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## Old Sturbridge Village launches Winter Warmth and Cheer program



Annie Sandoli Photos

During weekends in January and February, guests at Old Sturbridge Village can witness period relevant preparations for a seasonal celebration at Winter Warmth and Cheer, the museum's newest way to welcome the coldest months of the year. Here, we see a cooking demonstration in the Salem Towne House.



Building fences at the Fenno Barn.

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—During weekends in January and February, guests at Old Sturbridge Village can witness period relevant preparations for a seasonal celebration at Winter Warmth and Cheer, the museum's newest way to welcome the coldest months of the year. The event, which takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends of Jan. 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27 and Feb. 2-3 and 9-10, features interpreters getting ready for a winter ball, which was

a common happening for residents in early 19th century New England towns. "During the spring, summer, and fall in the 1830s, you had a lot more work to get done, so you had more time for socialization in the winter," said Rhys Simmons, Director of Interpretation at Old Sturbridge Village. "Groups, wealthy individuals, or trade organizations would have put together these kind of balls and celebrations." Taking place primarily in the buildings on the Village Common, Winter Warmth

and Cheer includes events such as printing invitations to the ball in the Printing Office, learning about financing the expenses of a winter ball at the Bank, cooking for company and entertaining children with games and toys at the Fitch House, tailoring clothing at the Fenno House, farming chores such as rendering tallow and building fences at the Fenno Barn, making candles at the Small House, creating warm outerwear

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## Sturbridge's open burning season begins

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The 2019 open burning season in Sturbridge started on Tuesday, Jan. 15 and will go until Wednesday, May 1, allowing residents to burn materials in their yards during these months with an open burning permit from the Sturbridge Fire Department. This year, the town has switched to an automated burn permit system that Sturbridge residents can access by logging on to <https://sturbridge.burn-permits.com> and going through a prompted application process that asks for information such as which permit they would like to buy or apply for, whether they own or are renting their property, and the address of the

property at which the burning will take place. Once the application process is complete, the permit can be downloaded and printed instantly and the holder is asked to call 774-452-8487 to activate the permit on the day the burning will take place. It is an automated number that will state the area's risk status for that day and whether or not weather conditions are favorable for burning, which is decided by state fire wardens. If conditions are not favorable, the permit is not activated and burning is not allowed. According to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, open burning is limited to certain months and times for public property.

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## Brimfield Planning Board hosting public forum on regulating, medical, recreational marijuana businesses

BRIMFIELD — The Brimfield Planning Board will be holding a Public Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall at 22 Main St. This forum will be to review the town's options to regulate medical and recreational marijuana establishments and regulate the cultivation of marijuana in the Town of Brimfield. It is of great importance and of high interest for the residents of the town to attend and voice their opinions.

## Sturbridge Farmer's Market preparing for second season

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Farmers Market is getting ready for its 2019 season, with vendor applications open now until Feb. 1 for the early review period, and until March 1 for the regular review period. The market, which will take place on the Sturbridge Common every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting June 9 and ending Oct. 6, was created last year to support local food growers and artisans, promote sustainable agriculture and buying from small businesses, encourage the town's economic development, and strengthen the community by providing a healthy outdoor activity.

"We had a very successful first year with upwards of 60 applicants, and as of right now I already have 33 applications," said Kevin Filchak, the Sturbridge Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator. "We are expecting another great year."

In 2018, more than 20 vendors, including Free Living Farm, Hunt Road Berry Farm, Revive Coffee Roaster, Thompson's Maple Farm, Echo Farm, Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Be Mindful Skin Care, Meadow Stone Farm Artisan Cheese, Crust Bakeshop, and Just a Nibble, set up each week free of charge to sell everything from organic produce, specialty coffee, and homemade ice cream to essential oils, bees-



Annie Sandoli Photo

The Sturbridge Farmers Market is getting ready for its 2019 season, with vendor applications open now until Feb. 1 for the early review period, and until March 1 for the regular review period. Pictured here are Cara Germain and Michael Zueger, owners of Free Living Farm.

wax cosmetics, and handmade soaps, and this year, many are expected to return and even more are expected to join.

"We have been marketing the Sturbridge Farmer's Market in

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## FEDERATED CHURCH MISSION COMMITTEE SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES

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Mission Committee member Holice Turnbow, of the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, recently delivered checks totaling \$1,500 to the Southbridge Food Pantry, Nick's Place, and St. Luke's Guesthouse in Southbridge. These contributions were made possible by the Pumpkin Patch Project organized by the Church during the month of October. Proceeds from the sale also benefited the Navajo Indian Reservation in Northern New Mexico, where the pumpkins were grown. Pictured (from left to right): Food Pantry Volunteer, Curt Litchfield; Holice Turnbow from the Federated Church and Food Pantry Director Alicia Catalino.

# Woman in Business, Tantasqua Drama Club team up for Dinner Theater Fundraiser

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WIB'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

STURBRIDGE — Woman in Business, Inc. (WIB), a 501 (c)(3) that fosters networking, information sharing, and providing educational opportunities for local business women of all career paths, will team up with the Tantasqua Regional High School (TRHS) Drama Club for the second year in a row to collaborate on a fundraiser to support the WIB Scholarship Fund.

Held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Thursday, March 7, tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person at [wibsturbridge.org](http://wibsturbridge.org). Ticket cost includes a buffet dinner, sweet treats, desserts and performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Special guest emcee for the evening is Adam Webster, 98.9 Nash Icon and 100.1 The Pike.

The performance this year is

titled "All in the Timing," performed by TRHS Drama Club students. Under the supervision and mentorship of TRHS English Teacher Samantha Briggs, the show will involve about a dozen students who perform six one-act plays. Some of the students are also playing the role of director for each play, including Alyssa Cameron & Olivia Hood, Andrew Gustavson, Abby Trent, Alexis Carson & Hope Dolan and Kat Henry.

"We are so excited to once again partner with Woman in Business and display a great theatrical performance," Briggs said. "We are fortunate to have an opportunity to support a local non-profit and show our community how much amazing talent there is within our theater program."

"All in the Timing" is the winner of

the John Gassner Playwriting Award. This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun.

Over the last 27 years, WIB has awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships to more than 100 graduating seniors and young women within its community footprint for their continuing education.

"Supporting high school graduates to pursue their education and career paths is such an important part of Woman in Business," said WIB President Laurie Nelson. "We are so excited to have the talent of Tantasqua students and the vision of Samantha Briggs who will again entertain our audience and help support our scholarship fund for local students."

The evening will also feature a tra-

ditional "penny auction;" guests are encouraged to bring cash to enter to win some great prizes.

Woman in Business, Inc. is also looking for community members or businesses interested in sponsoring or donating to the event. Sponsor levels start at \$100 and businesses can be recognized on many platforms, including social media, printed program booklets and on-site signage. Leading sponsors will also receive complimentary tickets to Woman in Business' Scholarship Awards luncheon in June. Additional information on sponsorships and tickets can be found by visiting [wibsturbridge.org](http://wibsturbridge.org) or email [info@wibsturbridge.org](mailto:info@wibsturbridge.org).

## Pasture Time Players hosting auditions for spring show

CHARLTON — The Pasture Prime Players will hold auditions for their Spring production of "Lost and Found," an original play written by local playwright, Ed Humphries.

Auditions will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The production is looking for adults in their 20s through 50s for a variety of roles. Auditions will consist of live readings from the script and will be held at the Pasture Prime Theater at 4 Dresser Hill Rd, Charlton, MA 01507.

"Lost and Found" will be performed at the Pasture Prime Theater on the weekends of April 26-28 and May 3-5.

Additional details can be found at [www.pastureprime.org](http://www.pastureprime.org) or by contacting Ed Humphries at [ehumphries72@gmail.com](mailto:ehumphries72@gmail.com).

## Brimfield Senior Center hosting program on managing multiple medications

BRIMFIELD — Are you taking multiple medications? Caregiving for someone who does? Need help keeping it all straight? Then an informative program coming up at the Brimfield Senior Center may be for you.

Join Jane Barker on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. to learn how this free service can work for you and/or a loved one. Please call (413) 245-7253 to register or for further information. Lunch is available for a small suggested donation, but you must reserve prior to 11 a.m. on Feb. 4. The menu is beef barley soup, baked chicken with Tarragon sauce, sweet potatoes, and Ambrosia.

The Brimfield Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St.

## Four Score maintains interest in Charlton



Courtesy Photo

The proposed site of the Four Score marijuana facility at 144 Sturbridge Rd.

BY JASON BLEAU  
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — After selectmen put negotiations on hold in November, it looks like Four Score Holding LLC is going to continue to pursue setting up shop in Charlton.

The company approached the Board of Selectmen on Nov. 20 to discuss the status of a host agreement with the town, however those talks were stalled by a new pending bylaw in the town that would have required town meeting for the agreement to be approved. How the attorney general's office denied that bylaw in a letter released on Jan. 15 Four Score appears poised to continue negotiations as soon as possible.

The company's plan involves a proposed 20,000 square-foot facility to cultivate marijuana for both medical and recreational use. The business would be housed at an existing building at 144 Sturbridge Rd., where another thousand square-feet of space will be added on to the building to suit the company's needs. However, the fate of the proposal was drawn into question after another marijuana-related business, Valley Green Grow, became the subject of controversy in 2018 partially due to the public's concern that they did not have a say in whether or not selectmen could approve a host agreement with the entity. The attorney general's letter solidified selectmen as the authorizing power meaning they will have the final say in the fate of any pending host agreement

with Four Score.

Town Administrator Robin Craver laid out the situation during an appearance by Four Score at a Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 15.

"One of the reasons the board had held on moving forward with Four Score was because you weren't sure on whether or not it needed to go to town meeting," Craver said. "Based on the AG's decision today (the board of selectmen) is the contracting authority."

The application has gone before the Planning Board for discussion, however their decision was also halted due to the lack of a host agreement. The Planning Board did allow Four Score to submit a site plan and special permit application all the same after being informed the board could make a determination pending a host agreement.

Daniel Glissman, an attorney representing Four Score, was present at the meeting and sought input from selectmen on how the company should proceed with the knowledge of the attorney general's recent decision on the proposed bylaw. He was asked to provide his information to the marijuana advisory committee while the Board of Selectmen asked the town administrator to continue discussions and negotiations with Glissman and Four Score.

Board of Selectmen Chair John McGrath warned citizens that pending those negotiations a host agreement could be voted on as early as the next meeting of the board on Jan. 29.

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# AG strikes down Charlton marijuana bylaw

BY JASON BLEAU  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON – Despite earning support from voters in October a new bylaw in Charlton requiring town meeting approval for marijuana businesses has hit a snag as the state attorney general's office has disapproved the bylaw on the ground that it conflicts with state law.

Assistant attorney general Margaret Hurley released a statement on Tuesday, Jan. 15 rejecting all but a single clause in the bylaw. The regulation was approved by Charlton voters in a 139-95 decision in October in reaction to the recent controversy over the Valley Green Grow project and public opinion that the Board of Selectmen didn't seek fair public input before signing a host agreement with the company in May. The town was warned by town council at that meeting that there could be a conflict with state laws and that the bylaw would likely be rejected.

In the statement released to the town of Charlton, assistant attorney general

Hurley wrote that the bylaw contradicts General Laws Chapter 94G, the section of state law regarding regulation of the use and distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed. Hurley noted in her letter, "the statute does not require town meeting approval of a host community agreement of behalf of the host community." As such, allowing Charlton to implement such a bylaw would contradict with regulation the rest of the state has to abide by.

Hurley further clarified that this was not the attempt of the attorney general's office to take a position on the will of the citizens or their public opinion of any marijuana related issues. The ruling simply upholds state law.

"The Attorney General's limited standard of review requires her to approve or disapprove by-laws based solely on their consistency with state law, not on any policy views she may have on the subject matter or wisdom of the by-law," the letter states. "We approve the first clause of the by-law (requiring the Board of Selectmen to comply with

G.L. c. 94G) but disapprove the rest."

