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Charlton's own James Pervier performed 'My Buddy' for those gathered.

Memorial Day honored at Overlook

Residents of the Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center were honored in a ceremony on Wednesday, May 24. The ceremony, coordinated by Overlook resident and Marine Corp veteran Keith Krewson, included involvement from the Charlton American Legion Post 391. The Charlton Middle School chorus, directed by Karen Potter, who led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided patriotic numbers throughout the event, including "Grand Old Flag" and "God Bless America."

Overlook Administrator Robert Engel welcomed the crowd and thanked the American Legion for coordinat-

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Baker Pond conversation continues

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Baker Pond Association is continuing its push for a ramp to partially close off a boat ramp on Baker Pond sparked by concerns about the impact of the foreign plant species fanwort on the waterway.

In February, a representative of the Baker Pond Association, Ken Brackley, appeared before selectmen in Dudley to make a case for the closing of the ramp to larger boats. Brackley returned June 5 as selectmen further discussed the situation, choosing to table the topic and requesting more information from Brackley before a final decision is made.

The matter came to light early in 2017 as the Baker Pond Association faced yet another year of a possible fanwort infestation, an invasive plant species that often makes its way into lakes and ponds on the propellers of boats.

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New Oxford Restaurant raises $1,000 for Harrington Recovery Services

SOUTHBRIDGE – The newest restaurant to join the Oxford business community, Native Grill and Wings, recently held a special celebration and chose Harrington HealthCare System as its charitable partner.

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Strawberry fest this Saturday

Charlton City United Methodist Church is holding its annual Strawberry supper on Saturday evening June 17 from 5-7 p.m.

Menu consists of yummy baked ham, baked beans, creamy potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, tea, and lemonade finished off with our luscious strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits and whipped cream.

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Courtesy photos

Members of the New England Revolution's unified soccer team recently signed their contracts as part of a partnership between the Revs and Special Olympics Massachusetts. The team includes Spencer's Matt Millett, pictured at left. Courtesy photo.

Local athlete newest member of unified team

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Matt Millett is officially under contract, recently signing on as a member of the New England Revolution's unified team.

Formed as the result of an ongoing partnership between the pro soccer franchise and Special Olympics Massachusetts, the team includes seven Special Olympics athletes between the ages of 19 and 39. After signing their contracts at Gillette Stadium, the home field of the Revolution, unified athletes met Revs Head Coach Jay Heaps, as well as players Andrew Farrell, Scott Caldwell and Josh Smith.

The signing day ceremony also included a speech from Revs President Brian Bilello, who addressed the athletes along with Coach Heaps and the three players. Later, the unified team athletes had their photos taken, chatted with Revs players, and were interviewed by Revs media members in the press room.

For Millett and his teammates, it has been a thrill to receive continued support

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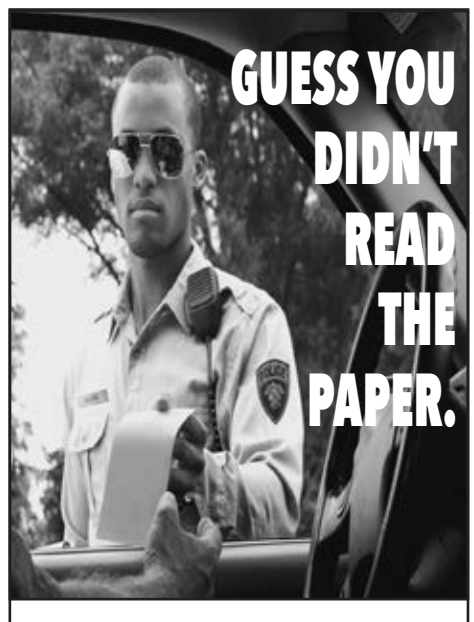

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Last year, more than 750 cities around the world threw citywide music celebrations on June 21. It all started 35 years ago in France. In 1982, Jack Lang and his staff at the Ministry of Culture dreamed up an idea for a new kind of musical holiday. They imagined a day where free, live music would be everywhere: street corners and parks, rooftops and gardens, store fronts and mountaintops.

During Make Music Brimfield at Hitchcock, everyone is invited to stop in to join our drumming circle, bring a chair and tap your feet, dance or sing along with our performers:

Stage 1

6 p.m.: Dave & Erin Wallace as Bonnie & Clyde;

6:30 p.m.: Jodi Stevens – guitar, bass guitar, drums, saxophone & clarinet instructor, is a graduate of Berklee College of Music

7 p.m.: Christina Richard – Our piano instructor has performed in Carnegie Hall;

7:30 p.m.: Watson & Co.

Stage 2

6:15 p.m.: Southbridge Bells & Beaus Hand Bell Group;

6:45 p.m.: Jared Fiske & Rob Adams – Local favorite professional musicians;

7:15 p.m.: Linda Day & her students; violin & viola instructor performed 22 years Austin Symphony Orchestra

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Hitchcock Academy has always had music as a part of its offerings since it opened as a school in 1855. We currently offer violin, viola, saxophone, clarinet, drumming, guitar, bass guitar, and piano lessons. All of our music instructors we be on hand to chat with any interested students.

The evening will be culminating with folks joining in a Kazoo finale!

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Is Refinancing my Home a Good Idea?

REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES BLACK

Many people will look at a lower interest rate and just assume that refinancing their home is a good idea. Since mortgage loans are typically amortizing loans where you pay less principal and more interest and then later in the amortization schedule the interest payment is lower and principal is higher. If you have been paying on your loan for several years and now you are paying a much higher principal payment you may be better with your current rate that is higher as every month your principal balance lowers quite a bit. This means your effective interest rate is essentially lower than the current market rate. Even if you were looking to shorten the term on your loan it still may make sense to keep the original loans and pay a larger amount than your minimum every month rather than refinancing. You also need to figure out how many months it will take to pay back the fees you pay when refinancing your home. Make sure to find a mortgage lender you can trust that will look at your scenario and tell you to keep your current loan if it makes the most sense.

The other important factor to keep in mind is if you refinance to another 30 year loan then you restart that schedule and you are now paying very low principal amounts every month. The only time this makes sense is if the rates dropped drastically and you have not been paying on the loan that long or financially you cannot afford you current payments and need to extend them. A great reason to refinance would be to lower your payment by getting rid of PMI if you had an FHA loan where the PMI stays for the life of the loan and now the equity in your home now exceeds 80%.

Many times people will call saying they want to sell their home because their mortgage payment is too high. If you truly don't want to move from your home, then it may make sense to find a loan option that you can afford in your current home first because you may be able to substantially lower your payment.

The point of this article is that deciding whether to refinance your home is not as simple as just seeing the rate is lower and knowing that is a better option. I would consult with a trusted mortgage lender or a trusted Realtor that can guide you to a lender to evaluate your situation to see what is best for you.

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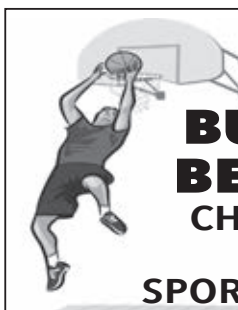
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LEARNING

Bay Path students receive Partners in Perinatal Health scholarships

CHARLTON — Two Bay Path practical nursing students —Lori Sheldon of Thompson and Kelsey Vega of Southbridge — are winners in this year's prestigious 2017 Partners in Perinatal Health Conference scholarship.

"AdCare Educational Institute, Inc. is proud — as am I, personally — to have the opportunity to help practical nursing students through the scholarship process," says Jennifer Fahey, training coordinator. AdCare Educational Institute awarded the scholarships to Lori and Kelsey to attend the Partners in Perinatal Health Conference on May 2 in Norwood. AdCare covered a portion of the cost of registration, for the conference, marketplace, breakfast, lunch and snacks, CEUs and free parking.

"Lori and Kelsey present the best of Bay Path practical nursing and we had the great pleasure to work with caring students who ultimately will have extraordinary careers that will increase the reputation of practical nursing" stated Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN CRRN, director at Bay Path RVTHS practical nursing program.

The 28th annual Partners in Perinatal Health conference was held May 2 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood. Keynote speaker included Neel Shah, MD, MPP, FACOG for System Complexity and the Cesarean pandemic.

The Partners in Perinatal Health include American College of Nurse Midwives, Massachusetts Affiliate • Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Massachusetts Section • Boston Association for Childbirth Education/Nursing Mothers' Council • DONA International • International Cesarean Awareness Network • International Chiropractic Pediatric Association • International Lactation Consultant Association • La Leche League of MA-RI-VT • Lamaze International of New England • March of Dimes, New England Chapter • Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health and Nutrition, Division of Pregnancy, Infancy and Early Childhood (PIE) and The Nutrition Division • Massachusetts Midwives Alliance • National Association of Perinatal Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter • Postpartum Progress Inc. • Postpartum Support International • The Organization of Labor Assistants for Birth Options and Resources.

