – 10 Huguenot Rd!** 8 Rm Colonial! 1.36 Acres! Country Setting! Country Kitchen w/Bay Window Overlooking Back Yard, Front to Back Living/Dining Rm w/French Doors to Deck! Office! Side Entry Breezeway! 3 Bdrms Plus a Study/Craft Rm on the 2nd Floor! 1 Car Detached Garage w/Workshop! Easy Access to Shopping and Highways! **\$179,000.00**



**WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St!** 3 Family! 550 Rms! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Fir w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Fir w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Fir w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**



**DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way!** TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Appliance Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Fir! 2nd Fir Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**



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**WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway!** Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 385! Loads of Potential! 6 Rm Cape! Appliance Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall over Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 1st Fir Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! **\$169,900.00**



**THOMPSON – 299 Quaddick Rd!** Custom Cedar Log Home! 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall Entry! 700' Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Cedar! Granite Kit! Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Hrdwds! Stone Frpl! 1st Fir Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! **\$399,900.00**



**DUDLEY – 132 Southbridge Rd!** 5 Rm Bungalow! 2.21 Acres! Enjoy Nature and Kayak right from your Backyard! Eat-in Kit w/Pantry! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Bay Window! Din Rm or Fam Rm w/Hrdwds & Ceiling Fan! Full Tile Bath w/Tub/Shower Combo! Master Bdrm w/Wall to Wall Carpet! Second Bdrm w/Wall to Wall & Ceiling Fan! Walk-out Attic w/Potential for Additional Living Space! 3 Season Porch w/Natural Woodwork! Recent Roof! Recent Oil Steam Heat! New Septic & being Well Installed! Plenty of Parking! **\$179,900.00**



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**WEBSTER – 14 Summit Street!** Conveniently Located 8 Room, 4 Bedroom Cape! Featuring Newly Remodeled Stainless Steel Appliance Granite Eat-in Kitchen w/Custom Cabinetry & Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring! Formal Dining w/Hardwoods! Spacious Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 2 1st Floor Bedrooms w/Hardwoods! Newly Remodeled Full Tile Bath! 2nd Floor w/2 Bedrooms w/Hardwoods, Plenty of Closet & Storage Space! Updated Second Full Bath! Recently Oil Heat, Cast Iron Baseboard! Detached Garage! Corner Lot! **\$279,900.00**



**CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE!** 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Fr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3' Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE – 50 West Point Rd!** Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc! 1/2 Bath + Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplc & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd!** Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility! Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



**CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT!** Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/Is! Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**



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#### WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST



4 BEDROOM COLONIAL! 2600 SQ FT, 2 FULL BATHS, 2 FIREPLACES, 2 CAR GARAGE, ABOVE GROUND POOL, 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM, UPDATES INCLUDE - RECENT WINDOWS, ROOF, UPSTAIRS BATH, FHW GAS HEATING SYSTEM!!! New Price **\$329,900**

#### BROAD BROOK, CT 52 HILLSIDE FARMS DR



Condo Townhouse with 1746 Sq Ft, 2 Story, 3 beds 2-1/2 Baths Fireplace Hardwoods, Cathedral ceiling, Garage, pool, central air, & so much more assisted sale **\$193,500.**

#### WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



2 Family - 1st Floor: 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open kitchen, Fully Appliance, New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor - Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets - 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus, Oil Heat, Off street parking, Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. **\$237,500**

#### POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Motivated Seller! Cape that has been completely re-modelled!, 3 Br, 1 bath, 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **\$244,900**

#### WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 & 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with separate dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully appliance kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system. **\$134,900.**

#### CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD



Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 season sunroom with attached deck Living room w/fireplace! 1st fir omce. Recent water filtration system, furnace, heater, and oil unlk. Passed Title V, well okay. assisted sale **\$299,000.**

#### OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST



VERY Affordable 3 Bedroom RANCH Located on 8+ Acres Abutting the French River!! Great Spot for the Nature Enthusiast 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Fireplace, **\$209,900.**

#### WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s appliance kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, w/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused catwalk on upper level! Walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! assisted sale **\$499,900.**

#### WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS



Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**  
Douglas-Daniel's Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**  
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! water/sewer access **\$129,400**  
Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre,artesian well, Septic Design,Etc. **\$130,000.**  
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

#### THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



There is No Place Like Home! - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$299,900.**

#### WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Available 10,000+ sq. ft. of Land. Zoned Lake Residential. Potential to divide into 2 Buildable Lots. Town Water & Sewer Available. **\$49,000.**

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#### WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



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#### WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD

AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! **New Price \$375,000**



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**BROOKFIELD:** WATERFRONT PRISTINE PROPERTY on Quabog Pond! 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths! First floor has updated kitchen, livingroom, bedroom & full bath. Master suite on second floor with wonderful water views! Loaded with windows. Bedroom, full bath, walk in closet plus another room-big enough for family room and office. Full basement. Level lot with plenty of parking, easy access to water. Full recreational lake! **\$319,900.**

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### LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF CHARLTON DPW 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 Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the following highway materials which will be used on approximately 10,000 linear feet of road surface.

1. Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place (**Must be pre-qualified**)
2. Full Depth Pavement Reclamation (Calcium Chloride) (**Must be pre-qualified**) all grading included.
3. Stone Seal, Double Stone Seal & 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment (**Must be pre-qualified**).

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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 **Thursday, April 2, 2020 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.

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Any questions should be directed to Gerry Foskett, DPW 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 6, 2020  
March 13, 2020

### TOWN OF CHARLTON LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS GUARDRAIL REMOVAL RE-INSTALLATION & INSTALLATION

Sealed bids appropriately marked "Guardrail Removal, Re-Installation and Installation" will be received, publicly opened and read aloud in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Charlton Municipal Offices, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507 on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Bid specifications must be obtained from the office of the Town Administrator prior to the submission of the bid.

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All-Wheel Drive, V6, 3rd Row Seats, 18" Alloys, Satellite Radio, Bluetooth.  
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#TM90857A • AWD, 17" ALLOYS, MOONROOF, BACK-UP CAM  
**WHOLESALE PRICE: \$18,577**  
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**2019 CHRYSLER PACIFICA** NEW Retail Price: ~~\$34,650~~  
#D10391L • ALLOYS, LX TRIM, V6, PARKING SENSORS, BACK-UP CAM  
**WHOLESALE PRICE: \$21,877**  
**SAVE \$12,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!**

**LIKE NEW 2017 TOYOTA TACOMA DOUBLE CAB**  
#19-396A  
  
TRD Sport, 4x4, 3.5L V6, Alloys, Satellite Radio, Nav, Towing Package.  
~~NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$44,665~~  
**WHOLESALE PRICE: \$29,877**  
**SAVE \$14,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!**

**2016 RAM 1500 TRADESMAN** NEW Retail Price: ~~\$36,650~~  
#D10086L • 4X4, CREW CAB, 5.7L V8 HEMI, ALLOYS, TOWING PKG  
**WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,877**  
**SAVE \$13,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!**

**2017 LINCOLN MKZ** NEW Retail Price: ~~\$42,990~~  
#P12491LV • RESERVE, ALLOYS, NAV, BACK-UP CAM, MOONROOF  
**WHOLESALE PRICE: \$21,377**  
**SAVE \$21,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!**

**LIKE NEW 2017 HYUNDAI TUCSON SPORT SUV**  
#H1341V  
  
All-Wheel Drive, Premium Alloys, Turbo, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats.  
~~NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$30,475~~  
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**Local Events, Arts, and  
Entertainment Listings**

*Open House*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/  
Boy Scouts)  
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER"  
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
Shepherd Hill Regional High School  
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA  
01571 Registration starts at 8:30am.  
Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team  
and \$40 for additional players. For  
more information contact us at john-  
paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our  
facebook page: Friends of John Paire

Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the  
John Paire Student Support Fund  
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed),  
High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. \*  
This tournament is open to anyone who would  
like to participate

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and  
unveiling of Anniversary Quilt  
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4,**

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE  
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm  
Tickets @EventBrite.com  
or at the library

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18,**

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -  
The First and Second Settlements  
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**APRIL 25 & 26**

2020 SPENCER FISH & GAME  
ANNUAL SPRING DERBY  
Large trout up to 11 pounds and Tagged &  
Golden Trout stocked for the event. Starts at  
8 am. Registration starts at 6 am. Purchase  
breakfast and lunch. Cash prizes and trophies  
Free to members. Fee for non-members or join  
the club. 155 Mechanic Street, Spencer, MA  
01562

**SATURDAY, MAY 2,**

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS  
at Pelletier Woods  
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 9,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).  
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00  
FREE

**SATURDAY, MAY 16,**

7K RUN AND FUN WALK  
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield  
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

**SATURDAY, MAY 30**

HISTORICAL TALK -  
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields  
(Spooners / Newton Murders)  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

HISTORY & DESSERT  
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield  
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**

COAST GUARD BAND  
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00  
FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20,**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, bas-  
ketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.  
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-  
3:00. FREE

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -  
EB Library - continues for five  
weeks.  
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

**SATURDAY JULY 25**

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -  
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
Parade & Fireworks  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield,  
1:00-3:00. FREE

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!  
Route 9, East Brookfield,  
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30**

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,  
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.  
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.  
\$15-\$20.00 pp

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central  
Massachusetts during the Revolution  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

HISTORICAL TALK -  
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"  
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

OPEN HOUSE  
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)  
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.  
FREE

ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND  
First Thursday of the month  
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41 Worcester Rd., Webster,  
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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS  
7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up  
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of every month from  
September through  
May. We discuss a  
variety of conservation  
programs to improve  
the local cold water  
fisheries, local fishing opportunities. Our  
annual High School Fly Fishing Championship  
(open to all MA high school students) And our  
annual fund raising banquet.  
Auburn Sportsman's Club  
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES  
July/August every Thursday 6:00-8:00  
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield. FREE -  
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