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Festival of Crafts continues a holiday tradition



Jason Bleau Photos

Shepherd Hill music students were on hand, and in full festive gear, to celebrate the holidays and help with serving food and assisting visitors to the craft fair.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – For the 28th year, Shepherd Hill Regional High School played host to one of the biggest fundraisers for the school’s music program, the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association Festival of Crafts. Taking place on Nov. 23, the annual craft fair hosted between 150 and 200 vendors for 2019

on the first floor of Shepherd Hill Regional High School drawing crowds of hundreds who filed in to the cafeteria, hallways and gymnasium to kick off the holiday shopping season with a little bit of local flair. Both parents and music students helped bring the event together with raffles, food and, of course, holiday music helping add to one of Dudley and Charlton’s most anticipated yearly holiday traditions.

Public safety building project pushes ahead

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON — The Charlton Public Safety Building Committee will push forward with reexploring the idea of a public safety building on 2020 after voters overwhelmingly shot down a proposed Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion in August.

In May, voters moved to appropriate \$28.5 million for the project which would involve the construction of a dual purpose fire and police station facility on 19.3 acres of land across from the Overlook Masonic Home. However, when the project went to the polls, an 890 to 491 decision denied the debt exclusion required for the project to proceed with many voters expressing their concerns with the project design.

During a meeting on Nov. 20, the Board of Selectmen voted in a 4-1 decision to allow the Public Safety Building Committee to continue to pursue the full public safety building project despite the results of the August vote and members of the public asking the town to consider a smaller scale project possibly excluding the police department. The decision came after an extensive discussion between committee members, selectmen and the architects that last around an hour.

Everyone agreed there were three options on the table — to scrap the project altogether, attempt to bring the full public safety project back to the public again or downsize to a fire station only project. All agreed the project shouldn’t be scrapped while the fire station only concept was heavily considered at first. However, Jeffery McElravy of Tecton Architects, the firm hired to help design the project, said that despite hopes to the contrary this would not result in much savings for the project.

“If you were to pursue doing a fire station only at this time, I think you open up opportunities to realize some savings in terms of the site development because you would be developing a much smaller portion of the site for this building. I think you could really see that translate a little bit more in terms of cost-effectiveness for that sole building. The problem with doing it fire today and adding a police station tomorrow is you start to lose some of those economies of scale because (for example) you’re not going to buy a generator today that’s big enough for both buildings because you don’t know what that future building is,” McElravy said.

Even with the police station

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Superintendent apologizes for soccer rules violation

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Superintendent Steven Lamarche is apologizing to students and parents after the Shephard Hill Regional High School boys’ varsity soccer team saw an early end to its season due to a rule violation.

During the Regional School Committee’s Nov. 13 meeting,

Lamarche started off his superintendent’s update by shedding light on a disappointing turn of events that saw the boys’ varsity soccer team prematurely eliminated from playoff contention after an unnamed athlete was allowed to play despite MIAA rules stating he was ineligible due to his on-field conduct.

“The student athlete should have been suspended from

two contests or games during the season for sportsmanship violations, which are yellow cards, that he received in prior games. Subsequently, two contest games were forfeited as a result, bringing the team record below entry into MIAA playoffs,” Superintendent Lamarche said.

The superintendent confirmed that the athletic director and coach were both being

held partially responsible for the violation. The rule violated was MIAA 78.2.11, which dictates that for tournament eligibility, no team may exceed four red, or 15 total, cards during the regular season.

Lamarche called the situation “upsetting,” and offered an apology to the athletes and their parents for being relinquished a chance at representing their school in the playoffs.

“There are real frustrations for student athletes, for parents and for caregivers. We collectively take this seriously and own this error. From this point forward, we have established expectations that this cannot and will not happen again for any team or any sport in our district. It’s completely unacceptable from my perspective,” said the superintendent.

Bay Path faculty, nursing students certified in Mental Health First Aid

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty and practical nursing students have been certified in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training through the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Incorporated (SYFS). The full eight-hour MHFA training leading to a three-year certification was arranged through Christine Mowry, Executive Director.

Being MHFA Certified helps one to make a difference in the life of someone with a mental health or substance use challenge (developing a mental health concern or experiencing a mental health crisis) by knowing what to do and what to say. Just as CPR helps healthcare providers assist individuals having respiratory or cardi-



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ac arrest, MHFA helps assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. The faculty and students of Bay Path Practical Nursing

Academy learned about risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis

situations, and where to turn for help. Other topics covered include Depression and mood disorders, Anxiety disorders, Trauma, Psychosis and Substance Use disorders.

The MHFA training is designed to help individuals identify, understand and respond to mental illness while also increasing awareness of available resources.

The course used role-playing, scenarios, and simulations to demonstrate how to recognize and respond to the warning signs and symptoms of a mental illness. Interventions learned may be applied in a variety of situations such as when someone is experiencing panic attacks, suicidal thoughts or behaviors, non-suicidal self-injury, hallucinations, delusions (acute psychosis) overdose or withdrawal from alcohol or drug use, and reactions to traumatic event.

Posted in the SYFS website is the statement, “Mental Health First Aid teaches about recovery and resiliency – the belief that individuals experiencing these challenges can and do get better and use their

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Local cake decorator bakes up holiday memories

BY KAYCEE ROY
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The holiday season passes in the blink of an eye. Before you know it, all the running around for the perfect gift and meticulously cooking meals is over. Why not try to make the most of out if this year and make memories to last a lifetime, or possibly even develop a new tradition?

Perhaps one of the most fun and memorable things you can do this year is to make a gingerbread house with your loved ones.

Sue Gaulin, owner and operator of Let's Cake Decorate! is traveling all over central Massachusetts to help get you and your loved ones into the holiday spirit so you can make memories that last a lifetime and the gingerbread house of your dreams. Before you

know it, you'll be creating sugar art!

"You're free to decorate as you like, but I will show you a few techniques," Gaulin said. "Last year, I had one mother and daughter make theirs a Hawian theme so you really can do anything you want to."

With Let's Cake Decorate! you're not only making memories with your family but with those living and working in the same community you do.

Gaulin said, "It's really just fun, getting together for the holiday tradition and being with family or friends and celebrating together," adding that she even has groups attending her decorating events annually, they have made it their own tradition.

It would be hard not to want to come back to something like this every

year. With Christmas music playing in the background while you work, a warm cup of hot chocolate (with the tiny marshmallows), and friends and family by your side it's the perfect recipe for a great night. You may even surprise yourself with your final product.

"My favorite part of teaching is hearing a student look at their sweet creation at the end of class and say, 'I'm so proud of myself right now — I made this!'" Gaulin said. "Many people walk into these events saying 'there's no way I'm going to be able to do that,' but at the end of the class, hearing people say 'look what I did'...that's what motivates me to continue. It lets me know I've done a good job."

This season, join Gaulin and your community, to help make memories and get motivated to not only

survive the holiday season but to really enjoy it!

For more information about Let's Cake Decorate! You can visit, <http://letscakedecorate.com/>. There you can find a schedule of all upcoming classes and information about private events. There are numerous events spread throughout the central Massachusetts area, including Oxford, Brimfield, Holden and many more.

Let's Cake Decorate will be at the Charlton Arts Center, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. You must pre-register for events, which can be easily done through their website. All materials will be provided but feel free to bring any snacks you'd like to enjoy while making your masterpiece!

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Southbridge Garden Club to host annual Wreath and Greens Sale



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The Southbridge Garden Club will hold their Annual Greens Sale on Friday, Dec. 6, from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Arts Center, www.QVCAH.org, 111 Main St.

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Garden Club will hold their Annual Greens Sale on Friday, Dec. 6, from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Arts Center, www.QVCAH.org, 111 Main St.

The Southbridge Garden Club has been hosting this event for more than 20 years. All items sold are hand crafted by club members using fresh greens pur-

chased locally or harvested from their personal gardens and nearby woods. Holiday items, including wreaths, centerpieces, roping, swags and arrangements will be offered. Bundles of greens will also be available for purchase.

During the Greens Sale, there will be an opportunity to win a basket of holiday related items.