Part of the bylaw was also meant to negate any previous host agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen with companies like Valley Green Grow. In the letter Hurley also said the bylaw conflicts with the state statute as "unreasonably impracticable" and that the attorney general's office had been contacted by Valley Green Grow during the review of the bylaw detailing the company's steps taken during negotiations with town officials.

"The letter reaffirms our conclusion that the prospect of a previously negotiated agreement being potentially rendered 'null and void' by a later determination that it does not comply with (regulations) poses unreasonable risk to an applicant such that a reasonably prudent business person would not proceed under that requirement. This is especially the case because the by-law does not specify who will determine whether any previously signed host community agreement is a violation of the statute or the process by which



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this determination will be made," wrote Hurley.

This is only the latest in a continuing saga concerning the fate of marijuana sales and businesses in the town of Charlton. On Jan. 2, the Planning Board unanimously rejected the plan for the Valley Green Grow project. The Planning Board is expected to address the subdivision plans in March.

## Worcester County DA plans to keep focus on crime prevention in fourth term

WORCESTER — District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. took the oath of office for the fourth time last Thursday and said he plans to continue his focus on crime prevention in his new term.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is that during my 12 years in office is that we've had a 57 percent reduction in juvenile crime," Mr. Early said after his swearing in. "That happened by working together with all of our partners. I'm really looking forward to continuing to work with all of our community partners over the next four years."

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito administered Mr. Early's oath of office on Thursday afternoon at Jacob Hiatt Magnet Elementary School in Worcester.

Mr. Early highlighted many of the office's prevention programs that are presented to schools across Worcester County, including an anti-bullying and cyber safety program, an evidence-based program concerning opioids for middle school students "This Is (Not) About Drugs," and a texting and driving program for high school juniors and seniors. The office also offers other educational programming to parents

and senior centers focused on prescription medication safety and scams and frauds.

As District Attorney, Mr. Early has also expanded the use of drug forfeiture funds for prevention efforts by putting the money seized from drug dealers back into the community in ways that support youth programming to keep kids busy around responsible adults and out of trouble.

"I'm also looking forward to continuing the work we've been doing to address the opioid epidemic," Mr. Early said. "Our Opioid Task Force is more than 400 members strong and we're constantly looking at new and innovative ways to address this issue, which claims hundreds of lives every year in Worcester County."

Recently, the office received a grant to expand a drug diversion program offered in Leominster, Gardner and Winchendon to additional courts in Clinton, Fitchburg and Milford. This program is one of several diversion programs offered by the District Attorney's office. It specifically helps those suffering from substance use disorder get the help they need while avoiding a criminal record that could



hinder their ability to lead a productive life in recovery.

"I want to thank the voters in Worcester County for allowing me to serve four more years and I'd like to thank my family,

my wife Judy, our five children, my mother and my late father, Congressman Joseph D. Early, and the many friends who have supported me and got me started in public ser-

vice," Mr. Early said. "I'd also like to thank my staff for continuing to work to uphold our mission to keep our communities safe."

## PEO honors Chavez with P.E.O. Grant



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The P.E.O. organization is honored to announce that the prestigious P.E.O. grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year, was presented to Linda Chavez of Worcester, one of the practical nursing students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Class of 2019. The scholarship was presented to Chavez by Beth Clay, Jane Flynn, and Pam Thomas-Nielsen.

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The scholarship is based on potential for future success, excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, and academics. Chavez exemplifies each of these pillars through her academic excellence, well-rounded interests and involvement, passion for leadership and serving others, and immense dedication to the interest of nursing. Chavez has been voted the UNICEF Club secretary. The P.E.O. grant is intended for use in completing a degree or certification necessary for improving or gaining skills leading to employment. P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

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# Cornerstone Bank appoints Alan Peppel to Board of Directors

WORCESTER—Cornerstone Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Peppel to its Board of Directors. A former Southbridge Savings Bank Board Member, Peppel is replacing John Colognesi's seat on the now Cornerstone Bank Board. Colognesi first became a Director for Southbridge Savings Bank in 1984; in October 2018, he retired as a Director and was named an Honorary Director of Cornerstone Bank.



Alan Peppel

A Missouri native and now longtime resident of Central Massachusetts, Peppel holds a BA in Economics from Carleton College and an MBA from Nichols College. He is also a graduate of the Management Course of the American Management Association and is certified as a Food Service Professional by the National

Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers. Currently, Peppel is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Affinity Group and CEO of Dexter-Russell, Inc. Along with his new Board Member position with Cornerstone Bank, Peppel also serves on and is a member of many local boards and organizations.

"We thank John for his contributions and service to the Board over the years, and we're honored to have someone as experienced as Alan to join our Board," stated Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Bank K. Michael Robbins.

"Alan embodies the spirit of community. We are fortunate to have him by our side as we continue to strengthen community in Worcester County," commented President and

Treasurer of Cornerstone Bank Todd M. Tallman.

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# Governor signs Moore-sponsored bill to support first responders

NEW LAW PROVIDES PEER SUPPORT SERVICES FOLLOWING CRITICAL INCIDENTS

BOSTON — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) has announced that Gov. Charlie Baker signed legislation to ensure confidentiality for first responders when participating in peer support services following critical incidents. The bill

passed the Senate and House of Representatives with unanimous support in December of last year.

"Police officers, firefighters, and paramedics work under trying circumstances in the best of times, and these critical

incidents can greatly increase the dangers associated with mental health," said Moore. "These sensible confidentiality protections will allow our firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers to seek the help they need without fear of stigmatization."

"Providing law enforcement officers with the ability to confidentially seek guidance from their peers will help them cope with the events they experience in the line of duty," said Baker. "We are thankful for the Legislature and law enforcement for their advocacy on this bill to increase support for services and reduce stigma around mental health issues."

Responding to a critical incident can have a significant effect on the mental health of the Commonwealth's firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers. In order to ensure prompt access to the necessary services, many departments rely on trained peer support counselors.

These counselors can direct the affected first responders to the necessary mental health support services, or offer their own support as needed.

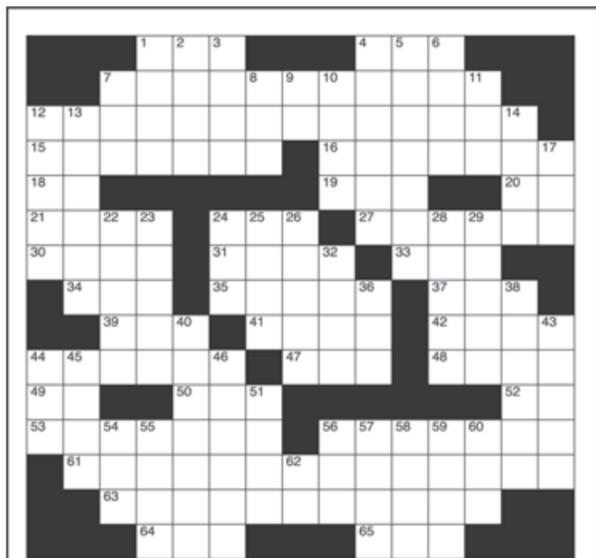
However, the lack of confidentiality afforded these peer support counselors has complicated their roles, and dissuaded some first responders from using this service. The sensitive nature of mental health issues is further compounded by concerns that first responders will experience professional adversity due to their decision to seek mental help. Basic confidentiality protections will encourage greater participation, expanding access to services and improving the mental health and performance of first responders.

The legislation provides that a critical incident stress management team member shall not be required to testify or divulge any information obtained during the receipt of critical incident stress or crisis

intervention services. The language also provides for limited exemptions, including when a person is in danger of serious bodily harm or death, or if the information indicates the existence of a crime.

"First responders put their own safety on the line to help those in need, and we need to be conscious of the mental toll that their demanding and critically important work can take," said Public Safety Secretary Tom Turco. "This law is designed to encourage first responders to seek the assistance they may need, from peers who understand what they are going through, without the worry that doing so may damage their employment status or stigmatize them."

The new law is codified as Chapter 329 of the Acts of 2018. To view the language, please visit the Legislature's Web site, [www.malegislature.gov](http://www.malegislature.gov).



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- 20. Keeps you cool in summer
- 21. Monetary unit
- 24. The Eye Network
- 27. Moving with a bounding stride
- 30. Figures
- 31. Of the pia mater
- 33. Male offspring
- 34. Indicates near
- 35. Calvary sword
- 37. South American plant
- 39. Doctor of Education
- 41. Something to take
- 42. Remove the edges from
- 44. Inattentive
- 47. Pick up
- 48. Latch for a window
- 49. Region of the U.S.
- 50. Windy City ballplayer
- 52. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 53. Be permanently present in
- 56. Novice
- 61. Pirate novel
- 63. In a law-abiding way
- 64. Where one sleeps
- 65. Criticize

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. Egyptian Sun god
- 3. Predatory semiaquatic reptile
- 4. Register formally
- 5. Eating houses
- 6. Japanese port
- 7. Genus of rodents
- 8. Nigerian city
- 9. Milliwatt
- 10. Mistake!
- 11. Women's \_\_\_ movement
- 12. Greeting
- 13. Songbirds
- 14. An arrangement scheme
- 17. Heartbeat test
- 22. Push back
- 23. Intended for the audience only
- 24. Cycles per second
- 25. Impartiality
- 26. Polio vaccine developer
- 28. Bowel movements
- 29. South American Indian
- 32. Queen of Sparta
- 36. Confederate soldier
- 38. Emerged
- 40. Death
- 43. \_\_\_ and flowed
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Email folder
- 46. Throbbled rhythmically
- 51. English rockers
- 54. Disaster relief operation
- 55. American model and TV personality Katherine
- 56. Potable
- 57. Tough outer layer
- 58. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper



Sen. Michael Moore with Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, legislative colleagues and first responders in the Corner Office at the State House.

**FARMERS MARKET**

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more publications in the commonwealth, so it is very likely that we will see a lot of new vendors," said Filchak.

Last year, local musical acts, including Dan Feeley, Sarah Huber, Haphazard Jazz The Midnight Riders, The Island Castaways, Watson & Co. Minus Watson, Kristie and Ron, Tea for Three, Jesse Ljunggren, Jared Fiske and John Hankis, and CJ the Storyteller and Musician, were featured each week during

the second half of the event. All the musicians volunteered their time and received a very good response from farmer's market participants.

"You should expect music again, whether it's paid or volunteered is still to be determined," said Filchak. "We had great musicians last year and will probably do something similar this year."

Those who have already put in an application to be a vendor or are planning to do so should note that early review period applicants must respond by Feb. 15 and regular review period appli-

cants must respond by March 15. No applications submitted after March 1 will be considered.

"For anyone who is applying, do so as soon as possible because we are limited on space and we already have a lot of applicants," said Filchak. "If you are hoping to participate, apply now."

To apply to be a vendor, volunteer, or musician at the 2019 Sturbridge Farmers Market or for more information about the event, go to <https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/visitors/pages/sturbridge-farmers-market-0>.

**BURNING SEASON**

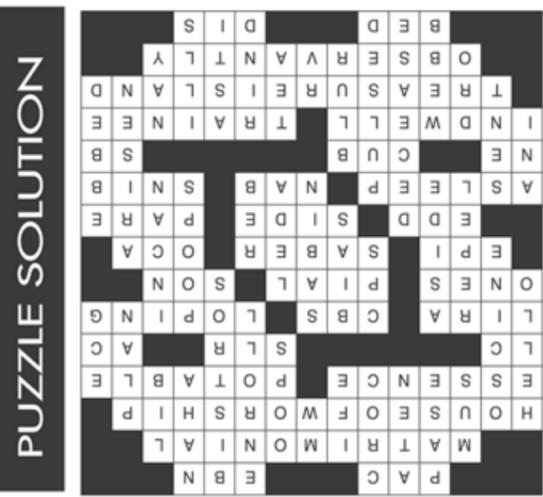
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lic health and safety reasons and must be done between 10am and 4pm, at least 75 feet from all buildings, as close as possible to the source of material being burned, and when air quality is acceptable for burning.

