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Charlton Arts and Activities Center celebrates 10 years



CAAC Co-Chairs Barbara Benoit and Kristin Petrik accept a citation from State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost acknowledging the center's tenth anniversary.

BY JASON BLEAU

CHARLTON – A decade ago, a small group of volunteers and supporters of the arts came together on a mission, to bring a center of expression and artistry to the town of Charlton to cultivate the creativity hidden within the community. That mission would go on to become the Charlton Arts and Activities Center, a hub for community involvement and artistic education that celebrated its tenth anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Each year, the Arts and Activities Center plays host to numerous town events including play productions, the annual Blueberry Festival and Trunk or Treat and while most may only visit the facility once or twice a year to see it in passing through the center of town the center is constantly bustling with activity from cake decorating to visual arts and other forms of expression

embraced by locals young and

For the tenth anniversary, the center hosted a special get together and open house showcasing many forms of art including painting, acting, music and more to raise public awareness of the many different artistic talents hidden within the small town. Sandra Bacon, a founder of the center, said it has been a proud and humbling experience to see what the center has become over time.

"This was an abandoned building owned by the town just sitting here rotting away and our vision from the cultural council was to offer something for older adults and young people not involved in sports to give them an opportunity to learn about what else is out there," Bacon said. "I think looking at everything that has developed that goal has been

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Courtesy Photos

Young local painters show off their craft during the CAAC tenth anniversary event.

U.S. News & World Report names The Overlook among nation's best nursing homes

CHARLTON — The Overlook is among the 19 percent of U.S. skilled nursing facilities that have been recognized as a "Best Nursing Home for 2019-20" by U.S. News & World Report.

The Overlook earned Best Nursing Homes status by achieving a rating of "High Performing," the highest possible rating, for both their Short Term Rehabilitation and Long Term Care neighborhoods. U.S. News gives the designation of Best Short Term Rehabilition and Nursing Home only to those centers that satisfy U.S. News's assessment of quality measures such as the appropriate use of key services and consistent performance.

The Overlook Health Center is proud of this recognition for both our Short Term Rehab and Long Term Care neighborhoods. It reflects the unyielding pursuit of excellence in caring and clinical service. While many appreciate our wonderful facility and private rooms, it is the truly spectacular Team Members that this recognition reflects. It is our people that we are most proud of, as it is our people that make The Overlook such a special place.

Now in its 10th year, the U.S. News Best Nursing Homes Ratings and profiles offer comprehensive information about care, safety, health inspections, staffing, and more for nearly all of the nation's 15,000-plus nursing homes. The Best Nursing Homes Ratings reflect U.S. News' exclusive analysis of publicly available data using a methodology that evaluates factors determined to most greatly impact patient and resident care, safety, and outcomes.

"For the aging population in America, a nursing home should meet the specific level of care based on the needs of each patient or resident," said Kim Castro, editor and chief content officer of U.S. News.

"The U.S. News Best Nursing Home Ratings hone in on measurements like emergency room visits, quality of staff and proper distribution of medical and phys-

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Landfill rumors draw interest in Charlton

BY JASON BLEAUVILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Rumors have been swirling that the town of Southbridge could be exploring their own landfill project and Charlton's Board of Health is expressing interest if the rumors are true.

During a meeting on Feb. 18, Board of Health Chair Matthew Gagner said he had heard rumors about the project but also acknowledged "there's nothing to discuss yet." However, with growing concerns about the status of Casella and the continued partnership between the neighboring communities if such an initiative were fully green let it seems that Charlton, or at least the Board of Health, may be interested in being a part of that effort.

"They have a special committee in Southbridge that's working on that fiveyear plan, when it ends, what they're going to do. It's really outside of the control of the Board of Health," said

Board member Kathleen Walker said a committee in town has been working with Southbridge to set up a partnership for waste disposal. While the rumors of a Southbridge landfill may or may not be true, it does seem like the two communities are on board of work together on future endeavors.

"The Charlton Sustainability

Committee is trying to set up and meeting in Southbridge. We've been in contact with the chairperson of that committee" Walker said

mittee," Walker said.

Later, she added, "We're going to just kind of find out what they're doing and see if there's some way we can piggyback or take advantage of their knowledge."

It might be a bit premature to talk

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Plastics Hall of Fame bonors Dennis Tully

CHARLTON — Every three years, the Plastics Academy inducts individuals into the Plastics Hall of Fame. MTD Micro Molding is honored to announce that our late president, Dennis Tully, is one of the six posthumous inductees this year.

Inductees are elected by the living members of the Hall of Fame after a lengthy screening process. Tully will be inducted at the March 24 ceremony that is part of the Spring National Board Meeting of the Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS) in Washington, D.C.

"These new posthumous inductees proudly represent the length and breadth of our great industry, with a wealth of accomplishments in polymer science, engineering, manufacturing, equipment design and business management," said Jay Gardiner, president of the Plastics Academy.

A UMass Lowell graduate of

the plastics engineering program, Tully joined his father's company, Miniature Tool & Die Inc in 1989. Two decades later, he bought the business from his father.

Tully had a big vision for the company when he rebranded it as MTD Micro Molding in 2010, repositioning it exclusively for the medical device market and steering it to enormous success. MTD became known around the world for its mastery of highly precise, specialized miniature parts that no other company could produce. MTD manufactures medical components a fraction of a size of a sesame seed that perform critical functions like drug delivery and wound closure. Tully made numerous investments in innovation and R&D, often being the first injection molding company in North America to have the most stateof-the-art equipment or capabilities for producing micro medical breakthroughs. He



Dennis Tully

built the capacity to have the entire molding process, from tooling to packaging, done in-house to optimize the manufacturing process for validated production.

Under Tully, MTD more than doubled its workforce, became one of the nation's fastest growing companies, and won numerous awards. He grew the company from a \$1.9 million business in 2008 to \$8.8 million in 2019, an increase of 442% over a 10.5-year period. A testament to Tully's leadership and company culture, MTD has been twice named as a Plastics News Best Places to Work. Three times, MTD was named as one of the finalists for the plastics industry's most prestigious award before finally winning the Plastics News Processor of the Year title in 2019—becoming the smallest company to win the title in its 22 years. The announcement came only days after Tully's untimely passing.

Despite the company's accolades, Tully was always most proud of his staff, for whom he cared deeply. As Plastics News editorial director Don Loepp wrote, "Now the history

of MTD starts a new chapter, without its talisman, but with a strong culture and set of core values to keep it on the right track."

About MTD Micro Molding

Founded in 1972, MTD Micro Molding custom-crafts ultra-precision molded components that meet the exact requirements of companies in the medical device industry. In-house tooling, unparalleled bioabsorbable molding expertise, ISO 13485 certified systems, state of the art equipment - all under one roof. Our exclusive focus on bioabsorbable and drug delivery medical micro molding ensures successful delivery of complex custom products that nobody else can produce.

To learn more, visit mtdmicromolding.com or come tour our facility in Charlton.

Charlton officials increase social media presence

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - In an attempt to keep Charlton citizens better informed of town meetings and notices, the town itself is putting together a Facebook page, with selectmen approving a new policy for use of the social media account and related resources.

As one of his first major moves at Town Administrator in Charlton, Andre Gola brought forth a new approach to communication and an accompanying bylaw which selectmen approved unanimously during a Feb. 25 meeting. Gola said when he came to Charlton he realized the town didn't have its own

dedicated social media page which he planned to change to allow for easier access for meeting notices and other announcements for town residents.

"Currently, the absence of a town sponsored social media account really limits our ability to push out information that's relative to town business. I'm working to establish a town social media presence through Facebook and Twitter as an outlet to publishing the information for residents relative to the operations of town government," Gola

The Town Administrator then presented a bylaw which would control what could and couldn't be posted on that page and how comments would be handled including in circumstances where town officials felt inappropriate content was posted in the comments. The written policy received approval from all selectmen present and does not infringe on any previously agreed-upon contracts or the rights for other town entities to utilize their own established social media pages.

"Departments that currently use social media including police and fire rely on internal policies issued by department heads through their general orders. The intent of the proposed policy is meant in no way to limit anybody's free speech or infringe on any existing labor agreements, but this policy has been reviewed by the technology

committee and by legal counsel to conform with existing policies and laws," Gola said prior to the selectmen's vote.

Selectman David Singer further clarified that the olice apply only to the official town accounts on social media and does not affect anyone's ability to post on their own personal accounts. The Town of Charlton Facebook Page officially debuted the following day and will showcase town events, meeting notices and recorded meetings which are also available on the TVCharltonMass YouTube account for residents to view at their leisure.

New superintendent named at Bay Path

CHARLTON — The School Committee of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District, which runs Bay Path High School in Charlton, has chosen Worcester Technical High School Principal Kyle Brenner to succeed retiring Superintendent John Lafleche.

On Monday night, Feb. 24, the committee interviewed three candidates for the job. In addition to Mr. Brenner, the committee interviewed Dr. Brett Kustigian, the current Superintendent of Quaboag Regional School District, and Dr. Bethann Cormier, who currently serves as Bay Path's Director of Curriculum. At the end of three onehour interviews, Mr. Brenner received 11 of the 15 votes to secure the position. The Worcester Tech Principal accepted the job, and will negotiate a contract with the School Committee prior to its

Superintendent Current John Lafleche announced his retirement effective Aug. 7 at the September 2019 School Committee meeting. Mr.

dents from the towns of Auburn, Charlton, Dudley, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, and Webster. The current enrollment is approximately 1,145 stu-

Lafleche has served as Superintendent of the 10-town vocational district since July of 2012, and was Business Manager beginning in April of 2000. Bay Path High School accepts stu-

Milk bottle collectors convention to be held in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors (NAMBC) will hold its 40th Annual

Convention and Bottle Show at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge on May 1 & 2.



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The event provides association members and non-members the opportunity to share their knowledge and interests plus buy, sell, and trade milk bottles and other dairy items. The two-day event includes educational exhibits, an awards banquet, a hospitality mixer, educational seminars, and a large auction of milk bottles and other dairy memorabilia.

