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Friday, August 23, 2019

# Voters deny debt exclusion for public safety building

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — It's back to the drawing board so to speak for the proposed public safety building in Charlton after voters overwhelmingly shot down

a proposed Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion during a special election on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The decision comes three months after voters approved appropriating money to purchase property on Masonic Home Road where the build-

ing was slated to be built. In May the vote appropriate \$179,000 for the purchase of 19.3 acres of land from the Overlook Masonic Home next to the current Charlton Police Station with the plan to construct a two-level multi-pur-

pose facility that would serve as the new headquarters of both the Charlton police and fire departments. An anonymous donation cut that cost down to \$100,000 prior to the special election. Voters also voted to appropriate \$28.5 mil-

lion to construct the building. However, the project required an affirmative ballot vote to exclude the debt from the limits of Proposition 2 ½.

A recorded 1,351 registered

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Robert Thibaudeau of Charlton poses with the 2008 Toyota Matrix he received from Good News Garage, a local car-donation charity awarding cars to people in need. Good News Garage works in cooperation with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) to provide refurbished donated vehicles to people in Massachusetts who otherwise could not afford to purchase their own vehicle. Cars will be used to transport people to employment and life's other critical activities. Qualified applicants must be a client of MRC and have a written Individual Plan for Employment. To donate a vehicle or find out more, visit [GoodNewsGarage.org](http://GoodNewsGarage.org).

## Volunteers sought for Public Lands Day

CHARLTON — It's that time again! Buffumville Lake and Hodges Village Dam are once again hosting the large scale volunteer event known as National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Volunteers sought. This is your personal invitation. The volunteer activities will begin at 8 a.m. SHARP with registration at Buffumville Park at 229 Oxford Rd., Charlton, MA 01507. Participants will be given snack packs to take with them to their project work sites.

Pre-registration advised. You have two ways to pre-register: by calling 248-5697- ask for Park Ranger Jamie Kordack, ext. 399 or e-mailing Jamie at [jamie.r.kordack@usace.army.mil](mailto:jamie.r.kordack@usace.army.mil). With an expected turn-out of greater than 125 volunteers, it is important you pre-register. If you are an organized group,

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## Planning Board spending capped in VGG case

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — In an effort to better control spending for legal representation for the Planning Board in ongoing litigation concerning the Valley Green Grow Project, the Charlton Board of Selectmen has set a limit on expenditures that will allow the board more control over that spending as the case continues in court.

In April, selectmen autho-

rized the Planning Board to hire Attorney David McCay of Mirick O'Connell Attorneys at Law to represent the board after Valley Green Grow (VGG), who has proposed a large marijuana growing operation for the Charlton Orchard property, decided to take the Planning Board to court. In early 2019, the Planning Board denied the subdivision plan presented by VGG leading the company to take the town to court as they concluded the decision was based

on "bad faith." On July 30, selectmen consulted with the Finance Director and Planning Board Chair Patricia Rydlak to discuss the expected costs of attorney McCay's services as there had not been a limit set for appropriating funding to cover those expenses.

According to Town Administrator Robin Craver, and later confirmed by Finance Director Donna Foglio, \$17,436.34

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## Old Sturbridge Academy prepares for second annual Ox Trot

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School, an EL Education institution in the town, is getting ready for its second annual Ox Trot 5K, two-mile walk, and kids' fun run taking place on Saturday, Sept. 7 starting at 8 a.m. to benefit the school and raise money for its extracurricular educational opportunities and to enrich the educational experience

of the students.

EL Education includes a network of more than 160 schools all over the country and prioritizes teaching children through applying what is learned in the classroom to real-world experiences. The Ox Trot 5K was started to help fund some of these experiences and other school needs by providing resources, such as playground equipment last year, and funding for applied learning projects called

learning expeditions.

"Learning expeditions are one of the things that make this school different from other public schools," said Audra Staples, an OSA parent and President of the Parent Teacher Scholar Association of Old Sturbridge Academy. "They are considered extra, however, and are not in the school budget, so we do a lot of fundraising for them and

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## SIPPING AT SUNSET

Susan Gregory, Executive Director of Hitchcock Free Academy, captured this stunning sunset over the recent Sip & Stars event.



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# Cedar Beach temporarily closes due to high E-coli levels

BY ANNIE SANDOLI  
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STURBRIDGE—The beach at Cedar Lake Recreation Area was closed down for several days starting on Wednesday, Aug. 14 and ending late in the day on Friday, Aug. 16 due to high levels of E-coli bacteria found in the water.

According to the Sturbridge Board of Health, high E-coli levels are not uncommon in the town's lakes and the public beaches in the state, which are all tested for the same bacterium each year and were found at the Sturbridge Host Hotel beach last June. Although the town warned residents against

swimming while the beach was closed, there was no sign of a more toxic bacteria called cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, which was recently found in other freshwater bodies of water in the state.

"Every public beach in the state is tested for the same bacteria and we haven't seen any evidence of cyanobacteria," said Ken Lacey, a Health Agent at the Sturbridge Board of Health. "High levels of E-coli are common and likely, especially when the lake is being used frequently, and the recreation camp was going on this week."

Although cyanobacterial harmful algae blooms (HABs), which appear as a

bright green or blue-green film on the surface of the water, have not been found in the lakes in Sturbridge this year, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health warned residents last week that they have been found in several lakes throughout the state after three dogs in North Carolina died from swimming in a lake with a cyanobacteria bloom. The affected lakes in Massachusetts this year include, Billington Sea in Plymouth, Crystal Lake in Newton, Devol Pond in Westport, Long Pond Marstons Mills and Shubael Pond in Barnstable, and, most recently, Nashawannuck Pond in Easthampton.

Although cyanobacteria

blooms can happen at any time, they are most common in the late summer and early fall and people should take precaution when using any lake in the state for recreational purposes, especially when it comes to allowing children and pets to go in or drink the water.

"Health concerns associated with CyanoHABs vary depending on the type of cyanobacteria, the route of exposure, and the amount of cyanotoxins present," says the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website. "Ingestion is the primary concern since ingesting small amounts of cyanobacteria or cyanotoxin can cause gastrointestinal symptoms while larger

amounts may cause liver or neurological damage. Contact with cyanobacteria can cause skin or eye irritation. Inhaling water spray containing cyanobacteria can cause asthma-like symptoms. Small children and pets are more susceptible to the effects of cyanotoxins than adults."

For updates on the bacteria levels in Sturbridge lakes, contact the town's Board of Health at 508-347-2504. For more information on the health effects of cyanobacteria or toxic blooms in the state, go to <https://www.mass.gov/guides/cyanobacterial-harmful-algal-blooms-cyanohabs-water>.

## Sarah Plante graduates from CCU

CONWAY, S.C. — More than 445 students were eligible to participate in Coastal Carolina University's summer commencement program on Aug. 9. F. Eliza Glaze, Ph.D., a CCU history professor and the 2019 HTC Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer, gave the commencement address.

Glaze spoke to students about success, saying that it is about more than finances. "We all need to earn enough to live, or even better, to establish some financial stability for ourselves and our loved ones. But even more than that, success is about doing something that we love and that is worthwhile to all."

Three students received the President's Award for Academic Achievement, which recognizes students with the highest cumulative grade point averages. These recipients of the award all had perfect 4.0 GPAs, graduating summa cum laude:

Tyra Leigh Bjorlo from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence and National Security Studies.

Brenna Janiece Wiinanen from West Fargo, North Dakota, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music.

Hailey Michele Wimmenauer from

Conway, South Carolina, earned a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science.

Candidates for graduation include:

Sarah Plante, earning a Bachelor of Science in recreation and sport management from Charlton, MA, 01507.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Coastal Carolina University offers baccalaureate degrees in 73 major fields of study. Among CCU's 25 graduate-level programs are 21 master's degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and marine science: coastal and marine systems science. The most popular undergraduate majors are marine science, management, exercise and sport science, communication and psychology. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,600 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 160 student clubs and organizations.

Coastal Carolina University was founded in 1954 as Coastal Carolina Junior College and became an independent state university in 1993.

For more information, visit [coastal.edu](http://coastal.edu).

## Sturbridge Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Cultural Council is seeking proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs. Grants will be accepted between Sept. 1 and Oct. 15.

According to Council spokesperson Ed Cornely, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Sturbridge, including exhibits, festivals, workshops, lectures, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools.