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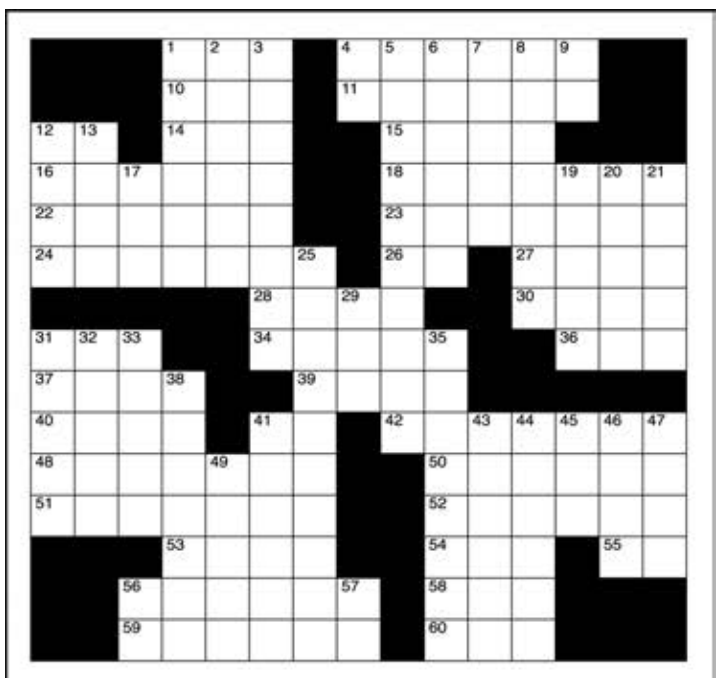
From left, Betsy Schwartz, creative director of Birth in the Know; Lori Sheldon of Thompson; Kelsey Vega of Southbridge and Jennifer Fahey, training coordinator AdCare Educational Institute



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1. Neither
4. Edema (archaic)
10. Geological time
11. Confidence
12. Cerium
14. Virtual audio cable
15. World's longest river
16. A way to inform
18. Agents of one's downfall
22. Secretly follow
23. Put into a position
24. Of the desert
26. And (Latin)
27. Spanish city
28. Over there (archaic)
30. Regard
31. Midway between south and southeast
34. Entrap
36. Married woman
37. A place to explore
39. Assist, usually in some wrongdoing
40. Arab ruler
41. Centiliter
42. To which
48. "The Friendly Island"
50. Inspire with love
51. Being cheeky to
52. Up
53. Middle Eastern country
54. Compass point that is one point north of due east
55. Thus
56. Covered
58. Brew
59. Enter hostilely
60. Type of bulb

CLUES DOWN

1. American state
2. Speaker
3. Courses for cars
4. Deutschmark
5. Beloved "Dubliner"
6. Countries of Asia
7. Hands have them
8. Came down as ice pellets
9. Thou
12. Utter obscenities
13. Hebrew unit of measurement
17. Morse code term
19. Home to the witch trials
20. One who is older
21. Closes violently
25. Unaffiliated
29. Tag the runner
31. Trickeries
32. Polynesian island group
33. Immoralities
35. Extremely delicate
38. Gradual destruction
41. North American country
43. Provide the means to do
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49. Russian ballet
56. Hello
57. Delaware

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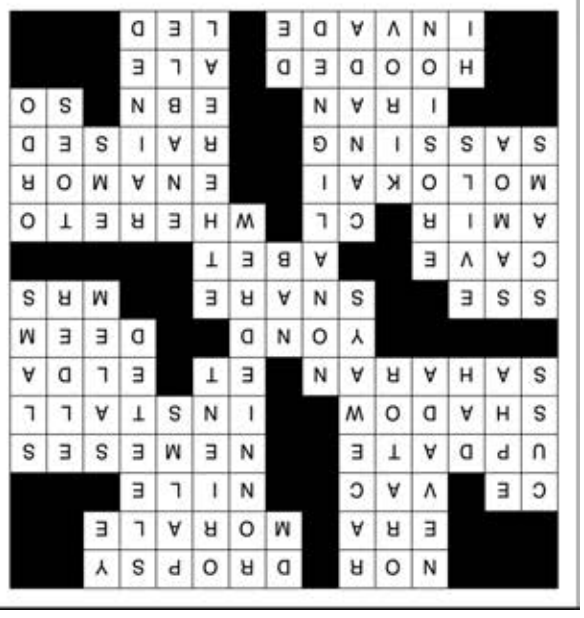

Nichols announces graduates

DUDLEY — The following students from the area were graduates of Nichols College earlier this year.

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MWCC announces Dean's List

GARDNER — The following area Mount Wachusett Community College students who completed a minimum of 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.99 were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester:

Auburn: Megan York

Brookfield: Nicole Jacobson

Cherry Valley: Nicholas Mancuso

Leicester: Shelby Ayres

North Brookfield: Kaitlyn Burnham, Jennifer Davie, Emily Routhier

Spencer: Dawnmarie Jones, Linda Maher, Elizabeth O'Mara, Mary Remillard

Sturbridge: Jack Korman

Webster: Mackenzie Christensen, Esther Gichuhi

West Brookfield: Brandon Molleur

Brookfield Indivisible to host workshop on climate change

BROOKFIELD — What do we really know about climate change, and what can be done to stop it? Join Brookfield Indivisible, a new, regional grassroots action group, for a workshop titled "Our Climate, Our Kids: What will the future look like?" at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Common St. Dr. Gene Fry, Brookfield's own science guy, and state Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) are featured speakers. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Sure, the climate has always been changing, but it's now changing at the fastest rate in the entire geologic record.

"That's on us," Fry says. "We are fast approaching the 2C target, which is the internationally set limit for dangerous climate change. Processes we have already set in motion will shoot us well past that target, to average temperatures where Kansas gets as hot as Las Vegas."

In his illustrated talk, Fry will review the history of climate change, explain what it all means for our future — especially for food and water — and break down some of the measures to slow it. Learn how humans can cut carbon emissions to zero by 2050 and about the additional effort that will be needed to remove excess carbon from the air.

The workshop will also address proposed legislation to put a price on carbon and provide practical tips for audience members to reduce their carbon footprint. A Q & A session will follow the talks.

Fry has studied climate change for 27 years. He has authored hundreds of newsletter articles and presented his work at three international conferences. He worked on evaluations of energy efficiency programs for Massachusetts' utilities for 16 years.

Gobi has served in the Massachusetts State Senate since January 2015. She chairs the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture as well as the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

Brookfield Indivisible: Grassroots Democracy in Action focuses on issues such as healthcare and reproductive rights, elections and voting rights, protection of immigrants and refugees, the environment, and economic justice and tax reform. The group meets monthly. Founding members hail from the Brookfields, Spencer, Sturbridge and Warren. Membership is open to residents in all area towns. For more information, please email brookfieldindivisible01506@gmail.com.

Overlook celebrates special week with activities

Courtesy photos

Matthew Trowbridge recites famous speeches from presidential history.

National Nursing Home Week took place Sunday, May 14 through Saturday, May 20. To celebrate, the Overlook Health and Rehabilitation Center hosted a variety of events to entertain residents and show appreciation to the staff and resident care teams throughout the community.

On May 17, lobster rolls were delivered from Ronnie's Seafood in Charlton for a special luncheon.

On May 18, Matthew Trowbridge, a Charlton resident and recent addition to the activities team, presented his program, "The Presidential Voice" which featured famous presidential speeches from President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to President Obama's Farewell Address. Following the program, residents and staff were invited to browse through the large collection of historical and political memorabilia from Trowbridge's collection.

On May 19, the administration hosted a cookout for the staff, which included barbecue chicken and homemade salads provided by the kitchen staff.

The week was capped off with a luncheon on May 20 honoring four recipients of an education scholarship provided by Overlook's resident council. Three members of the nursing team were honored: Mavis Dumont attending Quinsigamond Community College, Micaela Hamilton attending Worcester State University, and Jennifer Nelson attending Becker College. One of the scholarships was awarded to Matthew Trowbridge, a member of the activities team and a history major at Worcester State University.

At the scholarship breakfast, scholarship recipients Matthew Trowbridge, Mavis Dumont, Resident Council members Rose Marie Johnson and Jean Williams, and recipients Micaela Hamilton, and Jennifer Nelson.

Office of Senator Anne Gobi June Office Hours

Tyler Wolanin, District Aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of June. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov, or call at 508-641-3502. Appointments are encouraged during so that information on cancellations can be shared.

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Wednesday, June 21st
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Brookfield Town Hall, 2 to 3 PM
Monday, June26th
Paxton Senior Center, 11 AM to 12 PM
Spencer - Howe Village Housing 12:30 to 1:30 PM
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North Brookfield Senior Center, 11 AM to 12 PM
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ENG 096	Intermediate Writing Skills	3	TR	12:00-3:45 p.m.
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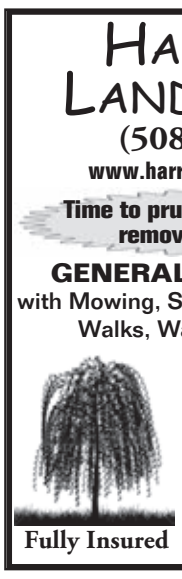

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THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND THE GRANGE

Back In Time

LINDA K. BRANNIFF

(From a story originally printed in 2013)

Oliver Hudson Kelley was an employee of the Department of Agriculture in the 1860s. He made an official trip through the South and was astounded by the lack of sound agricultural practices he encountered. Joining with other interested individuals in 1867, Kelley formed the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, a fraternal organization complete with its own secret rituals (several of the founders were Masons). Local affiliates were known as "granges" and the members as "grangers." In its early years, the Grange was devoted to educational events and social gatherings so as to provide some relief from the isolation of keeping a farm running 24/7. Its goal was also to change economic conditions of farmers dealing with railroad and grain warehouse price fixing.

The "Farmer's Club" was Dudley's precursor to the Grange. It was reported in the Webster Times of March 23, 1888 that "Grange fever" was again being revived in Dudley, with several more farmers having joined the Oxford Grange and more thinking of joining. The question was raised as to why Dudley could not have its own Grange.

The Grange in Dudley arrived on Wednesday, April 11, 1888. S. V. Crane, state deputy of the Patrons of Husbandry, as well as 13 members of the Oxford Grange No. 123, met at Academy Hall to organize a new Grange chapter. The name decided upon was the Dudley Grange Patrons of Husbandry #163. Forty-three charter members were duly installed with F. A. Putnam as master. The Grange would meet at Washington Hall, a private hall above the Dudley Center Grammar School. It was voted to have two meetings per month, on the second and fourth Friday.

A meeting of the newly formed Grange was held in Feb 1889 and the program was concluded with a candy pull. It was incredibly successful and the majority of the members present stayed and stayed into the evening and ate and ate and ate until 1:30 in the morning. One especially enthusiastic member declared he did not care how late he stayed and that "all he wanted was to be home by 5 a.m. to do the milking."