All attendees over the age of 16 must register at the Convention on Friday morning, May 1. Registration fees cover all Convention events, including the Saturday auction, except the banquet dinner. The Convention registration fee for NAMBC members is \$10. For non-members, the registration fee of \$20 covers not only admission to the Convention and auction but also a one-year NAMBC membership, which includes a 12-issue subscription to the full-color publication, The Milk Route.

The Convention's 40-year history is testimony to its popularity and vitality. Everyone is welcome to

attend! Pre-registration by mail is highly recommended prior to April 10.

To join the NAMBC's nearly 700 members, the annual membership fee is \$25; \$27 for Canadian addresses; and \$30 for international locations (via Air Mail). Membership includes twelve issues of The Milk Route, the official monthly publication of the NAMBC (with free classified advertising for members) as well as a printed directory of all members. See our Web site, www.milkbottlecollectors.com, for an application form to join and registration forms for the hotel and Convention-Bottle Show.

University of Maine announces fall 2019 Dean's List

of Maine recognized 2,572 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 1,754 are from Maine, 743 are from 30 other states and 75 are from 31 countries other than the

Listed below are students who received Dean's List honors for fall 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Please note that some students have requested that their information not be released; therefore, their names are not included.

Charlton: Grace MacGrath

Charlton City: Isabelle Boria

Northbridge: Ciara Larence

Sutton: Anthony Sullivan, Rose

Upton: Kyle Bernero

Uxbridge: Dylan King

Whitinsville: Mina Helinski

About the University of Maine The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission

Garden Club welcomes Nancy Engle

CHARLTON — Come and join the Charlton Garden Club at its Monday, March 9 meeting, which will feature Nancy Engle, a medical aromatherapist trained in the south of France, and owner of Goodness Remedies. Engle has studied aromatic plants for 25 years, and will be speaking on The Lavender Festival.

Charlton Garden Club meetings are open to all interested in gardening and related themes. Whether you're a novice or accomplished gardener, the Charlton Garden Club is a great place to meet other gardening enthusiasts, learn about plants and planting, and to share your gardening tips and experiences. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church. A \$5 donation is suggested for non-members. If interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Co-Presidents, Virginia Charette at (508) 248-7300 or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,561 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

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Church Listings

• Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main St. Pastor James Chase, 248-5550, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. www.fedchurchcharlton.org

· Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488,www.charltonbaptist.org, Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

 $\bullet \, Charlton \, City \, United \, Methodist, 74 \, Stafford$ St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.com Sunday worship 10:30 am, Sunday School 9 am • St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248 7862, www.stjosephscharlton.com, Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday Life TEEN 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, 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

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LPN named Reliant Medical Group employee of the month



Shawna Esposito

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumna Shawna Esposito, LPN of Hardwick was recently recognized as the employee of the month for the Reliant Medical Group, Orthopedics department. Esposito's employee of the month award is now followed by a nomination from one of the Orthopedic surgeons for employee of the quarter.

Esposito thanked Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for the education, training and opportunities she received.

"After I graduated, I worked for three years at Beaumont Rehab as an LPN on their subacute unit," said Esposito. "I was supervisor at night (of the building) which also taught me so much."

Now as a triage nurse at the Reliant Medical Group, Esposito finds that "triage has challenged me, the ability to assess patient's conditions over the phone with subjective information can be difficult but rewarding in its own

Further, Esposito adds, "This is so inspiring for me. I've been challenged and have gained confidence over these years and reflect on how it all began so often. I'm so thankful for the experience and opportunity to change my life in the most fulfilling ways possible through the LPN program. I thank Mrs. Bolandrina and all the staff at Bay Path for their guidance, support and oppor-

Esposito is praised for being a diligent former student who always went the extra mile, was a true asset to the PN Class of 2016, and represents the practical nursing education very well. Esposito qualified for the National Technical Honor Society and has volunteered as alumni mentor and tutored PN students in the past.

It is the mission of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School to facilitate current, integrated, and rig-



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Hannaford Helps campaign generates 7,600 pounds for Worcester County Food Bank

WORCESTER — Hannaford Supermarkets and its customers donated 7,620 pounds of food valued at \$12.345 to the Worcester County Food Bank as part of a hunger relief campaign that produced \$1.4 million dollars in nutritious food and cash to food banks and pantries throughout the Northeast.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger took place during the 2019 holiday season and included a you-buy-one, we-giveone component, whereby Hannaford pledged to donate identical products when customers purchased specific shelf-stable items, including applesauce, spaghetti, oats, green beans, and corn.

"Each year, we see the abundant generosity and caring of our customers through the Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program," said Ericka Dodge, Hannaford spokesperson. "Donations that help families and children who might not otherwise have enough nutritious food is a true demonstration of the impact we can all have in people's lives. We are grateful for the partnership and commitment of our customers in helping to make our communities a stronger place."

builds off the work that local Hannaford stores and distribution centers participate in daily. Hannaford donated nearly 25 million pounds of rescued food to Northeast hunger relief

The Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Campaign had three

• Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Boxes: Customers purchased boxes of food staples for \$10. The boxes are then donated to a pantry local to the store where it was purchased; or the customer has the option to keep the box and donate directly to another organization. Valued at \$930,000, a total of 93,000 Fight Hunger boxes were donated to hunger relief agencies throughout Hannaford's five state presence, including 6,600 boxes or the equivalent of 52,800 meals in Massachusetts.

• Register Donation: Customers donated money to a local food pantry, right at the register. The register donations totaled \$251,978, including \$21,740 in Massachusetts.

• Buy One, Give One: Hannaford donated specific products identical to those items purchased

by customers during a fourweek period. Through the Buy One, Give One program, Hannaford donated 383 cases of nutritious food, equating to 7,620 pounds valued at more than \$12,000, to the Worcester County Food Bank. The Buy One, Give One donations across the Northeast totaled 8,663 cases of food - or 175,000 pounds valued at \$238,520.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger has generated funds and products valued at \$11.5 million since the program began in 2008.

Championship chorus and quartets to perform benefit concert

p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge. The family-friendly concert includes performances of barbershop songs and popular tunes from Millennium Magic Chorus, the current Sweet Adelines International Division A champion.

Performing quartets include VOCE, the sixth place International quartet, and regional medalists Saffron and Phoenix Rising. All performers are members of Sweet Adelines International, a nonprofit educational organization of women dedicated to singing a cappella barbershop harmony.

Concert proceeds will benefit Southern Worcester County's homeless

STURBRIDGE — Come enjoy Sing shelter, St. Luke's Guesthouse, as well cation programs.

> General admission tickets are \$15, students and seniors \$12, children 10 and under free. You can buy tickets in advance at http://millenniummagic. bigcartel.com/ or buy at the door.

> Bethlehem Lutheran Church is at 345 Main St., Sturbridge. The church has ample parking and the building is handicapped accessible.

> For more information about the concert or barbershop music in the area, see Facebook. To hear Millennium Magic's amazing sound before the concert, check YouTube.





Come enjoy Sing into Spring on April 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge. The family-friendly concert includes performances of barbershop songs and popular tunes from Millennium Magic Chorus, the current Sweet Adelines International Division A champion.



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Local students named to Dean's List at Stonehill College

EASTON —To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered. The following local students were named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Stonehill College:

John Fields, Class of 2021, of Charlton Sophie Psuik, Class of 2022, of Uxbridge Brooke Vescera, Class of 2020, of Uxbridge

Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton, Massachusetts. With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and pre-professional fields. The Stonehill community helps students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character to meet their professional goals and to live lives of purpose and integrity.



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Harrington Auxiliary presents "A Story of Survival"

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Harrington Auxiliary pleased to announce a special event on April 22 at Cohasse Country Club featuring Lynne Grden, who will speak about her lifelong struggle with Cystic Fibrosis and arduous journey leading to a lifesaving double lung transplant.

Grden was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of five and faced many medical complications and physical challenges throughout her life. As her medical condition deteriorated, she lost her ability to speak and function independently and subsequently was placed on the donor list for a double lung transplant. Several attempts throughout the years to secure an appropriate match were thwarted and Grden eventually entered hospice care.

However, in 2015 a suitable donor was found and Grden was urgently flown to Cleveland Clinic where she underwent lengthy, but successful, lung transplantation surgery.

"I got to start my life over,"



Courtesy Photos

Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis as a child, Grden was unable to participate in normal childhood activities and had to rely on oxygen for life-giving sustenance.

said Grden. "Before I was so focused on just trying to

During the last five years,



Following her double lung transplant, Grden took advantage of "a new lease on life," engaging in various physical activities and fulfilling her dreams of international travel.

Grden has engaged in physical activities once unimaginable. She hikes, swims, travels and fulfilled a dream to visit Italy where she climbed Mount Etna.

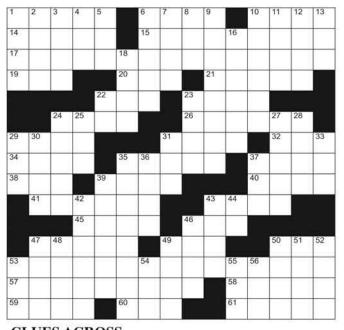
Grateful for the expansive community support she and her family received throughout her life and especially during her many hospitalizations, Grden now devotes much of her time as a volunteer and spokesperson for New England Donor Services (NEDS). She regularly shares her story of perseverance, resilience, faith, love of family and community, and hope for the future. Grden has inspired audiences at various community events, in hospitals, at medical conferences, high schools, church groups and professional organizations.

of Survival" Story recounts the obstacles Grden faced and overcame, thanks to an organ donor and a supportive medical team. In addition to relating her personal story, she will present alarming statistics that clearly indicate the importance of organ donation and dispel long-held myths and misconceptions about the process. The Auxiliary will make a donation to NEDS.

The Harrington Auxiliary invites the general public to attend Grden's presentation "A Story of Survival" on April 22 at Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge. Admission is \$25 and includes light dining options. A cash bar is also available.

The event begins at 5 p.m.; the presentation starts at 6 p.m. Registration is required; walk-ins will not be accepted. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 13. For tickets or more information, please call Harrington Hospital Volunteer Services at 508-765-6472 or email Auxiliary@harringtonhospital.org with Story of Survival in the subject line.

Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided by the Harrington HealthCare System.