The Sturbridge Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 local cultural councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

In 2018, the Sturbridge Cultural Council received \$5,100 in grant money from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which funded 14 programs/events. Previously funded projects include concerts, adult art workshops, children's programs, lectures, choral groups, a documentary film, and much more.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Sturbridge Cultural Council, contact Linda Friedmann Chair by email at [sturbridgeculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sturbridgeculturalcouncil@gmail.com). Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).

## Charlton Legion meets Monday

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion, Post 391, will meet on Monday, Aug. 26 for its regular monthly meeting in the Lower Grange Hall at #10 Main St. in the town of Charlton. We encourage all veterans from the community to join us.

Upcoming events to be discussed include the installation of officers on Sept. 21, the Post's participation in Old Home Day and setting the agenda for the upcoming year. Again, if you are an inactive member of Post 391, we welcome you in attending our Post's meeting.

## VOTERS

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voters cast their ballot with 491 voting to support the project while 890 voted to deny the debt exclusion. The project would have resulted in the building of a 40,800-square-foot facility which would have served as a replacement to the 61-year-old fire department headquarters on Power Station Road while also improving on the current police station which is 28-years-old. In the days and weeks leading up to the special election representative of the Public Safety Building Committee gave several presentations on the need for the facility. Voters made their voices heard for and against the initiative through newspapers and social media. The Facebook group Charlton Happenings posted numerous comments from individuals on both sides of the debate with some calling it a much-needed improvement for the community while others felt the project was either too expensive or too extensive and that a smaller scale facility would be more fitting.

This isn't the first time Charlton has looked into improving their public safety facilities. In 2007, a Fire Station Building Committee was established but was later disbanded due to economic constraints. The current Public Safety Building Committee was established in 2016. As of this report, it was unknown exactly what the next step will be for the project with this most recent setback.



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# Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale auction sets new record



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**STURBRIDGE** — Bidding was hot and heavy at this year's 70th Annual Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale Antique Auction on the Sturbridge Common with the Sturbridge Chair (#25 in the series) and The Publick House Chair (#48 in the series) commanding new record prices.

The enthusiastic audience hollered and cheered as auctioneer Gwen Carbone, of Robert E. Glass Auctioneers, deftly negotiated the price on both chairs to new heights, and gave each of the winners a standing ovation at the end of their hard-fought competition. When the dust settled, the Sturbridge chair sold for a new record for this series of \$1,900 and the Publick House Chair sold for another new record price of \$2,500.

These highly prized chairs, decorated in bronze powder stenciling with a lovely Sturbridge or Publick House scene by auction committee members Tim Bardsley and Brian Rhea, are part of a limited series with only one of each produced each year and they are only available at the Federated Church annual auction.

To watch a video of the exciting bidding online, visit the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FederatedChurchSturbridgeFiskdale>.

Chair artisans, Tim Bardsley (left) and Brian Rhea (right) celebrate with successful bidders Beverly Leaman, of Lancaster, Pa., winner of the Publick House Chair and Karen Schoch, of Henniker, winner of the Sturbridge Chair. Ms. Schoch has been attending the auction annually since 1991 and has two additional Sturbridge chairs at home.

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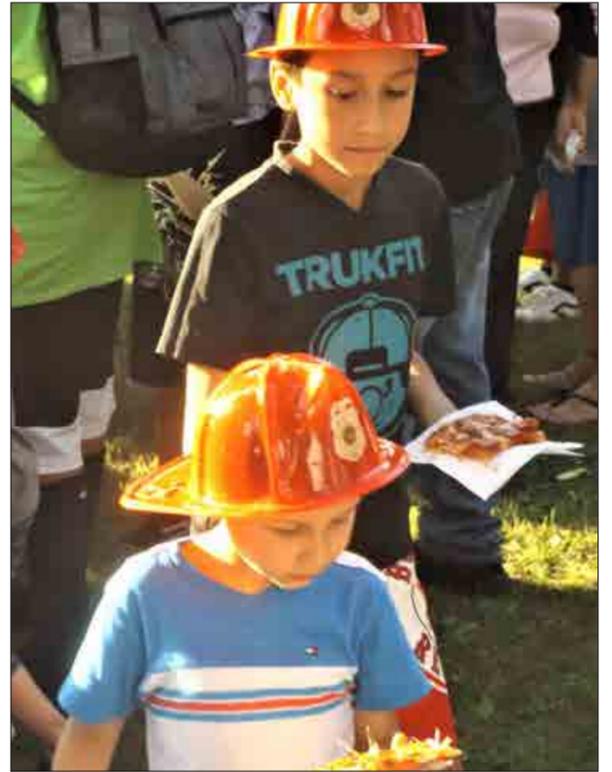
# Southbridge holds first National Night Out

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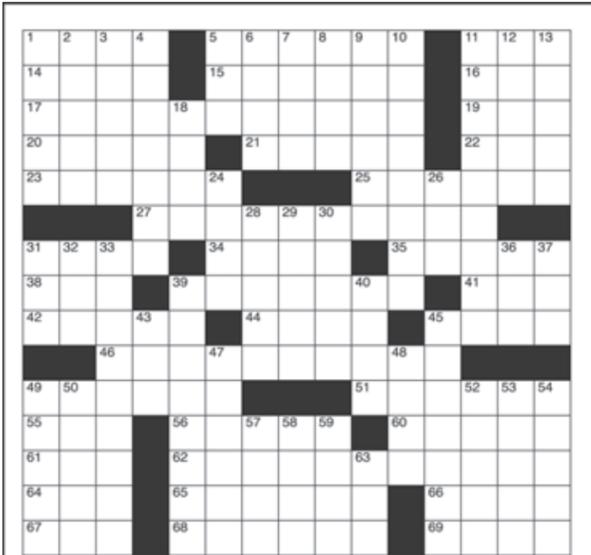
SOUTHBRIDGE – Southbridge celebrated its first National Night Out last Tuesday, as hundreds of people stuffed the northern end of the Common. Among other things, the kids came for the pizza, ice cream, bounce house and DJ’ed music, but their parents probably wanted many of them there for the photo ID kits the police department was providing. Along the way, they got a chance to learn a bit about various area social service providers and, if so inclined, get photos taken in police gear. Town Manager Ron San Angelo said the police last year sent people in various neighborhoods ice cream, but this year distributed invitations to come here to get it. Others noted hundreds more people attended than expected, and organizers had to go find more ice cream.



Lisa Clark, right, gives Ava Austin a glitter art tattoo.



Luis Ortiz and William Alsina grab a piece of pizza.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Scottish tax
- 5. Filled with horror
- 11. Type of music
- 14. Variety act
- 15. Half-conscious state
- 16. Discontinued European money
- 17. Formal declaration
- 19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
- 20. A way to express concentration
- 21. Airline
- 22. Goes well with a carrot
- 23. Length of pant leg
- 25. Mark with a cut
- 27. One who destroys completely
- 31. Greek sophist
- 34. Thomas Hobbes’s “De \_\_\_”
- 35. Copyreads
- 38. Talk
- 39. Endangered
- 41. Snag
- 42. Comedienne Tyler
- 44. Castrate a male animal
- 45. Taj Mahal site
- 46. Tending to concede
- 49. One who accepts
- 51. Albanian capital
- 55. Takes kids to school
- 56. About Moon
- 60. \_\_\_ Seamounts: underwater volcanoes
- 61. \_\_\_ Lilly, drug company
- 62. Not working
- 64. Alaska nursing board
- 65. Howl
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Famed arena
- 68. Back again for more food
- 69. Cheek

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Raccoonlike animal
- 2. Small
- 3. Separates
- 4. Parties
- 5. Automated teller machine
- 6. One who earned his degree
- 7. Dislike
- 8. Flowering plant
- 9. Nova \_\_, province
- 10. Inhabited
- 11. Breathing
- 12. Partner to pains
- 13. Immature insects
- 18. The back
- 24. Heavy club
- 26. Edible fish
- 28. Lament for the dead
- 29. Woody climbing plants
- 30. Small rooms for prisoners
- 31. Ottoman military commander
- 32. “The Crow” actress Ling
- 33. A way of lopping off
- 36. Cigarette (slang)
- 37. Helps little firms
- 39. Member of small discussion group
- 40. Copyread
- 43. V-shaped open trough
- 45. Pokes holes in
- 47. Beloved “Captain”
- 48. Resume
- 49. On a line at right angles
- 50. Light up lamps
- 52. Part of the psyche
- 53. Leeward Island
- 54. 1960s counterculture activist
- 57. Edible seaweed
- 58. Imitator
- 59. Look at and comprehend
- 63. Root mean square (abbr.)