Materials that can be burned include brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris that is not from commercial or industrial land clearing, agricultural materials including fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, and infected bee hives, and fungus-infected elm wood if there is no other means of disposal. Residents are not allowed to burn leaves, grass, hay, stumps, and tires, construction materials or demolition debris, and household trash.

It is important to remember that, although it is still allowed in many towns throughout the state, open burning has its disadvantages, especially because it releases gases such as carbon dioxide into the air, and recycling is always a more environmentally friendly option. The Sturbridge Recycling center accepts hazardous materials, lawn debris, and brush on the third Saturday of each month from March through November and accepts Christmas trees from Dec. 26 until April 1.

For more information on the Sturbridge open burning season, go to <https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/fire-department/bulletins/open-burning-january-15-may-1>. Further safety tips or information on open burning in other Massachusetts towns can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/open-burning-safety>.



PUZZLE SOLUTION

## Sen. Fattman calls for heating assistance as federal funds diminish

BOSTON — State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman joined fellow lawmakers urging Governor Charlie Baker to assist state residents receiving low-income heating assistance who are at risk due to a federal funding shortfall. The program, known as LIHEAP, serves more than 160,000 households in the state.

More than 70 members of the House of Representative and State Senate joined in a bi-partisan effort to request a \$30 million appropriation meant to shore up shortages in heating fuel access. It is estimated nearly 48,000 supported oil heat households have exhausted their fuel assistance benefit already, and nearly all will have exhausted it by the end of January, leaving them in a perilous position for the rest of the winter.

“It’s essential to keep our most vulnerable populations warm as the winter continues on. Protecting people on fixed incomes, veterans, our elderly, and those with low income is critical during the uncertainty surrounding future oil assistance funding,” said Fattman.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. Eligibility, based on household size and the annual income of every adult household member, provides assistance for electric and gas utility bills and other heat sources including oil and propane.

Lawmakers have connected with the Massachusetts Association for

Community Action (MASSCAP), Massachusetts AARP, and the leaders of dozens of non-profit human service and advocacy organizations across the state to respond to the growing need.

“Prolonged bitterly cold weather and rising heating oil prices have combined to make staying warm this winter a nightmare for tens of thousands of vulnerable households who heat with oil,” said MASSCAP’s Executive Director Joe Diamond. “Particularly at risk are children, seniors, and veterans across the Commonwealth. This is all made worse by the fact that Massachusetts is faced with a cut of \$11 million in its federal fuel assistance allocation this year.”

The fuel assistance program administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development, and carried out by community action agencies and other community groups, has had an increase in applicants of more than 20 percent from last year.

The lawmakers, hopeful for a swift resolution, note that there has been significant cooperation between the branches over the past three decades in responding to limited federal funding and extreme winter weather conditions.

To reach Senator Fattman regarding heat assistance please call 774-276-7128 or the senate office at 617-722-1420.

### CHEER PROGRAM

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and fancy bonnets at the Parsonage, and choosing dresses and hair styles at the Salem Towne House.

“The idea for doing this was to give the center village a theme and make it feel a little more alive,” said Simmons. “Not that it doesn’t feel that way every day, but this event gives each exhibit something to play off of one another and keeps it more centralized.”

During Winter Warmth and

Cheer, the Bullard Tavern is serving homemade soups and desserts, as well as three special cocktails at the bar for an additional charge. Live music and dance lessons also take place in the tavern each day, bringing winter ball traditions to life and allowing visitors to participate.

“You would have dancing masters come through because learning how to dance was really important, not just for learning the dances, but to learn how to comport yourself in public,” said Susan Trudeau, an interpreter at Old Sturbridge

Village who spent this past weekend telling winter tales in the Friends Meetinghouse and discussing the rules of the ball. “The old-timers like to do a contradance, which is a line of men and a line of women, but now we are getting into something called a quadrille, where it’s groups of four. We are not going to do waltzes because waltzes means you’re touching someone and that is a little too fast.”

Winter Warm and Cheer was introduced this year to replace Midwinter Mischief, an immersive production that allowed

guests to take part in the story of a Yankee peddler passing through the village, and the two events have some distinct similarities.

“That program had a lot of benefits and the audience really liked it,” said Simmons. “We decided not to do the same program for various reasons, but a lot of us loved it, so what we tried to do with this program is fit in some of the same elements. One of the things that was great about it was the fact that every space you went into was tied into one theme. Another really great thing was

focusing on one part of the museum.”

Because Winter Warmth and Cheer focuses on the Village Common, certain exhibits in the countryside and mill areas, such as the Bixby House and Blacksmith shop, are not open or staffed.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Old Sturbridge Village at 800-733-1830 or go to <https://www.osv.org/event/winter-warmth-and-cheer>.

## TRIPS OFFERED

The “Trips Offered” section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Ruth DeAmicis, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to [ruth@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:ruth@stonebridgepress.news).

### CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

### BRIMFIELD SENIOR CENTER CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Call Elaine or Debra for more info at (508) 248-2231 ~ Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center. Flyers are available on webpage [www.townofcharlton.net](http://www.townofcharlton.net): click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center. Pick up is generally from St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H Putnam Road Extension, Charlton.

March 12: Celtic Angels of Ireland & Celtic Knight Dancers at Venus De Milo.

Be transported to Ireland with some of the sweetest voices under heaven! The Celtic Angels: Victoria Kenny, Emily Carroll, Tammy Browne, Amy Penston and Ellie Mullane are Irish to the core and seasoned entertainer all.

The Celtic Knight Dancers feature two lead dancers of Riverdance. Their rhythm and artistry are astonishing.

The Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin round out the show with flawless interpretations of authentic Irish traditional instrumental and their backing of both singers and dancers is perfection. \$92 includes: lunch, show and transportation. (Driver gratuity not included). Payment due Feb. 12, 2019. Make check payable to: Best of Times

April 25: Dancing Dream an ABBA tribute band!

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

Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92

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

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

### DUDLEY SENIORS

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

The next trip being offered is to Mackinac Island, next June 2-8. It includes transportation, lodging, 10 meals, tour of Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island with guided carriage tour, a boat ride through the Sault Locks, sight seeing in Sault Saint Marie, a visit to Mackinaw Crossings, Admission to Colonial Michillmackinac and the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is \$650 pp/double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254.

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

EAST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER For information and reservations, please contact Judy Shute (508) 867-9224

### LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 30 - May 2, 2019 – Tuesday – Thursday - Atlantic City

You will get 2 nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see 2 stage shows. Trolley’s available.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

May 19, 2019 – Sunday – Newport rail tour.

Tour ocean drive: board the excursion

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# Winning tomatoes add vibrant color and flavor to gardens and meals



GARDEN MOMENTS  
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MELINDA MYERS



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All-America Selections

Impress your guests with a garden, container and dinner table filled with tasty and colorful winning tomato varieties. Small-fruited varieties are perfect for salads and snacking and those with larger fruit ideal for slicing, canning and sauces.

These winning tomatoes were tested nationally by All-America Selections (AAS), a non-profit plant trialing organization (all-americanselections.org). Volunteer judges evaluated the plants for flavor, improved performance, growth habit, productivity, or pest resistance in the garden. Only superior, new, non-GMO varieties receive the AAS winner's title.

Include a few Firefly plants when looking for the perfect snacking and salad tomato. It's smaller than a cherry and larger than a currant tomato; just the right size to pop in your mouth without embarrassment. The extremely sweet pale white to pale yellow fruit will stand out in the garden, on the relish tray or in a salad.

Join the foodie trend by growing the slightly larger striped Red Torch tomato. The one-and-a-half-inch oblong fruit are red with thin yellow stripes. Enjoy an early harvest and eat Red Torch tomatoes fresh from the garden or cooked into a sweet and sour cherry tomato sauce to serve on bread or over

All-America Selections judges declared the unique Midnight Black cherry tomato a big improvement in the flavor of purple tomatoes.

chicken and other vegetables. Boost your early harvest season with Valentine grape tomatoes. You'll enjoy the vivid deep red color and sweet flavor. Plus, this productive plant provides plenty of tomatoes for

snacking, salads and to share with friends. Add some purple to the mix with Midnight Snack. This cherry tomato ripens to red with a blush of glossy black-purple. Judges declared

Midnight Snack a big improvement in the flavor of purple tomatoes. Pot up one or more Patio Choice tomatoes for your patio, deck or tabletop. Each compact 18-inch plant produces up to

100 yellow cherry tomatoes. Just one fruit-covered plant in a decorative pot creates as colorful a centerpiece as a bouquet of yellow flowers.

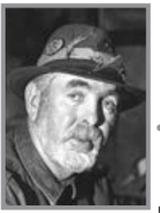
Don't forget to add Red Racer cocktail tomatoes to the mix. The fruit are about the size of ping pong balls and perfect for stuffing, flavorful enough for salads and hearty enough for soups and stews.

Dress up your salads, sauces and sandwiches with colorful tomato slices. The six Chef's Choice tomato varieties provide a rainbow of colors for the relish tray. Guests will have trouble deciding between the red, orange, pink, yellow, green and now black-fruited varieties. These beefsteak tomatoes have the right balance between sugar and acid; perfect for eating fresh and cooking.

Consider mixing any of these winning tomato varieties in with your ornamental plants. A few tomatoes tucked into mixed borders or at the back of a flowerbed can add color, texture and interest to any landscape. Just be sure there's easy access for harvesting and use decorative obelisks and towers to support taller varieties in style.

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

## Safe ice brings anglers out in force



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Finally, we have some safe ice on most ponds in the valley, allowing anglers the opportunity to do some fishing. This past weekend, many anglers were fishing with friends and family, and some impressive fish were caught. Last week, prior to the storm, this writer and my brother Ken fished Manchaug Pond and after a couple of hours of fishing, not a single fish was caught. We were using only Jig sticks, but it is the first time that I can remember not catching a single fish.

This past week, I attended the monthly meeting of the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs which was held at the Singletary Rod & Gun club in Oxford Mass.

Being a delegate for close to 50 years for numerous clubs in the valley, I decided to attend the meeting to see if it still

works the same from years ago. Meeting a lot of old friends like Mel Crouse, now in his 90's and still hunting, was indeed a pleasure. Mel & his brother still hunt together and harvested a nice buck in Maine a couple of years ago. They stayed close together, and when they both spotted the buck at the same time they decided to try firing at the same time. The buck dropped in his tracks.

They both managed to drag the big buck out of the woods. They do not make many guys like this anymore.

I also had a chance to speak to Mike Moss, a long time member of the league and president of the Sportsmen's council. He and his wife, Shelia Moss, are both active in both organizations. A lot of the old members were no longer there, and I was told that many were deceased. It sure makes you realize how lucky some of us are to still be involved in the activities of the league, and in the hunting and fishing activities that we enjoy every year. Both organizations have been working for sportsmen's interest for many years, and are dedicated to keep sportsmen's interest represented in the statehouse and with Mass. Fish & Wildlife. Unfortunately, they have not been successful in getting MF&W and the legislators to pass a Sunday



Hunting Bill or a crossbow bill that would allow anyone to hunt with a crossbow in Massachusetts.

A couple of local sportsmen were at the meeting, and inquired about having the Division acquire another shipment of shoal spawning alewives (bait fish) into Wallum lake and Webster Lake. When the alewives were introduced

to the lake for the first time 20 or 30 years ago, the trout grew rapidly, and catching a four pound trot from wallum was a weekly or daily event. The officials at the meeting did not seem interested in the idea. The sportsmen vowed to pursue the matter, in hopes of changing their minds. Stay tuned! Change does not come easy in Mass.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club put on a great roast pork dinner for all in attendance. It was a Humdinger!