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- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire 58. One-time Korean ruler
- 31. Path
- 32. Legendary hoops coach Riley 34. A citizen of Denmark
- 35. Flat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist 2. Famed composer
- 3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
- 4. Chief executive officer 5. Defunct Syrian political party
- 6 Thin wood 7. Polynesian garlands
- 8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
- 9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas 10. Multi-leveled
- 11. Influential diarist
- 12. Gambles 13. Many subconsciousnesses
- 16. Current unit 18. Illumination unit
- 22. Tantalum
- 23. Steps leading down to a river
- 24. Kids love him 25. Before
- 27. Fencing swords 28. Mountain range in China
- 29. Payroll company
- 30. A way to pack together

31. Business designation

37. Upper-class young women

38. Payment (abbr.)

40. Affirmative! (slang)

41. One who has a child

45. Workplace safety agency

46. Political action committee

53. State of being kept secret

47. Period of plant and animal life

39. Distort

43. Without

49. Swiss river

57. Hobbies

60. Born of

61. Assists

59. Sudden attack

- 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)
- 35. Forage fish
- 36. Greek temple pillars 37. Internet mgmt. company
- 39. Rouse oneself
- 42. In a way, covered 43. Elaborate silk garment 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Riley and O'Brien are two
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- 49. Poker stake
- 50. Trigonometric function
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Shepherd Hill awarded Skills Capital Grant

DUDLEY — Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito have announced \$14.6 million in Skills Capital Grant awards to 54 educational institutions to update equipment and expand student enrollment in programs that provide career education.

"Skills Capital Grants help preserve the Commonwealth's talent pipeline by funding expanded enrollment and equipment upgrades at educational institutions to provide more students with in-demand skills sought by employers," said Baker.

Shepherd Hill will be using its \$327,255 grant to upgrade and enhance its Innovation Pathways Programming in Engineering and Manufacturing.

Shepherd Hill William Chaplin reported that this award will go to very good use, and more importantly provide our students many more opportunities to create "real world relevant exposure" to today's engineering and manufacturing industry. Over the last several years, Shepherd Hill has continued to expand its offerings to meet the needs of a modern day educational classroom, as well as creating experiences for students to be exposed to student-driven and career-preparatory projects and experiences. This includes an expansion of our offerings within Engineering, Manufacturing. and the Biomedical pathways. Students will gain valuable curriculum and hands-on experience that will allow them to gain credentials and advanced manufacturing certifications.

This is aligned with the vision and view of Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Jeffrey Riley, who states "There $is a growing \, awareness \, not just \, in \,$ our schools, but in the research community that we must more closely match students' daily experience in school with the expectations they will encounter in college, in their careers, and as citizens navigating a complex world. This means asking students to work in ambiguous contexts, on meaningful projects with larger purpose, and both independently and in teams, all while connecting these activities to our state standards.

Chaplin stated that Shepherd Hill looks forward to continuing and expanding its Innovations and Pathways programs to align with this research and vision. Shepherd Hill looks forward to showcasing its updated Manufacturing and Fabrication Lab to the community in the fall, during of its open houses.

OVERLOOK

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ical therapy to help families make an informed decision," she said. "These ratings help individuals and their families begin their search for senior care and should be used in consultation with a medical professional and in-depth on-site visits.'

This year, U.S. News introduced a new rating focused on long-term care. The Long-Term Care Rating aims to provide prospective residents who need help with daily activities, and their families, with analysis and information regarding the quality of care provided by nursing homes. The rating includes data on staffing, success in preventing emergency room visits, and pneumonia vaccination rates, among other metrics.

"The inclusion of the new Long-Term Care

Rating in this year's Best Nursing Homes guide expands the quality of data-driven decision support for patients, residents and families choosing a nursing facility," said Zach Adams, senior health data analyst at U.S. News. "Here at U.S. News we understand that every person researching a nursing home is looking for qualities specific to their needs. We have updated our methodology to reflect multiple dimensions of care that matter when making this important decision.'

U.S. News also expanded the factors included in the Short-Term Rehabilitation Rating that assesses the performance of nursing homes in the care they provide to patients staying at the facility for fewer than 100 days. The quality measures included in this year's ratings include consistency of registered nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs, and success in preventing falls.



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Cornerstone Bank makes donation to StandUp For Kids Worcester

WORCESTER Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids, an organization whose mission is to end youth homelessness.

The Bank's donation will be used for youth services provided by the organization. These services include things such as bus passes, meals, hygiene items, ID fees, testing and training fees, clothing for interviews, pantry items, etc.

StandUp for Kids is a national non-profit organization that strives to provide life-saving and outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth. They support and guide them by providing counseling, mentoring, and life-skills training. The organization, run almost entirely by volunteers, has local programs in many states across the country.

"StandUp for Kids has always played an important role in our community," said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. "We are pleased to support this



Pictured, L to R: Worcester Chapter of StandUp for Kids Co-Executive Director Donna Katsoudas and Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee (CDC) Todd M. Tallman.

organization and their mission to end youth homelessness and improve the lives of children."

To learn more about the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids or to become a volunteer, please visit them online at www.standupforkids.org/ worcester or by calling 508-963-

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Nine garden planning tips for the greatest return



that produces sweet oblong fruit.

We've all done it...gotten overzealous in spring and overplanted or planted the wrong varieties for our tastes and needs. Make this the year you plan your garden for the best return on your

investment. First, prepare a list before placing your catalog order or making that first trip to the garden center. Without a bit of preplanning our carts end up filled with more seeds and plants than space available or varieties that are not suited to our growing conditions or our fami-

Make sure each plant you select provides the greatest return on investment by including winning varieties with a visit to the All-America Selections (AAS) website (all-americaselections. org). This non-profit trialing organization has test sites across the US and Canada that trial and select winning varieties for their taste and garden performance.

Review your favorite recipes and consider growing the ingredients you need on a regular basis. Salad lovers may want to plant a container of greens that can be harvested daily. Sandy Lettuce and colorful mild flavored Red Kingdom Mizuna are slow to bolt, extending the harvest into warmer months. Add some super nutritious Prizm kale for your morning smoothies and salads. Prizm's stemless stalks releaf quickly after harvest so you'll have a continuous supply.

Fill a corner of the garden or container with a small-fruited tomato or two for salads, snacking and other daily treats. Red Celano grape tomato (a determinate for containers) and the light-vellow sweet Firefly tomato (an indeterminate for vertical or staked gardens) are attractive and very productive, ensuring more than enough for your whole family to enjoy.

Add a bit of crunch and color by growing Roxanne radishes. And don't forget the cucumbers. Green Light cucumbers are seedless, sweet and prolific great for salads or a refreshing summer drink. Keep a constant supply of these ingredients by making small plantings throughout the season.

Grow several containers of tasty and attractive Delizz strawberries. These everbearing plants will provide a pretty pot of fresh strawberries throughout

the summer for your morning oatmeal or afternoon glass of wine.

Plant unusual vegetables you can't purchase at the grocery store. Roulette pepper has the look and citrusy flavor of a habanero without the heat. And you won't find anything like Yellow Apple tomato at

the store. It has small unique appleshaped fruit with a citrusy sweet flavor that's perfect for snacks or stuffing with

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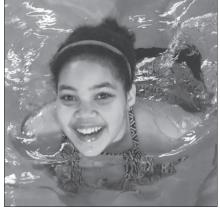
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Dedicate some space for those vegetables that are more expensive to buy than grow. Green peppers are a bargain in the summer, but the yellow, orange and red ones can cost two to three times more. Reduce the wait time and increase your enjoy-

ment with early maturing colorful peppers like Orange Blaze or the yellow sweet peppers like Cornito Giallo, Turn To GARDENING page A6

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* * Triday's Child * * *



Janely Age 12 Hi! My name is Janely and I like to draw!

Janely is a sweet and social young woman of Hispanic descent who loves drawing and making adults laugh. At times she can be quite silly! Janely also enjoys playing with baby dolls and Barbies, playing board games, and watching cartoons. Janely's social worker describes her as a talented artist with a "lovely" and "beautiful" personal-

At school, Janely is described as a kind and quiet student who is attentive and hard-working. She has been diagnosed with Epilepsy,

which at times can make it difficult for her to comprehend her school work. Janely is in a mainstream classroom and receives extra academic supports in the areas of math and communication skills.

Not yet legally freed for adoption, Janely will bring joy and laughter to a family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. An ideal family for Janely will have some experience caring for children with medical needs and will be able to bring her to multiple neurology appointments. A family must be open to helping her maintain relationships with her biological family, including her brother.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."



Barbara Benoit, one of two chairwomen of the center, said that the facility is the result of a true community effort to respect and embrace many different art forms and that she is proud that Charlton opened its arms so willingly to the idea and has continued to support it for so long.

"In ten years, we have come from absolutely nothing to what we are today. We have so many classes now, so many wonderful instructors in music, dance and theater. We're very happy with what we have, and we hope to continue adding more as time goes on,' said Benoit.

The day also saw state leaders pays a visit to the center to see what it's all about. State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost presented a citation from the House of Representatives congratulating the center on its tenth anniversary. Both called the facility and important part of what makes Charlton such a special small town.

'I think this is a great community resource. It's a great outlet for kids and adults alike. You don't always get to see an adult acting crew here in town, so this is great," Durant said. "I think this is quintessential New England. You have a small town where you can go, participate and be active in arts, crafts, acting, dancing, cake design and all kinds of things. It gives people the ability to be together as a group of people within the community to explore some avenues and interests that might only be available in bigger cities.

Frost echoed his colleagues thoughts and said he enjoyed the experience of witnessing the work of the center and it's artists first hand.

