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National archery shoot returns to Sturbridge for sixth year

BY JASON BLEAU

STURBRIDGE – Continuing a long-standing tradition, Sturbridge will play host to one of several marquee national archery events for the sixth year in a row. The Sturbridge Conversation Commission approved a request from the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club to once again hold the Rinehart R100 archery shoot which includes different events and challenges on courses across the United States.

Billed as "the greatest archery shoot in the world," professional and competitive archers from across North

America turn out for any of the numerous events hosted across the nation from March through September. Sturbridge will be the host town for the Massachusetts shoot, with the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club continuing to host the event as it has for several years.

club's archery chairman Dan Krasnecky appeared before the Conservation Commission in Sturbridge in mid-March to seek his annual approval from the commission to host the event on the club's prop-

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Amy Paul photo

The Divas practice.

Divas prove the motto dance has no age

BY AMY PAUL

For a woman whose motto is "Dance Knows No Age", Michele Mandella proves just how she feels by directing and dancing with the "Divas" dance group. Initiated by Mandella five years ago, the Divas has steadily grown to include 15 dancers ranging in age from 19-48.

"My daughter Emma is my inspiration for starting the Divas. She'd been dancing since she was 2 years old, dancing until she was 18. But, like most studio programs, hers ended at high school graduation. Yet she still wanted to dance. I thought, well why not?" Mandella beams.

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Senate passes housing bond bill

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and the Massachusetts Senate voted to pass S.2368, "An Act financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents" (Housing Bond Bill). The bill is a result of a session long collaboration between the Senate and House with a focus on preserving and producing the state's affordable hous-

"The Housing Bond bill we passed today reflects our commitment to providing housing that is affordable to the vital and diverse workforce that is fueling the Commonwealth's economic growth," said Senator Gobi. "This bill is the first step toward ensuring Massachusetts develops enough affordable housing to support both its workforce and its economic future.'

"Massachusetts must do better to

provide affordable housing to its residents," said Senate President Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). "This bond bill will support the development of affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents across the Commonwealth. As long as one family remains unable to afford adequate housing, our communities suffer.'

In spite of other strong economic indicators, Massachusetts is in desperate need to further develop affordable housing. The housing shortage has placed the State in the bottom tier of housing affordability and rents have risen to third highest in the nation. The Housing Bond bill authorizes \$1.8 billion in investments in the preservation and production of affordable housing across the Commonwealth.

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No to arming teachers say local officials

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education voted unanimously last week to oppose arming teachers. As the debate continues to rage on, local law enforcement and school officials are weighing in.

Following the Feb. 14 high school massacre that killed 17 people in Parkland, FL the debate has heated up on whether arming teachers would make schools more or less safe. Active shooter drills take place in many area school districts, but some officials feel the best way to bolster school security is to arm teachers. Others believe educators should focus on classroom instruction, not security.

Every year we ask teachers to do more with less resources, and they are accountable for student achievement results in a way that is unprecedented," said Quaboag Regional Schools Superintendent Brett Kustigian. "It is irresponsible for policymakers to think that teachers should carry guns in addition to their

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Arrest made in West Brookfield murder investigation

BY KEVIN FLANDERS NEWS STAFF WRITER

WARE — A man with a lengthy criminal history was arrested last week and accused of misleading police in their investigation into the murders of a mother and her three children in West Brookfield.

Matthew Locke, age 31, of Ware,

allegedly lied to police by fabricating stories about gang involvement in the killings. Locke pled not guilty during his arraignment on March 26 at East Brookfield District Court. He was held on \$10,000 bail and will be back in court on April 24.

Police continue to investigate the murders of Sara Bermudez, age 38,

and her three children, Madison age 8, James age 6, and Michael age2. On March 1, police found their bodies inside their home at 10 Old Warren

Officials said Locke is an acquaintance of Moses Bermudez, the father of the victims, though multiple unsubstantiated reports have suggested that Locke is related to the family. Locke was interviewed multiple times by police in recent weeks, and details in his stories were allegedly inconsistent. Locke has an extensive criminal history, including an arson conviction in Maine in 2012. He was sentenced to nine years in prison, with all but two years

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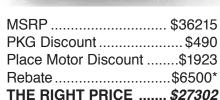
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MOVIE: Wonder

April 20th at 11AM: The Brimfield Senior Center will be showing the movie "Wonder" starring Julia Roberts. Plot: A young boy with a facial deformity begins the fifth grade in a mainstream school with the help and support of his mother and father. The challenges he faces helps others learn to not judge a book by its cover. Rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for Coarse Language, Mild Language, Thematic Elements. Suggested donation for movies is \$2 - Popcorn, snacks and beverages free! The Brimfield Senior Center is located in the 1stCongregational Church, 20 Main St., 413-

ANNUAL SPRING SALE

The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge will be holding its annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Fellowship

Hall. There will be a pre-sale on Friday, April 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Great bargains to be had.

In conjunction with our Rummage Sale on Saturday April 21 only, we will also be accepting electronics for a small fee. Bicycles of all sorts will also be taken from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the rear of the Meetinghouse (parking area). This is a great opportunity to start spring cleaning and to recycle.

PUB QUIZ

The annual United Way Pub Quiz is scheduled Friday April 27 at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village. Check in at 6 p.m., Game begins at 7 p.m. with an optional dinner buffet available 6-7:30 p.m. for an additional \$25 per person. Teams of four, \$100 per team, individual and team registration available. Payment must be received by April 20 to reserve a spot. Dinner reservation and payment must is also due prior to event. Cash bar. Registration available www.unitedwayssc.org. For information call (508) 765-5491. Always great fun, space is limited, register early.

5K WALK & RUN

The 10th annual countryBank Brimfield Trail Association 5K race and walk is scheduled April 28. Race starts at 9 a.m., walk starts at 9:15 a.m. with start and finish location at Five Bridge Road, Brimfield. Register online at www.BrimfieldTrail. org. Race entry: \$20 if entered by April 9; \$25 day of race, free T shirt to first 75 registrants. Gravel based trail, mostly flat with varied terrain.

EARTH DAY

The Sturbridge Conservation office is again encouraging a town wide Earth Day Trash Clean Up event on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. This is a great opportunity for neighborhoods, school groups, individuals and volunteer organizations to take advantage of this excellent community activity. To get involved, stop into the Conservation office at the center office building Tuesdays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Heavy-duty trash bags are available for use in the cleanup. Volunteers will be asked to register by providing their names, the location of the cleanup, and the location where bags will be left for DPW pick up. The office also asks that volunteers sign a release form and take a volunteer "Do's and

Volunteers can select the area(s) they would like to work in. Bags can be left at the nearest intersection for the Sturbridge DPW to pick up on Monday, April 23. To register walk in at the Conservation office Tuesday-Friday April 10-13 and April 17-20; eMail Anne Renauld-Jones before April 19 at arjones@town.sturbridge.ma.us or call the Conservation office at (508) 347-2506.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BATON ROUGE, LA — Jamie Fontaine of Brimfield was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Fontaine is pursuing a degree in Music Education at Westfield State University.

CRUISE IN CAR SHOW

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sturbridge Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to join our new Field Plans Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to analyze, educate, and advocate for the proposed plans at Sturbridge Town Barn. We ask that volunteers are a resident of Sturbridge. If you are interested in serving on the Field Plans Committee or would like more information, please contact Annie Roscioli at recreation@town.sturbridge. ma.us or call 508-347-2041.

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erty as well as some public property. Krasnecky said the event is a popular event that puts Sturbridge on the map and draws in hundreds of participants from across North America to challenge their archery skills on the local course.

"We have somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 to 500 shooters that walk through," Krasnecky said. "We make lanes about three feet wide anywhere from 20 yards or 10 yards all the way out to 55 yards long depending on the target size and the ability of the archer. I try to do something different every year. This is our sixth year now. People keep coming back, all the way from Canada, New York, and Colorado. It's kind of exciting. It's good for the town. They've got to stay somewhere and eat somewhere so it benefits all of us."

The Hamilton Rod & Gun Club can

fit around 300 vehicles in its parking lot, making it a prime location for the expected number of archers who will compete. Each year the number increases, so for 2018 the event will be held for three days, giving an extra day for archers to take to the course.

Because of the quantity of that we have, Rinehart requested that we open the shoot Friday afternoon at noon time, so we agreed to try to get more people through and more options," Krasnecky aid. "For those three days we add the town to our insurance policy. We renew in May so once we renew we add the town to make sure the town is covered by our policy for those three days and we cover Rinehart as well."

The Conservation Commission approved the event noting that not once have they received any complaints about the shoot and they hope 2018 will be no different. The Rinehart R100 archery shoot will be held from June 22 through June 24.

