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# Rescind vote fails to get required majority



Charlton residents cast their vote for whether or not to rescind Article 27 during a town meeting on Aug. 1

Jason Bleau photo

### SECOND VOTE TO ALLOW RETAIL WILL GO TO BALLOT

**BY JASON BLEAU** VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — A group of around 470 residents of Charlton turned out for a town meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 1 to discuss two articles relating to the future of marijuana sales and production in the town.

The meeting was part of the ongoing debate about both recreational marijuana sales and the controversial zoning regulation called Article 27, which were the subjects of their own individual articles on the agenda. Both articles were brought forth through a petition that gained over 250 signatures last month. The result was almost two hours of debate, emotionally charged commentary, and differentiating opinions on an issue that some have said is dividing a

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CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Selectmen has approved increased hours for finance director and town accountant's office with the hope of filling a vacancy left by the departure of Assistant Town Accountant Monica Redmond.

Redmond has left the town of Charlton to take the treasurer position in Brookfield, not West Brookfield as previously reported. As a result, town parties have agreed that expanding the position is in the best interest of the town especially in

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# **BOH targets Burlingame Road** properties for voluntary testing

#### BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — A few residents on Burlingame Road in Charlton will soon be selected as potential properties of interest for new tests after the Board of Health made the decision to be proactive in detecting contamination issues.

While there are no current contamination concerns on Burlingame Road, recent years have brought many such issues to the forefront and with Burlingame Road close to the town landfills members of the Board of Health have decided to seek out volunteer property owners who would like to have their wells tested to make sure contamination is, in fact, not a concern.

Board of Health Chairman Jon Sanborn said this is not the first time these tests have been discussed by the board and stressed that these proposed tests are not due to any known

issue in that area but are simply an attempt to ensure no contamination exists.

"This was discussed at a couple of recent Board of Health meetings where members had approached the subject and actually voted last month to pursue voluntary water testing on Burlingame Road private wells, a sampling of six or eight homes voluntarily. This would not be at the cost of the home owner," Sanborn said. "It is downstream, so to speak, from our landfills and because of what's happened with some other folks in town not just with landfill but with ExxonMobil we want to be proactive and know about something before it happens to see if it is an issue."

Testing was done at a number of homes more than 10 years ago, however those tests have since become antiquated.

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## Gobi supports reuse of industrial properties

BOSTON- State Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) offered an amendment to the Economic Development Bill that would create a Task Force to develop a strategy on the best way to encourage and incentivize the Redevelopment of Old Industrial Mill Buildings in the Commonwealth.

"The creation of the task force would finally begin the

process of taking a comprehensive look at how best the Commonwealth might look to incentivize, and redevelop, the large number of old mill buildings that exist in the state," said Gobi. "Many of these buildings sprung up right next to the Commonwealth's many rivers and waterways at the turn of the century to take advantage of their ability to

produce hydropower, which powered the state's first industrial mills. Many still hold the potential of being small generators of renewable energy that could be added to the state's energy portfolio."

"Our old mill buildings are an iconic piece of our history, but they can also be part of our future. As we have seen with the Ludlow Mills, these buildings offer prime redevelopment opportunities, whether it's in new housing or new businesses like local breweries and distilleries. We could even reclaim their original purpose of using our rivers to produce clean, renewable energy for local communities. This task force will look at all of the above and make recommendations that we can use to spur local economic growth and create jobs," said Sen. Eric P. Lesser (D-Longmeadow), who authored the Economic Development Bill as Senate Chair of the Committee on Economic Development.

Western Massachusetts, like so many other parts of the Commonwealth, contains

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### CHARLTON CAPSULES

### ANNUAL ART SHOW

As a part of Old Home Day, the Charlton Cultural Council sponsors the annual Art Show in the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Labor Day. Art Show Entry Forms are available at the Charlton Town Hall and at the following link: http://www.townofcharlton.net/forms/OHD\_ArtShow.pdf. All forms must be post marked by Aug. 24; completed forms can also be brought to the Charlton Library. Applications received the week of Aug. 27 will be subject to late registration fees. Preregistration Fees as follows: Youth (12 and under) – Free; Young Adult (13-17) \$5; and Adult (18 and over) \$8. A portion of the funds raised will be used to support a scholarship for a graduating Charlton senior in the local school district. Non-cash prices will be awarded to youth and young adults. Cash prizes will be awarded to adult winners.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

WORCESTER - Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 2 of the 2017-2018 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth. Among the Charlton students are: Jake Hughes, Grade: 11, First Honors; Owen Hughes, Grade: 9, First Honors; and Isabelle Samko, Grade: 12, First Honors.



### Car Buying Tips

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People ask Place: My new car tion to passengers in every seating position. Ford seems so complicated. Why do I even has available inflatable seat belts to provide rear passengers even more security. Anti-lock braking systems, stability control systems, adaptive cruise control, automatic climate control, intermittent wipers, infotainment systems, allwheel drive, 6 and 10 speed automatic transmissions, power windows and door locks, back up cameras, electronic ignition and fuel injection are just some of the things we have seen in todays cars that weren't in those classic cars we love. In a passenger side windshield wiper was an extra cost option. We love those old cars and trucks. They sure are great to admire. Look closely at the new cars and trucks and marvel at the things they can do. The advancements are incredible and much more is coming to improve the next generation of transportation.

Send your questions to BillLeavitt@FordPlace.com



# **Beatles for Sale** to perfrom



Beatles For Sale returns for a free, all-ages performance at the beautiful Overlook Performing Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Keep in touch with us at www.faceboook.com/beatlesforsaleband.

Beatles For Sale is an award-winning, New England-based Beatles tribute band that is committed to recreating the sounds of the Beatles live in concert. This band of musicians was drawn together by their love of Beatles music and the desire to keep the music alive, bringing it to a whole new generation of Beatles fans.

But don't expect to see Beatle wigs or Sgt. Pepper suits. They feel that the most important thing about the show is the music. What you will see is a fun and energetic performance complete with original instrumentation and vocal harmonies that are as accurate as possible to the original Beatles recordings. There is no "sampling" or pre-recorded tracks - everything is performed completely live.

Beatles For Sale has been entertaining audiences since 2007 with a repertoire that consists of over 150 songs from the Beatles catalog.

More info: www.BeatlesForSale.net.

The band includes Dan Kirouac on vocals, keyboards, acoustic guitar, and percussion; Mike Christian on vocals, and drums; Steve Caisse on vocals, lead and rhythm guitars; and Joe Budroe on vocals and bass.

## **Excitement** in the Air

#### SUBMITTED BY CINDY COOPER

Imagine what it was like when General Lafayette came through Charlton on Sept. 3, 1824: "Is he here yet?"

"The North Side has never had such an important visitor before."

"I hope he arrives before it gets dark. It will be an honor to see this patriot who did so much to help our country win freedom.'

"Look! That must be him inside that elegant carriage. Those white horses are beautiful, and their harnesses have gold mountings.

'Daddy, I can't see!"

"Stand at attention, men. Our militia must give General Lafayette a hero's welcome. Thankfully, cavalry from Dudley, Southbridge, and Sturbridge, under the command of Captain Shumway, are here with us to show our appreciation to him.'

"He's getting out of his coach... Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

"This well-deserved applause is getting drowned out by all the cheering."

"There's General Lafayette, exchanging greetings with his old friend, Lieutenant Dunbar.'

"Could you hear Rev. Mr. Rich's speech?"

"This is what he said, 'General Lafayette, the inhabitants of Charlton hold in grateful remembrance the very important services which you, sir, have rendered their beloved country. They cordially unite with their fellow citizens throughout the Union in the heart-cheering congratulations excited by your recent arrival in America and visit through the states. Accept, sir, our assurance of a hearty welcome, and the expression of our best wishes for your personal happiness'."

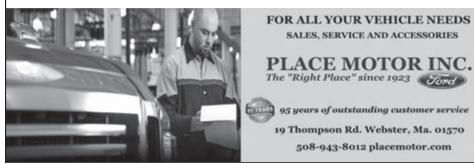
"And General Lafayette replied, 'The repeated expressions of kindness and esteem which I have received since my arrival in this country render me unable to express the high delight with which I behold the grateful sensibility of the American people'."

"I wish there was room for me to join him while he eats at Wilson's Coffee House. We would have so much we

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could talk about."

"He's coming out now, shaking hands with everyone who's lined up to see him!"

"Mount up, troops. It's our cavalry's privilege to escort the General as he heads toward Sturbridge."

"I can't believe the crowd is applauding all over again. They must be sad to see him go."

"That 'Welcome Lafayette' banner above the road in the city is quite a greeting.'

'His carriage stopped. We better be alert, troops.'

"Look, he's reaching out and shaking hands with the all residents standing there.

"Not only that, but he's thanking them for their kind welcome!"

On second thought, we don't need to imagine what Lafavette's visit to Charlton was like. Much of it was reported in the Massachusetts Spy newspaper of Sept. 24, 1824.

Better than reading about it, we can see an enactment depicting the event on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the militia lot and the Rider Tavern, 255 Stafford St., Charlton. All are welcome to this free event. For more information call Katie Richards at (508) 344-6121.

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# **Construction has begun** at Harrington ED



Harrington has begun construction on its new Southbridge Emergency Department. This project has four distinct phases; the first is expected to take six months to complete. We acknowledge this is a very challenging project, and we are working diligently to do everything we can to accommodate our patients and visitors to minimize disruption. Our emergency department will remain open during the entire construction process, but modifications will be made for patient entrance, security and parking.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 3, the current entrance to the ER was closed off for construction. Patients and visitors are now routed to a new temporary entrance adjacent to the construction area (see photo). We will continue to employ the same security protocols as

This map outlines the new parking and entrance.



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the safety of our patients, visitors and employees remains a top priority.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. Should you have any concerns when you arrive, please reach out to our Public Safety or ED staff; everyone is doing their best to make this process as smooth as possible. We will keep you updated as the phases progress on this project. We are all looking forward to the new Southbridge ED at the completion of this construction!

# Get out and geocache next week

#### BY GUS STEEVES VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Centuries ago, people sometimes created little caches of coins in odd places hoping they'd be able to reclaim them. Most didn't, to archaeology's benefit.

Today, many people create them hoping other people actually take those coins. The old ones are gold caches, the new ones, Geocaches, and this week, hundreds of people from at least across the Northeast will descend on Sturbridge and vicinity to see if they can find dozens of them.

From Wednesday to Sunday, Aug. 15-19, the Chamber of Commerce and Sturbridge Tourist Association are sponsoring the 4th annual C-Mass GeoFest, featuring several new caches as targets for a "first to find frenzy," Chamber President Alexandra McNitt said. Their GPS coordinates won't be released until this restrictions on GPS signals. weekend.

These events "really look like a bunch of friends getting together to hang out," she said. "We pull people from a lot of different places. It's just remarkable how friendly everyone is. Some of the people haven't seen each other for years and it's like old home week."

For those who haven't done it, geocaching is a game using any GPS-enabled device to find hidden boxes, buckets and other small containers in the woods, businesses, parks and various other odd places. When you find one, the idea is to leave a message and sometimes a little token, while taking one. Some people have claimed finding thousands of them.

The idea was born in May 2000, just after the US Government eliminated its "selective availability"

According to geocaching. com's history page, the very next day Dave Ulmer of Oregon "wanted to test [the upgraded technology's] accuracy by hiding a navigational target in the woods" outside Beaver Creek, OR, and posting just its GPS coordinates online with one "simple" rule: "Take some stuff, leave some stuff." The name "geocaching" was born later that month, and over time people started planting their own caches around the world. Later that year, Groundspeak, Inc., the firm that runs geocaching.com and keeps the global archive of geocaches up to date, formed.

Since then, the caches have taken on lives of their own. Some are still item caches like the original ones, but there are also puzzle, gadget and challenge caches. Some require you to figure out how

to get into them. Some involve playing a game or other activity, among other things.

