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Ride for Conservation in the works



Opacum Land Trust is once again partnering with Rapsallion Brewery and Hyland Orchard of Sturbridge, and Southbridge Bicycle for our second annual Bike Ride for Land Conservation, scheduled Sunday, July 8 in Sturbridge.

The Ride brings cyclists through the heart of Opacum's service area including Sturbridge, Brimfield, Brookfield, Monson and surrounding towns in south-central Massachusetts. Bike enthusiasts will be challenged by our hilly 100 mile ride while others can

choose a route in keeping with their ability, including 50 and 25 mile loops, and a family-friendly 7.5 mile ride that makes the day a win for everyone! All proceeds from this ride will go to support the land conservation work of Opacum Land Trust - helping to protect the beautiful character of our communities.

Registration for all routes is online at BikeReg.com, with the proceeds from the \$50 registration fee going to support Opacum Land Trust. Rest stops with food and water are available, and a SAG vehicle will be on hand for emergency assistance. Registrants receive a free T-shirt, snacks and flatbread pizza, and a free craft beer upon their return.

Courtesy photo

A group of riders from the 2017 ride at the Rapsallion Brewery.

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New policies for students opting out of MCAS

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

The Dudley Charlton Regional School District has solidified a plan of action in the case of a student's unwillingness to take the MCAS tests in response to parent complaints brought forth in April. During a meeting on April 10 the Regional School Committee heard complaints from Charlton Middle School parents Lisa Tinsley and Julie Richard who claimed their students were improperly treated

after they refused to take the MCAS testing.

In recent years, movements to do away with the testing have grown leading a growing population of parents in the commonwealth to request their students opt out of the state testing program. In late May Superintendent Gregg Desto revealed a policy before the School Committee that is to be followed from now on when students or their parents decide to opt out.

Desto said he had been in

contact with Mrs. Tinsley in the wake of the April 10 meeting and a four-step action plan was put into motion and discussed with other school leaders to allow students to opportunity to opt out of MCAS tests without being a distraction to the students around them. Desto said the first steps involve parents making the school aware of their decision for their children in a timely manner.

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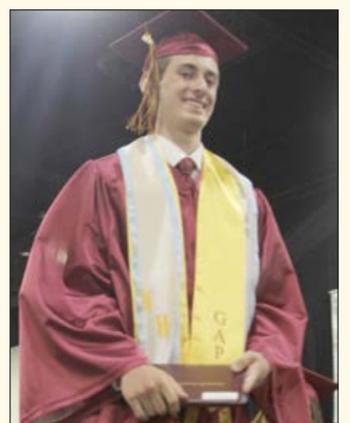


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Jesse Dan Caswell of Charlton poses for a photo with his family for the first time as a high school graduate

Shepherd Hill bids farewell to class of 2018

Shepherd Hill Regional High School bid farewell to the graduating class of 2018 on Sunday, June 3 at the DCU Center in Worcester in a near two-hour ceremony celebrating the achievements and potential of all 294 students who crossed the stage that evening. It was a bittersweet ceremony for many, including Superintendent Gregg Desto who said goodbye to his final gradu-



A highly decorated Andrew Jacob McCoy cracks a smile after receiving his diploma

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BAY PATH HOLDS 2018 COMMENCEMENT

TOP:

Jason Bleau photos

15. Graduates move their tassels to signify their official status as Bay Path graduates. More photos pages four and five.

LEFT:

Kristopher Cross captures the moment with a selfie. More photos pages four and five.



Gobi secures reimbursement for regional school transportation

BOSTON - Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced a unanimous vote by the Massachusetts Senate to increase regional school transportation reimbursement funding during Tuesday's budget debate. The amendment, filed by Senator Gobi, raises the reimbursement rate to 80 percent of full funding, at a total of \$68,878,679 - a \$7,357,679 increase over FY18 funding.

"This 80% reimbursement is a positive step towards the 100% promised by the state when schools were encouraged to regionalize," said Senator Gobi. "There are 107,000 stu-

dents in 170 regional schools across the state and this funding helps to assure they receive other critical services."

Ellen Holmes, chair of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, had this to say, "Anne's advocacy for regional school district issues has been greatly appreciated. The unanimous support in the Senate today for her Regional School Transportation reimbursement amendment moves us closer to the legislative promise to the voters in these regions. We look forward to the members of the Senate Conference Committee work-

ing with the House to secure this essential funding."

"Regional school transportation costs represent a significant portion of the Wachusett Regional School District's annual budget," said Margaret Natowicz, Rutland town administrator. "The state's year-on-year regional transportation reimbursement underfunding has resulted in increased assessments to member communities. If funded, Senator Gobi's amendment to increase regional transportation reimbursements from 68% to 80% would provide much needed relief to the town of

Rutland and other municipalities challenged with sustaining an array of public services. We express our sincere appreciation to the Senator for her tireless work to assure that the state allots its committed share of aid to municipalities and school districts.

State Auditor Suzanne Bump released a study on October 18, 2017 making recommendations to modernize laws and regulations within the regional school district structure. The report made sure to point at that state laws passed in 1949 entitle regional school districts to full reimbursement for

school transportation expenses, but this is subject to annual appropriation. In fiscal 2016, the reimbursement rate from the state was just 73 percent, the auditor reported, creating a collective shortfall of \$14.4 million in this category for regional districts.

Regional school districts often have higher student transportation costs since they cover larger geographic regions. There are currently 58 regional school districts in Massachusetts with 171 member schools. The transporta-

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CHARLTON CAPSULES

ADULT READING PROGRAM

Charlton Public Library Summer Reading Program for ADULTS: Registration is online or at the main level circulation desk beginning Monday, June 18 — Register online on our website or stop into the library to get your paper log. For every 100 pages read, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win some great prizes in our weekly drawings. We will be drawing two raffle tickets each week. If we draw your ticket, you will be able to choose which prize you would like from the available prizes. This year we have donations from the Whistle Stop restaurant, Ed Stearns Meats, Great Wolf Lodge, BT's Smokehouse, Worcester Bravehearts, Francesco's Bakery, Wachusett Mountain, Santa's Village, Story Land, Canobie Lake Park, Ernie's Car Wash and many more. The last day to log pages for tickets is Friday, Aug. 17.

LEARN ABOUT LYME

On Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Dexter Hall of the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton: Take a Bite Out of Lyme Disease: The Central

Massachusetts Lyme Foundation will be offering a free presentation on Lyme disease. Learn the facts about this disease and how to protect you and your family. Informational materials will be available.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DURHAM, NH — The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in May 2018. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. Participating in the commencement ceremony is the act of honoring and celebrating academic achievement. The following Charlton residents are among them: Stephanie Mazejka, BS in genetics; Patrick McGee, BSChE in ChE: bioengineering Cum Laude; and Julia Westwell BS in equine: therapeutic riding

WORCESTER — Several local students were named to Becker College's Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades. Charlton students included: Tristan Lacroix pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in interactive media design, with a game arts concentration; Evan Shanks pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in interactive media design, with a computer game design concentration; Amanda Stockman pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in interactive media design, with a game arts concentration; and Max Zielinski pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in interactive media design, with a computer game design concentration.

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Dean's and Merit Lists for the spring 2018 semester. A total of 565 students were named to the Dean's List and 1,017 students were named to the Merit List.

Students named to Dean's List must have a Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.5 or higher and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester. Students named to the Merit List must have a QPA of 3.5 or higher and have earned 6 or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits. Among them were local students: Charlton: Hayleigh Baker, Amber Berthiaume, Katharine Cunningham, Zachary Dagnese, Savannah Gaspar, Jeremy Gosselin, Tyler Leblanc, Matthew Lovely, Donald Mahan, Jeffrey Morris, Billie Porter, Christopher Rapoza, Rae-Lynn Small, Kimberly Thorpe, Sarah Ukpong, Megan Vezina, Jeffrey Wolcott; Charlton City: Kristopher MacKinnon. The Merit List includes: Charlton: Erin Brown, Sarah Caplette, Tina Costa, Maxamillion Duncan, Nicole Grigas, Sean Hallihan, Daniel Hogan, Felicia Lemire, Chase Mannila, Matthew Oslowski, Cassandra Smeltzer, Ashley Steelman

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) began its 150th Commencement celebrations with the graduate students' ceremony on Thursday, May 10, awarding nearly 830 master's and doctoral degrees. Christopher Legacy of Charlton was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry; Benjamin Gaudet of Charlton was awarded a master of science degree in fire protection engineering; and Joseph Ostrowski of Charlton was awarded a master of science degree in fire protection engineering.

WORCESTER — The Assumption College Department of Modern & Classical Languages & Cultures has announced that Mark DiLegge, of Charlton, has been named to the French National Honor Society, Pi Delta Phi. DiLegge, Class of 2018, was inducted into the honor society this spring. Pi Delta Phi has more than 300 chapters at universities and colleges all across

the United States. To be eligible for membership, students must be in their sophomore year or above, and have gained a B average in intermediate or advanced French courses. At the initiation ceremony, inductees promise to further and develop their knowledge of and interest in the French language, culture and literature.

SPRINGFIELD — Ryan P. L'Ecuyer of Charlton was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society of AACSB-accredited business schools, at a ceremony conducted by the Western New England Chapter officers. The banquet, held April 19 at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, was attended by 120 students, guests, College of Business faculty and staff, Dean Rob Kleine, Provost Linda Jones, and President Anthony Caprio, in addition to several members of the College of Business Advisory Board. The keynote speaker was Mark Berthiaume, '78, Executive Vice President at the Hanover Insurance Group, headquartered in Worcester, who was also inducted into BGS as an honorary member. Also honored as BGS Professor of the Year was Professional Educator of Accounting, Tara Corthell. Beta Gamma Sigma is a national honor society for business majors at schools accredited by AACSB International, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Students are selected from the top 7% of juniors, top 10% of seniors and to 20% of graduate students. Candidates must have completed two semesters of study at Western New England University.

BRIDGEWATER — More than 2,100 bachelor's degrees in the sciences, arts, business and education were awarded during two ceremonies at Bridgewater State University on Saturday, May 12 on the Boyden Quadrangle. It was the 177th Spring Commencement Convocation in the university's history. The following area residents were among those who graduated: Charlton: Mitchell Robert Haase and Marco J. Tiberii.

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, ME, TANGIER MOROCCO — The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2018 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester. Nikonas Aganis and Samantha Binnie of Charlton.

WORCESTER — Assumption College has announced that 590 students have been named to the College's prestigious undergraduate Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester. Local students include Charlton residents Christine Dylewicz, Ashley Fagan, Jillian Fellows, and Erin Wilbur. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice per academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

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tion money that is not reimbursed by the state comes directly out of their school budgets. Senator Gobi has advocated each year for an increase in funding with a goal of 100% reimbursement. The House of Representatives approved \$63,521,000 and the two amounts will be negotiated by the conference committee.

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Chamber of Central Mass South awards scholarships



The Chamber of Central Mass South is very pleased to announce the winners of the Chamber scholarships for 2018. This year, three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to three local students upon successful completion of their first semester of college with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

"This is a highly competitive scholarship," said Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt. "We received applications from all but one of the high schools in our catchment, and our selection committee worked hard to identify the most deserving students. All applicants have great grades and involvement at their respective schools. What sets these three students apart is their level of community engagement. These young women have already made a positive impact on their community."

This year's \$1000 scholarship recipients are Julia Ferron and Erika E. Quesada, both graduates of Southbridge High School, and Jiliana Marrero, a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Julia Ferron, of Southbridge, is an exceptional student, a gifted artist and dancer. Julia was a member of the National Honor Society, the Art Honor Society and served as class president through her sophomore, junior and senior years. During her tenure at Southbridge High School, Julia has given tirelessly of herself and demonstrated leadership within the school and our community. Julia has worked as a summer camp counselor with the Southbridge Recreation Department and an assistant dance instructor at Spotlight Dance Academy. Active in her community, Julia has volun-



Julia Ferron

teered at Relay for Life since 2009, the Southbridge Police Department, Holiday Visions, and the Lions Club among others. Julia ranked second academically in her graduating class. Passionate about art, Julia is a talented photographer, painter and sketch artist and hopes to major in illustration.