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Giving voice to nature: drumming and dreaming



Larry Spotted Crow Mann sings an Algonquian song to the beat of the sacred drum Saturday.

BY GUS STEEVES

WEBSTER — Although he doesn't say it outright, Larry Spotted Crow Mann's latest book Drumming & Dreaming is, in a mythic sense, an autobiography.

The book is crafted as a story in which Crow gets Bear's help to find his lost dream, along the way exploring oft-unheard Algonquian Indian legends, ones Mann specifically wanted to put on paper before the elders who knew them died. In a sense, it dramatizes his own journey, one Mann hopes many others Native and otherwise – will share with him in their own ways.

As a youth 20-plus years ago, Mann admits he was essentially adrift, drinking a lot and more or less just existing in the void between typical American culture and that of his ancestors.

"I was lucky to stop drinking when I turned 21," and started learning Nipmuc tribal history and culture, he told a small audience at Booklovers Gourmet last Saturday. Since then, he's traveled the US, Canada, Europe and elsewhere sharing Native culture, educating fellow Native Americans about their traditions, and otherwise spreading the idea that "we need to heal our relationship each other, Earth and the other Earthlings we share the world

"This drum is why we're still here," Mann said, noting in Native culture the drum begins and ends all ceremonies. is used to greet visitors, and more. It symbolizes the most basic level of life "everybody's heartbeat, and is the beginning of all our stories.'

On Saturday, he began with a song and prayer in the Algonquian language. He said there's "really no equal translation" because that language "is the ecology of the land; there is no separating them" before summarizing it as an invitation to the ancestors to join us and help in the healing process.

"It's very important to open up those passageways of reciprocity," he said.

The stories themselves are also "part of the land," rooted in specific places known to everyone in our area (often by other names): Chargoggagoggmanc haugga goggchaubu nagungamaugg, Mannexit, Wabbaquasit, and elsewhere. Today, it's known as Nipmuc Country, but he said there really was no Nipmuc tribe; the term is actually a collective one for "32-36 distinct tribal communities" between Natick and the Connecticut River. Some of them became famous as "Praying Communities" for converting to Christianity (and being interned and starved on Deer Island during King Philip's War); others fought the English

and were dispersed after that war.

Describing the compilation as "a hero's journey" he intended to put in a format "as they were 1,000 years ago," Mann said he found it fairly easy to identify when certain tales came into being by how foreign images (including European ones) crept into them. One example is the character of Hobbamock; to Christians, he was associated with the devil, but to Mann's own people he was not evil, just a powerful, and sometimes dangerous, trickster spirit.

There's a lot of nuance to him. He is a reflection of all of us, as the Great Spirit is," Mann said.

Searching the Web for that name comes up with several entries, mostly

regarding a real-Wampanoag

man who inter-

acted with the earliest Pilgrims alongside the better-known Squanto and Massasoit. Wikipedia's page, however, ends with the note his name "may have been a pseudonym, as Hobbamock was the name of a powerful manitou," which the latter word's entry describes as "the spiritual and fundamental life force among Algonquian groups.

"I had to dig deep, go back and listen to the elders" to reconstruct the stories, Mann said. "For some, we only had bits and pieces," with many shared characters, sacred animals and images, but "the stories never die" as long as Native people are still around and remember

"They give voice to our brothers: the Beings, the animal community, the tree community," he said, noting the state Department of Public Health is using some of them to teach life skills, anti-bullying, sharing, and how to deal with drug-alcohol addiction. "All of them teach us life-valuable lessons.

To many Natives, that's been a long time coming. For decades, Native children were forced into boarding schools and other settings where they were punished for even speaking their language, never mind practicing their faith or sharing their stories. Four of 10 kids at boarding schools never came home, he said; many of them simply vanished into unmarked graves, with officials denying knowledge of what happened. His own grandparents went through that; grandmother kept some of the legends "but didn't really want to pass it on" due to fear, although she did teach some medicine skills.

Since then, many Native people have gotten "caught up in the stereotype of who they should be ... and internalized it," he noted. One of them is laziness based in the fact Natives "only worked 3-4 hours a day" because they didn't need any more when Europeans landed; under Colonial doctrine, that was ridiculed and often seen as an excuse for stealing tribal land.

The US has generally not dealt well with Native issues, including hundreds of treaty violations. He noted, for example, that Webster itself was created illegally in the 1800s when the state took the land, while only the federal government had authority to deal with tribes deemed sovereign under the law. Similarly, the state promised Natives they'd set aside funds for land in Grafton, but have never paid the money, claiming the records "got burned."

Fixing those issues, and others, needs black, white and red to come together to fight the injustices," Mann said. Although money might help that process, he personally doesn't want to see Nipmucs create a casino. They fought over one in 2002-03 that divided the tribe, although he noted he's also seen some tribes using casino funds to bene-

Mann also plans to speak about the French River (Mannexit) at 7 p.m. on April 11 at the Wintergarten, upstairs from Kretchmann Brewery.



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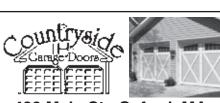
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"This show is such a great opportunity to pull together folk with a variety of interests". Say's Marcus Gay, Founder of New England Bushcraft. "From homesteading to hunting, from navigation to natural cordage, there is something that will interest everyone."

The New England Bushcraft Show is a one-day outdoor expo focused on bushcraft, survival skills, outdoor preparedness and adventure travel. Located in Charlton the birth and final-resting place for John (Grizzly) Adams. The New England Bushcraft Show offers an action packed day with over 30 hours of programming, workshops, classes and talks. This event will take place April

"We're excited to partner with New England Bushcraft for this amazing show. The combination of our venue and their access to the regions bushcraft and wilderness skills experts is enabling this to be a huge success", says Amber Howard, chief brand officer, 508 International.

Highlighted speakers include Zach Fowler of Massachusetts, winner of History Channel's Alone Season 3 on surviving 87 days in Patagonia; Mitch Mitchel of Massachusetts on

greenwood carving and celestial navigation; Alex Ribar of Maine on traditional bow hunting; Frank Grindrod of Massachusetts on friction fire and natural coradage; Kevin Estela of Connecticut on primitive trapping and projectiles; Steve Lancia of Connecticut on wilderness medicine and survival rules of three; and Anthony Brogno of Massachusetts on: unbounded: a three month expedition in Patagonia.

The 2018 New England Bushcraft Show is a partnership between New England Bushcraft Organization and 508 International. Learn more at www.newenglandbushcraft. org. Also visit on Facebook, Youtube and Instagram @ newenglandbushcraftorg

Marcus Oliver Gay,

founder of New England Bushcraft found a passion for the outdoors, camping and survival skills, during his youth in England. As an adult, from his time leading youth groups on wilderness backpacking and canoeing trips, to managing field teams in the arid south-western desert and scuba diving for scientific research in the Alaskan arctic, Marcus has found that his background knowledge in bushcraft and survival has enabled success throughout his career. Marcus and the team at New England Bushcraft have started the New England Bushcraft Show to help participants meet, connect and learn from the amazing bushcraft and survival resources we have in this region of the United States.

New England Bushcraft is

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- 16. Grayish-white
- 17. Google certification (abbr.)
- 18. Six (Spanish) 19. The highest adult male
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- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Exterior part of a home 27. And, Latin
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- 50. Cost per mile
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- 5. Have an obligation to 6. Defunct Chevy convertible
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MONDAY APRIL 9

Advanced: 9-10:30 a.m.

FOUNDATIONS **FAMILY** Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2018. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 11

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS Movement & Music: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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Contact Hitchcock to register.

MURDER

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suspended and four years eligible for probation.

Locke was also convicted of burglary in 2015. He was listed as serving at least two years at Bolduc Correctional Facility in Maine, according to records obtained by the New Leader.

In the days following the Bermudez murders, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early said police were seeking information from anyone who spotted a discarded plastic yellow fuel can. Investigators reviewed surveillance footage from area homes and businesses, and a State Police helicopter searched the area surrounding the home last month. But no one has been charged with the murders, and police have not announced any suspects.

Locke's arrest was the first in connection with the murders, and Early's office has not updated the public in weeks on the investigation.

Residents, meanwhile, are demanding answers following the arrest, as neighbors remain on edge and the school community continues to grieve. Two of the murdered children were students at West Brookfield Elementary School.

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THURSDAY APRIL 12

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SATURDAY APRIL 14

FARMERS' MARKET: Opening day for Brimfield's weekly Farmers' Market-now in its 12th year! Stop by and browse a selection of locally grown and made products from baked goods, produce, and flowers to soaps and more! Dates: Saturdays April 14 - October 27 except during the Brimfield Antiques Show. Time: 9 am-2 pm. For more information, see the Farmers' Market page under Events on our website, www. hitchcockacademy.org.