'In the immediate area, we have nearly 1000 caches hidden," McNitt said, noting "six avid local geocachers" helped organize the festivities and she helps connect them with local businesses to plant caches on those properties.

This year's GeoFest features a long list of events for newcomers and veterans of the hobby. Some are just to hang out; others actually involve finding stuff. Wednesday starts with a Trivia Night at Teddy G's at 8 p.m. Thursday features a "Paint and Sip" event at Brush It Off at 6 p.m. On Friday, you can find caches, get ice cream and hang out with farm animals at Westview Farms from 2-4 p.m., with a night caching event at Brimfield State Forest at 8 p.m. Saturday's "Main Event" at Westville

includes too many things to list, including cacheing, food and Scout-related activities. Sunday features a new event, the Kayak Cache Flotilla at Long Pond at 9 a.m., with several new caches in the area. Things conclude with the Send Off party at Rapscallion Brewery at 2 p.m.

"We're aiming to bring people to the area to shop in our shops, eat in our restaurants and stay in the area hotels,' McNitt said. While she's supportive, she admits she's only a minor geocacher herself.

"I have 22 finds. Not a lot. It relies on a gadget, and I rely on so much gadgetry at work that I usually want to throw the thing in a pond [afterward]," she said.

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### GOBI

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many old Mill Buildings that could benefit from such a comprehensive redevelopment plan.

Gobi's amendment directs the task force to formulate a plan on how best Task Force, to be appointed by the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, would consist of:

The Secretary of Housing & Economic Development (or his designee) (1), who will serve as Chairman.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs (or his desig-The Chairmen of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology (2)

### <u>Police Logs</u>

### **Charlton Police Department**

Arrests/Summons: July 22 - August 4

vehicle

William Ebersold of Oxford: Warrant: Resisting arrest; Being a fugitive from iustice

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can assist these structures in being re-developed, rehabilitated, and revitalized to encourage economic activity.

"I strongly believe that the task force should prioritize redeveloping these old industrial mill buildings by encouraging these sites to become centers that utilize and produce renewable energy sources," Gobi added.

The primary goal of the Task Force is to create a comprehensive strategy to help incentivize the redevelopment of these old mill buildings. The task force will review existing state and federal tax incentive programs and renewable energy production, create an inventory of existing mill buildings, investigate potential uses, identify strategies to improve their energy efficiency, and prevent their further structural and environmental degradation. The task force will also explore innovative permitting processes, zoning regulations, and building codes to encourage redevelopment.

Gobi's amendment calls for the task force to meet and issue a report, including legislative recommendations to the: Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and the clerk of the House and Senate, by August 1st, 2019. The membership of the Mill Building

The Director of MassDevelopment (or his designee)(1)

4 members of the state legislature, 2 from the House of Representatives and 2 from the State Senate, who represent communities with Mill buildings (4)

The Director of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (or his designee) (1)

2 owners of old mill buildings, one active and one inactive (2)

Representative of the 1 Massachusetts Utilities (1)

Representative from 1 an Economic Development Organization

3 Representatives of Massachusetts Planning Organizations; 1 from the western region, 1 from the central region and 1 from the eastern region.

For more information please contact Senator Gobi's office at 617-722-1540.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

Alberto Rivera of Southbridge: Operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registration

Bartholomew Chenevert of Southbridge: Possession of a class A drug; Possession of a class B drug (2 counts); Possession of a class E drug; Creating a risk of serious bodily injury to a child; and Larceny under \$1200.

Chastity O'Neil of Southbridge: Speeding; Attaching number plates; Operating an uninsured motor vehicle; Operating an unregistered motor

Jake Tomlinson of Charlton: Larceny over \$250; Receiving stolen property under \$1200; Warrant

Jeffrey Coulter of Webster: Speeding; Negligent operation of a motor vehicle; Operating with a revoked license (HTO);

Mark Fitts of Charlton: Warrant (3X) Brian Partridge of Brookfield: Operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license

Michael McMahon of Thompson, CT: Operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license

Robert Sandman of Southbridge: Warrant

Lukas Ladarola of Stateline, NY: Operating with a revoked license (HTO)

Rafael Delgado of Springfield: Larceny over \$250 (2 counts); Receiving stolen property under \$1,200; Vandalize property.





# Tornado rolls through Webster



*Gus Steeves photos* Even in the midst of destruction, kids find something worth exploring.

#### BY GUS STEEVES STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Webster joined Southbridge, Charlton, Brimfield and Uxbridge, among others, as a member of an unenviable Central Mass club Saturday when a tornado rolled through downtown Saturday morning.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency reported 25 people were left homeless, one was slightly injured, and three buildings need to be demolished, while several others are temporarily uninhabitable.

"I kept getting tornado warnings [on my phone]. I'd just got out of work and come home," said Brian Walsh of Union Street. "I could tell something was going to happen. [The sky] just didn't look right. Then the wind picked up, the rain started going sideways, trees started bending. That transformer [he pointed across the street] exploded. It was the loudest thing I've ever heard."

Despite all that and his girlfriend "screaming for me to come in," Walsh weathered what he described as "two or three minutes" of tornado on his home's second floor porch, capturing it on his phone's video.

"I've always liked weather and always wanted to see a tornado," he said, noting the closest he'd previously come was being at the edge of a microburst.

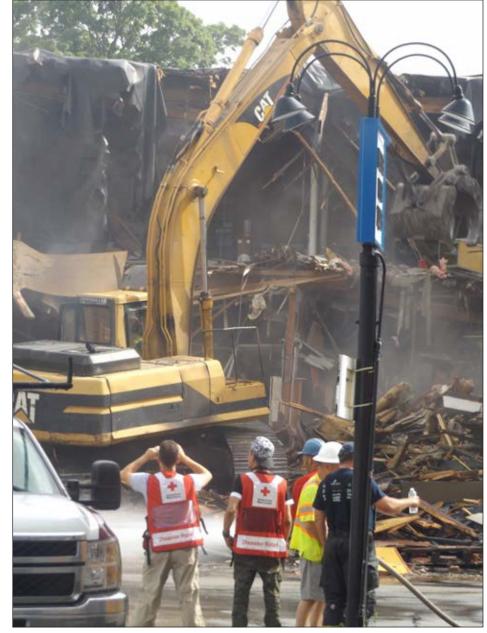
He was lucky. The storm seems to have at most grazed his house, while it shattered trees right next door and left the street behind him (Wellington) blocked. Over on Main Street, it caused the front facade of the former Webster Music building to collapse into the street and sent a large slab of the roof of the neighboring market into the sidewalk. Both had been vacant for years.

On Saturday afternoon, a crane was in the act of demolishing Webster Music. Steve Watroba of Dudley recalled that place fondly, since he'd worked there during high school and occasionally afterward, but noted it was in bad shape long ago. Among other things, he said he'd visited it a couple months ago and found the "mildew smell from the garbage was bad," and the roof was already collapsing.

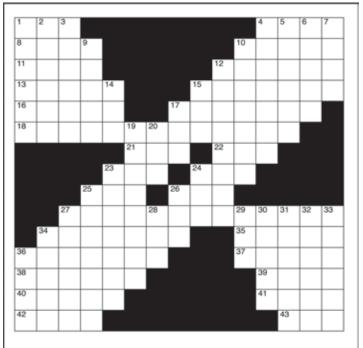
"This [tornado] is a Webster beautification project at its best," he quipped. "It's going to become a nice, marketable empty lot right there."

Behind that site, Jim Stochaj owns three buildings. He said all of them are salvageable, but estimated it'll cost \$150-200,000 to repair them.

He was at home when a friend from Woodstock called to tell him about the tornado.



Red Cross staff stop to watch the demolition of the vacant Webster Music building.



### CLUES ACROSS

Political action committee 24 Legislator (abbr.)

thought Woodstock had been hit and he was calling about his house" at first, he admitted. But as the conversation went on and the friend reported the Webster Music building's collapse, he realized it was his River Court buildings the friend meant. Stochaj quickly called several contractors he knows and got down there to find the roof a mess and water inside everywhere. By mid-afterthe noon, one group of people were ripping out the soaked insulation and ceiling panels



Contractors drag a huge bag of soaked insulation and other debris to a waiting dumpster on

- 4. Where sauces cook 8. Type of horse 10. Heavy sword (Brit.) 11. \_\_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island 12. A type of burner
- 13. Spanish island
- 15. Rapid alteration of a
- musical note
- 16. Where priests work
- 17. Most impoverished
- 18. Tom Petty's band
- 21. Luke's mentor -- Wan
- 22. No longer is
- 23. Mandela's party

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who is rejected
- 2. Suitable for crops
- 3. Per \_\_, each
- 4. Indulges
- 5. Preoccupy
- 6. NIN frontman Reznor
- 7. Posted
- 9. Infamous Ukraine village
- 10. Bizarre

architect

- 12. One who loves to read
- 14. The products of human
- creativity 15. Extinct flightless bird of
- New Zealand 17. Famed Chinese American

- 24. Legislator (abbr.)
  25. A type of "zebra"
  26. The common gibbon
  27. American icon
  34. Hunting expeditions
  35. What a princess wears
  36. Switched gears
  37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)
  38. Serves
  39. Darken
- 40. Fencing swords
- 41. Middle English letter
- 42. Go slowly
- 43. A type of flute
  - 0.77
- These can be used to burn trash
   Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Peter's last name
- 25. Offered as a prize
- 26. French river
- 27. Young woman
- 28. A pot has one
- 29. Of the ears
- 30. Full of parasites
  - 31. Dole out incrementally
  - 32. Citrus fruit
  - 33. Hearty
  - 34. External form 36. Turn violently

while another was putting a tarp on

the roof. At the end of the street, several neighbors were busy taking chainsaws to the trees that came down in their yards, while National Grid and state Department of Conservation and Recreation crews were doing the same thing in other parts of downtown

On Wellington Street, several people were using a tree arched across the street as a walking cutthrough to go around closed-off Main Street, even River Court.

though the tree had taken down several power lines. (One man said he thought National Grid had severed them, but two Grid employees later urged caution because of them and the fact the ground was still wet.)

Richard Kalldian was one of those walkers. He lives on Brandon Road in Dudley, near the other end of the tornado's short path, and said he saw it come by at about 10 a.m.

"Next thing you know, I can't see nothing, just a big gust of wind," he recalled. "You could hear it coming down the street like a train."

Although his neighborhood saw a few trees down, it generally escaped notable damage, he said. In fact, Brandon Road and Hill Street were the detour around Main Street.

The National Weather Service website noted trees were reported blocking Schofield Avenue and other nearby streets that morning and "several granite slabs were lifted and thrown

[into] the roadway" there. The same storm system (although not, apparently, the tornado itself) caused damage across southern Worcester county and northeastern Connecticut, flooding roads, downing trees, and ripping off the siding of a Grafton building.

Kalldian once lived in Southbridge, so he was familiar with the tornado of 2011. "This is little compared to that, but it's still a mess," he said.

To Sarah Hernandez, the storm's arrival was marked by "a humming sound" when "a black thing came over here." She said it came from behind her house (on Wellington) and "the whole house started shaking." Her air conditioner blew out of her window, and a tree crashed through one on the home's back side, where a tree removal crew was sawing it up as we talked.

She said the storm reminded her of living through an earthquake in Lima, Peru, in 2007, when she was on an overseas student program. She still experiences some PTSD from that.

"I got scared and ran to the back of the house," she said. "I was like 'Please God have mercy,' and we're still here."