Jiliana Marrero, of Southbridge, is a wonderful example of a good citizen who is committed to academics and her community. With an impressive transcript from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and outstanding grades, Chelsea was active in Student Council where she was vice president, the Class Steering Committee, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and the National Honor Society. Hard-working and committed, Jiliana has truly made a difference in our community. She was the recipient of the Community Service Hours Award for volunteering over 100 hours in one year. Jiliana is now a Certified Nursing Assistant and Home Health aide, an active member of the Charlton Police Explorers and she works as a Dietary Aid at Harrington Hospital. With the goal of working in the medical field, Jiliana plans to major in biology.



Jiliana Marrero

Erika E. Quesada, of Southbridge, is a motivated and focused student who has dedicated much of her energy and resources to her school and community. In her senior year at Southbridge High School, Erika was president of the Student Council and president of the school's National Honor Society. Smart, driven, organized and a great participator, Erika has been on the varsity cheer squad, varsity tennis and volleyball teams. She has won the Anna Maria College Book Award, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, a DECA award and a HACE (Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence) award. During her senior year, Erika was dual enrolled with Southbridge High and Quinsigamond Community College where she continued to achieve at the highest level and made QCC's Dean's List. Through her National Honor Society commitment, Erika is a frequent volunteer in our community. Academically, Erika ranked fifth in her graduating class. She intends to major in accounting.

The Chamber is extremely gratified to be able to contribute to the ongoing education and success of these exceptional young scholars and we wish



Courtesy photos

Erika Quesada

them the very best as they pursue their academic ambitions. The Chamber of Central Mass South typically offers three \$1000 scholarships to local students each year. Monies are allocated from the Chamber's Charities and Scholarship Fund which is supported by the annual 'Your Chance to Be a Millionaire' lottery scratch tickets raffle, the Chamber's Golf Classic and individual contributions from Chamber Members. Scholarship applications can be obtained at local high school guidance offices or online at the Chamber website. The annual deadline to apply is April 1.

Staying Strong for Ryan



Kim Maschi photos

Teegan and Aislyn Gabaree with a special photo bomb of Mr. P.

KIMBERLY MASCHI
NEWS CORRESPONDENTS

It was a beautiful day for a beautiful boy. June 2 was Ryan Myers Strong Benefit day and the partying didn't stop until late that night. During the day event hundreds of residents from Oxford, Charlton, Auburn, and more came to support this boy and his family.

Ryan Myers was diagnosed with leukemia and is currently going through treatment. Ryan is also diagnosed on the autism spectrum and this adds to the struggle that Ryan and his family faces. There have been multiple pleas for help from the community to help the Myers family and all have been answered. While the bills, from hospital and home, keep increasing the community continues to rally for this strong little boy and his family.

Behind the A.M. Chaffee school there were numerous activities and countless supporters sharing in fun. An enormous bouncy castle, where children jumped and flipped for Ryan, was full of laughter. An enormous inflatable slide rested in the shade and kids slid down with glee. The Suzy Q's ice cream truck from Charlton was parked and the lines continued for refreshing treats. The kids were so grateful to have a nice cold ice cream on this hot stunning day. Later in the day Coco's Tropical Ice from Auburn came to join in the festivities and supply some more icy treats. Children ran around and played on the school playground. There was face painting and the Firefighter Explorer Post 2021, from Oxford came to demonstrate the firetruck and equipment.

The Dragons Volleyball Club set up a net and had everyone playing a game. Aquarion Water Company donated 5 10-gallon tubs of water to keep everyone hydrated. There were so many activities outside for Ryan Myers, the amount of support Ryan is receiving is truly inspiring and inside the school were tables lined with gift baskets and prizes all in support of him.

Companies and residents all chipped in to help this little boy and his family. Raffles and silent auctions were numerous and the prizes were amazing. Robin's Garden Center was giving away one ton of pellets, Sue Bray Photography was giving away multiple prizes one being a \$250 session. There were sports memorabilia, like Stephen Gostkowski signed football. There were raffles for gift certificates to Isador's in Oxford, N&J Donuts, Ted's, Walmart, The Home Depot, Zoink's Fun Factory, Clambox at Dresser Hill, Baba Sushi, and Annie's Country Kitchen plus so much more. There were gift baskets made for the raffles. This was all just for the day event! There was still an entire night for parents to enjoy.

At the Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford participants were able to enjoy a night out of live music and dining adventures with friends and fellow residents. There were tastes of the town provided from many local restaurants including P&D Pizza and Asia Kitchen.

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Bay Path graduates 233

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated the graduation of 233 students on Sunday, June 3 at the DCU Center in Worcester including 14 students heading off to the armed forces.

Graduates marched together into the event and crossed the stage one by one, some seemingly humbled while others added their own flair to the experience. Graduates from the school hailed from the towns of Auburn, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Dudley, Leicester, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, and Webster.



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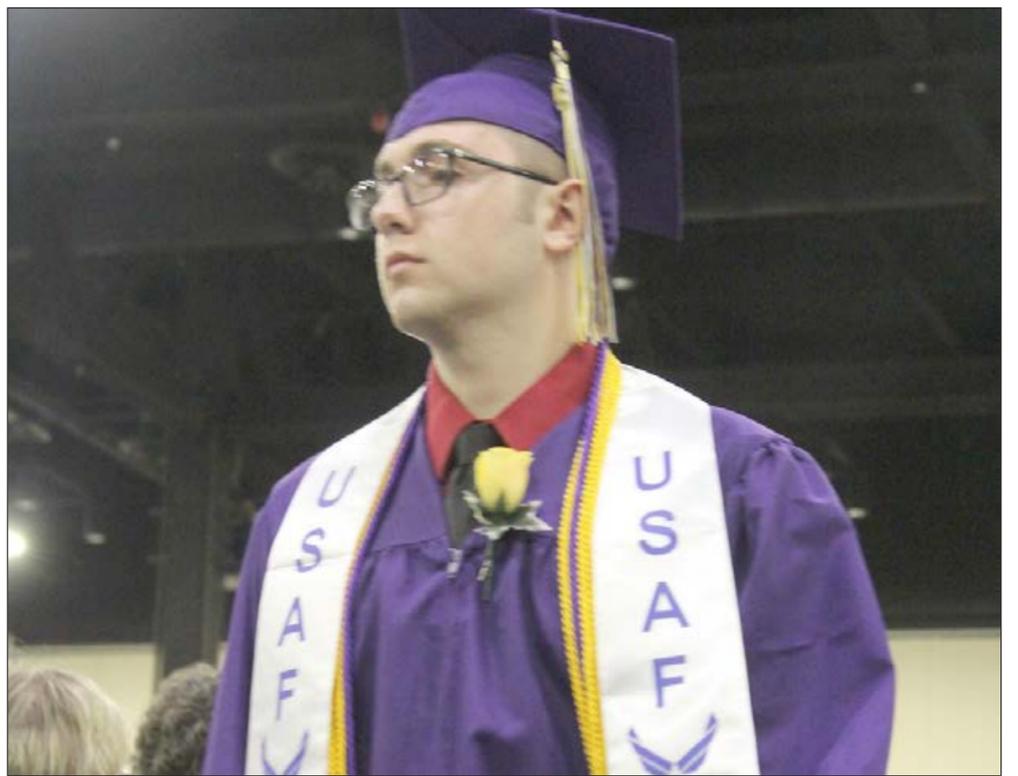
Class President Tariyaha Morris and Salutatorian Jacob Morin make their entrance



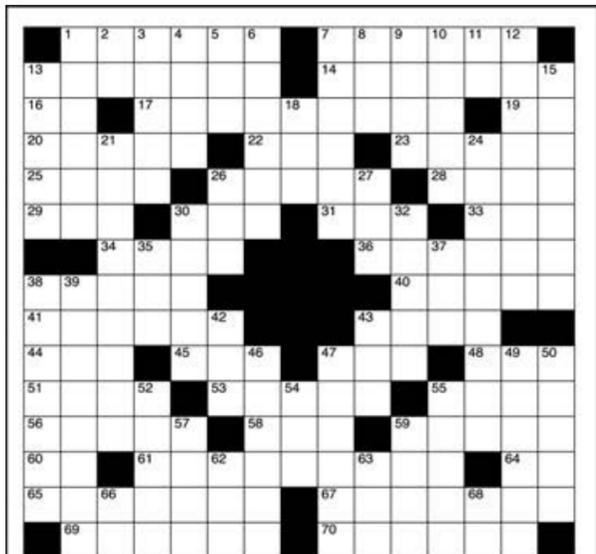
Valedictorian Christian Shadis gives his speech



Zachary Cahill will follow-up his time at Bay Path as a member of the U.S. Army



One of several graduates entering the armed forces, Thomas Willette will be joining the Air Force



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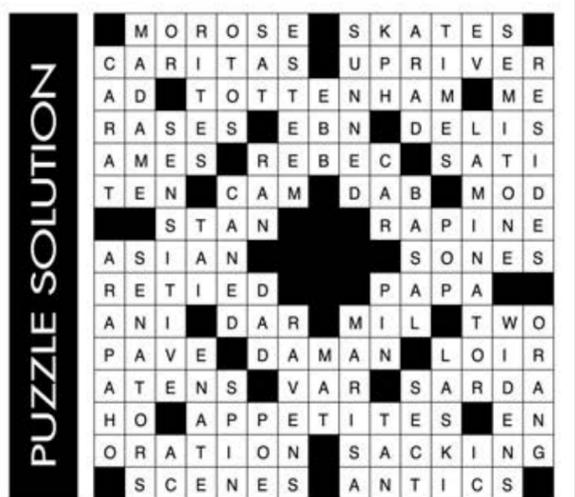
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- 41. Knotted anew
- 43. Daddy
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Women from the Mayflower
- 47. Metric capacity unit
- 48. Couple
- 51. A way to coat
- 53. ___ and Diu: Indian territory
- 55. French river
- 56. Asteroids
- 58. Investment measurement (abbr.)
- 59. India and Nepal border river
- 60. Santa says it three times
- 61. Hungers
- 64. Linear unit
- 65. Speech
- 67. Taking forcefully
- 69. Places to be
- 70. Amusing behavior

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Adult female
- 2. An alternative
- 3. Rituals
- 4. Native American people
- 5. High school exam
- 6. Respect
- 7. Tanned
- 8. Kilometers per hour
- 9. Ancient Israeli city
- 10. Periods
- 11. Electron volt
- 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
- 13. Metric weight unit
- 15. Occupies
- 18. ___ and flow
- 21. Responsive to physical stimuli
- 24. One who presses into thin sheets
- 26. Jogged
- 27. Automobile
- 30. Punished
- 32. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 35. Japanese delicacy
- 37. Soda
- 38. Algonquian language
- 39. Legislators
- 42. Father
- 43. Needed at the ATM
- 46. Baltimore footballers
- 47. ___ Tomei, actress
- 49. Expands
- 50. Person (Indonesian)
- 52. Related
- 54. Where wrestlers work
- 55. American communist leader
- 57. Creatively tell
- 59. Separatist group
- 62. Edgar Allan __, poet
- 63. A way to discolor
- 66. Actinium
- 68. Integrated circuit



Selfie time! Breanna Carol Gervais gets a quick photo with her uncle after graduation