"Ten years of providing this community with an outlet for expression is outstanding. Just to get a little sample of what they do here is fantastic. It's a nice hidden gem here but it's a great place for an outlet for freedom of expression. It's a great facility. I look forward to the next ten years – I think it fits right in here in Charlton and I think it supports everything Charlton represents," said

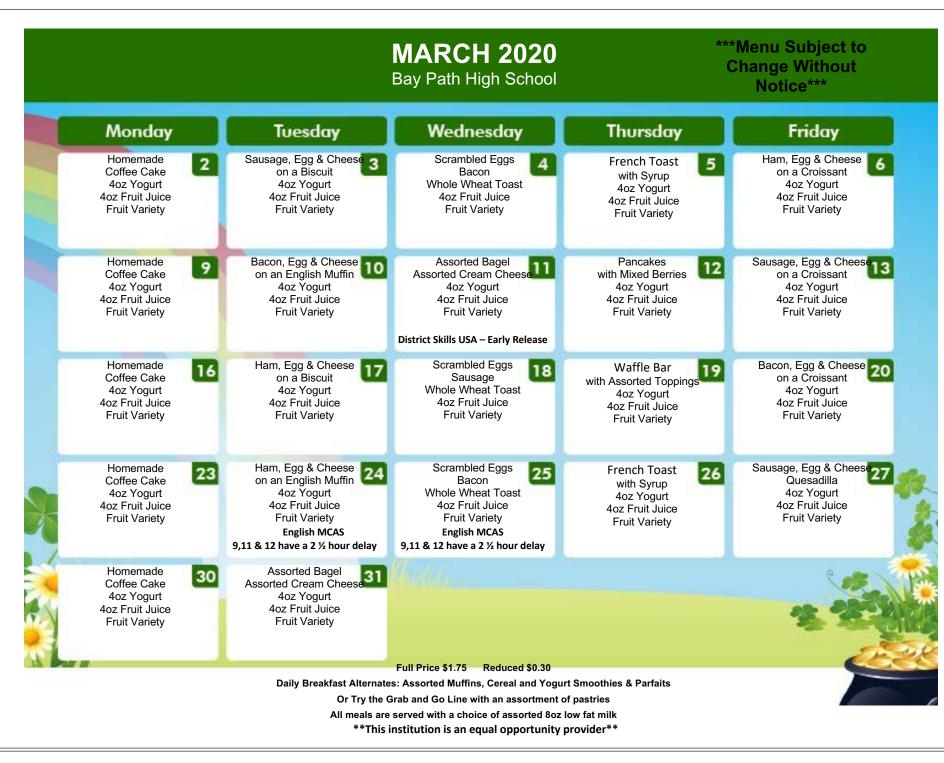
But none of the center's endeavors could be possible without the help of volunteers, which was something co-chair Kristin Petrik made clear in her opening speech for the main ceremony.

"The support of volunteers is really essential to our success," Petrik said. "Every hour of volunteer work improves an event's success, or it makes the ground look nicer, or gets information out to the public. All of that translates into a bigger and better CAAC. Every time you take a class here, you are not only supporting the instructor who is teaching the class, but you're supporting the CAAC so that we can continue to be a resource for Charlton and our neighboring towns."

The Charlton Arts and Activities Center's next event will be a production of Soup Du Jour in May and a production of "Coloring Book" in July before hosting the annual Blueberry Festival on July 26. For more information on upcoming CAAC events or how to volunteer and donate citizens can visit charltonarts.org.









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about any impending partnerships simply based on rumors, but the very idea of a multi-town landfill has certainly caught the attention of Charlton's Board of Health who have indicated their belief that having a landfill close to the town would likely be an attractive concept for not only town officials, but for citizens



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This is your year to produce a garden filled with just enough family favorites and unusual varieties that are less expensive to grow than buy.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Taste of the Town puts local eateries in the spotlight

CHARLTON - The town of Charlton played host to a special event focusing on the many flavors of the community, both literally and figuratively, with the annual Taste of the Town event on Saturday, Feb. 29.

The yearly gathering showcased numerous local restaurants, businesses and eateries including package stores, alcohol vendors, health companies, coffee roasters, international chains and beyond who all offered small samples of the different food options available through their businesses.

The event helps support the Charlton Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors fund, which, as the name implies, provides energy assistance resources for seniors in Charlton to help support the health and wellness of the senior population on a fixed income by offsetting heating costs, food, prescription medication and daily



Visitors take a chance on the many raffle items up for grabs donated by local businesses and restaurants.



This line of deserts from Francesco's Italian Bakery was irresistible to visitors.



Chefs from Ronnie's Seafood put together small bite-sized sandwiches with lobster and other seafood items for sampling.



The Castell and McKenzie families take a break from enjoying a selection of local food items. Western Son Vodka provided samples of their products for locals to enjoy.





Representatives of Power Nutrition offered samples of their drink items for guests.



Tree House Brewing Company was a popular table for taste testing.



Local students from Bay Path showed off their culinary skills at the event.



The Bertrands and Eagers, both of Charlton enjoy a taste of some local grub.



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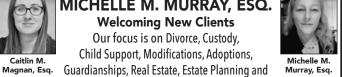


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Taking the Leap

This past weekend, we experienced a phenomenon that comes along once every four years — a Leap Day. This tradition of adding an extra day to the month of February has a more complex history than you might at first expect.

According to the Gregorian calendar, the calculation of a solar year comes down to 365.2425 days. Since the additional time must be accounted for even though Western culture has chosen to round a year's time off as 365 days, an extra day must be worked into the calendar every four years. The notion of an additional day originally came from Julius Caesar; however, it was Pope Gregory XIII who standardized the

As with all traditions, Leap Year has generated its share of lore over the centuries. In fifth century Ireland, it was only during a Leap Year that a woman could propose marriage to a man. St. Patrick, legend says, was the one who made such a designation, resulting in Leap Day being nicknamed Bachelor's Day. If a man refused a woman's proposal, he was required by tradition to provide her with a pair of gloves to hide the fact that she bore no engagement

In Greece, getting married on a Leap Day is considered bad luck.

A 'Leapling' is a person born on Feb. 29, and who can therefore only celebrate their birthday once every four years. The chance of a person being born on a Leap Day is one in 1,461. Those born on this day are invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies. There are also Guinness Book of World Records Leap Day record holders, the most famous among them a family which saw three consecutive generations born on Feb. 29. Tradition says that in Scotland, it is considered to be bad luck if a person is born on a Leap Day, or if a couple chooses to tie the knot on a Leap Day.

The last major change to the Gregorian calendar embraced by Western culture academics discovered that the timing was still off. Caesar's calculation that a year lasted 365.25 days was close, but still overestimated the solar year by 11 minutes. This caused the date on which Easter was observed to shift ten days further from its original position, the first Sunday after the first full moon.

It is our hope that all of you out there made this Leap Day one to remember... it truly is an event years in the making!

Views and commentary from Charleton, Charleton City, Charleton Depot and beyond

Finding the beauty in others

I love people. It is so rare for me to meet someone and feel that I didn't like them. I think what we look for in life and in others, we usually find. If we have a general mistrust of others, we'll find others untrustworthy. If we believe everyone is out to get us, we'll subconsciously work to make it true.

Our mind works overtime to make our belief system accurate, even if it's not. If you are suspicious of everyone, you will find bits and pieces of unconnected information and assemble them into a tale that conforms to your belief.

I've always loved and trusted people. And yes, I have been deceived, hurt and disappointed a few times but overall, when I expect the best intentions from others, I usually get it. I believe when people realize you expect the best from them, they don't want to disappoint.

I've only known two people in my entire life that I felt were dishonest to the point of almost being evil. One male and one female. One systematically tried to destroy an entire business organization because he felt slighted. He didn't care how many families were hurt or jobs destroyed. The other lied and deceived me in ways that I still find mind-boggling and did so purposefully and without regret. So yes, there are bad people in the world. However, the vast majority would never allow themselves to treat others as these two did. If I were to base my beliefs in human nature on the actions of these two, I'd live a miserable life, always on guard and suspicious of others. I choose to recognize that of the thousands I have met, those two were an anomaly. The overwhelming vast majority of people are good natured and kind.

Rather than focusing on a couple of bad actors, I choose to believe and expect the best of others. I like and trust everyone I meet unless they give me a reason to feel otherwise. And even if for some reason I meet someone who does, I certainly don't wish them any harm. You may not be a friend but that does not mean you should be my enemy. Why should it have to be an either/or proposition? As my mother use to say live and let live. I don't need nor want enemies in my life and I think most people with enemies helped create them.

Rather than making enemies, let's make a positive impact on others, friends or not. Make a lasting impression on others by being helpful and caring. Everyone you meet is going through something. Your kindness may lighten their load. Scripture (Philippians

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By Gary W. MOORE

2:4) teaches us that we should not only look out for our own interests but also take an interest in others. There is the old saying that says "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Being kind to others is easy. It takes no special talents or gifts. To make a difference in the lives of others, you don't have to be beautiful or handsome. You didn't have to attend an Ivy League University or graduate from high school. You don't need talent or any special ability at all. To make a difference, all you must do is care.

There comes a time in everyone's life when kindness is needed. I've met people who say that they don't need friends or the help of others. I always shake my head, realizing the fallacy of that belief. There comes a time when we all need someone and if we have never cared about others, how can you expect others to care about you?

To expect honesty from others, be honest. To make friends be a friend. To expect kindness, give kindness in advance. Creating lasting relationships is about investing your time and attention to create them.

As I've mentioned, I am currently fighting a health issue. I'm optimistic of my outcome, but I have been touched in ways that I never expected by the kindness of others. New friends, and old friends alike, have expressed their concern and offered encouragement. Friends have brought meals to our home, offered rides to distant hospitals and pledged their support in any way needed. Readers of my books and this column have called and written to me saying, "I pray for you daily." For me, that is better than any prescribed medicine or treatment.

I'm hopeful I will not need help, but I know it's there if required. I feel blessed. You can feel those same blessings when you reach out and become a blessing to others.

Who can you bless today with an act of friendship and kindness?

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Women may need extra steps to reach financial security

International Women's Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural



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and political achievements of women. women Yet, still face gender barriers as they seek achieve their financial goals.

can you address these challenges?

To begin with, you need to be aware of what you're up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn't disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82 percent of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than \$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women's Law

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few suggestions:

- Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don't come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to "max out" on your 401(k), you may still be able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can't contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions, but you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA. although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.
- Use Social Security wisely. You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you're married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50 percent of your spouse's benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)
- Look for every opportunity to save and invest. As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren't working full time, it doesn't mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it's part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA – and you should.