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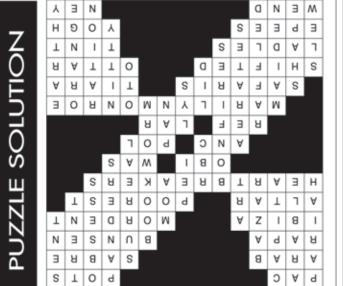
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# Attendance at signing for law recognizes support



Representative Paul Frost(R-Auburn), Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Tricia Tarentino, Sharon Tarentino, Auburn Police Chief Andrew Sluckis, Ronald Tarentino Sr., Danielle Tarentino, Caitlin Tarentino, Elaine James, and Representative Kate Campanale (R-Leicester) attend the signing of the Municipal Police Training Fund bill. (credit: Josephine Pettigrew, Office of the Governor)



Representative Paul Frost(R-Auburn) and Governor Charles Baker at the signing of the Municipal Police Training Fund bill

BOSTON — Representatives Paul Frost (R-Auburn) and Kate Campanale (R-Leicester) were joined by the family of recognizing the police departments and families across the Commonwealth that have lost loved ones in the line of duty. The Governor and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito then presented the Tarentino family and Chief Sluckis with a ceremonial pen to commemorate the bill becoming law, as well as to the police chiefs from Yarmouth and Weymouth, where recently two police officers (Officer Sean Gannon and Sergeant Michael Chesna) were killed in the line of duty in separate incidents. The Governor also remarked that more needs to be done in support of law enforcement.

The bill supports direct funding for the Municipal Police Training Fund, which was created as part of the criminal justice reform law passed earlier this year. Money from the fund will be used to provide enhanced training for new recruits and veteran police officers alike, including additional regimens for school resource officers, detectives and sexual assault investigations.

Representative Frost said, "This bill will provide consistent funding our local police departments can count on for training and professional development. It is the least we can do for our men and women in Blue. Auburn, Yarmouth, and Weymouth know far too well the extreme risks our police face each and every day in protecting us. This program and its dedicated funding source will truly enhance the great work our local police do in serving and protecting the public. Certainly, more needs to be done in supporting our police in their duties, and for their families, but this is an important step in the right direction and I look forward



Representatives Paul Frost(R-Auburn) and Kate Campanale (R-Leicester) look on as Governor Charles Baker signs the Municipal Police Training Fund bill into law.

to working with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, fellow legislators, and our police chiefs and officers in making more progress."

"I've heard from many police chiefs as well as officers about the necessity of continued police training", said Campanale. "These Officers, who put their lives on the line everyday constantly face new situations and emerging and threats, and this dedicated revenue will ensure adequate funding for training on an ongoing basis. Public safety is our number one priority for our communities and effective training is an essential component of effective policing."

"I was honored to attend the bill signing at the invitation at the Governor. I appreciate the Governor's comments that more needs to be done to support our local law enforcement officers. I am happy both sides were able to make this Municipal Police Training bill work," said Chief Sluckis. "Hopefully, we can achieve the same result on the peer-to-peer support bill currently in the Legislature, given the fact 73 officers have committed suicide this year."

the late Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. and Auburn Police Chief Andrew Sluckis to attend the signing of H.4516, An Act relative to the municipal police training fund, into law on July 25, 2018. Governor Charles Baker welcomed guests into his office with a few words

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regard to preparing employees for the future.

Redmond was slated to undergo training that would prepare her to fill in, or even potentially succeed, Finance Director Donna Foglio someday, but town officials agreed to, and increased, hours from 20 to 38 per week, making it a full-time position, would help Charlton remain a competitive workplace when compared to other towns in the commonwealth.

The increased hours would be allocated to the finance director and town accountant office rather than the treasurer/collector's office as previously reported according to Treasurer/ Collector Joanne Savignac, who contacted Stonebridge Press to clear up issues with the previous article.

Savignac also noted that the need for additional hours has certainly been seen in the finance director's office, with Foglio already working a full week. The goal will be to maintain competitive salaries and hours to keep employees in Charlton.

In July Foglio, herself stated that this is not the first time increased hours for the assistant town accountant has come up. Foglio joined Charlton in 2017. Previous reports indicated that Foglio also acted as treasurer, however this is not the case.

Selectmen have approved the expanded hours to be allocated to the finance director's office. The Finance Committee must also approve the request.

\*Stonebridge Press has issued this story by request to clear up inaccuracies in a story printed in our August 3 issue of the Charlton Villager\*

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## Pan-Mass Challenge draws thousands despite rain

STURBRIDGE – An August tradition launched without a hitch Saturday morning as thousands of bicyclers rolled out of the Host Hotel to partake of the Pan-Mass Challenge. With a goal of raising \$52 million this year, the 38-year-old event raises funds to support fighting cancer at Dana Farber Hospital, Boston.

'Everybody knows and understands the impact cancer has on everybody's lives, and that's why we're here," said seven-year volunteer and former rider Marcia Cummings of Sturbridge. "I can't discover a new cure or medication, but I can help those who do."

"It's completely contagious,"

agreed rider Kathleen Vander Laan of Marblehead. "Every step of the way is one inspiration after another.

Vander Laan has also ridden the route for seven years. It's the only major ride she does, and she noted she starts training in late May.

According to the PMC website, the event drew more than 6300 riders from 13 nations and most US states. Sturbridge is the starting point for the longest ride (190 miles), but others converge on its end point in Provincetown from Wellesley and Bourne. Some riders only do half of the total, and others do what are essentially giant circles beginning and end-

ing in Wellesley.

Because of the huge number of volunteers, Cummings noted all of the funds raised go to Dana Farber. The website lists various sums riders are supposed to raise based on their mileage and when they register. For example, those who do both Saturday and Sunday, on various routes, or just the Sunday Bourne-Provincetown section should raise \$4900 if they register before March 1, but \$8000 after that date. Others are lower, down to \$600 for teens doing a Sunday 25 or 50 mile stint starting in Wellesley.



A rider helps another rider adjust her bike shortly before takeoff.



Even though Saturday's ride got a bit wet, making sure riders have water is critical to their chances of finishing the route.



"I love to swim!"





McKenzi is an affectionate, outgoing eleven-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. McKenzi loves to cook, swim, paint, watch television, play with her dolls, collect Shopkins and spend quality time with her friends. McKenzi's favorite food is macaroni and cheese. Her favorite athlete is Michael Phelps and her favorite singer is Ke\$ha! When she grows up, McKenzi's dream is to become a professional chef.

People who are close to McKenzi

would say she is hard working, caring, and a good role model to others. McKenzi is a sixth grade student who does well in school and works at grade level. Her favorite subjects are art and math. McKenzi likes going to school because she enjoys learning and getting to socialize with her friends.

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A batch of bikers take the first turn onto Route 20.



Riders depart through the PMC's characteristic red gateway.



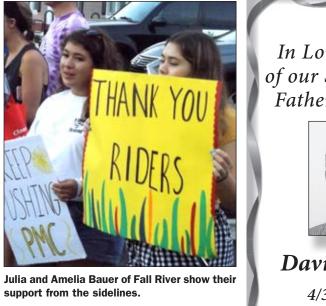


Richard Hannon collects bikers' gear for transport to the end of stage one at Mass Maritime Academy in Bourne.



Kathleen Vander Laan gets a new jersey from her husband Mike McLaughlin and fellow volunteer Marcia Cummings.

One of the volunteers breaks up the bike racks for transport to Bourne.





In Loving Memory of our Son, Husband, Father and Brother



# David A. Powell

Something will remind us We never know when,

It might be something someone says, And it all comes back again

> The times we spent together The happiness, the fun,

Once again, we feel the pain Of life without our Son

It's said that time's a healer I'm not sure this is true,

There's not a day goes by Son That we don't all cry for you.

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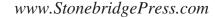
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### EDITORIAL

# Definitions of a political entity

In an age of political correctness, we cringe at certain words. We do not wish to offend, or at least some of us don't.

Others just let that freak fly.

But that is for a different essay.

Which is why we read the letters to the editor with a very jaundiced eye. Sure we believe in free speech, but come on. Why should we allow the name calling that sometimes deteriorates to the level of the sandbox? Really? These pages are for thoughtful, approximately intelligent exchange of ideas. We are great with opposing viewpoints. We are not happy with gutter sniping.

When you bring up a letter, talk about the politics, not the letter writer. Make your point, move on. 'Nough said.

But back to the original purpose of the whole thing.

There are debates, real, genuine intent debates, about whether the words 'illegal' or 'undocumented' should be part of the lexicon for the people now in the country improperly.

Yes, they absolutely are here illegally, because they overstayed a visa, crossed a border without the right paperwork, were brought here by parents without the right paperwork, had paperwork lost or stolen, or for whatever reason; they do not have what they need to stay here correctly. And because of that, yes, they are here illegally and obviously without the right paperwork, they are undocumented. So both terms work.

The argument is over whether one term or the other is more derogatory, and whether one is less dehumaniz-

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

### TO THE EDITOR Adrean: when is it enough?

To the Editor:

I've already seen this movie: spoiler alert...it doesn't end well. You now have a front row seat.

The most vulnerable places on Earth worldwide are wetlands, forests & farmland. Once they have been filled in illegally, cut down, paved over, divided up & sold off they do not come back.

So...Here is the million dollar question: When have we 'developed' enough? When do we protect & make do with what we still have? When.

The answer is NEVER.

time," read on for a med-

ley of both old (previously

shared) and new (recently

discovered) tips to help you

Cool down tips for the home:

heat of direct rays are kept away.

\*If you have mini blinds and find that

closing them to keep the house cool

keeps out too much light, try angling

them upwards. This way, the light is

reflected up and into the room, but the

\*Pulling the shades down in east and

west windows during a heat wave can

lower an inside temperature as much

as 20 degrees, as compared to unshaded

\* Using a window air conditioner? To

boost its efficiency, use a fan with your

a/c to circulate the cool air throughout

the home. Fans are best placed on north

beat the heat!

windows!

'They' will always be there with their money, schemes, & handshakes, & 'they' will always be there in facilitating collusion for their '3-story marijuana facilities the size of 16 super Walmarts to be built on an orchard that dates back to the 1700s. If they can't build out, they'll build up; if they can't build up they'll tear down & put in some new monstrosity & YOU will always eat the cost in taxes, lost property value, beautiful vistas destroyed & disappearing wildlife. By the time it is obvious they

will be long since gone because they don't care what happens to the farmlands, orchards, marches & forests of Charlton, Jamaica Plain, Charlotte to Burlington, Greenwich, the Good Earth.

Charlton is not a 'bedroom' community; it is a marsh, with orchards, farmland & forests. Let the greedy & unscrupulous be advised: Charlton is not the next available piece of realty 'meat' to be divided up, raped & pillaged by the latest green scam & boondoggle. Please note: solar panels are filled with cadmium. Cadmium is a toxic waste. Rather serious, yes?! Meanwhile, the full environmental impact of said facility has NOT been examined, neither the potential destruction to Charlton's character & way of life.

Finally, it needs to be remembered; Charlton is part of the LAST Green Vallev.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

> LANCE ADREAN CHARLTON

Consider these financial tips for single women



If you're single woman, most of your financial challenges and aspirations may resemble those of

single men. Men and women face the same economic stress factors of modern life, and both groups have similar financial goals, such as the ability to retire comfortably. But women still face specific obstacles. You need to be aware of these challenges - and do everything you can to overcome them.

For example, women still face a wage gap. In 2017, women earned 82% of what men earned, according to the Pew Research Center. However, the wage gap narrows among younger workers, and may even disappear for highly educated women, especially those in the STEM fields - science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Another financial concern for women is connected to their role as caregivers. Women spend an average of 12 years out of the workforce to care for children, elderly relatives and even friends, according to an estimate by the Social Security Administration. Other studies report different figures, but all the evidence points to women being the ones who take time off from work to care for loved ones. This means fewer contributions to Social Security, 401(k)s and other retirement plans.