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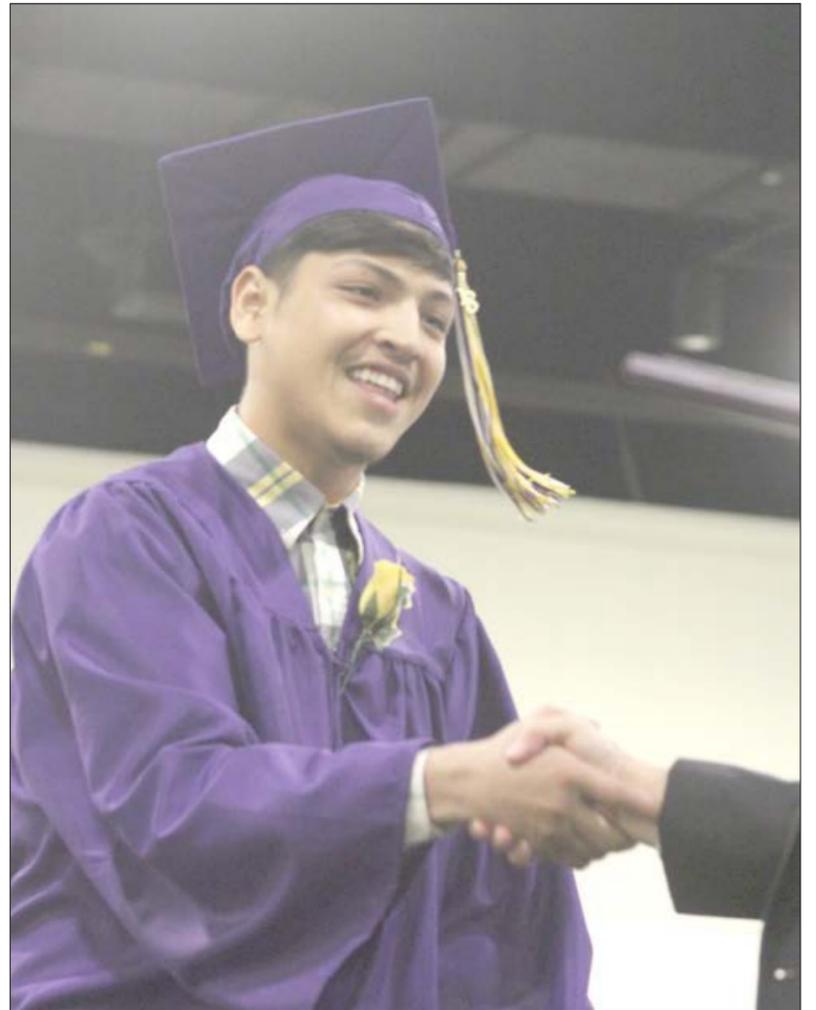
Three generations! Bay Path graduate Jerrika Marie Rodriguez Peters takes a photo with her proud mother and grandmother



Joshua Mathew Troy celebrates with his father and grandfather



Graduate Patrick Dyer poses for a photo with his proud father Mike



Damian Javier Mattey shakes hands with school officials as he becomes a graduate

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ating class as he moves to Auburn thus summer. While some graduates quietly made their way across the stage and reflected on the last four years in their own ways, others had more public celebrations. Regardless it was a memorable evening for all.



Troy Francis Guy will join the Navy after graduating Shepherd Hill



Shepherd Hill graduates make their way to the stage



The Shepherd Hill senior choir lead the room in singing the National Anthem



Tory Claire Iwaniuk proudly makes her march into graduation



Graduates Justin Laporte and Hunter Lavigne, both joining the armed forces, proudly displayed the American flag on stage

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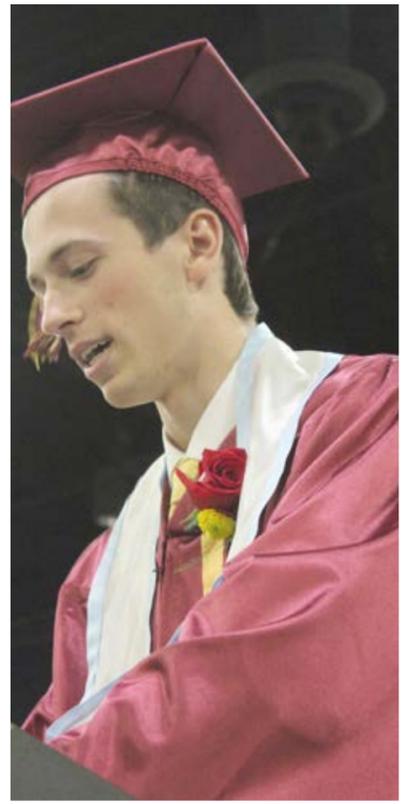
Abigail Snapkowski celebrates her graduation with friends Sally and Emily, both alumni of Shepherd Hill



Kyle Thomas Belmonte proudly accepts his diploma



Shannon Cyganiewicz accepts her diploma



Honor speaker Zachary Blauvelt gives his speech to help kick off the ceremony



Naia Kokoro Patterson crosses the stage



Graduates toss their caps into the air as the graduation ceremony concludes



Emily Bubon poses with family after crossing the stage



Jacob Podskarbi proudly shows off his diploma with loved one



Julia Morgan Scioletti celebrates with her proud parents

Friday's Child



Hi! My name is Deniol and I love basketball and soccer!

Deniol is a sweet and social boy of Hispanic descent. He makes friends easily and his favorite activity is playing sports, especially basketball and soccer. He also enjoys playing video games. Deniol is very comfortable talking and playing with adults and children of all ages. He also adapts quickly to new environments.

Legally freed for adoption, Deniol is looking for a loving family that can provide him with support, structure and consistency. An ideal family will also be able to advocate for his needs, and help him utilize appropriate community services. Although his social worker believes that he will do well in a family of any constellation, with or without children, she believes that he will do particularly well in a family where he can have siblings. A family who enjoys being active would also be a good match for Deniol.

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

Happy Father's Day



A father is more than a man; he is a hero, warrior, mentor, and friend. He loves, listens, cares, and leads. He leads by example, or by hand; he leads you through the journey of life with strength and intelligence. A father is there, and sometimes he's not.



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No matter what part he plays he leaves a mark like the sun on a flower. He can attain its bloom or he can scorch the delicate petals. A father will always be true. No matter the role, he will always be a part of you. He will compose the fabric of your thoughts, introduce you to the basics of life, be close to your heart, or a voice in your conscience. Near or far, a father is a fragment in us and helps design who we are and who we become. The journey I faced with my own father is not different from some but unique to me. If you miss a father, you can find strength in others to guide you, his absence does not define you. If you have a father that is all the things he should be, love him and show him how much he means to you on this day and every day. If your father is lost, given up to the cosmos, know he is watching from the stars and leading you with each sparkle in the night and each day break. When the sun illumines from darkness it is him, keeping you warm, keeping you safe, keeping you within his light for eternity.

I stand alone on the front stairs of my mothers' home. My bare feet pressed into the concrete step. I focus on the pain and the remaining heat left from the sun soaking into me; hopefully giving me the strength I need. I push my skin deeper into the concrete until I'm intimate with every pebble and stone. The jaggedness is deeply engraved into my flesh and I welcome the discomfort. I can do this. If I can take this pain, if I can grind the soles of my heels in deeper I can stay, I can be the bigger person. I must be the bigger person. That's how it's always been with my dad. I made a hard choice, instead of running away, I would stand still.

My father was to drop my little sister off from her visitation with him any minute now and I would be here. A sign of forgiveness, me to him. A shadow crosses over my sight. My father's silhouette formed in the sunshine coming down the hilltop. He brought my sister to my feet. My feet, bare and numb now from the heat and pain. I smile at my beautiful sister and watch her go inside. With the same smile I look up into his eyes. He sees me. He sees his daughter, 15 years old, in front of him, standing, staying, I'm here dad. His eyes leave mine and drift to the ground, he turns on his scuffed shoes and walks away from me. I watched his silhouette fade beyond the hill and I knew I would never see him again.

I used to go to my father for everything and he would give me advice on things that truly mattered to him. We had the kind of relationship that every father and daughter would be jealous of. I remember our road trips. He would sit me in the front of his Jeep and lean me out the window to look for lost wallets on the side of the highway. It was so exciting, like a scavenger hunt through a wind tunnel. He would explain that when he finds a wallet he keeps the cash inside but never the cards or the wallet itself. He would look at the ID and mail the wallet back to the person explaining in a kind note that they were so very lucky that it was him who found their wallet

and not some crook. He would be keeping the cash as a finder's fee, but returned the wallets intact. He was so kind and giving. He told me this all the time so it must be true. My father told me I had eagle eyes and he used my eagle eyes for so many things.

I was the look out for when he found items in neighbors' yards to sell on ebay. He brought me to thrift shops to find antiques that could be re-sold at higher prices. I could spot trinkets of gold and silver from anywhere I was planted, I was his little helper and he always made everything an adventure! He would take his earnings in clinking bottles and reside himself to his office, but when he eventually returned, the adventures could begin again. My childhood was filled with excitement. On weekends we would go digging for arrowheads together and hike into the woods. He taught me to always watch my path, know where I was going, and intend every step I took. He would use my youth and drive to his advantage in the community. Posing me for pictures in local newspapers, he was a beacon of pursuit in justice my father, he fought for those who could not fight for themselves, and I was proof of success. He was my hero, and I was his little helper.

My father was a writer. He wrote articles for newspapers and magazines. He was working on a few books about politics, politically incorrect toys, and how communism is essentially a good thing. Not many were published but when they were we all celebrated. He was such a brilliant man when he succeeded; when he didn't, it was because his family got in his way. We were too loud and needy, or just too alive.

I love to write. I believe his sense of whimsy may have infected me. I thank him for that. He has instilled in me a certain outlook on life. Everyday is an opportunity for adventure. The dull and mundane can be altered by your perception of it. What was once an amazing father to me is now a distant memory. I thank my father for showing me the exact kind of man that I can learn from, but not necessarily have to love. The man I choose to love is far from cruel, miles from hate, and strong in all ways that matter. The man who is the father of my children will never leave. If his children's feet hurt he will lift them off the concrete and carry them. He will bathe them in cool water and kiss them until they're better. He will love his children no matter what path they choose. Happy Father's Day to my husband Keith, father of my children, and the most kind, generous, intelligent, and hard-working man I have ever met.

And Dad, wherever you are, I hope your adventures keep you sustained and your heart is full with everything that is not me and mine. You were my father, long ago, but, the adventures had to stop when I became aware to the scheme. When I lost my child like whimsy and grew knowledgeable on my own, that is when reality set in and the dreams ceased. On this one day a year, I promise I will think about the joy I felt when I made you proud. Only on this day will I think of you, briefly, in passing, while I share my gratitude to those more deserving and hold my children tight and thank the world that they don't know you as I did. Happy Father's Day dad, may you spend the day waiting for the silhouette of the young girl with eagle eyes.

Tips to gear up for a great garden



TAKE THE HINT
 KAREN TRAINOR

Hot on the heels of Memorial Day weekend, gardeners everywhere are heralding in a long-awaited annual rite of late spring: official planting time! Backyard gardeners who patiently waited for the threat of frost to pass, are now eagerly scurrying to get their precious seeds, seedlings and fertilizer into the ground in anticipation of a bountiful harvest crop. And while many successful planters boast their own "secret" techniques to cultivating impressive rows of ripe, red tomatoes and patches of multi-blooming flowers, there are some easy tricks even "green thumb impaired" gardeners can use to give their plants a growing edge.

The following are some planting concoctions culled from readers of this column, gardening periodicals and past columns. All the methods are simple to do, and who knows, they just might improve the fruits of your labor!

Light Scent: Did you know most fragrant flowers are lightly colored or white? If you want to add a scent to your garden, be generous with white or pastel blooms.

