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What does summer fun mean to you?



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Summer Fun Classes at Hitchcock include tennis, outdoor games, rainy day activities, creative fun and individualized projects.

BRIMFIELD — At Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, it means kids ages three to 12 can pick and pre-register for the classes they wish to attend over a three week session July 15 – Aug. 2. Every hour each morning between 9-11:50 a.m., children begin a new class, based on their age, including: Story Time, Games, Tennis, Arts & Crafts and Design and Create. The focus is on fun and friendship while actively participating in age appropriate activities. Some students choose just one week while others up to three weeks to attend classes. Small group sizes, eight for ages three and four and 15 for older children, are a part of our

desire to create a family like atmosphere.

For Hitchcock’s new hires, Mary Mentzer and Jordan Lapierre, our Summer Fun classes will mean some creative planning and preparation for Tennis, Games and arts and crafts classes for kids ages three to 12. Our returning staff, Kathryn Henry, will be teaching Design and Create and Story Time for the third year.

Mary has previously taught arts and crafts for a dance studio summer day camp, she volunteered and worked part time at a dance studio and is attending college for pediatric nursing and she shares this “What I

found important when interacting with the kids is knowing every kids comes into the classroom from a different life and all have different fears and expectations.”

Jordan was a volunteer at Tantasqua’s track camp in 2018 working with seven to 12 year old students and she shared one important aspect of teaching kids is “Making sure kids were taking care of their bodies while still having fun.”

For more information on the summer program at Hitchcock visit www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

Sturbridge Trails Committee receives MassTrails grants

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Trails Committee has been awarded two MassTrail grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation as of Wednesday, June 26, after applying for funds to further its trail construction last February.

The grants are part of the MassTrails program, an initiative by Gov. Charlie Baker to provide funding and resources to expand shared-use pathways and recreational trails throughout the state. Announced in November of 2018 and managed by the MassDOT Trails Team established in 2017, it will provide approximately \$5 million in matching grants this year along with technical assistance and resources in order to build and maintain Massachusetts trails.

“The driving focus of the grant program is to help communities start building missing sections of trails,” said Tom Chamberland, a member of the Sturbridge Trails Committee. “It’s about opening up a bigger network of recreational trail opportunities.”

The first grant, which is in the amount of \$44,390, will allow the town to begin the initial phase of parking lot and trail construction on the Riverlands, located at 52 Stallion Hill Rd., across from the main parking lot for Old Sturbridge Village. The town is planning for the first grant to cover the expenses of a 22 car parking lot and

the first couple thousand feet of the Grand Trunk Trail.

“The total length of the Grand Trunk Trail through Sturbridge is a little over six miles,” said Chamberland. “We have two and a half miles completed and the Riverlands section is another mile and a half.”

The second grant, which is in the amount of \$12,500, will allow for a feasibility study to be done for the central Sturbridge section of the Grand Trunk Trail, which is proposed to be a major trail from Westfield Lake in Southbridge paralleling the Quinebaug River all the way out to Route 20 at the Sturbridge and Brimfield town line. Eventually, it is envisioned to be a 66 mile trail, the Titanic Rail Trail, from Palmer to Franklin.

“We have both ends done, but the middle is kind of loose,” said Chamberland. “This feasibility study is to figure out how to connect the trail and work on the last section. The challenge is the Grand Trunk Rail Line has been all but obliterated in that section because of I-84 and it cuts through the middle of Old Sturbridge Village. We need to figure out a new way to route the trail. It will give us potential options and cost and from there the town can decide what to do.”

The state required time frame to complete the projects that are funded by the MassTrails grants is two years and it is estimated that the projects will start sometime in the fall, as

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Stageloft presents “Seven Ways To Say I Love You”

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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FISKDALE — Stageloft Repertory Theater has announced its upcoming production of “Seven Ways To Say I Love You,” a comedic collection of short plays by Adam Szymkowicz that tackles the difficult topics of love and

heartbreak.

The series of seven plays includes “Ambiance Pizza,” “Film Noir,” “Mind of the Critic,” “Moneypenny Waits,” “The Moment,” “Smashing Eyes” and “Little Folded Hands,” and each one deals with a different couple, relationship, and situation.

“This collection of funny, sweet, silly, poignant and stylistically diverse short plays from New York Favorite Adam Szymkowicz has something for everyone,” said a press release from Stageloft. “From the awkwardness of asking out a pizza store clerk (Ambiance Pizza), to a campy infidelity revenge

comedy (Film Noir), to the couple destined to be together no matter the obstacles (John and April), this collection explores heart, grief, pain, and humor as the plays dance around the eternal human theme of love.”

Stageloft’s production of “Seven Ways To Say I Love You” is produced through

special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. and directed by Robert C. Latino. The show stars Greg Glanville, Josh Raymond, Laura Jedynasty, Nika Tomasic, Brittany Grenier & Sean Gardell. It is produced through special

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Cabaret Lulu to perform at Sturbridge Host

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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STURBRIDGE — Cabaret Lulu, a group of experienced performing artists out of New York City, will be performing at the Sturbridge Host Lakeside Theater on Wednesday, July 24 as part of an event sponsored by the North Brookfield Council on Aging.

Founded in the early nineties and led by entertainer and comedian Lucille Gould, Cabaret Lulu is made up of actors, singers, and dancers from Broadway and New York Television, Film and Recordings who travel throughout the East Coast to perform their unique shows.

“We created this in New York City’s theater district as a necessity

because we wanted to start our own thing and keep working but not wait for an agent to call,” said Gould. “It took off there, but we travel around now. To us, Sturbridge is the height of Massachusetts. What we want is to really get the name out locally.”

The group performs original shows consisting of skits from various well-known shows, including “Gigi,” “My Fair Lady,” “The King and I,” and “Oklahoma,” and songs from famous artists, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Nat King Cole.

“These are all professionals in Cabaret Lulu and they do this because they are off duty or aren’t working on a show at the moment,” said Gould. “These are people who work with me on a constant basis. It’s a variety



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show, but our own show, and every time a show goes someplace, it has to be a new show because we want people to keep coming back.”

The Sturbridge show, titled “Love

is the Thing,” will specifically focus on the theme of love and feature many famous songs, including “Let’s

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Stop Abuse Today fundraiser to feature Cold Train

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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HOLLAND—Stop Abuse Today, Inc., a local 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that supports abuse victims and their families, will be holding Concert for a Cause on Sunday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the grounds of Diane's Villa Nova, located at 5 Brimfield Rd., to raise money for its outreach programs.

The concert will feature Cold Train, a popular southern rock tribute band, from 2 until 6 p.m., preceded with an acoustic set by local musician Ron Jones from noon to 2 p.m.

"We have had a motorcycle ride a couple years in the past and the ride fell through this year, but we already had booked Cold Train for the date," said Stop Abuse Today

board member Janet Zafiris. "We were searching for an alternative situation and the Baldarelli's at Diane's Villa Nova wanted to do something too, so we decided to do it together because they have an outdoor space. Cold Train has a great big following around here and they are such giving, awesome people who have been so happy to help us out for this cause."

All ticket sale proceeds from the event are donated to Stop Abuse Today, which was founded in honor of a Wales woman was murdered by her husband in 2001. It focuses on helping the towns of Brimfield, Holland, and Wales by supporting abuse victims and their families, promoting awareness of elder abuse, bullying, and domestic violence, and partnering with school systems, public safety officials, commu-

nity groups, and local and state government leaders.

"The cause is really important to everyone out there," said Zafiris. "Unfortunately, it is a widespread issue, and if someone is not a victim themselves, they probably know someone who is whether they are aware of it or not."

Stop Abuse Today is still looking for sponsors and donors for the event to give funds or raffle prizes and is hoping to get more and more local businesses and individuals involved with Concert for a Cause in order to keep the organization's advocacy active on a very local level.

"We are already getting a lot of support in that direction from the local businesses and I like that because it's at a grassroots level," said Zafiris. "These are the people

who all these issues affect and they are willing to reach out and help."

The organization hopes that events like Concert for a Cause will help more people come forward with their cases of domestic abuse and get them involved with Stop Abuse Today by taking advantage of educational resources and attending their monthly meetings, which take place on the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Community Center or Town Hall and are always open to the public.

"People need to understand that it's ok to come forward and get the help and support they need," said Zafiris. "More people are becoming aware tat it's such an ongoing issue and now it's a little easier with less stigma. We understand it isn't easy to recognize or accept that this is what's

happening to you, but don't be afraid to ask for help."

Along with the concert, the event will also include raffles and food and beverages, including beer, wine, and soft drinks, that can be purchased at Diane's Villa Nova. Tickets for the event are \$15 if purchased in advance or \$20 at the door. All tickets and items purchased at the event are cash only. No outside coolers and food or pets are allowed. Concert for a Cause will be held rain or shine and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, call Diane's Villa Nova at 413-245-9090 or Janet Zafiris at 508-450-7001. To learn more about the cause, go to the Stop Abuse Today Inc. Trifecta Facebook page or www.StopAbuseToday.org.



Hitchcock Happenings

Hitchcock Academy schedule of events

BRIMFIELD — Following is the schedule of events and activities for

next week at Hitchcock Academy.

Monday, July 15
SUMMER FUN: Session 1: 9-9:50 a.m. Session 2: 10-10:50 a.m. Session 3: 11-11:50 a.m.
WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings! Times: Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.
SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.
CHI KUNG: 6:00 – 7:00 PM. An ancient art that uses slow, deliberate and careful

body movements to better understand the body's restrictions and performance Fee: \$60 (5 classes) Instructor: Sharon Palmer, M. Ed., Kripalu Yoga Instructor and RYT.
HATHA YOGA: 7:15 – 8:45 Relax and rejuvenate with postures and guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat, wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Fee: \$65 (6 classes) Instructor: Sharon Palmer, M. Ed., Kripalu Yoga Instructor and RYT.
Tuesday, July 16
SUMMER FUN: Session 1: 9-9:50 a.m. Session 2: 10-10:50 a.m. Session 3: 11-11:50 a.m.
CONCERT ON THE COMMON: 6:30 – 8 p.m. Luke DeRoy Trio
Wednesday, July 17
SUMMER FUN: Session 1: 9-9:50 a.m. Session 2: 10-10:50 a.m. Session 3: 11-11:50 a.m.
CHEESE MAKING: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Learn how to make your own fresh ricotta with milk from local dairy. You will then create a simple recipe from your homemade cheese to suit your tastes. Fee: \$25; Instructor: Jennifer Poirer from The Shepherd's Gate Farm
Thursday, July 18

SUMMER FUN: Session 1: 9-9:50 a.m. Session 2: 10-10:50 a.m. Session 3: 11-11:50 a.m.
VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels
FENCING: Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.
Friday, July 19
SUMMER FUN: Session 1: 9-9:50 a.m. Session 2: 10-10:50 a.m. Session 3: 11-11:50 a.m.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM
Saturday, July 20
FARMER'S MARKET: 9 AM – 2 PM in the Hitchcock Academy Parking lot.
Sunday, July 21
SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Time: 11:30 – 1:30. Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

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Local residents named to RIT Dean's List

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The following local residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2019 spring semester. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if

their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Logan Melican of Fiskdale, who is in the chemical engineering program.

