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TAKING IT ALL IN

Reader Lynn Daley's daughter takes a moment to admire the beauty of Fall in New England during a family hike on Mt. Wachusett.

Charlton awarded Green Communities grant

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - The town of Charlton was one of 91 municipalities awarded Green Communities competitive grants in September.

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$14.9 million in Green Communities Grants, \$211,000 of which has been awarded to Charlton. The money will be split among several projects including installing LED lights at both the library and town hall, wastewater treatment purchases and administrative and technical assistance expenses.

"Today's grant announce-

ment is the largest award in the Green Communities program history and represents our Administration's commitment to supporting clean energy efforts for cities and towns across Massachusetts," said Gov. Charlie Baker in a press release in September. "The projects funded by these grants will allow cities and towns across the Commonwealth to reinvest their energy savings in vital public services like schools, public safety, and local infrastructure."

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito also released a statement commending complimenting the program and the assistance it provides to communities across

the commonwealth.

"As Massachusetts works to meet ambitious energy and emission reduction goals, the Green Communities program gives municipal partners the resources they need to continue building upon the substantial energy progress each city and town has already made," Polito said. "We look forward to the continued success in energy innovation these grants will ensure across the Commonwealth."

In order to qualify as a Green Community, Charlton has to meet five criteria with the grants helping support initiatives geared towards ener-

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Selectmen seek consistency in lowering of fla

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - The Charlton Board of Selectmen has adopted a new policy in order to ensure that the American flags

on town properties are properly lowered on appropriate occasions.

The topic was added to the agenda for a Board of Selectmen meeting in late September after Selectman Bill Borowski was contacted by a concerned citizen when it was noticed that flags weren't properly lowered to half staff to recognize the anniversary of Sept. 11. Town hall officials also confirmed they were con-

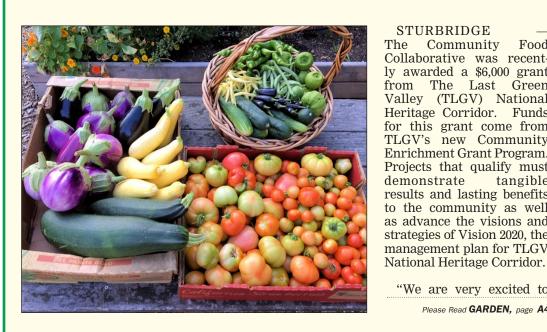
tacted about the mistake, calling it an "erroneous error." While officials noted that at the time, the town hall was dealing with a malware attack, that was not considered an excuse for overlooking lowering the

flags out of respect for the lives lost 18 years ago.

Selectman David Singer said he requested adding the item to the Sept. 24 meeting agenda after hearing of the commu-

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Local community garden awarded \$6,000 grant



STURBRIDGE The Community Collaborative was recently awarded a \$6,000 grant

from The Last Green Valley (TLGV) National Heritage Corridor. Funds for this grant come from TLGV's new Community Enrichment Grant Program. Projects that qualify must demonstrate tangible results and lasting benefits to the community as well as advance the visions and strategies of Vision 2020, the management plan for TLGV

"We are very excited to Please Read GARDEN, page A4

Nexamp opens regional office in Sturbridge



The whole Sturbridge Nexamp staff. President Zaid Ashai is second one to the right of the table.

BY GUS STEEVES

STURBRIDGE — You've probably never heard of Nexamp by name, but have probably passed several of their large solar arrays while

driving through the region. The firm inaugurated its cen-

tral Massachusetts headquarters last week, claiming a space on Hall Road in Sturbridge.

"We're excited to be here and looking forward to having a space to conduct the business we need to do," said Construction Director Jen

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Join these local businesses in supporting breast cancer awareness this October!

Breast cancer signs and symptoms

Breast cancer is a formidable foe. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 627,000 women lost their lives to breast cancer in 2018. But women are not helpless in the fight against breast cancer, as the WHO notes early detection is critical and could potentially save thousands of lives each year.

A proactive approach is a key component of protecting oneself against breast cancer. While the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.® notes that many breast cancer symptoms are invisible

and not noticeable without a professional cancer screening, women can keep an eye out for certain signs of breast cancer they might be able to detect on their own. Monthly self-exams can help women more easily identify changes in their breasts. During such self-exams, women can look for the following signs and symptoms and are advised to report any abnormalities they discover to their physicians immediately.

 Changes in how the breast or nipple feels: The NBCF says nipple tenderness or a lump or thickening in or near the breast or underarm could indicate the presence of breast cancer. Some women may notice changes in the skin texture or an enlargement of the pores in the skin of their breast. In many instances, skin texture has been described as being similar to the texture of an orange peel. Lumps in the breast also may indicate breast cancer, though not all lumps are cancerous.

 Change in appearance of the breast or nipple: Unexplained changes in the size or shape of the breast; dimpling anywhere on the breast; unexplained



swelling or shrinking of the breast, particularly when the shrinking or swelling is exclusive to one side only; and a nipple that is turned slightly inward or inverted are some signs and symptoms of breast cancer that

can affect the appearance of the breast or nipple. It is common for women's breasts to be asymmetrical, but sudden asymmetry should be brought to the attention of a physician.

• Discharge from the

nipple: The NBCF notes that any discharge from the nipple, but particularly a clear or bloody discharge, could be a sign of breast cancer. The NBCF also advises women that a milky discharge when they are not breastfeeding is not linked to breast cancer but should be discussed with a physician.

Learning to recognize the signs and symptoms of breast cancer can increase the likelihood of early diagnosis, which greatly improves women's chances of surviving this disease.

Educating young women about breast cancer

At the age of 12 to 15, many young women are experiencing the body and life changes that accompany adolescence. It can be difficult to imagine that breasts that are just beginning to develop may contain cancer. But such is the reality for some girls.

The majority of women who receive a breast cancer diagnosis are over the age of 40. Experts at Monroe Carell Jr. Hospital at Vanderbilt University note that only 5 percent of breast cancer cases are found in women under the age of 40. However, the hospital recently treated a 14-year-old girl who found a lump and learned she had a rare form of breast cancer called a phyllodes tumor. In 2009, a 13-year-old from Little Rock, Ark. found

a quarter-sized lump in her right breast, while a 19-year-old student at the College of New Jersey was diagnosed with cancerous cells and underwent a bilateral mastectomy.

Though such cases are rare, it behooves teenage and adolescent girls to familiarize themselves with the disease and be mindful of their breast

Some organizations have increased breast cancer messages for young girls, and it is not uncommon to find young women participating in runs and fundraisers for breast cancer research. Some organizations even conduct breast cancer workshops to educate young women about breast health. Dorothy Paterson of Texas, a former Girl Scout leader who was diagnosed with breast cancer herself, began conducting workshops for Girl Scouts in 2007. The idea isn't to scare girls into believing they have the disease, but rather to increase their awareness of changes in their bodies that may or may not be normal.

Some parents worry that educating children about breast cancer may cause them to worry unnecessarily, especially considering a young girl's risk of developing breast cancer is so minimal. Just as with older women, adolescents and teens should realize that eating healthy foods, exercising, avoiding alcohol and tobacco, and maintaining annual physical exams with a doctor are key ways to reduce the risk for cancer.







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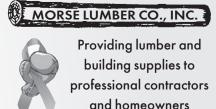
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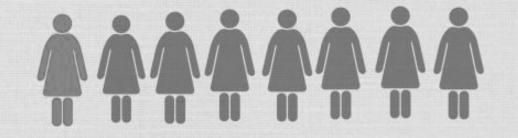


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Last year, the Charlton REAS Foundation awarded 45 senior citizens with heating/cooling assistance totaling \$17,400. REAS is now taking them from the REAS Web site at www. applications for the 2019-2020 heating season, which began Oct. 1 and will run through April 30. Assistance for this program would not be possible if it weren't for our annual fundraisers and the generous donations of local businesses, organizations and individuals.

Lottery calendars are drawn each day in the month of February. Calendars are just \$10 each, and are available

> at the Charlton Senior Center, or you may download

reascharlton.org. The grand prize of \$500 will be drawn at our annual "Taste of the Towns" event, to be held on Leap Day (Saturday, Feb. 29). The Taste of the Towns brings together a variety of local food and beverage vendors for guests to sample at a tasting. Also offered are silent auction items, raffle items, door prizes and more. For more information, call (508) 868-5289 or see the flyer on our Web site.

Thank you for your support, and please know your donation can make a

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If you need assistance or you know someone who does, please call (508) 868-5289. If you'd like to send a donation, address to Charlton REAS Foundation. P.O. Box 793, Charlton, MA 01507. Charlton REAS Foundation Board of Directors: Debra Ciesluk, Ed Ciesluk, Michael Cunningham, Ray Delisle, Carl Ekman, Darlene Emco-Rollins, Kathy Kaczynski, Dorothy LaChance, Elaine Materas, Katherine Pariseau, Jean Vincent, Sabrina Webb.

Fatal collision shuts down Route 20

closed for several hours following a fatal two-vehicle accident last week.

The head-on wreck took place on Oct. 11 at approximately 2 p.m. near the intersection with Holland Road. The collision involved a 2019 Nissan Versa and a 2015 Volvo S60. The driver of the Nissan, a 58-year-old man from Brimfield, was pronounced

BRIMFIELD - Route 20 was

dead at the scene.