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Detective Evan Genkos fingerprints one of a long line of young people for an ID kit.

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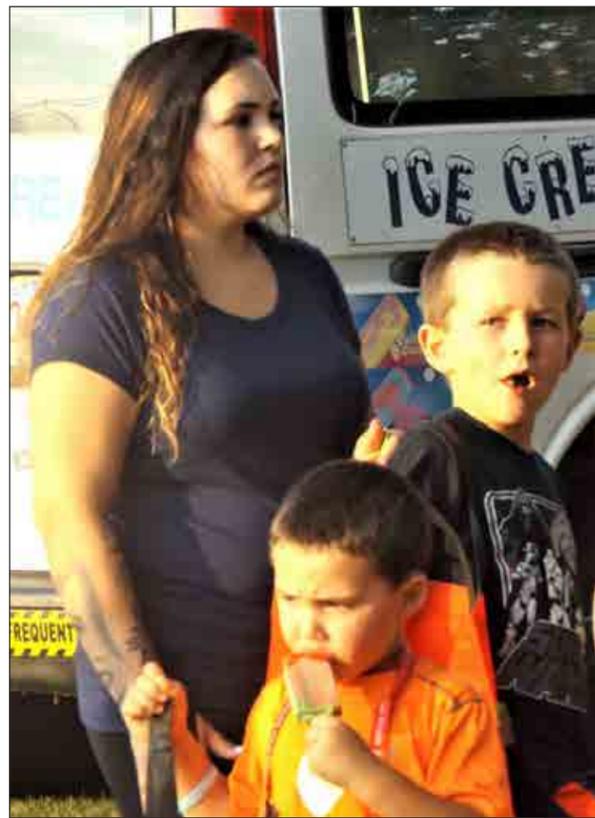
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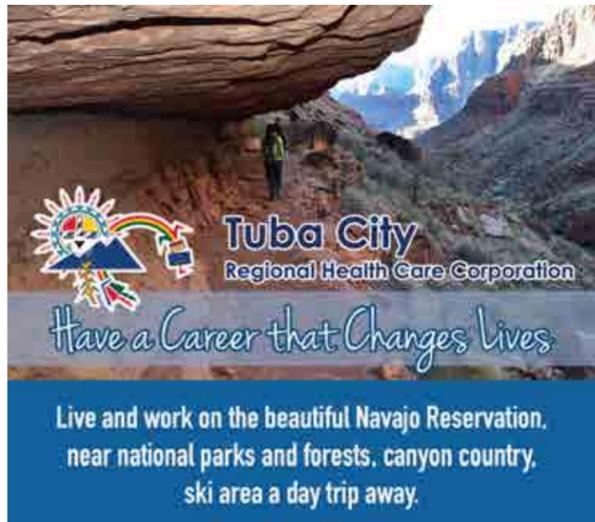
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# Sportsmen set their sights on hunting season



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With the summer almost gone, sportsmen are setting their sights on the upcoming hunting season. Archers are already placing their tree stands on deer runs that have produced some great shots in past seasons. It sure is nice to see that many oak trees will produce a good crop of acorns this year for deer to feed on. It will also change the habits of deer feeding areas. Deer will be traveling to and from areas that have good acorn crops, improving hunters chances of harvesting a big buck or doe. With all of the deer sightings in the last couple of weeks locally, hunters have been busy sighting in guns and bows, and checking out deer runs. It is never too early to do all the necessary things prior to open season.

The start of the Massachusetts bow season this year in the Central District in zones 1-9 is Oct. 21- Nov. 30. Zones 10 - 14 is Oct. 7 - Nov. 30. The youth deer hunt will be held Sept. 30. Archery hunters with a permanent disabilities are lucky to own a state of the art compound bow, which improves the hunters chances for harvesting deer. Unfortunately,

Massachusetts has still not passed a regulation allowing any hunter to use them while deer hunting.

Last week, a couple of anglers landed a 300-pound-plus tuna and thought they were in the big money class for once. Giant tuna require a lot of patience, and can have anglers spending a lot of time on the ocean before one is landed. It was not long after the pair were told that the buyer will only pay \$5 a pound for the fish. It seems that the Trump tariffs found their way into the tuna market. The anglers decided to take the fish home and hand out tuna steaks to their friends and family.

Block Island striper fishing slowed a bit last week, but one local angler managed to land a fish in the high 40's. This writer also fished Block Island last week with friends and family. Boarding the Maridee 11 charter boat out of Galilee, R.I. at 5 a.m. with my granddaughter Andrea, her husband Chris, and my son Ralph Jr., Friend Lisa & there friends, we were hoping for calm seas and some great fishing. The ride to the North Rip had us catching our limit of stripers in a matter of one and a half hours. The largest striper was in the high 20's and low 30's. After we had our limit, we were headed for the seabass fishing grounds.

A couple of charter boats were in the area as we arrived

to start bottom fish, hoping to catch a few seabass and a few fluke. The bite was extremely slow but we did manage to catch a few fluke and seabass that were undersized. It was not long before we spotted a nice seabass floating by the boat. I immediately asked the mate about the floating fish that was still alive.

«Yep. That fish was thrown overboard by the dragger, as they could not keep the fish because of a closed season for commercial fishing.» I thought that they could keep their Bi Catch. What a waste of fish. It is not the first time I observed this wanton waste of our fish resources at sea. Stripers have also been observed floating by our boat a few years ago, and we actually watched some legal size stripers being tossed overboard by commercial draggers. Marine Fisheries need to take a better look at their outrageous fishing tactics, and regulations.

Last week, a couple of local residents visited the Cape and were planning to buy a few pounds of striper to take home. Entering a local fish market, they were amazed at the fish prices. «Yikes!» \$26 a pound for striper! I am sure glad I go fishing. Often eating fish five days a week, I would defiantly go broke by the middle of the month with those prices.

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*



Courtesy Photo

Andrea Henchey ( True ) with her large striper caught on last week's fishing trip.

## SPENDING CAP

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had been spent on the Planning Board's legal representation to date. Several selectmen and the Town Administrator admitted this was well below their expectations as some had believe the cost would reach as high as \$26,000. While Charlton normally spends as much as \$100,000 on legal fees in any given budget year, Foglio warned selectmen that 2019 was an abnormally expensive year in terms of legal costs and failing to regulate the spending

for the Planning Board's attorney could further drive those costs to a point the budget can't handle.

«We spent about \$150,000 in FY 2019 on legal not counting the \$17,436 (for the Planning Board),» Foglio said. «It was just an extraordinary amount and a lot of it came right in at the end of the year. The concern I had is that I went already twice to the Finance Committee to get us through Fiscal Year 2019 and when I realized there's no limit on this contract, I'm concerned that we're going to be without money in a very short amount

of time.»

The issue wasn't that the Planning Board had to be represented, but rather than there was no way for selectmen to control how much is spend on the board's attorney fees while they defend themselves in court. The wording in the contract had selectmen worried that spending could get out of hand without proper oversight. Taking into consideration the expected future litigation costs, selectman John McGrath recommended a \$34,000 spending cap before the Planning Board would need to seek further funding approval from select-

men.

«It just keeps us aware what's going on with the legal expenses,» McGrath said. «We thought it was \$26,000 but it's not, it's \$17,000. So, it's \$9,000 lower than what we thought to begin with.»

Planning Board Chair Patricia Rydlak explained that the board did go into the situation with finances in mind.

«We did get an estimate. (Town Administrator) Robin Craver had reached out to attorney McCay and he sent an estimate of what he thought the total costs were going to be assuming if there were going

to be any appeals or if we were actually going to go to trial or actually have hearings. It's hard to say, but as long as we can come back and again request money, I'm comfortable with it,» Rydlak said.

Responding to a citizen's inquiry, selectmen and the town administrator confirmed that the town's insurance policy wouldn't cover the legal expenses as it has with other cases because this was a situation that the town could control. The case is expected to return to continue in court on Oct. 31.

## OX TROT

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this is one of our main events.»

While maintaining the same fun and accepting tone as last year, some changes have been made to the race this year and the school expects an increase in sponsorship and participation, already securing six sponsors, including BT's Smokehouse as the title sponsor, the Town of Monson as a gold level sponsor, Notch Mechanical Constructors as a silver level sponsor, Southbridge Credit Union as a bronze level sponsor, and Cornerstone Bank and CR Levesque Trucking as community level sponsors, and seeing more people signing up for the race.