The first public program of the Dudley Grange #163 occurred on March 8, 1889. It was held in Washington Hall, which had been lavishly decorated with bunting and flags. The public attending were treated to many patriotic recitations by the members of the Grange.

One of the conspicuous tables on entering the hall that day was the table displaying the one-pound packages "of something" donated by Grange members and done up patriotically in red, white and blue bags so their contents remained unknown. At the conclusion of the Grange program, these where sold at public auction by Geo. D. Tourtellotte. The bidding was lively with prices ranging from 15 to 65 cents per package. Nearly $18 was realized and everyone was pleased with the contents of their one-pound bags except several buyers who felt "sawdust and beans" had brought pretty good prices!

August 21, 1899 saw the members of the Dudley Grange invited to a "basket picnic" at the farm of Grange member Mr. Cheney in West Dudley. The morning was spent viewing Mr. Cheney's farm and buildings. By 1 p.m. approximately 200 people had assembled (grangers, speakers and guests). There was then a grand march to music, during which everyone headed for the huge newly swept barn and a 100-foot table decorated with flowers and overflowing with every manner of good things prepared by the farmers' wives. An hour of after-dinner speaking followed.

The Grange continued to grow over the next few years. Educational lectures were given on anything of interest to the farmers of Dudley: Feeding and raising livestock, how to manage planting and harvesting, programs for the farm wives on canning, as well as social programs. However, on July 10. 1891 George Tracy bought the building that housed the old schoolhouse and Washington Hall for $113 at public auction and the Grange lost its home. A new brick school was to be built on the site and the old building needed to be moved. Mr. Tracy thereafter moved the old schoolhouse/Washington Hall from its position south of the new brick Congregational Church to the north side of that building and put it on land purchased from the heirs of Zebulon Morris, harness maker.

After losing their home, the Grange now began to meet at Academy Hall which did not really conform to their needs. The Grange had continued to enlarge and it was felt that their own building was needed. In November 1891 the Dudley Grange Hall Association was formed to manage finances and to find the Grange a new home. One hundred fifty (150) shares of stock were issued at $10 each, which were bought by the grangers. Mr. Tracy sold the old schoolhouse building to the Grange on January 22, 1892 for the sum of $1100.

During the next few months renovations were made in the old building, making the downstairs school rooms into a dining hall, reception hall and kitchen. The Dudley Grange dedicated its new home on September 6, 1891. The grangers met at Academy Hall that day and then marched down the town common, past the Congregational Church, and into their own Grange Hall. The State Master of the Grange attended and spoke.

Support a group that has been in Dudley since 1888 and attend the Dudley Grange's 62nd famous Strawberry Festival on June 15, 2017 starting at 4 p.m. at their hall at 139 Center Road The Grange will appreciate the support and you can partake of their exceptionally scrumptious strawberry shortcake. Several other local groups will have displays on the Grange lawn as well.

And across Center Road at the Black Tavern there will be an "upscale yard sale" held in the barn. Wander over after you enjoy your shortcake and "shop 'til you drop" at the barn where there will be all manner of collectibles, antiques, and curiosities for sale. The event is again organized by Ed and Linda Bazinet of the Tavern. Free admission and open to the public. See you there.

Mercer Monuments celebrates opening of new location

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – The town welcomed a new business to the fold May 31 with the ribbon cutting for Mercer Monuments at 110 West Main St., right down the road from the Dudley Town Hall.

It's the third addition to the Mercer Monument stable of shops, adding to locations in Plainfield, CT and Wilbraham, where workers specialize in the creation and maintenance of stone monuments from everything from grave markers to tribute monuments and event town-funded markers as well. Mercer Monuments was even responsible for adding the names of 38 families who helped found the town of Dudley to a monument on Dudley's town common in 2016.

Co-owner and founder Graeme Everson said that bringing a new location to Dudley is only the latest addition to a long-running relationship with the town and the region.

"We do monuments, including engraving and cleaning and foundations and installations a swell as repairs and cemetery lettering. We're a full service shop," Everson said. "We've worked in this area for a lot of businesses. A lot of funeral directors send customers my way. I've been doing a lot of work in the Webster and Dudley area for around 25 years and they needed someone up here. This is kind of half way between our two locations and we thought this would be a good place for us."

Jason Bleau photo

Business owners Graeme and Kristin Everson were joined by family, supporters, and town officials to cut the ribbon to officially open Mercer Monuments' Dudley location.

Town officials turned out to be a part of the special ribbon cutting ceremony and were ecstatic to add Mercer Monuments to the community. Town Administrator Greg Balukonis said he is happy to see the company find a home in Dudley.

"We're thrilled to have them. Dudley welcomes any an all businesses. This is a great town and we wish them the best. It's absolutely a big deal for us here. No business is too small," said Balukonis.

Selectman Peter Fox represented the Board of Selectmen at the ceremony and presented an official welcome to the company.

"I want to say on behalf of the entire Board of Selectmen that we welcome them and wish them the best of luck. Anything the town can do to assist them we don't want them to be afraid to ask," Fox said.

Having members and officials from the community on hand was an important goal for Everson and his wife and business partner Kristin. The Eversons said they put a lot of work and effort into creating a connection with the communities they serve, and Dudley is no exception.

"Doing what we do it's a very different point of sale. It's emotional and you're in the community. You know the people and you see the people and even play a part in burying some of the people. You build a lot of close ties with the community you're in so having the selectmen and the chief of police and town administrator here is great," Everson said. "When you come into a community it has to be on the right foot or it's not going to work out."

Kristin Everson agreed, even going so far as to take it upon herself to personally invite local communities to be a part of their business and reaching out to Dudley town officials in person to invite them to the ribbon cutting event.

"My goal is to establish the most amount of trust and get our name out there so people know they can come to us, "Kristin Everson said. "I've taken it very seriously so I did this whole thing grassroots. I went office to office and handed out invites in person to Webster and Dudley and Thompson. I want people to know we are real, and young, and we care."

The Eversons were joined by supporters and officials to cut the ribbon to officially open their business, ushering in a new era for their company and their relationship with the towns of southern Worcester County.

Prouty plans alumni gathering

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – September is always a time for students to reunite with classmates and make new friends from other grades. The same will be true this September for alumni members of the original David Prouty High School, who will reconnect with friends they haven't seen in decades and also meet other former students.

On Sept. 20, the DPHS Class of 1958 will host an alumni luncheon at noon at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster (114 Point Breeze Road). The event is open to members and guests of all DPHS classes through 1966, which comprise the original DPHS before the new building was constructed. Anyone who attended the school, even if they moved away or didn't graduate, is invited to take part.

"This is the first opportunity for everyone who attended the school to get together," said Sandra Burnham, a Class of 1958 member who helped organize the luncheon. "I am a people person – I have a lot of contacts, and I love seeing people make new friends and have a great time."

The event will begin with a social hour from 12-1 p.m. – the perfect chance for old friends to reconnect while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The sit-down luncheon meal will take place from 1-2:30 (guests will choose between three main entrees). Guest speakers will take the floor from 2:30-3:15, followed by a trip down memory lane for guests that includes photos and presentations.

For Burnham and co-organizer Wayne Allen, the preparations have been extensive for the event, including the creation of a database of alumni members. Organizers have also attempted to designate communications leaders for each class who spread information about the event to their respective classmates.

Indeed, the work leading up to this first of its kind event has been significant, and organizers can't wait for the big day.

"We experimented last year with a luncheon for people in five classes [1956-1960], and everyone really loved it," said Allen, who is also a Class of 1958 member. "This will be a chance for even more people to reconnect and make friends."

The lineup of speakers for the luncheon hasn't been finalized, but organizers are hoping for a current DPHS administrator who can highlight the differences between the original Prouty school and the current atmosphere. A lot has changed over the years, but the same "Prouty Pride" has always defined students coming to school in Spencer.

The cost for each luncheon attendee is $31. Prepaid reservations are required for this limited attendance event, and slots will be provided on a first come, first served basis. All attendees will receive a magnetic card with a color photo of the original David Prouty High School, courtesy of Frank Morrill, who will also deliver a PowerPoint presentation about Spencer circa 1900.

Door prizes will also be drawn, and a table will display class memorabilia brought by attendees.

For more information about the event, or to obtain a reservation form, call Burnham at 508-434-2951 or send an email to davidproutyalumni@gmail.com. You must mail your completed reservation form along with a check or money order to secure your spot.

Organizers are also looking for anecdotes about the high school experiences of attendees from different graduating years. If you would like to share a favorite high school story with the group, please include a synopsis of it in your reservation form.

In a summer garden…a place for the fairies

Courtesy photos

Avalon Parker poses next to her completed fairy house.

Family and friends gathered at Hitchcock Academy on Friday June 2 to have a pizza dinner and make fairy and troll houses with the instruction of local artist Marcia Beal. Two dozen fairy houses were made by children and adults alike, and no two were the same!

Many of the participants were first timers to the Friends and Family Friday program, which is held on the first Friday of every month with a different theme for each month. Some participants, such as Steve Madelle, and his two children, of Brookfield, were visiting Hitchcock for the first time ever. Most were drawn in by the arts and crafts theme of making a fairy door from logs, bark, scrap wood, and moss.

Rachel Jalbert and her daughter Molly enjoy making projects at home, but took this opportunity to share some arts and crafts time with their community.

Three of the completed fairy houses that were created at the Friends and Family Friday Fairy House program.

Julia Royce and Abby Pevey had a lot of fun making their fairy houses. They like playing together and creating things together and for each other and fairies.

"We like fairies," they exclaimed.

Julia says "I'm going to put it on my deck." Abby plans on putting her fairy house in her room.

The next Friends and Family Friday will be Dog Tricks with Laurie Merritt held on July 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. The fee is only $6 and includes pizza, drinks and lots of fun! Register online or in person.