I also spoke with a Singletary club member that was heading to Nantucket Island to hunt rabbits the following week. He stated that rabbit hunting on the Island was great. He did not have his own beagles, but he

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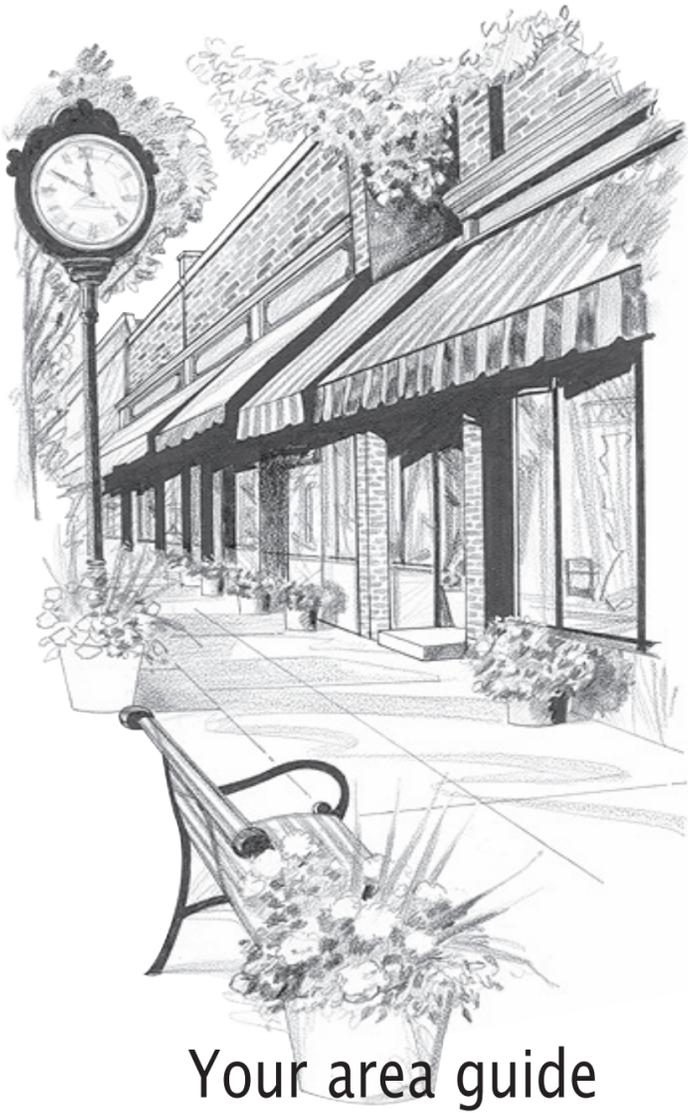
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**EDITORIAL**

*Small gestures, big results*

Never doubt how much a simple, kind word or gesture means.

Imagine a typical Monday morning scenario - some traffic, a few minor annoyances, misplaced files and other "Monday things." Maybe it's also raining. A very "Monday" kind of day, for sure. You stop for coffee.

As you wait in line, you mentally began running down the list of bad things already piling up in your morning. When it is time to pay, the woman at the counter makes eye contact, smiles and tells you she hopes you'll have a good day. She really seems to mean it.

You leave the shop with your coffee, a smile on your face and a feeling of appreciation for that cashier and her expression of kindness. The day already starts to look up. Small gestures really do matter.

Our world loves to celebrate and reward big gestures - remember the Walmart stories from December, when athletes and other celebrities secretly paid off the balances for customers with items in layaway? The big gesture gets recognition and celebration and lots of media coverage. Sometimes the big gesture deserves that kind of attention - people helping one another in a big way IS big news, and very good news. We need more of that.

But what about the small things? Don't they deserve recognition somehow? The cashier's smile and wish for your day would only take a fraction of a minute, but it could turn around another person's mood and possibly his or her day.

Holding the door - anyone for anybody - is another small gesture that reminds us that more than anything else, we need to treat each other well. How about letting the person with fewer items get in line in front of you at the grocery store? That small act of kindness just might allow that person to arrive somewhere on time, instead of a few minutes late. Leaving a few extra quarters in the parking meter might help someone who's caught short of change. And a smile and nod to anyone you pass just might lift someone's mood, as that hypothetical cashier's would do.

Do these gestures get media coverage? No. And most aren't done for that purpose anyway. Do we know that our small gestures make an impact? Not always. But knowing the outcome isn't the point.

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# OPINION

Views and commentary from Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

## Readers Share Tips and Tricks

The new year is here and with it comes a fresh resolve to reach our goals. While some vows are lofty, it's often the little, everyday hassles that often get in the way of crossing off our list of accomplishments. Thanks to readers who took to the time to share their strategies to save time, money and stress, thus eliminating a few of the little nuisances in life!



TAKE THE HINT  
**KAREN TRAINOR**

Recycling is good for the pocketbook and the planet, and this seasonal idea not only preserves your favorite cards, but makes repurposing them an enjoyable, annual project:

Hi Karen, my fiancé lives in Webster and I live in Rhode Island. Every weekend when I get to his house I look forward to reading your tips and hints. My tip is: every year I save the Christmas cards I receive and the following year I tear off the front, fold in half, cut size, and use as name gift tags on gifts. They look so pretty and I save money buying tags.

Lorraine Suzman  
 N Providence, R.I.

This reader shares a great way to update your address book with little effort:

New cards and new addresses came in with the Christmas card this year. In addition to cutting off the address label, I put the new date year on it and tape it in my address book. In addition, I wrote inside each Christmas card their new address or phone and will store them after the holidays.

This way, I have a hard copy of the address updates.  
 Viola Bramel  
 Northbridge, Mass.

Prize Winner  
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## Are you prepared for a natural disaster?



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**JEFF BURDICK**

The year ahead offers new opportunities and experiences. But as you make plans throughout 2019, be mindful of the things that can derail those plans - such as the natural disasters that affected so many families in 2018. Every area around the country is subject to natural disasters, whether they're wildfires, hurricanes or tornadoes. How can you prepare for them?

Here are a few suggestions:

Maintain adequate insurance. It's a good idea to review your homeowners' insurance at least annually to ensure it's still providing the protection you need. And make sure you know exactly what your policy covers in terms of natural disasters. You'll also want to review your life and disability insurance regularly. And, of course, you'll want to stay current on your premiums for all your policies.

Keep a record of your possessions. The insurance claims process will be much easier if you take the time, before a natural disaster occurs, to photograph or videotape the contents of your home. You also might want to list the brands and serial numbers of appliances and electronics.

Know your passwords. It's important to have ready access to the passwords for your financial accounts. You may be able to memorize them, but, if not, keep them somewhere - perhaps in your smartphone - that you can access anywhere. It's always possible that a natural disaster will strike so quickly that you can't even grab your phone, so, to be extra cautious, you might want to share your passwords with a trusted family member or friend. (Even then, though, you may want to change your passwords every so often.)

Build an emergency fund. During or following a natural disaster, you may need ready access to cash to cover some of the essentials of daily living, such as food and shelter. Keeping a lot of cash in your home may not be such a great plan, especially if you have to evacuate quickly. Consequently, you might want to create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid and highly accessible account at a local bank or with your financial services provider.

Protect your documents. These days, many of your important financial materials, such as your investment statements, are available online, so they're likely safe from any disaster. But you may still have some items, such as checkbooks, birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards, insurance policies and estate planning documents (i.e., will, living trust, etc.) on paper. Even if some or all of these things could eventually be replaced, it would take time and effort. You're better off protecting them beforehand, possibly by keeping them in a safety deposit box at a local bank.

Save your receipts. You'll want to save receipts for repairs and temporary lodging to submit to your insurance company. If you are not fully reimbursed for these expenses, they may be tax deductible, though you'll need to consult with your tax advisor to be certain.

If you're fortunate, you'll never have to face a natural disaster that threatens your home and possessions. But it never hurts to be ready - just in case.

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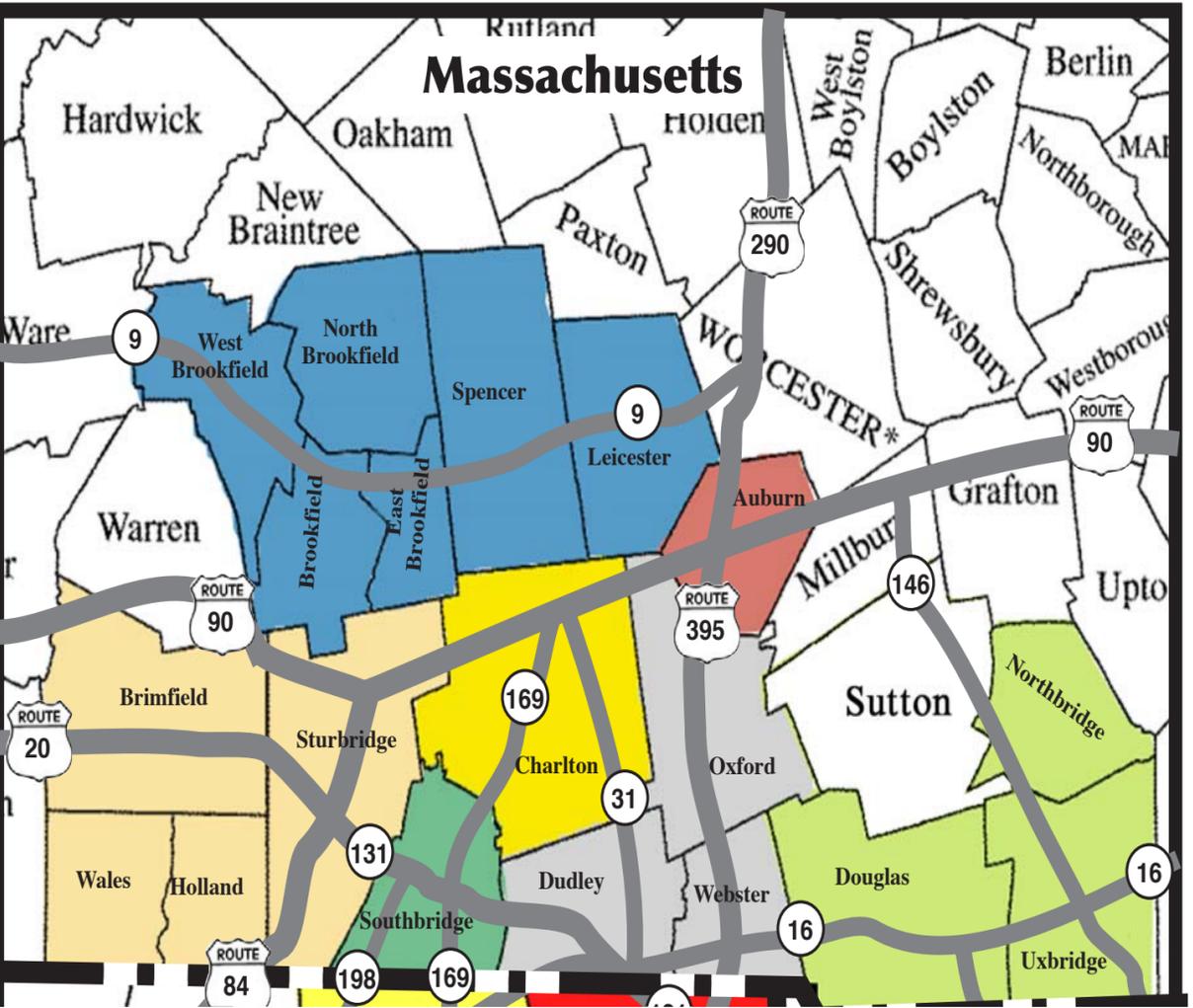
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# SPORTS

## Tantasqua starts slow, but Warriors wear down Pirates late for victory



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Jackson Hall releases a free throw during the first quarter versus Oxford.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — When Oxford High's McAddai Owusu finished off a beautiful three-point play with about five minutes to play in the third quarter versus the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity basketball team, the Pirates were on a 9-0 run to open the second half as they led, 38-26.

The Warriors were on upset watch, but Tantasqua heated up from that point forward and outscored the Pirates the rest of the way, 43-15.