Griffin Hurt of Brimfield, who is in the applied mathematics program.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls about 19,000 students in more than 200 career-oriented and professional pro-

grams, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

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Area residents on Bridgewater dean's list

BRIDGEWATER – The following area residents were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bridgewater State University:

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James Damon and Joshua Watts.

Fiskdale
Colin Eliason


Holland
Alexandra Dickey

Sturbridge
Hailey Hengen and Emily Macey



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The Abletones bringing Big Band music to the Common



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The Sturbridge Lions Club, The Sturbridge Rotary Club and the Sturbridge Parks and Recreation Committee will co-sponsor an evening concert featuring the Abletones Big Band and the Moon Maids (pictured) on the Sturbridge Common, Thursday evening, July 25, starting at 6 p.m.

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Lions Club, The Sturbridge Rotary Club and the Sturbridge Parks and Recreation Committee will co-sponsor an evening concert on the Sturbridge Common, Thursday evening, July 25, starting at 6 p.m. The featured music will be the 18 piece Big Band, The Abletones, led by bandleader Dan Gabel. The group is dedicated to recreating the sights and sounds of the big band era. They focus on the sound of the 1930s and '40s music led by Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Count Basie, Gene Krupa and many others. The bandstand, now in its 25th year on the common, was designed for this type of music.

The band plays the New England states as well for non-profit organizations, businesses, retirement communities, weddings, ballrooms and swing dances.

Included in the program will be the female quartet, The Moon Maids, whose harmony is a pleasure to listen to.

Dan Gabel has played trombone with the Glenn Miller orchestra as well as the Tommy Dorsey and Cab Calloway orchestras. His credentials include the jazz program at the Worcester Youth Orchestras Inc., and has served as CEO and President of the American Big Band Preservation Society.

The Sturbridge Lions Club and the Sturbridge Rotary Club are considering this performance as a way of saying "thank you" to the community for its support throughout the year. The Lions and Rotarians are proud to be mem-



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bers of the world's two largest service organizations with more than three million members worldwide serving in 250 countries and geographical areas. We are pleased to have the Parks and Recreation Committee of Sturbridge part of the sponsorship to bring this talented group of musicians to play for us on the Common.

So, please join us on July 25 for an evening of relaxation and enjoy the sound of the Big Band era on the Sturbridge Common. Bring your favorite chair, stool or blanket to relax on. Parking is available behind the town hall.

The Lions and Rotary Club's main mission is serving people with vision and hearing problems as well as scholarships to Tantasqua Regional High School students and other needs as requested.

Locals named to Worcester State Dean's List

WORCESTER — The following local residents have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester of 2019 at Worcester State University.

Brimfield
Christine Corrow, Jason P. Leaming,

Jason W. Marchand, Wyatt R. Rogers, Alison P. Senecal, Anita J. Swift

Fiskdale
Jillian R. Bellville, Beatrice M. Boyden, Madison L. Shaw

Holland
Justin A. Boucher, Sarah N. Cox

Sturbridge
Lori L. Canane, Brooks A. Chernisky, Stephen F. Gagnon, Brandon M. Gatta, Nicole S. Ghantous, Noelle E. Haslam, Mackenzie A. Pratt, Katelyn S. Seguin

RADIO RANCH NEXT UP IN BRIMFIELD CONCERT SERIES

Brimfield's summer concert series continues July 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. with Radio Ranch. This local favorite is sure to get you to tap your toes and sing along to some Country, Americana music with veteran musicians Joe Calcasola, Matt Smith, Jim Lamothe, Art Reed and Justin Calcasola



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Police, fire chiefs welcomed to Safety Building Committee

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – On May 20, the town of Charlton approved the construction of a new public safety complex to be erected on Masonic Home Road. Now the project moves to the next steps as a new committee was established to see the construction through to the end.

The Charlton Board of Selectmen voted to establish an 11-member public safety construction building committee on June 18 with the committee to be made up mostly of the same members as the previous building committee, with two exceptions. After some deliberation and minor debate, the selectmen voted to make Fire Chief Ed Knopf and Police Chief Graham Maxfield full time members of the committee and finalized a pair of August dates to be set aside for a referendum allowing voters the final say on the project after town meeting approved \$28.5 million for the construction.

The original building committee that helped produce the proposed project as it stands right now was comprised of two members each of the police and fire departments as well

as a selectman and two members of the public along with one alternate from the fire and police departments respectively. Selectmen played with the idea of keeping the established membership intact, but it was selectman David Singer who recommended the chiefs be permanently added to the mix rather than serving as alternates as they did before.

“I greatly appreciate all the work that the Public Safety Building Committee has done. I know, as do (the other selectmen) the work that goes into being on the committee. It’s a lot of work, a lot of time, and a lot of dedication. That being said town meeting did approve the monies, but we’re not locked in to the plan or technologies. We have room to flex with that as long as we stay within the budget town meeting voted. That being said, I would personally like to see the makeup change for the next phase. I would like to see a five- or six-member committee. To me I think it’s critical that both chiefs are key members of this committee,” Singer said.

However, Selectman John McGrath argued that the chiefs seemed to feel comfortable with the status quo and that adding them wasn’t entirely necessary

unless they wanted to serve on the committee.

“I think that the chiefs have basically picked the people that they feel represent them on the committee very well and I know that the chiefs have not been shy at showing up at the meetings,” McGrath said. “I would ask them if they’re comfortable with the way the committee is set up now.”

Both chiefs were present for the discussion and revealed their faith in the members that served on the building committee, although both noted they are employees that answer to the Board of Selectmen and would serve if called upon. However Chief Knopf wanted clarification of exactly what it is the new committee would be working on. Selectman Singer said tweaking the design would be one of the committee’s most pressing responsibilities specifically pointing out that the current proposal has two gymnasiums, one for police and another for fire personnel, which seemed to Singer to be a waste of space and resources when one gym would do. Chief Knopf said that even with himself and Chief Maxfield on the committee they may not have the knowledge needed to make appropriate calls on the build-

ing layout.

“I think we’re at a stage now where we’re making decisions on how the building is going to look and how it’s going to operate,” Chief Knopf said. “There needs to be subject matter experts involved that we need to be taking their recommendations from and I don’t know if this committee has any of that. I don’t believe there are.”

Town Administrator Robin Craver intervened to clear up some details about the project and the personnel involved. She noted that there are several individuals involved outside of the building committee that will help resolve any design issues or major changes needed to the plan and they will be working closely with the building committee to finalize the proposal.

“We have an owners project manager that oversees the whole thing. We also have an architect that will be designing the building. This committee has done hours on its own of going out to other buildings and taking a look at them. We never expected to find that kind of technical expertise on a building committee. That’s more the guiding body. But we would get experts in the areas that we need,” Craver said. “I

really don’t want anybody at home thinking that this committee would be doing any design or technology or any of those components because that would be done by professionals who do these buildings all the time.”

After continued discussion the decision was made to compromise, keeping the bulk of the existing membership of the building committee intact increasing the membership to eleven adding the two chiefs as permanent members. Now three police officers, three firefighters, one selectman, two citizens, and two alternates from each of the departments will make up the committee which will officially be retitled to reflect the committee’s new charge of overseeing construction plans for the building.

In addition to finalizing the building committee, selectmen also agreed on two dates, a primary and backup, to use Heritage School for a referendum to allow voters to cast their ballots in support or opposition of whatever finalized plan is put forward. The primary date is Aug. 13, but if the school is unavailable on that day the vote will be held on Aug. 20.

Charlton’s Alisha Warren receives award from Bay Path

CHARLTON — Wife and mother of four, Alisha Warren of Charlton, is the PN Class of 2019 Honoree of the Clinical Excellence Award.

Warren received the award for her distinguished clinical performance throughout her training and education at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy. Warren received the Clinical Excellence Award, an engraved crystal woven plate from Tiffany & Co., at this year’s Graduation and Pinning Ceremony in the Great Room, the Overlook Masonic Health Care, Charlton, June 21.

Warren is a 2004 graduate of Shepherd Hill High School, in Dudley, MA. She received her Bachelor of Science majors in Early Childhood Education and Psychology from Worcester State University in 2010.

“We congratulate Alisha Warren for this immense honor and wholeheartedly applaud her family for their love and support. Alisha has been a revered practical nursing student. We are so very happy that, together with her husband and children, and her parents, they all witnessed Alisha receive the Clinical Excellence Award,” said, Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director.

“Alisha Warren truly exemplifies our desired graduate, one who exhibits clinically competent skill with compassion. As a practical nursing graduate and soon to be LPN, Alisha has a promising nursing career ahead of her,” concluded Bolandrina.



Courtesy Photo
Warren receiving the Clinical Excellence Award from Professor Regina Sanetti, MSN Ed, RN.

Local student earns distinction at Wichita State University

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 3,000 students who were on the WSU dean’s honor roll for spring 2019, including Timothy L. Portwood of Fiskdale.

To be included on the dean’s honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit

hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors’ group
4. One millionth of a gram
7. Contrary to
8. Oohed and __
10. Popular sandwiches
12. Construction site machine
13. Variety act
14. Fall back
16. An electrically charged atom
17. Mountain lakes
19. Japanese classical theater
20. Pesky insect
21. Natural wonders
25. Design file extension
26. Genus of grasses
27. Container for shipping
29. Theron film “ __ Flux”

30. Get older
31. Chinese surname
32. Edith Bunker actress
39. Natives to Myanmar
41. Soda comes in it
42. Counting frames
43. Where some get their mail (abbr.)
44. Having ten
45. Assn. of oil-producing countries
46. A type of cigar
48. World’s longest river
49. Single-celled animal
50. Decay
51. General’s assistant (abbr.)
52. Pigpen

CLUES DOWN

1. __ and Costello
2. Islamic teacher
3. Clothing
4. Disfigure
5. Irons
6. NW Italian seaport
8. Play a role
9. A reduction
11. Short poem set to music
14. Pain unit
15. Get in form
18. Junior’s father
19. To the __ degree
20. Wild or sweet cherry
22. Content
23. Earn a perfect score
24. Korean surname

27. Herb __, San Francisco columnist
28. Ottoman military commander
29. Satisfaction
31. Kids’ TV channel (abbr.)
32. Poke quickly
33. Pouch
34. City of Angels
35. Dark olive black
36. Nocturnal hoofed mammals
37. Wild cat
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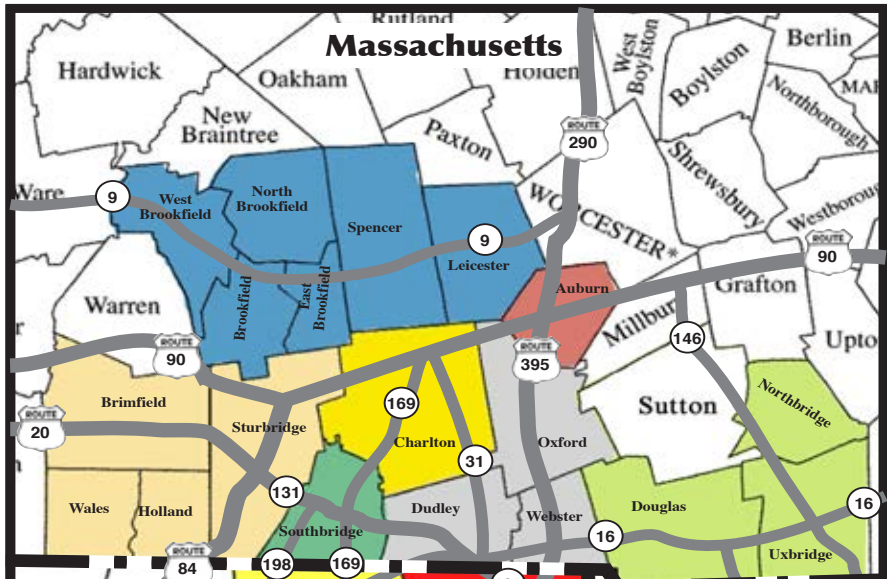
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Selectmen welcome draft hazard mitigation plan

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton is edging closer to finalizing a hazard mitigation plan as one of several towns in Southern Worcester County looking to increase preparedness in the case of a significant natural disaster.