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Where being dammed is a good thing



Participants gather atop the dam at the start of the tour.

BY GUS STEEVES

CHARLTON — Thousands of people have seen and walked atop Buffumville Dam, but have you ever been inside it?

About 40 people got the chance to do so last week, on a rather blustery, chilly March day that made going into a long grey tunnel labeled Fallout Shelter inviting. Led by Army Corps of Engineers Ranger Jamie Kordack, the tour explored both the physical features of the flood control dam and some of the ecological impacts it has had in its nearly 60 years of existence.

From atop it, she pointed out that the lake is "considered a very good habitat" for 18 species of warm-water fish, especially large- and smallmouth bass, and, like most Bay State lakes, its water tends to be very dark because of high iron content. The surrounding land is home to a wide range of animals, including deer, fishers, bald eagles and bears, and moose have been seen at nearby Hodges Village.

The eagles are a fairly recent returnee. When she started there 26 years ago, the Corps did 10 years of annual eagle surveys and found nothing. But around four years ago, a few boaters began seeing them

"Everybody saw an eagle but me," she recalled. On several occasions, others told her to go outside because they'd just seen one, but the bird had departed before she could. Then she finally did see one... just not here. One day, while driving north on I-290, one was flying parallel to her truck up the highway. She has since seen them at the park itself.

"It's just a matter of time before we get everything here," Kordack added.

Ecologically, though, not everything is welcome. Over the last few years, the Corps has been fighting to control and eliminate the invasive weed Eurasian milfoil, which clogs the lake, ties up (and gets transported on) boat propellers, and makes swimming a challenge. To do it, they drop the water level in winter so it freezes and kills the weed; between four years of that and one application of herbicide, Kordack said she thinks they'll see success this year.

This winter, they needed the water lower for a second, technical reason: the dam's weir needed repairs. It's one of water's three outlet routes through the dam; at the moment, it's only open enough to let any small animal who might fall in escape.

The lake's water level is controlled by three big blue devices inside the dam called Limitorques, one for each outlet. Normally, she said, the Corps leaves it at 11 feet (it was just 7.3 feet during the tour), and it peaked at 32.5 feet in April 1987, when the water flooded the causeway of Oxford Road.

It also flooded more recently, although not as high, in October 2005, when almost nine straight days of rain caused problems across the region. Kordack recalled being called into work at 3 a.m. one day when it was "raining giraffes and rhinoceroses;" she hit "a wall of water" enroute here, and had to drive through rapidly rising floodwaters with her boss to remove a key electrical

Inside the dam, the décor could be best described as austere – nothing but grey walls, although the room leading into

central tunnel itself still holds evidence of previous Halloween tours. Several black paper bats are on one



Ranger Jamie Kordack talks about the ecology of Buffumville Lake.

wall, and the zombie ranger Bob still sits at his post under the stairs. Kordack said there's been talk of resurrecting those tours for a couple of years, and it's likely a couple of the newer rangers will do so this year.

"It's great to see the things you never get access to. This has been here for years and years," said one tour participant who only gave her first name, Gail.

She said she was about age 10 when the famous flood of 1955 hit; that was the one that

prompted construction of this dam and several others across the region, including Hodges Village, Westville and East Brimfield. She recalled seeing caskets floating down the river, having to move upstairs and finding there was still two feet of water there, being carried out of her home because the water was so high, having to get typhoid shots, and hearing about magnesium drums in Putnam "disintegrating and exploding" because of contact with the water.'

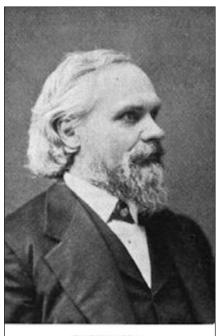


Jamie Kordack signs off on Scout badge forms for participants.



Inside the office, there's a small display of various stuffed animals found dead on the property. Here, Grant Krysiak takes a photo of his daughter Berlin with a covote.

We've come a long way, baby



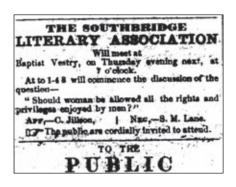
CLARK JILLSON.

The original speaker at the first symposium was Clark Jillson.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE NEWS CORRESPONDENT

As we reach the end of Women's History Month, this newspaper ad from The Southbridge Press of Jan. 13, 1855, gives an idea of how far we have come.

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The original announcement of the Literary Association symposium

reads: "The Southbridge Literary Association will meet at Baptist Vestry, on Thursday evening next, at 7 o'clock to discuss the question 'Should woman be allowed all the rights and privileges enjoyed by man?' The public are cordially welcome to attend.'

The event listing was published more than 60 years before women won the right to vote. A name at the bottom left side of the ad, "C. Jillson," is that of Clark Jillson, who was a publisher and editor of that newspaper. Jillson went on to be a mayor of Worcester.

The Southbridge Press was published from 1853 through 1858. A later newspaper, also called The Southbridge Press, existed from 1891 through 1942.





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LEARNING

Teacher with local ties to be honored

Mary Anne Jezierski from St. Bernadette School in the Diocese of Worcester, MA, will receive the 2018 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. award from the National Catholic Educational Association for dedication and commitment to excellence.

Jezierski, a lifelong resident of Webster, was chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations dedicated to the nation's Catholic schools. Jezierski will be recognized during the annual NCEA 2018 Convention & Expo that will take place April 3-5 in Cincinnati, OH. The annual award honors those whose ministry is Catholic school education and who have

demonstrated a strong Catholic educational philosophy as well as exceptional ability, dedication and results.

"It takes dedicated people in the schools, the dioceses, the parishes and the communities to carry out the mission of faith formation in Catholic schools. They are the living messengers of God's purpose from generation to generation," said Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Ed.D., NCEA chief leadership and program officer

"I am most grateful for the opportunity to educate and help form responsible citizens, steeped in a Catholic world view and sustained by Gospel values," said Jezierski.

According to Principal

Deborah O'Neil, Jezierski has been a valued member of the faculty at St. Bernadette School for the past 17 years.

'She has continually demonstrated a commitment to her students and has contributed significantly in collaborating with her colleagues in the interest of developing a comprehensive and integrated program at St. Bernadette School. She challenges students to think beyond content to connect Catholic social teachings to their every interaction. Mary Anne has actively sought out professional development opportunities to expand her expertise and is generous in sharing her skill-set with colleagues at St. Bernadette School and other Catholic schools in the Worcester Diocese and the Archdiocese of Boston."

St. Bernadette School, a Roman Catholic elementary and middle school located in Northborough, MA, was established in 1997 by the Diocese of Worcester. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. St. Bernadette School serves girls and boys in Pre-K3 through Grade 8 and offers a rigorous academic program to a diverse student body of 460 students, which includes many international students. Limited class size and a talented and dedicated faculty enable the School to maintain consistently high standards

for all students while ensuring individual attention. St. Bernadette School was named a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School by the US Department of Education as an "Exemplary High Performing School."

The mission of St. Bernadette School is deeply rooted in firm Catholic beliefs and traditions. We are committed to providing a high-quality education that develops the intellect, inspires the spirit, and guides students to do what is right and just. In partnership with the Church and family, we encourage our students to exemplify Christian values and to become life-long

DIVAS

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Her idea of filling a void soon became a reality as she approached Melissa Miller, owner of Revival Academy of Dance in Rochdale, who loved the idea and welcomed Mandella's program within the span of a few days.

Miller explains, "I love the Divas. It's good for the kids to see adults still dancing. And, the adults are excellent role models for the kids."

Diva classes occur Mondays-Saturdays and span all skill levels, from beginner to very experienced. Though the adult company classes are competitive and have two mandatory competition requirements, the feeling from the dancers is that the classes are fun and a great way to continue one's love of performance. Company classes include tap, contemporary and hip-hop, and a dancer must have dance experience to take one of these classes.

For adults who might always have dreamed of trying dance but never got the chance as a child, Divas also offers beginner classes, new this year. Beginner classes are non-competitive and do not have a performance requirement. Classes for beginners include ballet, tap, and hip-hop.

Amber Dyke, a seasoned dancer who had not danced in eight years, recently joined Divas through its rolling admissions, "Divas targets your abilities, pushing you to learn but also stressing fun. I love being able to dance again in a studio with other women."

Mandella echoes, "We make the classes work for all level dancers, especially beginners. Our mantra is 'you only need to do what your body will allow you to do'. In fact, we offer the first class for free, just so people can try it out and see if it is something they enjoy. I have to stress, too, that we are not about drama and cliques here. More like we are one big dance family."