«We currently have 132 people registered and there's usually a 25 percent increase with day-of registration,» said Audra

Staples, an OSA parent and President of the Parent Teacher Scholar Association of Old Sturbridge Academy. «We had a total of 174 participants last year, and this year we are expecting 200 to 250.»

One of the major changes to the race this year is that it was promoted on running websites and will be more organized, formal and inclusive of professional runners, with RaceWire in attendance to produce live and more accurate results as the event is happening.

«We wanted it to be more professional this year,» said Staples. «I'm a runner and if I run a 5K, I like to get my results right away.»

The event will also include swag bags filled with items donated by sponsors for the first 140 people who register for the race, medals for all participants, a raffle with items donated by local and regional

businesses, and prizes for the top male and female runners in each of the seven age categories. The Ox Trot raised more than \$7,000 last year and the school is hoping to top that this year with its changes, updates, and new opportunities.

«This event is for everyone,» said Staples. «We have kids from the school running it and both first-time and experienced runners. We want to get more professional runners in it this year, but it's more for the people who are attending to support the students and get to be a part of this whole day.»

For more information on the second annual Ox Trot to benefit Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School, go to <http://www.osacps.org>. To sign up for the race, go to <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=10863>.

## LANDS DAY

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- Hodges Village Disc Golf- installing tee posts and signs (moderate digging).
- Greenbriar Park Invasive Plant Removal (annual, ongoing project).
- Spread stone on trail in wet/rutted zones (moderate to difficult).
- Augguteback Pond Picnic Area Upgrade (easy family project).
- Buffumville Lake Trash Pickup Along Causeway

(easy project; but along roadway).

- Forest Thinning to Open View at Boat Ramp (adults only).
- Install Impact Trail/Path at Buffumville Dam Inlet (easy; big Team needed).
- Paint Main Park Gate (Caution Yellow; m• Paint Park Grills (easy, kids project).
- Trail Maintenance- linking two trails together (easy lopper, dragging work; trail experience a plus ).
- Stain Main Staircase or Barn in Park (Brown; easy, messy job).
- Improve (Pollinator) Park Gardens (easy in difficulty).

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## EDITORIAL

# A fresh start and a chance to make memories

It's that time of year again, when the buses start rolling, store shelves once again teem with school supplies, and back to school photos will infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year, when a more structured schedule takes hold and the crisp, cooler air of fall settles in.

We always consider late August into September to be a new year. Yes, we know the actual new year begins on January 1, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall in the height of the '80's when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave. During that time, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match. Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true — most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

In days gone by, if a student misbehaved they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit; however, we remember a slew of kids standing along the brick wall during recess when we were in elementary school. Some students may have had to suffer the public shame of that lineup for not returning a permission slip, or for talking in class, but don't worry — we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the '70's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 1980's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (as in the candy) stuffed animals and Oreos cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder...or was it flour? Either way, the final product certainly wasn't going to land us on "Cake Boss."

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, but are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment

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# OPINION

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

## Preserving Harvest's Bounty the Old Fashioned Way

The pleasures of the New England harvest season are truly bountiful. Ripe, red tomatoes heavy on the vine, stately rows of corn stalks, and pots of leafy herbs promise home grown goodness for the family table. Whether plucked from your own backyard or purchased fresh from local gardens or farmers markets, preserving the "just picked" flavor of the New England harvest is a seasonal quest.

While freezing has long been a favorite form of "keeping" crops and traditional canning is enjoying a comeback, the old fashioned method of drying garden vegetables often gets overlooked by home gardeners. A modern dehydrator isn't necessary, as all it takes is an oven, some trays and a bit of time to maintain all the flavor, integrity and wholesomeness of the season's harvest.

**Dry to Preserve Garden's Bounty**

Drying is one of the oldest forms of food preservation, and a reliable technique that can be easily employed to stretch the goodness of home grown vegetables. Dehydrating removes moisture and therefore halts the growth of bacteria and molds, extending the life of precious garden crops.

Proper preparation of vegetables to dry is very important. Pick produce at peak of ripeness and rinse in cool water to remove dirt and debris. Dry thoroughly and cut into uniform thicknesses to ensure even drying time. Some vegetables, such as tomatoes, corn, carrots and potatoes should be blanched before drying to kill potential bacteria and enzymes that can decrease flavor and color during storage. Common foods that do not require pre blanching include mushrooms, peppers, onions, garlic and herbs. Blanch vegetables by boiling or steaming. Immediately drop into cold water briefly to stop cooking and drain and dry vegetables while still warm. (The warmth will aid the drying process.)

Place vegetables in a food dehydrator, or if drying in oven, arrange in a single layer on a wire cake cooling rack set on top of a sheet tray to allow air circulation. The optimum temperature for successful drying is 140 degrees. This low temperature ensures moisture has completely evaporated, therefore lowering the risk of mold from any trapped moisture. If your oven doesn't have as low a setting, try the "warm" setting checking the temperature with a thermometer to avoid cooking the vegetables. Check temperature periodically to ensure oven maintains an even 140 degrees.

It can take several hours for garden produce to be properly dried. Sufficiently dehydrated vegetables and herbs will be crisp and brittle. Vegetables cut in thicker slices such as tomatoes should be dry but not hard (a bit pliable). Dried goods must be cooled completely before storing. Air tight containers such as zipper lock bags, glass mason jars and plastic freezer tubs are all good candidates for storage of dehydrated vegetables. Dried produce should be stored in a cool, dark place and can last from a few months up to a year, depending upon the vegetable. Refrigeration can extend the life of some dried vegetables, just be sure they are stored in an air tight container and always use within one year of packing. To ensure the product remains dehydrated, it is very important to check the contents periodically and discard any food that has become rehydrated, smells "off", or is moldy or tainted in any way.

**From Décor to Diet: Garlic Braids and Pepper Wreaths**

Garlic braids dangling from kitchen rafters and colorful hot pepper wreaths hung near the chopping block offer not only homegrown décor, but a handy "pick as you use" year round supply of garden produce. Storing garden garlic and dried peppers in a creative way is not only satisfying for the home gardener, but the finished products serve as ideal "garden gifts" throughout the seasons.



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**\*Garlic Braid: Give Bountiful Bulbs a "Twist."**

Garlic is easy to grow, and even a novice gardener can produce enough garlic bulbs to store for use all year round via a well constructed garlic braid.

**To do:** Gather up about a dozen of fresh garlic bulbs with greens attached. Begin braiding greens of three garlic bulbs, and then begin adding more bulbs as you continue up the braid. Add a new bulb on the right and work it into the braid, then a new one in the middle and do the same, then add a bulb on the left, layering the bulbs in an attractive braid as you move up the length. At this point the braid technique resembles "French braiding" of hair. For larger bulbs bring greens in from the outer edges (forming an X with the other greens) for an attractive French braiding rope. Continue braiding until all bulbs are used.

To finish off your garlic rope, wind a length of twine or raffia around the greens close to the top bulb. Tie off and tie ends together to form a loop to hang the rope. Hang in a well ventilated, warm area to dry for two to three weeks. When dry, simply snip off desired bulbs. For long term storage, hang braid in a cool storage area or root cellar.

Onions and shallots can be braided in the same manner.

**\*Pepper Wreath: Pick Perfect Peppers**

Note: Before stringing hot peppers be sure to wear gloves to ensure safety while handling. Experts advise using waxed dental floss to string and dry hot peppers like jalapenos, as the strength of their oils can dissolve normal thread.

**Wreath:** To make a pepper wreath with slim peppers, you'll need to wash and dry a generous amount of fresh peppers. With a sharp knife, make two slits at the top of each pepper, under the cap. Using 12 gauge wires form a sturdy round circle (for larger wreaths double the wire or use a heavier gauge. To form circle, stretch wire over a bucket or clay flower pot. Make a loop at one end. Thread peppers onto the wire through the slits, pushing them together at different angles until the wreath is full and looks attractive. Make a hook at the end of the wire and hook onto the loop. Hang up to dry for about two weeks.

**Swag:** To string a swag of peppers, wash and dry thoroughly. Thread a heavy duty needle with fishing line or unflavored wax dental floss. Tie a knot at the end of the line and thread through the stem of the pepper, pushing peppers close together and off to each side as you form the swag. For decorative effect, alternate red and green peppers. Continue stringing until swag is desired size. Tie off and loop top and hang to dry.

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

## Be alert for opportunities when preparing for college costs



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Now that summer is winding down, it will soon be "back-to-school" time. When children are young, your logistics

for the new academic year may involve little more than a trip to buy school supplies. But if you'd like to send your kids (or grandkids) to college someday, you need to plan far ahead to meet the financial demands. And, as part of your planning, you also need to be on the lookout for all opportunities to help pay those sizable college bills.