The driver of the Volvo, a 52-year-old man from Brighton, was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

Troopers assigned to the State Police Sturbridge barracks responded to the scene, as well as Brimfield Police and Fire. Traffic in the area was heavily congested until approximately

The wreck remains under investigation by the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the Hampden County State Police Detective Unit, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

As of press time, police had not released the name of the victim. No charges have been filed.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Computer key
- 4. Periodical (abbr.) 7. Hot beverage
- 8. Capital of Ghana
- 10. Shrek is one
- 12. Behemoth
- 13. Good friend 14. Form of "to be"
- 16. Where travelers rest
- 17. European country
- 19. Everyone has one
- 20. Pop
- 21. Feelings of anxiety 25. Small amount
- 26. Moved quickly
- 27. Common name for a type of frog
- 29. Free from psychological disorder 30. 8th month (abbr.)
- 31. Basics
- 32. Transcending national boundaries
- 39. Natives of Kashmir 41. Returned material
- authorization (abbr.)
- 42. Cigar wrapper
- 43. Brew
- 44. Popular video game series
- 45. Abba , Israeli politician
- 46. Jewelled headdress
- 48. French cleric
- 49. Bizarre
- 50. Unit of measurement
- 51. Foul-mouthed Hollywood bear
- 52. "Partridge Family" actress

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gy efficiency and clean energy. Charlton is one of 240 cities and towns in Massachusetts designated as Green Communities. Each community qualified for a maximum \$250,000 in grant money.

Sen. Anne Gobi, who serves as the Senate Chair

of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, release a comment congratulating her towns, including Ashburnham, Ashby, Barre, Hardwick, Monson, Warren, and, of course, Charlton, for earning the funding.

"This municipal-state partnership has been so successful and provides much needed assistance to communities as we strive for a cleaner, more sustainable Commonwealth," Gobi To date the Department of

Energy Resoruce has awarded over \$118 million to the 240 Green Communities towns. The program is nearing its ten year anniversary having awarded its first grants in 2010.

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. Smooth
- 3. Clothing pattern
- 4. Defunct phone company 5. Something to take
- 6. Type of piano 8. Consumed
- 9. "Pitch Perfect" actress
- Kendrick 11. Ray-finned fish
- 14. Heat storage stove
- 15. Shrink back
- 18. Yukon Territory 19. Connects words
- 20. Sound unit
- 22. Furniture with open shelves

23. Cool!

SOLUTION

- 28. Not safe, but ...
- 27. Source of the Nile River

 - 31. Comedienne Gasteyer

 - 35. Evergreen trees and shrubs genus

 - 38. Isolated
 - 40. Electronic intelligence gathering
- 24. 007's creator
 - 29. Helps little firms
 - 32. Conceptualize 33. Root mean square (abbr.)
 - 34. Integrated circuit

 - 36. Apprehended
 - Suitable for growing crops

 - 39. Footwear company
 - 44. Political action committee
 - 47. Free of

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receive this grant," said Joe Coan, the garden's president. "As specified in our application, funds from the grant will be dispersed on a reimbursement basis and matched 1:1 by cash or in-kind contributions. We plan to use the funds to expand the irrigation system we installed to half of the

also want to replace the existing plastic fence with a new metal fence that can withstand the critters chewing through it which we experienced repeatedly this year."

garden this season. We

Awarded at the end of September, the Community Food Collaborative garden has one year to complete the projects speci-

submit documentation for review and approv-

fied in the grant and to

The Community Food Collaborativegarden is a volunteer-driven project of the Rotary Community Corps of Sturbridge and Southbridge. All the organic vegetables raised in the garden are donated to the Saint John Paul II Food

Pantry in Southbridge. Over 3,000 pounds were donated so far this year and a few vegetables are still growing. The garden is located behind the Sturbridge Town Hall near the lower parking lot. Visit the progress of the CFC garden on their Facebook page at www.facebook. com/CFCGardens/ or on their Web site at http://cfcgarden.org.

FLAGS

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nication Selectman Borowski had received from a citizen. He acknowledged that in the past the town had looked to the state for when flags should be lowered to half staff, but going forward, it should be normal practice for Charlton to lower the flags as they see fit without needing to be reminded.

"It never should have happened in the first place. One thing I will point out is, this town has, in the past, not relied

upon the state to be our guide for what's right and I think that going forward this town should continue to follow that course," Singer said.

Selectmen unanimously approved a new policy that will allow for a more organized approach to lowering the flags at all town buildings without relying so heavily on notifications from the state. The policy will also reportedly allow for more consistency by making sure all buildings are aware of days when they need to lower flags even if the state doesn't provide a reminder. After hearing the

initial complaints Selectman Bill Borowski said he was happy to see the topic addressed at the meeting.

"I think it was just more of a discussion to let everyone know that, look, a mistake was made, we're really sorry, it obviously was not intentional and basically just to talk through it and say let's just figure out how to do this going forward," Borowski said. "If we need a formal policy then so be it, but let's apologize and figure out some way that it doesn't happen again."

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New exhibit shows local a rtists 'connected in nature'



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Doreen LaScola and Piya Samant are showing togetrhe at Jacob Edwards Library all month. Behind them is one of LaScola's paintings called "Hidden Jewel," a scene of Doane's Falls in Royalston.

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — For artist Piya Samant of Auburn, this month's show at Jacob Edwards Library is a sort of homecoming. She's shown in town three times, twice here.

"It's always incredible to show here," she said. "It's lovely they do it here, and great Margaret [Morrissey] takes the intiative."

This time, though, Samant is showing with a newcomer to town, Doreen LaScola of Winchendon, but the two are far from strangers. They've shared two previous billings, both at Worcester's Sprinkler Factory, but said they've yet to paint together.

"It's wonderful to offer them thematically-linked shows tied into the happenings in the wider world," Morrissey, the library director, said.

She was referring to the fact the show's title is "Connected in Nature" and is part of this month's Last Green Valley Walktober calendar of events.



Two of Piya Samant's entries in this month's art show.

"I think it's really significant we change our environment every month because of what the artists bring," she added. "Southbridge has a few places people can compare and contrast art styles – here, the Arts Center, Starlite. ... For anybody who wants to lose themselves in peaceful thought, you can sit and look and dream."

For both Samant and LaScola, that kind of inspiration often comes from Nature. LaScola said she tries to "capture the wind, the cold, the leaves rustling. ... This revives me somehow."

But she intially did not like what's termed "plein air" painting (that is, outdoors), "but I kept going until I didn't hate it anymore," she said. In the studio, her paintings are mostly abstract, although she actually uses a wide range of media, including woodcuts, acryclics, oils and encaustic.

To Samant, artistic expression blends cultures. She grew up in Gujarat, India, where there's "a lot of color in the fabrics and textiles, but everything is concrete, so I like to incorporate the flora and fauna of New England." She especially likes sunrise and tries to get up to see and photograph it wherever she travels because it's "different everywhere."

Her art career started at age 4 or 5 with drawing, then portraits, which she still loves, but she wants "to explore everything until I commit to something."

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learn about their personality," she noted.

LaScola also started with drawing, but in a somewhat curious subject.

"When I was young, I was fascinated by hobos and jumping on trains," she said. "My brother helped me draw my first hobo."

Like Samant, LaScola has "the travel bug," and fulfilled it for a while as a stewardess before landing at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. That "opened up my eyes and gave me a vehicle to express myself I didn't have before."

After college, she spent 35 years as a graphic designer, but that was just to make a living.

"When I'm making art, I breathe," she said.

Over the years, approach her changed. has Initially, she "got an image and that's what I was working on," LaScola said. But now "sometimes I just go in and see what I get," because of working in plein air, whether she's outdoors or in the studio.

Both women are members of ArtsWorcester, and Samant said "They've been really helpful for my art career. Any emerging artists can really benefit from them."

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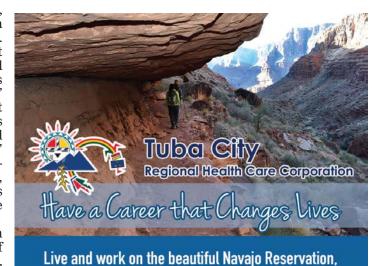
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Fayth is legally free for adoption and would do well in a loving, structured home environment with a single mother or two-parent family. Fayth currently lives with a female child who is the same age as her and they are doing very well together. Interested families should be able to maintain the Open Adoption Agreement with Fayth's birth

Age 10 Adoption Agreement with Fayth's birth mother, and the connection she has with her two sisters. They should also be open to supporting Fayth's needs when it comes to her hearing loss.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."



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A day for healing

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STURBRIDGE – Healing was the aim of the day at the Host Hotel Sunday, as area nonprofit Pink Hippy brought together a variety of alternative practitioners to share their skills and ideas in the Integrative Therapies Expo. Among other things, attendees could get short sessions of massage, reflexology and yoga, learn meditation practices and nutrition tips, and listen or meditate to Native American flute music, Celtic harp, and guitar. They could also access various resources for dealing with breast cancer (Pink Hippy's overall focus), learn about medical marijuana and acupuncture, and get some free food.

The organization is based at Generations, 129 East Main St., Webster, and can be found online at www.pinkhippy.org.