Birth Announcements

Alex Martin and Deanna Hunt, of Southbridge, welcomed Madison Francis Martin on Marhc 13, weighing 6 lbs, 1 oz. Proud grandparents Michael and Grace Martin; Russell Kelly and Gail Mageau.

Savannah Nichols and Kelvin Camacho, of Southbridge, welcomed Grayson William Camacho on March 17, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz. Proud grandparents Michelle Nichols and Joe Nichols; Carmen Camacho and William Camacho, Sr. Proud aunts and uncles Ashley Stevens, Brian Camacho, William Camacho Jr.

Giovanni Andre Vitoritto Sr. and Martha Genesis Vitoritto, of Southbridge, welcomed Giovanni Andre Vitoritto, Jr., on March 23, weighing 6 lbs, 8 oz. Proud grandparent Michelle Colon and Andrew Penalvert; proud uncles Joshua Colon and Anthony Vitoritto.

Aiyeesha Angelique Rivera and Nicholas Anthony Battista, of Southbridge, welcomed Angelina Marie Battista on March 24, weighing 8 lbs, 4 oz. Proud grandparents Marlene Rivera, Vontallin Rosario Jr., Tiffany Schimmelmann; Anthony Battista, Lauri Villa. Proud aunts Naomi Albano, Jane Despres, Kathleen Chamberland; proud uncles Luke Albano, Paul Despres, Paul Chamberland

Jeffrey and Jennifer Dean, of Monson, welcomed Justin Elliot Dean on April 5, weighing 10 lbs, 5 oz. Proud grandparents Alden and Christine Dan; Gerry and Linda Grondin. Proud siblings Joshua, Elisabeth, Eric and Emily.

Juliana Vello and Daivawn McClain-Robinson, of Southbridge, welcomed Jayazah Anthony McClain-Robinson on April 8, weighing 7 lbs, 1 oz. Proud grandparents Kizzy Rodriguez, Elaine Escobar, Shawn Vello and Roberto Rodriguez.

Sarah and Adam Whitcomb, of Charlton, welcomed Jordan Thomas Whitcomb on April 13, weighing 5 lbs, 5 oz. Proud grandparents Cindy Tobey; Norma and Lawrance Whitcomb; proud uncles Clint Stiles, Paul Stiles and Sean Whitcomb.

Pamela and Christopher Staney, of Charlton, welcomed Emily Rose Staney on April 17, weighing 7 lbs. Proud grandparents Donald and Maryjane Daoust; James and Sandra Staney. Proud aunts and uncles Chelsea Staney, Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Daoust, Mr and Mrs. Patrick Daoust.

Kasey William and Brad George, of Sturbridge, welcomed Daisy Jane Temra George on May 4, weighing 6 lbs, 15 oz. Proud grandparents Allison and Chris Willman; Louis and Christy George.

Catherine and Dale Mongeon, of Sturbridge, welcomed Landon Parker Mongeon on May 5, weighing 7 lbs, 11 oz. Proud grandparents Gregory and Donna Mongeon; Roger and Ann Marie Mandeville; proud big brother Brennan Mongeon; aunts and uncles Riyaz and Kristen Mohammed, Jason and Renee Proulx and Judith Mandeville.

Brandon and Tara King, of Eastford, Conn., welcomed Wilhelmina Rose King on May 8, weighing 6 bs, 12 oz.

Daniel and Laura Alden, of Holland, welcomed Easton Remington Alden on May 9, weighing 9 lbs, 1.5 oz. Proud sisters Grace, Isabelle and Genevive.

DON'T MISS A THING!

Friday's Child

Ashton is a twelve-year old boy of Caucasian descent who is described as sociable and engaging. Ashton is mature for his age in terms of the conversations he is able to engage in. He loves to play with Legos and other craft toys. He also loves to read, watch TV and explore. Ashton likes to socialize with others and enjoys others' company including his peers and adults. Ashton is very articulate about his wants and needs and is a great advocate for himself.

Ashton currently is in middle school and would like to attend college in the future. He does well academically and benefits from some extra support in his current placement and at school. Ashton's social worker believes he would do best in a family that likes to spend time together and enjoys playing games. A family that encourages and promotes family time would be the best match for Ashton.

Legally freed for adoption, Ashton has shared he is seeking a two dad home where he could be the youngest or only child. He has an older brother he would like to continue to visit with as well as a large extended family and friends who are a huge support for him and are visiting resources. A family that could start out visiting with Ashton at this current placement would be a good match for him. A family that can provide a nurturing environment to allow Ashton to grow and thrive would be the best match.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) 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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OPINION

Views and commentary from Charlton, Charlton City, Charlton Depot and beyond

Editorial

As the summer arrives...

Some families have already started the annual changes made to welcome in a slower, gentler way of life for a few months. While work must go on, many people find ways to leave just a few moments earlier to make use of daylight, they don't plan weekend appointments, they work with an agenda that cites a bit more free time.

The ones with children are doing triple jumps to plan for childcare, sports, camps, and ways to have time for family time. Vacations together, weekends with plans, time spent together.

Modern families have to plan their family time in a way not precedented in the past. Even the kids have appointment books (on their phone and pads) and must plan around other commitments.

The days when stay-at-home mom just absorbed the kids being home from school all summer, playing nearby with their friends unless the entire family chose to do something together are long gone. That idyllic life may never have been entirely true, but often close. Many of us of a certain age do indeed remember long, lazy days of games, bike riding and friends close to home; homemade frozen Kool-aid popsicles, and chores like weeding the garden.

Organized sports like Little League and soccer leagues were still pretty nebulous, a pick up baseball game was more likely in a vacant lot or the school yard. We did use the library, a lot; because reading was fun, it was entertainment, we didn't have video games in our hands 24/7 we had books.

There were homemade go carts made with washing machine motors, not professional moto-cross tracks. There were rickety bikes we fixed ourselves, the most mechanically inclined kid in the neighborhood was always busy replacing chains and tires; and we rode them without helmets and made our own obstacle courses.

Actually, we didn't need much in the way of obstacle courses, because we used the bikes for transportation all over, our courses were the streets and roads, replete with traffic and pedestrians. We might try to stick to the less busy streets, but if we needed to get somewhere, we walked or used the bike.

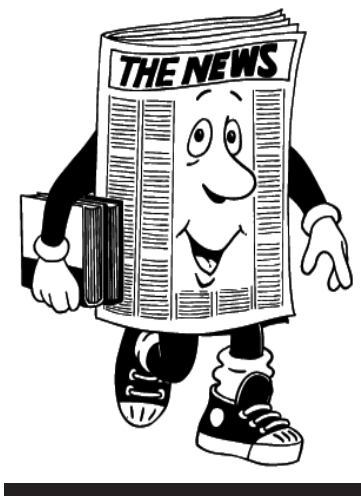
It is a thrill to see younger kids outside near our home playing outdoors; it's a quiet street and the bikes, scooters and skateboards are OK as long as they watch for the occasional car. They have spats, but solve them. The boys and girls seem to play together, though often the boys take off in a gang of their own, an age old rite of passage.

The oldest is around 11 or 12; the youngest a tiny three or so. They play in one another's yards, race up and down the street, invent their own games. This bunch of kids will have a different kind of memories than some we know; who seem to have become indoor hermits glued to screens of one sort or another.

We applaud their parents for "allowing" their kids to be kids. We recognize the very real fears of the newer civilization we live in, and not all live in such a safe environment; but parents need to find a way to let their kids have this kind of freedom, even if it's only at a park.

At any rate, encourage them out the door as much as possible, give the screens a break.

And enjoy the summer.



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Paris climate agreement – hubris in action

YOUR TURN

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In the wake of the President pulling the U.S out of the Paris Climate agreement, a frenzy of condemnation has ensued based on supposed 'realities' of global warming. In my opinion this response was inevitable but the scientific basis for it is in serious doubt. In direct contrast to accepted common knowledge the fact remains that there is not a clear scientific consensus about global warming or climate change and what effect human activities have on it. As a matter of fact, the only consensus seems to be what people think they know about global warming.

Many will argue that the earth is getting hotter and it is, by .2 degrees Celsius over the last 150 years. However, the earth has been going through a three thousand year warming trend that existed long before man began to industrialize. Additionally, only the tiniest fraction of the world's glaciers have been observed and while some are melting the vast ice sheets in Antarctica are actually thickening, evidence pointing to a new Ice Age. Yet we have been led to believe that the melting few are proof of mankind's effect upon the planet; complete with arguments about rising sea levels and loss of habitat.

The Earth's climate as well as the environment exists in a state of continuous change. Throughout its existence, the Earth has had three different atmospheres, differing drastically in composition and giving rise to extremely diverse species of life. Ice ages come and go to be replaced by times of relative warmth for reasons far beyond what humans can surmise and without our intervention. The 'natural balance' is one of constant flux while humans fumble about on the ground looking for the reasons 'why?' And when the storms rise, modern man does the exact same thing our earliest ancestors did, we run and hide, powerless against the elemental forces of the Earth.

Despite this, politicians, personalities and the media are adamant in their certainty about the 'truths' of global warming and climate change, all from a species that cannot accurately predict the weekend weather. In turn they have lambasted the White House for the decision to pull out of the PCA. The Paris Climate agreement is not a 'good' accord just because it has the word 'climate' in it. And let's be clear, the agreement itself is a wealth redistribution plan by design; the belief being that wealthier countries become healthier countries and the environment will benefit. Yet everyone seems so certain of the benefits despite the fact that we know next to nothing about how the Earth actually works.

So one truth remains; certainties about climate change are global warming are a myth. Moreover, it is nothing but absolute hubris to believe that the humankind can predict, much less affect, the Earth's climate. Pollution and weather are one thing but global warming and climate change are something altogether different. It is time to realize that we cannot 'destroy the planet' or 'protect the environment' and the passing or failing of the Paris Climate Agreement is nothing but a dream within a dream.