Proceeds from the Annual Greens

Sale provide the garden club with funds to support beautification efforts at the Arts Center, The Town of Southbridge and surrounding communities. In addition, the Greens Sale funds annual scholarships for local high school students planning to major in horticulture, environmental science or related studies.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church announces Blue Christmas service

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our savior Jesus Christ. So please save this date on your calendar and in your busy schedules in order to reconnect with the true reason for the season. Join us!

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All are welcome to this special Blue Christmas service on Dec. 11. As we look ahead we are beginning a new church year with the season of Advent while we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. This year, we will have a special Blue Christmas Service, a time for grieving and remembering that while we wait for Jesus birth with happy exuberance, we also await the coming of the Kingdom of God where there will be no more tears and where we will be united as one with all the saints and

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Hearing wraps up waterline project

BY GUS STEEVES
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Last week, a handful of people turned out for the public hearing that essentially ended the Berry Corner Road waterline construction project’s Public Involvement Plan.

The last house formally connected to that water line Nov. 22, meaning 86 families in that part of town no longer have wells, although there are still some final “buttoning-up” issues to address in the spring, project licensed site professional Jeffrey Arp of Tighe & Bond said.

“The critical exposure pathway that necessitated all of this has been abated,” he said.

In English, that means those households will no longer be drinking, bathing in or otherwise using groundwater

contaminated with a suite of six chemicals – 1,4-dioxane and five chlorinated volatile organic compounds – which were first detected in some of the wells in October 2015. Additionally, they will soon no longer receive bottled water, which Casella Waste Systems has been providing to 39 homes since then.

Five homes along Berry Corner Road opted not to connect, so the project built them stubs which will enable them to connect at a later date, Arp said. All of those who did connect did not have to pay for it (although they will pay regular water bills), but any later additions will have to.

Resident John Jordan said he feels the new water is good, but is still concerned about addresses along Schoolhouse Road. He said he wants to see sentinel wells in the area “to detect any migration” of the

contaminants in that direction.

The project came about as part of an administrative consent order between Southbridge, Casella, Charlton and the state Department of Environmental Protection. Casella and DEP agreed to provide up to \$5 million each to fund the water line to serve Berry Corner Road, H. Foote Road and Eleanor Lane, which turned on earlier this month when a pump station built by Exxon Mobil on Route 169 went live after final testing. Excavation and related work for the line itself began in June 2018 and was complete in May 2019, but connections were delayed by issues with the pump station until late September.

“They did a great job of getting it done in record time,” said Charlton Water-Sewer Commissioner Rob Lemansky. He noted Charlton set aside a

bond for \$1 million that would have taken effect if the project cost exceeded \$9 million.

While the total was not available that evening, the most recent estimates put the cost at below that figure, so Charlton’s bond will not be necessary. That total does not include well testing, bottled water provision, drilling of monitoring wells and various other things Casella has been doing, as those are not part of the water-line consent order.

Casella Environmental Manager Tracy Markham said her company will send out letters soon indicating that the November bottled water delivery will be the last one and is making arrangements to pick up the five-gallon jugs and/or dispensers.

The most important of the issues that remain for the spring is the filling of existing wells with concrete. But two

homeowners who did not give their names raised other concerns as well. One noted that some residents had water softener systems and would like them replaced; the other specifically noted he wants dead trees and branches removed and a wall repaired.

“Even my stone wall – they fixed it, but they didn’t really fix it,” he said. “I want it the way it was.”

Charlton Health Agent Jim Philbrook said the water softener owners can request replace in writing to the Board of Health, although he didn’t think they’d need it with town water. He noted people can also keep the well pumps and wires if they wish.

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School district exploring software upgrade

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – As technology improves, businesses and organizations must improve with it. That has become a primary goal for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District over the next two years.

During a meeting on Nov. 13, budget timeline talks were briefly sidelined to discuss a new technological purchase that is expected to be implemented by the end of the 2020/2021 budget year. District Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu revealed to the School Committee that they have had productive talks with Tyler Technology about upgrading the software used for payroll, human resources, purchasing and other housekeeping and financial matters to bring it up to date with modern systems.

“It provides robust, modern tools to be able to be as efficient as possible. For example, it has

e-procurement built in so you can go to Amazon, create a shopping cart, download those items and directly create a purchase order straight from that. The advancement in terms of technology is a decade leap. The software was bought ten or twelve years ago so it’s time to be upgraded and come into a modern software program that I think will benefit the entire district,” Mathieu said.

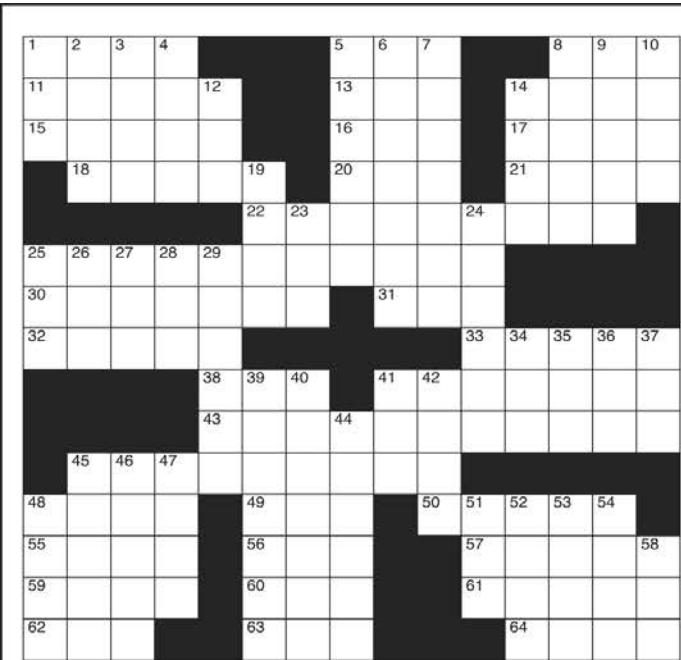
He added that this system is the “heart and brains” of everything the department does and is essential to keep the district up to speed on handling its finances and purchasing. The general ledger software would come at a cost of \$150,000 taken from the school choice fund although that estimate was presented two years ago by Tyler Technologies and is subject to change. If it stands \$100,000 of the cost would go towards the software while the rest would be for training and implementation purposes.

Mathieu said the changeover would not be immediate. The new software

won’t be up and running for 2020 but could be in place for early 2021 or sometime that summer.

“It all depends on the time that we can take away from the day to day jobs that we’re currently doing and invest in the software,” said Mathieu. “Given those timelines, we’d be looking at either January 2021 or possibly June 30, 2021. In some ways, it will be very exciting to bring it forward but to do that in January may be a little bit challenging given everybody’s schedule. We might look for that new fiscal year clean cut off.”

While training and other expenses would not immediately come into play Mathieu noted the district does have to commit to buying the modules which is why the district is exploring the upgrades so early. For now, the schools will continue to utilize the current system until the software is updated.

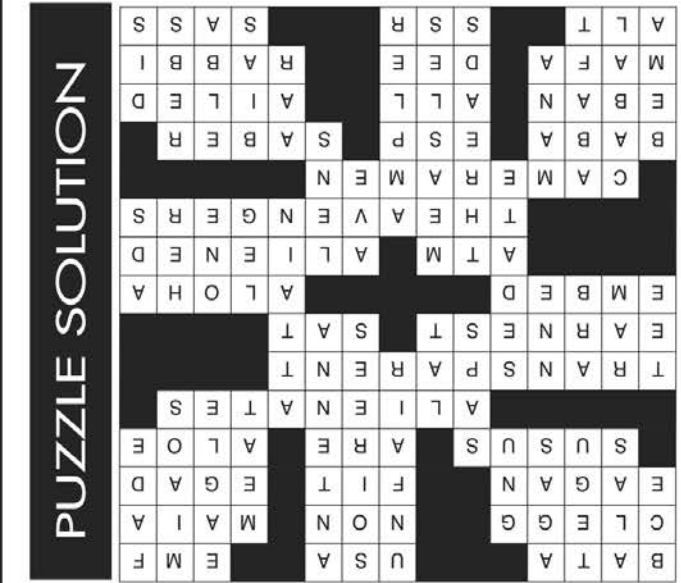


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49. Power to perceive
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Israel’s first permanent UN delegate
56. Everything
57. Afflicted
59. Language spoken in Chad
60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Keyboard key
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, predatory lizard
4. River in Romania
5. Biased
6. Parties
7. TV’s used to need one
8. Philly football player
9. Recognized ethnic group of China
10. Gradually disappear
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Vegetarians won’t eat it
19. Takes the energy out of
23. Body part
24. Succeed in achieving
25. Where golfers begin
26. Computer memory
27. One who buys and sells securities
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Quiet and rather dull
34. A limb on which to walk
35. It precedes two
36. Of she
37. Commercials
39. Necessary for sewing
40. Infectious viral disease
41. Expression of good wishes
42. Some are contact
44. More plentiful
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Altar in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Impartiality
53. “Luther” actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Criticize