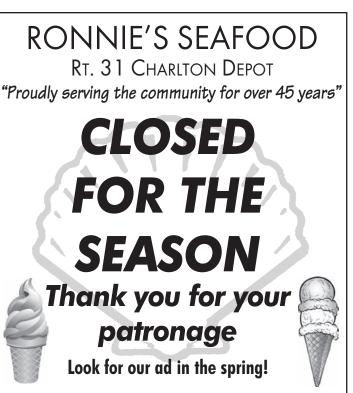




Bree Marion of Leicester gives a client a massage.



Three women participate in a restorative yoga mini-class.







Vin Mitchell provides some background guitar music appropriate for healing.



Kate Hardy and Steve Margelony staff one of the Pink Hippy tables featuring pink stuffed animals and small air ferns growing out of wooden statuettes' heads.



Craig Standing Bear of Oxford plays Native American tunes on flute with Anne Belliveau's accompaniment on bodhran.

Put Fall leaves to work in your landscape



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Raking fall leaves can seem like a chore and a never-ending one, at that. Reduce time and effort spent managing fall leaves by putting this valuable resource to work in your landscape

Use your mower to recycle leaves right where they fall. As you mow the grass, you'll shred the leaves into smaller pieces. If they are the size of a quarter or smaller, your lawn will be fine. As these leaf pieces decompose, they add organic matter and nutrients to the soil

Another option is to attach a bagger to shred and collect the leaves with every pass of the mower. Only use grass clippings collected from lawns that have not been treated with a weed killer this fall. Or burn a few extra calories and rake the leaves into a pile. Shred with a leaf shredder or mower and spread them over the soil surface around perennials. Leaf mulch helps insulate plant roots, conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down.

Bag shredded leaves you want to save for next season. Tuck them out of sight for winter under trees or around the foundation of your house for added insulation.

Dig extra shredded leaves into vacant annual flower and vegetable gardens or incorporate them into the soil as you prepare new planting beds. They will break down over winter, improving the drainage in heavy clay soils and the water-holding ability in fast-draining soils.



Melinda Myers Photo

Shred and collect fall leaves with every pass of the mower. Then place a layer in flower beds to insulate perennial plant roots, conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down.

Create compost with shredded leaves and other landscape trimmings. Do not use meat, bones or dairy that can attract rodents. Avoid diseased, insect-infested trimmings and weeds that can survive in compost piles that don't produce enough heat to kill these unwanted pests.

Start with a compost pile that's at least three feet high and wide for efficient decomposition. Place a mixture of shredded fall leaves, grass clippings free of herbicides, vegetable scraps and other landscape

trimmings in an 8- to 10-inch layer. Cover with compost and sprinkle with a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer.

Repeat the layers until the pile is the desired height. Then moisten until it's the consistency of a damp sponge. Turn the pile occasionally, moving the material in the center to the outer edge and the less decomposed trimmings to the hotter center. It's a great workout and speeds decomposition. Or pile the materials in a heap and let nature do the work; it just takes longer.

Oak and large maple leaves both make great mulches and additions to the compost pile but are slow to break down. Shred them with your mower or leaf shredder first for better results. Avoid black walnut leaves that contain juglone, a compound which is toxic to many plants. Once the leaves are fully decomposed the compost is safe to use.

As you begin putting fall leaves to work in your landscape, you'll start considering them a gift versus a curse from nature especially as you see the results of your efforts – a more beautiful landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow AnythingDVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments. Myers' Web site, www.MelindaMyers. com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gardening checklists.

NEXAMP

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Delaney, who noted the firm's area workforce has been working out of homes and trailers for some time now. Town Administrator Jeff Bridges was

equally optimistic.
"It's a good addition to the Sturbridge

business portfolio, particularly on the high-tech side. I hope they find the region welcoming," he said.

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Moments later, he told the Nexamp staff, "We've got some great technology businesses in town. I was surprised when I got here at the level of tech we enjoy. You're welcome to be part of

According to the state's Corporations Database, Nexamp is a Delaware-based company founded in November 2007 and registered in Massachusetts January 2008. At the time, it described its activities to be "[a] full range of activities with respect to energy and carbon reduction," but completely changed its board of directors in May 2019. As of its most recent annual report (for 2018), the firm describes itself as a "photovoltaic

energy assets holding company."
In practice, President Zaid Ashai said
Nexamp "started being an installer of
solar, wind and geothermal" but since
2013 has been the "developer, owner
and operator" of commercial solar
arrays. The Sturbridge office is the
firm's third in the state (after Boston
and Haverhill), and it also has branches
in Chicago, New York and Washington,

"Solar technology continues to improve, so the cost continues to be driven down," he said.

He expects to see a lot more solar on rooftops and parking lots, but also improved battery storage systems that will "allow us to behave like a baseline [energy] source."

That has long been solar's key stumbling block – the fact the sun isn't always shining and the quality of energy storage systems has been somewhat behind that of the panels themselves. But with improvement in the latter and overall modrnization of the grid, Ashai said he expects solar to eventually provide 30-60 percent of the nation's energy supply.

According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's solar update for May 2019, the US now has about 11 gigawatts of solar capacity representing 2.3 percent of total electricity generation. That's expected to double by 2022. Overall, renewables account for 22 percent of capacity and 18 percent of actual generation (including solar, geothermal, wind and hydro but not nuclear).

Those numbers are just a starting point compared to the laws several states have already set requiring 100 percent alternative energy supplies by 2050 – California, Nevada, Washington,



Sturbridge Town Administrator Jeff Bridges, center, talks to Nexamp Senior Vice President Chris Perron and Communication Manager Keith Hevenor.

New Mexico, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia and Hawaii. The governors of seven other states have either signed executive orders or pledged to do so, including Massachusetts, the NREL report states.

A bill now in the Legislature, S. 2005, calls for 2000 MW of energy storage by 2030, sets a greenhouse gas reduction goal of "not less than 75 percent below" 1990 levels by 2040, and requires public fund divestment from fossil fuels by 2026, but does not specify percentages

for various kinds of alternative energy

Such laws are driven by generally awful predictions about the impact of climate change if we do not act soon. According to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website, the global average temperature is now 0.79 degrees Celsius (1.42 degrees Fahrenheit) above the 20th -century average, with almost all of that warming happening since 1980. Projections for the future range greatly, largely dependent on whether atmospheric carbon keeps growing, levels off or declines. The best IPCC model (RCP 2.6) shows a roughly stable temperature slightly above that of the present through 2300. The worst (RCP 8.5) projects an increase that ranges from 3 degrees Celsius to more than 12 degrees Celsius above present by 2300. The wide range is in part because scientists do not yet have a good handle on numerous natural feedback loops that might be triggered by such events as melting permafrost and sea ice or ocean

acidification.

"If we do not address climate change by 2050, the future for the next generations is dire," Ashai told his Sturbridge staff. "The consequences will cost us a lot more than we can bear."

Ashai said Nexamp aims to help build "virtual powerplants and microgrids" and other things that can allow the energy system to support alternatives over the long term.

Doing so, he said, will "allow energy to be more accessible, allow the grid to

be more transparent and allow customers to have more choices."

The Sturbridge office will largely focus on coordinating the firm's various commercial and residential solar projects in central and western Massachusetts, providing a place where its engineers, designers and project managers can work without having to commute to Boston. Delaney said they have three active arrays in Charlton plus one about to turn on, one in Wales, two in Sutton and a couple in Palmer, among other locations.

"We will build where we can build," depending in part on whether they can connect into the regional grid from a given location, she said.

Stephan MacPhee handles some of the residential side of the business, noting people can either buy the panels outright or lease them; Nexamp has 6-12 different plans. When he started about 12 years ago, such solar was always a cash purchase and generally cost more than other energy sources, but now it's less. Also, back then they could only go on south-facing roofs, but there's a lot more flexibility today, although there are still limits depending on shade, roofing material, and the home's electrical

system itself.

"I'm happy I've been in this industry and seen it grow," he said. "It's a great space to be in."

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EDITORIAL Healing through

At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, and tempers are quick to flare over such hotbed issues as the border war, gun control, human rights violations and climate change, it's become increasingly common to hear our peers speak of strange times and an undefined feeling of malaise. Interpersonal violence has been on the rise, and an overall sense of disconnectedness has led many to feel isolated and fearful.

The international playing field seems full of land mines, both literal and metaphorical, and each day brings unpredictable media headlines. As the national stage normalizes disrespect of others and that behavior seeps into everyday interactions, it becomes more necessary than ever for all of us to practice goodwill toward others. The opioid epidemic touches a growing number of families. Many people hide behind their social media personas; quick to fire volatile opinions they would otherwise be unable to say in face-to-face interactions. We hear that climate change isn't real, while also being told that a mass extinction is underway and life as we know it will end in thirty years. Every day we send our children to school, secretly questioning whether they will

Some days, the problems of the world feel insurmountable. While there is no simple one-solution-fits-all approach to the issues swirling around us, sometimes the best way to make sense of the world is simply by helping others. Rosalynn Carter summed it up best when she said, "Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place." Volunteering provides countless benefits to both the giver and the recipient. Uplifting others, even something as simple as making another person smile, can change the path of an entire day if not a life. We are well aware of the gift of service and how it benefits others who may be less fortunate. But we do not often consider the impact volunteering can have on our well-being.