The final result was the Warriors winning a closer-than-the-final-score-indicated 69-53 decision.

"It wasn't a 16-point game at all," said Tantasqua head coach Scott Dion. "We were down three at the half [and then] they started the [second] half on a 9-0 run. We were then able to put the ball in the basket, which allowed us to set up our pressure, which gave them some trouble. We have some pretty big, long, athletic players — we slowed them down and got some steals and some run-outs. When you get layups, that then opens up the perimeter game and kids start to play with more confidence and more freely."

"We mixed up our defenses, we mixed up our offenses,

we pressed at times," Oxford head coach Dave Aldrich said of what worked for his team during the first two-and-a-half quarters. "Maybe fatigue came into play."

Dion agreed that the Warriors and their numbers eventually broke down the Pirates, who routinely played only seven guys. Tantasqua has a much deeper bench, which makes sense since they are the largest school in the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL).

"We get everybody's 'A' game," said Dion of his opponents. "Our guys know that and there's a level we have to play at and we haven't reached it."

Tantasqua was nowhere near that level when Oxford led after the first quarter of play, 14-12, and at halftime, 29-26.

"We just haven't been starting games well and we're not where we need to be yet, in my opinion," said Dion before giving proper props to Owusu, who finished with a game-high 21 points. "He really hurt us and the other kids get their points as a complement to him because of the attention he draws."

Oxford's Elijah Williams scored 11 points and Alex Duval added 10 more as the Pirates' other double-digit scorers.

"We rely on our two captains," Aldrich said of Owusu and Duval, two highly skilled guards who rarely came out of the game for a breather.

"These kids are giving me all their heart — they're working very, very hard," added Aldrich. "We've got a nice bench, but they're not quite ready for the level of the SWCL."

With Oxford tiring, Tantasqua made its move near the midway point of the third quarter. The Warriors embarked on a 16-2 run to close out the third and take a 42-40 lead into the final frame.

There, in the fourth quarter, Tantasqua continued to score, netting 22 of the first 32 points to surge ahead, 64-50. In all, four Warriors were double-digit scorers — Jackson Hall (15 points), Griffin Polga (11), Jeremiah Dingui (11) and Chase Freeland (10).

"We don't have somebody that we can rely on to go get 25 [points]. We consistently have four guys who can get in double figures," said Dion of his balanced-scoring 7-3 team who are well on their way to the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament.

Oxford, meanwhile, dropped its fifth straight to go to 5-7 and must win five of its final seven regular season games to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

"All of this craziness and frustration will go away if we get there," concluded Aldrich, who pointed out that many of the recent losses have come at the expense of the top teams in the league.



Jeremiah Dingui of Tantasqua drives the ball into the lane on Oxford defender McAddai Owusu.



Tantasqua's Brad Gregoire fights for positioning while sandwiched in between Oxford's Niko Murray (left) and Duane Day.



Tantasqua's Chase Freeland looks inside for a teammate to pass the ball to.



Griffin Polga of Tantasqua catches a pass out near the top of the key.

# SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

### Warriors swim with Westborough, but fall short

**Jan. 16**  
**Westborough 100, Tantasqua 75** — In the Warriors' boys' meet with the Rangers, Jonah Green won the diving event to put Tantasqua in the lead. But the Warriors ultimately fell short, as Bryce Iller (50 free) and Robert Wilson of Quaboag (100 butterfly) won their respective events for Tantasqua. The Warriors' record now stands at 8-4.  
**Westborough 107, Tantasqua 72** — Much like the boys' meet, the girls got off to a good start as the Warriors' Lauren Butler won the diving portion. Sarah Kersting-Mumm of Oxford won the 200 freestyle for Tantasqua (6-6), but that was it as Westborough was victorious.



Nick Ethier photos

The Tantasqua Regional boys' and girls' swim and dive teams competed hard against Westborough High, but came up short in a meet that took place last Wednesday, Jan. 16.

### Rockets — behind Slade's four goals — win wild affair with Nashoba, 6-3



Auburn's Billy Erikson prepares to rifle a shot on net.



Nick Ethier photos

Anthony List of Auburn carries the puck and skates toward Nashoba's net.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
 SPORTS STAFF WRITER  
 AUBURN — In a game that saw it all at the Horgan Rink on Saturday, Jan. 19 — fresh with major penalties, a hat trick and everything in between — the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team emerged victorious in its matchup with Nashoba Regional, 6-3.  
 The Rockets, whose co-op includes players from Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill

Regional, saw themselves down a pair of players as they had to kill off a five-on-three penalty as they trailed, 3-2, heading into the third period. But Auburn killed it off, the Rockets tied it up, Slade then scored his third goal — the eventual game-winner — and he finished with four courtesy of an empty netter.  
 "These games have been like that all year, teams beating each other up. That's our 10th game and I bet you five or six

of them have been like that," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard, whose team improved to 7-3 and have won all of their "wild" games. "I don't know what it is, but that's just the way the games have been going.  
 "We can't be taking stupid penalties," added Bombard. "The referees have been calling things correctly, they've been doing an excellent job."  
 With Slade in the penalty box because of a five-minute boarding

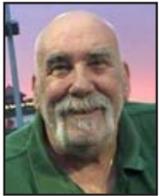
penalty, the Chieftains broke a 2-2 tie with 15.3 seconds to play in the second period. Auburn's Adam Lanier was then called for a five-minute major penalty himself, as Nashoba looked to add to its lead in the third.  
 But the Chieftains picked up a pair of minor penalties themselves, forcing a three-on-three situation. There, the Rockets' Cam Dungey tied the score at 3-3 just three minutes into the period. Anthony List assisted on the goal. Then, with Slade freshly out of the box, he snapped a goal bar-down with 10:29 to play, giving Auburn a 4-3 lead.  
 "Ry doesn't get many penalties," Bombard said of Slade. "He's one of our better players and I don't even have to say anything to him because it doesn't happen often. He's going to do what he can to make up for it."  
 "I knew I put my team behind the eight ball because five minutes is a long kill, especially in a 15-minute period," added Slade. "I just wanted to contribute so bad because I feel like I hurt my team. I said, 'I'm going to get you guys back.'"  
 Slade knew just how important it was for his team to kill off he and Lanier's penalties.  
 "I think that's the game right there because if they get one or two [goals] there the game's over," he said.  
 "That was huge," Bombard added of the killing of the penalties.

"Those seven guys that we used in that five minutes did an unbelievable job killing that off."  
 With no more penalties taking place, the Rockets and Chieftains were now skating five-on-five. Auburn's Caleb Mackin made it a 5-3 game with 2:36 left when he scored off a feed from Joel Miller, who won a one-on-one battle with a Nashoba defender for possession of the puck.  
 Slade then deposited the puck into the empty net with 1:03 to go for his first career four-goal high school game. It was already Slade's second hat trick of the season.  
 The game was much more competitive than the three-goal outcome, though. The Chieftains scored just 34 seconds in and then made it 2-0 with 21.8 seconds remaining in the first period.

"For some reason that period's been killing us," Bombard said of the first. "We have to come out faster."  
 Slade did make it a 2-1 game with 1.3 seconds to go, though, scoring from the point with assists going to Dillon Winkelmann and Dungey.  
 "That's when the momentum changed," said Bombard.  
 Slade then tied the game at 2-2 early in the second period when he received a pass from Drew Darger, who originally got the puck from Winkelmann.  
 Auburn goalie Collin Winkelmann made 20 saves in net and shook off the slow start to pick up the victory.  
 "We have a ton of confidence in him," Bombard said. "He got better as the game went on."

# OBITUARIES

## Roland A. Servant, 71



STURBRIDGE- Roland A. Servant, 71, of Park Circle, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after an illness.

He leaves his two children, Keith R. Servant and his wife Christine of Rutland and Karen R. Brousseau and her husband Steven of Thompson, CT; his sister, Pauline C. Julian and her husband Ralph of Sturbridge; his four grandchildren, Ethan Servant, Noah Brousseau, Addison Servant and Ellyana Servant; several nieces and nephews; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert L. Servant. He was born in Southbridge the son of the late Leon A. and Lillian R. (Lescarbeau) Servant.

Roland worked in maintenance and custodial services for the Southbridge School System for 33 years, retiring several years ago. He was a lifetime member of the Optimist Club in Southbridge and served as president from 1986 to 1989.

Roland had a passionate interest in Civil War History and was a mem-

ber of the Civil War Heritage. He would travel to Gettysburg, PA in July and November every year. There he would portray Gen. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the 20th Maine Inf., and tell his history to the public at the Gettysburg Museum.

Roland was well known for his love of the Montreal Canadiens and was also a fan of the NY Yankees and the New England Patriots. He was an avid card player who enjoyed playing pitch and cribbage. He also enjoyed candlepin bowling. Roland was also an avid golfer. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

His funeral was held on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial was in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Monday, Jan. 21st, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

## Carol A. Passarelli, 75



CHARLTON- Carol A. (Lavigne) Passarelli, 75, formerly of Charlton and Auburn, died January 15, 2019, at Beaumont Rehab & Nursing Center in Worcester after a long illness.

Survived by her 3 sons Kevin Passarelli and his wife Linda of Sturbridge, Mark Passarelli of Southbridge, and Michael Passarelli of Georgia, and her daughter Shannon LeClair and her husband Michael of Leominster. She also leaves 7 grandchildren Jeremy, Monica, Matthew, Megan, Maxwell, Samuel, and Cameron as well as 2 great-grandchildren Jaxon, and Bella. She was predeceased by her 2 sisters Priscilla Eastman, and Constance Silvestri.

Carol was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Ena Napoleon and Bernadette Vitaline (L'Ecuyer)

Lavigne. She grew up in Charlton, graduated from Charlton High School in 1961, and Ward's School of Business in 1963. Carol was a member of Notre Dame Church in Southbridge, and St Joseph's Church in Charlton. She spent her early adult life raising her four children then worked as a bookkeeper for the family auto body business, and later for the Town of Charlton, retiring many years ago after being stricken with a severe stroke. Carol had many hobbies over the years including crocheting, sewing, making leaded stained-glass pieces, and bird-watching. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

The funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10AM at Notre Dame Church - St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Sansoucy Funeral Home is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

## Courtney Dawn Mott, 35



CHARLTON - Courtney Dawn Mott, 35, passed away on January 17, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 9, 1983 in Worcester, MA, daughter of David and Kelly (Handy) Mott of

Holland. She was raised in Holland and attended Holland Elementary School and graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge. She earned her Associate Degree from Becker College in Early Childhood Education. Courtney loved children and worked as a Nanny. She enjoyed painting and drawing. She also loved to cook and was a cat lover. Courtney

was a very caring person, who always thought about others before herself. Besides her parents, she will be missed by her brother Derek Mott and his wife Jennifer and their daughter Delia of Holland and her grandmother Aline Newton of Athol, MA. She also leaves her fiancé Harold Moquet and his son Bret of Charlton, MA with whom she lived. A reception will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 1:00 PM, followed by a Memorial service at 2:00 PM at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Courtney will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

## Joan E. LaFleur, 88



UXBRIDGE- Joan E. (Brackett) LaFleur, 88, passed away on Dec. 16, 2018 where she had been living in North Fort Meyers, FL the past 7 years with her son Chuck. She was predeceased by the love of her life,

Leo A. LaFleur on Oct. 23, 2005, whom she was married to for 57 glorious years.

Joan is survived by 3 children, Leo "Chuck" LaFleur of N. Fort Myers, FL, David J. LaFleur of N. Uxbridge, and Kathryn A. Taylor of Sturbridge; 7 grandchildren, Melissa A. DiCarlo of Hudson, NH, Christopher LaFleur of Danbury, NH, Lauren E. Benoit of Goffstown, NH, and Matthew P. LaFleur of Sturbridge, Nicholas LaFleur of N. Uxbridge, Jennifer Prather of Nashua, NH and Tammy Burrill of Sturbridge; 12 great grandchildren, Benjamin, Brandon and Timothy DiCarlo of Hudson, NH, Kye & Morgan LaFleur of Danbury, NH, Brooklyn, Hunter, Emily & Kaitlyn Benoit of Goffstown, NH, Cameron LaFleur of Pembroke, NH, and Hunter & Hayden Prather also of Hudson, NH. Joan was also predeceased by 6 siblings, James Brackett Jr., Robert Brackett, David Brackett, Barbara Lemieux, Eleanor Munson, and Dorothy Dion.