Faced with these and other issues, what can you do to help yourself move toward your important goals? Consider these steps:

Develop good financial habits. Establishing good financial habits can pay off for you throughout your lifetime. These habits can include maintaining a budget, keeping your debts under control, and putting aside some money for a "rainy day." Take advantage of available opportunities. If you work for an organization that offers a 401(k) or similar plan, contribute as much as you think you can afford. At the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And every time your salary goes up, increase the amount you invest in your plan. Also, think about opening an IRA, which, like a 401(k). can offer tax-advantaged investment opportunities. If you have children, you'll also want to explore college savings vehicles, such as a 529 plan. Educate yourself about investing and get professional advice. Some people think investing is just too complex and mysterious to be understandable. Yet, with patience and a willingness to learn, you can become quite knowledgeable about how to invest, what you're investing in and what forces affect the investment world. And to help you create an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you may also want to work with a financial professional. Discuss financial issues with your future spouse. If you get married or re-married, you'll want to discuss financial issues with your new spouse. Specifically, you'll want to answer questions such as these: What assets and debts do each of you bring to the marriage? Do you plan to merge your finances or keep them separate? Are your investment styles compatible? Do you have similar long-term goals? You and your new spouse don't need identical views on every financial topic, but you both need to be willing to work together to advance your common interests. Ultimately, you have a lot of control over your own financial future. And making informed choices can help make that future a bright one.



\*Cool down quick by taking mini baths or showers throughout the day when possible. Tepid water works best to refresh.

\*Cool off instantly by placing a cold compress on your forehead or an ice bag on your head or on

the back of your neck.

\*Drink plenty of chilled, non-alcoholic fluids during a heat wave. Experts advise avoiding caffeinated, sweet, or alcoholic beverages as they act as diuretics and can play havoc with your body temperature.

\* On hot summer days, you'll sweat less if you eat foods high in water content, such as fruit and vegetables. Also avoid heavy meals that are harder to digest.

\*If you are exercising or are performing physical work during a heat wave, be sure to drink two to four eight ounce glasses of water an hour. When possible choose sports drinks instead

KAREN TRAINOR

ing.

People, say the advocates of undocumented, cannot be 'illegal'. Their actions might be, but people can't. It is in their eyes, an incorrect term.

But, those who don't like undocumented say it is too 'soft' for those who have come here and are intentionally by definition committing a crime.

Derogatory terms for immigrants isn't new.

FOB: fresh off the boat. Didn't matter from which country, and isn't interesting that someone not wanted could easily be FOBbed off.

WOP: with out papers. That's right, while it was usually associated with people of Italian descent, the derogatory term was originally applied to many groups who arrived without proper documentation, illegal immigrants. But in the earlier days of such migration, paperwork was less important, and in fact, harder to have.

What the country might very well need are a series of Ellis Islands once more. Centralized places where everyone comes through the same place.

We've seen scenes from such historic films as the Godfather, where a small Italian child w-o-p, and in fact ill, is placed in quarantine but eventually is reunited with family. This is in the early 1900s, and we are complaining about it happening now?

History is circular. We don't learn very well from our mistakes. Crossing invisible lines and protecting ourselves from ourselves has been happening since the first cave family decided not to share their campfire.

The words we use to say we don't like how we feel about one another or how someone else feels or thinks hasn't changed much either. Different time, different language, same nonsense.

We become enraged over those who think differently than ourselves, how dare they not understand our way is best? How can't they see what we see? Don't they see it our way?

Apparently, they don't. And we can't see it their way either.

We actually think that is a good thing, we're back to the beginning here: opposing viewpoints is a good thing.

How stale a world it would be without variety.

facing, shaded windows, if possible.

\* Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer.

\*Electronics, such as TVs and computers not only emit phantom energy but they produce heat even when shut off. Unplug these devices whenever possible.

\*Compact fluorescent lights not only use less energy than incandescent bulbs, but they burn much cooler, preventing an unnecessary source of heat.

Hints to keep cool:

\*Natural fabrics such as cotton keep you cooler than synthetics. Breathable fabrics such as organic cotton helps to wick moisture away from your body, helping you stay cool and dry. And be sure to wear loose fitting clothes on hot days to allow air to circulate and keep you cool naturally.

\*Want sweat free slumber? Sleep on 100% cotton sheets. And swap out synthetic pillows for cooler feather ones. Better yet, switch to a buckwheat pillow, which is the coolest of them all!

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# Local officials push for judicial accountability

BY SENATOR ANNE GOBI, SENATOR RYAN FATTMAN, CHIEF STEVEN WOJNAR, AND JENNIE CAISSIE

Our Constitutional Republic is founded upon the idea that government is of the people, by the people and for the people, not above the people. No one serving in elected or appointed office should be above this standard, including those in our judicial branch.

In the wake of recent tragedies and loss of innocent lives, we believe it is time for meaningful, bipartisan reform in judicial accountability in Massachusetts.

Judges are appointed for life in Massachusetts, and command a position of power and respect. The prestige of their position is reflected in their compensation, benefits, and retirement because the decisions they make carry great consequence, altering the lives of our citizens and society. But to whom much is given, much is required. And what is required today is far different than the process our Founding Fathers established in the Massachusetts Constitution in the 1780s for judicial accountability.

Judicial accountability only exists in two forms, the first of which is extremely rare, and the second of which is surreptitious: (1) impeachment as outlined by the Constitution (2) confidential judicial evaluations that are performed by the Supreme Judicial Court of each judge, shared with them, and then destroyed.

Under the first method of accountability, only three judges have ever been removed from office since the Massachusetts Constitution was enacted in 1780. The last judge removed by the Governor's Council was before the Civil War in 1821. Under the second method of accountability, we simply do not know the consequences for each judge as the process is not salient to the public.

In the near-term, more scrutiny and transparency is required in the judiciary. First, Massachusetts General Law Section 211 must be changed to allow this to happen. Judicial performances evaluations should not be confidential, and only reviewed by a small group of unelected judges. These performance evaluations must be public and available to the Governor's Council, the elected body responsible for vetting and appointing judges, and to elected members of the legislature serving on the Senate and House judiciary committees. This increased transparency on the conduct of life-time appointed judges will provide greater insight into our judicial system.

Second, the Governor's Council should be able to conduct open, transparent, and public hearings reviewing judicial performances.

Finally, there must be a constitutional amendment brought before the legislature to enhance judicial accountability that empowers the Governor's Council to review a trial court judge every five years, and by super majority, be able to unappoint said judge. This process will be lengthy, requiring citizens to collect thousands of signatures. two Constitutional Conventions of the Legislature over a four-year period where 50 members elect to vote affirmatively, and a vote on the ballot by the voters of the Commonwealth. Although arduous, it is a worthy and important endeavor we hope to lead.

Let us be very clear; we do not want to elect judges, nor do we want to encroach upon the founding father's vision of an independent judiciary. We understand the need to have a separate but equal judicial branch. But there must be a healthy balance between independence and accountability.

Are we to believe in a state that boasts of the world's oldest Constitution, that in over 200 years of existence, only three judges have been worthy of criticism so great they were due for removal? Recent tragedies where clear patterns of direct and indirect judicial decision making irrevocably impacted the lives of law enforcement officials and families answer the question: no. Poor judgment as evidenced by poor outcomes, or poor behavior by a life-time appointed official, should not only call into question the opinion of said judge, but also question their very appointment.

Moreover, these efforts are not designed to impede upon the symbiosis of three independent branches of government, but to simply align democratic intentions and parity between officials dully appointed or elected in the Commonwealth. No one should be above the law, and while executive and legislative branches have continued to operate in the same continuum of rules and accountability set out in the original constitution, the judicial branch has not. It's time for that to change.

THANK YOU.

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# Harvest and preserve herbs for flavorful meals year-round



MELINDA MYERS

Add a flavorful boost to any meal with garden-fresh herbs. You'll quickly discover the difference fresh herbs make when preparing any meal or dessert.

Harvest herbs whenever you need them for cooking or garnishing a favorite dish. Adjust the quantity of herbs used to allow for variations in flavor intensity and your family's preference.

In general, you will need two to three times more fresh than dried herbs. So, if the recipe calls for one teaspoon of dried parsley use one tablespoon (three teaspoons) of fresh parsley leaves.

Use a pair of garden scissors or pruners for harvesting. Make your cuts above a set of healthy leaves. The wound will close faster, and the remaining plant will look better. Rinse off the clippings and remove tough stems and any discolored or damaged leaves and start cooking.

Store the extra, unwashed leafy herbs in a vase of water and loosely cover with a plastic bag. Keep basil on the kitchen counter and cold-tolerant herbs like parsley and cilantro in the refrigerator.

Wrap thicker-leafed herbs like sage and thyme in a paper towel, set inside a plastic bag and place in a warmer section of the fridge.

Don't be afraid to keep harvesting. Regular picking encourages new growth for future harvests. Just be sure to leave enough foliage to maintain plant growth. You can harvest as much as 50 to 75% from established annual herbs and one third of perennial herbs at one time

Clip off leaves and stems before the plant begins flowering to encourage more tender growth. You'll get the greatest concentration of flavor when the plant has formed buds, but before they open. However, don't discard the flowers if you've waited too long. Enjoy the beauty and added flavor of basil, lavender, lovage, monarda, oregano, rosemary, sage, sweet marjoram and thyme blossoms in salads, soups and other beverages.

As the season winds down, consider preserving some of your favorite herbs to use all winter long and to give as gifts.

Drying is one of the easiest ways to preserve your herbal harvest. Collect large amounts of basil, rosemary, marjoram and sage just prior to flowering. Cut the plants back about halfway in the morning after the dew has just dried off the leaves. Rinse - do not soak - the clippings and then remove any damaged or dried leaves.

Gather the herbs into small bundles and secure with a rubber band. As the stems shrink, so does the rubber band. Use a spring-type clothespin to hang the bundles from a clothesline or hanger.

Store the bundled herbs in a warm, dry, airy place out of direct sunlight for drying.

Some gardeners cover the drying herbs with a paper bag to keep them clean.

You can also dry herbs in the microwave. Remove the leaves from freshly harvested herbs. Evenly spread two cups of washed herb leaves on a double thickness of paper towel. Microwave on high for four to six minutes, depending on your microwave.

Fully dried herbs will be brittle and rattle when stirred. Store dried herbs in an airtight container for later use. Label the container with the name of the herb and date preserved.

Then add these flavorful additions to your meals throughout the winter. You're sure to savor the flavor and memories these homegrown preserved herbs add to every meal.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series and the nationallv-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments.



Photo courtesy Gardener's Supply Company

Drying is one of the easiest ways to preserve garden-fresh herbs.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers website. www.MelindaMvers. com, features gardening videos, podcasts and tips.

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# A live action Clue complete with...US!



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On a dark and stormy night, a group of friends and family got together for merriment, murder, and mayhem. It was my husband Keith's 30th birthday party, and I wanted him to have the most amazing night. I decided on a 1930s Hollywood theme, rated R (because we are all adults and ready to let loose a bit.)

I hired an acting troupe from The Murder Mystery Co. grimprov.com. The actress came with outfits, props, binders, and suspect personalities to make the party a magnificent event. The actress' pseudonym was Mr. Warren Peace, a Hollywood producer, and he was to be murdered! (insert grave music here!)

Mr. Warren Peace invited up all to his mansion for a party and to figure out who wanted him dead. But one guest never made it. Mrs. Peacock who was writing a new script has been shot and killed. It is time for us to get into costume and begin the murder mystery.