Dash of Salt: Adding Epsom salt to plants has been reported to enhance the color of blossoms and leaves, promote new flowers and fruit, improve the root system and improve the strength of stems. For roses: sprinkle one teaspoon of Epsom salts per foot of plant height and spread evenly around the base for better blossoms and deeper greening. Add 1/2 cup sprinkled around the base and then scratched in, for strong production of new flowering canes and healthy new basal cane growth.

Pepper Position: Pepper plants thrive on heat, so it can be beneficial to place large rocks next to your green pepper plants to attract the sunlight.

Rein in Mint: Mint is easy to grow and useful in everything from herbal tea to holiday jelly. To stop vigorous mint from spreading and taking over the garden, keep it corralled by planting it in a large plastic bucket with the bottom cut out.

Rain Gauge: When planting your garden, sink a small jar or can in the middle of a row. This way, you can gauge exactly how much water your garden is getting from both irrigation and rainfall.

Boost Blooms: Plants that grow best in alkaline soil such as geraniums and hydrangea will thank you with better blooms if you water them with a mild mixture of baking soda and water occasionally.

Proper pH: The first thing to check if your azalea leaves are looking yellow is the soil pH. Azaleas need a soil on the acid side. Alkalinity locks up iron needed for green color.

Save \$: For cost effective mulch, use three sheets of newspaper under bark mulch. You'll save money on bark and the newspaper decomposes, enriching the soil.

Rooting Trick: It can be difficult to successfully take cuttings from shrubs to root and plant. Here is an option that ups your chances the cutting will take: Take a small potato, make a small hole, and place your shrub cutting inside. Immediately plant, potato and all, either in the ground or in a pot.

Pucker Power: To safely keep ants and insects off your plants, simply sprinkle concentrated lemon juice in the garden.

Need more green thumb tips? Try these problem solving "recipes!"

Miracle Grower Garden Tonic: Are your plants suffering from lackluster leaves? Are your blooms bowing out? Try this tonic to miraculously rejuvenate.

EDITORIAL

We are not the only ones....

In the wake of the G-7 conference, at which our president has confirmed decisions to continue to levy tariffs and penalties on historic trade partners; it is interesting to realize the world could easily go on without us.

We are not integral to the world's markets any longer.

Name one, just one product produced in the United States that is not available elsewhere.

Anyone? Anyone? You are right.

There isn't one.

And often, because we are somewhat isolated from some of the most populous possible customers, our costs for shipping and handling mean we may not be the most economically feasible choice. We have oceans between us and many of the places that might rather have US goods. Air shipments or ocean shipments are expensive.

It limits just who our closest possible trade partners might be, north or south; and we pretty much ticked off our neighbors to the north this week.

We already messed up our relations to the south by threatening to bar them all with a gigantic wall...whether it is ever built or not it is a subtle threat indeed.

Everyone else in the world...an ocean. And costs.

The costs we incur in this country for employees, insurances, utilities, raw materials, spaces, machinery, display costs, shipping, and even advertising means we are not competitive with many other, smaller, leaner, entrepreneurial global enterprises. We just can't compete. And when we start demanding others pay our prices or else, we're cutting our own throats.

We can't even demand it on the precedent of quality. Not any longer.

Others do it better.

They just do.

So we are in trouble in the US of A. And we are not helping ourselves much with our bully attitudes. It might have worked in the earlier industrial ages, but no longer. Because we just aren't the best, or the even the least expensive, or the only ones with the widget others need, or a lock on any market anywhere.

It's going to hurt when the rest of the world realizes the power they have, and begin to exercise it. The power of the wallet has always been the most telling; and it will crush us in the long run.

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Fishing both fresh and saltwater just fine say anglers



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Fishing fresh and saltwater can be an exciting past time for young and old. It also can make great memories for the fishing public.

This past week this writer went striped fishing with Steve Mercure of Uxbridge at the Providence River. We arrived at the Bold Point boat ramp at 4:30 a.m.! By the time we had launched my boat it was just breaking light. As I navigated my 16 ft. boat through the channel and out into open water, I noticed a couple of boats about a quarter mile out and decided to check them out. Now I know I wrote a column about "Googans" a couple of weeks ago, where some fishermen follow and fish too close to commercial fishing vessels, but I was just trying to observe what they were fishing for. My prediction was right! They were trying to snag a few porgies for bass fishing.

We set up a few hundred feet from them and found our own school of porgies. It was not a large school of bait fish but we managed to snag a few for our morning fishing trip.

I decided to head out to a favorite spot of mine that often had us catching stripers on past fishing trips. We started our first drift by 6:00 a.m. and had a couple of hits on the

first drift. They evidently were school stripers and were not large enough to handle a full size bait.

After a short run, they dropped the bait and it was time to go back up to where we had started our first drift. As we let our lines out we noticed a couple of osprey circling our baits. Suddenly one of the large birds plunged from the sky and picked up Steve's bait fish.

What the heck!!
I started to laugh as Steve battled the huge bird with his fishing rod. Suddenly the osprey dropped the bait fish and it crashed back to the surface of the ocean. Because the bait fish were swimming close to the surface it was easy for the osprey to spot the fish swimming just under the surface of the water.

Suddenly the second osprey plummeted from the sky and grabbed my baitfish, and I went through the same ordeal that Steve had just encountered. Giving the rod a good tug, the osprey also dropped my bait. Now we noticed that there were five osprey circling our boat waiting for another opportunity to steal one of our baitfish.

We decided to leave the area to avoid another encounter with the birds. We were also concerned that they could become entangled in our fishing line or ingest one of our hooks. I sure wish I had my camera running to capture at least one of the moments, but it happened so fast I did not have time.

We soon found ourselves fishing back where we had

snagged a few porgies earlier in the day, and encountered a few more short runs from more than likely school stripers. I decided to check out another favorite spot of mine and found some larger fish by using my fish finder. We quickly let out our baits and had a fish on almost immediately. After the second run, this writer had a good hook up with one strip-er. After a 10 minute battle, the large striper was brought alongside the boat, where my fishing partner could scoop up the somewhat impressive strip-er and place it in the boat. He measured out at less than 40 inches, but slightly more than 30 inches?!!!!!! At least it was a legal fish and was all that we needed to bring home for some of my acquaintances at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club to eat.

My brother Ken and his son Mark sent along a picture as shown in this week's column of a nice lake trout they had caught a couple of weeks ago at Gate 8, in the Quabbin Reservoir. A \$23 fee to rent a boat and 9.9 hp. motor for the day also included a full tank of gas and admission. They caught seven lake trout throughout the day. They were all released back into the Reservoir. Although no salmon were caught by the two anglers, many fishermen still catch them on some of their trips. They are planning another trip to the Quabbin as early as next week.

Ed Pokornicki will be holding another firearms safety class at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club for 12 to 17 year olds for first time applicants want-



Courtesy photo

Ken and Mark True with lake trout from the Quabbin Reservoir.

ing to obtain their FID card on Saturday Aug. 11, and Sunday Aug. 12. A \$25 registration fee, which is refundable after the student passes the course is required. Live shooting of handguns and shotguns will be available for every student taking the course. Contact Ed to register, or for more information at (508) 278-6002. The course is open to both female and male students from any town or state. A light lunch will be served both days.

To the disappointment of many people in the area, the 200 Sportsmen's club will not be holding their annual spring picnic this year. It was rated as one of the best picnics in the area, and the food was always

top notch. The Blackstone Valley Beagle Club is planning a clambake with all of the trimmings in the coming weeks. I will try to keep you posted.

Haddock fishing on the North Shore remains steady. Talking with a couple of anglers that fished aboard a charter boat in Salisbury this past week commented about the fast action fishing for haddock, but also stated that they had caught many nice cod fish that had to be released because of the closed season on all of the Gulf of Maine. Hopefully the restrictions will be lifted soon.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

RIDE

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Rides begin at staggered times and are synchronized to wrap up between 1:30 and 2:00 back at Rapscaillon. Details of the routes and starting times can be found at BikeReg.com/tour-opacum, and on our website. For specific questions about Opacum Land Trust or the TourOpacum, please call or contact us at info@opacumlt.org.

The afternoon will feature live music from the Tony Soul Project along with additional food options and craft beer at the beautiful Hyland Orchard Pavilion. Guests are invited to bring their own lawn chairs and picnics, and hang out in the orchard surrounding the pavilion, soaking up the sun. The venue also offers a full 18-hole Disc Golf Course.

Rapscaillon will again brew a special "Opacum Ale" for the occasion - celebrating the land trust's namesake, Ambystoma Opacum, the blue marbled salamander, a rare and threatened species that inhabits this region. A portion of the sales of the beer will be donated to the organization.

Opacum's Executive Director Ed Hood is pleased to announce that Southbridge Credit Union is the lead sponsor for TourOpacum, demonstrating their commitment to the character of the communities that Opacum Land Trust serves. The Sturbridge Tourist Association has also made a substantial commitment supporting TourOpacum, including funding to support digital marketing efforts that will bring riders to the Sturbridge area.

"After a successful first year with 91 riders, we

hope to more than double participation in 2018 with the help of the expanded marketing impact that our relationships with Southbridge Credit Union and the Sturbridge Tourism Association will provide," says Hood.

Hood is also excited to have Rapscaillon Brewery's enthusiastic and generous support for this event. With its central location in Opacum's service area, the very important feature of local craft beer, and its commitment to helping grow TourOpacum, Rapscaillon is an ideal partner for the event. Hood is particularly grateful for the guidance and technical support of Jon Steppic, owner and manager of Southbridge Bicycles, and himself an avid bike rider. Southbridge Bicycles will provide a "SAG Wagon" - a vehicle equipped to assist riders who have

mechanical failures during the ride.

Based in Sturbridge, Opacum Land Trust is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization lead by a volunteer board of directors. Opacum cares for 1,992 acres of conservation land in its 13-town service area, stretching from Monson to Charlton and Southbridge to North Brookfield. Proceeds from the first TourOpacum in 2017 were used to help purchase a 76-acre forested parcel on Monson Road in Brimfield known as Dingley Dell, which Opacum will open to the public as The Clayton and Margaret Thomas Nature Preserve. This property contains a waterfall, a natural spring, a spectacular 25ft high boulder, and is adjacent to the Hemlock Gorge section of Brimfield State Forest.

In 2017 Opacum Land Trust also conserved 57 acres of "Stillmeadow

Farm" in Monson, belonging to Nancy Clark, her daughter Laura Rogers and her son-in-law Eric Rogers, and 125 acres of land in Charlton belonging to Richard Kisten. Opacum's other public properties include Opacum Woods in Sturbridge, The Claire Birtz Sanctuary and the Thompson Family preserve in Southbridge, and the Flynt Quarry Lands in Monson. These four beautiful properties have trails for public hiking.

For more information on these properties and the conservation work of Opacum Land Trust, go to www.opacumlt.org.

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MACAS

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"We would ask that all parents inform the school at least a week in advance in writing of their intention to have their children not participate so the school could start making plans for supervision and so forth. Once the school receives that advanced notice of any parent's request not to have the student participate we as a school will not speak to the student about it or question the student about it because we don't want to put them on the spot. They're kids," Desto said.

Then there's the matter of what to do with students who are not taking the testing when the bulk of the staff is dedicated to the MCAS. Desto said the

other two steps in the policy were an answer to those concerns.

"This is at the recommendation of the DESE but also because we just simply don't have enough supervision because literally every hand is on deck for MCAS, so any student who has parental permission not to participate will have to remain in the testing area, in the classroom with the classmates, but will be allowed to read a book of his or her choosing no more than fifteen minutes into the testing window," Desto said.

"Once a first time request is received by the principal we're asking the principal or his or her designee to contact that parent to discuss the issue with them and make sure that they understand all the peripheral

things that go along with that decision."