Born on Sept. 16, 1930 in Woonsocket Rhode Island, Joan was the daughter of James and Helen (McHale) Brackett and grew up in Woonsocket. Joan and Leo were married on June 19, 1948 at the Sacred Heart Church in Woonsocket and started their family in North Uxbridge. After Leo's passing, Joan continued to live in her Family Home in North Uxbridge for 4 more years, and in 2009 moved to Sturbridge to live with her daughter Kathryn.

Joan was primarily a homemaker, and enjoyed being a stay at home mom. She was a very active parishioner of Good Shepard Church in Linwood, where she taught catechism for many years, and was also a member of the Uxbridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary where she was involved in many charitable organizations. Joan enjoyed playing cards but most of all she enjoyed being a wife to Leo, and a mother to her 3 children.

Joan's memorial Mass will be held on Wed. Jan 23, 2019 at 11am in Good Shepherd Church, 121 Linwood St., Linwood. Calling hours will be held prior at Tancrell- Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge from 9-10:30am. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: [Jackmanfuneralhomes.com](http://Jackmanfuneralhomes.com)

## Robert G. McCarthy, 62

FISKDALE- Robert G. McCarthy, 62, died Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center/ University Campus. He leaves his wife of 20 years, Susan (DiLoreto) McCarthy, whom he married on August 8, 1998. He leaves a sister Brenda McCarthy Trayah and her husband George of Worcester.

He was born in Framingham, son of Robert F. and Margarita (Wall) McCarthy. After his high school gradu-

ation, he worked as an auto mechanic. He enjoyed working on cars, all sports, and was an avid baseball player.

A calling hour will be held at St. Anne's Church, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale from 9-10AM, Friday, January 25, 2019. The funeral Mass will follow at 10AM. Burial will be held at a later date.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is directing the arrangements.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to [jean@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:jean@stonebridgepress.news)



### TRIPS

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sion scenic dining car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella - or Atlantic Cod.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

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

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

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Join us as we travel on Tuesday March 12th by Deluxe Motorcoach Bus to the beautiful Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Mass., about one and a quarter hours from Sturbridge. Included along with the Bus and the Show is a Plated Luncheon choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus Di Milo's famous Minestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee/Tea.

Be chauffeured, be entertained, be served and sit back and enjoy the day. Or if you prefer to drive on your own to the Venus Di Milo, this option is also available. These Shows are open to the Public ages 21 and over. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at [lisirichard15@yahoo.com](mailto:lisirichard15@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

### ST. ANDREW BOBOLA PARISH

TRIP TO USA NATIONAL PARKS St Andrew Bobola Parish, is organizing a special TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS 11 DAYS, May 12-23 2019. Total cost: \$2,000

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Please contact: 508-943-5633. Registration forms are available on the website: [www.standrewbobola.com](http://www.standrewbobola.com)

### UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

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

### UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

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

April 9 JFK Library and museum w/ wine tasting & Venezia Restaurant for lunch. \$81. Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parmesan, steak tips, chicken piccata, or pasta primavera Kentucky w/ARK, horses and more \$869. 7 day trip! March 31-April 6. Includes 12 meals, 2 shows; Loretta Lynn's homestead; Hatfield & McCoy tour; Tynota Tour; tour of Wheeling, WV; cut-through project in Pikeville; horse farm tour; "Grand Canyon of the South" and other fun highlights!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, January 27

**OPEN HOUSE, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.,** Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge, Mass. We are currently accepting applications for 2019-2020.

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

## Tuesday, February 5

**BEGINNERS FLY TYING CLASS:** Buffumville Lake office, Charlton, 7-9 p.m. Call (508) 248-5697 to register.

## Thursday, February 7

**BEGINNERS FLY TYING CLASS:** Buffumville Lake office, Charlton, 7-9 p.m. Call (508) 248-5697 to register.

## Friday, February 8

**SOME SPECIAL & ME DANCE, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,** Burgess Elementary School cafeteria, Sturbridge. Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 14412. Open to Burgess students in grades K-6, accompanied by their "Someone Special." This could be a parent, grandparent, guardian, or other special adult. Cost: \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 for families. Please e-mail Troop14412@gmail.com for a permission slip, or with any questions.

## Monday-Friday, February 18-22

**SCHOOL WINTER BREAK FUN AT BUFFUMVILLE LAKE:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. daily. Pre-registration requested by Feb. 15. Please contact Park Ranger Jamie Kordack at (508) 248-5697 or Jaime.r.kordack@usace.army.mil.

## Thursday, February 21

**AN EVENING WITH PSYCHIC MEDIUM GARY MCKINSTRY:** Live at Old Sturbridge Village. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 p.m., and tickets are available for either or both. This event is a fundraiser for the students of Old Sturbridge Academy. Throughout New England & beyond, Gary McKinstry is legendary for giving peace, comfort, and perhaps closure to grieving loved ones. Talking to people about their everyday lives, as well as those that have crossed to the Other Side. Understanding that we are never really alone, and how we're all "Connected" through spirit and love. Snow date: Feb. 24

Sunday, February 24

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

Sunday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 28

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

## ONGOING

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

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

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

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

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

**FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Music & Movement.** This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. 9-10 a.m. every Wednesday when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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

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

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

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**RALPH**  
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had a fellow hunter that was taking him out for a rabbit hunt. Unfortunately, the briar patches are still hard on both man and dogs but they manage to harvest a few rabbits on each trip. There is nothing like listening to a few beagles trailing a rabbit through fields and swamps. The good old days!

A young lady also was anxious to tell me about her Montana hunting trip last year where she harvested a great bull Elk while hunting with her husband. Unfortunately, the picture she gave me showing the 70 year old Ruth Granger with her Elk that she harvested using her 306 Remington rifle could not be used. The animal was dressed in the wilderness and packed out. Her family is still enjoying some great eating of Elk steaks.

Did you know that a gray squirrel can live up to 25 years? It is no wonder that there are so many gray squirrels in the valley. Red squirrels can live up to 15 - 20 years also, but can cause a lot more damage to bird feeders and homes. There are very few hunters that participate in squirrel hunting, but there are plenty of predators that help

keep their population down. Hawks, Fisher cat, coyotes, etc. harvest a lot of squirrels annually.

This past weekend, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their second annual «Founders Day» event that was filled to capacity. A prime Rib dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. A DJ provided music. Thanks to all of the members and officers of the club for putting on such a great evening of enjoyment and food.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Jan. 27. A breakfast will be served at 6 a.m., and the derby will start at 7 a.m.! The pond was stocked with trout last Saturday. Stay tuned for more ice fishing derby's being planned in the coming weeks.

This week's picture shows Dan Southwick with a huge largemouth bass that he caught a few years ago while ice fishing. He knows how to catch fish. Monster pike are one of his favorite game fish to catch. All fish are released on site. I am sure I will be receiving some pictures of big fish now that the ice seems to have settled in on most lakes and ponds.

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Please send cover letter, resume and with three references electronically to [selectmen@dudleyma.gov](mailto:selectmen@dudleyma.gov) by 12 midnight on Friday, March 1, 2019 or to the Dudley Board of Selectmen, 71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571 not later than the close of business on the same date. EEO.

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**LEGALS**

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE**

The Town of Sturbridge Board of Selectmen in accordance with MGL Ch. 148, Section 13, hereby give notice that a public hearing will be held on February 4, 2019 at 6:35p.m. at the Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA on the application of Edy Wahib for an license for storage tanks for flammable materials located at 40 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA.



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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Live! New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpice, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 26'x30' 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**

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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approved! Built 2015! Live! New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpice, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 26'x30' 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**

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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 17 Wakefield Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Flr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**

**ON DEPOSIT**  
**WEBSTER LAKE** - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19'x19 Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huge Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Full Hall! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air Only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$629,900.00**

**ON DEPOSIT**  
**WEBSTER LAKE** - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 5,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frpice, Surround Sound & Grooming Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Is, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frpice, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**

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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 37 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! As a Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home - Have Possible Plans! 4 Rooms! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/Panoramic Lake Views! **\$399,900.00**

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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpice Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**

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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 905 Treasure Isl! WATERFRONT! 1,874' Townhouse! 8 Rms! 1,874' Hrdwds! SS Applianced Quartz Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity! 2.5 Baths! Frpiced Fam Rm! Newer C/Air & Gas Heat! Frpiced Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$449,000.00**

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Webster, MA  
\$275,000  
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**\$249,900**

**OPEN HOUSE 12-2PM SUN**  
66 Arnold Rd., Sturbridge  
Great HOME and Great YARD! Open Concept with front to back living room/dining room. 6 rooms 3-4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath. Kitchen updated! First floor bedroom. Large bedrooms with sitting area upstairs. 1.5 acres! Level wonderful yard!



**Southbridge:** Convert to Single Family?? Great Commercial Space with fixtures & Real Estate included! 572 SF of space. Former Beauty Salon-2 chair. 3 dryer stations. Reception desk. Vinyl sided. 2012 roof. New flooring in 2011. CB. Gas heat. Parking two cars. Could off Main St. \$74,900.



**Southbridge:** COMMERCIAL PROPERTY with Single Family! 1500SF one level Concrete Building w/basement. Roof updated, electrical updated, heating system updated with plenty of parking! Single Family all renovated with 2-3 bedrooms, newer kitchen and bath. Small backyard. BOTH adjoining properties for \$229,900!



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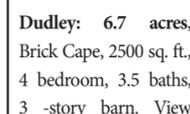
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Dudley: 6.7 acres, Brick Cape, 2500 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths, 3 -story barn. View tour on MLS. Antique Homes or JoannSold MyHouse.com




Cherry cabinet kitchen  
7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$400's

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DON'T MISS THIS MARKET  
CALL JO-ANN & GET READY TO BUY!!  
~ LOW DOWN PAYMENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE~



Shrewsbury: 55+ Community, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage  
6 Essex Dr ~ New Price \$329,900

## Open House Directory

ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 27</b>				
<b>CHARLTON</b>				
33 Gale Rd	S	12:30-1:30	\$299,900	George P. Goulas / Keller Williams RE 508-509-3833
<b>STURBRIDGE</b>				
66 Arnold Rd	S	12-2	\$249,900	Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155

**To have your open house listed in this directory please contact Tia Paradis 508-909-4110**

# REAL ESTATE

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**OPEN HOUSE SAT 1/26 10:00-11:30**



**6 Poulin Drive**  
**Putnam \$262,500 NEW PRICE**  
Like new 1,800 SF Raised Ranch on a cul-de-sac! 3 BR 1.5 BA re-done w/granite, stainless kitchen! New floors, windows, insulation, LED lighting & 4 split units so AC!  
**The Gosselin Team:**  
Stephanie 860-428-596

**OPEN HOUSE SAT 1/26 1:00-3:00**



**Pomfret \$295,000**  
31 Kearney Fork Rd., Pomfret  
Quality oversized Cape in desirable Pomfret neighborhood. Open floor plan w/ 4 BR, 3 BA and a cozy living room fireplace.  
**Mary Collins**  
860-336-6677

**OPEN HOUSE SAT 1/26 12:30-2:00**



**1143 Route 169**  
**Woodstock \$179,900 NEW LISTING**  
This wonderfully private yet close to MA and close to Woodstock Hill colonial has 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Nice private 3 a/c lot!  
**The White/Cook Team:**  
Charlotte 860-931-6006

**Killingly \$249,000 NEW LISTING**



Cathedral ceilings, open living. 3 BR, 3 full BA, and family room.  
**Rachel Sposato**  
860-234-1342