Keith, from Oxford, became the Butler Jarvis Deedit, Kelly Craft from Maine became Mary Katen Ashley, assistant to the producer. Mark Cady, from Oxford, became Sleazy McQueen, producer. Lisa Henry, from Worcester, transformed into Cherry Bomb, aspiring actress. Thomas Turcotte from Webster was the amazing detective Peter Ness, but his friends called him P. Ness. Elaine Henry from Webster was Donna Badthing a very prominent actress. Katrina Grandelski from New Hampshire became OohLa La, the maid. Chris Gilbert from New Hampshire was the rich Mr. Greenspan, banker. Mike Henry from Webster was Professor Purple who continually tried to explain to people just how much of a genius he really was. And I was the very successful Dr. Sarah Dippity. The other guests, Silvia Gilbert, Dawn Moore, Megan Turcotte, Robert Henry, and Cheryll LeBlanc, were all detectives trying to solve the case. We all



Cheryll LeBlanc (a detective), Tom Turcotte (Peter Ness) and Kelly Craft (Mary Katen-Ashley) took their parts sort of seriously.



Elaine Henry became Donna Badthing, and enjoyed the part.



Kelly Craft as Mary Katen Ashley was assistant to the producer, a real Sleazy character.

had a part to play and had to figure out who was the killer by the end of the night.

We all walked around the room on the top floor of the KBC Brewery in Webster. We were pleased to find out that the building we were in used to be a speakeasy! How perfect! We listened to 1930s music and strolled along the twinkling lights with drinks in hand. We each had props and outfits to go with our characters, the moment I put on the doctor's robe I was transformed into a know it all nuisance... not much of a transformation for me.

Our refreshments were very well themed

Keith played his butler part extremely well, I contribute his butler likeness to my constant nagging for him to help clean the house.

Sleazy McQueen sported a baseball cap with long strands

of hair in the back, he was an excellent sleaze who had sordid affairs with all the ladies around him. Could he be the killer?

Cherry Bomb was sweet and kind and had nothing but nice things to say about everyone.

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# Charlton 12U Wildfire finishes off 2018 season with championship in Marlborough

Backed by strong pitching and timely hitting, the Charlton 12U Wildfire softball program ran the table in Marlborough on their way to their second straight Marlborough championship.

The games started on Saturday, July 14 with a game against Hudson, a longtime rival for the girls in this age group. Haleigh Garrepy, as she would do all weekend, was strong on the mound, holding Hudson to five hits over a six-inning complete game as Charlton won, 7-0. Charlton was clinging to a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning when Hudson loaded the bases, but a line out to second baseman Grace Garon, an out at the plate by catcher Hanna Gamelli on a throw from third baseman Angie Hargrave, preceded the final out when Hudson ran into a groundout. Getting out of the jam sparked the Charlton bats as they generated six singles in the bottom of the fourth and put the game out of reach.

In their second game of the day Charlton held on to beat Tewksbury, 7-5, in a game that had a lot of big hits, and saw Charlton get five outs on the base paths. In the bottom of the second Rachel Gormley got Charlton on the board with a two-run single scoring Danielle Doiron and Hargrave to give Charlton a 2-1 lead. Tewksbury tied it up in the fourth off starting pitcher Leann Dagnese, but Hargrave singled to make it 3-2 and Maddy Parker walked to score the fourth run. Beth Dreitlein started a great double play in the next frame by catching a liner and doubling off a Tewksbury runner. Garon broke it open in the fifth with a two-run triple scoring Dagnese and Bridget Hast, who had bunted a single to get on base. Doiron came on in the fifth to pitch and nailed down the win for Charlton as Tewksbury made it close with three runs in the last inning. Dagnese



Courtesv photo

The Charlton 12U Wildfire softball team recently won the Marlborough championship to conclude the summer. The team consisted of, from left, (bottom row) Beth Dreitlein, Haleigh Garrepy, Hanna Gamelli, Danielle Doiron, LeeAnn Dagnese, Bridget Hast, (top row) Coach Al Hargrave, Coach Scott Garon, Angie Hargrave, Grace Garon, Julianna Lancette, Rachel Gormley, Maddy Parker, Coach Steve Gamelli and Coach Bob Doiron.

pitched well for four innings and gave up only one earned run.

Charlton wrapped up pool play with a 9-5 victory over Natick. Charlton jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back. The first six batters reached, highlighted by Doiron's two-run triple. Dreitlien led the way with three hits, while Doiron added a double and 3 RBIs. Doiron was the starting pitcher and Garrepy came in and struck out six batters to shut down Natick for the win.

On Sunday elimination day, Charlton had a rematch with Natick that was much closer. Natick was leading 3-1 in the fourth when Charlton struck for three runs. After Garon scored on a wild pitch, Gormley had the big hit to knock in Doiron and Hargrave to make it 4-3. Natick tied it up in the sixth, but Garon, who hit all weekend, led off the bottom of the sixth with another hit, stole second and came home on a bunt by Doiron that was thrown wide to first, allowing Garon to come home and Charlton to walk off with the win. Dagneses started the game and struck out five and again Garrepy came in for the Wildfire to close it down.

In the semifinals, Charlton faced Newton, and what turned out to be a preview for the final, it all came together for the 12U Wildfire. Led by starting pitcher Garrepy, Charlton won 10-1. Garrepy pitched the entire game and gave up just three hits. Five players had two hits apiece and the bottom part of the lineup led the big fourth inning when Charlton broke it open with six runs. Hast walked, Parker laid down a perfect bunt for a hit, Julianna Lancette who roped a double in the previous game also walked, then Dreitlein crushed a double to left field, and Garon again had another hit and that made it 8-1.

As in the semifinals, Charlton put all their practice and talent on display and for the fifth straight game collected at least 10 hits and for the second straight game mercied their opponent on the way to the Marlborough championship. Led by starting pitcher Garrepy, who also won the tournament MVP, Charlton shut out the hosts, 9-0, to end their season on top.

Once again it was the bottom of the lineup that got Charlton

going. After Dreitlein scored on her first inning bomb of a triple, Charlton led 1-0 going into the second. Up 2-0 with two outs, Parker again put down a great bunt, Lancette laced a doubled down the third base line and scored Parker to make it 3-0. From there Charlton used their speed on the base paths against a team that was playing their third game in a row in very hot conditions. Gamelli was excellent behind the plate, catching the last two games including a tough foul popup. Lancette and Doiron both knocked in two runs, and Lancette along with Dreitlein, Garon, Garrepy and Parker all had two hits. As much as it was a total team effort over the last two games, Garrepy also was a major factor on the mound all weekend. Only one player reached third base in the final, and after the first two batters reached base only two more got on base as she retired 15 of the last 17 batters. For the weekend, she pitched 21 innings, gave up 12 hits, two runs and had 17 strikeouts. She pitched in five games and started three.

Coach Bob Doiron had the following to say about the team: "Everyone knows how important pitching is in this game and we got great pitching all summer from Garrepy, Dagnese and Doiron, but it really came together for us after a tough start in Franklin. Our bats started swinging up and down the lineup and our defense picked up our pitchers when they needed it as we had several double plays during the season. Great group of players to have the privilege to be around, they deserve all the credit."

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# **Baseball legends enshrined at Hall of Fame**

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. - Over the July 28-29 weekend, some of baseball's all-time best were enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Local photographer Dick McGrath captured the moments that saw Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome and Alan Trammell get inducted into the Hall of Fame, as well as Bob Costas for announcing and Sheldon Ocker for writing.



Chipper Jones gives his Hall of Fame speech.



From left, Bob Costas (Frick Award for announcing) and Sheldon Ocker (Spink Award for writing) get enshrined into baseball's Hall of Fame.



Jim Thome stands at the podium during his Hall of Fame speech.



Jack Morris, right, holds his plaque with Jeff Idelson, President of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.





Photos courtesy Dick McGrath

Vladimir Guerrero gives his Hall of Fame speech.

Alan Trammell points during his Hall of Fame speech.



Trevor Hoffman, second from left, holds his plaque while posing with Jeff Idelson; President of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Jane Clark; Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Rob Manfred; Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

# Laid Back Competitive Baseball League concludes regular season, gears toward playoffs







and mission statement, found on the LBCBL website. 'Our History

The Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) was founded in the summer of 2012, by the current Director of Baseball Operations, Cody Mundell. Nearly 6 seasons ago Cody rounded up 5 teams to take part in our very first season. What was his vision you ask? To start his own league, where guys who are still looking to play some baseball can do so in a fun and competitive atmosphere. But most impormost important, is that we all just want to play.

For years we have tried our very best to provide a fun/ laid back, but competitive atmosphere. It sounds like it doesn't make sense, but once you play you will understand. We strive to be as affordable and convenient as possible. We typically play all of our games on Saturdays and Sundays in the mornings, and our average player pays roughly \$100 to play (can be more depending on team size and uniform purchases). These fees can be reduced by team and league sponsors given by local businesses for marketing opportunities on social media, our league website. Some team sponsors may also have their name put on uniforms. The league encourages all players to try to get sponsors for their team if at all possible.

If you don't want to hang up the spikes, or you don't want to play softball, or you just want to play. Join us! We are always looking for more players/teams!

Our Mission

Moving forward, we hope to continue expanding across the immediate area in locations such as: Spencer, Leicester, Auburn, Millbury, Sutton, Webster, Douglas, Grafton, Northbridge, Uxbridge & Worcester. The deadline for putting a team in for the 2018 season has passed, however we are always taking deposits for our next season. If you are interested in joining the league, please do not hesitate to reach out. Don't forget to ask about getting on our sub list!

Fairly soon, we will be filing to become a 501-c3 non-profit. It will be our mission to work with local communities to help fix up the fields that we are using. A portion of our proceeds will be used to help make the baseball experience the absolute best for our players, while the other portion will be used to help maintain, fix, & restore the baseball fields in the communities we play in. In doing so we hope to build lasting relationships with local little leagues and municipalities for years to come!'



STURBRIDGE — Now in its seventh season, the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) has grown to a 10-team league with a full regular season slate of up to 14 games played. And on Sunday, Aug. 5, that regular season came to a close.

Below is the league's history

tantly everyone is welcomed!

Over the past few seasons Cody has work diligently growing this league from the ground up. He has invested countless hours, and money into the league, to give players of all skill levels a place to play a good brand of baseball. We have since reached 10 teams spread across a number of locations in Central Massachusetts including: Sturbridge, Southbridge, Oxford, Shrewsbury, North Brookfield, Dudley & Charlton. Our players are of all skill levels: former professionals, former collegiate players (all different divisions), high school standouts, those who did not stand out in high school, and guys who have never played. Even dad can play! What's

Eight teams have reacned the playoffs, and those games start on Saturday, Aug. 11. To check out a game, please see the locations below.

Shrewsbury at Oxford Bomb Squad, 11 a.m. (Horgan Field at Greenbriar Park)

D.C. Whitecaps at The Alliance, 11 a.m. (North Brookfield High School)

Sturbridge Kangaroos at Turner's Club Nuts, 11 a.m. (Turner's Club Field)

Southbridge Spectacles at Lomuscio Trucking, 2 p.m. (Shepherd Hill Regional High School)

For more information, please visit the league's website at https://www.leaguelineup. com/welcome.asp?url=laidbackcompetitivebaseballleague



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

On the final day of the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League regular season (Sunday, Aug. 5), the Turner's Club Nuts defeated the D.C. Whitecaps, 17-9, as both teams ready themselves for playoff competition.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

### Running Out of Summer 5k Sturbridge road race to benefit Second Chance **Animal Services**

WORCESTER — Wormtown Milers and Rapscallion Brewery are pleased to announce 9Round Worcester as the naming sponsor of the inaugural Running Out Of Summer 5K to be held on Saturday, Aug. 25. The race, which begins and ends at Rapscallion Brewery in Sturbridge, benefits Second Chance Animal Services of Worcester and East Brookfield.

"We are extremely excited to be part of such a worthwhile event," commented Sheri Barrette, Owner of 9Round Worcester. "Not only does this event support animal welfare — a cause deeply important to me personally — but it also focuses on including fitness in a healthy lifestyle, a core value of 9Round Fitness.'

The race was conceived by the Wormtown Milers and Rapscallion Brewery as a means to promote community, philanthropy and fun in south central Worcester county. The charity was chosen by asking Rapscallion Mug Club Members and Wormtown Milers members to vote for their charity of choice, with Second Chance being the overwhelming winner.