Peter Peloquin, Assistant Planner for the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission, presented a draft of the plan to selectmen at a meeting in late June where he explained that the purpose of the plan is not to respond to the effects of a storm after it happens, but rather to be prepared for a weather event before it does any damage. However, adopting such a plan could also greatly enhance the resources the town has I the aftermath.

“This is more encompassing all natural hazards so we’re thinking tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, droughts, snow storms, etc.,” Peloquin told selectmen. “Charlton is doing this plan because in the General Disaster

and Mitigation act of 2000 it requires all towns and cities to develop and adopt a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that’s approved by FEMA and adopted by the town selectmen. By adopting the plan, it enables the town to pursue grant funding through FEMA.”

Peloquin said his department examined buildings in Charlton, the personnel on hand to handle situations, and zoning and planning rules and regulations as well as storm management. Speaking to the benefits of having the plan in place Peloquin estimated that a well thought out and functioning Hazard Mitigation Plan would save a community \$4 in response cost for every dollar spent on creating a pre-emptive plan of action.

“We’re trying to break the cycle of disaster and rebuild,” Peloquin said. “We are looking at all areas of all kinds of weather situations we could think of - It’s not a plan for how we’re going to respond when these things happen. We’re thinking about trying to prepare prior to when these storms do occur.”

The CMRPC acted as a technical assistant on the plan while local hazard mitigation teams consisting of Charlton personnel conducted several meetings to identify local hazards. The public meeting held before the Board of Selectmen in June was the third step I the process, a public meeting providing an update on the plan’s development as well as presenting a draft. The plan was produced after CMRPC helped identify and map critical facilities and local hazard areas with the goal of prioritizing mitigation strategies. Public feedback was also gathered through a survey in the summer of 2018 where 62 responses indicated that there are concerns over the town’s preparedness for natural disasters.

While Charlton does have existing mitigation measures in place, such as dam safety regulations, salting and sanding roadways, permits for outdoor burning, zoning regulations, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, tree trimming, and drainage, the plan enhances and builds on the policies and

procedures already in place effectively modernizing and adding to the current response plan. Some of the highlights of the draft included pursuing funding for a comprehensive study to identify, prioritize, and replace culverts town-wide, making an inventory of shelter and emergency resources, improving and maintaining hazard warning systems, continuing incorporating disaster mitigation actions into appropriate local and regional plans, and updating the hazard mitigation plan every five years.

While the draft plan was received warmly by selectmen, there’s still work to be done. The draft plan must now be received by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency before it comes back to the Board of Selectmen for a resolution voting to adopt the final draft. If FEMA approves the final plan, Charlton will officially have a solid plan in place for any future natural hazards that may target the community.

COMMITTEE

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the town is currently waiting on the state to provide contract documents.

“I anticipate both projects will start sometime in September,” said Chamberland. “The town is required to provide a 20 percent match to the grants, so

our match is a combination of funds from the Community Preservation Fund, approved at last June’s annual town meeting, and our due time and labor.”

The Sturbridge Trails committee is hoping that the upcoming projects made possible by the MassTrails grants will connect the town in new ways, give residents and visitors an opportunity to travel

throughout the area’s trails and parcels without driving in a car, and provide a possibility to eventually connect with other regional trails, including Blackstone Valley and Southern New England.

“The vision of the Grand Trunk Trail was to be the main backbone trail for the residents to use and it is envisioned to be an east to west trail that will go from

one end of town to the other,” said Chamberland. “When it’s complete, you’ll be able to go fishing at East Brimfield and end at Westfield. The trail passes through the Riverlands, goes very close to Leadmine Mountain Parcel, and gives an opportunity to get to open space parcels without getting in your car and driving to a parking lot. It is a key part of the interconnect ability of open

space parcels and it will make a longer journey and experience.”

More information on the Sturbridge trails and MassTrail Grants can be found on the Friends of Sturbridge Trails Facebook page or by going to the Sturbridge Trails Committee Web site at <http://www.sturbridgetrails.org>.

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arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

“Seven Ways to Say I Love You” will perform for two weekends from July 12 through July 21 with 8 p.m. performances on Fridays, July 12 and 19 and Saturdays, July 13 and 20 and 2 p.m. performances on Sundays, July 14 and 21. Tickets are \$20 each or \$18 for

seniors over age 60, students, and military personnel. Discounts for groups of 20 or more people are available and the theater is fully accessible.

Stageloft’s other upcoming shows in the 2019 season include Disney’s “Newsies” in August, “Beer for Breakfast” in September, “Spitfire Grill the Musical” in October, and “Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)” at the end of November and into

December.

The theater is also in the midst of its annual youth summer workshops, with two sessions for kids in third grade through 10th grade and one session for kindergartners through second graders, and will be presenting “Christmas in July: Two Holiday Plays by Mrs. Evelyn Marritt” on Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 27 at 4 p.m. and Disney’s “Frozen Junior” on Friday,

Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 and 4 p.m.

To purchase tickets to Seven Ways to Say I Love You or for more information about Stageloft’s youth summer workshops and 2019 season, call the theater at 508-347-9005 or visit their Web site at www.stageloft.org.

Friday’s Child



Makayla ~ Age 15

Hi! My name is Makayla and I am very adventurous!

Makayla is described as being a smart, helpful, adventurous, and inquisitive fourteen-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. She is currently learning how to ride horses but she also enjoys drawing and writing. Makayla likes going to school and spending time with her peers. She interacts well with others, and the adults in her life say Makayla is pleasant and considerate.

Makayla is legally free for adoption and can be placed in an active one or two-parent family with at least one female caretaker. She will need to be the youngest or only child in the home. The ideal family for Makayla is one that is patient, and provides consistent structure and follow through in her everyday life. It would also

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CABARET

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Do It,” “Let’s Misbehave,” “Making Whopper,” “These Foolish Things,” “What a Wonderful World,” and “The Glory of Love.” The cast will include professional performers Lucille Gould, Roumel Reaux, Renai Baker, and Robert Aberdeen with music by the group’s pianist, Kinu Mikami.

Cabaret Lulu performs for many different groups, clubs, and organizations, but has a mission to be inclusive and focuses on providing entertainment for elderly populations in general, traveling around and reaching out to older people and performing songs they remember well and can sing along to.

“The North Brookfield Council on Aging has gone and raised money to sponsor Cabaret Lulu so that the people at the North Brookfield Senior Center

can come see us,” said Gould. “We do this for the seniors because they need us, and when they bring their children or grandchildren who have not been exposed to people like George Gershwin, they flip out and really love the show too. At the same time, it’s not old fashioned, but sophisticated and really good theater.”

Although the show is sponsored by the North Brookfield Council on Aging and free for seniors through the North Brookfield Senior Center, anyone in the area of any age is welcome and encouraged to attend. General admission tickets, which include lunch from the Sturbridge Host kitchen and the show, are \$48.50.

For more information on Cabaret Lulu and a full show schedule, go to www.cabaretlulu.com. To purchase tickets for the Sturbridge show, call 1-866-585-8872 or email luce9g@gmail.com.

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own boat can also be exciting and rewarding. Before you purchase a boat, you need to have a person that knows about boats with you before you put down your hard earned cash. What size boat do you want and can afford. Purchasing a big boat that needs a slip first, as they are in high demand. Slip fees are also very costly, and the price is set by the feet of the craft , and vary depending on the location. Purchasing a boat that can be trailered in the 18-to-28-foot range requires a vehicle that has the power to safely transport it to and from your home.

Trailering your boat will require you to purchase insurance for both the boat and your trailer. Purchasing “SeaTow” or similar insurance will be necessary to provide help on the water in case you break down. Taking a course in navigation is extremely important. and having a (GPS) Global positioning system , or similar device is recommended for safe navigation on the water. Radar is another device that is extremely important especially when a fog banks moves in. The ocean is no place for armatures in a boat especially when the fog moves in.

Taking a Coast Guard

Safety Course prior to purchasing a boat is highly recommend- ed. Trailering a boat on the roads today is insane and extremely danger- ous. If you decide to purchase your own boat and trailer it, be prepared to put up with a lot of “idiots” on the road and at the boat ramp. Keeping a cool head and driving safely will keep you and your family safe, and will give you many enjoyable days on the water. Always keep you VISA GOLD card available in case of emergencies. Good luck.

Striper fishing has been hot one day and poor the next. Being there at the right time and fishing with the proper bait or lures is

important. A lot of bait fish are moving in and out of hot spots daily with a huge concentra- tion of squid this year on the Cape. On angler reported being covered with squid ink even though he was not using squid. Bass were full of squid and were coughing them up when caught by anglers. Fluke & sea- bass fishing is holding their own, but no big bites reached this writ- ers desk.

My brother Ken & his Wife visited the Quabbin Res. last week and caught a couple of lake trout and one bass. The second picture shows Ken with a nice lake trout. Although the fish- ing was slow they had a great time. Fishing the

Quabbin anytime of the year is always a great day in the outdoors. The \$25 fee for admittance and use of a boat and motor with a tank of gas is a real bargain.

Bear hunting can be dangerous, but excit- ing for some people and Janet Harper of Douglas loves the thrill of the hunt. As stated in last weeks column Janet & her husband Phil hunt all over the country and beyond, and they have plenty of mounts to prove there success hanging in there man cave and there woman’s cave. Nice Bear.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Growing blueberries in honor of National Blueberry Month

It’s time to cel- ebrate. July is National blueber- ry month so enjoy some of these nutritious berries and consider growing a few plants in your landscape.