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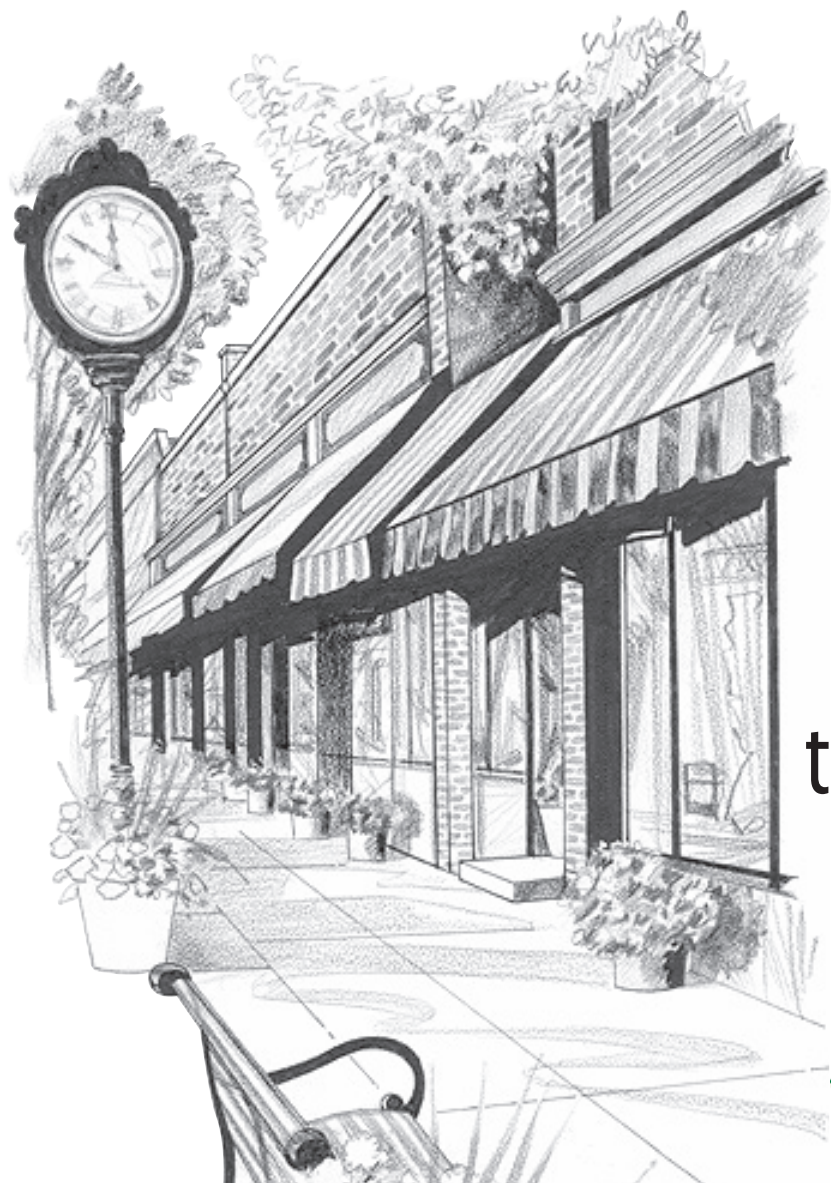
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Even the adults and staff got involved in the holiday spirit. Julie Shaw, Hilary Grabe and Mary Innamorati were on hand to help wherever needed at the craft fair.



You can always count on some of these creative decorative bears at craft fairs designs included sports teams, military themes and, new for 2019, Harry Potter bears.



As usual, the craft fair saw a massive turnout in 2019, with near shoulder-to-shoulder gatherings in the cafeteria, hallways and gymnasium.



Among the more creative displays at this year's craft fair was this vendor who made everything from shirts to notebooks and frames using denim material.



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Wings of Song presents “An American Christmas”

FISKDALE — This December, Wings of Song—formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers—inaugurates its new name with a program of American Christmas favorites from colonial times to the present. The chorus’s concerts will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), just up from where routes 20 and 148 meet; and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Elm Street Congregational Church, just outside the center of Southbridge. A freewill offering will be collected at both concerts; and, as always, the music will be followed by tons of yummy refreshments. Both venues are handicap accessible.

A huge variety of Christmas music will be on the chorus’s program—everything from 18th-century “fuging tune” settings of “While shepherds watched their flocks by night” to the original version of “Jingle Bells” (with a very different refrain from the one we’re used to) to an irresistibly jazzy “Sleigh Ride” to choral works for the season by three Wings of Songs members (Ted Bradley of Woodstock and Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Conn., and Nym Cooke of Petersham, Mass.). Of course there will also be audience sing-alongs, and stellar keyboardist Brooks Milgate can surely be persuaded to tickle the ivories during intermission.

Music Director Cooke is excited about the level his chorus is reaching.

“They’ve never sounded better,” he says, and adds, “They’re learning pieces faster and more solidly than ever. The musicianship of this group is steadily increasing. It helps that we have some high-caliber musicians in our ranks—professionals like Ted Bradley and Sarah Jo Burke and Terry McGinty.

I know of at least five Wingers who write songs or compose choral music. That says something about where the chorus is at these days. And of course we totally depend on our core cadre of regulars, some of whom have sung with the chorus for decades. Where would we be without them?”

Cooke is interested in attracting more young singers to the chorus; three teen-aged girls now sing with Wings of Song, and he’d like to see some boys sign on as well.

“Homeschooled kids without access to school ensembles might especially want to consider joining,” he says.

Any musical individual who can sing in tune is welcome, from age 10 up. The ability to read music is not required.

Don’t miss this dynamic 55-member

ensemble in its December performances! Because the chorus tends to sing to packed houses these days, plan to arrive early to be sure of a good seat. You’ll leave thoroughly imbued with the Christmas spirit—“maybe five different Christmas spirits,” Nym Cooke comments, “—the devotional spirit, the cozy spirit, the jolly spirit, the humorous spirit, and the meditative spirit.” All these will, indeed, be part of the show.

For more information on the concerts, or on joining Wings of Song (note that a special program about climate change, with projections, readings, and rock-band accompaniment, is planned for Spring 2020), contact Nym or WoS President KT Therrien (Nym is at nymcooke@gmail.com or 978 724 3438; KT is at kt2nc@aol.com or 508 410 8575).

PUBLIC SAFETY

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removed from the project, the initiative would cost, conservatively, \$18 million to \$20 million. In the past, voters had shown support for a project in the \$15 million range; however, even with only a fire station involved, that number seems unrealistic. McElravy also quoted the cost of an update to the current police department at \$5 million which would only be a temporary fix meaning that in order to bring both departments up to code the alternate plan would cost around \$25 million and would still require the eventual addition of the police department to the new facility.

This was only one reason why Selectman David Singer said he felt the matter should be brought back to the voters as is now that more information is available as to why the \$28.5 million plan was the best option.

“We cannot go back to the taxpayers and say we lobbied off police and we got rid of public safety, and now we want to build for you fire and communications for \$20 million and, by the way, it’s still way higher than people had in mind, talking \$12 million to \$15 million. I don’t think you can build fire and communications for that, and if we’re already going to be at \$18 million or \$20 million for fire and communications, going fire only seems like a massive mistake,” Singer said.

Selectman Deborah Noble agreed, saying she didn’t want to see the project handled in pieces. The town needs to go all in to make sure both the police and fire departments are up to date even if they have to get creative with how they pay for it.