Specifically, you'll need to be ready to take action in these areas:

**Financial aid** – You should start thinking about financial aid at least a year before your child heads off to college. For example, you can begin submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Oct. 1 for the 2020-21 academic year. And if the past is any guide, you'll always need to remember that Oct. 1 date for the next school year. The FAFSA helps colleges and the U.S. Department of Education evaluate your financial need and determine how much financial support your child requires. And since a lot of financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, it's a good idea to submit your forms as soon as possible once the application period opens.

**Scholarships** – Colleges and universities offer their own scholarships, but you're not limited to them. In fact, you might be surprised at the number and variety of college scholarships available to your child or grandchild – but to find them, you may need to do some digging. Find out what's offered from foundations, religious, ethnic or community organizations, local businesses and civic groups. Also, ask the high school guidance office for information. Your own employer might even offer small scholarships. You can find more information on scholarships on the U.S. Department of Education's website.

**College-specific investments** – You might also want to consider an investment designed to help you save for college. You have several options available, each with different contribution limits, rules and tax treatments, so you'll want to consult with a financial professional to choose an investment that's appropriate for your situation.

**Community colleges** – Not every bachelor's degree needs to begin and end at an expensive four-year college or university. Many students now fulfill some of their "general" education requirements at affordable community colleges before transferring to a four-year school – often saving tens of thousands of dollars in the process.

**Paying for college** is challenging. After all, for the 2018-19 academic year, the average annual cost (tuition, fees, and room and board) was \$21,370 for in-state students at public four-year colleges or universities; for four-year private schools, the corresponding expense was \$48,510, according to the College Board. And college costs will likely continue to rise over the next several years. But, as we've seen, by being proactive and having a plan in place, you can go a long way toward coping with these expenses and helping your loved ones enjoy the benefits of higher education.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com.*





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Nina Caplette

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“As a longtime local resident, I’m looking forward to creating strong bonds with our members and community in order to guide them through the process of their financial needs and goals,” said Caplette.

She continued to say, “I’m also excited about enhancing my skills and becoming even more knowledgeable in this area. I’m excited to put my many years of banking experience to use in my new role as Mortgage Loan Originator.”

Caplette can be reached at 508-909-7184 or via email: CapletteT@sbgecu.org. She looks forward to serving you soon!

## TRIPS OFFERED

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

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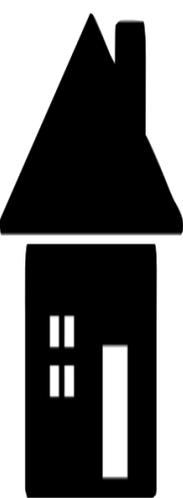
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## SPORTS

# Maynard family goes the distance at Pan-Mass Challenge



Courtesy photo

Corey Maynard after completing the 192-mile stretch of the Pan-Mass Challenge.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

THOMPSON, Conn. — Tourtellotte High School was well represented earlier this month in the 38th annual Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), which to date has raised more than \$700 million for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Kim (Maynard) Aucoin, THS Class of 1991, and her brother Corey Maynard, THS Class of 1992, both completed the longest leg of the ride; the 192-mile stretch from Sturbridge to Provincetown that takes two days to complete.

Aucoin and Maynard both said that they know many people who have been

through the ordeal of having cancer, including their mother, Dorothy, who is a cancer survivor.

This summer's ride was Aucoin's third straight year participating in the PMC; Maynard joined his sister on the ride two years ago.

"It's such a great event; I definitely plan to ride again next year," said the 46-year-old Aucoin, who lives in Dudley and works in Webster at MAPFRE Insurance. "It's the people cheering you on along the way that makes this so special to me. There are so many hills in the beginning and, because of the heat, you don't think you're going to make it. But then the people start cheering you on, telling you that you can do it — and



Courtesy photo

Kim (Maynard) Aucoin at the Pan-Mass Challenge finish line.

they've got signs in their front yard encouraging you, too. It's all awesome, and you somehow push through."

Aucoin, who was part of MAPFRE's 17-member PMC team, raised \$5,585 this year, while MAPFRE raised nearly \$420,000. A portion of the money MAPFRE raised came through its policy holders. Any policy holder who donated \$25 was offered a five percent discount on their auto insurance. The \$25 donation goes directly into the pool of MAPFRE PMC donations.

Her work with the PMC is not Aucoin's first foray into cycling to raise money for a worthy cause.

"I've been involved with cycling, on

and off, for about 20 years," Aucoin said. "In 1998 and 2000 I participated in AIDSrides. I rode both years from Boston to New York. It's about a 300-mile ride; it took three days, and I completed it both years on a mountain bike."

Maynard, who also had mountain biked back in the day, got back into cycling to improve his health.

"I started riding again back in 2012 for fitness; I wanted to lose weight," said Maynard, who participated in the PMC as a solo rider this year and raised \$8,866. "I work in Boston for Gillette and I was in Berlin [Germany] on business and I went out cycling with a co-worker. We were on road bikes — like Kim, I had always ridden a mountain bike — and I thought 'this is great.' So I came back from that trip and bought a road bike."

It was no simple feat, however, getting his sister to convert.

"It took me two years to convince Kim to buy a road bike," said Maynard, a Northbridge resident who will turn 45 next month. "We would ride together, me on the road bike, she on the mountain bike, which weighed three times as much as a road bike. At one point I was like, 'hey, you're slowing me down. Get a real bike.'"

Maynard said he didn't participate in the PMC with Aucoin back in 2017 for one simple reason.

"I wasn't ready for it. I was 40 pounds heavier and really didn't want to do a 200-mile ride carrying all that excess weight," said Maynard, who shed the pounds by increasing his riding mileage and training a lot in the gym. "Back then we both lived in Dudley so we would meet up and go on rides together. The more we did that the more I got into cycling."

Both Maynard and Aucoin train for the PMC from April to July, riding outdoors three days a week and indoors on a spin bike another three to four times a week. Aucoin prefers her training to involve road work.

"I love it; I'd ride outside every day if I could," Aucoin said. "If it's nice out I'm outside riding. I try to ride every day if I can."

There is a third Maynard family member involved in the PMC. Older sister Pam Maynard doesn't ride, but she does help out.

"I'm there for support. I pick them up at the end of the race when they're finished," said Pam Maynard with a laugh.

Maynard, however, does more than that.

"This year I volunteered to work with the PMC. MAPFRE set it up that any employees who wanted to volunteer, they would provide transportation to the PMC headquarters in Needham," Pam Maynard said. "We were there for about six hours putting together 'rider packages,' which basically consisted of a list with bike jersey size, identification bands for the riders, luggage and bike tags."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Register now for annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race

The 53rd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 2. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 400 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at CharltonOptical or on www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com/. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

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

Come join the fun. Paddle for Recovery with Casi, bring the entire family and play volleyball with the Holy Cross volleyball team, enjoy a potluck BBQ, hang out on the beach, swim and enjoy the end of summer!

It's no secret that Mother Nature can help heal. Just step outside after a stressful day and you immediately start to feel relief. Add in movement or exercise and the benefits grow. New studies have shown that outdoor activity can aid in recovery from disease, reduce stress, increase concentration, and improve your overall health and wellbeing. If you can enjoy these benefits while burning calories and building muscle, then that is what the doctor ordered.

Paddle for Recovery is a free SUP class for those currently undergoing or who have recently completed treatment for cancer. Our mission with

this program is to provide an opportunity to escape on the water and maybe even find a new passion that can assist in recovery.

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Lake Siog Park in Holland. Grills and picnic tables are on site. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. Carry in carry out!

Schedule of events:  
4-5 p.m. Registration, BBQ, Social  
5-7:30 p.m. Volleyball Clinic and pick-up game (for kids and adults)  
5:30-7 p.m. Paddle for Recovery for survivors (limit 10 spots, sign up early!)

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

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

WORCESTER — Wormtown Milers and Rapsallion Brewery are pleased to announce 9Round Worcester — James Street as the Naming Sponsor of the second annual Running Out Of Summer (ROOS) 5K. The race, which begins and ends at Rapsallion Brewery in Sturbridge on Aug. 24 (with a 10 a.m. start time and a cap of 500 runners), benefits Second Chance Animal Services with locations in Worcester, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, and Springfield. One can register online at www.roos5k.racewire.com.