As we each consider our path to wellness, we would be wise to include community engagement alongside cardio and strength training. Research has shown that volunteering not only increases self-confidence and combats depression, it also helps us stay physically healthy and lowers mortality rates. Through community service, we form tangible bonds with others, and our social and relationship skills improve. And just maybe, each charitable act we perform will help offset that malaise that hangs in the air.

As civil rights leader Dorothy Height once said, "Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop."

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Country music finds beauty in our imperfections

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By Gary W.

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I just finished watching the final of eight episodes of the Ken Burns Country Music documentary. Last week, I wrote of how Country Music was the soundtrack of my life. Every Country song up until a specific date in my life triggers

a memory for me. As is life, some memories are happy and others not, but in almost every moment of my life until 1983, a Country song was playing in the background.

My dad was a devoted Country Music fan. His favorite artists were Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Ernest Tubb, Bob Wills and many others, but Merle Haggard topped his list. He knew all the words and after a beer or two on a Saturday night he'd begin singing them.

My sisters and I idolized our father for many reasons. He was always there for us regardless of the problem. He always had a kind and encouraging word and could make us laugh at the drop of a hat. We loved Country Music because he did.

I can name the specific moment that I pushed Country Music out my life. It was 6:15 PM on May 13, 1983. My dad died suddenly and unexpectedly of a massive heart attack and for me, Country Music died with him. The music I grew up listening to became representative of the loss of the pillar of our family. I shut it off. Every musical memory included my father and he was now gone. Ken Burns brought me back to the music of my youth and I am grateful.

And I have a lot of catching up to do! So many new artists came after that date and I missed them all. I find myself especially attracted to the music and sound of Dwight Yoakam. To me he's a country music newcomer even though he's been around for thirty years. It's as if I turned off the radio and fell asleep for over three decades and I'm hearing many of the stars and their music for the first time ... and loving it.

None among us is perfect. Not one.

What is it about this enduring musical genre that captivates millions around the globe? I think that Country Music finds beauty in our imperfections. Death, addiction, divorce, pain, loss, failure ... it doesn't matter which of life's problems are featured, Country finds a way of creating acceptance. It let's us know we are not alone, and others have experienced the same and suffered with us. It shares that as bad as things may be, 'the music' understands and will stay by our side as it helps us sort through the pain and find a way to overcome. Country Music is more than notes on a page

or organized sounds, it is a friend when you need one the most.

Country Music is also respect. I've never heard of a Country star trashing his or her hotel room or cursing at fans. I have not seen a

Country star give his fans the finger or walking off stage during a temper tantrum. Country Music stars genuinely seem to understand they are nothing without the people who buy tickets or download their songs. I always am touched by their respect.

Arlene and I were at a business meeting in Branson, Missouri in 1993 and was having breakfast on our last day. I looked aver after we were seated, and I saw Merle Haggard sitting at a table talking to a younger band member. He was telling the younger that it is okay to make mistakes if you learn from them. He was coaching a younger musician about something that had happened. I remember the kindness in his voice.

I asked our server to please give me his check, which she did. After a while, Haggard stood and asked his server for his check and she pointed over to our table and said we had paid it. He walked over and thanked us then asked, "Why'd you want to buy our breakfast?"

"My dad loved your music and you made him happy for many years. He died in 1983 and he never got the chance to thank you himself. So, this is his son's way of thanking you on his behalf." He responded, "Thank you. I'm sorry I never had the opportunity to meet him." We exchanged a few other pleasantries and he turned to leave the restaurant, then he stopped, turned back and laughed. "Where will you be for lunch?"

It was a beautiful experience for me to be able to thank Merle Haggard for his music, and I was genuinely touched by his kindness.

I think most importantly for me, Country Music is forgiving. I dropped it without notice and left thirty-five years ago and didn't look back. But now, that I have returned, Country Music has welcomed me back with opened arms and only responded with the title of the Kathy Mattea hit song ...

"Where've you been?"

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Be creative when withdrawing from retirement accounts



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Like many people, you may spend decades putting money your into IRA and your 401(k) or similar employ-

er-sponsored retirement plan. But eventually you will want to take this money out - if you must start withdrawing some of it. How can you make the best use of these funds?

To begin with, here's some background: When you turn 70 and a half, you need to start withdrawals - called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 457(b) or 403(b). (A Roth IRA is not subject to these rules; you can essentially keep your account intact for as long as you like.) You can take more than the RMD, but if you don't take at least the minimum (which is based on your account balance and your life expectancy), you'll generally be taxed at 50% of the amount you should have taken - so don't forget these withdrawals.

Here, then, is the question: What should you do with the RMDs? If you need the entire amount to help support your lifestyle, there's no issue you take the money and use it. But what if you don't need it all? Keeping in mind that the withdrawals are generally fully taxable at your personal income tax rate, are there some particularly smart ways in which you can use the money to help your family or, possibly, a charitable organization?

Here are a few suggestions:

Help your grown children with their retirement accounts. Your grown children may not always be able to afford to "max out" on their IRAs. You might want to help them with any excess funds from your own retirement accounts. You can give \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring any gift taxes an amount far higher than the current annual IRA contribution limit of \$6,000 (or \$7,000 for individuals 50 or older).

Help your grandchildren pay for college. You might want to contribute to an investment specifically designed to build assets for college. A financial professional can help you choose which investments might be most appropriate. Of course, if your grandchildren are already in college, you are free to simply write a check to the school to help cover tuition and other expenses.

Help support a charitable organization. Due to recent changes in tax laws, many individuals now claim a standard deduction, rather than itemizing. As a result, there's less of an incentive, from a tax standpoint, for people to contribute to charitable organizations.

But if you'd still like to support a charitable group and gain potential tax benefits, you might want to consider moving some, or all, of your required distributions from your IRA to a charity. You can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA in this type of qualified charitable distribution, thus meeting your RMD requirements without adding to your taxable income. Furthermore, this move might keep you in a lower tax bracket. (Before making this transfer, though, you will need to consult with your tax advisor.)

Your RMDs can contribute greatly to your retirement income, but, as we've seen, they can do even more than that – so use them wisely.

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Painting Tips

If your surroundings are looking a little drab this season, the solution could be as simple as adding color to your space. Whether you plan to completely renovate a tired room or just focus on a wall or two, nothing spruces up a room like paint. Best of all, paint products

and ideas available today make it easier than ever to be a do-it-yourselfer! The following tips offer some smart solutions to cut your next project down to size.

To tell if bargain paint is a true deal, rub a little between your fingers. if it feels perfectly smooth, it's a quality paint. If it has a gritty feel, the paint's not up to par.

Want to get the best price on paint? Consumer groups claim April is the best month to purchase paint at a discount.

Be sure to check out the "oops" gal-

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lons of paint at your favorite paint or home store. When consumers return mixed paints or don't accept them once the colors are blended, they are often sold at a fraction of their original price. Even if you can't find a color you like, remember a light

color can often be used as a primer to cut costs. And if you're lucky you can alter the

hue a little to better suit your needs, as some stores will even re-tint these bargain paints.

Flat paint is a top choice for ceilings, but quality differs. Here's how to tell the good from the bad. Buy tiny samples of flat paint, then place a spoonful of each on a flat surface. Put a drop of food coloring on the paint blobs. The one that spreads the least is the best quality paint.

Want to repaint but you're not sure if that dried paint surface is latex or oil based? Here's a trick to test: Scrub a small painted area clean and dry well. Soak a cotton ball in rubbing alcohol and rub over the cleaned spot. If traces of paint come off, it's latex and should be repainted with the same. If it doesn't come off, it is oil based.

Don't know what to paint first? : Experts advise painting in this order: ceiling, walls, trim, cabinets, and doors.

When painting new plaster, or a similar porous surface, paint on a solution of water mixed with PVA glue first. This will seal the surface and stop the paint from soaking into the plaster. Not only does it give a much better finish, but the paint will go further too.

To prevent paint peels on cement floors, wash them down with full strength white vinegar before you paint them. Once dry, apply the paint. It will adhere and prevent future peels. This trick also works to help paint adhere to

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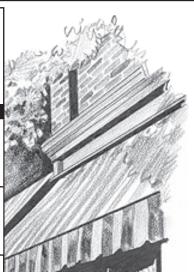
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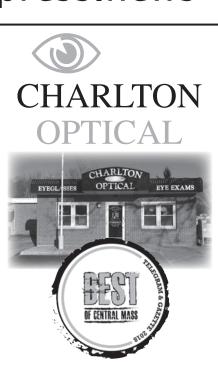
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This past weekend was just perfect to be outdoors for most activities. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club opened their pond to fishing after a healthy stocking of trout in the club pond. Very few took advantage of the trout stocking, with only a hand full of members fishing at the noon time opening. The rainbow and brown trout were nice size, and

will provide some great fishing in the coming weeks.

This writer fished Wallum Lake in Douglas this past week, and was rewarded with some impressive rainbow trout. The rainbows were not hitting flys I was using, so I switched over to a couple of Repala stick baits, and was having some fast action on two rods. Shore fishermen were also doing very well using the popular power bait. Because Wallum Lake is under Rhode Island regulations, anglers are able to retain five fish daily.