**Woodstock \$289,500 NEW PRICE**



Oversized Raised Ranch with spacious open layout! Finished lower level bonus room/office!  
**Gelhaus Realty Group:**  
Brooke Gelhaus  
860-336-9408

**Stafford \$329,900 NEW PRICE**



3+ BR, 3 BA, 5+ car garage. Legal in-law, level lot & sunroom.  
**Catherine Howard**  
860-234-2901

**Thompson \$256,000 NEW PRICE**



3 bedroom Cape, 1st floor bedroom & a large finished basement! Private yard with in ground pool!  
**Gelhaus Realty Group:**  
Brooke Gelhaus 860-336-9408

**Woodstock \$795,000**



With over 4,000 SF & 4 BR, 3 full baths & THE best kitchen anywhere! Plus 145' of lake frontage w/a waterfront cabana & screen room!  
**The Gosselin Team:**  
Stephanie  
860-428-5960

**Woodstock \$425,000**



Stunning home on 18.24 acres of beautiful land. 1st floor master, hardwood floors throughout.  
Location is private, quiet & peaceful.  
**John Downs**  
860-377-0754

**Woodstock \$204,900**



Waterview!! Lake and beach rights, Cape 4 BR, updated kitchen, enclosed porch with wood stove.  
**Rachel Sposato**  
234-1343

**Norwich \$186,500**



Raised Ranch w/open concept living, dining area, 3 BR & 1 full BA! Partially finished lower level w/family room & half BA on a 1.23 acre lot.  
**Mary Scalise**  
860-918-1539

**Plainfield \$499,900**



Featuring 3,844 SF on 2.83 private hilltop acres w/whistles & bells aplenty! Including a heated saltwater pool & professionally landscaped yard.  
**The Gosselin Team:**  
Stephanie 860-428-5960

**Woodstock \$1,390,000**



Wonderful antique Colonial with 182 acres, pastoral views w/ 4+ miles of wooded trails. Unique open concept, 3 story barn.  
**The White/Cook Team:**  
Amy  
860-377-2830

**Dayville \$299,000**



Enchanting Cape set on 11+ beautiful acres! 3 BR, 2 full BA, 2 car garage!  
**Gelhaus Realty Group:**  
Kristen Kaskela  
860-377-0118

**Killingly \$199,900**



Pristine 2005 updated Townhouse. Granite & hardwoods, 2 full BA, finished basement. Close to 395.  
**Mary Collins**  
860-336-6677

**Killingly \$194,900**



Over 1,400 SF, wood floors. Large living room with built-ins! 3 BR 1.5 BA!  
**Rachel Sposato**  
860-234-1343

**Putnam \$4,000/mo. Commercial Lease**



Location! Location! 2,696 SF commercial space for lease with ample parking. Convenient to I-395. A must see!  
**Gelhaus Realty Group:**  
Vivian Kozey  
860-455-5363

**LAND FOR SALE**

**Putnam \$400,000**  
This lot includes a rustic cabin that is occupied by the owner. The property abuts commercially zoned property & is near route 44 & 395.  
**The White/Cook Team:**  
Charlotte 860-931-6006

**Pomfret \$60,000**  
13.29 acres located at 54/56 Tyott Road in beautiful Pomfret. Build your dream home!  
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**ONGOING**



**MARIACHI BAND**  
First Thursday of the month  
5-8 p.m.  
**MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL**  
Webster location  
41 Worcester Rd., Webster, MA  
508-461-5070

**ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM**  
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**CADY'S TAVERN**  
2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI  
401-568-4102



**TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS**  
7:00 p.m. register  
7:30 p.m. start up  
**HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB**  
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA  
508-892-9822

**WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA**  
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
**CADY'S TAVERN**  
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)  
Chepachet, RI  
401-568-4102

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**HEXMARK TAVERN**  
AT SALEM CROSS INN  
260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA  
508-867-2345  
www.salemcrossinn.com

**FRIDAY ACOUSTICS IN THE BAR AND SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT EVERY OTHER SATURDAY**  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East Main St.  
East Brookfield, MA  
774-449-8333

**THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED** meets the first Monday of every month from September through May.

We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities, our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman's Club  
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA



## National Opposite Day 2019 January 25

Most experts agree that National Opposite Day is observed on January 25th, but other experts claim it is celebrated on January 7th. Still others believe that it is to be celebrated every month of the year on the 25th day.

Is it National Opposite Day? Is it not Opposite Day? Or is it not not Opposite Day? Now even I am confused. Either way children across the country rejoice in this day as they declare they mean the opposite of whatever they say. I would love to do the dishes! Broccoli is my favorite food! I didn't push my brother in the mud! Here is a serious question... What is the opposite of Opposite Day?

**National Opposite Day Activities**

**1. Call in Sick For Work, Then Show Up Anyway**  
Your boss will be confused for a minute, then it will dawn on them. Plus you shouldn't lose your job for this one, nor should you lose one of your sick days.

**2. Say Goodbye When Greeting People**  
The confusion on their faces will be worth it. If you pair

this with the number one on our list, it will only get better.

**3. Don't Do Anything for Opposite Day**  
Saying it's Opposite Day negates that it is opposite day. So don't do anything for opposite, but know in your heart that it really is National Opposite Day.

**Why We Love National Opposite Day**

**A. The Pranksters in All of Us Rejoice**  
Class clowns who grew up to be office jokesters, and even that really quiet co-worker on the third floor can enjoy opposite day. There is a built in excuse for joking, pranking, and tricking, everyone you know. You are only limited by your imagination.

**B. It's Kind of Like, April Fools' Day Has An Awesome Little Sibling**  
What's better than pranking someone and saying you didn't prank someone. The answer is nothing is better than that. "No, I didn't turn all our appliances around and



flip your furniture upside down."  
**C. Spongebob Squarepants Has an Episode About Opposite Day**  
Nothing says cultural relevance like a children's TV show creating an episode about a holiday. Spongebob + Opposite Day = entertainment for all ages.



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**010 FOR SALE**

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**2008 ZODIAC and 14' CANOE,** excellent condition. ACTI-V 9'4", electric pump/all accessories, air floor. 2009 Honda 8HP, serviced. \$2,195 Canoe: oars/ seats, no leaks. \$275 860-983-0800 Sturbridge

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**24 FOOT POOL, ABOVE-GROUND,** 4 years old, filter, motor, all supplies included (except liner) Ready to go \$950 or best offer 508-498-0166 leave message

**4 SNOW TIRES** -235/50 R18 101T used 2 months- paid \$800, asking best offer. 508-414-2474

**ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOL,** 24' x 54', filter system, 1 season. \$1,000 or best offer. 508-943-8769

**ACORN STAIRLIFT** - 3.5 years old; like new condition. 11 feet long. Asking \$1400 or best offer. Call 508-277-6568 if interested.

**ANGLE IRON CUTTER** For Shelving 4W296, HK Potter 2790. Normally Sells For \$700. \$50 OBO. Call 5pm-8:30pm, (508)867-6546

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**FLY RODS - 2 ALBRIGHT** A/5 490 9 FT. #4 RODS. 2 Orvis reels Battenkill BBS II. Asking \$200 each set or best offer. 508-347-3145

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**010 FOR SALE**

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**SNOW PLOW,** Myers, 6 1/2' all controls and lights, great condition. Can be seen at Old Cider Mill, Rt. 9, West Brookfield or call 774-232-9382

**SNOW TIRES, PIRELLI** 245/45R19/102V M+S, 250 miles, \$1000, 508-564-3556

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**100 GENERAL**

**105 BULLETIN BOARD**

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**Free construction wood and kindling wood;** beams, plywood, 2x4x, 2x6s, 2x8s, good for woodstoves, not for building. Clean. Delivery possible. Ask for J.D. 413-262-5082

**130 YARD SALES**

**DEADLINE FOR YARD SALE SUBMISSIONS IS NOON MONDAY FOR ALL MASS. WEEKLY PAPERS**  
 Deadline subject to change due to holidays  
 Call for more info  
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**200 GEN. BUSINESS**

**205 BOATS**

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**265 FUEL/WOOD**

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Boston Terrier puppies. First shots, wormed, and vet checked. Parents on premises. \$975. 508-981-6624

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**300 HELP WANTED**

**310 GENERAL HELP WANTED**

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**310 GENERAL HELP WANTED**

**FOSTER PARENTS WANTED:** Seeking Quality Homes Throughout Central MA To Provide Foster Care To Children In Need. 24/7 Support. Generous Reimbursement. \$1000 Sign-On Bonus. Call For Details. Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care. (508)829-6769

Town of Charlton seeks a PT (22 hour) Kitchen Assistant for its Senior Center. HS Diploma and one to two years of experience working with seniors in a nutritional or food service program required; experience in a high volume institutional food preparation desirable; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have Serve Safe Certification or be certifiable. Hiring range \$12-14 hourly DOQ, excellent benefits. Submit completed application by 1/31/19 to HR. More application details at www.townofcharlton.net/opportunities.htm.

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**400 SERVICES**

**433 CLEANING**

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**442 LICENSED DAY CARE**

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**Full time position, EOE, 1<sup>st</sup> shift**  
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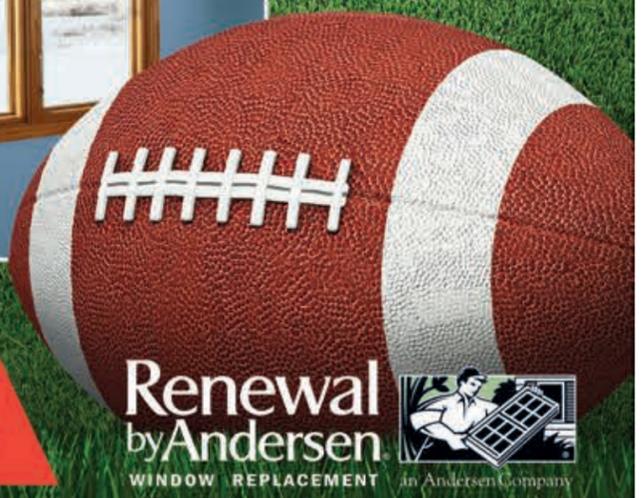
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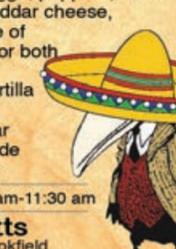
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# The basics of driving with trailers in tow

Active adults and busy families understand that one perk to owning a pickup truck or an SUV is the ability to tow items behind the vehicle. Many of these trucks already come equipped with trailer hitches that make it possible to tow boats, RVs, snowmobiles and more. But safe and successful towing requires knowledge of the basics of hitching a trailer and some special rules of the road. The following are a few safety tips for drivers unaccustomed to towing.

- Know your vehicle's tow weight capacity. The owner's manual will list the maximum weight a vehicle can tow safely, but this is just a simplified estimation of data. To tow successfully, it's important to know your vehicle's gross combined weight rating, or GCWR. This includes the vehicle itself, its passengers and cargo, as well as the trailer and the trailer's cargo. More passengers on board reduces the amount of weight you can pull. Another weight factor is the tongue weight, or how much of the trailer's weight rests on the hitch, which should be around 10 percent of the trailer's weight. This helps reduce trailer sway and can improve steering.

- Practice proper weight distribution. Distribute the weight of the item being towed to make towing smoother and safer. The cargo's center

of gravity should be low, and most of the weight should be toward the front. Weight on either side also should be even. These steps will help prevent the trailer from fishtailing or flipping over.

- Use the right hitch equipment. Adjust the hitch so that the trailer being towed is relatively level to your vehicle when attached. Connect lights to your trailer through the hitch system so that brake lights and other indicators work properly. Make sure the hitch ball is the right size for your trailer, otherwise the trailer might disconnect during towing. Use a pin and safety chains to keep the trailer secure.

- Check if extra brakes are required. Many states require a separate braking system on towed vehicles with a loaded weight in excess of 1,000 pounds. Newer trucks may have a built-in controller for brakes or you may need to have a system installed. Experts from Popular Mechanics advise using a trailer brake output system that matches the trailer brake output to the tow vehicle's deceleration.