“It’s not cost effective (to piecemeal). It’s not an efficient use of the taxpayer funds. It’s a bad idea all around in my opinion. Our police department is out of code and one way or another we’ll have to replace it,” Noble said. “We got push-back from the taxpayers when it came to that \$28.5 million. I think what we need to do is come up with another way to fund it because we need it.”

Noble added that she feels the Board of Selectmen needs to do a better job communicating the need for this building to the public.

One possible approach to funding the initiative came from Selectman Karen Spiewak. She suggested the Public Safety Building Committee consider a capital campaign as was previously done for the library. This was complimented by Selectman Noble as a way of “thinking outside the box.”

“If we’re going to go for the huge complex something needs to change or we’re going to have the exact same result. It’s work, but it’s doable. That is the one thing I’ve heard, and I’ve voiced my opinions or concerns about because I think (a capital campaign) does a lot,” Spiewak said.

The only decanting vote against the motion was from Selectman Bill Borowski and he stressed it was not a motion against the idea of a new fire department or public safety complex. Rather, he felt that sending the same exact proposal back to the people for a second time sent the wrong message from the board concerning their respect for the voters of Charlton.

“I was a huge proponent of the public safety building, but I can’t, in good conscience, say that I know better than the voters. Granted we have all of our information. Everything that we say mathematically absolutely makes sense. But the voters said no. It’s that simple to me. They don’t want to spend the money for whatever reason. I’m not saying I agree with it and I may be the lone voice and I’m okay being that. We run the risk as a board of once again saying to the public that we know better than you and we’re going to keep coming back to you over and over and over again until you agree with whatever we want,” Borowski said.

Singer offered a rebuttal, saying that he feels the selectmen are presenting the concept to the people with new information to consider and agreed that if it failed a second time he would support Borowski’s statement.

“If they say no now, knowing that the piecemeal request is going to cost the same or more, it’s not feasible,” Singer said. “I think that’s enough to justify the second ask of the taxpayer.”

The Public Safety Building Committee will be working out their approach in the next few months with plans to bring forth the next proposal, changed or unchanged, in May for either a ballot vote for another town meeting vote.

BAY PATH

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EDITORIAL

The spirit of the season

It's official — the holiday season has arrived with a bang, leaving us with our first winter Nor'Easter of the year under our belts.

Thanksgiving is the perfect segue into Christmas and Hanukkah. It's when all of the fall decorations and the dilapidated pumpkins get tossed and the candy canes, reds and greens come out. Black Friday and Cyber Monday have passed, and now it's time to wait with anticipation until the big day arrives.

When we were younger, the holidays were magical and fun for most of us, with a minimal amount of stress and an abundant amount of gifts to those fortunate enough to receive them. As we get older and have families of our own, holidays remain fun, as we pour that magic into making our own children's holidays memorable.

However, there comes a time when our children are grown, and the holidays can seem to be more of an obligation, a day to get through with gritted teeth rather than one to savor and create lasting memories with. Not only that, but we long for the days when we had all of our family members alive, when the holidays were the 'good ol' days.' Moving forward, for some, can actually be quite depressing. Hopefully, that isn't the case for many, but for those who feel that sense of Grinchy dread (or is it Grinch-esque?), we have some tips that can help put the spark back into your hot apple cider.

If you remember what it felt like to have an amazing holiday, use those memories to pass down the same magic onto someone else. Even if it's not a child. Do something creative to make someone's holiday one they can remember, something they don't expect. When you take the time to essentially play Santa Claus, the joy you get back is tenfold.

As for relieving stress, don't put too many expectations onto yourself and respect your own limits. You don't have to do everything, you can delegate. As for shopping, you can find just about anything online, even from local shops, making gift buying easier. If shopping isn't your thing, hand out gift cards with a handwritten letter.

Throughout the season, take in the lights and remember to take in the holiday spirit of those around you. Go for a walk in the snow and listen to how quiet everything is. Begin and end each day with something you find enjoyable. We find that watching holiday movies, eating sugar cookies and listening to Christmas music really can be uplifting. "A Christmas Carol," while a bit creepy at times, does put things into perspective. If you haven't read the book in a while or watched one of the myriad film versions (the 1951 adaptation with the incomparable Alastair Sim as Scrooge is our personal favorite), there is no better time than now.

The point of the holidays is to spend time with our favorite people. While we can't go back in time and re-live the days when trains circled our Christmas trees we can live in the present and create new adventures with memories that will put a smile on your face for years to come.

"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve."



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OPINION

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

Life is better when you are laughing

I love to laugh. Even more so, I love to make others laugh. Last week I wrote of my addiction to BPTS ... Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwiches. It was all, of course, meant to be tongue-in-cheek. I do love the sandwich, but addiction may be an overstatement. The column did create the largest Email response I have ever received, and surprisingly, it was all positive. I did worry after I submitted it for publication that some suffering from real addictions may think I was making light of a very serious problem. Fortunately, those who responded all thought it was funny ... until I picked up my daughter, the Pastor, at the airport and she said, "I was so worried and upset when I read the first half of your column. I could not believe you were confessing to the world you have an addiction and didn't bother telling your family first!"

A friend, and fellow columnist wrote, "I along with most of your readers were on my knees praying for you, until I realized your addiction was a sandwich!" The response has been surprising and huge. Thank you.

The biggest windfall of the column has been all the pictures of BPTS and suggestions of where I can find the best locations to quench my appetite. Thank you and trust me ... I'll try them all.

I think this verifies the need to laugh in our lives. Life is better when we laugh. The news of the world doesn't offer many opportunities for humor. Impeachment, corruption, collusion, foreign interference in our elections ... it's a wall of negative information trampling over us daily. As I have said before, never in my lifetime have I witnessed nor experience the vitriol coming out of our nations' capital. Politicians are fighting for airtime to deposit their prewritten and rehearsed sound bites rather than doing our business, the business of We the People. So, I think it is more important than ever that we smile and laugh more. Not because what is happening isn't important ... it is ... but because it is essential for our mental health that we look up from the fray, take a breath and find reasons to laugh.

Laughter really is the very best medicine.

According to research from Loma Linda University, there are eight convincing health benefits of laughter. Emily Lockhart, writing for "Active

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By GARY W. MOORE

Beat," lists the following eight benefits.

Laughter is a natural pain killer. Laughter produces endorphins, that serve as a "happy brain chemical" that soothes stress, reduces anxiety and eases chronic pain. Laughter strengthens

your heart. Believe it or not, laughing is cardio in the same way that walking benefits your heart. So, you can walk or laugh. Better yet walk with a friend and laugh together!

Laughing wards off disease. A Harvard study revealed that the more you laugh and approach life positively (like reading this column, I'll strategically insert) the fewer chronic diseases you will develop.

Laughter tones your abs. Spending hours doing sit ups? Get off the floor and laugh your way to an abdominal six-pack!

Laughing boosts immunity. Laughing activates your body's T-cells (immune system cells) that help you ward off germs, flues and illness.

Laughing decreases blood pressure. The number of American's on blood pressure medicines is at an all-time high. Don't stop taking your prescription medicines but laugh more and you and your doctor may be positively surprised at the result.

Laughter banishes stress. Rough day at home or at work? Laughter won't solve all your problems, but it is proven that it reduces the anxiety produced by living or working in a stressful environment.

Laughter helps those suffering from depression. A 2011 study from Oxford University shows how laughter improves our overall outlook on life.

Long before Loma Linda, Harvard and Oxford, my grandmother always said, "Laughter is the best medicine," and it appears, even though she never attended medical school, she was right.

I hope last weeks spook on my addiction made you laugh. I laughed for hours writing it and laughed all week at the responses.

Thank you for improving my health!

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Why do you invest? For many people, here's the answer: "I invest because I want to enjoy a comfortable retirement." And that's certainly a great reason, because all of us should regularly put money away for when we're retired. But you can also benefit by investing in your family and your community.

Let's start with your family members, particularly the younger ones. How can you invest in their future? One of the best ways is to help send them to college. A college degree is still a pretty good investment: The average lifetime earnings of a college graduate are nearly \$1 million higher than those of someone with a high school degree, according to a study by the U.S. Census Bureau.