Duck & Goose hunting opened under ideal condi-



tions this past Monday in Massachusetts. Some local marshes held many birds for hunters this year, and it should only get better in the next couple of weeks. The big blow that we had last week stated the migration of ducks and geese, bringing some great shooting for the season opener.

Pheasant hunting opened a couple of weeks ago at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club under their preserve permit. Turnout of members was great, and they did very well harvesting pheasant. This week's first picture shows Frank and Joyce Dagineault taking a break during one of the

hunts. Enjoying the fall colors and some bird hunting prior to the opening of deer hunting in Rhode Island, the pair still get out and do as much hunting as possible being in there 80's, although they will tell you that they are slowing down a bit. We all are.

Tautog fishing in Rhode Island waters is heating up with reports of some impressive fish being caught daily. If you have never gone tautog fishing, you need to go now. Catching tautog on green crabs, using light tackle is a blast. Eating the fish is one of the best tasting fish in the ocean, if you use the simple

following receipt: Cut the fillets into medium to large size chunks.

Drop them in a pan of boiling water that has a couple of table spoons of white vinegar added to it. When the boil returns the fish only need to cook another couple of minutes or until it flakes apart with a fork. Do not overcook. Strain the fish and drop the fish chunks into some hot butter. Salt & pepper to taste. It taste better than lobster. This week's picture shows a world record tautog, also known as blackfish.

Take A kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

TRAINOR

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galvanized metal finishes.

When painting with a brush, always keep a wet edge as you paint, and work away from that wet edge. If you paint over a dry edge, you will get overlap marks.

If you are painting a baseboard heater or radiator with enamel paint (made for this purpose) the finish will last longer if the surface is warm. The enamel will "bake" on the metal for a chip-proof finish.

Are your paintbrush bristles "shed-

ding" on a freshly painted surface? Even the best of brushes sometimes come loose. To prevent this, try soaking a new brush in linseed oil overnight before using it. As a bonus, the pre-treated brush will last longer and be easier to clean!

To remove varnish or oil-based paint from hands easily, try spraying them with a laundry pre-treat solution, such as Spray and Wash. Rub hands together and rinse well. This does the job without harsh chemicals such as turpentine.

After cleaning brushes, place a rubber band around the tip of the bristles until dry. It will keep the shape of the bristles and prevent them from fanning out during drying.

Avon Skin So Soft cleans paint brushes easily, and as a bonus, leaves the brushes soft and silky.

Instead of tossing out that old rubber spatula, why not store it with your painting supplies? When pouring paint the spatula helps you get every bit out of the pan. There is no waste and less mess!

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on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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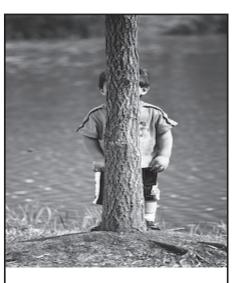
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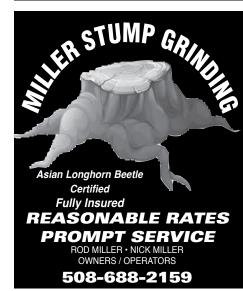
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SPORTS

Rams continue to win, this time over Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Annaka Lindstrom serves the ball over to Tantasqua's side of the court.



Kiley Wong-Li of Shepherd Hill reaches her arms out to return a Tantasqua serve.



With her back to the net, Shepherd Hill's Riley Biron is able to send the ball back over successfully.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDED

STURBRIDGE — Senior Kiley Wong-Li recorded five aces, four digs and three kills, plus several long service runs to help lead the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity volleyball team to a 3-1 victory over Tantasqua Regional on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

With the win over the Warriors and a 3-1 victory against Nashoba Regional the following day, Shepherd Hill improved to 9-4 on the season and qualified for the postseason. Since beginning 1-2, Shepherd Hill has won eight of the 10 matches it has since played. Tantasqua's record stood at 8-6 following the loss to the Rams.

Shepherd Hill won the first two sets of the match by the same score, 25-19, before dropping the third set to the Warriors, 25-13. The Rams rebounded, however, closing out the match with a 25-18 win in the fourth game of the best-of-five format.

Shepherd Hill took control of the first set of the match, turning a 12-11 deficit into 21-13 lead, behind Wong-Li's serving.

Sophomore Gabrielle Eberhart (four kills, four digs) then opened the second set with a powerful spike to give the Rams a quick 1-0 lead and Wong-Li added four service points to help increase the lead to 9-4, but Tantasqua battled back, tied the set, 14-14, and took a brief lead (16-14) before the Rams roared back behind the serving of Wong-Li (four service points), junior Samantha Katz (three service points) and Eberhart, who closed the set with a pair of aces.

Tantasqua's third set win featured the play of junior captain Morgan Smith, who had four service winners — including two aces — two kills and two blocks. The Warriors never trailed in the set, which was tied twice, at 3-3 and 4-4.

In the fourth set Tantasqua scored the first point, but Shepherd Hill came back to tie the game and then take the lead, 2-1. The Rams never trailed or were tied in the set again, leading by as many as eight points, at 18-10, before settling for the sev-



Samantha Katz of Shepherd Hill bumps to the ball to start a play for the Rams.

en-point win. Wong-Li had five service winners in the fourth set, while Katz and Emily Waterhouse each had three service winners.

Katz, Waterhouse and senior Madi Hughes all finished the game with two aces for the Rams. Waterhouse also had six digs and sophomore Alyse Biron added four digs and two kills.

"I'm happy with the win, but we've got a lot of work to do. We didn't play our best game today. We should be a lot better. We can be much better than we were today," said Shepherd Hill assistant coach Tony Wong-Li, again filling in for head coach Chris Lindstrom, who Wong-Li said was out of town on business. "Our ball control was not good today.

"In order for us to run our plays we need to pass the free balls," Wong-Li continued. "We have to have ball control and pass the ball. Today we did not do that very well, so we couldn't run our offense. We did enough to win, but we did not control the ball and pass the ball as much as we have in other games this season."

Tantasqua was led in the match by Smith, who had 11 kills and six aces. Addie Ellithorpe added four kills and two aces, while Sophie Law had four kills. Briana Myran led the Warriors with an eye-popping 21 assists.

"This was a good matchup for us," Tantasqua head coach Danielle Twarowski said. "I think we could have beaten them; we're very evenly-matched teams. A game like this comes down to errors; which team is going to make the least amount of errors and which team is going to get the most earn points. We've worked on that in practice — minimizing our errors and trying to up the ones that we earn."

Twarowski said the Warriors that got her attention in the match were defensive specialist Emily Fritze, Smith, a middle hitter and Myran, the team's setter.

"Emily played well of the bench. She got my attention because I know what she's been working on. Her defense was better today than in any other game we've played," Twarowski said. "With Mo [Smith] we've been working with her on making smarter choices so she's not making unforced errors. She did really well on kills and aces today, and she had a ton of blocks today. Briana did a great job setting today; she's been working her butt off and it showed in her play today."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any students in grade 3 and up, parents or teachers from any of the surrounding towns and states can ski or snowboard eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just \$158 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eightweek program begins on Saturday, Jan. 4 and ends Saturday, Feb. 22. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through your health insurance coverage. Also, anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Season Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.

Softball pitching lessons available in Southbridge

A 17-week softball pitching lesson (for children 7 years old and up) is available at the Southbridge Community Center (152 Chestnut Street) on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The 50-minute sessions start Oct. 20 and go through Feb. 23, 2020. There will be no pitching on Dec. 22 or Feb. 23, 2020. Ask about team/league discounts. Pitchers must bring a catcher. Please contact Bill Rahall (Clark University) at wlrah@yahoo.com or (860) 576-3440 for more information. Hitting lessons are also available every week.

Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

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

Shrewsbury narrowly beats much improved Shepherd Hill



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Katie Lavoie whacks the ball down the field.



Shepherd Hill's Grace Mattson sticks out her stick in attempt to defend a long hit taken by Shrewsbury's Ashleen Lenti.



Claudia Bonaventura of Shepherd Hill sends the ball down the field as an opponent from Shrewsbury creeps in to apply pressure.

BY NICK ETHIER

SHREWSBURY — When the season started for Shepherd Hill Regional's varsity field hockey team, they hosted Shrewsbury High on Sept. 9. And the Colonials took it to the Rams, winning 7-1.

Fast-forward a month later to Thursday, Oct. 10, and The Hill and Shrewsbury met again, this time at David J. Adams Memorial Field at Central One Federal Credit Union Stadium. And although the result was the same — the Colonials won - this time the Rams lost by a mere 2-1 final.

That example of progress has been seen all season long by Shepherd Hill second-year head coach Katie Dunn.

'We've done a 180, completely," she said. "We always have positive thoughts, but it's making the girls realize that [reaching the postseason is] reachable and that they can actually do this. That's a mentality that hasn't been with the program for a while."

The Rams are now 5-6-2 and hope to reach the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament for the first time since 2011.

"We've got to win three games out of our remaining five and that's something that we can accomplish," said

The Colonials, meanwhile, improved to 6-2-4 and are on the verge of also qualifying for the CMass D1 Tourney.