Desto said the principals were "happy for the guidance" and feels the new policy will be a step forward in addressing the situation with respect to the testing students and those who choose not to take the exam. However, several members of the School Committee showed concern that the approach is unbalanced and opens the door for the opting out students to be distractions for others taking the MCAS tests. Several ideas were presented on how to more efficiently handle such matters including allowing students not taking the tests to come into school by 10 a.m. or even having those students watch a movie in another room. However, Desto said he, and others, feel that the plan in

place will be effective.

"The DESE stance on this is to keep all kids in the room. Their stance I think emanates from a place of if the students are in the room maybe they will just go ahead and take the test, but that's not our point here. Our point is really that every single person in the building is utilized because we have a lot of kids testing in small groups and some testing one on one. So, we just simply don't have the ability to do it. Certainly, if it grew which we're hopeful that it will not, and it really hasn't taken here as it has in some communities, we'd have to reassess that. For right now my feeling in talking to the principals is that they prefer to have the least amount of disruption possible and that the kid leaving the room is more

disruptive than them staying in."

Desto emphasized that the matter is a complicated one as the district needs to ensure that there are no interruptions to the testing, but if student and their parents don't want to embrace the MCAS tests they're not required to, and the schools shouldn't interfere with that. At the same time though the district doesn't want to embrace a more "enter-taining" option to the tests and inspire kids to avoid the tests simply because others get to have fun.

"We want to provide as little disruption as possible and not make it something enormously pleasant," Desto concluded. "We respect people's right to do this. We have to respect that."

TRAINOR

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RYAN

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SPORTS

Rams look at positives in District defeat to Shrewsbury



Mathew S. Plamondon photos
Shepherd Hill's Katie Lavoie defends against Shrewsbury's oncoming attack.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — When it was over, the disappointment of having been defeated in the first playoff game in the history of the program quickly gave way for the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity lacrosse team to the acknowledgement of all the Rams accomplished this season.

Shrewsbury High defeated Shepherd Hill, 19-5, in a Central/West Division 1 Tournament first round District game, played Tuesday, June 5 at Assumption College's Multi-Sport Stadium. The Colonials, the No. 4 seed, improved to 15-6 with the win.

The 13th seeded Rams, playing in only their second varsity season, finished 11-10.

"I wouldn't say it's disappointing, I would say it's unfortunate," Shepherd Hill head coach Sarah Morin said about the season-ending loss. "But we'll get them next year. We pretty much have the whole team coming back, so we're excited about that. The future of Shepherd Hill girls' lacrosse looks very good."

The Rams lose just two seniors off of this year's team, starting goalie Carrienne Foster and Emily Girouard, who plays attack.

"The difference from last season to this season — from win-

ning only four games to making Districts — is such an improvement. Hopefully next year we can keep it up," said sophomore captain Skylar Pietz, who scored one goal and assisted on two others in the Rams' game against Shrewsbury. "We have practically our whole team coming back and we'll add a few freshmen next year, so I'm excited to see what the future holds. Hopefully we'll make another jump next year like we did this year and be even better."

Shrewsbury, with seven seniors and four juniors on its roster, showed how valuable experience in the postseason can be, as they jumped out to a 6-0 lead before the game was five minutes old. Morin called a timeout at that point to settle her team down and the Rams responded, scoring the game's next two goals — the first by freshman Claudia Bonaventura, the second by Pietz — to cut the deficit down to four, 6-2, with 17:19 left in the first half.

Shepherd Hill had a chance for another goal about 30 seconds later, but a shot from about 10 yards away zipped wide of the goal.

"I knew if we could keep plugging away at their lead and getting goals back a little bit at a time we could get back in the game," Morin said. "But, unfortunately, they were shutting us down when we tried to move in close to the goal and that caused us to force some shots instead of looking to pass. At the end of the game, when we started making those passes and our transitions got better, we scored a few goals."

After the Rams cut the Shrewsbury lead down to 6-2, the Colonials responded by scoring the final 10 goals of



Skylar Pietz of Shepherd Hill looks for an open teammate down in Shrewsbury's zone.

the first half to take a 16-2 lead into halftime. Shrewsbury made it 18-2 four minutes into the second half on goals by Phoebe Johnson and Michaela O'Connor.

Shepherd Hill scored three of the final four goals of the game, Bonaventura netting two and sophomore Katie Lavoie scoring the other.

Pietz stressed how proud she was of the improvement and progress her team made this year, but acknowledged that the level at which Shrewsbury played the game is where the Rams want to get to.

"This game was definitely a learning experience. Seeing what they did on each goal

— how they set their scoring chances up — I want us to put some of those things into our plays and the way that we play," Pietz said. "Hopefully we'll get back to this spot [Districts] again next year."

Morin had nothing but smiles and hugs for her players after the game.

"I'm so proud of them for making it this far because we are definitely underdogs, being only a second-year team," Morin said. "I'm also proud of my team because they never gave up. At halftime they decided to pick their heads up; they didn't want to end the season that way."



Shepherd Hill goalie Carrienne Fortier drops to one knee to make a save.



Claudia Bonaventura of Shepherd Hill makes her way deep into Shrewsbury's territory.

Early run support enough for Fagan as Shepherd Hill softball beats Holy Name

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — A quick burst of runs in the early innings helped the No. 5 Shepherd Hill Regional varsity softball team roll past No. 4 Holy Name High, 5-1, in a Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament quarterfinal round match-up, held Saturday, June 9 at Vernon Hill Park.

"We talked about it all week getting ready for the game that it was going to be important for us to play from ahead," explained Rams' head coach Donny Loos. "The girls were excited and they were ready to play the game into our advantage."

Shepherd Hill was in for a tough matchup against Holy Name (14-7) knowing they had a solid pitcher in Ava Vincequere in the circle. The Rams had to stray away from their normal game plan in order to have success.

"We got some aggressive base-running, that is a tough team in that dug-out," praised Loos. "Holy Name plays a quality brand of softball, tons of great players and a great pitcher in the circle. We knew we would have to do some

things outside our usual game plan to get a run across and we always want to play from ahead, so it is good to get a couple of runs coming out of the gate.

"We needed to make sure we kept the pitcher in the zone and not help her with pitches outside of the zone. She spins the ball terrifically, so we needed to make sure we got hitters' pitches to hit and stayed disciplined in the strike zone. I thought we did that today," added Loos. "We needed to also be aggressive on the bases, not fall into ruts, try to be unpredictable and keep pressure on their defense. We don't bunt a lot ordinarily, but we put one down with a runner on third and thought we could make something happen. Just getting the ball into play and playing heads-up offensive softball really helped us out today."

The Rams succeeded. In the top of the first inning Shepherd Hill had a runner on third and the Rams took advantage when Sam Zannotti scored on a swing bunt by starting pitcher and No. 3 batter Cayley Fagan.

A couple of batters later, Keely Scotia ripped an RBI single to make it 2-0 Rams going into the bottom of the first.

The Hill didn't slow down and they stayed on track with their game plan, jumping out to a big early lead by scoring three more runs in the next three innings.

Zannotti and Scotia paced Shepherd Hill offensively, as Zannotti went 2 for 3 with two singles, an RBI and a run scored. Scotia went 2 for 3 with a double, a single and an RBI.

After giving up a run in the first inning, Fagan was dominant in the circle. She struck out nine and allowed just the one run. Fagan did a great job changing speeds and mixing in her variety of pitches.

"She is a talented kid," Loos praised. "I have been coaching her since she was 12 years old and she has always been a very talented pitcher. What she has been able to do this season is improve tactically to work with Sofia [Sciarappa] calling the pitches and she mixed her pitches terrifically today. I told the kids afterward, the battery did such a good job that whenever they thought they were going to get a fastball, they got a changeup and the times where they thought they were going to get a change they got a fastball. She did

such a great job of mixing her stuff and keeping them off balance."

Although Fagan was excellent, her defense was also outstanding. Shepherd Hill turned a couple double plays throughout the duration of the game to get her out of jams and her outfield took perfect angles to turn potential doubles into singles.

"Today they were really focused and took 'the ball is coming to me' mentality on every pitch," explained Loos. "We preach that to the kids that defensively that you have to focus just like you know I am going to hit you a groundball before the game warming up. Our outfield is really athletic and does a great job taking angles at balls and making sure we don't give up extra bases. Typically we have a lot of faith in our offense and we didn't hit the way we would've liked to today, we always say if we can stay away from crooked numbers and we can keep those innings to one-run innings we have a good shot of staying in games."

Shepherd Hill, now 12-9, advanced to the District semifinals, where they played No. 1 Wachusett Regional (21-0) after press time.

SPORTS

Shepherd Hill finishes up and down year with playoff loss to Chieftains



Shepherd Hill's Dominic Battista races away from a Nashoba defender while possessing the ball.



Nick Ethier photos
Shepherd Hill's Xavier Nieves eludes a Nashoba defender while on the rush.



Tristan Pietz of Shepherd Hill curls past Nashoba's Aidan Gross and into the offensive slot.



Goalie Anthony List of Shepherd Hill waits for Nashoba's Rory Boots to potentially shoot the ball toward his net.

DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

BOLTON — With 45.7 seconds to play in regulation, a beautiful pass sent from Tristan Pietz over the middle to Seamus O'Brien for their third goal in the final five minutes was fitting for the Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team in a Central/West Division 2 District first round contest at Nashoba Regional on Tuesday, June 5. The late burst was a little too late for the No. 9 Rams, as they dropped a 13-7 decision to a talented Chieftains squad that was ranked eighth, but Shepherd Hill ended the game showing a ton of heart. "Potential, they have potential," head coach Mark Kelley said of his team's

performance. "They have shown signs of having great potential all year, it is just the matter of trying to get them to realize that all the time."

After a quick goal by the Chieftains 26 seconds in the game, Shepherd Hill rallied and bounced back with two of its own to seize a 2-1 lead.

Fifty seconds in, just 24 seconds after Nashoba scored, O'Brien raced around the opposing net and launched a pass to a cutting Anthony Detarando, who slung a shot into the back of the net.

Minutes later Pietz penetrated the Nashoba defense and took it to the net on his own to give the Rams their advantage.

The Chieftains answered with two

unanswered goals to take a 3-2 lead going into the second quarter. Nashoba never surrendered the lead again in the contest. To do so they won most of the face-offs and got all the right bounces, winning most of the 50-50 balls.

In the end, the Chieftains (12-7) performed the detailed tasks better than the Rams.

"They worked harder and they did all of the little things right," expressed Kelley. "We had some glaring errors and areas to work on and they were better at them than we were today."

"Fundamentals, groundballs, sticks skills and face-offs; all of it," added Kelley.

It was a season of highs and lows for the Rams, who finished 9-10, but they played best when it counted most, earning themselves a playoff spot in the last game of the regular season.

"Like any team they had their ups and downs and luckily we were on an upward swing toward the end of the season and into the playoffs, rather than a downward cycle," said Kelley. "When their backs were against the wall they answered."

Going into the offseason there will be a lot of question marks, as the Rams

will lose 13 seniors, but Kelley will be looking for every returner to make an even greater impact next season.

"It is hard to tell," explained Kelley. "About 50 percent of the roster that dressed tonight won't be here next year, so it is going to be an opportunity for everybody to step up."

Of the 13 seniors, Kelley pointed out that two had won awards through the Central Mass. Lacrosse Coaches Association.

Pietz, who finished his career with 320 career points (146 goals, 174 assists) in 78 games, won the Bob Scott Award for going above and beyond in services to his team, school and community.

Eric Dileone was an Academic All-American, exhibiting exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field and representing high standards of academic achievement in the classroom.