To help your children or grandchildren pay for any college, university, vocational school or other postsecondary education, you may want to open a 529 savings plan. With this account, withdrawals are federally tax free, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses, including those from trade and vocational schools. (However, if you withdraw some of the earnings on your account, and you don't use the money for qualified expenses, it will be taxable and can also incur a 10 percent federal tax penalty.) Plus, you retain control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for school, so if your original beneficiary chooses not to pursue some type of higher education, you can name a different eligible beneficiary.

Another way to invest in your family is to help your adult children avoid feeling obligated to provide financial assistance to you. For example, if you ever required some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, could you afford it? The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to a study by Genworth, an insurance company. And Medicare typically pays very few of these expenses. So, to avoid burdening your adult children – while also preserving your own financial independence – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. A financial advisor can help you determine what coverage may be appropriate.

Moving beyond your family, you may want to invest in the social fabric of your community by contributing to local charitable, civic, educational or cultural groups. Of course, now that we're in the holiday season, it's the perfect time for such gifts. Furthermore, your gift will be more appreciated than in years past because one of the chief incentives for charitable giving – a tax deduction – was lost for many people due to tax law changes, which raised the standard deduction so significantly that far fewer people chose to itemize deductions. However, you might still be able to gain some tax benefits from your charitable gifts. To name one possibility, you could donate financial assets, such as stocks that have risen in value, freeing you of potential capital gains taxes. In any case, contact your tax advisor if you're considering sizable charitable gifts.

Saving for your retirement will always be important. But don't forget about investing in your family and your community – because these investments can provide satisfying returns.

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Tips to Drive Safely in Snow

Hot on the heels of a Nor'easter, it's time once again to review some winter driving tips to keep safe while navigating icy, snowy roadways. When the wintry weather finds you slip sliding away this season, keep in mind these common sense strategies to up your odds of a safe trip.

And remember readers, send in your best wintertime hints - you could win dinner for two at the Publick House!



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

lock up the wheels.

Perform one action at a time when accelerating, braking, and turning. Asking a vehicle to do two things at once-such as braking and turning-can reduce your control.

When taking a turn, for instance, slowly apply the brakes while the vehicle is going straight. When it's at the right speed to take the turn, let up on the brakes and smoothly turn the steering wheel. After you're through the turn, slowly depress the accelerator to regain your speed.

From the Archives: This ten year old tip from Robert P. Beauregard of North Oxford bears repeating each winter. Thanks to him for pointing us in the right direction when it comes to steering clear of skids. His tip is worth remembering:

"What's the best advice when a front wheel drive automobile (and that includes almost all cars on the road) goes into a skid? Most people would say to cut the front wheels in the direction of the skid and gently apply brakes. That's fine if you have a rear wheel drive vehicle. But with a front wheel drive, you steer away from the direction of the skid by accelerating the vehicle, since the drive wheels are up front. And there's no reason to tap on the brakes. This way, you'll come out of the skid."



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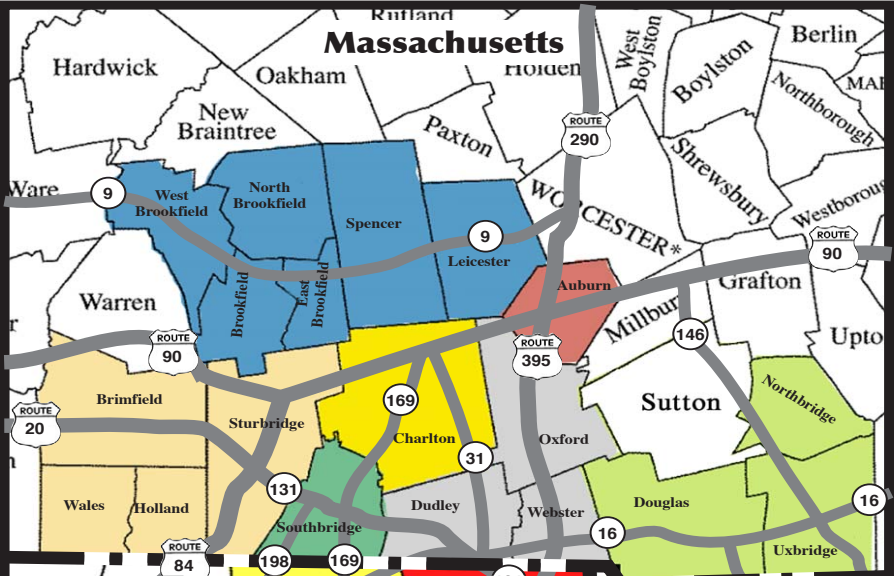
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DECEMBER 2019

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Ham, Egg & Cheese on an Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Pancakes with Mixed Berries 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Quesadilla 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on an Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety
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CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		<div>[Enter Full Price \$1.75 Reduced \$0.30]</div> <div>Daily Breakfast Alternates: Assorted Muffins, Cereal and Yogurt Smoothies & Parfaits</div> <div>Or Try the Grab and Go Line with an assortment of pastries</div> <div>All meals are served with a choice of assorted 8oz low fat milk</div> <div>Menu**This institution is an equal opportunity provider** De-</div>		

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Chicken Pot Pie Diced Chicken & Mixed Vegeta- bles in a Creamy Gravy Topped with a Flakey Biscuit Tossed Salad Fruit Variety	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Sweet Peas Fruit Variety	Buffalo Chicken Dip with Whole Grain Tortilla Chips Veggie Sticks w/Ranch Dressing Fruit Variety	Brunch For Lunch Pancakes w/ Sausage or Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant Home Fries Strawberries	Chicken Nuggets w/ Buttered Noodles Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety
Nachos Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips Served w/ assorted toppings Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety	Cheeseburger Beef Burger topped with Cheese on Whole Wheat Bun Veggie Sticks w/Dip Fruit Variety	Turkey Bacon Melt Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Variety	Chicken Alfredo Chicken in a Creamy Alfredo Sauce over a bed of pasta Broccoli WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety	Buffalo Chicken Tenders w/Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety
CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BREAK NO SCHOOL		<div>Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita</div> <div>Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza</div> <div>All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat</div>		

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TRAINOR

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Did you know tires are your most important weapon against slipping and sliding? Take into account these top tire tips:

Cold temperatures decrease the air pressure in tires, which adds to the rolling resistance caused by snow and slush. So be sure to check tire pressure regularly, especially after there has been a sharp drop in temperature.

When buying allweather or snow tires have them installed on all four wheels. This provides even traction all the way around and gives you top notch steering and stopping.

Can't replace all four? If you can only afford two snow tires, some tire experts suggest you get them mounted in the rear. Here's why: If your front tires skid, you can still maintain some control over the car by steering those wheels. But if your rear tires lose contact with the road, it's much harder to control where the car goes. For that reason, the tires with the greatest amount of traction are supposed to go on the back

Make sure you have enough tread on your tires. The drive tires must provide traction to push your

vehicle over wet pavement and through snow. The steering tires must have traction to steer the vehicle. Experts say you should have at least one eighth inch of tread to plow through snow effectively.

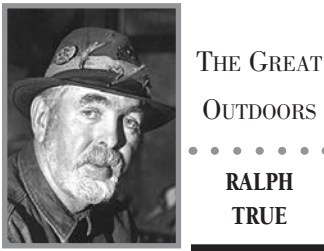
Note: The driving advice above was culled from various sources including State Farm Insurance Agency, Consumer Reports, and Michelin Tires.

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Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Hunting forges a special bond between mother and son



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The start of the Mass. shotgun deer season was different from many of the past season openers. Rain, snow, wind, and downright nasty conditions kept many hunters out of the woods for Monday & Tuesday, but then the action picked up on Wednesday, as hunters took advantage of some real good tracking conditions in the freshly fallen snow. It is normal for deer to hunker down during snow storms, but when the weather breaks, they start to feed again, and in this case, bucks were still looking to breed does.

It sure is going to be a long winter for residents in New England this year, with numerous meteorologist predicting a very active weather pattern this winter, and It will come with a lot of snow. By the time March & April get here, we will sure be ready for spring, if the predictions are right.

Although shotgun season for deer opened this past Monday, hunters are reminded that

bows and black powder guns are also allowed. Numerous deer hunters that I know use their black powder guns during the shotgun deer season. They like the challenge of having only one shot, and they also like the accuracy of the new rifled barrels. They are extremely accurate right out of the box, but they should always be checked for accuracy prior to hunting.