It's not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your

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Heads Up on Garden Planning



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Many a dreary winter's afternoon has been brightened by the thought of the first flowers of spring. From thumbing through floral seed catalogs to forcing indoor blooms, few simple pleasures compare to anticipating the first blossoms of the season. With an eye toward bountiful gardens, this week's column highlights the "how to" of forcing beautiful blooms from pre season branches.

And for those planning to cultivate a vegetable garden or fruit trees, a listing of the "cream of the crop" of seed catalogs follows below. So, curl up with a hot drink, grab a pen and paper to take notes, and prepare for some horticultural inspiration!

From Buds Blooms: Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a surefire way to infuse a bit of spring into your winter-weary space. Nearly any shrub

that blossoms in the spring is suitable for forced blooming. Here in New England, a perennial favorite is the historical Forsythia. The hardy, bright yellow flowers and long, woody branches make for an impressive live winter centerpiece. Other popular candidates include Pussywillow, Flowering Dogwood, as well as peach and apple trees.

To do: Prune branches that are beginning to bud from healthy, mature shrubs. Cut at an angle below a node, snipping evenly around the plant until you have several suitable branches. (As a bonus, the pruning will promote more blooms in the spring). Once inside, submerge the branch under water and make a fresh, angled cut on the bottom; if you split or smash the cut, the branch will take in more water. Immediately after cutting, place in a clean vase with room temperature water. If your house is dry, you might want to increase the humidity by loosely wrapping the branches in plastic wrap for at least the first few days or until buds begin to respond. Keep branches in a cool area, changing water every few days. Before long, the buds should open and you'll be

treated to the fragrance and

color of springtime for sever-

al weeks.

Note: Expect Pussywillow to bloom in about two weeks; Forsythia, two to three weeks; Apple, three weeks; Flowering Dogwood, three weeks.\

Seed Catalogs: A garden can enhance an outdoor living space like nothing else, and planning a garden is almost as enjoyable as reaping its many benefits. While online seed catalogs are readily available, few simple pleasures compare to cozying up on a chilly winter's day with colorful catalogs and dreams of a budding spring garden. Thankfully, many seed companies still offer old fashioned catalogs to thumb through and curl up with! With a flurry of catalog offerings on the market, choosing those that suit your needs can be a pleasant challenge. The following catalog company offerings are free, and allow for perfect perusing, planning and planting - of a spectacular spring garden!

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Catalog). Specializing in rare and unusual annual and perennial plants.

*W. Atlee Burpee & Co. 800-888-1447; burpee.com (Click on Request a Catalog at bot-

tom of page).

Good general catalog; one of the best known US seed companies. Sign up for 2020 catalog and receive \$10 off your purchase. Plus coupon for 25% off early plants.

*Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co.: (417) 8917; rareseeds.com (Click on Request Catalog at left of home page).

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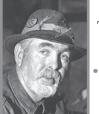
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Mother Nature puts a damper on ice fishing



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Ice fishing continues for numerous local anglers that have been traveling north to enjoy a bit of fishing. Unfortunately, this winter provided very little ice fishing locally. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club got tired of waiting for Mother Nature to make ice, so the club hired an ice breaker to remove some of the ice from the pond which allowed some limited rod & reel fishing this past Saturday. This week's picture shows Jim Lavallee, Vice President of the club breaking ice with his small pram and electric motor. Sometimes, drastic action needs to be taken when a few anglers want to go fishing. Many nice rainbow trout were caught as the two pictures show. The rain that was predicted for this week was expected to remove the remaining ice from the pond.

This is a good time to check out your fishing equipment, fresh & saltwater. The latest braided lines like Power Pro, last many years and do not need replacing, saving anglers a lot of money. Monofilament lines however do need attention, as they are subject to wear, and need replacing at least every other year. Mono lines often hold memory, and when cast have the line coming off of the spool in loops. Casting lines that have held memory from being unused for often only a few months, can ruin a day of fishing. Braided lines have solved that problem.

Almost every rod & reel that I own has braided lines on



them. Attaching 20 or 30 feet of mono to the braid works very well as leader material, and makes changing hooks and lures a very simple task. Rod guides need to be checked every year for damage or wear, but the ceramic guides that manufactures use on most rods today have a long life compared to the old guides. A new coating of lacquer to the guide winding's will ensure the winding's do

not become a problem.

Fishing reels today are very reliable and need very little care. Purchasing a new reel for your fishing rod can be very inexpensive if you shop around. You can find a good freshwater reel for less than \$50, but you can also spend a couple of hundred bucks for one. Fishing equipment has come a long way in the last 50 years, and they will last a





long time if they are given a little care after each use. It is extremely important to wash them off with some fresh water after each use, especially use in saltwater.

New fishing rods can also be purchased for a reasonable price, but can also cost over \$250 or more. If you are planning to purchase any new fishing equipment this year you should attend the Saltwater

Fishing Show in Providence, R.I. on March 27-29 at the Convention Center. If you fish fresh or saltwater you need to attend this show! There is an unlimited amount of fishing tackle under one roof, and there are professional anglers that can set you up with the proper fishing tackle to fit you fishing needs.

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





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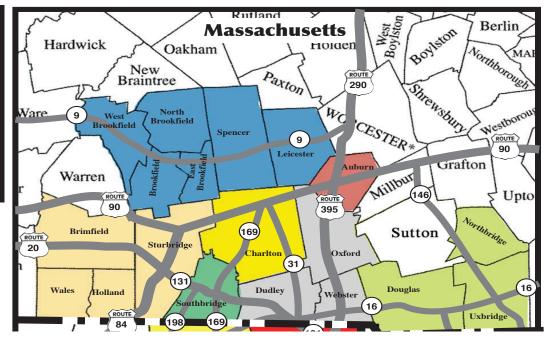
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Shepherd Hill produces well at All-State Track and Field Meet

BOSTON—On Feb. 22, multiple Shepherd Hill Regional student-athletes qualified to take part in the Indoor Track and Field All-State Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track. And the Rams' participants made the most of their bid to the Championship.

On the girls' side, Madison Marsh tied for second place in the 55-meter dash (7.33 seconds) after taking the top spot earlier in the meet in the preliminaries. Marsh also raced in the 300-meter dash, placing 16th.

Teammate Emma Sullivan was the runner-up in the 1,000-meter run, crossing the finish line in 2:54.55.

Afterword, Marsh and Sullivan, as well as Christina Gunsalus and Grace Bateman raced in the 4x400-meter relay, where they finished in 4:05.91 for ninth place, missing out on placing for points by one spot.

As a result, the girls accumulated 15 points and wound up tied for 10th as a team.

On the boys' side, Bryan Santos qualified for the 55-meter dash finals by taking seventh place in the prelimi-

naries. He then placed eighth in the finals with a time of 6.87 seconds. Teammate Kobe Jean-Guillaume also ran the dash and was the ninthplace runner.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Brock Dubey, Matthew Gard, Eric Lavoie and Eli Harmon also competed and took eighth place with a time of 3:32.02.

File photo

Shepherd Hill's Sullivan helped the Rams have an outstanding All-State Meet for this indoor track and field season.



Warriors' cold shooting night leads to season's end in loss to Quabbin



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Cam Varney reaches up to catch a pass over the outstretched reach of Quabbin defender Brendan Whitelaw.



Mikey Lucas of Tantasqua looks to drive the ball into the lane on a Quabbin defender.

BY NICK ETHIER

BARRE — Averaging 54.4 points per game, putting the basketball into the hoop has been Tantasqua Regional's kryptonite during the course of the 2019-2020 season, but the Warriors' boys' varsity team has been able to rely on a stingy defense (44.8 points against per game) to win 13 games and enter the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament as the No. 5 seed.

There, in the quarterfinals, Tantasqua matched up with No. 4 Quabbin Regional on Friday evening, Feb. 28. The Warriors exhibited strong defense to stay in the game with the Panthers, but again the offense sputtered out.

The end result was a 52-47 loss to Quabbin, ending Tantasqua's season at 13-8. Head coach Scott Dion looked to the start of the third quarter as the

pivotal moment in the setback.

'When we scored there was 1:30 or 1:23 left in the third quarter, that's the basketball game. You go six-and-a-half minutes without scoring, you shouldn't win," he explained, as the Warriors trailed by just two points at halftime (29-27) but then found themselves down by 12 (39-27) as the Panthers scored the first 10 points of the frame until Tantasqua's Troy Lee stopped the bleed-

ing with a jump shot.
"We kept playing and we have a great group of kids, we just struggled putting the ball in the basket. All year it has been a problem. And I'm not going to lie, I came into the year thinking I have four or five guys who can really shoot it, so if one guy has an off-night, we're going to find offense somewhere else and it has not panned out that way,' said Dion. "You know what that tells

me? The offseason is huge. Guys have got to shoot, and we've got to take game shots. Until we learn to do that, we'll have to continue to keep defending our [butts] off and pray for the best. A high school basketball team should be able to score 50 points."

The Warriors trailed by 10 points (41-31) as play entered the fourth quarter, where they exhibited some lockdown defense to be able to mount a comeback. Tyler Hall opened the frame with a free throw and Joe Groccia added a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 41-35. A Quabbin basket followed, but Groccia equaled that out with a pair of free throws.

Now trailing 44-37 after another Quabbin foul shot, Tantasqua's Mikey Lucas drained a 3-pointer. But the Panthers' Croix Jenkins followed with a 3 of his own, and teammate Dylan Hoekstra also hit a 3, as they opened up a 50-40 lead.

The Warriors remained resilient, though, and Hall made two free throws, Cam Varney drilled a 3-pointer, and Varney made a layup with 1:30 to go to trim the gap down to 50-47.

After Quabbin's offense was lulled into a 30-second violation by Tantasqua's defense, the Warriors had the ball with 23.4 seconds to go and a chance to tie.

With 10 seconds remaining, Hall let a 3-pointer fly from the left side. The shot nearly went in, but it rimmed out. Griffin Polga grabbed the offensive rebound, but he was unable to make his put-back attempt. Hoekstra (10 points) then put the game away for Quabbin with a pair of free throws with 4.3 sec-

Although Dion admitted that Varney (18 points) and Groccia (11 points) were the Nos. 1 and 2 options, Hall's 3 attempt was a "very good look."

"We generated a good shot because kids didn't panic," added Dion. "Hall is a good, capable shooter. He took the right shot — it just didn't go."