SPORTS BRIEF

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

The 22nd annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Educational Foundation golf tournament is set for Monday, July 23 at Sutton's Pleasant Valley Country Club. The cost is \$150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcome — and there will be a hole-in-one contest as well as a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfers raffle. There will be 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, and chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with bag rain covers, a gift bag, coffee, continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner follows the tournament. For additional information and registration please call Ken (Golf Committee) at (508) 277-5314 or Ted (Foundation Trustee) at (508) 764-7909. Golfers who make entire payment by July 1 will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift certificate from the Pleasant Valley Pro Shop.



From left, Shepherd Hill defenders Nolan Burke and Adam Lanier surround Nashoba's Brendan Lee in hopes of poking the ball loose.

SPORTS

Bay Path competes in State Vocational Championship, then Districts



Bay Path's Dylan Brien gets a piece of the ball on his swing as he fouls it off.

Nick Ethier photos



Center fielder Jake Leone of Bay Path crow-hops to generate a further throw back to the infield.



Dom Esposito of Bay Path fires in a pitch to the plate versus Blackstone Valley Tech.

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional varsity baseball team had the opportunity to play for the Large Schools State Vocational Championship when they hosted Blackstone Valley Tech on Tuesday, June 5 and, even though things didn't turn out the way they wanted them to — the third ranked Minutemen fell to the fourth seeded Beavers, 9-2 — there is still something to play for, according to head coach Mark Sansoucy.

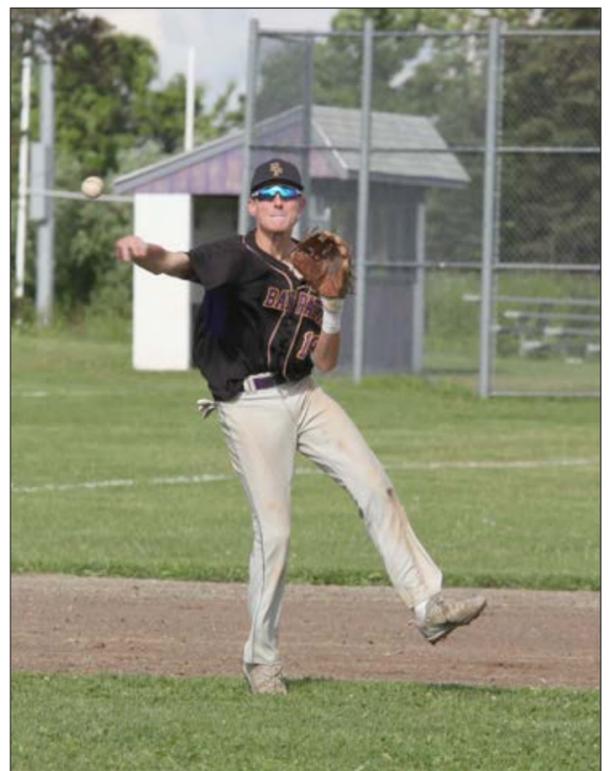
"Obviously you want to win, but you forget about it, move on and get ready for Districts," he said.

Bay Path defeated Valley Tech twice in regular season play, but it wasn't to be in the tournament.

"They're definitely a good team and it's tough to beat somebody three times," Sansoucy said of the Beavers.

Bay Path's record slipped to 15-5 — they endured a 14-4 regular season and defeated No. 2 Worcester Tech in the semifinals of the Voke Tournament — as they then moved onto Districts inside the Central Mass. Division 3 bracket.

There, the Minutemen earned the No. 5 seed and hosted No. 12 Nashoba Tech in a first round game. Bay Path was able to win that game, their third time defeating Nashoba this season, by an 11-8 final. The Minutemen (16-5) are set to play at No. 4 Millbury High in the quarterfinal round on June 11, after press time.



Bay Path shortstop Alec Desimone sends the ball over to first base on a nice throw to record an out.

With loss to Murdock, strong season ends in disappointment for Bay Path softball

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Regional varsity softball team finished its first round Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament game against Winchendon's Murdock High with seven singles, but none were delivered when the Minutemen needed it most and the end result was a disappointing 6-2 loss to the Blue Devils.

With the win Murdock, the No. 11 seed, improved to 13-7. Bay Path, the No. 6 seed, finished its season with a 14-5 record.

"We couldn't come up with that big hit we needed. We had baserunners and we couldn't execute," Bay Path head coach Rick Carrero said. "We didn't play our best game, but I felt we played good enough to win if we could have gotten a few of those hits. Sometimes they don't fall your way."

Murdock jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, with lead-off hitter Maria Polcari tripling to right field and then coming home on an RBI single by Molly Murphy. The Minutemen looked as if they would answer with a run or two in the bottom of the inning — they had runners on first and second with one out — but the threat fizzled on a pair of infield outs.

In the bottom of the third Bay Path's Kyleigh Sutherland singled to center with two outs, stole second and advanced to third on a Murdock error. Meagan Harding was up next and she hit a shot to center, too, but hers was right at Murdock's Lindsey Smith, who easily caught the ball to end the inning.

In the bottom of the fourth the Minutemen had runners on first and second with two outs, but Murdock pitcher Emily Smith got out of the jam by striking out opposing pitcher Sarah Gosselin to end that inning.

In the top of the fifth inning Murdock increased its lead to 3-0 thanks to an RBI single off the bat of Murphy and an RBI double down the left-field line by Jocelyn Garner. In the bottom of the

frame Bay Path got a runner to second base with one out, but she was doubled off first when Garner, playing shortstop, made her second diving stab of a low line drive and then threw to first to complete the double play.

The Blue Devils doubled their lead to 6-0 in the top of the seventh inning, on RBI singles by Ashley Sevigny and Polcari — who was 3 for 4 with a double, triple and RBI — and another RBI double by Garner on a ball that hit off the left field fence on the fly.

Bay Path finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning, scoring two runs.

Evelyn Sheehan got things started with an infield single and moved to second on a throwing error. She advanced to third on a single by Gosselin and then both runners scored on a two-run single to left field off the bat of Lizzy McLam, who finished with two hits.

"Defensively they played very well. Their shortstop made a couple of great, diving catches that they turned into double plays, and their pitcher pitched well," Carrero said. "We made a few errors in the beginning and we had a few hits in the outfield that were shots, but they were positioned perfectly defensively. They played a great defensive game. That's a good team; they were very aggressive."

The silver lining in the disappointing loss for Bay Path is that, with no seniors on this year's roster, the entire team will return next year.

"We have a good team," Carrero said. "Our goal was to get to Worcester State [site of the tournament's semifinal and final round games]. Last year we went past the first round, this year our goal was to build on that and get through two rounds. Our expectations for next year are that we're going to win our league and get into Districts again, we've just got to find a way to win games like this."

To help do that Carrero said he plans to schedule some tougher out-of-league opponents.

"Our schedule is very bipolar. We

play the Colonial [Athletic League] Large Division and the Colonial Small Division. The Colonial Large Division is good and competitive. We went 4-3 against Colonial Large teams and we beat Assabet, Worcester Voke twice and we beat AMSA," Carrero said. "Our Colonial Small Division games do not prepare us in a lot of ways because they're so lopsided. A lot of times we

don't get anything out of them.

"Next year we're going to have four non-league games to pick up," Carrero continued. "I'm hoping to look to the SWCL and the Mid-Wach and play some of those teams, schedule some higher division teams."

Charlton's Calkins again reaches national softball stage



Jamie Calkins, a 12-year-old Charlton resident, has done it again.

For the second year in a row Calkins is a member of one of the three Northeast Regional teams that will be competing in the U12 All-American Games, which will be held June 28-July 1 at Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.

In order to make the team Calkins, an eighth-grader at Charlton Middle School, had to survive a four-round tryout process that began in October in Warwick, R.I., and finished up in April in Wilmington.

More than 150 players tried out for the 15 spots available on the New England team, which draws players from all six New England states and is one of the three teams competing from the Northeast.

Calkins is primarily used on her travel team at shortstop.

Courtesy photo

Charlton's Jamie Calkins will again be competing in the U12 All-American Softball Games.

OBITUARIES

Harold Ian Joyce, 61



Harold Ian Joyce, 61, of Charlton, Massachusetts has passed away.

He leaves his father, Wm Kelly Joyce, Jr. of Conway, MI; siblings: Wm. Kelly Joyce, III (Diana), of West Barnstable, James Joyce (Jennifer O'Keeffe) of Lexington, Maartje Nolan (Bryan) of Harbor Springs, MI, Cormac Joyce (Melissa) of Greenville, WI, Serena Joyce of South Portland, ME and Maria del Pilar McDermott (Marcel) of Appleton, WI; twelve nieces and nephews and many godchildren and their families. His mother, Virginia (Van Allan) Joyce and a nephew, Jonathan Joyce predeceased him.

Born in Amsterdam, Holland, Ian was raised speaking six languages. He was a graduate of Stonyhurst College, England; College of the Holy Cross; Harvard University; and Babson College. Ian served with honor and distinction in the United States Army. He served as an Infantryman in the 10th Mountain Division before serving as a Chaplain Assistant in the Army Reserve. He achieved the following awards: RANGER tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Bronze Star Medal, the

Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Operation Iraqi Freedom Campaign Medal (two bronze campaign stars). Major Joyce put his troops' success, preparedness, and well-being above all else.

Ian's civilian career in banking involved Global Data Quality Project Management. He lived and worked in Latin America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East throughout his civilian and military careers.

Ian's defining trait was helping others whenever and wherever needed. He engendered trust, respect and love in all who had the pleasure of calling him his friend. Beyond family and friends, he had a great love of animals, especially dogs, dancing, setting the world right for children, vintage Land Rovers and vintage BMW motorcycles.

A memorial Mass was held on Saturday, May 12th at 1:00pm at the Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Harbor Springs.



Paul M. Boutillette, 73



OXFORD - Paul M. Boutillette, 73, of Pratt Avenue, died Saturday, June 9, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus in Worcester. He is survived by two children, Melissa M. Shepard and her husband Robert Zeien of Cutchogue, NY, and Michael P. Boutillette and his wife Vanvisa Attaset of San Francisco, CA; his sister-in-law, Patricia E. Boutillette of Charlton; his longtime companion, Muriel Banach of Worcester; and two grandchildren, Calla G. and Juniper E. Boutillette. He was predeceased by his sister, Beverly Anderson of North Oxford; and his brother, Andrew Boutillette Jr. of Charlton. He was born in Webster, son of the late Andrew A. and Ora (LaPlante) Boutillette, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He graduated

from Oxford High School in 1962.

Mr. Boutillette owned and operated Webster Sheet Metal with his brother since 1965, retiring several years ago. He was a member of the Oxford Fire Department for 20 years, retiring as lieutenant. He was a part-time/special police officer on the Oxford Police Department for 20 years. In addition, he worked as an E.M.T. for the fire department for 10 years and was a member of the Southern Massachusetts Police Association.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Tuesday, June 12, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701, or at cancer.org. paradisfuneralhome.com

Marie R. Rouisse, 83



SE - Marie R. (Gratton) Rouisse, 83, of Fiskdale died on Monday, May 28, 2018 at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

She leaves her son, Allen R. Kondrat and his wife Emily of Warren; her daughter, Traci M. Hackney of Texas; a sister, Doris Lemay of West Brookfield; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Armand, Roland, Albert, and Freddy Gratton. She was born in West Brookfield, daughter of the late Albert and Rose (LaFlamme) Gratton and lived in West Brookfield for over 20 years, before moving to Fiskdale 10 years ago.

Marie worked as a Police Officer for the Town of West Brookfield for 21 years, and also was a machine operator at the former Ludlow Paper Company, before retiring in 2017. She was an auxiliary member of the Adams-Cooney-Frew American Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield.

Calling hours for Marie were held on Monday, June 11, 2018 from 6 to 8PM in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

An online guest book is available at varnumfuneralhome.com

Paul "Skip" Blauvelt, 76



CHARLTON- Paul "Skip" Blauvelt, 76, of Center Depot Rd. died June 5, at Lanessa Nursing Home in Webster.