Rhonda Bertrand-Robbins, who had not tapped in 20 years yet taught dance in college and now teaches ballroom and line dancing, is excited about joining the Divas, "I love this studio. I discovered Divas because I have two children who dance at Revival. It's exciting to be a student again and not just the teacher. All of us contribute to choreography, which is a rewarding artistic outlet, and we have the best time together!"

For more information on Divas or Revival Academy of Dance please visit their website at revivalacademyof-dance.com or their Facebook under the same name, or you can email at revivalacademyofdance @gmail.com.

GUNS

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increasingly complex jobs. It simply does not make sense and I do not support arming teachers in our schools."

Several area police chiefs agree, emphasizing the need to fund school resource officers and ensure that students and staff are prepared for an emergency. In Spencer, SPD Sgt. Michael Befford has visited businesses and community organizations to provide defense training for active shooter situations.

Meanwhile, several area school districts have pre-

sented the ALICE defense model to students (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). Many police chiefs feel that added preparations are the best option for school officials, not arming teachers. Despite the inaction of the school resource officer in Parkland during the Feb. 14 shooting, area police chiefs continue to promote resource officers as the best line of defense in school. On March 20, a resource officer at a Maryland high school prevented a tragedy by engaging a shooter in gunfire, ultimately leading to the suspect's death.

Had it been an armed teacher responding to that incident rather than a trained officer with years of experience, the situation

could have been much different, officials said.

"I think teachers have enough on their plates without needing to be armed guards as well," said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin. "Despite what happened [with the resource officer in Parkland, FL], I think school resource officers

are the best route."

The Spencer Police

Department is currently trying to secure federal grant funding to add a school resource officer. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District does not have a resource officer in place, and other districts are looking into grant funding opportunities as well.

In Leicester, Police Chief James Hurley wants to know more about the language involved with proposals to arm teachers. Whether qualifications and restrictions are dictated by the state or by individual school districts still needs to be determined by most proposals. Also, police are concerned about the potential for armed teachers to use their weapons in inappropriate situations, such as breaking up fights. The opportunity for stolen firearms and gun-related incidents at schools would also be significantly increased, opponents said. On Feb. 28, a Georgia teacher inexplicably barricaded himself in a classroom and fired at least one round from a handgun. No one was hurt, but the incident has police worried about the risks of arming non-law enforcement personnel in schools.

"Currently I am opposed to teachers being armed," Hurley said. "I feel it is too early on in the discussion to support the concept of having armed teachers in our schools. There are many unanswered questions that need to be resolved, including what level of training a teacher would receive and how often they would be required to undergo retraining."

* * Triday's Child * * *



Hi! My name is Dasanee and I am a talented singer and dancer!

Dasanee is an athletic ten-year-old girl of African American descent. She is initially quiet upon first meeting her, but once Dasanee feels comfortable she warms up and can be very friendly. Dasanee has good manners and she likes to be helpful. Some of her favorite activities include listening to music, singing, dancing, swimming and going to the local arcade. She also loves to spend time outside. Dasanee is currently a fourth grade student. Through school, Dasanee is involved in Chorus, intramural sports, and she plays the trumpet.

Dasanee is legally freed for adoption and ready to find her forever family! Dasanee would benefit from living in a two-parent household where the parents provided her with structure and clear expectations. Dasanee hopes her future family will have pets and other children in the home. An active family would be ideal as Dasanee enjoys being active and getting out of the house frequently. Any interested family should be open to maintaining Dasanee's connections with her brother, aunt and cousin whom she visits with regularly

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

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

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What should I consider when selecting lender for my home purchase?

When buying a home it is important to make the right choices for the all the professionals you hire to help in this process such as the Realtor, Attorney, Home Inspector, Insurance Agent and the Loan

Officer. It is important to select the right loan officer but equally important is the lender that they work for. Many people will start by going to the bank that holds all their accounts, which may be a local bank or a large national lender. This will definately make it easier to have all accounts in one place but you want to ensure that they have the best financial products for you and that they have a good streamlined process. I have had experiences where buyers thought they could not buy a home and it was because their bank just didn't have the loan options the buyer needed or where the bank took too long to close the loan and caused the buyer to lose the home or get charged per diem fees for the extensions.

The other options besides your bank would be a broker or a direct lender. The broker and direct lenders may have more loan options but have to have the loan fit inside a box so they can resell the loan. The direct lender will close the loan and then sell it so you don't know who you will be paying your mortgage to once the loan closes. The Broker will actually broker out to the lender and they will approve the loan during the process and that lender will actually fund the loan so you know who the loan is going to when it closes. In both these scenarios it is very common

REALTOR'S REPORT

> JAMES BLACK

for the lender to resell the loan to other lenders but all terms have to stay the same you would just pay your payment to someone else.

I think the most important thing to do is to ensure you select the right loan officer. Someone you can trust to

put you in the right product and make the sale go smooth even if their companies processes are not perfect. You also want to keep in mind that the seller of the home and their agent will be looking at your preapproval letter and part of their decision to accept you offer will be based on that lender and the loan officer who preapproved you. If the agent and seller have had experiences with this lender or loan officer that was positive they will be more apt to take your offer. If they had a bad experience or don't know your lender they may try to go with another offer where they are confident the deal will close.

I have seen some lenders underwrite the loan prior to your going to search for houses so all they need to do is approve the home since they already approved you. This will make you a much stronger buyer and it may make sense to find a lender willing to do this in the extremely competitive environment we are in.

As always hire a Realtor that knows your market to ensure you are making the right home buying decisions. That Realtor should be able to give you names of lenders that they have worked with and had good experiences. Otherwise ask friends and family who they have used and had a good experience with when purchasing a home.







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EDITORIAL Taking a stand in Massachusetts

The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Educatory and state level school board took a vote saying they are not in favor of arming staff in state schools in any way.

They've taken a firm stand on it.

The statement made was that they felt students were not safe when unintentional consequences could be the results of people not professionally trained to handle the situations that might arise.

We support that.

We have said in several places the rights of others to own firearms, those who want to hunt, those who want to target practice, those who want to feel themselves safer because they are trained in weapons have every right to that; but they also have to understand the rights of those who don't feel the same way.

There does indeed need to be some restraint on just who can purchase, own and handle firearms. Deadly force is possible, so anyone with a history of instability, violence, or criminal behavior does indeed need to be denied the right to own them.

There is a fine line to be drawn here. And just who it is who can determine those rights must be unbiased, unequivocally qualified to make the decision, and make the decision made on facts, not emotions.

There also needs to be a way for a person, who has done their due diligence to earn back their responsible lives to also earn back a possible right to bear arms once more.

This is the discussion that should be happening.

It should be a discussion involving mental health professionals, law enforcement, judicial presence, legislators, and others with a stake in the outcome, including gun rights advocates.

There can be a lot written into laws that allow for training of young hunters without allowing them to own guns outright; let them wait to the age of 18 to own them.

Anyone can take classes in gun safety and obtaining licensing without actually purchasing a weapon.

So let's take the emotion out of this and be more objective.

We don't want our children with their hands on guns. We don't want the violent and unstable with their hands on guns. We don't want those who respect weapons correctly to lose their rights

So find the places to make the meeting of the minds.

It is time.

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

What to look for in a politician

Have you already made up your mind about how you're going to vote — at least by party — in this year's important elections? I hope not.

Because to serve our nation well at this troubled time in its political history, you should

be looking for certain qualities in the politicians you favor. Ideology, party affiliation, positions on key issues these are important considerations, but this year demands more from us as voters.

To explain why, I need to spend a little time talking about the current political environment. It is the most agitated I've seen in decades. The electorate is badly divided; the parties are split internally and vis-à-vis one another; the national mood is sour; our democratic institutions are unproductive; and our political leaders cannot seem to cooperate with one another, much less engage substantively on the crucial issues we face as a nation. Not surprisingly, politicians face a restive, discontented electorate.

This year's dynamics don't bode well for improvement. Republicans have staked their claim to votes on tax cuts, abandoning more traditional concerns such as the deficit and the national debt. Even though they control the government, they're having trouble getting many things done. Democrats, meanwhile, are moving leftward, and hoping for a November backlash against President Trump.

In general, momentum in both parties seems to be moving toward the extremes, fueling a political debate that rejects the middle ground. This is discouraging.

At the national level the parties seem more interested in their opponents' unconditional surrender than in carrying on a debate that enlightens voters and attempts to sway opinion. One wonders whether we can ever find the will to negotiate and compromise on difficult issues. Yet we have no choice if we're to move forward as a large and diverse nation.

Which is why I believe we face a huge responsibility as citizens this year. We may each be certain in our own biases and policy and party preferences, but it is time to step back and ask how we revive the system at a time when people are so discouraged by politics, our institutions, and our politicians.