Don’t let a lack of space or poor soil stop you from growing blueberries. Simply plant a few blueberries in containers and enjoy their spring blooms, fall color and tasty and nutritional fruit for snacking, bak- ing and including in healthful meals. Blueberries prefer moist well-drained acidic soil. Most of us don’t have this type of soil. We can, however, create the ideal conditions with a quality potting mix. Or make your own with a combi- nation of sphagnum moss, pine bark and rice hulls or perlite for drainage. Incorporate a slow release fertilizer at planting to provide needed nutrients for six to eight weeks.

Grow one blueberry in a five-gallon pot with drainage holes. You only need one plant to have fruit but growing two blueberry plants more than doubles the harvest. Plus, you’ll have more flowers and colorful fall foliage to brighten your patio, deck or balcony.

Select a blueberry suited to your growing region or one of the compact blueberry cultivars like Top Hat, Jelly Bean, Blueberry Glaze, and Peach Sorbet. Perpetua is not only compact but produces both a summer and fall crop.

Place your container in a sunny loca- tion. Check soil moisture in your con- tainer gardens daily. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slight- ly moist but not soggy wet.

Dress up the container and keep the roots cool and moist with mulch. Cover the soil surface with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark.

Birds are the biggest pest of blue- berries. Simply cover the plants with netting as the fruit begins to develop to protect your harvest from hungry birds. This is a much easier task when dealing with a couple of potted plants versus a large in-ground planting.

You will need to provide a bit of winter protection if your winters are cold. Place your potted blueberries in a sheltered location and cover the con- tainer with woodchips to insulate the



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Don't be fooled



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I started using marijuana in high school because I was nervous about girls.

At 17, I still had not successfully had a physical relationship with a girl, and the social and hormonal pressures were intense.

The '70's was a decade of a lot of moral "freedom", which basically amounted to "intimacy" being talked about in magazines, on TV and shown in movies with unprecedented frequency and verisimilitude.

Nowadays, it's commonplace to see graphic love scenes on TV, but back then it was new and electrifying to see people "making whoopie" in films without a fast cut to a scene of waves breaking on a shore, or logs burning in a fireplace, a euphemistic device brilliantly parodied in the comedy "Top Secret."

All this to say that sex was always top of mind for me back then. And my anxieties about it, about my performance, about the possible consequences, were also top of mind, and worrisome.

To ease the discomfort, I sought out someone who I knew was a marijuana user, with whom I also desired to have a fling. This girl was more than happy to get me "high".

(Marijuana was, of course, illegal back then. I don't know where she got her stash, but her older brother is a likely possibility. I recall months later trying on his leather jacket and finding inside the pockets two enormous plastic bags of pot.)

The effects of smoking were immediate. I was no longer nervous about anything. I was friendly, clever and amusing, untroubled by the possibility of rejection. I felt like the charming fellow I could never comfortably be in "normal life," but felt myself capable of being.

A few hours later, of course, I was back to my old confused, introverted self... but also ravenously hungry.

Pot became a staple in my life for many years, and it all started by "solving" my problem of anxiety over getting intimate. After a while, nervousness about sex was no longer my problem. Quite the opposite: irresponsibility about sex became my problem.

Today's medicos undoubtedly recommend drugs to teens for similar anxieties. Today's marijuana, as well as today's psych meds, are far more powerful and addictive than anything I would have been exposed to in 1977, so I am concerned about the 17 year olds of 2019 who might be as nervous about life as I was.

Here's the thing-drugs are a quick fix. They aren't based on or supportive of rationality. They don't cure anything. They are simply substances that affect the body in various ways, some of which can be pleasant, but always with a price.

Any pain diminished by drugs inevitably returns. Drugs rob your body of nutrients and, in many cases, can interrupt normal body function enough to make you ill or even do you in.

Pot smokers, back in my youth, were typified by the comedy of Cheech and Chong, (the Key and Peele of my day) who became famous with slapstick movies about stoners getting into ridiculous situations fueled by "Thai stick", "Panama Red" and other species of weed. (I recall them as hilarious, however, I don't think I'd feel the same about them if I watched one today; you never see any of their titles on "Best

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VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Garden Herbs: Proper Picking & Preserving

Herbs not only bring essence and beauty to the landscape, they also provide an element of enchantment to a garden. Whether you grow herbs for their unique flavors, medicinal value, or just for the pure pleasure of it - the humble herb adds spice to any garden plot! Read on for some harvesting and preserving tips, plus few recipes to spotlight your fresh snipped herbs.

Harvesting Herbs

While snipping herbs daily for kitchen use is a common practice, the act of fully harvesting herbs regularly is also important to ensure new growth. For best flavor, cut or snip herbs in the morning, after the dew has evaporated from the leaves but before the midday sun heats the plant.

Most annual plants can be harvested twice during the planting season. Cut plants back to about five inches above the ground and feed after cutting. Annual herbs can be harvested until frost.

Perennial herbs may be harvested once during the first year and up to three times each season after the initial growth year. Harvest up to 75 percent of the top growth in late spring and another quarter in late summer. Stop harvesting about one month before the frost date. Late pruning could encourage tender growth that cannot harden-off before winter.

Flowering herbs should be harvested when the buds are apparent or when flowers are just opening. This is when their oil concentration is at its peak.

Preserving

While herbs for cooking should be used fresh for optimal quality and flavor, a zealous growing season can necessitate preserving the herbal plants. There are several methods to "keep" herbs for later use. Freezing: This is the easiest method to preserve herbs that are to be used in cooking. Herbs should be cut fresh and rinsed briefly in cold water. Chop herbs and spread out on a cookie sheet to freeze. Once frozen, transfer to a zip lock freezer bag. Another popular way to freeze herbs for uses in soups and other dishes that require liquid is to place pinches of herbs in water filled ice cube trays. Freeze and pack them into a zip lock freezer bag. Don't refreeze herbs after thawing. Drying:Dryingisthetraditionalmethod ofherbpreservation. There are also several methods to dry herbs for later use. Air Drying: If the herbs are clean, do not wet them. Otherwise, rinse, shake off the excess water, and spread the herbs out to dry on paper towels or dishcloths until all surface moisture has evaporated. Remove any dead or damaged foliage. Then, tie the stems into small bundles with twine or string and hang them upside down in a warm, dry, airy place out of the sun. Be sure to make small, loose bundles and allow for good air circulation around each bunch. Dry indoors as sun and dew moisture can discolor and ruin the quality of many herbs. Hang and dry in the kitchen or even a garage or shed. Note: Some herbs, such as basil and mints may mold if not dried quickly. An alternative to hanging herbs to dry in bunches is to spread the herbs out on window screens. Suspend the screens over sawhorses or the backs of chairs. Turn the leaves often to ensure even drying. To air dry herbs with seeds, tie the herbs in small bundles and suspend inside a paper bag with holes punched in the sides. Suspend the bag in a dark area with good air circulation. Collect the seeds when they are dry, and store in rigid light-proof containers. Oven Drying: Traditional kitchen



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stoves can also be used to dry herbs. Spread the herbs on cookie sheets and dry at the lowest temperature. Home food dehydrators also do an excellent job of drying herbs. Follow the directions provided with the dehydrator. Herbs are sufficiently dry when they are brittle and crumble easily. When the leaves are dry, separate them from their stems and package the leaves in rigid containers with tight fitting lids. Glass or hard plastic are best, although zip-lock plastic freezer bags can be used. To preserve full flavor, avoid crushing the leaves until you are ready to use them. Store dried herbs in a cool, dry place away from sunlight, moisture, and heat. Many herbs ca keep for a year if stored properly.

Herbal Recipes
Below are some simple, yet delicious recipes that showcase the flavor of freshly picked garden herbs.

Melted Cheese Spread with Yarrow
This is a great salsa alternative when served with Tortillas or corn chips)

Ingredients: one pound soft cheese; one tablespoon minced yarrow leaves; one half cup tomato soup two tablespoons whole Yarrow flowers; black pepper, onion powder and garlic powder to taste. Directions: Melt the cheese and add the tomato soup, stirring until well mixed. Add Yarrow leaves and spices to taste. Blend in one tablespoon of the Yarrow flowers. Use remaining flowers as a bowl garnish.

Quick Chive Biscuits
Bisquick makes it quick and easy to bake up a batch of biscuits laced with fresh chives.

Ingredients: two cups Bisquick; 2/3 cup sour cream; 1/3 cup water; one tablespoon chopped chives. Directions: Stir together all ingredients to a soft dough. Beat 30 strokes until stiff but still sticky. Knead dough ten times. Roll out one half inch thick and cut with a floured glass or biscuit cutter. ***

Cilantro Salsa
This spicy salsa is a tasty accompaniment to seafood.

Ingredients: one half cup minced onion; one half cup tomato (chopped small); one teaspoon minced Jalapeno chile; one teaspoon salt. Directions: Soak onion in cold water for a half hour, rinse and drain. Mix together all other ingredients and chill covered until serving time.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Life events can lead you to see a financial advisor



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Over the years, you'll experience many personal and professional milestones. Each of these can be satisfying,

but they may also bring challenges – especially financial ones. That's why you may want to seek the guidance of a financial professional. Here are some of the key life events you may encounter, along with the help a financial advisor can provide:

New job – When you start a new job, especially if it's your first "career-type" one, you may find that you have several questions about planning for your financial future, including your retirement. You may have questions about how much you should contribute to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. What investments should you choose? When should you increase your contributions or adjust your investment mix? A financial advisor can recommend an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Marriage – Newlyweds often discover they bring different financial habits to a marriage. For example, one spouse may be more of a saver, while the other is more prone to spending. And this holds true for investment styles – one spouse might be more risk-averse, while the other is more aggressive. A financial advisor can help recommend ways for you and your spouse to find some common ground in your saving and investment strategies, enabling you to move forward toward your mutual goals.

New child – When you have a child, you will need to consider a variety of financial issues. Will you be able to help the child someday go to college? And what might happen to your child, or children, if you were no longer around? A financial advisor can present you with some college-savings options, such as an education savings plan, as well as ways to protect your family, such as life insurance.

Career change – You may change jobs several times, and each time you do, you'll need to make some choices about your employer-sponsored retirement plan. Should you move it to your new employer's plan, if transfers are allowed? Or, if permitted, should you keep the assets in your old employer's plan? Or perhaps you should roll over the money into an IRA? A financial advisor can help you explore these options to determine which one is most appropriate for your needs.

Death of a spouse – Obviously, the death of a spouse is a huge emotional blow, but it does not have to be a financial one – especially if you've prepared by having the correct beneficiary named on retirement accounts and life insurance policies. Your financial advisor can help ensure you have taken these steps.