Participants in this inaugural event will enjoy a scenic, timed 5K race that is dog- and kid-friendly, and will also receive a tech shirt, medal, and a free beer specially brewed by Rapscallion for the event — the Running Out Of Summer Ale. The beer will be brewed in a very limited quantity, on tap solely on the day of the event and the evening prior during bib pick-up.

The race, which takes place at 10 a.m., caps at 300 runners. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to register early to avoid missing out on this memorable event. Register online at www.runningoutofsummer. racewire.com.

Annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste **Educational Foundation** golf Tournament comes to **Pleasant Valley** 

The 22nd annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf tournament is now set for Monday, Aug. 20 at Sutton's Pleasant Valley Country Club. This is a change from the original date of Monday, July 23 due to the weather conditions. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcome — and there will be a hole-in-one contest as well as a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. There will be 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, and chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with bag rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner follows the tournament. For additional information and registration please call Ken (Golf Committee) at (508) 277- 5314 or Ted (Foundation Trustee) at (508) 764-7909.

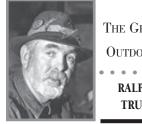
### Charlton Old Home Day Road Race fast approaching

The 52nd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 3. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 300 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Register by Aug. 17 and receive your choice of the Classic Long Sleeve T-Shirt, or a Long Sleeve Tech Shirt. Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at the Charlton Town Hall, Charlton Optical or on www. CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace. com. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

### **Central MA Crusaders** Softball holding tryouts in Webster

The Central MA Crusaders Softball program — an organization dedicated to the growth and development of young players looking to take their game to the next level — is holding player tryouts for the U14 team. Tryouts are set for Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. The tryouts will be held at the Bartlett High softball field in Webster. Any questions, contact centralmacrusaders@gmail.com. If interested in U10, please send email to the prior address.

# Crossbow hunting fails to make it out of committee again



The Great Outdoors **RALPH** TRUE

By now most sportsmen are aware of the failed attempt to pass a crossbow bill in Massachusetts, allowing any licensed person to use them for hunting. Although disabled hunters are allowed to use one, it was disappointing that the bill failed to even get it out of committee. There was little hope that it would become law among most hunters in the state, as it required the legislature to back the bill. Many politicians are not hunters and care very little about hunting and fishing regulations, and have very little knowledge about wildlife conservation. Hunting with a crossbow would allow hunters to harvest deer in populated areas. Hunting deer or turkey with a bow needs to be changed from 500 ft. to 300 ft. from an occupied dwelling, and even closer with landowner's permission. Wildlife has learned to adjust to encroachment by humans, and feels safe living within 50 or 100 ft. of homes.

This past week I was involved in a conversation about Mass. Fish & Wildlife and the new appointments that are being made within the agency. Why are so many employees leaving the agency? Many are at that age for retirement and want to enjoy time with their families. That is a good thing. I was also told that many new employees are college graduates that do not fish and hunt? This is not good for the future hunting and fishing public. One of the qualifications should be that the new hires hunt or fish.

New wannabee legislators are circulating their papers for numerous positions throughout the state. It is very important that sportsmen get out to vote for the candidate that will work for you!!! Every year we lose more of our rights to own fire arms and to enjoy the great outdoors. There are less hunting and fishing activities by the younger generation today because of parents' failure to expose their children to the sports.

Are you ready for another hike in your hunting and fishing license? Do not be surprised to see it at next year's renewal of your hunting and fishing license. The average hunter or fisherman has little time to hunt or fish in today's world, and the increase will only deter new hunting or fishing residents of our state from participating.

We cannot afford to lose any more of the hunting and fishing public.

Massachusetts wildlife populations are exploding on all fronts. Turkey populations are out of control in some areas, as well as deer populations. An increase in the daily bag limit is warranted over and above the recent extra hunting days recently approved. Antlerless deer permits are being cut in some zones in Massachusetts and deer hunters are questioning the reason for the cuts. Recent winters have been kind to wildlife with deer and wild turkey thriving. Goose populations are also a continued nuisance, polluting our lakes and ponds annually. The big problem there is the private property providing sanctuaries for the geese during hunting season. No hunting in these areas has allowed the goose populations to get out of control in many areas. The recent increased daily bag limits will not help if they cannot be hunted.

Feeding any waterfowl is against the law, but it is rarely, if at all, enforced. The bottom line is that hunting is the only means of controlling our wildlife populations & keeping them healthy. Just imagine if deer hunters did not harvest more than 10,000 deer annually. Disease and starvation of the animals would be overwhelming, and car & deer collisions would rise dramatically causing death and injury to family members.

Saltwater fishing has slowed on many fronts with Block Island area giving up very few stripers last week according to a Snug Harbor report this past Saturday. Bluefish have started to provide some action for party boats and other small charters. Bluefish are also showing along the beaches and at the Point Judith lighthouse. A few mako sharks are being caught at the Mud Hole with some false albacore showing around the Point Judith lighthouse.



A king salmon caught in the Salmon River last year.

Red Top Bait shop reported inconsistent action on stripers with no real blitz. Being there at the right time is the key to all fishing.

Lake Ontario fishing is starting to heat up!! August is the start of the king salmon run and provides some great

fishing. More on this subject in the coming weeks. This week's picture shows a very happy angler with a king salmon she caught last year on the Salmon River in upstate New York.

Courtesy photo

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!



According to Bankrate.com as of 06/10/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.45% which is up slightly from last month. Homes priced appropriately and staged well are still selling very quickly but the inventory continues to grow. This shows that the local Real Estate market is showing signs of stabilization.

Today we have 1991 single family homes for sale in Worcester County

compared to 6 months ago where we had 1187 single homes for sale and last month we had 1835 for sale. 12 months ago we had 1792 homes for sale so inventory each month is continuing to creep up. The average



days on market is currently 95 days which is a 1.0% increase in days on market from last month. This shows inventory is slightly rising and homes are selling in a similar timeframe to last month. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is a small increase in sales of 1.9% and a 5.8% increase in average

sales price while it is taking 16.7% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. Looking at these signs it still shows growth with increases in sales price and sales from 12 months ago, so the market is still strong and it is definitely still a great time to sell a home

I know I always say to ensure the hire a Realtor that understands your local market. When the market starts to change like it is now it is more crucial than ever to ensure you hire someone who understands the economics of Real Estate to ensure your pricing and marketing strategy get you the results that you desire. It makes sense more than ever to interview a few of the top agents in your area to ensure that you hire the best agent for the job.

### MARJUANA MEETING

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town known for its sense of community.

The first article up for discussion sought to rescind Article 27, a zoning regulation that was adopted during the annual town meeting in May. Those opposed to the article have said that it doesn't properly limit the number and size of marijuana cultivation facilities and allows for too many businesses, medical or recreational, to enter Charlton. The article allows for two such businesses to set up shop in the town's borders.

Those in favor of keeping the article argued that citizens were trying to undo a vote they cast without educating themselves first, which would set a bad precedent for future issues in the community.

Others, including town council, argued that eliminating the article would eliminate all limitations on marijuana facilities as such regulations would revert to the normal allowed land use policies in Charlton.

Girard Russell, who is part of the citizens' group Preserve Charlton's Character that led the petition to bring the articles forward, was among the first who took the microphone saying he believed Article 27 needed to be elim-

inated.

"Article 27 is not good for Charlton. It allows unlimited cultivation of marijuana in agriculturally zoned land and this is bad," Russell said. "Home owners have had their property values damaged by solar farms and that's the fear here. Revenue is a good thing for the town, but it just got out of hand. To be honest, Article 27 was written for Valley Green Grow."

The Valley Green Grow controversy has been a centerpiece of the ongoing marijuana debates in Charlton. The project involves a large cultivation project planned for the Charlton Orchard property on Old Worcester Road that has abettors concerned and hoping to put an end to the proposal. However, town council assured the public that any motion on Article 27 would not impact Valley Green Grow as the project was grandfathered in.

Those in favor of keeping Article 27 argued the zoning regulation is good for now with even the Planning Board making a note of their displeasure with the regulation but moving to keep it intact in hopes of drafting a replacement article for the fall town meeting.

The motion to rescind Article 27 failed despite receiving more votes in favor of the motion. With a total vote of 257 in favor to 174 against the motion

did not receive the required two-third differential to pass.

Next up was article two on the warrant which sought to enact a prohibition on nonmedical marijuana sales in Charlton, which would essentially limit the available distribution sites allowed through Article 27 to only medical use.

Several arguments were made for and against this article with resident Richard McManus showing his opposition to the bylaw on the grounds that it would cost Charlton business and tax dollars.

"When we talk about banning marijuana use in Charlton we're talking about the land use. There are plenty of communities around us that are going to have recreational shops and I appreciate that there's a large portion of this town that doesn't agree with the use of marijuana, however marijuana use was established by ballot vote in Massachusetts as legal," McManus said. "So, if we don't have it in Charlton it will be somewhere else and guess who's going to get all the tax revenue from those purchases?"

In order for the bylaw to actually be put into effect it must not only pass a town meeting but also pass a ballot vote. Selectman Karen Spiewak made the decision to step away from the table and her board to approach the microphone as a citizen calling for the approval of the article for consideration as a ballot question

"I support this article and I do so because I believe the people of the community should be afforded the opportunity to vote at a ballot. We were denied that opportunity when we asked for it before. I have attended meetings myself where we were basically told that there's nothing we could do. That was not true, and I'd like to put this thing to bed. Let's bring it to ballot. Let's find out truly what the people of this town want and then move forward," Spiewak said.

Article two passed easily with a simple majority vote of 282 in favor and 154 opposed. The article will now go to the selectmen for consideration of a ballot vote through the normal town process. While some citizens were openly concerned that selectmen would vote not to send the bylaw to the polls at least two selectmen, Spiewak and Joe Szafarowicz, said openly that they would not stand in the way of the article going to a ballot vote.

How this would affect the Valley Green Grown project remains unknown. Should the proposed bylaw be ratified there are no grandfather rights that would apply to that project.

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With an estimated 30 houses in the area and 10 to 12 homes specifically targeted for potential testing, the town wants to take the opportunity to ensure that there are no issues, and if there are, to get a head start on how to resolve them. Vice Chairman Matt Gagner said past tests came back negative and their hope is that these new tests will have the same result. "It's been a number of years, 10 or 12 years. It hasn't been tested since I've been on the board. One of the things that we were a little concerned about is the 1.4 Dioxane. It's down in one of the lower wells on 90 Flint Road and there are some houses that could be in the general area. We just want to know if it's there or if it's not there. This board felt it was the right thing to do. If I lived there I'd want to know. Those people have the right," Gagner said.

Every member of the board

stressed that this process would be voluntary. Selected homeowners will not be forced to accept the tests but will be asked if the testing would be allowed. Any homeowner will have the right to say no and not every home will be selected for the testing. Board of Health members said they may approach it as a tri-annual process, selecting three homes and testing one of those homes each year for three years. The testing would also not come at the expense of the homeowner

as the town is looking into cost effective testing procedures. No specific homes were mentioned at the Board of Health meeting in July.

So, the next question would be, what is a contaminant was located? The Board of Health believes that the homeowner would likely remain held harmless in that situation as well.

"I would think pretty strongly that if one of those houses down there tested positive the finger would be pointed at the Charlton landfill and we would be the potentially responsible party until it was proven some way it could be somewhere else," Gagner said. "There's no problem. We're not saying there's a problem. We're just doing due diligence and doing another round of voluntary testing."

Property owners along Burlingame Road are instructed to reach out to Health Director Jim Philbrook with any questions or concerns about the testing.