And the answer, I believe, is that we have to look for politicians who want to build consensus, act constructively, and instill a sense — both in their

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among ordinary voters that we're all in this together. We need leaders who can rise above polarization and divisiveness that current politicians have done

colleagues and

so much to exacerbate, and instead begin focusing on cooperation, collective purpose, and the common good.

Our institutions are badly in need of repair. Making them work better, which is urgent, will not happen with scorched-earth politicking. It can only come from political leaders who embrace bipartisanship and the traditional values of democracy: pluralism, free speech, and tolerance for opposing points of view.

We want to find politicians who respect and look for the facts, not simply the facts as they wish them to be. We need to examine candidates' rhetoric with great care, and understand that it's easy to state a problem and then lapse into meaningless generalities when it comes to solutions.

By contrast, it's hard — but vitally important in this climate — to speak with clarity and thoughtfulness not just about what needs to be done, but about how to help make it happen. Politicians who are blatantly unrealistic as they pander to voters' prejudices — "I'll balance the budget in three years!" I heard one say the other day without telling us how do not deserve our attention.

Instead, we should be looking for politicians who can move us beyond our current paralysis. Who are open to different opinions and ideas, will work hard to bring together people of different points of view, and who seek opportunities to discuss public issues forthrightly rather than dodge them. Who prefer to answer hard questions, rather than just give a big speech and then leave the room.

Here's the bottom line: citizens today carry an extra burden — not merely to pick a politician we might favor for some reason, but to make choices that move us away from ideology and our own biases, and toward getting this country running again.

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Should you make extra mortgage payments or boost your investments?



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month, you your pay mortgage. And, depending on your circumstances, you may be able to afford

to put in additional payments – perhaps sizable ones. But should you? Or, if you really have the extra money, should you invest it?

Initially, you might think it would be quite nice to rid yourself of that mortgage sooner, rather than later. But is it really the burden it seems?

Actually, you get some real benefits from a mortgage. It certainly provides something of great value to you - your home. If you got your mortgage - or refinanced your home – within the past decade or so, you are borrowing money at a pretty favorable interest rate, by historical standards. And even assuming a mild rate of inflation, such as we've had for the past several years, you'll essentially be paying off your mortgage with cheaper and cheaper dollars over time. Plus, your interest payments may well be tax deductible. (The new tax laws limit deductions on new mortgages of \$750,000 or more. For questions on your specific situation, consult your tax professional.)

So, given these advantages, an argument could be made that you should be in no hurry to pay off your mortgage. Still, you might be tempted to make the extra payments because you'll be building home equity. After all, isn't this equity valuable? It is – to a degree. The larger your home equity, the more money you'll get to keep when you eventually sell your home.

But in the meantime, that home equity may be less useful than you might imagine. For one thing, just building more equity won't make your home more valuable - it will rise (or fall) in value along with whatever's happening in the housing market. By contrast, you could take the extra money and buy more shares in an investment such as stocks - and the more shares you own, the more valuable your investment will be if the price per share rises.

Also, if you were to experience a temporary job loss or some other financial emergency, your home equity might not help you much; if you're not working, you could even have trouble getting a home equity loan. Conversely, your investment portfolio can offer you greater liquidity, depending on your specific investments. Most investment vehicles, such as stocks and bonds, generally can be sold quickly, without much difficulty. (Keep in mind, though, that if you were forced to sell investments when their price was down, you could take a loss on the sale.)

Clearly, you could gain some advantages by using any extra money to invest, rather than paying down your mortgage. Nonetheless, you may simply get emotional and psychological satisfaction by speeding your progress toward the day when your house is paid off - and that type of satisfaction certainly has value. You'll need to weigh these intangible factors carefully in deciding whether to increase your investments or make extra mortgage payments - because, ultimately, you need to feel that you're doing the right thing, for the right reasons.

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Neon lights



COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES WAYNE TUISKULA

It may be hard to believe, but neon lights were invented over 100 years ago. The American Physics Society website states that Claude, Georges known as the Edison of France, played a major role in their development. Claude was an electrical inspector while also working on scientific inventions. He invented 20 foot neon tubes that lasted for 1,200 hours. He took

out a pattern in 1910 and showcased them at the Paris Motor Show in 1910. Claude sold his first neon sign to a barbershop in France in 1912. He offered franchises in his neon light business that sold very well. Claude received a U.S. patent for neon lighting in 1915. His first sale in America was to a Packard Automobile distributor in California. He held a monopoly on neon signs until around 1920 when his patents expired and trade secrets leaked to competitors.

Neon lights remained popular through the 1920s. Even during the depression, sales were \$9 million, up



40% from the previous year. During the 1930s, Claude's competitors created most of the large neon signs for Times Square. American Heritage stated that the new neon sign makers also "experimented with displays that incorporated smells, fog, and sounds as part of their

total effect." Demand remained high for neon through the start of World War II. Demand was so strong that best producers of neon couldn't keep up with it. Less skilled makers created signs of

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Capen Hill has Easter well in hand

Country Bank from Charlton volunteered their time to help with the Egg Hunt. Amanda Montville (serve safe) and Boy Scout Troop 165 were on the grill. Egg Master, Hank Giles dispersed the eggs to the Boy Scouts to hide on the trails.

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Paulette Monette photos

Kelley McDermott, 22 months old, is the Junior Grand Prize winner



Ben Sivert 4 yrs. old from West Boylston with his sister Lillian. Ben is the Grand Prize winner. When asked how he felt to win, with the biggest grin said, "GREAT!"













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Although spring slow in arriving in Massachusetts this year, local anglers are enjoying some great fishing, catching recently stocked trout. The loss of 4,800 trout at the Sandwich hatchery this year, that were intended to be stocked throughout the state, will have a small impact to the stocking program this year, but it could have been a lot worse.

Generators were brought in to minimize the loss of even more trout including next year's fish, after the recent storms knocked out power to a portion of the fish hatchery. Rainbow, tiger and brown trout were lost. With the loss of brood stock salmon from federal hatcheries, most anglers will need to be satisfied with 12 to 18 inch fish. Still not bad from years ago, with most trout averaging 10 to 12 inches.

The excitement of opening day at Wallum Lake in Douglas on April 14 this year, it will draw a lot fewer anglers than in earlier years. Back in the '80s Wallum Lake had a few hundred anglers waiting to wet a line in hopes of catching some rainbow, brook and brown trout. Many arrived at the boat ramp the evening before to ensure a spot for opening day. Camping out the night before & sitting around a fire with family and friends, cooking & eating hot dogs, and drinking a soda, are fondly remembered by many adults today. Youngsters and adults alike witnessed the excitement of open-

ing day for many years and have fond memories of bringing their youngsters there to go fishing. Unfortunately, fishing has taken a back seat to all of the other sports like baseball,

hockey, football, etc.! These sports are great, but adults need to get there kids out into the relaxing world of fishing, which is not competitive. If they are introduced to fishing I am sure that they too will get hooked on this great past time. They can never say that they have nothing to do!! Fishing is a year round sport that can be enjoyed 24 hours a day seven days a week. I can remember our dad taking us to the Fair store in Whitinsville to buy some last minute fishing hooks or new line for our fishing poles. We also climbed into our dads 1937 Pontiac and went out to pick nightcrawlers for bait a few days before at a local golf course. Taking a flashlight and an empty Maxwell House coffee can to put our nightcrawlers in, we often harvested a few hundred of them in a single night, which were later stored in our family's cellar. A combination of sod and dampened newspaper kept the crawlers in great shape

for weeks. My dad had built a 12 ft. row boat that was kept at the Meadow Pond located at Kane's Cove. The Cove was named after the Kane family that had lived at the corner of Main & Border streets for many years! I have great memories of our dad taking my brother Mel and I out fishing in the boat on early Saturday mornings to catch a stringer of bass, bluegills, yellow perch and pickerel. Double spinners and a worm had us catching a lot of fish for a good fish chowder for supper. I have not had a bowl of fish chowder since he had passed.

As we grew older, our

dad let us sell some of our worms to other fishermen which often gave us some spending money to go to the Arcade Store with during the week to buy a bag of potato chips, a fudge cycle and a few funny books. Owner Tom Nugent was extremely tolerant of us kids as we sat on the floor of the candy shop reading some funny books and having a treat. I often got a call from a few local anglers that would order a few garden worms for fishing in some of the local brooks like Prentice, Ironstone & Johnson Brook. I was glad to get the order for the garden worms, as it had me harvesting the worms near my girlfriend's house on Arcade Street!!! She was a real pretty girl, but as she grew older, she soon found someone else.