He leaves a son Richard Blauvelt and his wife Lisa of Charlton,

a daughter Heather Blanchard and her husband Jeff of Dudley, his former wife

Claudia (Mitchell) Blauvelt of Charlton, a brother William H. Blauvelt Jr. of

Brookfield, 2 sisters Gloria Blauvelt of Charlton and Jane Desmarais of Spencer,

4 grandchildren Kayleigh, Zachary, Daniel, Julia and nephews and nieces. He was

predeceased by his sister Gretchen Blauvelt. He was born in Worcester the son of

the late William H. Sr. and Phyllis L. (Ham) Blauvelt. Paul was an active member

of the Charlton City United Methodist

Church, including singing in the choir, member of the Board of Trustees, the Men's Club, and a lay leader. He was a generous donor of blood and platelets with the American Red Cross. He liked to

travel and was a NASCAR enthusiast. Paul retired as a programmer analyst from

Commerce Insurance Co. after many years. He then worked part time Home Depot in

Auburn. His funeral was held at 10:00AM Saturday, June 9

in the Charlton City United Methodist Church, 74 Stafford St. Burial followed at West Ridge Cemetery. Calling

hours were 6 to 8PM Friday, June 8 in the

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge. Memorial contributions

may be made to the Charlton City United Methodist Church, 74 Stafford St.

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CALENDAR

Saturday, June 16

A HOOK IN: The Association of Traditional Hooking Artists Quiet Corner Chapter is hosting a Rug Hook In gathering on June 16 at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, CT. Registration fee of \$15 is required for this event and must be paid in advance by June 1. Registration forms for this event may be received by contacting treasurer Gretchen Gray at gretchg@verizon.net, or call Whispering Hill at (860) 928-0162 for more information. To learn more about rug hooking and become a member of Atha Quiet Corner, individuals can contact Whispering Hill regarding membership. All are welcome.

HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW? Garden Tours in Charlton on June 16 from 10am-3pm! Featured will be gardens of 6 local residents in all their summer splendor. Join us in touring these classic and unique outdoor spaces celebrating the wonder of nature. Proceeds will benefit Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge. Tickets are available for \$15 by calling Tricia Gay @ 774-230-3589 or Linda at the church office @ 508-764-8058.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: The Charlton City United Methodist Women will be hosting their annual strawberry festival on June 16. Bring Dad for an early Father's Day dinner. We will be serving tasty slices of ham, homemade baked beans, our famous potato salad, fresh coleslaw, roll & butter, choice of beverage and of course the best reason to attend fresh homemade strawberry shortcake. Cost is adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5 and children 5 & under are free. Family maximum of \$35. Dinner is served from 5-7 p.m. with continuous serving. For information call (508) 248-9616 or the church at (508) 248-7379 for reservations. We are handicap accessible and located at 74 Stafford St.

KIDS' CLUB: Charlton City United Methodist Church located at 74 Stafford St. would like to invite children ages 3-12 to join their new Kid's Club. On Saturday June 16th, we will be offering parents a safe environment for their children. There will be story time, music, crafts, games and lunch. There is no cost and all are invited. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call the church if you have any questions or to sign up your child at (508)248-7379.

Wednesday, June 21

MAKE MUSIC DAY! On Thursday, June 21 6-8 p.m. Rain or Shine! International Make Music Day, www.makemusic.org was created to celebrate music and the arrival of summer! Outside if possible, inside in case of rain at Hitchcock Free Academy. Also the Summer Fun Registration Night! Meet some of our music instructors, register for summer programs, including musical instruction, and/or just enjoy. Bring a chair or blanket, and a picnic to enjoy with great music. Come join the fund, play with your community friends and make music with joy!

Monday June 25

CHURCH PLANS BLUE GRASS SUMMER: Bethlehem Lutheran Church is pleased to announce its summer schedule for Outdoor Bluegrass Worship Services:

- June 25th - 9:30 am Bethlehem lawn
- July 30th - 9:30 am Bethlehem lawn
- August 27th - 9:30 am Bethlehem lawn

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Tuesday June 26

LEARN ABOUT LYME: On Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Dexter Hall of the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton: Take a Bite Out of Lyme Disease: The Central Massachusetts Lyme Foundation will be offering a free presentation on Lyme disease. Learn the facts about this disease and how to protect you and your family. Informational materials will be available.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday July 20, 21 & 22

SEUSSICAL! Pasture Bedtime Players present Seussical a Youth Musical

Friday, July 20 at 7 p.m., Saturday July 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday July 22 at 2 p.m. at Bay Path Regional Vocational High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton. Seussical is fun for the whole family! Adults \$18, seniors and student \$15; children age 10 and younger \$10. For tickets contact pasturebedtimeplayers@gmail.com or call (774) 230-9275.

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Sunday September 9

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

ONGOING

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at

6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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June Real Estate Market Update

According to Bankrate.com as of 06/10/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.46% which is up slightly from last month. We are continuing to see a very hot Real Estate Market. What we are seeing locally is that buyers are starting to bid on homes with prices that are higher than market value with the intention on negotiating down after inspection since they figure the sellers will be more apt to do that since they don't want to get under contract with another buyer and go through another inspection. In the heat of the multiple offers, we are also seeing buyers offer on a home with a higher than list price offer only to back out of the sale with no cause and possibly even forfeit their deposit due to buyers remorse. I don't think this is a sign of the market slowing down but it is something to watch over the next several months to make sure.



REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES BLACK

on market from last month. This shows that homes are continuing to sell quicker and homes that have been sitting on the market are either expiring or selling as well. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is a small decrease in sales of less than 0.1% and a 5.0% increase in average sales price while it is taking 16.0% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. The lower inventory is starting to catch up with the sales causing a lower number of sales these past 12 months compared to the 12 months prior.

It is important to hire a Realtor familiar with your market especially in this market where it seems you can just put a sign out front and get a bunch of offers. The right agent will ensure you get the most money for the house in the shortest amount of time. The reason for this is the properly staged and marketed home is selling in what seems minutes while homes that do not show well are staying on the market and selling for a lower price.

Today we have 1774 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1547 single homes for sale. However, 12 months ago we had 1821 homes for sale so inventory is still just slightly lower than this time last year. The average days on market is currently 92 days which is a 8.0% decrease in days

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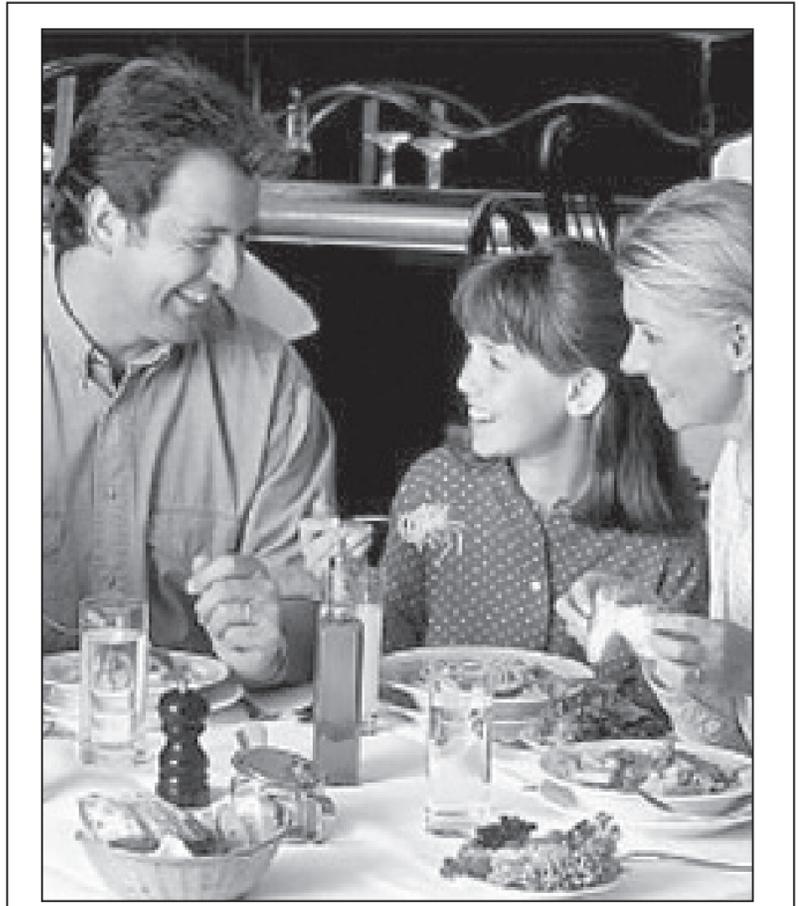
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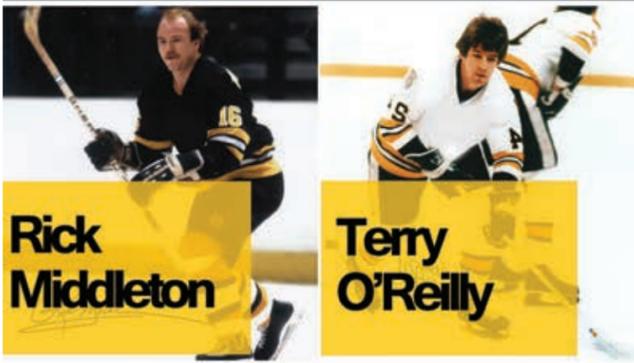
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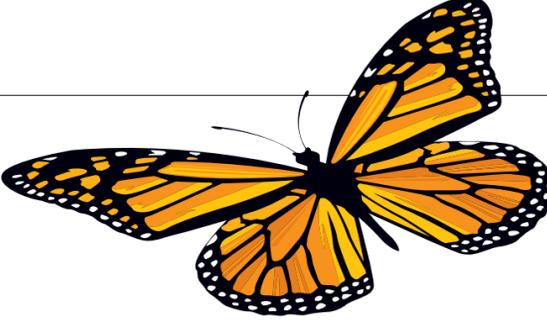
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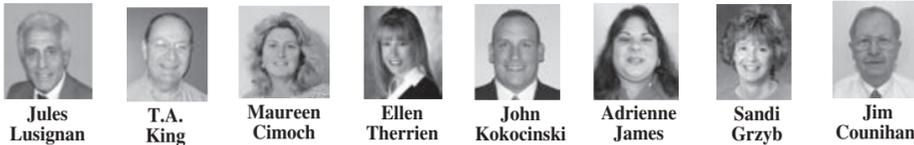


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<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 21 Mauden Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Cape! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Slider to Dble Tier Deck! Din Rm & Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Fam Rm! 1st Floor 1/2 Bath Laundry! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total Skylights! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage! 52 Acre Lot! \$309,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 7 Vine St! 5+ Rm L-Shaped Ranch! Looking for Larger, this May Be It! 10'6" X 19' East-in Kit! 27' Liv Rm! Entry Foyer! 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Dble Closets! Huge Master! Hrdwds Flrs! Tile Bath! 1.5 Baths! Walk-out Lower Level! Heat & Hot Water by Gas! Garage! \$219,900.00</p>			<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 47 Lakeside Ave! 2 Family! 6/6 Rm! 5/3 Bdrms! 1/1 Baths! Appliance Kitchen! Recent Roof at 5 Yrs! Frplc Panels at 2 Yrs! Separate Oil Furnaces! Walk to Lakeside Beach! Launch Your Boat at the State Ramp! Convenient Location! \$249,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>DUDLEY - 67 West Main St! Live or Work or do both from this 7 Rm Colonial on 25,869' Lot - .594 Acre! Needs Updating! Zoned Business! Convenient Location for Either! Room to Expand! Hrdwds! 2 Baths! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St! As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buder's Furnace! \$198,900.00</p>		
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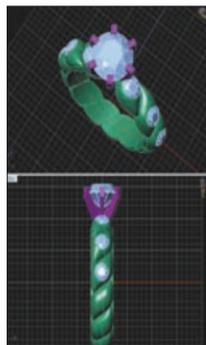
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GRILLING

Safety tips for grilling season



People have been cooking meals over open flames since the discovery of fire. Even today, when there are so many ways to cook a meal, many still insist there's nothing better than the taste of food cooked on the grill.