Retirement – Even after you retire, you'll have some important investment decisions to make. For one thing, you'll need to establish a suitable withdrawal strategy so you don't deplete your retirement accounts too soon. Also, you still need to balance your investment mix in a way that provides at least enough growth potential to keep you ahead of inflation. Again, a financial advisor can help you in these areas.

No matter where you are on your journey through life, you will need to address important financial and investment questions, but you don't have to go it alone – a financial professional can help you find the answers you need.

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Comedy” film lists.)

Pot smoking was seen as unserious and innocent, nothing to get too worked up about. Overzealous educational films of prior decades which preached marijuana was a one-way ticket to insanity were rightly seen as exaggerated and inaccurate, playing on parental fears with laughably unrealistic situations.

A casual attitude about pot was partly the reaction to the obvious falseness of these “authoritative” films.

Marijuana didn’t destroy me. It didn’t turn me into a maniac, or ruin my life. But it didn’t assist me in navigating the many challenges of life. In fact, it got in the way of me controlling my life.

Although I had innumerable stupid misadventures, the worst thing that happened to me as a result of marijuana was that eventually I did not care what I took into my body to feel better.

THAT opened the door to some very serious drugs which absolutely could have destroyed me and very nearly did.

That may be the most dangerous facet of smoking pot, one that is ignored today in the current wave of legalized weed; if smoking or eating pot to solve one’s problems is acceptable, why stop there?

I don’t have the hard statistics to hand, but I reckon most people that, like me, eventually turned to harder drugs to satisfy their pain or their boredom began it all by smoking pot.

Smoking pot was, for me, a surrender to something, a giving up on a problem, not a victory. It was an expression of throwing my hands up and saying, “I can’t figure it out—I’ll just be numb.”

Once started down this road, I found it hard to resist other drugs that had equal promise to numb or to “enlighten”. And those drugs being toxic, the more I took, the less physical energy I had to face and conquer my problems on my own.

Eventually I got to the point many drug users get to where a partnership of sorts with chemicals becomes a stated reality. “I can’t be who I really am without them, therefore I won’t even try.”

It had all begun with trying to solve my nervousness with pot. That opened the door to a myriad of other dangerous solutions that stalled out my creativity and blunted my perceptions for a long time.

(By the way, when my nervousness came back, it was much worse than before. So much for the marijuana “cure”.)

I eventually of course did straighten myself out and left the druggie life behind forever, but that’s a story for another day.

You may be wondering why I am taking up this topic now, so many years later. I suppose it’s a response to the rising number of pro-marijuana ads in places where it is legal, with their promises of health, happiness, inspiration or delight, (free delivery!) just a mouse click or a text away.

Marijuana is legal now in Massachusetts and in many other places in America. I’m not necessarily offended by this, as I consider sending people to jail or prison isn’t a good solution and degrades people faster than pot.

But the lies about pot smoking are offensive to me. Claims about it being medicinal, the inference of the now ubiquitous “green cross” symbol, are falsehoods on the level of the timeworn “snake oil salesmen”.

Claims about pot making one more tranquil, or more creative, or more productive are all spurious; they may sound good, but close inspection will prove them invalid.

The tranquility, creative spirit or increased productivity one may achieve with pot will not last, and in its place will follow the same obstacle one was originally trying to handle, only now bigger and more difficult to confront.

With any drug, eventually, the human body adjusts to the toxicity and balances itself, creating a tolerance. More and more of the drug is required to have the same effect. More and

more, stronger and stronger, oftener and oftener, one needs to continually increase just to keep up. This isn’t news.

Many addicts today take a variety of drugs just to get the effect they used to achieve with small doses of just one.

That’s the way it always goes. Anyone saying otherwise, as did the doctors who dispensed millions of prescriptions of opioids to unwitting patients, making them addicts, is either lying or catastrophically ignorant. Either way, it’s criminal.

There are safe, non-drug methods to deal with nervousness, pain, boredom, or any of the unpleasantnesses of life.

Marijuana does not provide all the answers to the pain, disappointments and confusions of life, no matter how trendy the billboards.

You’re not fooled. You know.

Jim Meskimen is an entertainer.
Go to www.drugfreeworld.org

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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 or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy - Please call 978-424-7010
Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton.net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center
Pick up is from St. Joseph’s Church

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2019 Day Trips

July 16 (Tues) Lobsterbake at Fosters’s with Michael Minor singer, comedian, celebrity impressionist and ventriloquist performing - \$99.00

July 25 (Thurs) Gloucester Harbor Lobsterbake Cruise- fabulous day on the water with two dance floors, indoor& outdoor seating and buffet (1 lobster each) \$119.00

August 28 (Wed) Ultimate Tribute Show - Experience some of the greatest hits from some of the greatest entertainers of all times - Lake Pearl, Wrentham - \$92.00

Sept 17 (Tues) Atlantic City Boys - Four dynamic lead singers perform an exciting mix of world class vocals and interactive comedy - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

Sept 24 (Tues) Simon Pearce Glassblowing Studio and King Arthur Factory - Fall foliage, tour glass blowing factory, and King Arthur factory after lunch - \$119.00

Oct 9 (Wed) New Hampshire Turkey Train - Foliage train ride, Harts Turkey Farm Luncheon, Mystery stop and sightseeing - \$99.00

Nov. 14 (Thurs) Ricky Nelson Remembered - Ricky Nelson’s twin sons perform their father’s hit songs - Venus DeMilo, Swansea \$95.00

Dec3(Tues)Johnny Mathis Christmas Tribute - Ultimate tribute to Johnny Mathis with Christmas songs and some of his biggest hits - Davensport Yacht Club - \$92.00

2019 OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Sept 20 - 22 Lake George Balloon Festival - 3 days, 2 nights -\$449pp dou-

ble, \$599 single

Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella proudly present our 2019 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

July 14: Essex Steam Train
\$102

Great summertime tour in Connecticut. 9 a.m. Southbridge, 9:30 a.m. Webster. Delicious luncheon, train ride & Connecticut River cruise. Make tracks for the Essex Steam Train!

Aug. 11: Newport Playhouse Show & Lobster Fest \$102
Special lobster feast! 8:30 a.m. Southbridge, 9 a.m. Webster. Terrifi “Funny Money” show & cabaret. Lobster feast & Newport’s best show!

Sept. 15-17: Atlantic City Resorts

Casino \$259
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

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Sunny Portugal next April. The
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Friday’s Child



Damon ~ Age 13

Hi! My name is Damon and I have a good sense of humor!

Damon is a loving and affectionate thirteen-year-old boy of African American and Lebanese descent. He can seem shy when you first meet him, but Damon thoroughly enjoys the company of others once he warms up and feels comfortable. Damon’s favorite activity right now is playing video games but he is open to trying new things! He used to play flag football and enjoyed that very much. Damon would benefit from a supportive family that could expose him to different types of activities outside of the house. Damon is in the fifth grade this academic year and his teachers report he has great relationships with other students!

Damon is legally free for adoption and would thrive in a home with at least one male caretaker. Damon has the potential to be most successful in a family that can provide him structure, routine and predictability. Any interested family should also be willing to allow Damon to have ongoing contact with his maternal grandparents as they are extremely important to him.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org.

The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have “a permanent place to call HOME.”



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Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley's Country Jubilee, "Noah the Musical," and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyse-niors. Departure point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Friday, July 12: Trip to the Gloucester Lobster Cruise with clam bake and buffet aboard the ship. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Cost is \$99. On the way home, we can enjoy ice cream at Kimball's Farm.

Wednesday, Aug. 14: Trip to the Summer Theatre for "Saturday Night Fever" and Hart's Turkey Farm. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Friday, Sept. 13: Trip to Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise. Buffet luncheon & scenic sights and a visit to Moulton Farm Market. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$99.

Thursday, Oct. 17: Trip to Twin Rivers and Wright's Chicken Farm. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. \$7 food credit and \$10 slot play. Cost is \$59.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019
USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington Aug. 3-16, 2020
JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020
JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020
SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

1 RIVER ST.
MILLBURY, MA 01527

Thursday, Sept. 12: Newport Playhouse trip. The play is "BINGO." Leaving at 9 a.m. Return around 6 p.m. Cost is \$76 apiece, and includes dinner, show and cabaret! For more information or reservations, please call the Millbury Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

Sept. 22-24: Atlantic City Resorts. \$239. Three days and two nights. Departs 7:30 a.m., returns around 8 p.m. Price includes overnight accommodations at resort, two dinner vouchers and a show ticket, plus \$25 in free slot play! For more information or reservations, call or stop by the Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

PAXTON SENIORS

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

A group of Seniors from Paxton and surrounding towns are planning a trip this year to Italy. The group plans to leave Paxton on Sept. 9, with transportation provided to Logan and return. Our flight will take us to Rome, Italy for 10 days visiting many historical sites of Italy. Rome has many beautiful attractions that many of us have not seen on previous visits. After two nights in Rome, we will move on to one night in Perugia where we will have the opportunity to visit Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Following our stay in Perugia, we move on to Florence, "the Cradle of Italian Renaissance," where we will view Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. After two nights in beautiful Florence, we will move on to Venice. On the way to Venice, we will stop at a 12th century castle and learn about the famous Tuscan wines and enjoy a cooking class and lunch. Next we are off to Venice for two nights. During that time, we have an opportunity to visit many of the wonderful sites of the Canal City.

After Venice, our next and last night will be Milan where we will have an opportunity to visit and shop at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. We will depart for home from Milan.

SOUTHBIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE
OPEN TO PUBLIC
PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

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 8-15, 2019 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA – Room has just opened up for two couples on the 2019 trip, and I am taking names 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

FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE SENIORS

We are proud to announce the following upcoming Bus Trips which

are open to everyone age 21 and over. The following One Day Bus trips are 92.00 which includes a Deluxe Bus Transportation, Delicious Lunch, Tax, Gratuity and Fabulous Entertainers.

Sunday May 19th See The Edwards Twins, the Best Impersonators of all the Biggest Stars.

Tuesday June 18th See The 3 Red Neck Tenors, Down Home Laughs + Big City Music, Pop to Opera.

Wednesday August 28th Tribute Show hear Songs of Neil Diamond, Carole King, Johnny Cash, Janis

Tuesday Sept 17 Atlantic City Boys, 4 Dynamic Lead Singers perform World Class Vocals and Comedy

We also have the following 2 to 5 Day Overnight Trips for Singles and Double Occupancy.

Saturday June 29 to Wed July 3 Nova Scotia, Bay of Fundy, Royal Nova Scotia International Tatoo

Military Festival, Halifax Saint John plus more 1299 Double occupancy

Saturday August 3 to Sunday August 4, Boston Red Sox vs NY Yankees game, Statue of Liberty, Ellis

Island, 399.00 Double Occupancy

Tuesday 8/27 to Thursday Spectacular Saratoga NY Raceway, Lake George Cruise, Tour of Saratoga

Battlefield, Norman Rockwell Museum. 499.00 Double occupancy

Tuesday December 3 to Thursday Dec 5th Pennsylvania Dutch and The Miracle of Christmas Show,

Hershey's Chocolate World and more 459.00 Double occupancy

For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508 410 1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.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.