"Oh Well," like my dad

My wife Judy and I celebrated our 60'th anniversary last October. Now that needs to be a

We often fished the

Don was a born artist, but after he grew up he mastered the art of masonry. The sign

said, there are plenty more fish in the brook, and he was right!!

record of some sort!!!

Arcade Pond for calico bass using our fly rod and a Mickey Finn fly. After fishing we headed back home, as we were told to be back before dark. The smell of hot dogs cooking at "Paul Devlin's" hot dog stand often had us stopping to have one before we got home. His hotdog stand was located at the corner of Main and North Main street in Whitinsville back in the old days. Coney Island had nothing on Paul's hot dogs. Good thing we had our money from worm sales. Our worm business started to do so well that my brother Mel & I hired the late Donald Clark to make and paint a sign advertising our worm business.



A nice haddock caught in Massachusetts waters during last year's season

was finished and erected while my parents were gone for the day. When they came home my mother almost passed out, and started to rant and rave about the sign on our lawn.

"That thing is coming down!'

"GEE, I thought it was great!"

My mom was the boss and her final word was it. God rest her soul. The sign was a full sheet of

plywood advertising our bait business and had a large nightcrawler three foot high over the top of the plywood sign. The worm had big eyes and a smile. I sure wish I had a picture of it. It was great.

Haddock fishing opens in Massachusetts on April 15, this year, with a 15 fish limit. Contact Capt. John boats in Plymouth for reservations and more information. This

picture shows a happy angler last year holding a nice haddock aboard a charter boat out of Massachusetts!

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SPORTS

Little-known Tantasqua wins seventh grade boys' basketball travel team State Championship



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The Tantasqua seventh grade White Division Boys' Basketball Team recently won the state championship.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua seventh grade White Division Boys' Basketball Team capped off a season to remember by winning the state championship in its division last month at a tournament played in Foxborough.

"How it works is any team that wins their league across the state, you get invited to play in the State Championship," said Chris Rizy, who coaches the team. "We got invited because we won our division in the Suburban League. There were more than 30 teams playing for the state championship in our division."

The Suburban League, Rizy said, is made up

primarily of Western teams, including Holyoke, Brimfield and West Springfield. Tantasqua which includes athletes from Sturbridge, Brimfield and Brookfield — won the regular season title, going 13-1, its only loss coming to West Springfield. Tantasqua also lost to West Springfield — by two points — in the final of the Suburban League Championship Tournament, which was played following the conclusion of the regular sea-

"The kids were a little down after that second loss," Rizy said. "I told them, 'we got invited to the state tournament. This is a great opportunity for us. Let's see how you rebound from

this latest loss.' They rebounded great from it." Rizy said the team's ral-

Rizy said the team's rallying cries were "nothing is given to you; you have to earn everything you get," and, "finish what you start."

The team consisted of 12 players: Connor Carey; Braylon Casinghino; Paddy McGrath; Owen O'Brien; Owen O'Connor; Taylor Phay; Jace Phillips; William Porter; James Quinn; Dante Reno; Jack Ricci; and Mavrick Rizy.

The State C h a m p i o n s h i p Tournament started with pool play, after which Tantasqua emerged as the No. 1 seed thanks to wins over Hopedale and Canton. The team then played — and won — three games on Sunday,

defeating Haverhill, Sandwich and Canton a second time, after Canton had worked its way into the championship game out of the loser's bracket.

"The most amazing thing was nobody at the tournament knew where we were from. They all kept asking where Tantasqua is," Rizy said. "A lot of folks couldn't even pronounce the word Tantasqua.

"It was really good for our kids to play that kind of competition and come out with a good win," Rizy continued. "We don't have any real superstars on the team; we just played as a team. That's what the coaches, me included, have been preaching all year: Stay together, play the right way and you guys will do

all right."

Rizy said the regular starting five during the regular season and the postseason tournaments were Mavrick Rizy, Reno, McGrath, Casinghino and Ricci. Porter, the team's sixth man, suffered an injury in the first game of the state championship and was unable to play the rest of the weekend.

"We didn't really have a team leader as far as scoring points was concerned," Coach Rizy said. "It was spread out. One game it would be Mavrick, the next game Dante, the next game Paddy. It scoring was really spread out amongst them all."

Players that provided a lift off the bench included Phay, Phillips and O'Brien.

"It was amazing the way those guys came in off the bench and sparked us," said Rizy, who pointed out that none of the three are more than fourfeet tall. "They really brought the energy. We play a lot of full-court press and a hard-nosed defense. We dive on all the loose balls. We get all the 50-50 balls. We take a lot of charges.

"We play the game the way it is supposed to be played," Rizy continued. "For me it's a pleasure to coach them. I've had most of these kids on teams I've coached since the third or fourth grade. To have them that long and watch the way they developed has been really fun and rewarding for me."

<u>SPORTS BRIEFS</u>

Annual Chili Chowdown coming to Bay Path Regional

The Bay Path Regional baseball team's eighth annual Chili Chowdown will be held on Sunday, April 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school café. The Chili Chowdown is run by the baseball team to offset the cost to play in the Rotary Classic Tournament on Cape Cod during school vacation week in April.

This year there are over 24 vendors dishing out their chili to help raise money for the team. The vendors include the following:

The Bay Path baseball team, Junior Culinary Federation, Pine Ridge Country Club, Epicurean Feast, Karol's Corner Take Out, Eller's, Big T's BBQ, Tantasqua Culinary, Zorbas, Monty Bianco, Auburn Public School, Andy's BBQ, Chili's, Elm Centre Café, Brown Square Civic Club, Old Sturbridge Village, Luck's

Café, Yankee Diner, Chef Armata, Chef Henrickson, Mexicali Grill, The Overlook, The Fix and 44 Catering.

Brimfield Trail Association's 5k Race and Walk set for April 28

The 10th annual countrybank Brimfield Trail Association 5k Race and Walk is set for April 28, with the race to start at 9 a.m. and the walk to follow at 9:15. Please register online at www.BrimfieldTrail.org. The 5k loop is a gravel-based trail and is mostly flat with varied terrain. Free T-shirts go out to the first 75 registrants. The start/finish line is at Five Bridges Road in Brimfield. The race entry fee is \$20 if registered by April 9 and \$25 on the day of the race.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

There will be women's pick-up basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or mzd531@charter.net for more information.

Sturbridge American Legion holding baseball signups

Baseball players interested in play-

ing Sturbridge American Legion Baseball that are born on Jan. 1, 1999 or later are eligible to play. Signup dates will be held April 14 and 21 between 10 a.m. and noon on both days at the Champeau-Vilandre Sturbridge Legion

Post, Main Street in Fiskdale. Players should bring a photocopy of their birth certificate when they register at signups to insure their eligibility. All players that live in Sturbridge and/or attend Tantasqua Regional High School are eligible for the Sturbridge team, also players from other surrounding towns may also be eligible to play. Team will conduct tryouts May 19, 20 and 26, times will be 10 a.m. to noon on all three tryout dates at Tantasqua Regional High School. For more information contact team manager Jim Rosseel (774) 230-1784 email jimrosseel@hotmail.com or Coach Ray Sullivan (508) 736-7770 email raysull_2 @yahoo.com.

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OBITUARIES

Janet L. Hastings, 71



BRIMFIELD -Janet L. (LaChapelle) Hastings, 71, died on March 30, 2018. died Born January 29, 1947 in Hartford, CT, daughter of the late Theodore A. and (Parent) Alberta LaChapelle. She has

lived in Brimfield since 1968 and was a communicant of St. Christopher's Church. Janet retired, after working for 25 years as a school bus driver for Union 61 School District. In the past years, she worked for the New England Telephone Company and was a dispatcher for the Towns of Brimfield, Holland and Wales. During the Brimfield Flea Market she ran Texas Chuck Wagon Food. She will be deeply missed by her three sons, Chief Jeffrey "Jay" Hastings and his wife, Erin

of Brimfield, John Hastings and his wife, Bonnie of Palm Bay, FL, James Hastings and his fiance, Kimberlee Caron of Brimfield and a daughter, Joy Hastings and Daniel O'Keefe of Palmer. She is also survived by a brother, Art LaChapelle of Plainfield, CT, sister, Claire Derosier of Cape Canaveral, FL, and nine grandchildren. Janet was preceded in death by her husband Jeffrey C. Hastings. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, April 4th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Christopher's Church. Please meet directly at the church. Burial followed in the Brimfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in her memory, to Sister Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

Bernice Gardner, 94

STURBRIDGE- Bernice (Nazenic) Gardner, 94, died Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center, after a brief illness. Her husband was the late Richard C. Gardner who died in 1997. She leaves her sons Scott Gardner of Sturbridge, Richard Gardner of Brownfield, Maine, her daughter Beverly Lemoine and her husband Marc of Southbridge, and 3 grandchildren Pamela (Eric) Mainville, Dana (Jesse) Kench, and Sawyer Gardner, many great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Katherine Gasparonis, Phyllis Sullivan, Sophie Nazenic, Vicki Nazenic, Stella Dupuis, Viola Nazenic, and Benjamin Nazenic

Mrs. Gardner was born in Worcester, daughter of Ludwik and Kaziemeria (Zuk) Nazenic, and has lived here for many years. She was a communicant of St. Anne's Church in Sturbridge, and worked as waitress for many years at the former Rom's Restaurant. She enjoyed gardening, braiding rugs, but most of all she enjoyed her home and family.