Back in the day, the 56 caliber smoothbore guns required hunters to use a ball, patch & gun powder to load them. The loading of the new rifled barrel guns makes using the weapon a lot more enjoyable, and more accurate, which has hunters harvesting more deer, and less deer wasted because of a bad shot.

This past week, I had the pleasure of meeting 14 year old Thomas Stinchfield and his mom Jenifer at Jerry's archery pro shop In Milford. Tom was getting some new arrows made up for his future hunting expeditions in the valley. Tom had already harvested two deer this season with his compound bow, one being a nice doe during the Mass. youth hunt. The second was a nice buck. His mom Jen had accompanied young Thomas on both hunts, sitting in a ground blind.

"I got to admit, I never could picture myself accompany-

ing my son on deer hunts," she stated, "but now I get as excited as my son."

This week's picture shows Tom and his Mom at the archery pro shop last week. The family belongs to the Blackstone Valley Beagle club in Douglas, and has a long record of hunting. They also eat all of the venison they harvest, and rarely purchase meat from the market. Venison is sure a lot better eating than market beef, and it is better for you.

On Jan. 18, 2020, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their annual "Founders Day" prime rib dinner at the club grounds in Douglas. The dinner is always a sellout, so be sure to get your dinner tickets early. You can call the club at 1-508-476- 7204 to reserve your tickets, or you can purchase them at the club on White court in Douglas on weekends. Do not miss this great dinner and fun night at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club.

Shopping for a Christmas gift for that special hunter or fisherman in the family can be easy. Buying a gift card to his favorite shopping store is the right thing to do. It takes the frustration out of returning unwanted merchandise.

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Selecting and caring for your Christmas tree



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The holiday tree is the center of many family celebrations. Ornaments collected over the years decorate the boughs while brightly wrapped gifts are carefully placed underneath.

But the hunt for the perfect tree can be an important part of the tradition. Many try to find the right size and shape for the space allotted, a fragrance the whole family prefers and good needle retention for long lasting beauty. Load the family into the car or walk to the corner Christmas tree lot and let the hunt begin.

Size and shape are important. Your tree needs to fit but finding a fresh tree to last through the holidays is equally important. Here are a few tips to help you find



Melinda Myers Photo

Proper selection and care of your Christmas tree will ensure that it lasts throughout the holiday season.

the right tree and keep it looking its best throughout the holidays.

Buy local. You'll support local Christmas tree growers and reduce the risk of spreading unwanted pests into your landscape when purchasing locally grown trees. Your local University Extension Service and Department of Natural Resources will provide updates on any threats.

Select the right variety. Family tradition may dictate your tree choice. Many prefer the fragrance of balsam fir and the needle retention of other firs like Fraser, white, Grand and Noble. Though not a true fir, Douglas fir needles have a wonderful aroma when crushed. White pines lack the fragrance that many prefer. Its pliable branches only support lightweight ornaments, but the soft needles have less bite than the popular Scots or Scotch pine. This evergreen has stiff branches that support heavier ornaments and

its needles hold even when dry.

Check for freshness. A fresh tree will last throughout the holidays. Run your hand along the stem. The needles should be pliable, yet firmly attached to the branch. Avoid trees with lots of moss, lichens, vines, broken branches and other signs of poor care.

The right fit. Look closely at the overall shape and size of the tree. Stand the tree upright to make sure it will fit in the allotted space. Check the trunk. It should be straight and the base small enough to fit in your tree stand.

Make a fresh cut. Remove at least an inch from the base of the trunk before setting it in the stand. Straight or diagonal cuts work equally well. A diagonal or V-shaped cut may make it difficult to properly support the tree in the stand.

Proper watering is key. Fill the stand with water and check it often. Fresh

trees can absorb as much as 2 quarts of water in the first 24 hours. Keeping your tree stand filled with water is the best way to keep your tree looking its best throughout the season.

Once your tree is in place you can add lights and decorations. Then be sure to take time throughout the busy holiday season to sit down, relax with your favorite winter beverage and enjoy the beauty of your Christmas tree.

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Antique and auction news



My antique and auction news column from a month ago focused on recent finds of antiques and other treasures. I'll share antique auction news in this column.

A rare painting of Mozart sold well above estimate at a recent auction. Reuters reports that it was painted by Italian painter Giambettino Cignaroli in 1770. It depicts Mozart as a teenager, wearing a white wig and red coat and playing the harpsicord. There is musical score visible on the side of the frame. It is only known from the painting, and is believed to have been written by Mozart himself. The painting was estimated for between 800,000 to 1.2 million Euros but brought 4 million Euros (\$4.4 million U.S.).

Some valuable pieces of Hollywood



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memorabilia will go on the auction block on Dec. 16. A jacket worn by William Shatner when he played Captain Kirk in "Wrath of Khan" will be one of the items being auctioned. It has a pre-auction estimate of \$80,000 to \$100,000. The cape worn by Christopher Reeve in the 1978 "Superman" movie will also be going to auction this month according to the New York Post. It was one of six capes made for the movie. It is estimated to sell for \$100,000 to \$200,000. A smoking pipe from "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" will also be auctioned. It was used by Sir Ian Holm when he played the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. It also has a \$100,000 to \$200,000 estimate.

The New York Times reported that the bat Babe Ruth used to hit his 500th home run is being auctioned this month. Ruth had gifted it in the 1940's to Jim Rice who was the mayor of Suffern, N.Y. After the mayor and his wife passed away, the bat was handed down to the couple's only son, Terry. He was afraid to display the valuable bat, or even to let anyone know he owned it. It is conservatively estimated to sell for at least \$1 million. The bat that Ruth used to hit his first home run sold for \$1.26 million in 2004.

A near mint copy of the first Marvel comic book from 1939 recently sold at auction. It was in fantastic condition, grading a 9.4 out of 10. Fox News reported that it was originally purchased by a mail carrier at a Uniontown, Pa. newsstand in 1939 "who made a practice of buying

the first issue of comic books and magazines." It changed hands a few times before going to auction, where it sold for \$1.26 million.

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SPORTS

Thanksgiving Day rubber match goes to Rams, 37-14, over Tantasqua



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Shepherd Hill's Nate Cooper runs for a first down as Tantasqua's Owen Stanton dives in to make a tackle.



Shepherd Hill's Ethan Quinn gets mauled by teammates in celebration after rushing into the end zone for a touchdown.



James Labarge of Shepherd Hill celebrates a touchdown with quarterback Ethan Quinn (10).

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — For the Shepherd Hill Regional and Tantasqua Regional upperclassmen, this year's Thanksgiving Day varsity football game — played at Carmignani Field — was the ultimate rubber match. The Warriors won back in 2017 for their first holiday victory in nine years, 32-15, while the Rams took last year's contest, 35-34.

In 2019 it was the home team that earned the victory as Shepherd Hill dominated Tantasqua to earn a 37-14 victory in the 46th annual affair. With the win the Rams padded their Thanksgiving Day record to 37-8-1 over the Warriors.

Shepherd Hill head coach Ryan Dugan said the windy weather played into his team's playing style but noted that the Rams came prepared even without Mother Nature's help

as they expected Tantasqua to be a worthy opponent.

"It was a huge win. Tantasqua is a really good team. They were divisional champions. They have great players. After we got beat by St. John's in the playoffs we knew we came to work the next Monday knowing that we had to play well and get better and be prepared," he said. "It was just hard work, getting better and developing. We got better as players, better as coaches and the kids came here today fired up knowing we needed a strong effort to win."

The Hill finished 8-3 on the year with the Thanksgiving win. Dugan credited his seniors with helping maintain a strong offense throughout the game and setting a standard for the underclassmen to follow in the years to come.

"This group of seniors set a great foundation for this program. They did a fantastic

job and we had a lot of young players step up today. We've got some good underclassmen coming up. A lot of credit goes to the senior group. They've been through a lot and in their last game together they came out, they played hard and they got the job done," said Dugan.

Tantasqua finished 8-4 on the season after being eliminated from the state semifinals the week before the Thanksgiving matchup. Head coach Jon Hargis said it was a good, successful season and they plan to build off that momentum into 2020.