Timely Tips

Take the Hint

Karen Trainor

The long awaited warm weather is finally here and summer is right around the corner! While springtime promises plenty of outdoor fun in the sun it can also bring with it a new season of everyday hassles. From repelling pesky fleas to growing a better garden, the following "timely tips" are geared toward making life's little challenges a little easier!

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Make Fleas Flee: It's flea season and here are some home remedies:

* Are fleas bugging your dog? Field and Stream magazine touts Avon Skin So Soft as a great flea and bug repellent for dogs. The magazine recommends mixing: Five parts water to one part Skin So Soft. As a bonus, brushing the mixture into the pet's fur makes its coat gleam.

*Here's an easy way to turn any inexpensive shampoo into a highly productive flea bath for your dog. Add a few drops of natural eucalyptus oil (food grade, not craft oil) to regular shampoo, lather up the dog and rinse away fleas!

Note: Never use essential oils on cats.

*Or, try (original blue) Dawn dishwashing detergent in a tub of water. Lather up the dog or cat well, let sit for five minutes or so and rinse thoroughly. (I tried this and was amazed at all the dead fleas in the sink!). This treatment is for occasional use only as any shampoo can dry your pet's skin.

*Whip up a great, natural flea spray for dogs by mixing equal parts apple cider vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Spritz directly on fur and rub in for maximum benefits.

Gardening season has arrived! Read on for some tips and tricks from green thumb sources:

Want the secret to growing great tomatoes? Blue Ribbon tomato growers reveal planting deep is the golden rule to successful tomato plants! Bury a tomato plant's stem and the stem will sprout new roots that help the plant grow sturdy and tall quickly!

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How does your garden grow? With a little help from your garden tools! Keep them clean with a five gallon bucket of coarse sand mixed with a quart of clean motor oil in the garage. After using spades and shovels push the metal end in the sand mixture and wipe dry. The sand will knock off the dirt and the oil will prevent rusting!

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Do pesky insects invade your garden each year? Here's how to banish bugs the natural way! Aluminum foil "foils" aphids: Use a tin foil mulch around the base of plants. The reflection drives insects away. Deter cabbage worms with a sprinkle of flour, and slay a slug with a dose of table salt.

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If visions of planning a lush garden have taken their toll on your trusty old house plants, try this tip: Just stir together one package of granular dry yeast and one quart of warm water. Mix it well and water plants with the elixir monthly to perk up your plants!

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Placement is important when growing squash and melons. Because they are pollinated by bees, avoid planting them near other flowering plants, which can compete for bee pollinators.

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Plant a chrysanthemum plant in the vegetable garden. Because the flower wilts before other plants when water is needed, it'll act as a red flag to tell you to irrigate. Cucumber and squash plants can also act as indicators because they are the first to droop during a dry spell.

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Going on vacation? Keep house plants watered for up to a month by watering well placing pot and all in a clear plastic bag. Tie it top and bottom and place in northern light. When you're back, untie the top and let the plant adjust to room air for a day or two before removing the plastic completely.

Here are some more seasonal tips:

Firing up the grill for a sizzling steak? New York Times 'Minimalist' and cookbook author Mark Bittman claims the five best steaks for grilling are: rib eye, skirt, sirloin, t-bone and flank steaks, one inch thick. His secret? Dry the steaks with paper towels then grill them without turning for three minutes

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Want to serve up the "catch of the day?" Here's a tip to serve up perfect fish every time: Store fresh fish in the refrigerator between self-sealing plastic bags filled with ice cubes. This will keep it from getting soggy and ensure a fabulous fish feast. And if you need to remove fish odors from a pan, just rinse the pan with vinegar while it is still hot.

Sleeping under the stars this season? To keep warm, make sure your sleeping bag fits properly. Too big and you'll lose heat, too small and insulation compresses, compromising the warmth factor. And before turning in, indulge! A high calorie treat like hot cocoa will give your body fuel to burn and keep you warm through the night.

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Financial gifts can help Dad for years to come

Financial Focus

Jeff Burdick

Father's Day is almost here. Dad will probably like any gift you give him, of course, but this year, why not go beyond the ordinary? By presenting your father with an appropriate financial gift, you can bring him some benefits that can keep on giving.

For starters, how about a back-to-school gift for Dad? If you have children, you may already be familiar with 529 plans, which many parents use to help their children pay for college. But 529 plans have no age limits, so there's nothing stopping you from reversing the usual formula and opening an account for your father. While 529 plans are commonly used to pay for four-year colleges, the money can also go toward most two-year community colleges and trade schools, so if Dad has a future interest in learning about anything from anthropology to auto repair, the 529 plan you've established can give him the gift of knowledge and enjoyment.

As the owner of a 529 plan, your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct the contributions from your taxes.

Here's another suggestion: Help Dad reach a distant goal. For example, if you know your father will be retiring in, say, 10 years, you could give him some type of bond that matures just when he retires. During those 10 years, he will receive regular semiannual interest payments, and when the bond matures, he'll get the original principal back. He can then use this money to help fulfill a long-held dream – perhaps one of traveling the world or even opening a small business. Whatever he decides to do with the money, it will make a nice retirement gift.

If you're giving Dad a corporate bond, make sure it's "investment grade," which means it has received one of the highest ratings for safety from one of the major bond-rating agencies. Investment-grade bonds are generally the least likely to default. If your father is in one of the upper tax brackets, he might benefit from a municipal bond, whose interest payments are exempt from federal income taxes and possibly state and local taxes, too. (Some municipal bonds, however, are subject to the alternative minimum tax.)

Finally, you may want to help Dad plan his legacy. Although your father may be interested in what sort of legacy he will leave, he may not yet have taken any steps in this area – in particular, he might not have created a comprehensive estate plan.

You might consider giving your father some resources on estate planning, such as books or online articles. Better yet, though, consider setting him up with a consultation with a legal professional. It will take considerable time and effort to create the necessary documents, such as a will, a living trust, a durable power of attorney, and so on – and since the future is not ours to see, it's best to take care of these tasks sooner, rather than later.

Father's Day is just a blip on the calendar. But by giving Dad some valuable financial gifts, you can help brighten all his days.

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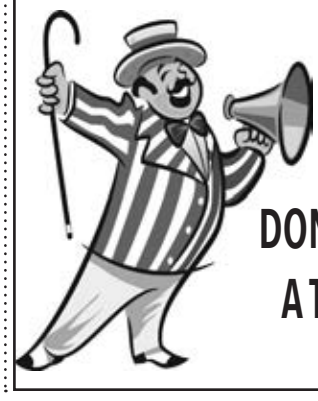

DON'T MISS A THING!

Select the best tomatoes for your garden and table

Garden Moments

MELINDA MYERS

Sliced, sauced, or cooked in your favorite recipe; tomatoes are a favorite and versatile vegetable. What's more, they taste best when grown and harvested from your own garden or container.

Ensure the best flavor and greatest results by selecting the most disease-resistant varieties and growing your tomatoes in full sun and moist, well-drained soil.

Select plants with the growth habit that works best with your garden space and gardening style. Determinate tomatoes are perfect for small-space gardens and containers. They grow to a certain height, stop growing, and produce their fruit over a relatively short timeframe. Indeterminate tomatoes continue to grow throughout the season, producing flowers and fruit until frost kills the plant or you prune off the growing tip found at the end of the main stem(s). Stake or tower the plants to save space, reduce disease and insect problems, and make harvesting more convenient.

Further narrow down your selection and grow varieties best suited to the intended use. Plant tags often provide recommendations. Or, save time and do a bit of research before visiting the garden center. The Bonnie Plant Tomato Chooser (bonnieplants.com/tomatoes/choose-your-tomato) can help you select the best tomato for your growing conditions and the intended use.

Bite-sized tomatoes are great for salads, relish trays, and snacking. Red Robin and Sweet 'n Neat produce clusters of red cherry tomatoes on compact plants. Grow them in containers or even a window box.

Tumbling Tom Red and Tumbling Tom Yellow cherry tomatoes are compact, cascading plants that create an attractive edible display in tall containers, hanging baskets, or window boxes.

Grow the explosively sweet Sun Gold and Sun Sugar cherry tomatoes. They're the candy of the garden and will get even your most reluctant family members, young and old, to eat their tomatoes. Stake or cage these tall plants and, if space is limited, grow them in a 24-inch-diameter pot.

Paste and sauce tomatoes have meatier fruit, making them perfect for sauces, soups, and preserving. Roma is the traditional favorite. The egg-shaped fruit has thick walls and few seeds. Use them during the growing season for sauces, chop and add them to an omelet, or can and freeze them for future use.

Expand your options with San Marzano heirloom paste tomato. Popular with gourmet and home chefs, the sweet, complex flavor makes a fabulous sauce. Chop a few and add them to salads, or slice and top your favorite sandwich. You'll enjoy the flavor and versatility of this tomato.

Grow a few slicing tomatoes. Most gardeners look for large, juicy tomatoes to enjoy on their sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, and salads. Look for varieties that are suited to the growing conditions. Solar Flare and Creole are heat-tolerant and keep producing despite high summer temperatures. Start picking tomatoes as soon as 65 days after planting by growing short-season varieties like Early Girl and New Girl tomatoes.

An All-America Selections winner, Celebrity, has great disease resistance and is an excellent all-around tomato. Grow this determinate tomato in a cage, or stake the plant to save space.

Heirloom varieties have been grown for more than 50 years and have maintained their original traits and popularity. Cherokee Purple's rich flavor rates high in taste tests. The dusky pink fruit with deep red interior looks as beautiful as it tastes. Add some fun and sweet flavor with Mr. Stripey. The irregular striping of the red and yellow beefsteak-type fruit make this a popular choice.

So, gather your favorite recipes and create a list of both longtime favorites and new tomato varieties to include in this year's garden.