Aug. 11 – "A Sunday Afternoon at Tanglewood" — a noon luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Thomas Ades, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with the music of Ives and Beethoven and guest pianist Inon Barnatan. The cost is \$127 (an inclusive luncheon, concert and motor coach transportation). A payment plan is available. The reservation deadline is July 30. Departure is 9 a.m., RMV parking lot, Southbridge.

Nov. 16 — "Do As You Wish Day in New York City" – shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museum, attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and from New York City. Cost is \$59 per person. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6. For information and reservations, call (508) 764-7909. To avoid disappointment, call early.

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Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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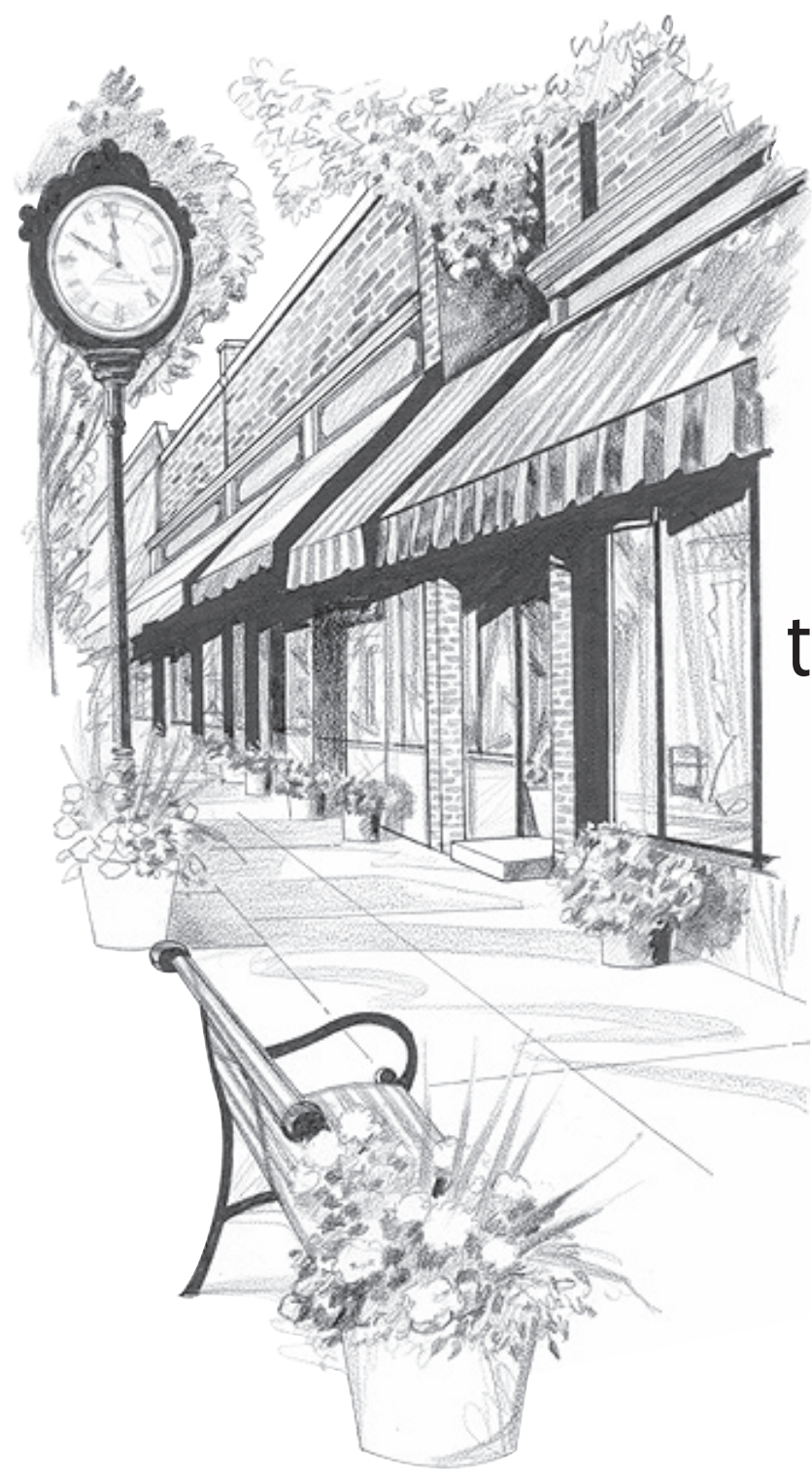
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SPORTS

Late rally not enough for Sturbridge in loss to Northborough



Sturbridge second baseman Nolan Kingman gets a nice hop as he sees the ball into his glove.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBOROUGH — After the Sturbridge Post 109 and the Northborough Post 234 American Legion baseball teams both scored a pair of runs in the first inning at Memorial Field on Tuesday, July 2, it appeared as if both squad would be held scoreless in the second frame.

Sturbridge went down in 1-2-3 fashion — all outs were recorded in the 1-3 variety with pitcher Dylan Connors fielding the ball and throwing over to first baseman Jack Choate — and Northborough had its first two batters retired. But Post 109 pitcher Pat Wilbur hit a batter and walked the next before Connors reached base when his hot-shot to third

baseman Deven Kingman got underneath his glove, loading the bases.

Choate (2-for-3) followed with a two-run double to left field. The hit, the eventual game winner, was an oddity, as a large tree with its trunk behind the left field fence had many branches overhanging onto the field. Sturbridge's Avery Wetherbee backtracked to near the wall, looking to make the catch, but the ball hit a few leaves and came down without the catch being made.

"That was the game, right there," Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel said of those four at-bats, particularly of the error. "We should have been out of that inning."

To compound the problem, Northborough's Jeff Lamothe

hit a seeing-eye single to center field, which fell in safely just out of the reach of a diving Colin Eliason to drive in two more.

Now trailing, 6-2, Post 109 didn't threaten again until the sixth inning. By that point it was too little, too late, as Sturbridge lost a 6-3 decision.

"We kind of got deflated a little," said Rosseel. "We should have had the same enthusiasm — we didn't."

"We should have answered in the third," continued Rosseel, whose team instead only left one runner stranded on base. "At least with one [run], it's an answer. Anything's an answer."

Post 109 tried to finally answer in the sixth inning when they loaded the bases with one out. But Colby Jacobs' hard-hit shot up the middle was snagged by Connors, who threw home for the force out. Eliason then popped out to second base to end the threat.

Sturbridge did score in the seventh when Sean Clark (2-for-4) went to right field for an opposite field homer off Connors. Wetherbee then walked and Nate Carty was hit by a pitch (he got hit in all three of his plate appearances), but Roger Leland ended the game when his well-struck grounder went directly to the shortstop, who started a 6-4-3 double play.

The loss dropped Post 109 to 7-8, while Post 234 evened its record to 7-7.

Despite the loss, Rosseel noted that his club can play with anyone. His example included an eight-inning, 6-4 victory versus Milford Post 59, one of the top teams in the Zone.

"We can compete with anyone," said Rosseel. "Shrewsbury's the only team that's legitimately beat us."

Sturbridge picked up its first two runs on a Leland RBI single and a Mick



A key play in the game saw left fielder Avery Wetherbee of Sturbridge try to track down a fly ball, but it hit some leaves on its way down and dropped in for a two-run double.

Sullivan RBI groundout, while Northborough answered with a two-run homer down the left-field line off the bat of Connors.

Connors earned the victory with a complete game effort, with only one of his runs allowed being earned. He struck out four, walked two, hit

four batters and surrendered five hits.

Wilbur also pitched a complete game five-hitter for Sturbridge, allowing two earned runs while striking out three, walking three and hitting two.

Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League Results

AUBURN — Monday, July 1 marked the halfway point in the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League season, as teams completed their fifth game in the 10-game stretch.

The results from the games, played at Auburn High, are as follows:

Grafton 79, David Prouty 32
Millbury 64, Auburn 42
Southbridge 49, Oxford 48
Northbridge 59, Tahanto 39
Bartlett 61, Leicester 47
Uxbridge 52, Tantasqua 36
Shepherd Hill/Quaboag PPD



The action was intense back on Monday, July 1 when teams completed their fifth games in the 10-game regular season of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League.



Nick Ethier photos

SPORTS

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer — U19 girls compete in MTOC



Julia Howard drives with the ball away from her goal after another stellar defensive stand.



Amber Almeida executes a quick cut-back move into the opponent's penalty area.



Kate Jones executes her trademark tackling move against a talented Sandwich center midfielder.



Faith McCormack wins the ball and slips by a defender into open space.

After coming off a great spring season and ending up second place in the league, the Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer U19 Girls' team, coached by Nate Jones, Paul Wengender and Michael Cutler, earned a bid to play in the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Tournament of Champions (MTOC) in Lancaster the weekend of June 28-30. This is the fourth consecutive year that this team has extended their season by going to MTOC. Unfortunately, Tantasqua did not advance to the knockout round this year. While Tantasqua did present a tough defense and kept their opponents mostly on the perimeter, they were unable to maintain sustained possession against some strong statewide competition and could not muster many scoring chances. However, with the team mostly comprised of juniors and sophomores, there should be more opportunities for this team to return to MTOC in the coming

years. The tournament team consisted of Rachel Rapose in goal; Alyssa Renaud (injured), Julia Howard, Lydia Boland, McKenna Lowell and Emma Winkler at the fullback positions; Kate Jones, Regan Jones, Ally Parker, Faith McCormack, Eva Wengender and Ana Wengender as midfielders; and Amber Almeida and Alexxis Cutler at striker.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Join PinkHippy.org for a family event for cancer patients and survivors

Come join the fun. Paddle for Recovery with Casi, bring the entire family and play volleyball with the Holy Cross volleyball team, enjoy a potluck BBQ, hang out on the beach, swim and enjoy the end of summer! It's no secret that Mother Nature can help heal. Just step outside after a stressful day and you immediately start to feel relief. Add in movement or exercise and the benefits grow. New studies have shown that outdoor activity can aid in recovery from disease, reduce stress, increase concentration, and improve your overall health and wellbeing. If you can enjoy these benefits while burning calories and building muscle, then that is what the doctor ordered. Paddle for Recovery is a free SUP class for those currently undergoing or who have recently completed treatment for cancer. Our mission with this program is to provide an opportunity to escape on the water and maybe even find a new passion that can assist in recovery. Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Lake Siog Park in Holland. Grills and picnic tables are on site. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. Carry in carry out! Schedule of events: 4-5 p.m. Registration, BBQ, Social 5-7:30 p.m. Volleyball Clinic and pick-up game (for kids and adults) 5:30-7 p.m. Paddle for Recovery for survivors (limit 10 spots, sign up early!)

8 p.m. Group photo of Survivorship Contact info@pinkhippy.org, or call (508) 304-3463 for more information. Registration is required to attend this event.