James F. Chaisson, 69

# **OBITUARIES**

### Theodore J. Bellerive, 74



SOUTHBRIDGE-Theodore J. Bellerive, 74, of Dresser Hill Rd., passed away on Saturday, Aug. 4th, in his home surrounded by his loving family after a battle with cancer. leaves He his

wife of 54 years, Laurie A. (Talbot) Bellerive; his son, Paul J. Bellerive of Southbridge; his daughter, Tina M. Bellerive and his son-in-law, Charles P. Broskey of Southbridge; his two grandsons, Nathan J. Thibeault and Brendan J. Thibeault, both of Southbridge; his great grandson, Chase James Thibeault of Southbridge; his two brothers, Arthur "Skip" Bellerive of Charlton and William Bellerive of Warren; his three sisters, Dorothy Speroni of Douglas, Pauline Casey of Battle Creek, MI and Kathy Drake of Leicester; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his beloved cat, Angelica and his granddog, Sadie My Lady. He was born in Southbridge the son of Arthur W. and Myrtle Grace (Neely) Bellerive. He was a US Army Veteran.

Ted was a truck driver and hazmat



20 years. He also worked for several local construction After retiring he worked for Larry's Landscaping

al years until his illness. He always enjoyed working and staying active. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and going to the ocean. He was an avid NASCAR fan. Above all Ted's greatest joy in life was his wife, children, grandchildren and his great grandson.

His funeral will be held on Friday, Aug. 10th, at 10:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Thursday, Aug. 9th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

### Alice T. Hannon, 94



 $\begin{array}{cccccccccc} A & U & B & U & R & N & / \\ D & U & D & L & E & Y & / \end{array}$ QUINEBAUG, CT-Alice T. (Brownell) Hannon age 94 died Sunday August 5, 2018 at Life Care of Auburn. She was the wife of the late William F. Hannon who died in

1979. She was the cherished matriarch of her family and leaves a daughter, Lenore Gordon and her husband John of Scotland, UK, she also leaves four grand daughters, Amy Muir of Scotland, UK, Alicia Galvan of Auburn, MA, Jenna Allard of Woodstock, CT Amanda Allard of Charlton, MA, and seven great grandchildren; Marlena and Aiden Galvan of Auburn, Joely, Alice and Andrew Muir of Scotland, UK, Ethan and Owen Donnelly of Charlton. She had a son and a daughter that predeceased her, Michael Hannon of Holland, Netherlands and Cheryl Allard of Webster and a brother and two sisters that predeceased her George Brownell, Charlton, Florence Nelson of Westborough and Dorothy Dufresne of Florida. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Lester R. Brownell and Katherine (Horlbogen) Brownell.

She lived at Eddy Pond in Auburn, where was a cherished member of the Eddy Pond Family. She was given the role of "Ambassador" where she greeted new residents with open arms and love to the community. She also headed the community bingo and even the "fitness class". Prior to that she lived in Quinebaug CT for forty years, and prior to that living in Dudley. She was an Adminstrative Secretary for many years, working for Yankee Atomic Electric Co. in Framingham, MA. She was a beloved member of the First Congregational Church in Oxford and the United Church of Christ in Webster, of where she was a active volunteer. Alice would also be the first to give a helping hand and brought a smile to any activity or person she met. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 East Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Services will be held at the Church on September 8, 2018 at 10 am. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle



died Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Donna J. (Deitin) Chaisson of Charlton; two children, Joseph A. Chaisson of England and Vincent A. Chaisson of

CHARLTON

James F. Chaisson,

69, of A. Young Road,

Connecticut; a sister, Mary Chaisson of Westwood; two grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. He was born in Quincy, son of the late Joseph A. and Florence W. (Doody) Chaisson, and lived in Worcester before moving to Charlton in 1986. He graduated from Westwood High School in 1967 and Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester in 1984. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Chaisson was the computer manager for Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District for several years. He was



a member of St. Ann's Church in North Oxford.

Calling hours were Saturday, August 4, 2018, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A funeral Mass at St. Ann's Church and burial at St. Roch's Cemetery will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. paradisfuneralhome.com

### D. 'Quinton'-Sorel Asquith, 27



STURBRIDGE-'Quinton'-Sorel D. Asquith, 27, passed away August 1, 2018 in his home.

leaves He his children; Quinton Southbridge, Skiilar and Emmitt of Plainfield. Ct..

his mother Anne E. (Chenevert) Nozzolillo and her husband Mark of N. Grosvenordale, Ct., his father Donald B. Asquith of Sturbridge, 4 brothers; Jamie Asquith of Marvland, Miles Nozzolillo of Thompson, Ct., Dallas Nozzolillo of Charlton, and Talon Asquith of Sturbridge, several aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews.

of

Quinton was born in Southbridge November 9. 1990.

He worked for Schotts Fiber Optics in Southbridge.

Quinton enjoyed four wheeling, fishing and was especially happy spending time with his children.

Calling Hours were Monday. August 6, 2018 from 5-7PM at the ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. in Charlton. At the conclusion of calling hours, there was a Time of Remberance.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Mass. Coalition for Suicide Prevention.

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### Evelyn A. Belanger, 95

WEBSTER- Evelyn A. (Angelo) Belanger, 95, died Sunday, August 5, 2018 at home with family at her side. Her husband of 31 years, Paul Belanger, died in 1980. She leaves a son,

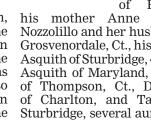
Michael P. Belanger with whom she lived; a daughter, Maria Osborn and her husband James Osborn, Sr. of Charlton; 4 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a sister, Liberty "Libby" Brassard of Webster; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Julia Angelo and by 2 brothers, Stephen and Soter "Sam" Angelo.

She was born on August 2, 1923 in Douglas, the daughter of Evangel and Helen (Binolis) Angelo. She lived in Webster and Worcester most of her life.

Mrs. Belanger worked at Memorial Hospital in Worcester for 16 years. She was a member of Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

The funeral was held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 7, in Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 37 Lake Parkway. Burial was in Mount Zion Cemetery. The family received relatives and friends from 9:30 to 10:00 AM at the church on Tuesday before the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street.

www.scanlonfs.com



### Friday & Saturday August 10-11

BOOK SALE! The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Library next book sale is Friday, Aug. 10 from 2-4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friends Members Only Preview Sale on Thursday, Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m. Hardcover books \$1. Paperback & Children's books 50¢. Come browse over 5,000 books and take home your next favorite read, find a book to give as a gift and support your local library! Book sale is at the Joshua Hyde Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge; next to the Sturbridge Common.

### Sunday August 12

STURBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET: Sturbridge Farmers Market every Sunday June 24 until September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Live music from noon until 2 p.m.

### Monday August 13

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: At the Aug. 13 Charlton Garden Club meeting, Todd Girard, Charlton's Conservation Commissioner, will speak on preserving wetlands with rain gardens at 7 pm at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300, or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

### Thursday August 16

STURBRIDGE CONCERTS ON THE COMMON 2018 Concerts on the Common Summer Concert Series,

6-8 p.m. August 16- The Real Deal (Rock n Roll) Sponsored by Sturbridge Orthodontics

BOOKS ON TAP: Book Club Meet Up: Books on Tap will meet Thursday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at Altruist Brewing Company, 559 Main Street, Sturbridge. This month's book is the psychological thriller, Behind Closed Doors by B.A. Paris. Books are available at the Joshua Hyde Library.

Friday August 17

FAMILY MOVIE: On Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. The Brimfield Senior Center will be showing the movie Paddington 2. Plot: In this lovable sequel to the 2014 family film, Paddington Bear tries to earn enough money to buy an antique book for his aunt's 100th birthday, but his quest brings him into conflict with an unscrupulous actor who also wants the tome. \$2 suggested donation for the movie; popcorn, snacks and beverages free! Rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for crude humor. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. 413-245-7253

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday August 17-19

ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. will present "The Rocky Horror Show" by Richard O'Brien Aug. 17-19. Performances are Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. All performances will be at the Cannery, 12 Crane St. in Southbridge. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at www. brownpapertickets.com or by calling Gateway Players at (508) 764-4531.

LITTLE MERMAID: Come see the Oxford Community Theater group present the Disney Classic, The Little Mermaid. Performances will be held at St. Roch Parish in Oxford Friday Aug.17 at 7 p.m., Saturday Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. See all your favorites, Ariel, Scuttle, Sebastian, and Flounder as they try to win over Prince Eric and defeat the evil sea witch Ursula! Tickets will be sold at the door. \$8 adults (12+) Senior Citizens and children ages 2-11 are \$5. Please contact our director Andrew at abennett82689@charter.net for more info.

### Thursday August 23

STURBRIDGE CONCERTS ON THE COMMON 2018 Concerts on the Common Summer Concert Series, 6-8 p.m. Final concert of the season August 23- Glenwood Mills Band with Mark Chevalier (Blues, Rock, R&B) Sponsored by Sturbridge Cultural Council

Sunday September 9

STURBRIDGE PLANNING HALF-MARATHON: a half-marathon road race to honor Sturbridge resident and ESPN's ESPY award winner, Rick Hoyt will be held on Sept. 9 at 10:00 a.m. Registration page can be found at: https://app.racereach.com/event/ the-rick-hoyt-sturbridge-half-marathon. If you have questions about the event or wish to participate, please contact Kevin Filchak at kfilchak@town. sturbridge.ma.us

### Month of October

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PUMPKINS! The Pumpkins are Coming! The Pumpkins are Coming! Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is at the Sturbridge Federated Church where the best pumpkins and gourds will be for the month of October. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of the church including Habitat for Humanity, St. Luke's Guesthouse, and the Navajo reservation.

### **ONGOING**

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church.

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.







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And of course I handed off the camera so here are Kim Maschi as successful doctor Sarah Dippity and the birthday husband Keith as butler Jarvid Deedit.

Detective Peter Ness had many questions and with badge in hand he hounded every character. Donna Badthing was above everyone else and knew it. She threw her boa around and pranced

### MASCHI

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about flaunting her many accomplishments and assets.

Mr. Greenspan sipped his drink at the table and gasp! He fell forward and died! Someone has gone ahead and killed someone else now! The rich banker is now dead and we are all still suspects.

As the doctor of the group I was the one in charge of pronouncing people dead. My binder stated that to do this I gently touched the tip of the corpses nose and say "they are dead".

If you are reading this and have read any of my past columns you know I tend to be dramatic and overly involved. So, when Mr. Greenspan took a sip of his beer and died. First, I tried to pry the beer from his hands, poison or not a free drink is a free drink. But alas he would not give, "rigor mortis has already begun I announced.

Next, I had to gently touch the tip of his nose and declare him dead. Instead, I fondled his nose, flicked it a bit, pushed it to one side and then the other, Chris aka, Mr. Greenspan tried to remain quiet and corpse-like while I drew little circles on his schnoz. Good job Chris. I finally announced he was dead and we all got on with the show.

Kelly, aka Mary Katen Ashley, was the best actress of the group. She was told to be clumsy and cute and she pulled it off with flying colors. She spoke in a mousy voice and tripped over every chair and table. She fumbled her books and stole the show, everyone agrees Kelly, you need to go into improv my dear, you are a shining star! The maid Oohla La had a big part to play as she was initially framed for poisoning Mr. Greenspan. But Oohla La was not who we thought she was. She was actually an undercover FBI agent! Keith, aka Jarvis Deedit, admitted to having a plan to kill Mr. Warren Peace with Mr. Greenspan but it didn't work! I, the doctor, was apparently in love with Sleazy McQueen and asked him to marry me and of course he said yes. But I was also a marksman and who else would know how to kill someone other than a doctor? Professor Purple had his own reasons for wanting Mrs. Peacock dead, he wanted everyone to think he wrote the script she was working on.