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, which tracks industry trends, points out that one-third of con-

sumers plan to use their grill or smoker more often this year. Even though grilling is widely associated with summer, a growing number of people are embracing year-round grilling. HPBA's CEO Jack Goldman has said, "Barbecuing is no longer just a pastime, but an integral part of the North American lifestyle."

Seven in 10 adults in the United States

and eight out of 10 in Canada own a grill or smoker. With so many people firing up their grills, it's important to recognize the importance of grilling safety. Each year an average of 8,900 home fires are caused by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns, advises the National Fire Protection Association.

Here's how to stay safe.

- Only grill outside. Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors. Grills should be placed well away from the home. Keep grills away from deck railings, eaves, overhangs, and tree branches.

- Keep the grill clean. Thoroughly clean the grill prior to first use, and keep it tidy all year long. Grease or fat buildup can ignite and cause a fire.

- Always attend the grill. Grill distraction-free and keep an eye on the food being cooked. Simply stepping away for a few moments can lead to a fire or accident.

- Start fires safely. Charcoal grills and gas grills may be lit using electronic starters that do not require fire. If using starter fluid, only do so on charcoal, and do not add more fluid or other flammable liquids after the fire has ignited.

- Check for gas leaks. Whether the gas grill is hooked up to a propane tank or the natural gas supply of a home, ensure that the hoses or tanks are not leaking. Apply a light soap-and-water solution to hoses to see if they bubble from leaking gas.

- Keep baking soda nearby. Baking soda can control grease fires, but it's also helpful to have a fire extinguisher or a bucket of sand on hand for other types of fires.

- Watch children and pets. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from grilling areas.

- Wait for the grill and coals to cool. Practice safety around the grill until all coals are cool and the grill is no longer hot to the touch. Only then should the grill be moved or relocated.

Grilling is a passion that is enjoyed throughout much of the year. Safely cook outdoors by heeding safety guidelines.

Entertain summer guests with a DIY taco station

(MS) — Tired of eating the same old staples of burgers and hot dogs at barbecues? Try this easy-to-make, do-it-yourself taco station that lets you do some simple prep beforehand. Arrange ingredients in fun serving bowls and have guests serve themselves for a delicious fiesta.

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CHIPOTLE MAYONNAISE

1/2 cup mayonnaise
Juice of 1/2 lime
1 to 2 teaspoons adobo sauce (the sauce that canned chipotle peppers are packed in)

Directions:

1. Prepare the Nourish Bowl according to package instructions. Squeeze lime juice over the vegetables and season with a bit of salt and pepper. Toss to combine then set aside.

2. Season steaks with salt and pepper. Place on grill and cook with the lid closed for 10 to 14 minutes over medium-heat for medium to medium-rare doneness, turning occasionally. Allow to rest off the grill for 5 minutes, then carve into slices.

3. To make the mayonnaise, place all ingredients into a small mixing bowl and stir well to combine.

4. Place tortillas on grill and cook until warm and slightly charred.

5. To assemble the tacos, place a couple slices of grilled steak on the bottom. Add vegetables and top with a slice of avocado. Drizzle the top with chipotle mayonnaise.



How to handle raw meats when grilling out

Cooking over an open flame on a grill in the backyard requires cooks keep watchful eyes on their grills. Charcoal

grill devotees must stay nearby as flames grow before settling down as the coals turn gray. Cooks using charcoal

grills should also make sure children or pets don't accidentally run into the grill, potentially knocking it over and creating a fire and/or injury hazard. But even gas grill users must be mindful of safety, checking hoses for leaks before igniting fires and then staying within arm's length of the grill to make sure everything is working smoothly.

Fire safety is essential when grilling outdoors, but cooks also must prioritize safe handling of raw meats. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has established a host of guidelines to promote safe grilling and the safe consumption of grilled foods and offers the following recommendations to cooks planning to grill raw meats.

- Separate foods when purchasing them. The grocery store might be far away from home, but safe grilling begins at the checkout counter. The FDA recommends consumers separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other foods in their shopping carts and grocery bags to prevent cross-contamination. Keep these items separate when storing them in the refrigerator as well.

- Use separate cutting boards. Another way to prevent cross-contamination is to use separate cutting boards.

Designate one cutting board for produce and another for raw meat, poultry and seafood. If grilling more than one type of raw food at once, thoroughly clean the cutting board with soap and hot water between uses.

- Keep separate plates for precooked foods and cooked foods. The FDA notes that cooked foods should never be placed on plates that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs unless the plate has been washed in hot, soapy water. Bacteria from the juices of raw meat can linger on an uncooked plate, compromising the safety of cooked foods placed on unwashed, previously used plates.

- Discard marinades once you start cooking. Marinades used on raw foods should be discarded once the foods are removed from the marinade and placed on the grill. Repurposing marinades to use as sauces can increase the risk for bacterial infections. However, the FDA notes that marinades used on raw foods can be repurposed so long as they are boiled before reusing them.

When grilling raw meat, poultry, seafood or other foods, cooks must be careful to prevent cross-contamination that can lead to bacterial infections.



GRILLING

Practice food safety

Warmer temperatures lead to an increase in outdoor dining. Grillmasters anxiously wait to show off their skills while guests gravitate around the barbecue in the backyard.

No matter the temperature outside or the size of the crowd around your dinner table, food safety is a concern whenever foods will be transported inside and outdoors or enjoyed in the fresh air.

A survey conducted by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics found that, while most people realize the months of May through September are prime times for the threat of food poisoning, consumers still are not practicing correct outdoor food safety procedures. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there are around 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses each year in the United States alone. Those involve hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and thousands of deaths. The CDC warns that people need to be even more diligent during warmer months to prevent food-related illnesses.

FOOD SAFETY STARTS AT THE STORE

Food can spoil even before making its way into your kitchen. When food shopping, put the cold and frozen items on your list in your cart last. This will help keep them fresher longer.

Always use plastic bags to



Maintain food safety when cooking or dining outdoors.

protect other foods against raw meat or poultry juices that can leak. Bag these items together at checkout so that you'll know to immediately put all of the perishable items away when you get home.

Some people invest in insulated, reusable tote bags that can keep cold food cold on the ride home. Even if you use such bags, always head directly home after food shopping; do not stop along the way and

leave food in a warm car where it can quickly spoil.

SAFETY AROUND THE GRILL

Preparing foods involves avoiding cross-contamination between uncooked and cooked foods. That means switching utensils so that bacteria will not transfer from uncooked or partially cooked food to fully cooked food.

Use a cooler to keep refrigerated foods cold until it's time to put them on the grill if you're cooking away from home, such as at a public picnic site. Otherwise, wait until the grill is hot and ready before bringing out foods that need to be cooked.

Rely on a cooking thermometer to test the internal temperature of foods to ensure they reach temperatures that will kill bacteria or other patho-

gens. Hamburgers should reach 160 F and chicken breasts 165 F. When reheating fully cooked meats like hot dogs, grill to 165 F, or until steaming hot.

Discard any unused marinades so that they do not contaminate cooked foods.

OUTDOOR BUFFET TIPS

Food also needs to be protected once it is served. Use ice or coolers to keep cold salads and condiments at at least 40 F. Foods should not remain outside in hot weather of 90 F or above for more than one hour. The maximum time food should be kept sitting out is two hours, says the USDA.

Keep hands and utensils clean at all times. This way you do not transfer any germs onto safe foods. If a fresh water source is unavailable, keep hand wipes or disinfecting gels at the ready to clean up before eating.

CLEAN UP WELL

Promptly clean all serving platters, utensils and cutting boards if they have been in contact with raw food juices. The FDA even recommends that you sanitize your cutting board with chlorine bleach, and replace it if the surface gets worn and difficult to clean.

Outdoor cooking and dining are quite popular. Following safety precautions can go a long way toward preventing foodborne illnesses.

Master magical marinades



With their mix of acidic ingredients and spices, marinades add flavor and may even pack some nutritional punch.

Grilled foods boast inviting flavors that put many diners on the lookout for second helpings. Quite often the magic behind grilled meals lies in the marinade used to give foods that flavorful kick.

Marinades can be used to enhance the flavor of meats, vegetables and poultry. While marinades add flavor, they also may be responsible for some other benefits in grilled foods.

MARINADES ADD FLAVOR

Defined as a savory acidic sauce in which food is soaked to enrich its flavor, marinades help break down fiber and tenderize certain foods. The base of many marinades include vinegar, lemon juice or wine, and marinades can be enhanced with spices, oil and herbs.

It's important not to let foods sit in marinades for too long, as any alcohol, acid or salt in the mixture can chemically "cook" the food in a process known as "denaturing." Adhere to timing recommendations when using store-bought marinades, and keep such guidelines in mind when using homemade marinades as well. Many may tell you to let foods sit no longer than four hours. Marinades with citrus juices may require even less time for flavor to penetrate.

The timing of marinade use also will depend on the foods being marinated. Delicate items, such as seafood, may change with regard to texture or color in a matter of minutes.

It's important to always marinate foods in the refrig-

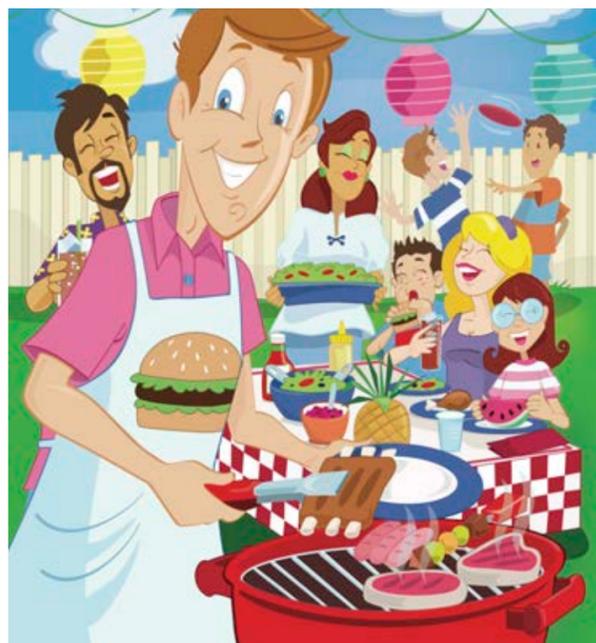
erator. Food left sitting out on a counter — even when it's in a marinade — invites the growth of bacteria. If a recipe calls for marinating at room temperature, continue to marinate in the refrigerator, but extend the length of time you marinate. This helps to prevent foodborne illnesses.

When marinating, use plastic or glass containers so the marinade does not cause a chemical reaction, which may occur if you marinate foods in metal containers. Discard all marinades for raw meats and poultry when the time comes to cook the foods, as leftover marinades may contain bacteria that makes them unsafe to reuse on other foods.

THE NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS OF MARINATING

In addition to flavor, marinades may improve the nutritional value of grilled foods. In 2008, researchers at Kansas State University discovered that marinating meat in antioxidant-rich spice blends can reduce the risk of forming heterocyclic amines, or HCAs, by more than 80 percent. HCAs are harmful, cancer-causing compounds that form when food chars over an open flame at high temperatures. Marinades must be rich in spices to have any HCA-busting properties.

Marinades are a secret weapon in the creation of tasty, tender and healthy foods. They come in quite handy when grilling, and add an extra dose of flavor when cooking over high heat.



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