"The kids fought hard to the end. I have to give it up to my seniors who have been with me the past three years. It's not the way they wanted to go out, but they battled. It was a great season," Hargis said. "We're going to work hard on the off-season to continue to build on our success this year."

At the end of the day the difference was converting on offense as Shepherd Hill scored points on all but two possessions, one in which they turned the ball over on downs and the game's final possession where they took a knee to end the game. The Rams found their success carrying the ball. Junior Mike Raymond had a game-high 119 yards on 10 carries with one touchdown, while senior James Labarge earned 83 yards on six carries,

including two touchdowns. Sophomore Zack Christenson earned a touchdown run, while quarterback Ethan Quinn also earned a running touchdown in the first half. The Warriors only managed two touchdowns and found it difficult to get anything going on offense for much of the game despite scoring the first points of the day on their opening possession. Freshman quarterback Dante Reno hit junior Tyler Hall with a TD pass, and Senior Liam Gore scored a rushing touchdown for the Warriors.

With the final game of the season in the books, it was the end of an era for both teams as numerous seniors bid farewell to the gridiron one last time as high schoolers. Gore said it was a bittersweet game but, looking back on 2019, he has no regrets.

"You don't like to go out this way, but we had a great season. We made it far in the playoffs and accomplished more than we thought we would at the beginning of the year. I can't complain at all. I think the underclassmen are going to do well. They know exactly how they're supposed to play," said Gore.

One of those underclassmen, Reno, admitted that it's going to be hard to see the seniors depart, but he and the rest of the underclassmen are looking forward to building on the suc-

cess the Warriors had this past season.

"This year's success is all seniors. They took us far. Next year we just have to keep going and work hard on the off-season," Reno said. "We just have to win. That's a big thing. No matter how we get it done we have to get it done. It's cool to play in this game and I look forward to the next three years."

For Shepherd Hill, the big win capped off an emotional day for the senior players. Running back Nate Cooper said helping his team win his final game as a Ram was a proud and sad moment.

"It's impressive. We've all been together since eighth grade and it's going to be sad seeing everyone leave," Cooper said. "This means a lot to me because it is our last game together. We'll remember this game for a long time."

Another Shepherd Hill senior, Anthony Oriente, took home the Offensive MVP honor and said he was full of pride to take the field with his team one final time.

"We had an awesome day on offense and scored a lot of points. It was awesome running behind the big guys again. I'm glad we won but I can't believe it's over," Oriente said.

Tantasqua sophomore Aiden Filler was awarded the Defensive MVP honor at the conclusion of the game.

Let's get fired up for Charlton-Dudley U10 Cheer

As New Englanders we're used to bragging about our championship teams. We've all watched the Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics bring titles home to Massachusetts. This year, Charlton added a new title to its own growing list of championships. The Charlton-Dudley U10 Cheer team recently took first place at the American Youth Cheer New England Region cheer competition, which earned them the right to compete for the National cheer title in Florida this month.

When U10 cheer is not besting the top cheer teams in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island, or delivering sideline cheers for the Rams' youth football players on weekends, they can be found practicing their routine three to four days per week as they have done since July.

These talented yet humble fourth and fifth graders have been out fundraising in full force around town for their trip to the National competition, and they cannot thank this amazing community enough for the unparalleled level of support they've been shown.

So, how does this team like its chances at bringing home a National title — and the bragging rights that go along with it — to our community? A verse from one of the songs in their routine sums it up best: "It's going down! This team's about to rock the crowd and you know we're representing, making them proud."

As New Englanders we already have a lot of reasons to be proud. In a couple weeks, maybe U10 Cheer will give Charlton one more thing to brag about. Let's go Rams!



Courtesy photos
The Charlton-Dudley U10 Cheer squad recently took first place at the American Youth Cheery New England Region cheer competition, advancing to Nationals in the process.



The Rams compete in one of their many competitions, while ultimately paved their way to the National cheer competition in Florida later this month.

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SPORTS

Pirates rush past Bay Path in annual Battle for Buffums



Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie breaks away from the grasp of Oxford's Sam Wing as he rushes into the end zone for a touchdown.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Oxford High junior Sam Wing rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Pirates to their third straight win in the Battle for Buffums Thanksgiving Day game, defeating Bay Path Regional, 26-14, at George L. Fowler Memorial Field on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Oxford (4-7), which trailed 8-0 early in the first quarter thanks to a 30-yard run by Bay Path's Tyler Gillespie and a conversion run by Justin Orrell, scored 26 consecutive points to put the game away.

The Pirates tied the game, 8-8, late in the first quarter on a 42-yard touchdown run by Wing, who also ran in the two-point conversion. Wing's touchdown run came on the second play of the ensuing possession.

In the second quarter Wing gave Oxford the lead, 14-8, with a 6-yard scoring scamper. Ben

Wing, Sam's younger brother, added the conversion run to push the Pirates lead to 16-8, which was the score at halftime.

Oxford went ahead, 18-8 on a safety in the third quarter, Nick Geragonis tackling a Bay Path runner in the end zone. On the ensuing drive following the free kick Sam Wing scored his — and Oxford's — third touchdown of the game on a 15-yard run. Ben Wing again added the conversion run to extend the Oxford lead to 26-8 late in the third quarter.

Bay Path (2-9) scored the final touchdown of the game on a 37-yard run by quarterback Michael Keeler late in the fourth quarter.

"We played well; it was a good day. It's always nice to win on Thanksgiving. It's a good way to finish the season," Oxford head coach Jeff Clarkson said. "The field conditions were tough, it was very muddy out there, but Sam ran well

and the offensive line did a great job opening holes for him."

Geragonis, a senior, received the Outstanding Player of the Game Award for his work at left tackle on offense and nose tackle on defense. Fellow senior Alex Green was named the Pirates' Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game while another senior, defensive back Michael DeLaCruz, was named Oxford's Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game.

"Nick played fantastic; he really killed it," Clarkson said about Geragonis' performance. "Our offensive and defensive lines played great."

Oxford's offensive line — senior Jacob Sund-Lussier (RT), junior Dylan Sadd (RG), senior Teegue Olsen (C), Green (LG), and Geragonis — played so well in fact it got the attention of Bay Path head coach Matt Fall.

"They gashed us pretty good up the middle a few



Quarterback Michael Keeler of Bay Path has the time to complete a pass down the field.

times," Fall said. "No. 77 [Green] was their offensive player of the game and it was well deserved. Any time they needed a first down or needed some big yardage they ran right behind him."

"Their line is strong and powerful and they're very precise with their steps," Fall continued. "If you have a defensive player that's over penetrating or over pursuing their offensive linemen have no problem catching up to them and getting them squared away. That allows their running backs to get to the holes they need to get to."

Despite the disappointment that comes with a sub-500 year, Clarkson was upbeat when he spoke of the season.

"We had a good fin-

ish; I think we learned a lot this year. But, my expectations going into preseason was that we were going to be better," Clarkson said. "I spoke after the game and praised the seniors and told the younger guys on both teams that they had a tough year, but I hope they learned something and I hope they use what they learned next season."

Fall said he was pleased with the fact that his team got better as the season went along.

"I know a 2-9 record is not anything to write home about, but the last four or five games the kids really came together and that solidified the team a little bit," Fall said. "That was nice to see."

"When you have a losing record it's pretty easy to lose players and we didn't lose a single player throughout the season," Fall added. "Every kid stuck it out and hung in there. That's the big thing we can take away from the season. At the end of the day that's kind of a life lesson for them and kids have told me that the life lessons they take away from football are just as important as the winning seasons."

Orrell received the Outstanding Player of the Game Award for Bay Path while Brian Lavoie received the Minutemen's Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game and Noah Vazquez received the Outstanding Offensive Player of the Game Award.



Bay Path's Nomar Torres and Brian Lavoie combine to bring down Oxford ball carrier Sam Wing.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

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

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor V. Hedlund, “Babcia” 98



C H A R L T O N - Eleanor V. (Mikoloski) Hedlund, “Babcia” 98, of Masonic Home Rd., formerly of Sturbridge, passed away on Monday, Nov. 25th, in the Overlook Masonic Health Care, Charlton, after an illness.