Do vou know who the murdered was? Have you guessed correctly? Was it the debonair actress Donna Badthing, was she jealous of Mrs. Peacocks success and angry with Mr. Greenspan? Was it the doctor who was a marksman and having an affair with Sleazy? Was it Sleazy who was sleazing it up with everyone? What about the genius Professor Purple? Could he have murdered so blatantly? Everyone always says the butler did it, but did he? Did Cherry Bomb, aspiring actress, have something to do with this? What about the clumsy Mary Katen Ashley, was her klutziness just as act? Oohla La and detective Peter Ness are law enforcement, but does that mean they are not guilty? Only those at the party know.

We had a champagne toast at the end of the mystery, I toasted to my husband on this very special birthday of his. We ate blood splattered cookies and cake from Jess' Sweets & Treats in Oxford.



Megan and Tom Turcotte sporting their 1930s garb.

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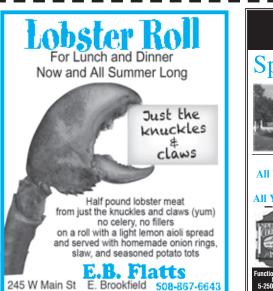
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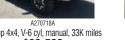


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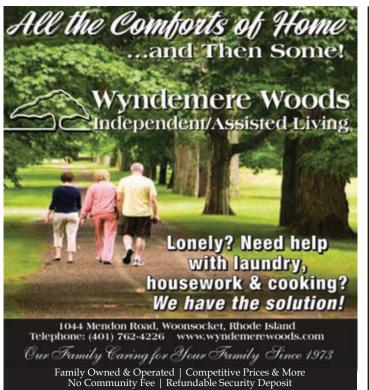
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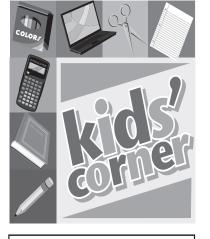
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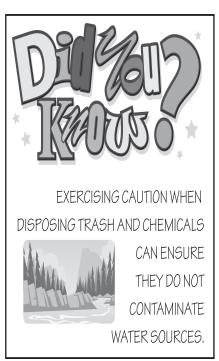
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# Emerging trends in crafting

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This year certain trends are poised to take crafting by storm, while fads of 2014 should continue. Those making the rounds on Pinterest<sup>®</sup> and crafting blogs may discover the following crafts are trending in 2015.

### NATURAL ELEMENTS

Crafters are taking their cues from nature, and you're certain to find natural elements, such as wood, bark and burlap, in craft projects. Distressed finishes on furniture and photo frames will still demand attention. Do-ityourself projects, such as turning a slab of a tree trunk into a table or upcycling wooden shipping palettes into shelving, also will grow in popularity. Whenever working on designs that feature natural materials, try to repurpose elements whenever possible for the most rustic, authentic feel.

### **CHEVRON AND DIAMONDS**

Those sprucing up home decorating elements with stencils or chalk paint can find inspiration in many places. Patterns that continue to show up in abundance include chevron and various incarnations of the diamond. It's easy to dress up just about any element with some well-placed stenciling, which does not necessarily require a wealth of skill or experience. Stencils also can be used on flooring to create a faux area rug effect.

#### COLOR OF THE YEAR

If you get giddy over the warmth of browns and reds, you will be enamored with Pantone®'s 2015 Color of the Year. The authority on color and a provider



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### **BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN**

An ecologically sound and creative trend for spring involves crafting your own garden terrarium. Terrariums can be made out of just about any shaped glass or plastic container. Use hardy plants and a moisture-holding substrate to help your terrarium flourish. Terrariums can be interesting focal points for any room, and they're a creative use for empty vases, aquariums and other containers collecting dust.

#### PAINTING ON CANVAS

Each year brings with it a new crafting obsession. This year it's poised to be watercolor painting. Classes are bound to pop up in craft stores and other hobby centers near you. Or you can experiment at home with just a few basic tools.

Another growing paint trend is to enjoy a ladies' night out that pairs painting with wine and socialization. Participants work on a painting over a predetermined number of sessions and then take their masterpieces home.

#### **SPRING INTO GREEN**

Green hues and floral and foliage patterns for decorating will be popular this year. Anyone can liven up interior spaces with elements that borrow from nature, including leaf patterns and flowers.

Crafting continues to be a popular form of expression and a beloved pastime. Certain trends emerge each year that set the course for do-it-yourself projects.

# Scrapbooks can help document your year



Such traditions are not new. Books highlighting family memorabilia, such as recipes, poems, letters, and illustrations, were popular in England as early as the 15th century. Even school yearbooks are a type of scrapbook, highlighting students and events in a single convenient book.

and organize them so you have an idea of what will be included on your pages. Every event may not make the final cut, but that's up to you.

• Indulge in some craftstore shopping. Not everyone has the time to design each scrapbook page from scratch. Fortunately, there are numerous pre-designed templates or slip-in pages that require little work on the part of scrapbookers.

Showcase the special memories of the year ahead by starting a scrapbook.

Many interesting and special events take place during the course of a typical year. While the trend is to share photos and anecdotes via social media, these memories tend to be forgotten soon after they are posted. Rather than relegate birthdays, holidays, school milestones, and other such yearly events to the black hole of cyberspace, crafty men, women and children may want to display them in more prominent ways.

Scrapbooking is a popular

hobby that can help people document various events over the course of the year. But scrapbooking can be much more than that as well. Scrapbooks can serve as valuable resources that speak to the way life once was. The reasons for scrapbooking are the same today as they once were. Scrapbooks preserve memories, record family stories and pass down information through generations. Scrapbooks can even be customized in any manner their creators desire.

For those who have resolved to devote more time to documenting happy times and special events in the year ahead, scrapbooking is a great way to do just that. Here's how to make the process creative and successful.

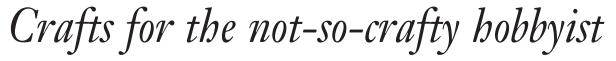
• Devote a box to "scraps." At the beginning of the year, set aside a medium-sized box, such as a shoebox, that can store various items you want to include in your scrapbook. These may include ticket stubs, receipts, brochures from trips, or any other items you deem worth saving.

• Make time to scrapbook. Set aside a few days each month to go through collected items • Use your own handwriting. Handwritten sentiments can make the scrapbook even more meaningful.

• Don't overload with photos. Let one or two photos on a page best convey the emotions and stories. Create balance with white space, text and other accents.

• Categorize your photos. Disorganized photos can make scrapbook creation more challenging and ultimately frustrating. Organize your photos by month and rely on cloudbased photo storage systems to keep them safe. Then, when you need them, you can print only those images you want to include in your book.

• Have fun with the process. You have the entire year to create a beautiful scrapbook. Take your time and experiment with different ideas.



Creativity lends a lot to everyday life. School parties are made that much better by intricate dessert designs. Handmade blankets tend to be more inspiring and cherished than mass-produced alternatives. Because of that, many people find hobbies that inspire their creativity to be incredibly rewarding.

While crafting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skillsets, some people are more craft-inclined than others. That doesn't mean those with little arts and crafts experience cannot make items they can be proud of. The following are a handful of projects for inexperienced crafters who may feel as though they have two left thumbs.

#### Dress-up premade items

Sandra Lee made a career of teaching people how to blend some prepackaged food items with other ingredients to create semi-homemade menus. Anyone can use the same mentality to put together craft projects without having to start from scratch. Search the hobby stores or department stores for items that can be paired together. For example, why not glue a 4-by-6inch picture frame to the top of candlestick holder for an ornate and interesting design element at home? Mason jars can be embellished with just about anything — from ribbon to fabric to glitter — giving them a decorative touch. Simply giving an item a new coat of paint or adding some decorative tacks or hooks can easily change its look and give it a crafty feel.

Grow comfortable with a computer printer

Homespun graphic arts can be mastered by just about anyone with access to some clip art, fonts and basic design software. You may also be able to find free apps or shareware online providing ready-made templates. Print out cute labels or tags that match party themes and put them on favor bags or prizes. Print cute slogans on cardstock and staple them to a small, filled plastic baggie to serve as classroom gifts or Valentines. Make a collage of different images and print them out to frame. Or snap a picture of a particular pattern or design element that fits with a room's theme and then frame that image for matching artwork.

#### Make soaps or candles

Thanks to the bevy of kits available at craft stores, it's easier than ever to make your own soaps or candles at home. All it usually takes is melting down the medium, adding the desired scents and colors and then allowing them to set in a mold or container. The result may seem like you worked for hours when really it was a relatively easy task. These handmade products can make great hostess gifts or nice touches when guests stay over at your home.



#### Personalize clothing

You do not have to be an artist to create t-shirts, aprons or other items that have that personalized touch. If you do not want to hassle with the mess of fabric paints or pens, use iron-on stencils or letters. Another idea is to create your own stencil (fire up that printer again), cut out your design or letters and then use a bleach pen sold in the laundry or cleaning aisle to color in the design. Let it sit and then launder for a faded and fun project.

Crafting doesn't have to be difficult. Projects exist for people of varying skill levels.

# Find a hobby that works for you



Hobbies can serve many functions. Some men and women turn hobbies their into careers, while others rely on their hobbies to provide a relaxing respite from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Inspiring hobbies can make life more rewarding. While many people experience some trial and error as they seek something to fill their downtime, the following are a few tips to finding a hobby that will enrich your life and maybe even the lives of others.

• Consider your interests. Much like you considered your interests when choosing a career path, you can benefit from doing the same when the time comes to find a hobby. If your work remains your passion, look for ways to share that passion with others. Perhaps you can teach a class at your community's learning annex

or volunteer to work with high school kids who might have expressed an interest in your line of work. If you want to leave the office behind in your downtime, consider your other interests. Avid readers may want to start a local book club, while film buffs may enjoy starting a local film appreciation group. The more passionate you are about a topic or activity, the more likely you can turn it into a successful

3 great reasons to give homemade gifts



and rewarding hobby.

· Consider your needs. Another way to find a successful hobby is to consider why you want one in the first place. If your workdays tend to be hectic and you want a quiet escape, then a peaceful hobby such as painting might do the trick. If you're looking for a hobby that can add some spice to your social life and help you meet new people, look for something that encourages teamwork or interaction with other people your age.

· Consider your availability. Another thing to consider when choosing a hobby is how much

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time you will have to pursue it. If your schedule is especially hectic or unpredictable, avoid hobbies that require a big time commitment, as such activities may prove too difficult to commit to. In such situations, a hobby that allows you to embrace it on your own time will likely prove more enjoyable than one where you must adhere to a schedule that you simply can't honor. If you have a substantial amount of free time, then something that requires more involvement on your part might be right up your alley, whereas hobbies that don't require much regular participa-

tion likely won't provide the respite or fulfillment you're looking for.

 Consider those closest to you. Many people find that the best hobbies are the ones that allow them to spend more time with their loved ones, whether those loved ones are their own children, their parents or their close friends. Parents may want to find an activity that allows them to bond with their children, while young working professionals may want to find an activity that provides them with opportunities to spend time with their equally busy friends.

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Nearly every holiday shopper has at least one person on their list who seemingly has everything. When shopping for such loved ones, shoppers often find the perfect gift to be especially elusive.

While gift cards are a go-to fallback option when shopping for the person who has it all, many gift givers feel such cards are a tad too impersonal. But in lieu of traditional store-bought gifts, shoppers stuck on what to buy should consider the many great reasons to give homemade gifts.

1. Homemade gifts show your loved one how much they mean to you. Gift cards are practical, but they rarely elicit the warm feelings holiday shoppers want their gifts to produce. A homemade gift will show your loved one that you put time and effort into making their holiday season special, and that's something they will appreciate when they use or see the gift.

2. Homemade gifts won't break the bank. Holiday shoppers working on tight budgets likely won't have to break the bank to create a homemade gift. The Internet is a great resource for inexpensive homemade gift ideas.

3. You can control quality

with homemade gifts. Store-bought items are not always of the highest quality, and no shopper wants to give a gift that falls apart within a few days. By creating the gift yourself, you can ensure it's made with the highest quality materials so it will withstand the test of time.

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