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With the vast number of tomato varieties, selecting the right tomato for your growing conditions and intended use is important.

What to do with family heirlooms

Antiques, Collectibles & Estates

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A February 12th article in Forbes with a blunt title has made baby boomers and seniors rethink how they will distribute their belongings. The article "Sorry, Nobody Wants Your Parents' Stuff" by Richard Eisenberg was shared across the internet by those who run auction and estate sales and sell antiques.

Other articles similarly expressed what those of us who sell antiques and estate contents have been witnessing. An article appeared in U.S.A. Today prior to the Forbes article and was titled "Boomers often rebuffed when passing down heirlooms." A more recent related article that appeared in the Boston Globe was titled "Baby boomers are downsizing — and the kids won't take the family heirlooms".

Richard Eisenberg called disposing of the contents of his father's home after his passing "the stuff of nightmares." He advised what regular readers of this column have also seen me recommend. Families should discuss distribution of important family heirlooms while family members are well enough to take on the task. Aging parents can do their family a great service by deciding what items they'd like to pass along to family members while they are healthy.

There are a number of benefits to be gained by distributing your personal property instead of willing it to family members. Tax benefits may be gained when gifting items instead of having them become part of your estate. You may want to discuss this further with your attorney or tax preparer. You can make sure that items will go in the right hands when gifted. Sometimes an estate personal representative (formerly known as executor) may not be aware who the items should go to. Taping a note to the bottom of a piece asking that it be distributed to a family member isn't an effective method for legal purposes. If you plan to give it to someone, do it in advance or include it in your will.

There are additional benefits of distributing your personal property instead of willing it. You have the pleasure of seeing someone appreciating the gift you hand them. You can also have the most important discussion with your heirs, whether or not they actually want the items that you plan to give them. All of your prized possessions may not be wanted by your heirs. Younger generations often lead a more simplistic life and may be more mobile, moving for job opportunities more frequently than generations of the past. There is a good chance younger family members aren't going to want sterling silver flatware, Lladro collections and the like.

When you've already distributed which items you'd like to go to family members, you will need to determine what to do with the rest. If you have even one or a few valuable items like antiques, jewelry or coins, auctioning them may be best. Estate sales are a good option if you have a large enough estate. Items like cars, power equipment and tools can help make the sale more attractive to estate sale companies who may not find it profitable to run smaller sales. If there aren't enough items, there are other options such as donating items that can be resold and throwing away what is no longer useful. Despite all of the recent bad press, there are many things that you can do to make handling your personal property much less overwhelming.

We continue to pickup some great items for our August 31st live auction in Worcester. Other sales are also being scheduled. I'll be appraising items for WCCA TV (Worcester Community Cable Access) on June 17th and June 21st at the Residence at Valley farm in Ashland. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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Grant to assess and strategize for weather events benefits Charlton

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced that three communities in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex district will be receiving grant funding through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. Grant funding to each community will provide technical support, climate change data, and planning tools to identify hazards and develop strategies to improve resilience. Charlton will receive $15,000, Spencer $16,000 and Ware $17,000.

"Extreme weather events have wreaked havoc in our area of the state before. We have seen firsthand the damage done and how hard it can be to recover as a community," said Senator Gobi. "Preparing cities and towns for anything and everything is a no-brainer and I am pleased to see that Charlton, Spencer, and Ware will all be receiving funding."

The MVP program will be led by an experienced project coordinator from the towns with a core team of town staff and volunteers representing town planning departments, emergency managers, conservation commissioners, economic councils, the business community, and other key stakeholders. Technical assistance will be delivered by state-certified MVP Program providers using a standardized toolkit for assessing vulnerability and developing strategies, and newly developed climate projections and data from the Northeast Climate Science Center at UMass-Amherst.

Upon successful completion of the program, municipalities will be designated as a "Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Community."

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

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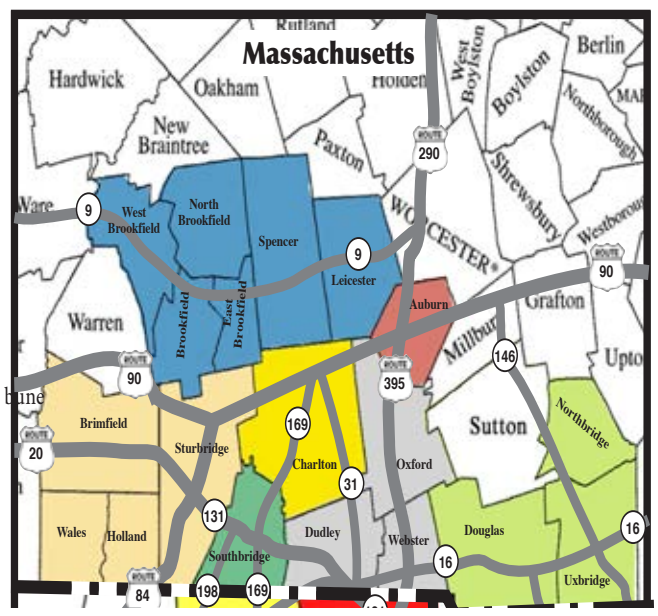

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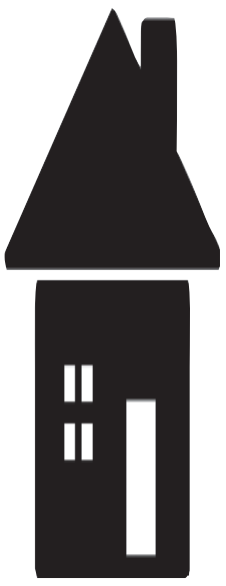

OBITUARIES

Mason B. Flagg, 95

CHARLTON — Mason B. Flagg, age 95, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. His wife of 65 years, Betty J. (Geer) Flagg died Aug. 1, 2014.

He leaves three children, Jane A. Flagg-Guilbert and her husband Jerry of Southbridge, Susan E. Frederick and her husband Richard of Shrewsbury, and Mason G. Flagg and his wife Carol of Sutton; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mason was born in Worcester, son of Levi F. and Lucy E. (Bancroft) Flagg, and lived in Worcester many years before moving to Charlton.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II in the newly formed 10th Mountain Division and was a sergeant in the 1st Battalion, 87thInfantry, and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters. Known as the 'Man of the Mountain' at Wachusett Mountain, he was an avid skier, golfer and 10 speed biker. He was a master Mason for many years, serving in several lodges, most recently Guiding Light Lodge in Auburn, a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Springfield, and a member of many American Legion posts.

Over the years, he found time to donate a total of 23 gallons of blood. He wanted to give back what was given to him.

He will be missed by his family and many people whose lives he touched in many ways.

He celebrated life by doing everything he wanted to do.

A graveside service with Military Honors will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017, in St. John's Cemetery, 260 Cambridge St., Worcester, with burial of both Mason and Betty Flagg.

There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Shriners Burn Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA. 02114.

The Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home (RJMillerfunerals.net), 175 Old Worcester Rd., is assisting Mr. Flagg's family with arrangements.

Paul E. Ferree, 91

CHARLTON — Paul E. Ferree, 91, a longtime resident of Charlton, died Monday, June 5th, at St. Vincent Hospital, in Worcester. He leaves his beloved wife of nearly 64 years, Marie R. LeBeau Ferree, They were married July 30, 1953. He also leaves two daughters Sheila Spellman of Spencer and Paula Ferree-Anderson of Gardner, two grandsons Shawn Hoffner and James Anderson Jr. He also is survived by his brother Dean Ferree, and three sisters Ruth, Jane and Margaret all of Pennsylvania. He was predeceased by his daughter Madonna Mae Ferree who died in 1962, two grandsons Bruce Hoffner,Jr. and Joshua Spellman, and his brothers Clarence, Robert and Raymond, and his sister Mabel.

He was born in Pennsylvania, one of nine children of Clarence and Nellie (Shomper) Ferree. He was a member of St. Joseph Church, and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Charlton. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, fixing (remodeling) old houses, coal mining as a young man, and liked old cars. He also loved his Patriots football, and Red Sox baseball teams.

The funeral was held Thursday, June 8, 2017, from Sansoucy Funeral Home (sansoucyfuneral.com), 40 Marcy St., Southbridge with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Road, Charlton. Burial followed at Notre Dame Cemetery, Webster Street, Worcester.

Scott A. Errington, 45

LEICESTER — Scott A. Errington, age 45, died Wednesday, June 7 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Barre.

He leaves his mother and step-father Barbara (Errington) Jette and George A. Jette Jr. of Spencer, a sister Bette Ann Martinez of Cohoes, NY, his longtime girlfriend Tina Soderman with whom he lived, two step-sisters; Kimberly Jette Conti and her husband John of Northboro and Tracy Jette Sasseville and her husband Bryan of Rutland, step-grandparents George and Jean Jette of Charlton and several nieces and nephews.

Scott was born in Worcester, son of Francis Goodney. He was a tow truck driver at Boulevard Towing in Worcester. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid motorcycle rider.

Calling hours are Friday, June 16 from 4-7 p.m. in J. Henri Morin & Son Funeral Home (morinfuneralhomes.com), 23 Maple Terrace, Spencer. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Scott's life will be held on Sunday, July 2 from 1-4 p.m. at the Spencer Fish & Game, 155 Mechanic Street, Spencer. Please omit flowers.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Irene L. (Norman) Duplessis

CHARLTON — Irene L. (Norman) Duplessis, a long time resident of Charlton, died comfortably at home on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

Born on May 1, 1912 in Lynnwood, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Mary (Gauvin) Norman. She was united in marriage to Hormidas "Pete" Duplessis July 2, 1931 in Webster. He predeceased her death in 2004. They were married for 72 beautiful years.

She is survived by her daughters Carol A. Rose, and Janet Twine and her husband, Ronald; 12 loving grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased in death by her son Paul A. Duplessis in 1983, a sister Yvonne Lafontaine, and two brothers, Henry Norman and Alfred Norman.