- Slow down and drive more cautiously. A vehicle towing a trailer will not maneuver the same way as a vehicle without a trailer attached. Give yourself a greater cushion of space between other vehicles. It may take longer for you to brake because of the added weight.



Safely and successfully driving with a trailer takes practice and patience.

Get used to using side-view mirrors because the trailer may block your rearview. Larger, extended side-view mirrors may help you feel more comfortable and safe. Make wide turns so that the trailer will clear curbs and not tip over.

- Avoid backing up. Unless

you're experienced with driving large rigs, you may find reversing with a trailer very challenging. Limit situations that require backing up. Park in pull-through parking spots when possible. If you need to back up, move slowly and with your hand on the bottom of

the steering wheel, turning it in the direction you want the trailer to go.

- Practice, practice, practice. Get acclimated with towing in a parking lot or on empty streets before taking your trailer out on the open road.

## Why clean air filters are important



Replacing air filters is an inexpensive way to keep vehicles performing at peak capacity.

Vehicle owners likely know to check fluid levels and get their cars' oil changed, but air filters may not be at the top of their maintenance checklists. Despite being a relatively inexpensive part, air filters often go overlooked.

Air filters have an important job in a vehicle, prolonging the life span of engines and helping cars run more smoothly and efficiently.

### Purpose of vehicle air filters

Vehicle combustion engines operate with a mixture of fuel and air. Without oxygen, gasoline or diesel fuels cannot burn properly and power the engine. The air filter's job is to prevent dirt, dust and other debris from being sucked into an engine. Otherwise, grime can build up and impede engine performance or cause erosion of parts under the hood.

It is much more cost-effective to routinely change air filters than replace expensive engine parts. Rather than ignoring air filters until the last minute, drivers can take steps to keep filters clean and functioning at peak performance.

- Improve fuel efficiency. Clogged air filters reduce air flow to engines, resulting in an improper ratio of air to fuel. As a result, spark plugs can be negatively affected and the engine may idle roughly or misfire. These scenarios can greatly affect fuel efficiency as well as cause engine deposits from rich fuel. To save money and trips to the fuel pump, replace filters regularly. According to GearHeads, for older cars, studies have indicated that by replacing a dirty air filter, one can improve gas mileage by as much as 14 percent.

- Reduce stress on the engine. Because of the air-to-fuel mix in engines, even a mixture that is slightly off balance can affect what is going on under the hood. That means the engine must work harder to get enough clean air into the chamber to complete the combustion cycle, says the Automotive Training Center.

- Enjoy more power. A filter that is saturated with dirt will restrict air flow. In such instances, drivers may notice a lack of power during acceleration. Replacing the filter can easily restore that pep.

- Reduce toxic emissions. Environmental concerns are a priority for many people. By keeping the engine working properly, with the advantage of clean, unobstructed air entering the chamber, a vehicle may produce lower emissions.

Replacing air filters is an easy fix that many drivers can do themselves, or ask their mechanics to do during oil changes or other repair shop visits.

## Safety in numbers: Why it pays to replace headlight bulbs in pairs

(MS) — When it comes to vehicle maintenance, the rule of two has long reigned among professional automotive technicians and driving safety advocates. In accordance to this rule, drivers replacing important parts in their cars and trucks, such as tires, brakes, shocks and wiper blades, should always do so in pairs.

Replacing parts in pairs can ensure vehicles are properly balanced and functioning safely. But it's not just tires, brakes and other big-ticket components that should be replaced in pairs. Vehicle lighting plays an integral role in keeping drivers and their passengers safe, and motorists should exercise the same caution regarding their vehicles' headlights, taillights and turn signals that they do when maintaining the rest of their cars and trucks.

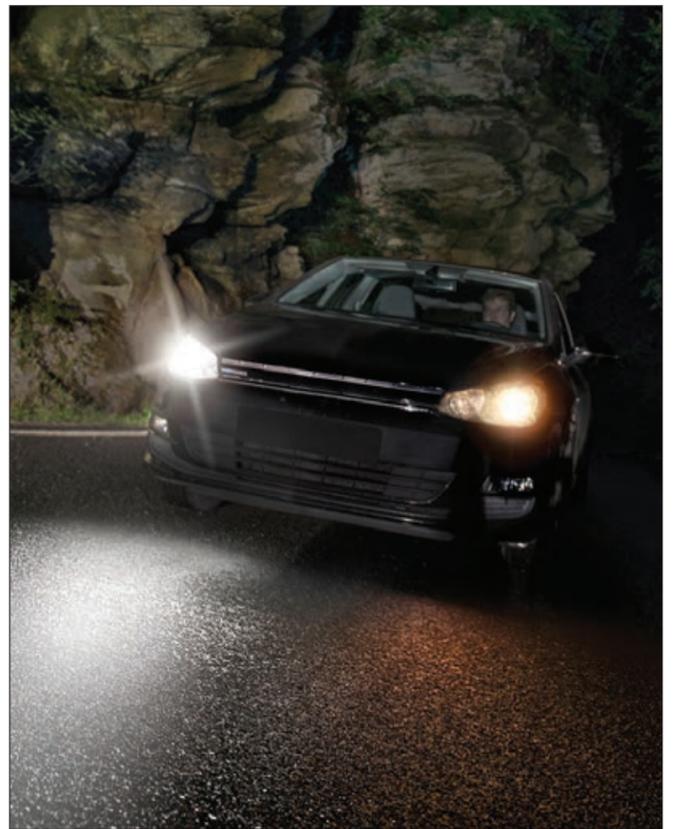
Why replace aging headlight bulbs?

Few drivers include headlight bulb replacement in their vehicle maintenance routines. But old headlight bulbs can drastically compromise visibility at night, when drivers' visual acuity is naturally reduced by as much as 70 percent. As headlight bulbs age, the effects of exposure to sunlight, ozone and pollution can significantly reduce their light output. According to Philips Automotive, a leading manufacturer of vehicle lighting components, headlight bulbs begin to project significantly less light within two to three years of their initial usage, producing dimmer light outputs that compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. For example, new headlight bulbs capable of projecting 240-foot beams in front of a vehicle may see that projection dwindle to just 160 feet within two to three years.

Why replace bulbs two at a time?

In an effort to promote the importance of changing headlight bulbs two at a time, Philips developed the "Change In Pairs" safety campaign, which aims to educate motorists about the dangers of dimming lights while promoting the many reasons that changing bulbs in pairs makes the road safer for all travelers. To support this safety initiative, Philips also packages its Upgrade Headlight Bulbs in pairs.

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Changing headlight bulbs in pairs assures that the road ahead will be properly illuminated and that drivers will get the full safety benefit of the vehicle's headlights, just as the carmaker intended.

light bulbs when only one is dimming may seem unwarranted, maintaining a consistent light output in both headlights makes the road safer for drivers, their passengers and oncoming motorists. When only one bulb is replaced, the resulting light output can be both unbalanced and unpredictable, providing inadequate lighting that can compromise driver visibility. In addition, oncoming motorists may experience difficulty seeing vehicles with just one headlight operating at full capacity, and some may even mistake oncoming cars and trucks for motorcycles, creating positioning issues for drivers on both sides of the yellow line.

How else can drivers improve visibility?

In addition to replacing headlight bulbs in pairs every two to three years, drivers can take the following proactive measures to reduce the likelihood that their vision will be compromised while on the road.

- Replace worn out wiper blades. Wiper blades need to be changed each season or in three-month intervals. Rubber wiper blades can grow brittle rather quickly, potentially compromising driver visibility at times when they need their vision to be as strong as possible, such as when rain or snow is falling.

- Clean interior glass and mirrors. Over time, interior glass can develop a film-like buildup that reduces vision and creates hazy reflections from the sun. Smokers may notice such buildup is especially thick in their vehicles. Periodically clean interior glass and mirrors to prevent this film from compromising your vision.

- Don't hang accessories in your vehicle. Fuzzy dice, photos and other items hung on rear-view mirrors can prove distracting and block you from seeing the road.

Learn more about the "Change In Pairs" campaign by visiting [www.philips.com/automotive](http://www.philips.com/automotive).

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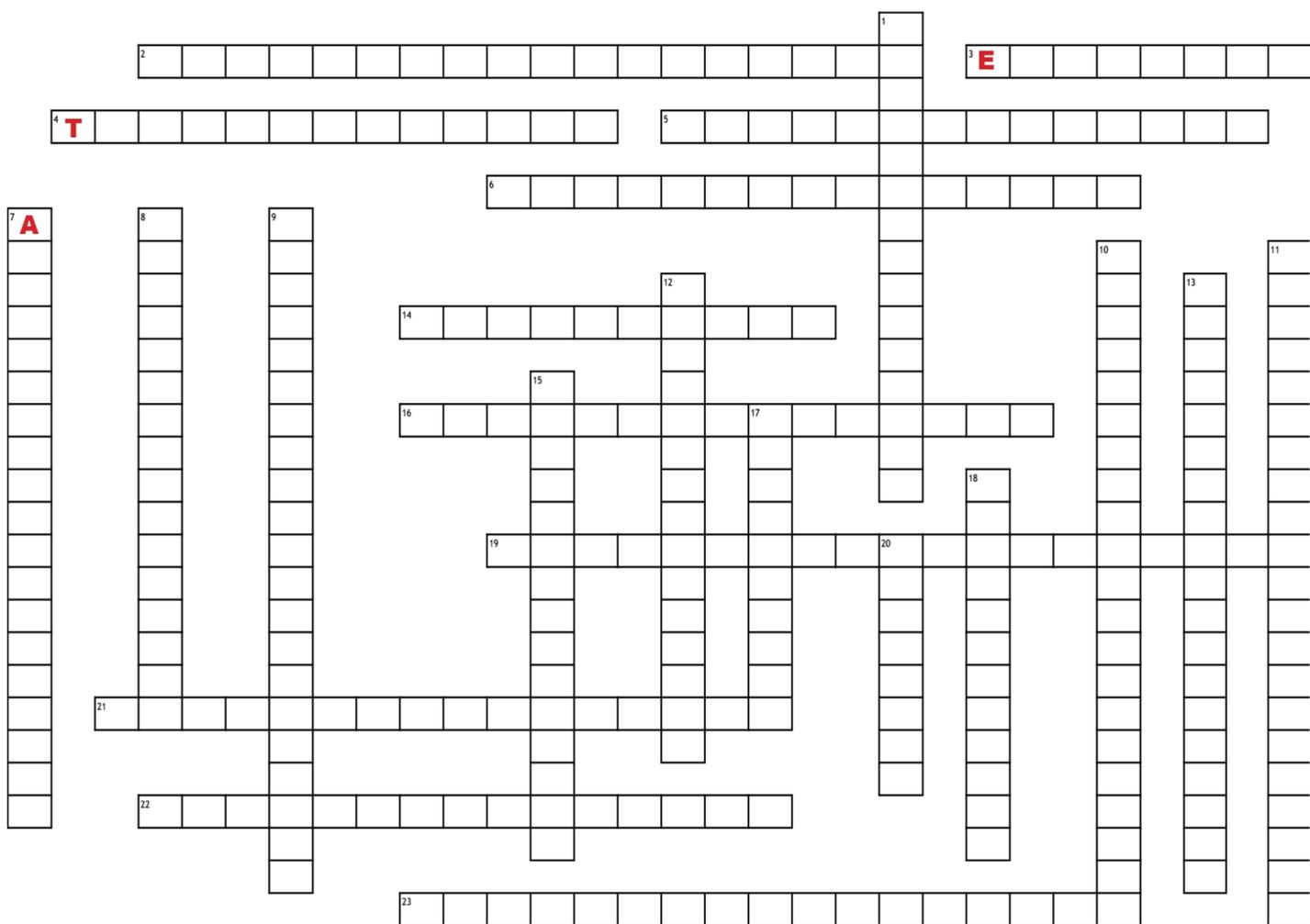
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