Shepherd Hill struck first against Shrewsbury, taking advantage of their third penalty corner with 17:45 remaining in the first half. There, junior Claudia Bonaventura serviced the ball into play, where senior Katie Lavoie grabbed the pass. Lavoie then stick-handled the ball into the circle and wristed a long shot past Colonials' defender Alix Barry and then past junior goalie Nora Frederick for the score.

'She's my only senior," Dunn said of the goal-scoring Lavoie. "We're working on consistency and not overdramatic corners."



Hannah Cushing of Shepherd Hill gives chase to a loose ball.



Shepherd Hill's Katie Lavoie lifts a shot up and over Shrewsbury's Alix Barry, where it eventually found its way into the back of the cage for a goal.



Goalie Patrysia Rivera Kwiatkowska of Shepherd Hill sticks her left leg out to make a pad save.

Shrewsbury seemed to have gotten angry about the fact that a team they had beaten by six goals was now beating them, and they turned up the aggressiveness. The Colonials then tied the score at 1-1 with 10:29 to go until halftime when junior Claire Mullen curled into the crease and popped a shot up and over Shepherd Hill sophomore goalie Patrysia Rivera Kwiatkowska.

The game entered the second half still deadlocked at 1-1.

But Shrewsbury controlled the possession for much of the second half, and they were rewarded with the game-winner with 13:35 to play. Mullen serviced a great pass into the scoring circle, and from there iunior Elaina Trippi received the ball and shot it past Rivera Kwiatkowska.

The Rams didn't go down without a fight, though, as they received a corner with 35 seconds to go. Bonaventura serviced the ball to Lavoie, and she and sophomore Alec Leduc had a give-and-go exchange to set up a scoring opportunity. Shrewsbury's defense cleared the ball out of the zone, though, to end the game.

The match statistics were nearly identical, as both teams had four penalty corners and both goalies finished with four

saves.

"I'm proud of that game, they played so well," Dunn said about her team's efforts. "I was worried because I lost six seniors last season."

But The Hill has responded with a junior-heavy roster, having already won five games this fall compared to just three all of last season. The Rams tied Leominster High this year, 1-1, when usually it has been a loss; and they defeated Groton-Dunstable Regional earlier in the week, 4-1, after losing 3-0 a

"To have that change within a season is remarkable," Dunn concluded.

OBITUARIES

Paul A. "Hawk" LaForte, 84



CHARLTON- Paul A. "Hawk" LaForte, 84, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 10th, in the Rose Monahan Hospice Home, Worcester, after a long

illness. He leaves his wife of 23 years, Eliav W. LaForte; his two sons, Paul M. LaForte

and Mark A. LaForte; his two daughters, Catherine LaForte Ledoux, Melissa LaForte Caissie; two step daughters, Lori J. Whitney and Jean N. Cunnane; three brothers, Carl LaForte, Robert LaForte and Ronald Driscoll; his sister Elizabeth Driscoll Lindsey of Charlton; grandchildren, Michelle Dugan, Stephanie LaForte, Daniel Caissie, Jr. and Alex LaForte; 4 step grandchildren, Julian Kondratowiz, Jameson Kondratowiz, Isabella Pettinelli and Logan Pettinelli; and 1 great granddaughter, Rhiannon Dugan. He was predeceased by two brothers, Alfred LaForte and Donald LaForte. He was born in Worcester the son of Alfred J. and

Margaret (Cleveland) LaForte. He was a US Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

Hawk was the Vice President and co-owner of NED Corp. in Worcester for many years, a company that produced dia-

mond saw blades for the granite industry. Hawk was a life member of the Shannon Dorothy American Leigon Post in Rochdale; a life member of the Charlton Beagle Club; a senior member of the Singletary Rod and Gun Club in Oxford; and a member of the Elks Club in Auburn. He loved to ride his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also loved his camp in Caratunk, ME.

Hawk's graveside service in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton, will be private. There are no calling hours.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

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Valerie G. Noyes, 76



AUBURN – Valerie G. (Jones) Noyes, 76, of Kateri Way, died Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at the Life Care Center of Auburn. She is survived by four children, Deborah A. Noyes of South Hadley, Michael P. Noyes and

his wife Vanessa of Charlton, Kathryn Noves-LeBlanc of North Grosvenordale, CT, and Audra E. Jones of Leicester; her brother, Christopher M. Jones and his wife Murad of New York; eight grandchildren, Clyde Wayshak, Michaela Wayshak, Paige Jones, Alex LeBlanc III, Cecilia LeBlanc, Guy Jones, Nathaniel Noyes, and Abigail Noyes; and two cousins, Ed McLaughlin and Kathy Jones. She was born in Carmel, CA, daughter of the late Robert R. and Elizabeth T. (Peat) Jones, and lived in Auburn for many years. She graduated from Carmel High School in 1959.

Ms. Noyes worked at BJ's Wholesale Club in Auburn for over 10 years, retiring in 2011. Previously, she worked at Shaw's Supermarket in Auburn along with various other food service positions. She had a great interest in art and music. She enjoyed traveling back to her California home, visiting beaches in California, and spending time with her family on Cape Cod. She was profoundly devoted to Captain Jack Sparrow, Daryl Dixon, Jamie Fraser, Ned Stark, and her two cats, Apollo and

Calling hours were Tuesday, October 15, 2019, from 4-6 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A service of remembrance was held at 6:00 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 22

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you have the time and heart to share, you could become a valuable part of the Overlook Hospice Team. Hospice Volunteers provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families...reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing a meal, gardening, supporting family members, sitting with patients who are actively dying and making bereavement calls. We are also seeking volunteers to provide Reiki, pet therapy, and veterans to visit our veteran patients. Our next training begins on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.To attend or get more information about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, contact Susan Fuller at 508-434-2200

Saturday, October 26

HOMESTEAD WALKER CEREMONIAL SITE TOUR: 10 a.m., 30 Peck Rd., Wales; reservations required. The Walker homestead at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary has the typical house and barn foundations along with stone walls delineating old pastures and fields. Interspersed throughout the farm are stone cairns, a partially finished niche-shaft on top of the house cellar, an unusual stone wall with non-utilitarian features, and other Native American ceremonial structures. Some predate the homestead and others were built after it was abandoned in the 1850s and reclaimed by descendants of the area's indigenous peoples. Mary Gage (www. stonestructures.org) will lead a walking tour through this complex and fascinating archaeological site. Please call 413-267-9654 or email ohop@norcrosswildlife.org to register. There is no charge.

STURBRIDGE VILLAGE SINGERS CONCERT: 3 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 345 Main St., Sturbridge. The talented singers of Old Sturbridge Village will be holding a concert to benefit St. Luke's Guesthouse, which provides Christian hospitality to those in need of temporary shelter. All proceeds will go to this incredible place! Take a trip back into history with 19th century hymns, patriotic pieces, popular music and folk songs.

Saturday, November 2

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Sunday, November 10

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Saturday, December 7

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

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

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

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

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or

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

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

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

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

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

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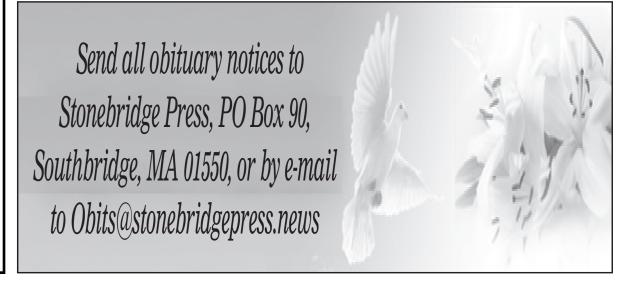
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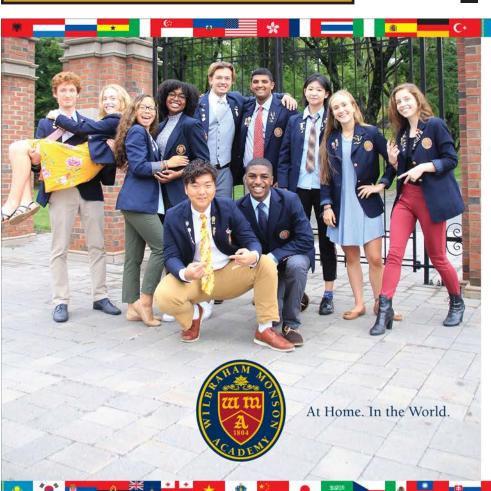
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October 25, 2019

Simple ways to lower your risk for type 2 diabetes

A healthy lifestyle can help people live life to the fullest. There are many components to a healthy lifestyle, and few may be as influential as prevention.

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One disease that can be especially limiting is type 2 diabetes. According to the National Institute on Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases, diabetes occurs when blood glucose levels are too high. Blood glucose, sometimes referred to as "blood sugar," comes from the foods a person eats and is the main source of energy for his or her body. Insulin helps glucose from food get

into the body's cells so they can use it for energy. However, in certain instances, such as when a person has type 2 diabetes, the body does not make enough or any — insulin. When that occurs, glucose stays in the blood, never reaching the cells it's supposed to help. The NIDDK notes that, over

time, excessive levels of glucose in the blood can cause a host of health problems.

Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, occurs when the body does not make or use insulin well. While it might seem as though people are helpless to stop this from occurring, the NIDDK notes that type 2 diabetes can be delayed or even prevented. In fact, the NIDDK cites three key ways that people can lower their risk for type 2 diabetes.

· Lose weight and keep extra pounds off. People should speak with their physicians about their body weights to determine if they're currently overweight or obese or maintaining healthy weights. If the doctor suggests losing weight, doing so can help prevent or delay diabetes. Each individual is different, but the NIDDK notes that losing between 5 and 7 percent of your starting weight may help delay or prevent diabetes.

· Become more physical-

ly active. The NIDDK lists a sedentary lifestyle among the many factors that can increase a person's risk for type 2 diabetes. By embracing physical activity, getting at least 30 minutes of exercise five days per week, people can delay or prevent diabetes. People who have been physically inactive for a long period of time should ask their physicians to recommend appropriate activities that can help their bodies adjust to being physically active.

· Eat less and eat healthy. A diet that's high in vitamins and nutrients can help people delay or prevent type 2 diabetes. Small portions can help people control their caloric intake, reducing the likelihood that they will become overweight or obese.

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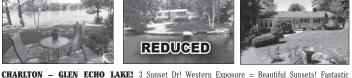


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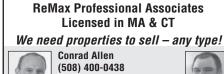
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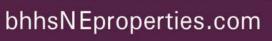
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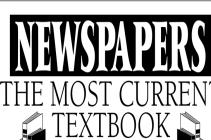
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How to lose weight after a thyroid condition diagnosis

People diagnosed with an underactive thyroid condition may have to make several changes to their lifestyles to feel well and maintain a healthy weight.

The thyroid is a tiny gland located in the neck that produces a hormone to regulate one's metabolism, or the process that converts what a person eats and drinks into energy. With hypothyroidism, also known as an underactive thyroid, production of that thyroid hormone is insignificant, resulting in a dramatically slower metabolism.

The endocrinology health site Endocrine Web estimates approximately 10 million Americans have hypothyroidism. The reasons the thyroid gland falters vary. But the symptoms may include fatigue, weakness, weight gain or increased difficulty losing weight, hair loss, muscle aches, depression, and irritability.

Each of the side effects associated with thyroid conditions can be troublesome, but many people with thyroid issues struggle most with weight gain and their inability to keep weight off. The president of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, R. Mack Harrell, MD, says to first visit a doctor, who can determine if a synthetic thyroid hormone medication can help. Regular exercise also



Low-impact cardiovascular exercise mixed with intervals of strength training can be the right formula for losing weight with a sluggish metabolism.

can be an important part of the strategy to lose weight and manage other hypothyroidism

Christian Nasr, MD, an endocrinologist with the Cleveland Clinic, advises his patients to

wait a few weeks before exercising so that their condition is controlled with medication. After that waiting period is over, gradually easing back into exercise can help with the

may not abate with thyroid medications.

The online health resource Everyday Health advises a program of low-impact aerobic exercises and strength trainfatigue and weight gain that ing. The aerobics will raise the

heart rate without putting too much pressure on the joints. These exercises include using a stationary bicycle or a low-impact elliptical machine. Pilates and gentle yoga can improve core muscles and help alleviate joint pain as well.

Incorporating strength training into a workout can help build muscle mass, which burns calories, even when a person is at rest. That can be essential for a person finding it difficult to control his or her weight due to a sluggish metabolism.

Additional benefits of exercising are improved mood and reduced inflammation. Exercising can release endorphins into the body to help fight off depression. Also, researchers from the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine found a single 20-minute session of exercise was enough to trigger something called sympathoadrenergic activation, which suppresses the production of monocytic cytokines in the body that produce an inflammatory response in the immune system. That means exercise can keep inflammation in check.

Hypothyroidism is a common condition that produces various unwanted side effects. However, with proper care and exercise, many symptoms can be managed effectively.

How to start exercising at home

A healthy diet and an active lifestyle are great ways to achieve a healthy weight and good overall health. Many people no doubt associate exercise with fitness centers and gym memberships. While gyms certainly are effective places to break a sweat, exercising at home can be an effective way to get fit as well.

Working out at home may require some creativity, as even homeowners with gyms in their basements may not have as much equipment at their disposal as they would at a local fitness center. 1

Body weight exercises Body weight exercises include

push-ups, planks, squats, and lunges.

Alternating incline and positioning of the body when performing some of these exercises is a great way to work various muscle groups. Body weight exercises do not necessarily require equipment, and that may disappoint some people. That's because, with no added weight — and only one's own body weight to provide resistance — it's difficult for a person to challenge himself or herself effectively and gradually build up progress.

Get outdoors for cardio

A mix of cardiovascular activity, which puts a strain on the heart and lungs to build up stamina, can help shave off the pounds when paired with strength training exercises. Take to the great outdoors near home to get in a good cardio workout.

Rally Health, a digital, data-based health advisory company, says that walking can constitute a cardio workout if one goes at a brisk pace of around three miles per hour. Walking on an incline also can constitute vigorous exercise that's on par with running or biking, particularly when it's a steep

Home-based cardio workouts also can include cycling, swimming in a backyard pool or playing a pickup sports game with the kids.

Set up a home gym

With a few barbells, dumbells and a weight bench, it's easy to create a home gym in a basement or garage. Extra equipment, such as TRX resistance training equipment or an elliptical machine, can be added to make the gym more complete.

A home gym also can be a place to do strength and stretching exercises like yoga or pilates.

Many people find that they can effectively workout at home with little to no equipment necessary. With such convenience, individuals may find they make more time for exercise, which is an important component of a healthy lifestyle.

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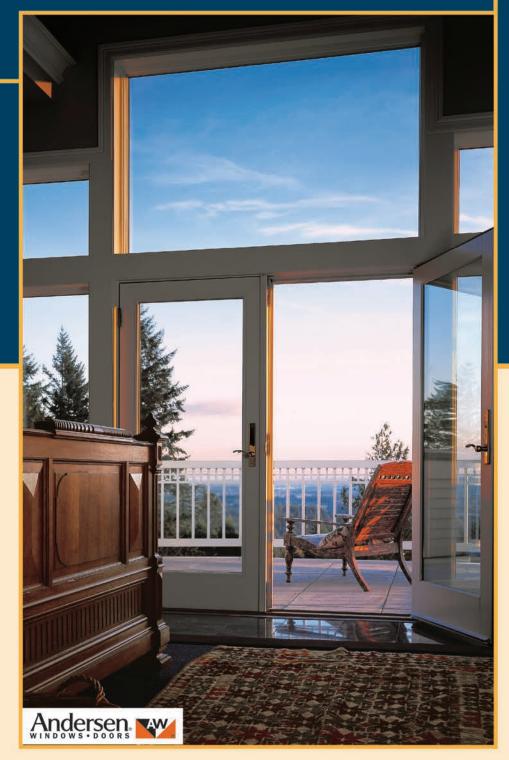


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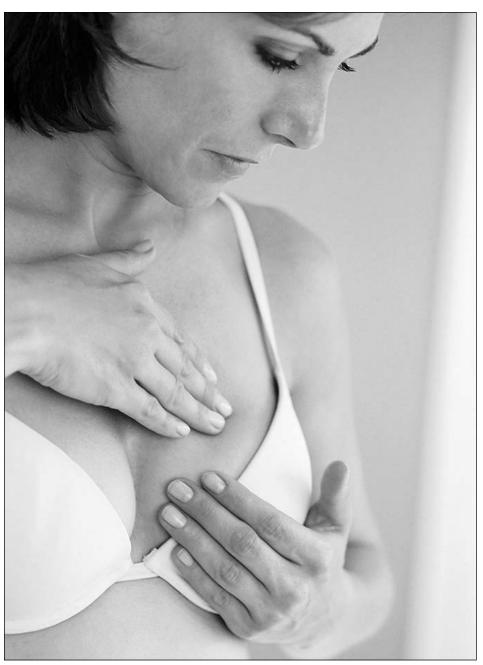


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Breast cancer signs and symptoms



Breast cancer is a formidable foe. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 627,000 women lost their lives to breast cancer in 2018. But women are not helpless in the fight against breast cancer, as the WHO notes early detection is critical and could potentially save thousands of lives each year.

A proactive approach is a key component of protecting oneself against breast cancer. While the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.® notes that many breast cancer symptoms are invisible and not noticeable without a professional cancer screening, women can keep an eye out for certain signs of breast cancer they might be able to detect on their own. Monthly self-exams can help women more easily identify changes in their breasts. During such self-exams, women can look for the following signs and symptoms and are advised to report any abnormalities they discover to their physicians imme-

• Changes in how the breast or nipple feels: The NBCF says nipple tenderness or a lump or thickening in or near the breast or underarm could indicate the presence of breast cancer. Some women may notice changes in the skin texture or an enlargement of the pores in the skin of their breast. In many instanc-

es, skin texture has been described as being similar to the texture of an orange peel. Lumps in the breast also may indicate breast cancer, though not all lumps are cancerous.

• Change in appearance of the breast or nipple: Unexplained changes in the size or shape of the breast; dimpling anywhere on the breast; unexplained swelling or shrinking of the breast, particularly when the shrinking or swelling is exclusive to one side only; and a nipple that is turned slightly inward or inverted are some signs and symptoms of breast cancer that can affect the appearance of the breast or nipple. It is common for women's breasts to be asymmetrical, but sudden asymmetry should be brought to the attention of a physician.