Her beloved husband, Arthur R. Hedlund, Sr. died in 2003. She leaves her two sons, Kenneth M. Hedlund and his wife Kathleen of East Longmeadow and Bruce F. Hedlund of West Brookfield; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Poirier and her husband, Real of Fiskdale; her daughter in law Clarissa “Soni” Christensen of New Castle, NH; eight grandchildren, eight greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Eleanor was predeceased by a son, Col. Arthur R. Hedlund, Jr. in 2011; seven brothers, Joseph S. Mikoloski, Edward R. Mikoloski, Zygmud Mikoloski, Isadore Mikoloski, Vincent T. Mikoloski, Henry Mikoloski, and Michael Mikoloski; and a sister, Jennie Dubois.

Eleanor was born and raised in Worcester the daughter of Stanley K.

and Wanda (Karczewski) Mikoloski. She attended and graduated from City Hospital Nursing School and was a proud Alumnus. Eleanor was a member of the Harrington Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She worked at the Burgess Elementary School as a school nurse for 25 years prior to retiring in 1983. Eleanor was very proud of the military service of her husband and son. She was a loving and very giving person who cherished her time with her family. This special woman exuded a gentle kindness, grace, and class all while being the life of the party.

A funeral Mass for Eleanor will be held on Friday, Nov. 29th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne’s Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will follow in St. Anne’s Cemetery, Sturbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held on Friday, Nov. 29th, from 8:30am – 9:30am prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Overlook Skilled Nursing Department, 3rd floor, 88 Masonic Home Rd., Charlton, MA 01507 www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Joan D. Wysocki, 83



STURBRIDGE- Joan D. (Warfield-Meehan) Wysocki, 83, of Fiske Hill Rd., formerly of Charlton, passed away on Friday, Nov. 29th, in the Overlook Masonic Health Center, Charlton, after a brief illness.

Her loving husband of 40 years, Joseph Wysocki died in 2017. She leaves her son, Dennis Meehan and his wife Laurie of Southbridge; a daughter, Dale McNeil and her husband Francis of Sturbridge; two grandchildren, Dennis J. Meehan III and his wife Sarah of Southbridge and Christopher J. Meehan of Sturbridge; a great grandson, Jackson Meehan; many nieces, nephews; her cousin Linda Easterling; and the love shown to her by the extended family of her son-in-law Francis.

Joan was born in Worcester the daughter of Hubert and Catherine Warfield. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for Western Carriers Inc., in Auburn retiring just four years ago. Joan was a lifetime member of Stella Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, in Auburn being a Past Matron, Past Deputy Grand Matron and Past

Deputy Grand Marshal. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, feeding her birds, craft fairs, trips to the casino, watching Blue Bloods and The Hallmark Channel. She enjoyed her weekly visits with her caretakers Lynn and Corinne. Known for her great sense of humor, Joan loved spending time with her family and two dogs. She and her husband Joe loved to travel and enjoyed several trips cross country. The family would like to thank the staff of Harrington Hospital Emergency Dept., and 3N, Overlook Subacute Rehab Unit, Dr. Oh and Dr. Dunn and their staff, as well as the Charlton and Sturbridge Fire Departments and Sturbridge Police Department for all their love, care and compassion which they all have shown to Joan over the years.

A funeral service for Joan will be held on Friday, Dec. 6th, at 12:00 pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Friday, Dec. 6th, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Home for Little Wanderers, 10 Guest St., Boston, MA 02135. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Gary “Gus” W. Grenon, 70

OXFORD – Gary “Gus” W. Grenon, 70, died Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at UMass-Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, after a courageous battle with heart disease. He is survived by his sister, Noreen C. Chuplis of Charlton; and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by a sister, Sandra L. Bacon who died in 2019. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Wilfred L. and Mary (Garabedian) Grenon, and lived most of

his life in Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1966.

Mr. Grenon worked for Schott Corporation in Southbridge for over 20 years, retiring several years ago. Previously, he worked for American Optical in Southbridge. He loved cars, motorcycles, and karate.

A private funeral service was held on Tuesday. Burial was at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Lorraine “Chered” Prince, 88



C H A R L T O N - Lorraine “Chered” (Gauthier) Prince, 88, of Masonic Home Rd., formerly of Sturbridge, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 21st, in the Overlook Masonic Home.

Her beloved husband of 59 years, Frank “Babe” Prince died in 2014. She leaves her two granddaughters, Eliza Prince Vest and her husband Jeffrey and Ruth Prince Montgomery; her niece and loving caregiver, Roberta “Robbie” Vilandre and her husband Randall; four great grandchildren, Jasmine Taylor, Landon Montgomery, Anthony Vest and Lilly Vest; a sister, Pauline Orzech; a brother, Joseph Gauthier; her daughter in law, Lois Prince; and several nieces and nephews. Lorraine was predeceased by her son, Anthony J. Prince; and three sisters, Gloria Duda, Joan Earnest and Ramona Gibeault.

She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Joseph and Irene (Langlois)

Gauthier. She worked as a box maker for Hyde Manufacturing in Southbridge for 40 years prior to retiring many years ago. Lorraine was a devoted wife of Frank and the two enjoyed traveling together. They enjoyed their trips on business to Italy. She loved spending time in her yard working in her vegetable garden. The family would like to thank Kathy Walker and the staff from the Fieldstone unit at Overlook for all their love, compassion and care.

Her funeral was held on Monday, Nov. 25th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 12:00pm in St. Mary’s Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial followed in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Southbridge. A Calling hour in the funeral home will be held on Monday, Nov. 25th, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association MA Chapter, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham MA, 02452. www.morrillfuneralhome.com



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CALENDAR

Saturday, December 7

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Christmas items, raffles, handmade items, holiday items, baked goods, white elephant items, homemade chowder, meat-ball grinders, peach shortcake and more.

SANTA CLAUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Bay Path Education Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast will be held at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Families are provided with a free five-by-seven-inch photograph with Santa donated by Casson-Foster Photographers. There will also be a raffle and free face painting. Tickets are \$5 each, with children under five admitted free of charge. All funds raised are used for student scholarships and classroom mini-grants.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton. Hosted by the Charlton Helping Hand Society. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. Offerings include our popular "Gramma's Attic," Bake and Cookie by the Pound table, raffle tickets, Chinese auction, etc. Introducing a 'Bag Lunch to Go.' You won't have to stop for lunch — take it with you as you visit the other fairs in the area! All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains, and especially to "Help Us Help Others."

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. We will have various raffles available that day, and our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, please call the library at (508) 248-0452.

GINGERBREAD FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find unique gifts for everyone. Handcrafts, jewelry, plants, Grandma's Attic, baked goods and cookie table, a silent auction, gourmet delights and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9 – 11 a.m., followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Charlton City UMC, 74 Stafford St., Charlton. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available.

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Hosted by the Friends of the Library. We will have various raffles available that day, and

our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library.

FILL A TRAILER FOR THE COPS & KIDS TOY DRIVE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sturbridge Police Department, 346 Main St. Come visit Santa and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while supporting this annual holiday toy drive held by the Sturbridge police, in conjunction with the Southbridge Police Department and Lions Club. Individual donations of new, unwrapped, non-violent toys for local families in need are also welcome through Dec. 21.

Thursday, December 12

CHOCOLATE & PEPPERMINT WINTER HANDBELL CONCERT: 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main St. A concert by the Brimfield Bells. Reception featuring chocolate & peppermint immediately follows the performance. Freewill donations greatly appreciated. Free parking.

ONGOING

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

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. **P l e a s e c o n t a c t**

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parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about 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.

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

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is

food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael’s On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@charter.net or visit oa.org.

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Space photography is being offered in an auction ending this week. The New York Post reported that UFO images are featured in some of the photographs. One of the lots has an image used in the “I Want to Believe” poster featured in the first three seasons of “The X-Files.” That image is included in an auction lot of “seven vintage chromogenic prints.” The pre-auction estimate for that lot is \$6,000 to \$9,000, which may be a little pricey but isn’t completely out of this world.

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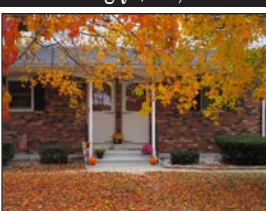
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