That was the case for much of the game, as the Warriors shot just 24.5 percent from the field and 25.8 percent (8 of 31) from 3. Points in the paint were also a problem for Tantasqua, as the Panthers won the battle on the block 18-6. Quabbin's Shea Skowyra (15 points, 12 rebounds) was the main downlow threat, particularly in the first half, where he scored 13 of his points and pulled down six of his boards.

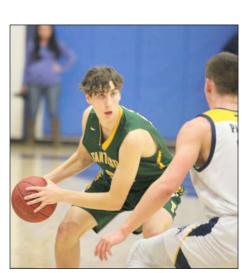
"He was a beast," Dion said of Skowyra. "We just kept trying to get the game going up and down a little bit, which isn't his strength. He's more of a

big post guy." Quabbin's T.J. Chamberlain was also a problem, scoring 17 points for Quabbin, including the first seven points of the third quarter when the Warriors' offense went cold.

One player who had the hot hand for Tantasqua in the early going was Varney. He notched eight points in the first quarter when the Warriors led 10-7 after the initial eight minutes.

"He started to become more aggressive getting to the basket, which then opens up the jump shots," Dion said of Varney's late-season offensive presence. "He's a slasher and an athlete, just a tough overall kid."

Quabbin (16-5) advanced to the tournament semifinals, where they were set to take on top-seeded Chicopee High (16-4) after press time.



Tantasqua's Hunter Hill stares Quabbin's Shea Skowyra down before making a move

BRIEFS

Charlton Youth Basketball to sponsor college scholarship

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CALENDAR

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Saturday, March 7

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Saturday, April 4

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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 Mediugorie 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-

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejeuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weighins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at

6 p.m. Want more information? Call or

text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at

brucep.oa@charter.net or visit oa.org.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more infor-

TRIPS OFFERED

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

BAY PATH ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

Wine Country Pacific Coast

9 days/8 nights April 6-14,

What's included: Roundtrip transfers, Motorcoach roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night pre-cruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and

valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip

Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

The Boston Red Sox vs The

Baltimore Orioles August 21 3 Days/2 Nights

23, 2020 What's Included: Roundtrip

motor coach, 2 nights hotel

lodging, breakfast at hotel, lower reserved seating to 2 ballgames, The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Guinness Brewery & More

\$549pp Double Occ. -\$679pp Single Occ. - \$539pp Triple Occ. - \$539pp Quad Occ.

For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

September 11th Museum & Memorial in NY City and West Point Academy

2 Days/1 Night May 14-15, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, hotel lodging, two (2) meals (1 breakfast & dinner theatre show), touring the Hudson River Valley & dinner theatre show and so much more!

\$399 pp Double Occ. - \$499 pp Single Occ.

For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact

Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Penn Dutch Country with the New Hit Show Queen Esther

3 Days/2 Nights September 23-25, 2020 What's Included: Roundtrip

motor coach, 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, ticket to "Queen Ester", touring and More! \$499pp Double Occ. - \$599 pp

Single Occ. For a brochure and complete

itinerary please contact Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Nova Scotia w/Tattoo Fest

featuring The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Bay of Fundy, Halifax,

Saint John, Annapolis Valley 5 Days/4 Nights June 29-July

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging Marriott Saint John - New Brunswick, 2 nights lodging -Westin Nova Scotian – Halifax, breakfast each morning (4), 2 scrumptious dinners, 1 lobster luncheon, guided tours each day and more!

\$1499pp Double Occ. - \$1899 pp Single Occ.

For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact

Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Montreal & Quebec Getaway 4 Days/3 Nights August 18-21, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging – Marriott in downtown Montreal, 1 night lodging -Quebec City, four meals (4), 5 meals, guided tours each day and more!

\$849pp Double Occ. - \$1159 pp Single Occ. For a brochure and complete

itinerary please contact Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

CHARLTON **SENIOR** CENTER

TRIPS w/Charlton Senior Center 2020 Our new Trip Coordinator is

Mary Lou Lepko. A few things to know: Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo.com

Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up

Trips are open to the public Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior Center

Mail payments to: Charlton Senior Center Trips, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 or bring into center and give to Elaine or Katherine. Please be sure to make checks payable to the company stated below.

You will be notified of pick up time & location

Bus pick up will usually be at St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext. in Charlton

April 17— FOXWOODS \$34 includes transportation, buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Make checks payable to: Fox Tours (payment due 3/17)

May 19 — CAROLE KING TRIBUTE \$94 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 4/17)

July 28 — GLOUCESTER HARBOR CRUISE LOBSTERBAKE \$135 includes transportation, Beauport Princess Cruise, Lobsterbake Entertainment & buffet, Dancing. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due

September 2 — LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE & CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS \$129 includes transportation, Lake Cruise, Luncheon, Visit to Castle in the Clouds. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of

Times (payment due 7/30) November 17 YESTERDAY ONCE MORE w/The Carpenters, ABBA, 5th Dimension, The Mamas & The Papas all in one show! \$92 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 10/15)

Dec 4-7 -A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN. Gaylord Oprey Hotel! 4 days/3 nights. Call for more info

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

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

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This

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

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors present a Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip. It will be 7 days and 6 nights from Sept. 20, 2020 through Sept. 26, 2020. The price per person/ double occupancy is \$689 and will include motorcoach transportation from Dudley, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, admission to Titanic: the world's largest museum attraction, 2 dinner shows, 2 evening shows, one morning show, free time in downtown Gatlinburg and a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an appproximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minstrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show.

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.

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochgure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own.

On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with Headliner Shows in Las Vegas, China, the United Kingdom and accumulated 3 EMMY AWARDS. The Texas Tenors will sing many of the Broadway Show Classics as well as many of your favorite Pop Songs. They were honored to be included among the Top 50 Acts in the World. This could be the Best Concert that you will see this year. We are traveling approximately 60 minutes to the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma.. For 99.00 included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Plated Lunch of either Chicken Parmesan or Baked Scrod, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minnestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show "Queen Esther". One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Secial Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called "Saturday Nigh Fever" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

Touring as Described and Tour Director Gratutites. Last years Trip sold out early so don't get left behind

Have you ever thought about visiting Nashville? Come along on a 4 Day/3 Night Trip December 4th -7th. Included are Roundtrip transportation to Logan Airport, Roundtrip Airfare to Nashville, 3 Nights of Premium Lodging, 7 Meals including a Sunday Brunch, An Exclusive Dinner Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys, Ticket and Show at the Grand Ole Opry, plus a Tour of the Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, a River Cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Tickets for a Holiday Show at the Opry House, Admission to ICE at Gaylord Opryland, a visit to Historic Studio B and a Guilded Tour Of Nashville. WOW!! Prices are 1949 pp Double and 2349 pp Single Occupancy which includes Tour Guides and Bus Drivers Gratuities as well.

Contact Sturbridge Recreation Department 508-347-2041, email recreation@sturbridge.gov for more information

For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes 2020@aol.com

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

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

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington: August 3-15, 2020

*Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

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

*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

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

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

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

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

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher. Filling up fast

May 19, 2020 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$30 - 8 - AM bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

September 15, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

October 13th - 20th 2020 - ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip. This is an all-inclusive trip - all flights, transfers, meals plus snacks, nightly entertainment, and alcohol included.

November 12, 2020 – Thursday – Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP

Trips are open to the public!

Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

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

STURBRIDGE RECREATION

NYC Spring Bus Trip Saturday, April 25 Shopping & Sight Seeing Cost: \$50 Per Person, *Driver Gratuity Included

Depart: 7:00 AM from Burgess Elementary School parking lot on your Lizak charter. A rest stop to be made along the way.

Arrive: Approx 10:30 AM for a day to do as you please in the wonderful Big Apple! Ice skating, shows, shopping, light displays, and more! Drop off will be as close to Rockefeller Center as possible.

Depart NYC: At 6:30 PM return to your Lizak Charter and enjoy a peaceful ride home. Arrive to Sturbridge by 10:00 PM.

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)- \$459. May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91. May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 26 - July 3 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International crossing, Hopewell Rocks Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899. Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329. Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. - \$579. Green Mt. Railroad Oct. 6 Tours w/Fox -- Newport Playhouse Nov. 19 w/Fox Tours \$101. Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to be put on the emailing list.

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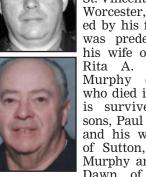
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Paul H. Murphy, 91

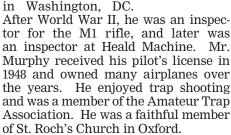




OXFORD – Paul H. Murphy, 91, of June Street, died Saturday, February 29, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, surrounded by his family. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Rita A. (Simmons) Murphy of Oxford who died in 2017. He is survived by six sons, Paul R. Murphy and his wife Jeanne of Sutton, James F. Murphy and his wife Dawn of Charlton,

John T. Murphy and his wife Patricia of Charlton, Lt. Col. Ret. William F. Murphy and his wife Letitia of San Antonio, TX, Robert J. Murphy and his wife Jo Ann of Dudley; and Major General Thomas E. Murphy and his wife Carla of Washington, DC; 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson, 2 nephews, and 1 niece. He was born in Holyoke, son of the late Paul H. and Winifred (Moody) Murphy, and lived most of his life in Oxford. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Mr. Murphy a trooper with the Massachusetts State Police for 20 retiring in years, He attended 1974. the Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotics Academy



A funeral was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Wednesday, March 4, 2020, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

paradisfuneralhome.com

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Robert A. "Smokey" Stoever, Sr., 88



SOUTHBRIDGE/ CHARLTON- Robert A. "Smokey" Stoever, Sr., 88, a former longtime resident of Southbridge, Wednesday, February 2020, at The Overlook in Charlton. He leaves his wife

of 59 years, Wilma M. (Castleman) Stoever. They were married January 7, 1961. Besides his wife he leaves 8 children. 5 sons: Richard Brian and his wife Dara of Putnam, CT., Robert A. Stoever, Jr. and his wife Susan of Southbridge, John Stoever and his wife

Paula of Southbridge, Michael Stoever of Southbridge, Mark Stoever and his wife Darlene of Sterling, and 3 daughters Bonita Stinson and

her husband Jeff of Gig Harbor, WA, Terri Gough of Charlton, and MaryAnn Wood of Leicester. He also leaves 16 grandchildren,16 great grandchildren, a brother Glen

and 2 sisters Barbara Williams and her husband Jim of Sioux Falls, SD, and Joanne Johnson and her husband Mel, of Worthington, MN, a sister-in-law Barbara Eigenberg of Worthington, MN, many nieces and

Stoever and his wife Susan of Minnesota,

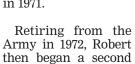
He was born in Heron Lake, MN, son of the late Albert and Grace (Lamaack) Stoever. He was pre-deceased by his brother Russell Stoever. He spent all his early years farming until being drafted to serve in the Korean War at the age

He then reenlisted and began a long successful career in the United States Army. A veteran of the Vietnam War, and later as an Officer,

Robert served our country for a combined 22 years earning several medals and recognitions for his time working in several capacities, including

as a Military Police Officer. His last

Recruiting brought he and his family to Southbridge in 1971.