Irene had an unwavering faith in God. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton for many, many years prior to living in Southbridge. She was a member of Notre Dame Church for several years, prior to moving to Worcester, where she resided with her daughter Carol.

The funeral was held Friday, June 9, 2017, from Sansoucy Funeral Home (sansoucyfuneral.com), 40 Marcy St., Southbridge, with a Mass at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Road, Charlton. Burial followed at West Ridge Cemetery, Main Street, Charlton, MA.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in her memory to St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508 or The Broken Tail Rescue, P. O. Box 60296, Worcester, MA 01606.

Send all obituary notices to the Charlton Villager, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

CALENDAR

Friday, June 16

MOVIE MORNING: The Brimfield Senior Center will be showing the award winning movie "Lion" on June 16 at 11 a.m. Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. Based on the book "A Long Way Home," written by Saroo Brierley. Rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for thematic material and some sensuality. Suggested donation for movie is $2. Popcorn, snacks and beverages free! The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield. 413-245-7253

Saturday, June 17

Foxwoods Anyone? Casino bus trip fundraiser for team "Missing Links" participation in the Alzheimer's Association RunTriRide. Motor coach leaves JC Penney parking lot, 194 Main Street, Sturbridge at 2pm. Leaves Foxwoods at 9pm. $40 pp includes $10 free slot play, $10 food coupon, gift basket raffle, entry to Foxwoods "Cruise for a Cause" monthly drawing & more! For more info contact Melissa LaBreck - 508 561 8078 Your support is essential for those who are now living with Alzheimer's. Your contribution will help find a way to beat Alzheimer's disease.

Wednesday, June 21

MAKE MUSIC DAY: Sing in the Solstice with the community on International Make Music Day Brimfield, June 21 6-8 p.m. Hitchcock Academy hosts many programs with extremely talented musicians and they are gathering to share their love of music with the community to celebrate the arrival of summer!

Saturday, June 24

MUSIC & MUSKETS: On Saturday, June 24, the Sturbridge Colonial Militia will re-enact the muster of local patriot forces on the town Common in response to the news of the British expedition to Lexington and Concord in April, 1775. The program of drill, musket firing, and historical commentary begins at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are most welcome to visit the Revolutionary-era encampment on the Common from 4 p.m., followed by a concert of period music at 6 p.m. by the Yalesville (CT) Senior Fife and Drum Corps.

BLESSING OF THE PETS: All are invited to the Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m.-noon. The blessing will take place at New Hope United Church of Christ, 345 Main St., Sturbridge. Please follow the signs for the Park and Ride in Bethlehem Lutheran Church's parking lot. Each pet will receive a certificate of blessing. Plush pets welcome! For more information, please visit www.newhopeucc.org.

Monday, June 26

FAMILY NIGHT: Mondays are Family Nights at the Holland Community Center this summer!

Family Cupcake Decorating Monday, June 26, 6:30 pm Kick off our series of fun family programs on Monday nights! This kid-friendly program will feature pre-made cupcakes for you to frost and decorate with a variety of delicious treats. $2 fee

Tuesday, June 27

DRIVE IN MOVIES: Retro Drive-in Movie "The LEGO Batman Movie" Tuesday, June 27, 7 pm at the Holland Community Center. Remember when you used to bring the family to the drive-in on a summer night? Grandparents, bring your grandkids, and share a bit of the past. We will be making "cars" to create our own drive-in theater inside the community center. BYOB (bring your own BOX) and we will provide the craft supplies for you to turn your ordinary box into a dream machine you can sit in during the movie (grandparents are welcome to relax in our "walk-in section" - comfy chairs provided). Join us for this fun, family craft and movie event!

Wednesday, June 28

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, June 28, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One rain date will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Wednesday, July 5

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Friday, July 7

DOG TRICKS! The next Friends and Family Friday at Hitchcock Academy will be Dog Tricks with Laurie Merritt held on July 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. The fee is only $6 and includes pizza, drinks and lots of fun! Register online or in person. www.hitchcockacademy.org or call (413) 245-9977.

Wednesday, July 12

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 12, 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside.

Wednesday, July 19

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 19 and 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside.

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Lakes Advisory Committee issues annual warnings

Well, boating season has finally arrived and with it, the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee would like to remind all you Captains out there that boating safety is something that should NOT be taken lightly.

Hello boaters! Yes, it's that time of the year again when we are break out the boating gear and get the boat out of winter storage in preparation for another great season on the water. It's also that time where the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee would like to take a few minutes of your time to review some safety tips and remind you that although boating can be a lot of fun, it is also something that needs to be taken seriously. Driving a boat is like driving your car. It should be considered a privilege that requires you to not only obey Massachusetts State laws but to use common sense on the water to prevent hazardous conditions that could lead to accidents and possible injuries.

The very first law of the water is to have and to use Personal Floatation Devices (PFD). The use of a PFD can significantly decrease the number of deaths that occur each year as a result of drowning. PFDs wear is mandatory for children under 12 years of age, riders on PWCs, anyone being towed in any way through the water as well as canoeists and kayakers between Sept. 15 and May 15.

Enjoying a great day on the water and under the sun can easily lead to distractions. Distracted driving is another major cause of boating accidents, injuries and deaths. As the Captain of a boat, you are responsible for the safety of all your passengers as well as any other boat traffic you may encounter while out on the water. Review and understand all state and local boating laws and regulations. Massachusetts state regulations may be found at the following web site or you can find them easily by "Googling" MA state boating laws.

http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/documents/massachusetts-boating-law.pdf

Many lakes also publish their own set of courtesy rules that should be followed on the individual lakes that focus on specific peculiarities for each lake, so it is important to heed these guidelines as well to assure everyone's safety. Rules are usually available at launch sites or on the lake association's web site.

In an effort to educate and raise awareness, the following is a listing of some of the laws & regulations that are most often ignored by uneducated or irresponsible boat operators. Please don't let this be you.

1. Minimum age restrictions for operating a power boat are 16 years' old unless you have a Massachusetts Certified Boating Safety Certificate in which case the age is 12 years old. Minimum age for a PWC (personal water craft) is 18 years or 16 with Massachusetts certification.

2. Although legal in some states, it is illegal in the state of MA to tow anyone or anything on a PWC (jet ski).

3. Speed limit on any waterway after sunset is 5 mph.

4. Boats towing skiers or tubers must have an observer in the boat.

5. Massachusetts has some of the strictest "Boating under the influence" laws in the country and your driver's license can be revoked for driving under the influence.

6. Your wake is considered as part of your boat, and you are responsible for any damage or injury it might cause.

7. Other common sense safety tips would be: don't swim beyond 100 feet from shore unless accompanied by a boat or other visible floatation device. Be courteous to others especially giving right of way to non-powered boats like canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and sailboats.

To report violations, complaints, or to request assistance, you can call Massachusetts Environmental Police Dispatch at 800-832-8075 or call the Sturbridge Police at 508-347-2525.

Many states require boat operators to have taken and passed a boating safety class for which you receive a certificate that permits operation in their state. Massachusetts has not yet adopted this requirement, but soon the requirement for a safety certificate issued by Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Police will go into effect requiring anyone operating in this state to have taken a course. SLAC sponsored two such courses this year. Although both courses usually fill quickly, there may be walk in room if you have interest. Contact your lake association or a SLAC member for further details.

One last item somewhat unrelated to boating, but certainly related to the lakes is walking on roads without sidewalks. Most of the roads leading to and surrounding the lakes in Sturbridge do not have sidewalks. As such, when walking along these roads it should be noted that the safest side to walk on is the side that faces oncoming traffic. Too often we see people walking on the same side as traffic flow. All it would take is one distracted driver who will pick you up on the hood of their car and give you the ride of your life to ruin your day and theirs. At least if you are facing oncoming traffic, you stand a chance of avoiding such a ride. Please remember we are all responsible for our own safety as well as that of others.

As always, we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

OVERLOOK

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ing the event, and said he looked forward to continuing this tradition in years to come. Opening remarks were provided by American Legion Commander and Navy veteran Peter Parker.

Krewson provided a lesson to the students from the Charlton Middle School on the importance of the POW/MIA table which was on display at the front of the room, noting its significance in remembering soldiers held as prisoners of war or declared missing in action who never returned home from distant battlefields. Krewson also spoke of the importance in distinguishing Memorial Day from Veterans Day, noting that Memorial Day was once called Decoration Day, and was meant to honor fallen soldiers by planting flowers at their graves.

Invited guests included numerous Charlton officials such as former Police Chief James Pervier who performed "My Buddy," Regional Veteran Services Agent Michael Trombley, Interim Police Chief Daniel Charette, and Town Administrator Robin Craver.

State Rep. Peter Durant spoke about his appreciation for those who served.

Robert Engel, the administrator of Overlook, welcomes the crowd. Engel is also a National Guard veteran.

State Rep. Peter Durant spoke about his gratitude for the sacrifices made by those who have served in the US Armed Forces and offered a proclamation from the State House of Representatives. State Sen. Ann Gobi, represented by district aide Tyler Wolanin, expressed her appreciation for those who bravely served in the US Armed Forces and offered a proclamation from the State Senate.

The ceremony concluded with the playing of "Taps" by American Legion Past Commander and Army veteran Clarence Bachand.

Following the event, attendees were invited to view the new Veterans Wall – a space adjacent to the Grand Master's Dining Room on the second floor – where pictures of resident veterans from their time in service, along with their name and branch of service, are on view for all to enjoy and appreciate. The project was conceived by the activities team and will remain a permanent fixture.

NATIVE

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Native Grill and Wings franchise owners Andy and Nancy Colby, of Charlton, presented a check for $1,000 to Harrington after its event, which offered food at a discounted price to all customers, and then offered Harrington 50 percent of the proceeds.