• Discharge from the nipple: The NBCF notes that any discharge from the nipple, but particularly a clear or bloody discharge, could be a sign of breast cancer. The NBCF also advises women that a milky discharge when they are not breastfeeding is not linked to breast cancer but should be discussed with a physician.

Learning to recognize the signs and symptoms of breast cancer can increase the likelihood of early diagnosis, which greatly improves women's chances of surviving this disease.

Occupational therapy has many benefits



People may be familiar with physical therapy, which many are prescribed after suffering a sports-related injury or being injured in an accident. But less may know about occupational therapy, a form of therapy that can help individuals live full, happy lives even if they're dealing with permanent disabilities or chronic conditions.

The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., says that occupational therapy helps people perform daily tasks to reach goals. This can include helping children or adults with disabilities participate fully in work or school. Occupational therapy also may intervene during or after a physical or mental illness so that one can regain lost skills. Occupational therapists tend to focus on treating people who need assistance with a physical, sensory or cognitive disability. OT practitioners address psychological, social and environmental factors that can impact a person's ability to function.

Even though one may think OTs primarily treat adults, especially aging seniors, this is not the case. The health and wellness resource KidsHealth, from Nemours, indicates that children also benefit. Occupational therapists can work with children after surgery or help those with behavioral problems.

OTs also help children recover after suffering traumatic injuries, and can even help kids with developmental delays.

Occupational therapy differs from physical therapy. While physical therapy deals with pain, range of motion, endurance, and strength, among other things, the AOTA notes that OT tries to hone fine motor skills, visual-perception skills and cognitive skills and to lessen sensory-processing deficits. Very often OT is used in conjunction with PT.

Occupational therapy can be a rewarding career with many different opportunities. Therapists work in various settings, including schools, hospitals, rehab facilities, nursing homes, and even in independent practices. In addition, new specialities, such as assisting those with low vision or helping workers adapt to ergonomic tools, enable even more specialized concentrations.

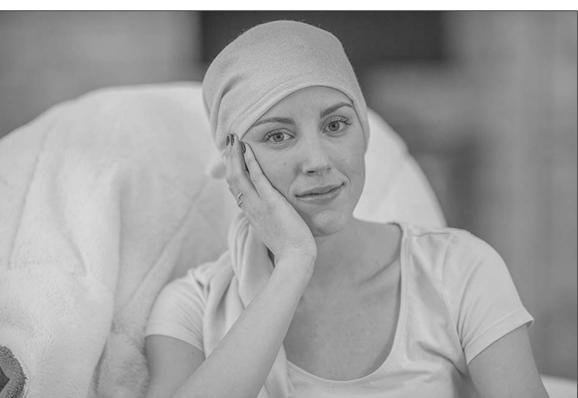
People who think they can benefit from occupational therapy should first consult with a primary care physician or a discharge team from a hospital to find out which OT services may benefit them.

Potential treatment options after a breast cancer diagnosis

A breast cancer diagnosis is something no one wants to receive. But the burden of breast cancer is substantial. In fact, the World Health Organization notes that breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer in women worldwide.

Thankfully, breast cancer survival rates are high in many parts of the world, particularly in developed countries such as the United States, Canada and Japan. While survival rates are lower in developing countries, it is encouraging to know that the average five-year survival rates are as high as 90 percent in some nations. That suggests that the strategies used to successfully fight breast cancer in developed nations may one day prove as effective in developing nations, potentially leading to a sharp decline in global breast cancer deaths.

Upon being diagnosed with breast cancer, patients will be educated about a host of potential treatment options. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that breast cancer is treated in several ways, and the course of treatment a doctor recommends will depend on the kind of breast cancer and how far it has spread. In addition, accord-



ing to Breastcancer.org, breast cancer is made up of many different kinds of cancer cells, which often necessitates the use of various types of treatments to get rid of the cancer.

The following are some treatment options doctors may discuss with breast cancer

patients.

• Surgery: Breastcancer.org notes that surgery is typically the first line of attack against breast cancer. The CDC says the goal of surgery is to cut out cancer tissue. Some common breast cancer surgeries include lumpectomy, in which the tumor and a small amount of surrounding tissue is removed, and mastectomy, in which all of the breast tissue is removed.

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or kill existing cancer cells. Breastcancer.org notes that chemotherapy is sometimes administered prior to surgery in an attempt to shrink the cancer.

• Radiation therapy: Radiation therapy aims to kill cancer cells using high-energy rays that are similar to X-rays. Sometimes referred to as "radiotherapy," radiation therapy is overseen by a radiation oncologist who specializes in this type of treatment.

• Hormonal therapy: Estrogen makes hormone-receptor-positive breast cancers grow, and hormonal therapy, which may be referred to as "anti-estrogen" therapy, aims to reduce the amount of estrogen in the body and block its action on breast cancer cells.

• Targeted therapies: These therapies, which Breastcancer. org notes are generally less likely than chemotherapy to harm normal, healthy cells, target specific characteristics of the cancer cells. Cancer cells can have many characteristics, so there are various types of targeted therapies.

Breast cancer treatments can be highly effective in the fight against breast cancer, particularly when the disease is caught in its early stages.

HEALTH

Exercise and aging: How to work out safely after 50

In an ideal world, people young and old exercise each day. But as men and women age, finding time to work out is not so easy.

Commitments to work and family often take precedence over daily exercise. As a result, many people 50 and over might not have exercised regularly or at all in many years. But as children grow up or even move out, people facing down their golden years are often compelled to get back in the gym. That's a wise decision that can increase a person's chances of being healthy and happy in retirement. But before beginning a new exercise regimen, men and women over 50 should take heed of the following safety tips to ensure their efforts are not derailed by accident or injury.

· Speak with your physician. The National Institute on Aging notes that even people with chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes or arthritis can be physically active. However, anyone with such a condition and even those who don't fall into those categories should consult with their physicians and receive a full physical before exercising. Such a consultation and checkup can shed light on any unknown issues, and physicians can offer advice on how to safely manage any problems that may arise.

• Begin with low-intensity exercises. Even if you feel great and have maintained a healthy weight, don't push yourself too hard at the start. Your body needs time to adjust to physical activity, so choose low-intensity exercises like walking and light strength training so



your muscles, tendons and ligaments can adjust. Initially, exercise every other day so your body has ample time to recover between workouts.

• Choose the right places to exercise outdoors. Exercising outside provides the best of both worlds for many people, providing a chance to get healthy all while enjoying the great outdoors. When exercising outdoors, choose areas that are not remote and where others can see you and offer help if you suffer an injury or have an accident. Boardwalks, public parks and outdoor gyms are safer places to work out than wooded areas or other places

well off the beaten path.

• Stay hydrated. The NIA notes that many people lose their sense of thirst as they age. But just because you aren't thirsty does not mean you don't need water, especially while exercising. Water regulates body temperature and lubricates the joints, thereby

decreasing your risk of injury during exercise.

Exercising after 50 can help people live healthy well into retirement. But caution must be exercised when aging men and women return to exercise after a long break.

3 tips to overcome everyday aches and pains



Pain is a significant concern for many people. Estimates from the International Association for the Study of Pain suggest that one in five adults across the globe suffer from pain.

Pain can affect anyone, even people who have not been in an accident or suffered an injury while playing a sport or performing another physical activity. For example, lower back pain, which can be caused by sitting at a desk for long stretches of time, is the most common type of chronic pain in the United States. Such pain may be unavoidable, but that does not mean it and other types of everyday aches and pains cannot be overcome.

1. Begin a well-rounded exercise regimen.

Regular exercise that includes both strength training and cardiovascular exercise increases blood flow and helps build a strong core. A strong core supports the spine and reduces the pressure on it, making it less likely people who sit for long stretches at a time will end their days with lower back pain. Routine exercise also helps other areas of the body by keeping muscles loose and flexible. Before beginning a new exercise regimen, men and women, especially those with existing aches and pains, should consult their physicians about which exercises they should do and which they might want to avoid.

2. Employ RICE. RICE, which stan

RICE, which stands for rest, ice, compression, and elevation, can help men

and women overcome the aches and pains that result as the body ages and tendons begin to lose some of their elasticity. RICE might be most helpful for people who have been diagnosed with tendinitis. Athletes over 40 who engage in activities that require repetitive motion might need to take more days off between rounds of golf or other competitive and/or repetitive activities. If tendinitis flares up, take some time away, icing any sore areas, wrapping them in bandages, and elevating them while resting. Athletes rarely want to sit on the sidelines, but a few days off can go a long way toward alleviating the pain associated with tendinitis.

3. Recognize your body may develop some limitations.

Age should not prevent you from being physically active, and numerous studies have touted the benefits of continuing to exercise into your golden years. However, as the body ages, muscle fibers become less dense, resulting in a loss of flexibility that increases the risk of injury and/or soreness. As men and women grow older, they shouldn't abandon activities like gardening or strength training. But they may need to scale back on the intensity with which they perform such activities. Doing so can prevent the kinds of muscle strains associated with aging.

Pain affects more than one billion people across the globe. But some simple strategies can help people overcome pain and enjoy a rich quality of life.



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