20+ year career as a Campus Police Officer for Worcester Polytechnical Institute in

Worcester, MA. He enjoyed spending time with his family most but as an outdoorsman, he liked to hunt and fish. After retiring for the second time,he and his wife Wilma moved to Dade City, Florida where he began splitting his fan allegiance between the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays. They enjoyed 24 more wonderful years of new and old friendships, before returning home to Massachusetts to be surrounded by their family.

Robert lived his life to the fullest, and was loved by many, a testament to the integrity and passions that guided him. His values and ideals have left an indelible impression on his family and all those who knew him.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Overlook for their kindness, care and compassion, especially Kelly and the team on the 4th floor.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial donations be made to the ounded Warrior Project, P.O.

Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 and Alzheimer's Support Network, P.O.Box 839, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Calling hours will be Friday, March 6, 2020, from 5 to 7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial will be

private. www.san soucyfuneral.com

Donald R. Branconnier, 82



CHARLTON-Donald Branconnier, 82, of 72 Sturbridge Rd., died

Wednesday, Feb. 26 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Worcester. He leaves his wife

of 61 years, Chizuko (Nishiyama) Branconnier, a son Donald L. Branconnier of Winchendon, a daughter Patricia A. Coran and her husband Neil of Spencer, his sister Janet Sanders of Shrewsbury, three brothers William, Normand and Robert Smith of Worcester, several grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Edmond and Ida (Dalbec) Branconnier and later graduated from Commerce High in Worcester. He then served his country with the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Don was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker in Sturbridge prior to retirement. He also managed several area businesses over the years.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family in Worcester County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Veterans, Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, Ma. 01605.

J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 MAPLE TERR., SPENCER is directing arrangements for the family. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Mary-Jane C. Pevay, 84



D U D L E Y / SPRINGFIELD- Mary-Jane C. Pevay, 84, passed away February 22, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Victor and Jennie Richardson. Mary Jane graduated from **Arlington High School**

in 1952. She was predeceased by her husband of 48 years Joseph R. Pevay from the Boston area and they later relocated in the Springfield area. After his passing Mary-Jane later moved to Dudley in 2009, to be close to her loving family. She is survived by her brother Royden (Jacqueline) Richardson of Centerville. Other progeny include her three children, Kenneth (Susan) J. Pevay of Ludlow; Deborah J. Pevay of North Adams; and Judith (James) D. Kimble of Dudley. Three grandchildren; Aubrie (Michael) Lazar, Allison Pevay and her fiancé Connor Brimmer and Alena Kimble as well as nieces and nephews.

Mary-Jane was a loving wife and mother who valued family ties above all else. Her passion for life and people was felt and seen up to the end of her time, she always gave herself to bring joy to others. She loved life and treated each day as a gift from God to be cherished.

by everyone whose lives she touched. Calling Hours were Friday, February

She will be missed and remembered

28, 2020 from 4-7 pm at the ROBERT MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11 am in the Oxford United Methodist Church, 465 Main St. in Oxford.

Burial will be private at Hillcrest Cemetery in Springfield next to her beloved husband.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Mary-Jane's memory to the charity of your choice. To leave a message of condolence,

please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

to Obits@stonebridgepress.news

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90,

Nancy M Marlborough, 65



Nancy Marlborough, 65, of Woodstock, CT died Saturday, February 22, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center with her loving family and friends at her side. Nancy was born November 20,

1954 in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Joseph Thomas Ushinski and Hedwig Mary (Siemaszko).

She is survived by her mother Hedwig "Pat" (Siemaszko) Ushinski of Charlton. One sister, Elaine Kilroy of Woodstock, CT and her late husband Robert, her brother Joseph Ushinski of Delaware and her daughter at heart Charalee and her husband, Henry of Auburn, MA. and her beloved granddaughter Isabel. Nancy was also the most loving aunt to Timothy and his wife Jaclyn, Jonathan and his wife Elena, Nicole and her husband Oscar, Andrea and her wife Nicole and Gabriela. Nancy loved their children Liam, Braden, Liliana, Sebastian, Oscar, Skylar and Sloane. Her best friend Catherine Hurstack,

and close friend Mary Milks.

Nan loved all animals, big and small. She loved to cook, bake, garden, snuggle with her dog, Brody and spend time with her family and friends. Nan loved with her whole heart and made a positive difference to everyone she touched.

She was a passionate believer that every individual had the right to a full and vibrant life. She spent her 30 year career working tirelessly to provide a the best quality life to her clients.

A Celebration of Life was be held at 11am on Friday, February 28 at Samuel Slater's Restaurant, 200 Gore RD, Webster, MA. All who loved Nancy are welcome to attend.

Nancy's family would like to extend appreciation for the love and care she received from the Oncology staff on 8 North while at UMass.Bartel Funeral Home 33 Schofield Ave. Dudley is directing arrangements. wwwbartelfuneralhome.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's honor to: Life-Skills, Inc. South Central Residential Program 44 Morris St Webster, MA

Carmen Bruno, 73



SOUTHBRIDGE-Carmen Bruno, 73, of Main Street, died February Monday, 24, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after an illness. She is survived by her children Julio Cabrera of

Southbridge, Wanda Viruet of Charlton, Jhoan Jones and her husband Walter of Southbridge, her longtime companion of 25 years Modesto Aponte with who she lived, a brother William Bruno of Puerto Rico, and 2 stepsons Edwin and Javier Aponte and 2 step-daughters Melitza and Marisel Aponte. She also leaves her grandchildren Pedro Aponte, Jose Rivera, Janexia Rivera, Dominque Rivera, Julius Cabrera, Michael Torres, Jonathan Cabrera, Jarius Gordon, and Elijah Medina, and six great-grandchil-

Carmen was born in Manati, Puerto Rico, August 24, 1946, daughter of Benito Bruno and Carmen Leonor Melendez, and has lived here for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church (St. John Paul II Parish) and was a retired employee of the former American Optical Company where she worked for many years. She most enjoyed spending time with her family, and grandchildren.

The funeral was Friday, February 28, 2020, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550, with a Mass at 10AM at Saint Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA. Calling hours were Thursday,

February 27, from 6-8PM. Burial will be private.

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RALPH

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Each year, I find myself purchasing a "New Used "fishing rod or reel at yard sales. Some of them still have the plastic coating on them. I have always said you can never have enough fishing equipment. Last year, I accidentally closed my car door on a fishing rod breaking six inches off of the rod tip. Luckily, I had bought it at a yard sale. It still ticked me off, as it was a favorite rod of mine. Rummaging through a shed in the back yard, I managed to locate another rod almost similar to the one I broke. It worked just fine.

Fishing tackle is another item that I have plenty of. The price of fishing lures and plugs has gone through the roof. \$25 or more for a new saltwater plug is ridiculous. Attending numerous yard sales annually, I find myself finding some of these expensive items for only a buck or two. Some of the old wooden plugs purchased at yard sales are not worth a lot because of their condition, but they can become a valuable bait in my tackle box by adding a couple of new hooks and a fresh coat of paint.

Some fish caught this year have broken records as far as size and weights concerned. A monster lake trout weighing in at a cool 37 pounds was caught in New Hampshire at Diamond Pond this winter. Nice

fish. A large striper was also caught through the ice in Connecticut, which is extremely rare.

Some stripers do winter over at inlets and warm water discharges. The Providence River is just one of those areas that hold over schoolies all year, and sometimes a large one is caught. The Thames River in Connecticut, but out of state anglers need to purchase a non resident fishing license to fish the brackish water where stripers hang out. I had many good times fishing with the late Bob Tromby on the Thames

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LEGALS

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).

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

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

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

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

All bids are effective April 2, 2020 and expire April 2021.

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 & INSTALLA-**

TION 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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installation Removal and disposal of existing posts and Re-installation of galvanized guardrail panels with 6 feet and 3 inch post spacing. Price includes furnishing and installing posts, polyethylene offset blocks and all necessary hardware. 2. Per L.F. Guardrail Removal & Installation

Removal and disposal of existing guardrail. Furnish and installation of state spec guardrail with 6 feet and 3 inch post spacing. Price to include panels, posts, polyethylene offset blocks and all necessary hardware.