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

Join the Saint Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation on Monday, Aug. 19 at Pleasant Valley Country Club for their 23rd annual golf tournament. The cost is \$150 per person, twosomes and singles are welcomed. There will be a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. The event features 18 holes of golf on the PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping area and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start with a Florida-style scramble. Early registration is at 8 a.m. and carts with big rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks will be served. The dinner to follow is an executive buffet. For additional information and registration please call Golf Committee member Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909. Deadline for payment is Aug. 9. Golfers who make the entire payment by July 29 will be placed into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the pro shop at Pleasant Valley.

9Round Worcester — James Street naming sponsor for second annual Running Out Of Summer 5K

WORCESTER — Wormtown Milers and RapsCALLION Brewery are pleased

to announce 9Round Worcester — James Street as the Naming Sponsor of the second annual Running Out Of Summer (ROOS) 5K. The race, which begins and ends at RapsCALLION Brewery in Sturbridge on Aug. 24 (with a 10 a.m. start time and a cap of 500 runners), benefits Second Chance Animal Services with locations in Worcester, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, and Springfield. One can register online at www.roos5k.racewire.com. "We are so proud to be naming sponsor for the second year in a row," commented Sheri Barrette, Owner of 9Round Worcester — James Street. "The focus on both fitness and animal welfare in the local community is the perfect fit for 9Round Worcester and for me personally." Conceptualized as a means to promote philanthropy, fitness, and positivity in the south-central Worcester county community, ROOS 5K has already become a local favorite. The race, which is co-hosted by Wormtown Milers and RapsCALLION Brewery, sold out with an extensive wait list in its inaugural year. Post-race feedback was extensive and extremely positive. "ROOS 5K 2018 was one of the most wonderful events I've ever been a part of," said Lindsay Doray, Director of Development at Second Chance Animal Services. "Not only was it a day filled with smiles and laughter, but the race also donated over \$7,000 to Second Chance AND we adopted out two dogs from our mobile adoption van on race day." "We are thrilled to once again be co-hosting the Running Out Of Summer 5K with Wormtown Milers," said Cedric Daniel, Co-Proprietor of RapsCALLION Brewery. "This event is all about caring and community — key RapsCALLION values — and we are looking forward to ROOS 5K being an annual event here at RapsCALLION for years to come." Participants in ROOS 5K will enjoy a scenic, timed 5K race that is dog- and

kid-friendly, and will also receive a tech shirt, medal, and a free beer specially brewed by RapsCALLION for the event — the Running Out Of Summer Ale. In addition to 9Round Worcester — James Street being announced as Naming Sponsor for ROOS 5K, additional sponsors include JFC Pros as a Gold Sponsor, Security Engineered Machinery and Southbridge Credit Union as Silver Sponsors, and Country Bank, Brenda M. Bianculli CPA, and OFS as Bronze Sponsors. Businesses interested in sponsoring should contact Emma Thibault at wormtownmilersrun@gmail.com or (617) 680-1112. Seniors to play golf at a discounted rate We are a social traveling senior golf group and play premium golf courses in Central Massachusetts at a reduced greens fee rate. We will play one Thursday each month from May through October. Men and women 60 and over are welcomed. If you are a foursome, threesome, twosome or a single, come enjoy great golf and make new friends. Our third golf day will take place on Thursday morning, July 25 when we will play at Green Hill Golf Course in Worcester. Our group discounted rate is \$39 for 18 holes of golf and cart. There will be prizes for the three closest to the pin shots on all the par-3 holes and a fun prized putting challenge. New are prizes for chipping in from off the green with a lofted club. Come have some fun and play a nice course that provides some great views of Worcester. To sign up, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at wscgolfclub@gmail.com. You can also view our complete schedule on Facebook at Worcester County Senior Golf Club.

SPORTS

Rinehart Targets R100 Traveling Archery Tournament brings enthusiasts to Sturbridge

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Nearly 800 archery enthusiasts of all ages converged on the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club recently to participate in an archery tournament presented by Rinehart Targets.

The Rinehart Targets R100 Traveling Archery Tournament was held on the 160-acre property June 28-30. It was the eighth straight year the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club, founded in 1921, has hosted the event.

Rinehart Targets has been manufacturing archery targets since 1999. Targets offered by Rinehart include 3D targets, cube targets, crossbow targets, bag targets and range targets. Recently the company has added a line of archery decoys.

“This is the biggest tournament we’ve hosted here; we had 750 shooters this weekend,” David Weaver, Rinehart Targets R100 Tournament Coordinator, said. “This is the biggest event I’ve had across the country in the last two years. It’s the biggest this year by more than 120 shooters. We’re excited by that.”

The R100, which has an entry fee of between \$35-\$60 for adults and \$10-\$20 for youths, is a two-day, 100-target tournament. Weaver said there are two 50-target courses the archers must complete.

“We have the North American course and the African course,” said Weaver, who runs between 16 and 18 R100 tournaments each year. “The North American course has deer, bear, turkey, pig and rabbit targets; animals that you would see here in the United States, while on the African course we have everything from lions and tigers and zebras to custom T-Rex targets and other dinosaurs, as well as a 20-foot giraffe and an elephant.



Photos courtesy Rinehart Targets

The Rinehart Targets R100 Traveling Archery Tournament was hosted by the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club from June 28-30, and 750 shooters archery enthusiasts participated.

“There’s a lot of custom stuff that you only see at the R100; a lot of people come just to see the targets,” Weaver continued. “Each course is a couple miles long and it takes shooters between six and eight hours to get through one of the courses. Most shooters come for two days and shoot one course each day and it takes them all day to shoot it.”

Even though the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club has more than 800 members, not that many members participated in the R100.

“A few of our members participate but most of our archers are helping with the event,” explained Dan Krasnecky, longtime Archery Chairman of the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club. “We started setting up the targets [June 25] and we have been preparing for the tournament since the second week in May.”

Competing at the R100 this year were archers from 10 states — Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania — and Canada.

“We have quite a few people down from Canada,” Weaver said. “We don’t run any shoots in Canada, so whenever we’re anywhere near the border they drive on down.”

The scoring for the tournament is standard. A shooter gets 12 points for a bull’s-eye, 10 points for getting the arrow inside the first rings, eight points for getting inside the second ring and five points for hitting the target at all. The targets are set up anywhere from 20-75 yards away from where the shot must be taken. Weaver said the average shot is between 25-30 yards.

“It’s a family fun event,” Weaver said. “You come out and have a good time for the weekend. We give out thousands of dollars in door prizes including new bows and targets. It’s not super serious. You don’t see guys coming here to shoot for thousands of dollars. It’s more relaxed; guys are here

to have a good time with their buddies.”

Krasnecky sees hosting the R100 as a win-win proposition. “People come from all over to compete in the tournament and they have to stay in Sturbridge and eat in Sturbridge, so it’s a big boost for the Sturbridge economy,” said Krasnecky, who explained that the club’s archery program gets a portion of each archer’s entry fee.

“We use the proceeds from the tournament to support club events — archery events in particular,” Krasnecky said.

“That’s the way our club works. If you bring in the money you get to spend it on your particular discipline.”

Krasnecky said the planning and the setting up and taking down of the targets is a long process, but his dedicated group of helpers gets the jobs done every time.

“I have a great group of workers and volunteers who have helped me all weekend,” Krasnecky said. “I have a great team working with me. I don’t do this alone.”



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OBITUARIES

Lawrence C. Boniface , 90



STURBRIDGE - Lawrence C. Boniface, 90, of Main St., passed away at home on Saturday, June 29th, after an illness.

His wife, Irene (Begin) Boniface died in 1998 and his first wife, Joyce C. (Picard) Boniface died in 1976.

He leaves a son, Mark Boniface and his significant other Kerstin Comtois of Sturbridge; two daughters, Laurie Boniface of Sturbridge and Mary Taylor and her husband Steve of Charlton; daughter-in-law, Candace Boniface of Port Charlotte, FL; a brother, John Boniface of Sturbridge and a sister, Anna Poulin of Sturbridge; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Lawrence was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey Boniface; four brothers, Anthony, Peter, Vincent and Paul Boniface; a sister, Helen Kaibenski; and a grandson, Lance Boniface.

Lawrence was born in Southbridge the son of Anthony and Mary (Ozbolt) Boniface.

He graduated from Cole Trade

High School in Southbridge and went onto serve honorably in the United States Army during WWII. Lawrence co-owned and operated Boniface Tool and Die in Southbridge for 40 plus years with his two brothers, John and Vincent.

He was active in local government. Lawrence served for several years on the Sturbridge Finance Committee as well as the office of the Tax Assessor. He enjoyed wintering in Port Charlotte, FL.

Calling hours for Lawrence were held on Wednesday, July 3rd, from 4:00 – 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. His Funeral was held on Wednesday, July 10th, at 11:00 am in the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. Burial will follow in North Cemetery, Sturbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Center of Hope, P.O. Box 66, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Richard H. Paradis, 74

STURBRIDGE - Richard H. Paradis, 74, went to be with his Lord and Savior after a lengthy battle with cancer on Saturday, July 6, 2019, surrounded by his family at the home of his son David Paradis in Auburn. He leaves his loving wife, with whom he celebrated 52 years of marriage this June, Adele R. (Ahern) Paradis. He is survived by two children, Elizabeth (Paradis) Buffone and

her husband Christopher, and David Paradis and his wife Nina; 4 grandchildren, Samantha, Jacob, Bethany and Sophia; his mother Constance (Marechal) Paradis; a sister Madeleine (Paradis) Wozniak and her husband Thomas, and one nephew, Kevin. He was predeceased by his father Henry T. Paradis. Richard was a devout Catholic

who was wholeheartedly dedicated to The Divine Mercy. His faith and devotion to Jesus was key in his survival of 16 years while relentlessly battling cancer.

Calling hours at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, were Thursday, July 11, 2019, from 4pm to 7pm. The funeral will be Friday, July 12, 2019, from the funeral home with a Mass at 11am at St. Roch's Catholic Church 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will be at a future date. Richards asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his name to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to CatholicTV, PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471. He also asks to keep your faith in God and Jesus Christ and to love your family and one another.

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Paul A. Lataille, 74

STURBRIDGE - Paul A. Lataille, 74, died Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at Harrington Memorial Hospital, following an illness.

Born in Southbridge, MA on December 23, 1944, he was the son of the late Armand J. "Chick" and Germaine J. (Peloquin) Lataille. Paul was predeceased by his sister, Claire Pontbriand, who died in 2015. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Walter Pontbriand; and two nieces, Monique McWhite and Romaine Knepp.

Paul was a 1963 graduate of the for-

mer Notre Dame High School. He served in the Army National Guard. He retired as a warehouse foreman from National Grid (formerly Mass Electric), where he worked for many years.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Nancy Ann Vincent Richard 89



Nancy Ann Vincent Richard passed away at her home in Green Valley Arizona on July 5, 2019 at the age of 89. Born in Southbridge, MA on July 19, 1929 to her parents Aime and Maude Vincent, Nany attended St. Mary's

Grammar and High School and graduated in 1947.