"We are so proud to be naming sponsor for the second year in a row," commented Sheri Barrette, Owner of 9Round Worcester — James Street. "The focus on both fitness and animal welfare in the local community is the

perfect fit for 9Round Worcester and for me personally."

Conceptualized as a means to promote philanthropy, fitness, and positivity in the south-central Worcester county community, ROOS 5K has already become a local favorite. The race, which is co-hosted by Wormtown Milers and Rapsallion Brewery, sold out with an extensive wait list in its inaugural year. Post-race feedback was extensive and extremely positive.

"ROOS 5K 2018 was one of the most wonderful events I've ever been a part of," said Lindsay Doray, Director of Development at Second Chance Animal Services. "Not only was it a day filled with smiles and laughter, but the race also donated over \$7,000 to Second Chance AND we adopted out two dogs from our mobile adoption van on race day."

"We are thrilled to once again be co-hosting the Running Out Of Summer 5K with Wormtown Milers," said Cedric Daniel, Co-Proprietor of Rapsallion Brewery. "This event is all about caring and community — key Rapsallion values — and we are looking forward to ROOS 5K being an annual event here at Rapsallion for years to come."

Participants in ROOS 5K will enjoy a scenic, timed 5K race that is dog- and kid-friendly, and will also receive a tech shirt, medal, and a free beer specially brewed by Rapsallion for the event — the Running Out Of Summer Ale.

In addition to 9Round Worcester — James Street being announced as Naming Sponsor for ROOS 5K, additional sponsors include JFC Pros as a Gold Sponsor, Security Engineered Machinery and Southbridge Credit Union as Silver Sponsors, and Country Bank, Brenda M. Bianculli CPA, and OFS as Bronze Sponsors. Businesses interested in sponsoring should contact Emma Thibault at wormtownmilersrun@gmail.com or (617) 680-1112.

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Photo courtesy Pam Maynard

Kim (Maynard) Aucoin, left, and her brother, Corey Maynard, celebrate after completing the Pan-Mass Challenge.

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**TRIPS**

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

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

**FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS**

On Wednesday August 28th at Lake Pearl in Wrentham Ma.. Come see Patti and Jose who were voted "Musicians of the Year" by Norwegian Cruise Lines. They have wowed audiences worldwide with their vibrant performances of the songs of Neil Diamond, Carol King, Johnny Cash and Janis Joplin. For \$92, enjoy Deluxe Transportation, a delicious Plated Lunch of Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

On Tuesday September 17th at the Danversport, Ma. Yacht Club. You will be entertained by the Atlantic City Boys. They are 4 Dynamic Lead Singers who mix World Class Vocals and Interactive Comedy. Hear them sing the songs of The Beach Boys, The Drifters, The Bee Gees and of course Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. For \$92, sit back and enjoy Deluxe Transportation, feast on a delicious Plated Lunch of Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday, Dec. 5 Overnight Trip 3 Days/2Nights. Prices are \$459 for Double Occupancy and \$559 for Single Occupancy. On Wednesday see the Spectacular Awe Inspiring Special Effects and complete with Live Animals "Miracle of Christmas Show" at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show production of Irving Berlin's Musical "Holiday Inn" featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin's Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve "DAY" at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let's Celebrate the New Year during the "DAYTIME". Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballroom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89, enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let's not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Available upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at [lisirichard15@yahoo.com](mailto:lisirichard15@yahoo.com) for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

**LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head

Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

**MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH**

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

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

**MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER**

1 RIVER ST.  
MILLBURY, MA 01527

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

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

**PAXTON SENIORS**

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

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

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

**SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

October 8-15, 2019 - ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA - Room has just opened up for two couples on the 2019 trip, and I am taking names for 2020 trip,

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

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

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

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

**FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE SENIORS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Military Festival, Halifax Saint John plus more 1299 Double occupancy

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

Island, 399.00 Double Occupancy Tuesday 8/27 to Thursday Spectacular Saratoga NY Raceway, Lake George Cruise, Tour of Saratoga

Battlefield, Norman Rockwell Museum. 499.00 Double occupancy

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

Hershey's Chocolate World and more 459.00 Double occupancy

For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508 410 1332 or at [lisirichard15@yahoo.com](mailto:lisirichard15@yahoo.com)

**UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12**

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

2019

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

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

Dec. 14 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

**UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

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

Sept. 20- Sun, Sept. 22. - Balloon Festival \$549. made out to Conway Tours. (trip full - waiting list)

Oct. 1- Return of Turkey Train! Train ride along Lake Winnepesaukee with turkey dinner on board. \$81; leaves Whitinsville at 8:30; Home 6:30

Nov. 12~ Aqua Turf Club ~ lunch & show, "Crooning the 70's". \$79. Family style meal of Penne ala Vodka, Beef Burgundy, & Salmon

It's not too early to think about Christmas! Join the Silver Club for Boothbay Harbor, "Christmas by

the Sea" in Portland, ME, or Reagle Players Christmas Show for Christmas 2019!

Nov. 21-22~2 day Boothbay Harbor w/lunch at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. -- 2 days w/"Gardens Aglow" (beautiful light show at the botanical garden) at the Boothbay Harbor Botanical Gardens. 1 lunch, 1 breakfast. \$199. double occupancy, \$259. single.

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

Dec. 8 - Reagle Players Christmas show.... TBA

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

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

The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center invites you to join them on a couple of Christmas trips.

There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we'll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flagship L.L. Bean Store, and local boutiques housed in historic brick buildings; then enjoy an included late lunch buffet at the Harraseeket Inn. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor in the late afternoon and check in to the Flagship Inn. This evening we'll experience Gardens Aglow; walk through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' dazzling, outdoor display of 650,000 lights illuminating their meticulously cared for gardens. You'll also have a chance to peruse the visitor's center & gift shop and get a bite to eat. We will stop in the village of Boothbay Harbor afterwards to experience "The Festival of Lights." After breakfast we will head home with a stop in Kennebunkport for lunch and shopping. \*Please note this tour includes periods of outdoor walking on dimly lit, potentially uneven surfaces, and overnight accommodations that require walking up and down stairs.

On December 5 and 6th there is a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and it includes one dinner and one breakfast both at the lodge, glassblowing at Simon Pearce Company, a meeting with a member of the Von Trapp family, a stop in Montpelier, and of course the luxury of being at the Trapp family Lodge! It is \$379 for the double occupancy per person and \$499 per person for a single.

Capture the Christmas spirit as we enjoy a little of Austria and a lot of Vermont on this memorable getaway. Situated on 2,500 acres in Stowe, Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge serves as our magnificent home away from home. Enjoy great shopping, superb dining and exceptional hospitality on this great Christmas holiday tour.

On Wed, Dec.18 we will travel to the Newport Playhouse to see "A Christmas Cactus" For \$79 you will enjoy a great play, a bountiful buffet and the Christmas Cabaret.

Show Synopsis: Christmas Eve is tough for private investigator Cactus O'Riley, a white-hot redhead with the holiday blues. She is trying to lure her secretary Fred away from his protective mother, dodging the affections of Deputy D.A. Windsor, and considering closing her business. She doesn't need the added aggravation of two fugitives who burst into her office looking for justice and a dead detective named Jake Marley. Cactus also doesn't need Fred's mother, who arrives to take Fred home but decides to stay because she thinks this is the Christmas murder mystery party she has always dreamed of attending. Christmas turns into a Dickens of a holiday for Cactus as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles and takes a second chance on love and sleuthing.

All trips leave from the Whitinsville WalMart. Call Sue at 509-476-5820 for more information.

**WEST BROOKFIELD SENIOR CENTER**

Block Island, Aug. 21  
Price: \$122 (includes bus driver gratuity)

Trip includes a ferry ride to Block Island, with a 1 and a quarter hour tour across the island with a native

Block Island Guide. Also included is a luncheon at the National Hotel, with entree choices of Grilled Salmon,

Chicken Breast or Baked Seafood Casserole. Some time to browse the shops will be available. A deposit of \$60 is required upon sign-up. Please contact the West Brookfield Senior Center at (508) 867-1407 for more information.

# OBITUARIES

## Paul E. Bergin, Jr., 80



CHARLTON- Paul E. Bergin, Jr., 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, Aug. 14th, in his home after an illness.