3. Price per L.F. Guardrail Installation

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Andrew Golas Town Administrator March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16th at 6:35 p.m. regarding the transfer of an all alcoholic Liquor License filed by Yogesh Patel of The Sturbridge Host Hotel at 366 Main Street, Sturbridge MA 01566. This hearing will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street Sturbridge, MA. March 6, 2020

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. regarding the transfer of a Wines and Malt Beverages Liquor License filed by Lee Palmer of Hemlock Ridge Golf Course at 220 Holland Road Fiskdale, MA 01518. This hearing will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street Sturbridge, MA. March 6, 2020

Public Hearing Notice

The Charlton Water and Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:40 pm in the Selectmen's meeting room, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA to discuss and consider increasing the Sewer Rate Surcharges.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear on the date and time specified or submit concerns in writing to Sue Guerin at Sewer Plant Office located at 8A Worcester Rd., Charlton or email at susan.guerin@ townofcharlton.net. February 28, 2020





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DUDLEY - 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced 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 Flr! 2nd Flr 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 Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler &



DUDLEY - 7 − 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All



DUDLEY - 61 Townfarm Rd! Charming 7 Rm Cape Set 1.9 Acres! This 3 Bdrm Home Completely Renovated 2015! Updates Include - Roof, Windows, Siding, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Furnace, Electric Panel, Well, Septic, Driveway & More! Ideal Open Flr Plan! Cabinet Packed Granite Kit w1sland & SS Appliances! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Hrdwds! Frplc Liv Rm! 1st Flr Master Bdrm! Office or 4th Bdrm! Custom Tiled Bath w/Laundry! Upstairs 2 Spacious Bdrms w/Hrdwd: & 2nd Full Bath! Large Paver Patio! Shed! Gorgeous Views! **\$299,900.00**



Featuring Newly Remodeled Stainless Steel Applianced 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



ON DEPOSIT

lst Flr Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! \$169,900.00









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 Eatin Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake







WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4.700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc! 1/2 Bath + 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/Frolc & 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 18! Open Fir Planl Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Fin ac Dipte Closest: Zino Burili Widole Closest: Pini Batti on Hall: Finished Walf-Sill Lower Level W25' 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



WEBSTER LAKE - 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! \$369,900.00





the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views!

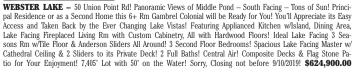
out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front &

Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! \$499,900.00



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 Flr Plan! Appliance Granite Kit wilst, Recessed Lights, Tile Fir & Water Viewl Din Area wSlider to Deck! Sunken Frptc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Fir & 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 Walkout Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLITS 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 - 5 SURREY LN

Gently Used 5 Bdrm Colonial, or 4 Bedrms & Game Room! This 24 x 28 3 Car Garage HAS HEAT! Open Concept Kitchen, Dining & Living Room, Full bath, Beautiful Granite Counters w Breakfast Bar, Second Floor - 5 Over-sized Bdrms! Bath & Laundry Rm



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BROAD BROOK, CT 52 HILLSIDE FARMS DR

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

SORRY, SOLD!

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.

WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



2 Family - **1st Floor** 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open Kitchen. Fully Applianced. 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**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD **B** III 7 SORRY, SOLD!

Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Grantle and s/s applianced kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, WJetted tub! Walk in closels. Two car garage, Radiused calvalk on upper level! A walk up attic. Walk out lover level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property!

assisted sale \$499,900.

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Motivated Seller! Cape that has been completely remodelled!, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/ mbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w loft. New septic.

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.

Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots water/sewer access Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre, artesian \$130,000. well, Septic Design, Etc. Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage

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 applianced kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system.

THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



There is No Place Like Home! ~ beautiful newly constructed home! 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.



Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 seson sunroom with ateched deck Living room wifreplace! 1st fir omce. Recent water filtration system, fumace, heater, and oil unk. Passed Title V, well okay.

assisted sale \$299,000

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



ATTENTION DEVELOPERS

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

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

Highly possible to be subdivided.



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 & **NEW PRICE \$299,900** shore frontage available.



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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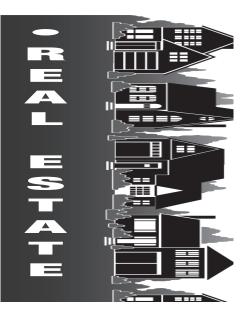
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SOUTHBRIDGE: Royal Barry Wills Cape in exclusive Country Club neighborhood! Elegant 8 room 3 bed 3 ½ bath home! This home was designed for entertaining! Formal dining room, formal living room with fireplace, open custom kitchen to dining area & wonderful family room with another fireplace! Off family room is

floor office! Pegged hardwood floors. Upstairs s master bedroom with master bath plus double closets, 2 other spacious bedrooms plus ull bath. Fun fun fun in your finished lower level with pool table, plus multiple closets & laundry room with loads of shelving. Level back yard w/gardens. Attached 2 car garge. View of Cohasse Country Club. \$415,000.

Quaboag Pond! ! rooms 2 bedroom 2 baths! First floo has updated kitcher ivingroom, bedroom & full hath. Master suit on second floor with wonderful water view. Loaded with windows. Bedroom, full bath, water n closet plus another room-big enough fo family room and office. Full basement. Level I

with plenty of parking, easy ac recreational lake! **\$329,900.**

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versized deck & enclosed sun filled porch. 1st

SOUTHBRIDGE: Great package deal! Three buildings! Well maintained church in pristine condition! Beautifu entry way. Inspiring stain glass win dows. Seating for up to 350 people Balcony seating. Elevator to lower level for a Meeting Hall with kitchen & 2 baths, PLUS Rectory- a stately Brick home which consists of 11 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. All rooms are

to garage with workshop & storage. \$485,000

Commercial Rental Spaces available throughout the Town of Southbridge. Rents vary in size and cost. All have great visibility being on Main St or just off. Call for details!



Open House

12 Mill Rd - \$304,900



Dudley: Neighborhood setting country feeling, 3 bedroom, fireplace, 25x 15 family room, new roof, electric. Hardwood floors throughout.



Woodstock, CT: 21+ acres, cedar log home, 4 bedroom, private setting, surrounded by wildlife

Paxton: 3 outbuildings, 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 car garage, wide pine flooring, 1 acre

521 Pleasant St -480 Rte. 197 \$264,900

Developers Opportunity for a 55+ Community in Dudley

Legacy Landing: 8.61 acres, potential for 22 units. Town Services - water and sewer. Near golf course, shopping, college, highways.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

DUDLEY

12 Hill Rd

\$304,900 11-1

ReMax Advantage 1 Joanne Szymczak 774-230-7669



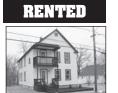
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Patrick Sweeney 774-452-3578 Top 10 Producer of 2020



WEBSTER, MA - \$1300/Mo. 6 Summit Street 3 Bdrm Apt., First, Last, Security. Completely remodeled, brand new appliances incl. W/D





WEBSTER, MA - \$288,900 90-A Sutton Rd. 3 Bedroom. Raised Ranch



DUDLEY. MA - \$248.500 5 Fairview Ave Under Priced, Needs Work



To have your open house listed in this directory. Please contact Patricia Owens 508-909-4135



OXFORD, MA - \$234,900 44 Depot Road 3 Bedroom, Ranch. Recently Remodeled



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Beautiful Colonial-style home w/3 BR 2 full BA on 2 private acre Mary Collins 860-336-6677

Pomfret \$349.000 NEW PRICE



A beautiful Ranch style home w/4 ious BR & 2 full BA on 2.5 acres Property boasts a huge 2100 SF heated 6 car garage! **Kevin Houghton** 774-280-2145

Plainfield \$164,900 NEW PRICE



1835 Colonial WOW property! 5 BR/1.5 BA, 2 car attached. Catherine Howard 860-234-2901

Woodstock \$735.000



Exceptional medical office building located in Woodstock 8,790 SF of space including 5,738 SF of finished space John Downs 860-377-0754



Rare opportunity to rent a sm. horse farm! Fully furnished 4 BR house, 4 stall barn w/paddocks & riding ring on 6 + acres! Available July 2020 **Gelhaus Realty Group:** Kristen Kaskela 860-377-0118



Pristine, turn-key medical office condo. Part of a 4 unit Hillside Professional office complex that takes care of common area maintenance Mary Collins 860-336-6677

Sterling \$649.900



Sensational home on 20 acres 5362 SF. 4 BR plus in-law. gourmet kitchen, great room w/stone fireplace, 3 car attached garage Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343

Putnam, \$319,000



New build with over 2,000 SF including a master suite & versatile floorplan to meet your needs! **Gelhaus Realty Group:** Danielle Kiser 508-243-1074

Union \$575,000



Stunning 5,000 SF home with all the bells & whistles on 6.5 acres!

A home for a lifetime! Gelhaus Realty Group: **Brooke Gelhaus** 860-336-9408

Putnam \$319,000



Renovated historic home Prime commercial district. Large parking lot.
1st flr BA incl. handicap Big yard! Home, business or both! John Downs 860-377-0754

Putnam, \$319,000



New build! One floor living at its best! Time to pick the layout and finishes of your dream home! Gelhaus Realty Group: Danielle Kiser 508-243-1074

Thompson \$225,000



Country Ranch w/finished walk-out lower level 1 car garage, large deck & patio. 3 BR, 2 BA Mary Collins 860-336-6677

Pomfret \$729,900



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4 BR, 3.5 BA, 12+ acres This Colonial has been restored & is move-in ready!
Zoned for commercial & residential use! Open a bed & breakfast! Gelhaus Realty Group: Kristen 860-377-0118

Brooklyn \$499,000



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Hampton \$72,900 15.8 acre lot 1 mile from Pomfret line on Rt. 97. 1.5 acres clear & level for your dream house & barn. Have survey & old perc test results. Farm Country! Robert Viani 860-264-5921

Voluntown \$46,900 4 acres. Unique and picturesque lot some wetlands. 357 feet of frontage. Raw land.

Robert Viani 860-264-5921 Woodstock \$69,900 10 acre gently sloping wooded parcel

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Robert Viani 860-264-5921

Planfield \$36,900 2.9 acre corner lot. 600 ft. frontage on

Wauregan Road and Moosup Pond Zoned RA 60 Robert Viani 860-264-5921 Putnam \$125,000 Commercial lot with .27 acres on Ken-

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Entertainment Listings

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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 johnpaire3on3@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. 3 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,

108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.

FREE SATURDAY, APRIL 18, HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)

The First and Second Settlements

East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE SATURDAY, APRIL 25

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

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

7K RUN AND FUN WALK Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids SATURDAY, MAY 30 HISTORICAL TALK -

Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / 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

COAST GUARD BAND East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 OPEN HOUSE

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

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.



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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield,

1:00-3:00. FREE

Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

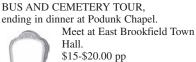
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30



NOVEMBER 7 HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution

East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)

Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

OPEN HOUSE

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OPEN HOUSE

HISTORICAL TALK -



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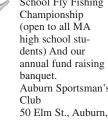
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Application for Employment, found at www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources.

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Lynn.Dyer@townofcharlton.net.

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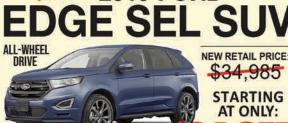
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