Private funeral services will be held. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is directing arrangements.

Theresa R. St.Laurent, 87



STURBRIDGE-Heaven gained saint today, March 27, 2018, with the passing of a remarkable woman, Theresa R. (Nadeau) St.Laurent, 87, a longtime resident of Sturbridge, died Tuesday, at UMass

Memorial Medical Center/University Campus, after a brief illness.

She is survived by 5 sons André St.Laurent (Debby) of Gloucester, Marius St. Laurent (Joan) of Sturbridge, Conrad St.Laurent (Wendy) of Holland, Gerard St.Laurent and his wife Debra of Sturbridge, Henry St.Laurent (Carol) of Fitchburg, and 5 grandchildren Ashley, Shelby, Alex, Emilee and Sarah.

She also is survived by 4 brothers Roland, Robert, Bertrand, and Armand, and 5 sisters Yvonne, Lucille, Jeanne, Hermonce, and Gisele all of Sherbrook, Canada, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 9 children Victor, Gilbert, Donald, Diane, Carmen, Gaston, Denis, Francois and Joseph, by her brother Jacques, and by her former husband Marc St.Laurent, who died in 2015.

She was born in St. Isidore d' Auckland, Canada, daughter of Josephat and Mary (Perron) Nadeau, and has lived here for many years. She was a faithful communicant of St. Anne's Church in Fiskdale. She worked for 38 years at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, retiring in 2016.

The funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 10AM in St. Anne/St. Patrick's Church, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518. A calling hour will be held from 8:30-9:30AM prior to the mass at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Anne/St. Patrick's Church, 16 Church Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518. Burial will be in Canada. . www.sansoucyfuneral.com



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CALENDAR

Saturday, April 7

SIR GEORGE & THE DRAGON: Charlton Lions Club presents Jon McDonough's Pumpernickel Puppets on Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. at the Overlook Community Center. Free community event; refreshments and complimentary eye screening provided. For information contact thecharltonlions@gmail.com.

STEPPIN' OUT! The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a "Spring is in the Air" dance on Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm, early rounds at 7:30. The caller will be Ken Ritucci and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe @ (508)344-3430 or Sue @ (860) 576-5328 or visit our website @ www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

RABIES & MICROCHIPPING CLINIC: On Saturday, April 7 at the Municipal Animal Shelter, 15 Old Town Road from 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Charlton Animal Shelter. Rabies vaccinations: \$12; distemper vaccinations: \$12; microchips: \$20. NO checks or credit-debit cards accepted. Cats MUST be in carriers; dogs MUST be on leash. State law requires all dogs & cats more than six months old have a valid rabies vaccination. Bring a previous rabies certificate to determine if eligible for 3 year rabies vaccination. Questions? Call Charlton Animal Control: (508) 248-

Monday, April 9

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: John McKinney, former National Park Service Ranger, will talk about Birding for Everyone at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300, Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

Wednesday, April 11

COMMUNITY GROUNDBREAKING: There's a new community garden in Sturbridge. The Community Food Collaborative was formed last fall and they are seeking volunteers. To learn more, please visit their Facebook page at https://www. facebook.com/cfcgardens/. If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare and plant the garden, please join us for a kick-off celebration for volunteers followed by a tour of the garden site on Wednesday, April 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sturbridge Federated Church fellowship hall. For questions, email CFCGarden357@gmail.com or send a note to Community Food Collaborative at PO Box 357, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

HONORING THE RIVER: The French River Connection is pleased to invite the public to a presentation by Larry Spotted Crow Mann, award winning writer-poet-native American cultural educator-traditional story teller, speaking on Honoring the Mannexit (French) River" Mr. Mann's most recent book is Drumming & Dreaming, and presents tales of the Algonquin Tribes, primarily the Nipmuc. The event will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m., at the Wintergarten, the easily accessible historic meeting hall above Kretchman's Brewery, located along the French River at 9 Frederick St. in Webster. The street is between the Post Office and the Police Station. The Brewery will be open and available to patrons.

Wednesday April 18

CANDIDATES NIGHT PLANNED: The Charlton Candidates Forum will be held this year on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 in the Library in Dexter Hall (top floor). All candidates have been invited to attend. Steve Coleman has graciously, once again, agreed to moderate.

Everyone should park in the back of the building and enter from the lower level back entrance as this is an after hours event, The front doors remain locked after the library closes at 5:00.

Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21

ANNUAL SPRING SALE: The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge will be holding its annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a pre-sale on Friday, April 20 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Great bargains to be had.

In conjunction with our Rummage Sale on Saturday April 21 only, we will also be accepting electronics for a small fee. Bicycles of all sorts will also be taken from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the rear of the Meetinghouse (parking area). This is a great opportunity to start spring cleaning and to recycle.

EARTH DAY: The Sturbridge Conservation office is again encouraging a town wide Earth Day Trash Clean Up event on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. Heavy-duty trash bags are available for use in the cleanup. Volunteers will be asked to register by providing their names, the location of the cleanup, and the location where bags will be left for DPW pick up. Volunteers can select the area(s) they would like to work in. Bags can be left at the nearest intersection for the Sturbridge DPW to pick up on Monday, April 23. To register walk in at the Conservation office Tuesday-Friday April 10-13 and April 17-20: eMail Anne Renauld-Jones before April 19 at arjones@town.sturbridge. ma.us or call the Conservation office at (508) 347-2506.

Saturday, April 21

TOWN WIDE EFFORT: Let's Clean Up Holland! April 21st from 9-Noon. Participate in our second annual town wide effort against LITTER! Meet at Holland Elementary at 9am sharp. Form a team, be part of a team, or come on your own. With support and funding from The Last Green Valley, Opacum Land Trust and the Holland Highway, Police and Fire departments it will be a bigger success this year! Last year 70 participated, this year WE WANT 150!!! A party with treats for all participants will follow from 12-2:30! Feel good about our pretty town! Bring gloves & rough clothes, suitable footwear. For more info call (413) 245-4197

Saturday, April 28

CLOTHING DRIVE: Charlton Brownie Girl Scout Troop will be hosting a drive through clothing drive at the Charlton Elementary School on Earth Day, Saturday, April 28 from 10 am - 1

Sunday, May 20

CHOCOLATE! Once again, the seductive fragrance from the chocolate fountain will envelop the hall as Chapter R of the P.E.O. Sisterhood presents its third annual Chocolate Sunday, May 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at The Performing Arts Center, The Overlook, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Contact Georgeanne T. Roe at (508) 278-3589, georgeanne.roe@att.net.

ONGOING

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

272-3900 or alz.org. NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@vahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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Readers Share Favorite Kitchen Tips



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Spring has finally sprung! As we gear up for the warm season, a big "thank you" goes out to the readers who took time from their busy schedules to share their favorite tips and tricks. From makeshift pie guards to recipe ideas, the following submissions prove that this month, it's about cooking!

No bones about it, this reader has the secret to great homemade soup!

I really enjoy your column and after reading your "Celebrate Soups!" article, I realized that, besides loving to eat a good homemade soup... it's always so good to make and share soup with someone who might not be able to make their own or simply don't know how to make soup! I find making soup very easy, but I did notice that your article and the recipes don't use what I use in my most basic soup recipes....bones! There is so much flavor in them it's a shame to waste the yumminess that soup bones add to a good stock and the best part is often, bones are free! And that is a word we don't hear much and it is true! Chicken carcasses add tons of flavor to a delicious chicken soup, ham bones can't be beat in split-pea soup or

luscious lentil soup, and beef bones make the perfect flavorful ingredient to beef-barley soup! I must admit I've bought beef marrow bones for my beef barley soup and they are not cheap, but the savory taste they add is incomparable! There are many yummy soup recipes on Pinterest, if you're looking and I'd be happy to share mine! Soup bones are a tradition that my mom and grandmother always had in their soups and my daughter and I use today... it's a keeper, and again, it's free deliciousness!