He leaves his wife, Beverly G. (Hunt) Dam Bergin; his two daughters, Gina Gray of Auburn and Cathy Tomlin and her husband George of Holden; his two step children, Shawn Dam and his wife Sandra of Charlton and Penny Webster and her husband

John of Milford, NH; his brother, John Bergin and his wife Joann of Oregon; his five sisters, Ellen Brigham and her husband Richard of West Brookfield, Marie Miller and her husband Bob of Auburn, Sheila Fanueff of Oxford, Marian Vancelette of Auburn and Martha Sarmiento of Hawaii; his sister-in-law, Cecile Bergin of Grafton; his two grandchildren, Ronnie Bergin and Curtis L'Heureux; 7 step grandchildren; two great grandchildren, Abby and Mason Carpenter; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Bergin and his

sister, Frances Bacon. Paul was born in Boston the son of the late Paul E. and Mary G. (Williamson) Bergin. He grew up in Rochdale and served four years in the US Air Force.

Paul was a land surveyor and worked for Moore Surveying in Shrewsbury for many years before retiring many years ago. He was an avid fan of the Red Sox and Patriots and enjoyed watching golf. He enjoyed gardening and was a great handyman-he could fix anything. He loved traveling. Paul was also very proud of his Irish heritage.

His funeral was held on Monday,

Aug. 19th, at 11:00am in the Charlton City United Methodist Church, 74 Stafford St., Charlton. Burial will be in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton. Calling hours were held in the Church on Monday, Aug. 19th, from 9:30 to 11:00am, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Charlton City United Methodist Church, 74 Stafford St., Charlton, MA 01507 or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

# CALENDAR

## Friday, August 23

**POLLINATORS & PLANTS:** 10 a.m., Norcross Sanctuary, 30 Peck Rd., Wales. Join us for a casual walk with our Staff and nature guru Dave Small from the Athol Bird and Nature Club. We will explore parts of the Sanctuary and see what interesting birds, butterflies, beetles, bees and buds we can find! Depending on how the day goes, we could be out for two hours or four, so please RSVP so we can make arrangements for lunch. Call 413-267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

## Monday, September 2

**CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB OLDE HOME DAY FLOWER SHOW:** Garden Club members will have hundreds of arrangements for viewing at the Federated Church. This year's theme is "Birds of a Feather." Come see the creative floral designs and chat with our members.

## Wednesday, September 11

**ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS BOOK DISCUSSION:** 6:30 p.m., Brewer Theater, Old Sturbridge Village. Presented by New York Times bestselling author Kristan Higgins. Sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library. The kick-off event for a series of discussions.

## Saturday, September 14

**TAILS ON THE TRAIL DOG WALK:** Come and "Strut Your Mutt" or "Just Your Stuff" at our annual Tails on the Trail Dog Walk to support the Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary in Brimfield. The walk is on Sept. 14 on the Brimfield Town Common. All walkers are welcome! A dog is not required! There will be vendors, crafts, raffles and food for purchase. Can't be there in person? Be a virtual walker! Please see heretoday-sanctuary.org to sign up for the walk or to be a virtual walker.

## Saturday, September 21

**THE NATURE OF MY BACKYARD:** 11 a.m.-noon, Norcross Sanctuary, 30

Peck Rd., Wales. The Creature Teachers are coming to Norcross, and bringing live animal ambassadors to explore the lives of the creatures living in our own backyards. A great program for all ages to meet some of the common animals that we encounter every day. Reserve your spot: Call 413-267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org.

## Saturday, October 5

**STOP ABUSE TODAY INC. "TRIFECTA":** A 5K, 10K, and marathon in support of Stop Abuse Today at Holland Elementary School, 28 Sturbridge Rd. T the 5K and 10K both start at 9 a.m. Register online at event.racereach.com/stop-abuse-today-5k-10k-13.1/register. Please note that the Half Marathon portion previously advertised has been canceled due to logistical issues. To register or for more information, visit <https://event.racereach.com/stop-abuse-today-5k-10k/register>.

## ONGOING

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

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

**"A CARING PLACE" MEMORY CAFÉ:** A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free and fun place for people to go where they can be themselves and enjoy the company of loved ones and never have to worry about what others are thinking. We will never ask for a diagnosis and anyone from any town or city and any age are welcome. We only ask that all guests have a caregiver with

them and that the guest has a cognitive related illness or injury. Staff is not responsible for the personal care of any guest. We are accepting to any level of ability and always welcome new people. Our Memory Café is run on donations and sponsors. Light refreshments are often served. Our atmosphere is geared toward fun yet comfortable and always safe. Our Café often hosts singers, dancers and performers who will help bring back old memories and days gone by. Our Café also hosts fun interactive activities but never educational events; we feel this should be a fun time spent together. Please see the upcoming scheduled events coming to our Memory Café over the next few months. Signups are encouraged. We are open the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

**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](mailto:kawalker@overlook-mass.org) for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or [alz.org](http://alz.org).

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help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

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

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

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

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

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

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centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to whom. No such thing as texting back then.

Cursive writing was always fun. It was a great feeling when you made that lower case 'j' just right. Who knew that years later, handwriting would become a lost art, and our cursive skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a come back in some schools.

We think it goes without saying that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.

Cheers to a new school year, and to new memories.

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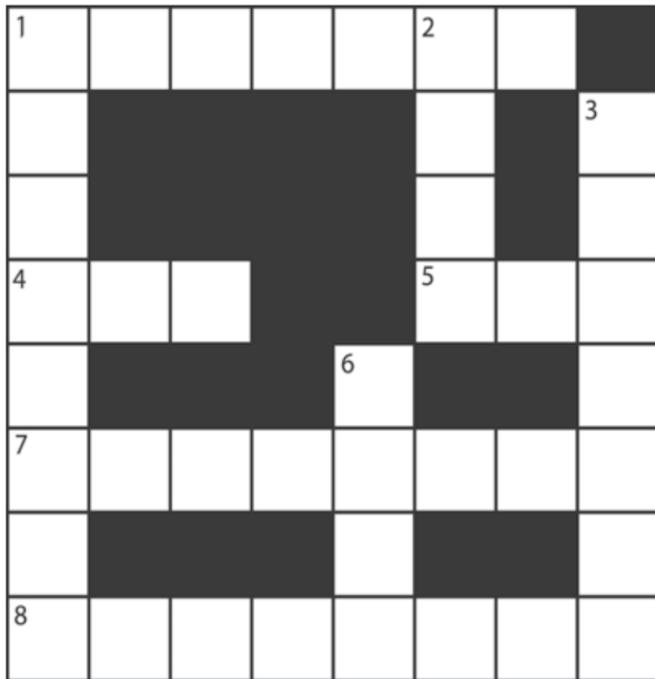
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### ACROSS

1. Check carefully
4. Perceive with the eyes
5. Small muscle movement
7. Type of bean
8. Educators

### DOWN

1. Ability to see
2. In place
3. Medical providers
6. Hair on eyes

Answers:  
 Across: 1. Examine 4. See 5. Tic 7. Garbanzo 8. Teachers  
 Down: 1. Eyesight 2. Neat 3. Doctors 6. Lash

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

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ANSWER: RODS



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state of being able to see

## How they SAY that in...

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- SPANISH:** Pestaña
- ITALIAN:** Ciglio
- FRENCH:** Cil
- GERMAN:** Wimpern

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Summer is vacation season. Warm weather makes summer the perfect time to leave the daily grind behind in search of a beach filled with sun, sand, fun, and relaxation.

Summer vacations tend to be all about rest, relaxation and recreation. While people tend to leave much of their everyday lives behind when departing on vacation, travelers are urged to make their getaways as eco-friendly as possible. The following are some simple ways for vacationers to keep the environment in mind this summer.

- Open the windows at home. There's no need to run energy-hungry air conditioners at home while on vacation. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, air conditioners consume about 6 percent of all the electricity consumed in the United States each year, costing homeowners around \$29 billion per year. In addition, the DOE estimates that air conditioners are responsible for the release of roughly 117 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the air each year. By opening their windows and turning their air conditioners off before leaving for vacation, travelers can save money and reduce their energy consumption while prevent-



Booking stays in LEED-certified hotels or resorts is one way for vacationers to make their getaways more eco-friendly.

ing carbon dioxide from entering the air.

- Unplug appliances at home. Another way vacationers can make their summer excursions more eco-friendly is to unplug their appliances before departing on vacation. Standby power, sometimes referred to as “vampire power,” refers

to the power consumed by appliances such as televisions even when they're “off.” The energy required for a single appliance on standby power might not be that significant, as many appliances, including once energy-hungry cable set-top boxes, have been made much more

energy efficient in recent years. However, the energy consumed while appliances are on standby can add up when homeowners consider just how many appliances in their homes are plugged in at all times. Unplugging these appliances before leaving on vacation can prevent unnecessary

energy consumption.