She met and married her husband Joseph "Pete" Richard in 1948, and they raised their five children in Southbridge.

When Pete retire from the Southbridge Post Office in 1979, he and Nancy moved to Green Valley Arizona, where they resided for the remainder of their lives.

Nancy is survived by her five children: Peter in Tombstone AZ, Marc in Warren, MA, Linda in Henderson, NV, Scott and his wife Dawn in Victor, MT, and Robert in Sturbridge, MA. She also leaves eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Correspondence may be directed to Robert Richard, 17 Main St., 2nd front, Sturbridge, MA 01566



SOUTHBRIDGE - Kathleen S. (Ryan) Fournier, 74, formerly of Lebanon St., passed away on Monday, July 8th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

Her husband, George P. Fournier, passed away last year. She leaves her brother, Dr. Peter C. Ryan and his fiancé Elizabeth Lynaugh of Gloucester and Miami, FL; her sister, Louise E. Ojerholm and her husband Donald of North Brookfield; her two dear nieces and godchildren, Cindy A. Poirier of Sturbridge and Tiffany Fournier-Cronin, as well as a small extended family. She was predeceased by her brother, Michael K. Ryan. Kathy was born in Southbridge the daughter of Edmund A. and Nellie A. (Lesniewski) Ryan. She was a graduate of Southbridge High School and went on to receive both her Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education from Worcester State College.

Kathy was an English teacher at

Oxford High School for many years, retiring several years ago. During her career at Oxford High School she served as head of the English department, served on the Faculty Council, the Academic Standards Committee, and chaired the English Committee during accreditation review. Kathy coached the Girls' Softball team at the high school, coaching them to their first undefeated season. Kathy enjoyed spending time surrounded by her family but most of all treasured time spent with George on the beaches of York, ME and Cape Cod.

Kathy's funeral service will be held on Friday, July 12th, at 1:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Friday, July 12th, from 11:00 to 1:00pm, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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CALENDAR

June 27-Aug. 17

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Holland Public Library, 23 Holland Rd. Weekly prizes, special programs and a grand prize drawing! Registration begins at our kick-off program on June 27.

Monday-Friday, July 15-19

ROAR! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 9 a.m.-noon daily, Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Rd. For students in Kindergaretn through eighth grade. Enjoy safari-themed fun, Bible adventures, crafts, games, music, and more! Sign up at vbspro.events/p/CharltonBaptist.

Monday, July 15

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB: 11:15 a.m.-noon, Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Students entering grades four, five, and six are welcome. We'll be reading and discussing "Hello, Universe" by Erin Entrada Kelly. Copies available to borrow at the library. Book club meets July 8, 15, 22, and 29. Bring your own lunch. Registration required.

Tuesday, July 16

BOOKS ON THE BANDSTAND: 10:45 a.m., Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Join us on the town common for stories, songs, and a fun craft activity. All ages welcome with caregiver. In the library meeting room if raining. Free. Drop-in.

Wednesday, July 17

FOR US AND THEM: HOW NATIVE PLANTS CAN FEED US AND POLLINATORS: 1 p.m., Norcross Sanctuary, 30 Peck Rd., Wales. There are a variety of reasons why people chose to grow plants. The most common reason is often aesthetic in nature; we like the look of a garden, it gives us a place to relax or play or drink wine with friends. However simple beauty is not always enough for people, the popularity of edible and pollinator gardens has skyrocketed of late, but these trends can be complicated. Which plants attract which pollinators? Which edibles are resistant to diseases and pests? What if you could have it all? A beautiful, edible garden that supports a myriad of pollinators, what if it could be easy?

Join Norcross horticulturist Dan Jaffe to learn how low maintenance native plants can feed us and the pollinators together. Call 413-267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

Thursday, July 18

DEB'S SING & SWING RETURNS! 11 a.m., Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. This music and movement program is perfect for infants to six-ish years old with a caregiver. Free. Pre-register.

Wednesday, July 24

HAND-CRAFTED HOOKED RUG SHOW: Noon-7 p.m., Publick House, 227 Main St., Sturbridge. Free admission. Come see the artistry of hand-hooked rugs by the members of the Pearl K. McGown Northern Teachers Workshop.

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.

"A CARING PLACE" MEMORY CAFÉ: A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free and fun place for people to go where they can be themselves and enjoy the company of loved ones and never have to worry about what others are thinking. We will never ask for a diagnosis and anyone from any town or city and any age are welcome. We only ask that all guests have a caregiver with them and that the guest has a cognitive related illness or injury. Staff is not

responsible for the personal care of any guest. We are accepting to any level of ability and always welcome new people. Our Memory Café is run on donations and sponsors. Light refreshments are often served. Our atmosphere is geared toward fun yet comfortable and always safe. Our Café often hosts singers, dancers and performers who will help bring back old memories and days gone by. Our Café also hosts fun interactive activities but never educational events; we feel this should be a fun time spent together. Please see the upcoming scheduled events coming to our Memory Café over the next few months. Signups are encouraged. We are open the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

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.

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.

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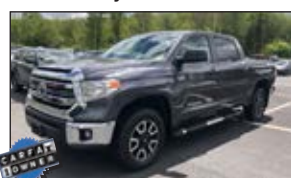
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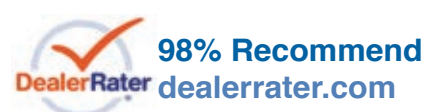
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DUDLEY - 2 Brandon Rd! 2 Family! 65 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! 1/1 Bath! Level Corner Lot! 1st Flr w/Appliance! Kit! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath w/Tub/Shower! 2nd Flr w/Appliance! Kit! Din Rm! Liv Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Gas Heat! Young Roof! **\$229,900.00**

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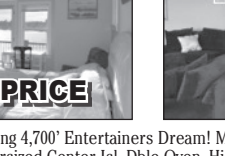


DUDLEY - 24 Hickory Dr! 8 Rm 50' Split on Dble Corner Lot! Fully Appliance! SS Kitchen w/Tile Flr, Cherry Cabinets, Corian Counters & Island! Din Rm w/Slider to Deck! Liv Rm w/Cherry Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Picture Window! Side Entry w/Coat Closet! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Master w/Wall to Wall, Triple Closet & Recent Refinished Master Bath! 2nd & 3rd Bdrms w/Wall to Wall & Dble Closets! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Stone Fireplace w/Pellet Insert! Office/Play Rm w/Wall to Wall! Half Bath w/Recent Vanity! C/Air! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Generator! Replacement Windows! Flexible Floor Plan! **\$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! Stunning 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, It Has It All! Expansive 2 Story Foyer! Cherry Cabinet Kit w/Oversized Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances and Walk-in Butler's Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm Overlooking the Lake, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc! 1/2 Bath + Laundry Nearby! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Glorious Stairway leads up to 3 Spacious Bdrms each with their Own Private Baths! Luxurious Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Expansive Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level boasts Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrn w/Frplc & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Individual Splits to Control Rm Temps! Oversized 2 Car Garage! This Home is Loaded w/Quality & Detail! Quick Closing No Problem! Don't Delay! **\$1,149,000.00**

WEBSTER - 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$239,900.00**

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DUDLEY - 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrn Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplc Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrn w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16x21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**

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WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Across from w/Views of & Beach Access to Webster Lake! Applianced Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! **\$285,000.00**

SUTTON - LAKE SINGLETARY WATERFRONT! 5 W. Sutton Rd! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Bdrms! Screen House at Waters Edge! Gradual Access to the Water! Well Maintained! Kit, Formal Din Rm! Fireplace Liv Rm! Den! Sun Rm! Updated Windows! New Furnace & Septic to be Installed by Seller! **\$529,900.00**



CHARLTON - GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing including the Spacious Master, Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplc Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$549,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond - South Facing - Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home This 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$689,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 17 Wakefield Ave! South Pond! Western Exposure! Protected from the Storms - Quiet Cove! 24 Acre Lot! 104' Waterfront! Water Views! 2,412' 8 Rm Contemp! Just Renovated! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Cathedral! Skylights! 2 Fireplaces! C/Air! Composite Decks! Patio! 2 Car Carport! **\$535,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 207 Beacon Park! 1,100' Garden Unit! 5 Rms! 1 Level Living - No Stairs! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pond! Applianced! Kit & Din Rms w/Parquet Wood Flrs! Spacious Liv Rm! 2 Fireplaces Liv Rm! Den! Sun Rm! Updated Windows! New Furnace & Septic to be Installed by Seller! **\$249,900.00**



CHARLTON - 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Is, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Flr w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes **NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM!** Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$549,900.00**

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WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A



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THOMPSON, CT - 8 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #2



There is No Place Like Home - especially when it is a beautiful newly constructed home! This split level style home has an attractive modern flare! You'll be delighted with the natural light that will brighten the interior of this home! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings! Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk-in closet, plus 2 spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups & utility closet, two car garage! Central AC. **\$309,900.**

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DUDLEY - 188 WEST MAIN ST



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WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST



Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acres in Historic Woodstock! 3 BR, 2-1/2 Baths. This Home is a Must See! Peaceful Country Setting! Vaulted Ceiling Family Room w/Built ins, Cherry Cabinets, Sunken Dining Rm, Cathedral Mstr! Hrdwd & Tile Flr! Potential for Home Office, Teen/ In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. Resurfaced Driveway **\$399,000.00**

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



Roomy 1300 sq.ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplace living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **New Price \$249,900**

WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST



Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, w/tire pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! simply Amazing! **New Price \$299,900**

WEBSTER/DOUGLAS/THOMPSON BUILDABLE LOTS

Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$295,000**
Thompson - east Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**
Killingly - 37 Katherine Ave River Frontage 2/3rds acre. Town Water & Sewer **\$55,000**

WEBSTER - 5 JACKSON ROAD



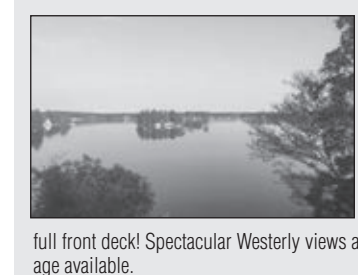
Beautiful corner Lot Split Style Home, just waiting for your Fireplace! living room w/Cathedral ceiling! Recently updated kitchen with Granite counters & recessed lighting. Updated bath w/ceramic floor, 1-1/2 baths total. 3 nice size bedrooms. Finished lower level with wet bar. Central air. Recent roof, with 50 yr Warranty. 40' X 26' detached work shop/ garage. Heated Pool, In-ground Sprinkler System. So much more! **NEW PRICE \$279,900.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, not on the lake. Priced to Sell! **\$129,400.**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **\$345,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD



KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/384 +/- depth, 278 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very low waterfront properties! The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/retro modern windows 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets. 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath. Family owned gem for 60+ years! **\$1,495,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD



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



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