Try it, you'll like it! Nancy McComas Spencer

Thanks to a CT reader for a lesson in "Cooking and Preparing Lobster 101"

Here is how to boil live lobsters without the stress of putting them in boiling water: Use two pots, approximately the same size. Fill one pot with water as you would normally use and put it on the stove to bring to a boil. In the meantime, put your lobsters in the second pot, without water, cover the pot and put it in the sink. This allows the lobsters to get comfortable and rest quietly while the water in the first pot comes to a boil.

When water boils, simply pour the boiling water over the lobsters in the pot in the sink. There will not even be a flutter. Cover the lobster pot and transfer it to the already hot burner on the stove and cook as required, I will cook two chicken lobsters this way, timing it after it returns to the boil for ten minutes. Next empty the

pot, lobsters and water into the sink. When the water drains away, begin. Do all your dismantling in the sink.

For the big claws: I twist them off, put them on a cutting board, cover them with a dish towel and whack them with a rolling pin to crack the shell.

For the tail: Twist to separate from the body. Twist off the fins and cut the underside of the shell with a knife. Open the shell and the tail is easy to remove. I then remove the big vein and rinse off any unpleasant remains.

Since all the work is done in the sink, cleanup is easy...just rinse it away. No nutcracker is needed except to open the highly recommended bottle of champagne to go with this fine meal. Don't pop the cork. Instead, remove the foil and wire and grasping the cork with the nutcracker, give one gentle twist and pull. No flying corks; no spilled wine.

Also, if you like chowders and seafood bisque, put all the shells and bodies back in the lobster pot, cover with water, bring to a boil and simmer for two to three hours. Strain and save the broth for seafood stews. This freezes well. Enjoy.

Lorraine Pasqualetti North Grosvenordale, CT

The following kitchen tips are served up by a reader who repurposes:

To keep frying food from spattering, invert a metal colander over the pan. Another hint is when using a double boiler, put a few marbles in the bottom and when the water boils down, the noise will let

you know. Betty Bliss West Brookfield

A clever reader took matters (and a disposable pie tin) into her own hands:

I can never seem to find a proper pie crust shield. (Just to be clear a pie crust shield is a flat aluminum ring that fits around the edge of your pie crust so that the edge of the crust does not brown excessively before the center of the pie is done.)

If you purchase them at retail store they are either flimsy tin foil sections that are difficult to stay in place or not the right size.

One day I finally decided to make one of my own. Since most of my pie baking involves buying a 9" frozen Mrs. Smith's pie crust shell, I had several disposable, empty pie pans (you'll probably see my kitchen on an episode of the "Hoarders" show one day). I take the clean, empty pie pan and cut out the bottom with scissors. Before you put your pie in the oven invert the cut pie pan over the pie until the last 10 minutes or so and your crust should be evenly browned (do take a peek every so often and if necessary leave the shield in place until the end of the bake time).

One more thing...since the cut edge of the inner circle of the pan can be sharp I modified my design to include a safety feature. Instead of cutting out the pan right at junction of the bottom and the side I cut the inside circle about ½ inch smaller and then I cut slits every inch so I can fold them

up out of the way and the sharp edge is not exposed.

Cathy Buonomo Fiskdale

Prize winner

Congratulations to Cathy Buonomo of FIskdale, who won Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge. She submitted the pie guard tip above.

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com

Plant lilies for a summer garden of elegant and fragrant blooms



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Lilies add long-lasting color and fragrance to flower gardens and summer bouquets. These stately flowers provide vertical interest and blend nicely with other perennials. And best of all, with very little care, you'll be enjoying them for years to come.

Plant different types of lilies to extend your enjoyment from early summer into fall. The colorful and often fragrant blossoms add elegance to any bouquet and are long-lasting in a vase.

Start off the summer with Asiatic lilies. These compact plants have upward or outward facing blooms, and though they are not fragrant, they do come in bright colors that will light up your early summer garden. All are hardy in zones 4 to 9.

The next lilies to bloom are LA hybrids. These trumpet-shaped lilies are a cross between fragrant Easter lilies (Lilium longiflorum) and colorful Asiatics. Choose from an array of rich colors including cream, pink, yellow, orange and red. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

The dainty blossoms of Turk's cap lilies open in early summer. Also known as Martagon lilies, these flowers have recurved petals and look like they are dangling from an upside-down candelabra. Hardy in zones 3 to 9, these lil-



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Kaveri lilies bloom mid-summer and enliven gardens with their golden yellow petals painted with tangerine and burgundy.

ies prefer partially shaded gardens and woodland edges.

Trumpet lilies steal the show in midsummer. Like their close relative the Easter lily, these big, outward-facing blossoms have long trumpets and are wonderfully fragrant. Hardy in zones

Another group of midsummer lilies are the Oriental-Asiatic hybrids. These have the compact height and outward facing flowers of Asiatics and the

larger flowers and heady fragrance of Orientals. Look for the variety Kaveri, which has golden yellow petals touched with tangerine and burgundy. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

Species lilies have downward facing flowers with reflexed petals and extra-long stamens. Bloom times vary. Lady Alice (Lilium henryi) and coral lilies (Lilium pumilum) flower a full month before tiger lilies (Lilium lancifolium). The latter are treasured for

their big orange flowers and prominent black spots. Over time, tiger lilies form impressive clumps, with towering, 4-foot stems. Hardy in zones 3 to 9. Oriental-Trumpet lilies are hybrids

Oriental-Trumpet lilies are hybrids with fragrant, upward-facing flowers that can measure 9" across. Colors range from maroon and rose pink through gold and cream. The cool yellow flowers of Yelloween make this OT lily a favorite among florists. Hardy in zones 4 to 9.

The lily season ends with a bang, when the Oriental lilies begin to bloom. These big, open-faced flowers have a spicy fragrance that can perfume an entire garden. A wide range of colors, including the popular variety Stargazer, invites lots of creative pairings in the garden and in a vase. Hardy in zones 5 to 9

Now is the time to order your lily bulbs. The earlier you shop the more choices you'll have. To get your lilies off to a great start, read 8 Tips for Growing Better Lilies available from Longfield Gardens (longfield-gardens.com). Lily bulbs planted this spring will flower this summer and return to bloom again for years to come.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.melindamyers.com.

ANTIQUES

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lesser quality.

"Neon shops began to emphasize efficiency of production over good design."

After the war, new companies began producing signs with plastic enclosed fluorescent lights. The sale fluorescent light signs increased while neon signs were considered crude and old fashioned.

During the peak years, there may be one place even more well known for neon signs than Times Square. Las Vegas has a rich history and even has a neon museum. The Neon Museum has 11 neon signs that still light up from casinos that were in their prime when Frank Sinatra and the Rat Pack ruled the town. The "Neon Boneyard" contains 200 historic signs and the Neon Boneyard North Callery has 60 more

the Neon Boneyard North Gallery has 60 more. Prices for neon signs vary dramatically. A search of newer neon beer signs showed some had sold for under \$25 on eBay recently. Of course, there are many that are much more valuable. Neon clocks advertising Rolex watches, Liberty Flour and Fisk Tires each brought \$8,500 in 2013, 2011 and 2016 respectively. This year, a Lionel dealers' sign sold for \$20,000. A Ford V-8 porcelain and neon sign fetched \$21,000. A large 14' X 7' Art Deco Coca Cola neon sign from the 1930s sold for \$30,000 at auction in 2012. An Indian Motorcycles

dealers' sign from the 1930s reached \$48,500 in 2016. Two early Harley Davidson neon signs really lit up the auction block when they sold for \$82,000 and \$85,000 in 2016.

We have an online auction in Sterling that is currently running. Preview is at the home April 21st. We will be running another online auction in Weymouth. Our next live auction takes place in Worcester on May 31st. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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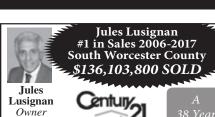
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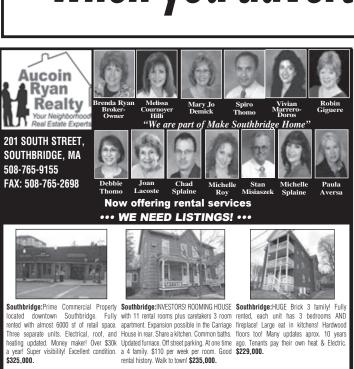
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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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Answer: Oil Change



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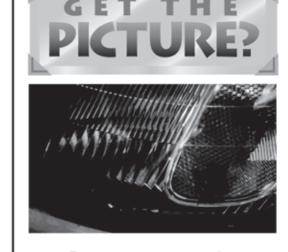
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Clue: Funny tale

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Clue: Show of humor

8 15 24 24 25

Clue: Stomach

14 21 7 15 20 25

Clue: Opposite of tragedy

SUDOKU

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