- Stay in eco-friendly resorts. Before booking a vacation hotel or resort, eco-conscious travelers can do some investigating and only book stays in LEED-certified facilities. An acronym for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, LEED is, accord-

ing to the U.S. Green Building Council, the most widely used green building system in the world. LEED-certified buildings save energy, water and resources while generating less waste. Certification levels vary based on the LEED rating system, but would-be guests can contact hotels and resorts they're considering to learn if they're certified and what their certification status is. Certain travel websites also maintain directories of green hotels to help their customers make informed lodging decisions.

- Rely on public transportation at your destination. Whether you're staying at an all-inclusive resort or backpacking through Europe, using public transportation while on vacation can greatly reduce your carbon footprint. Many resorts or tour companies offer day trips to vacationers, picking them up and dropping them off in buses that can seat more people than individual cars and trucks. Utilizing such services can reduce fuel consumption and cut back on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced by vacationers.

A break from the daily grind does not mean vacationers have to take a break from being eco-conscious.

## Tips when booking vacation rentals



Vacation rentals are a relatively new yet popular addition to the travel market. Such rentals, which are typically homes, apartments or condos rented by private citizens via websites such as Airbnb, provide tourists with alternatives to hotels.

The market research firm Technavio estimates the global vacation rental market will grow at a rate of 7 percent between 2017 and 2021. In the United Kingdom, data from the Smarthosts Vacation Rental Forum indicates holiday rentals are now the fastest-growing sector of tourism.

Rentals may offer more space, additional amenities and more affordable prices

than hotels. Families often enjoy rental properties because they can provide a home-away-from-home feel. Rentals also may feature fully functioning kitchens, allowing renters to prepare some if not all of their vacation meals themselves, saving them money on food and beverages.

Even though vacation rentals are quite popular, and there are many booking resources that will put interested parties in touch with private renters or rental organizations, vacationers must recognize that booking and paying for a vacation rental is very different from booking hotels. The following are some tips for travel-

ers to consider before booking their next vacation rentals.

- Consider an aggregator site. Aggregator websites showcase properties from multiple rental sites on a single page so that renters can easily compare their options.

- Read the fine print. Read all of the information about rentals carefully. Details like lack of parking or no cable service should not be ignored.

- Look at reviews. Read all of the reviews of a property on sites such as TripAdvisor, Google, Yelp, and the vacation rental site itself. Pay attention to the important details on where the property may be lacking.

- Do an online map search. Plug in the address on a satellite mapping site and see what is around the property. This will help renters determine if the property really is “steps from the beach” or if those steps are actually miles. Mapping also helps identify restaurants, shopping and recreation in the area.

- Verify rates and payment information carefully. Price quotes may differ from the final price when other “fees” are added on. Certain rentals may have cleaning fees or require renters pay for cable or internet access. Determine all fees before booking a rental. Verify with the rental owners

that credit cards are accepted. A credit card offers more protection against fraud than cash or personal checks.

- Call the owner or manager. Speaking to the property owner or manager can give potential renters a feel for the person with whom they are doing business. If it's difficult to get in touch with the manager or owner, or if he or she doesn't answer promptly, it may be best to look elsewhere.

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**400 SERVICES**

**442 LICENSED DAY CARE**

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**SOLID OAK RECTANGULAR DINING TABLE** about 35 yrs old in sturdy condition but could use a light sanding on top to refresh Asking \$75. CALL (508)637-1698

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**WORCESTER COUNTY MEMORIAL PARK,** Garden of Valor, Paxton, Mass. 2 lots for sale, \$2000 for both lots. Call Alan at 508-885-4381

**550 MOBILE HOMES**

**PARK MODEL MOBILE HOME** - Highview Campground, West Brookfield. Season begins April 15th and closes Oct. 15th. New windows, furnace, refrigerator, and kitchen floor. Call 508-873-6312.

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**508-280-8331**  
rwo12@aol.com

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**TIMESHARE FOR SALE** full-flex week at The Manhattan Club in New York located across from Carnegie Hall. Great buy; illness forces this sale. Asking \$7,000. For details 508-248-5123

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**2006 MUSTANG GT-50k**, 5sp fully modified. Call or email for details and photos. 508-476-2293. savianojohn@yahoo.com

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**2010 MAZDA M3 ISV**. \$6800. Call Ray 508-450-5241

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**BMW MOTORCYCLE**, rare K75 (4-stroke in-line 3 cyl motor), 1995. Mileage 10,800 (tires have about 1K wear) color: silver (#705). Asking \$5,200. Accessories: 3rd generation saddlebags with keys and insert bags, tail rack, Monoshock upgraded to YSS dialed to 250 lbs. Adjustable - all documents. Original toolset and bike manual. OEM windshield, Corbin low seat, Trickle charger, heated handgrips. This bike was stored in a garage for many years and is in like-new condition. Cruises between 60-80 with no effort and accelerates 0 to 60 in 4.5 seconds. A true 3-season miler! 508-943-1790 or ndc0001@charter.net

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1 with 1/8 page; 2 with 1/4 page; 3 with 1/2 page; 4 with full page

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Please send in a photo of your loved one with his or her name, rank, branch of military, and hometown by email to julie@villagernewspapers.com

The deadline for photos is October 17. There is no cost to submit a photo.

If you submitted a photo in previous years, please DO NOT re-send. All previous submitted veterans photos will be run again.

Let's give our veterans the recognition they so greatly deserve!



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## Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**

**FARMER'S DINNER**  
From our gardens to your plate. Featuring local pasture raised chicken. Advanced tickets required  
Salem Cross Inn  
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 salemcrossinn.com

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

**DAN FEELEY**  
from 7-10 in the bar  
308 Lakeside  
308 East Main Street  
East Brookfield, MA 01515  
774-449-8333

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

11am-6pm  
Open House & Fall Registration  
Live dances, free mini trial classes, fun & games, free give-aways, meet the teachers, check out the studio. Also register August 27 and September 4th 6-8 pm at the studio or call/email to register at anytime. Classes begin Sept. 9  
Dance Techniques  
62 Wall St., Spencer, MA 01562  
508-885-4559

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**



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**12TH ANNUAL DROVER'S ROAST**  
at The North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club. It will be preceded by an Edible Plant Walk at 2:45 donation is \$5. Led by Richard Giordano (recently retired from Old Sturbridge Village) Hay Rides at 4 pm. Country music, Raffles, 50 - 50 drawing and more. Donation of \$25. for adults, children 12 and under 1/2 Price. Roast Beef cooked on a spit. Seafood chowder, Clam and Corn Fritters, Home made deserts and much

more. This is probably the Biggest and Best Roast in the New England; you don't want to miss it. For tickets call Larry 508-867-7855 or Paul at 867-7272 or ask a member.



**SPENCER STREET PARTY 11-6**

Downtown Spencer  
Music & Live Performers, Activities & Demonstrations  
Food & Beverages, Artists, Crafters, Local Businesses and non-profits, Beer Garden... and more

**SATURDAY IN THE PARK**

Noon to 5, Powder Mill Park, Spencer, MA  
Corner of Smithville Road & Meadow Street  
A FREE Fun Day of Music for the Entire Family with a 2:30 performance by the Silverbacks and Chuck & Mud, Walter Crockett & Peter Allard  
Hot dogs, ice cream, popcorn, beverages available  
Five Loaves Bakery food truck, facepainting and more  
Sponsored by the Spencer Exchange Club

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

**LIAM COLEMAN**  
from 7-10 in the bar  
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308 East Main Street  
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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

**THE ISLAND CASTAWAY BAND**  
at 9 pm  
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**FARMERS DINNER**  
From our gardens to your plate. Featuring Salem Cross Farm Pasture raised beef  
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**ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO**  
Auburn Sewing Center will be at the DCU Center. Classroom machines on sale. Stop by their Brother & Janome booth for make-it, take-it projects. Classes and demonstrations 9am-5pm  
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www.dcucenter.com

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13,**

**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**  
An interactive dinner theater  
The Fashionable Murders 6:30 pm  
Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving.  
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sailemrossinn.com or call 508-867-2345. 260 West Main Street  
West Brookfield, MA 01585

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,**

**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**  
An interactive dinner theater  
The Fashionable Murders 6:30 pm  
Join us for a laugh-filled night, a great dinner, and a mystery we need help solving. Advance ticket sales required  
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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An interactive dinner theater  
The Fashionable Murders 6:30 pm  
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**MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL**  
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