"We appreciate that Native Grill and Wings recognizes the significance in choosing a partner like Harrington, since we represent the healthcare organization for all of south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. Their generosity is truly appreciated and we want to officially welcome them to the community," said Karen Spiewak, director of development.

"We were happy to select Harrington for our pre-opening partner because we know how valuable a regional healthcare organization can be," said Nancy. "We are looking forward to becoming part of the Oxford community."

Native Grill and Wings is located at 111 Sutton Ave., inside the Oxford Retail Crossings plaza. Harrington's UrgentCare Express is located directly across the street at 78 Sutton Ave.

Native Grill & Wings is a casual dining restaurant and sports grill franchise known for its chicken wings. For more information, visit www.nativegrillandwings.com

For more information about Harrington, visit harringtonhospital.org

Courtesy photo

The staff at Native Grill & Wings was ready to present a hefty check to help Harrington.

TRIPS OFFERED

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

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Please call Elaine or Debra for more info at 508-248-2231. Sign-up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center. Flyers are also available on our webpage www.townofcharlton.net click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center. Mail all payments to Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507 Pick up is generally from St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton

PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP FOR ALL TRIPS - PAYMENT AT SIGN-UP PREFERABLE

Sept. 26: The "Naugy" Train ride with Fascia's Chocolate. Lunch at San Marino's Restaurant. $86 includes transportation, train ride, Fascia's chocolate experience, lunch all tax & gratuities. Make checks payable to Landmark Tours

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Contact the Leicester Senior Center, Joan Wall, (508) 892-3967 for information and to make reservations.

• June 19: Boston Tall Ship cruise in the harbor, Quincy Market. $79 pp.

• July 21: Gloucester lobster cruise. Lobster and a big buffet with chicken, chowder and more. $89 pp.

• Aug. 18: Cape Cod and Bass River tour, Glass Museum, Daniel Webster buffet, all for $89 pp.

• Oct. 1-7: Sunday to Saturday, Myrtle Beach show trip and Charlton SC. 10 meals, four shows and much more. $600 includes tips for driver.

• Oct. 20: Twin River Casino and Wright's Chicken Farm. A day of gambling, eating and fun. $59 pp.

• Nov. 17: Captain Jack's and Mohegan Sun casino. Choice of lobster or prime rib. $74 pp.

• Dec. 6: Newport Playhouse, Dashing Through the Show, buffet an cabaret. All for $89 pp.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

2017 trip schedule, open to public — payment due at sign up:

• Sunday, June 18: Boston Tall Ships Spectacular. $82 per person. Visit Quincy Market and the North End, narrated Harbor Cruise.

• Thursday, July 20: Voices of Legends show. $88 includes transportation to Venezia Restaurant, Boston, and choice of chicken or fish. The show is a tribute to singers like Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond and more.

• Sunday, Aug. 13: Newport Playhouse show & lobster feast, $102 includes transportation, lobster feast, show and cabaret, "Baggage."

• Sunday, Sept. 17: Vine to Wine, $821 includes visit to Chandler's, Yankee Candle, and wine tasting at two of Vermont's vineyards.

• Oct. 10-17: All-inclusive Aruba; almost full. Taking names for 2018 trip.

• Thursday, Nov. 9: Foxwoods, $25, 8 a.m. bus. Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

Collette Tours New Orleans Trip. This is a 5 day trip from Oct. 16-20

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The association is funded completely through donations and Brackley has said that the cost of treatment for fanwort has proven to be well above their financial capabilities over the years. In hopes of reducing the infestation, the association is looking to limit what boats and cannot enter the pond by placing a gate on the only boat ramp into the waterway.

"We're not trying to do this to ban anyone. That's not the point. The point is weed control. We foot the bill entirely from donations, which unfortunately you can't get even 50 percent of the population on the lake to donate. It's human nature," Brackley said. "We spend more on weed control than we get in donations. Last year in particular was very bad because of the (weed). At that pace, we can't maintain the beauty of the pond."

Brackley reestablished the association's position despite some selectmen opposition. Earlier this year selectman John Marsi, who himself owns a boat and property on a lake in Maine, has expressed concerns about closing off the lake to only a selection of people and on June 5 Selectman Paul Joseph voiced concerns that the residents on the lake need to be willing to step up to help maintain the waterway if the town is going to commit anything to helping the cause. Brackley admitted that only around 36 percent of residents along the lake in Dudley and Charlton pay to help maintain the lake. These numbers are not enough of a commitment according to Joseph.

"I'm willing to help those willing to help themselves. If you think 36 percent is helping yourselves I disagree," Joseph said. "You get over 50 percent and that tells me that more than half the people want the help and then I think we should talk, but not until then."

Joseph said he wanted to see a compromise with the town providing some support if the Baker Pond Association can procure 50 percent dedication in public support from residents along the pond.

"I'd like to know the breakdown of Dudley and Charlton. I'd like to come up with a compromise where if (the society) reaches a certain percentage that we can agree on the total number of homesteads on the lake that contribute that will allow the treatment of one of these invasive weeds and that would make it more sense to prohibit other boats from coming in. I'd like to see those numbers," Joseph said.

Responding to concerns about the Baker Pond Association being the authority of who can and can't enter the pond if a gate is erected, Brackley said it is not the association's goal to be the "key holders" in this situation.

"That's not why we're doing this. This is why we'd rather have the town be the keeper of the key," Brackley said. "We just want this to control and keep a good environment for everyone for future generations because otherwise it's going to turn into a swamp."

Brackley also noted that the Baker Pond Association would foot the bill for purchasing the gate, which he priced at anywhere from $5,000 to $15,000, if the town of Dudley would provide the manpower to install it. The land where the boat ramp is located is owned by the town for conservation purposes.

Selectmen decided to continue the discussion to a future meeting with the hopes that more information on the homesteads along the pond and more secure details on who does and doesn't provide financial support for maintaining the lake can be obtained. The town administrator and highway superintendent were also instructed to meet with representatives of the association and to explore options for the gate as well.

REVS UNIFIED

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from the Revs players and coaches at several events in recent years.

"They believe in inclusion and being involved in the community," said Millett, who lives in Spencer. "I can't thank the Revs enough for the support they have provided to Special Olympics Massachusetts over the last few years. Each year, they keep helping us out more and the partnership keeps growing."

After the signing event, athletes prepared for two unified matches against the Chicago Fire's team from Special Olympics Illinois. The two teams will compete against each other when their respective MLS clubs square off at Gillette Stadium on June 17, then again at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, IL, on Aug. 5.

The signing event kicked off a full summer series of charitable and community programs for the Revs, including the third annual Bowl for a Goal – the team's charity bowling event in July. For Millett and his teammates, the giving spirit of the Revs ownership group and team leaders has been on full display in recent years. Members of the organization are always eager to build new relationships with fans, community groups, and partners like Special Olympics Massachusetts.

"I always have an awesome time when I do something with the Revs because the support starts from the top and goes down to every player," said Millett, whose favorite part of the signing event was having the opportunity to talk with Revs players.

Millett and his teammates also received brand new uniforms featuring the Revs' colors and sponsors.

Special Olympics Massachusetts facilitates athletic events throughout the year for people with intellectual disabilities. To learn more about the organization, visit www.specialolympicsma.org.

Matt Millett, of Spencer, recently joined other athletes in signing with the New England Revolution's unified soccer team. Courtesy photo.

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with inclusions. Highlights include: French Quarter, choice of Cabildo or Presbytere Museum, New Orleans School of Cooking, Jazz Revue, Swamp Tour, choice of National WWII Museum or Mardi Gras World. Refer to our website: nscfine.com and click on the FINE Traveler's tab for complete details and itinerary. Call 508-259-3786 to reserve your spot

Day Trips:

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

• Greece and the Islands: September 14-26
• Grand Tour of India: Jan. 5-19, 2018
• Cuba: March 11-22, 2018
• Grand Tour of France: May 30 to June 15, 2018
• England & Scotland: Sept. 5-16, 2018

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2017. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

July 30: Sunday at Tanglewood, a noon luncheon at the Red Lion Inn and a 2:30 p.m. concert in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Bramwell Tovey leads the Boston Symphony with music of Beethoven and Sir William Walton; Tanglewood Festival Chorus featuring Ryan Green bass baritone; and guest violinist Pinchas Zukerman. $124 pp includes transportation, concert and luncheon. Deadline July 15, payment plan available. Departure 9 a.m. from Southbridge.

August 13: Day of Discovery at Newport RI. A visit to Rough Point, the extensive estate of Doris Duke the tobacco heiress, whose 140 room mansion at the end of Bellevue Avenue overlooks the Cliff Walk and the Atlantic Ocean. Free time in the business district for lunch on your own and shopping. Afternoon will include Newport Winery and a possible wine tasting. Departure is from Southbridge, cost announced soon. Call for more details.

Sept. 10-13: Quebec City, a four day-3 night excursion to Canada's 400 year old historic city. Lodging at the Palace Royal Hotel, four meals including a breakfast at Quebec's Parliament Building, guided tour of the city, visit to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre and Montmorency Falls (higher than Niagara). Free time to explore Old Quebec, the Dufferin Terrace overlooking the St. Lawrence River and more. Cost is $669 pp; cancellation insurance and payment plan available. Departure from Southbridge, reservation deadline July 16.

September 20: Day at the Big E, departure at 8:45 a.m. from Southbridge and return about 6:30 p.m. Cost is $45 pp. Reservation deadline Sept. 1.

Additional trips being planned: Foliage tour in October; New York City in November; and possibly two or three events in December including Nutcracker and a visit to Wright's Farm and LaSallette Shrine.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips depart from the Whitinsville WalMart. Call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

June 5: lobster bake aboard the Beauport Princess. First class lobster bake buffet includes baked chicken, corn on the cob, potatoes and coleslaw. Entertainment w/dancing also as you cruise along in Gloucester harbor. A fun day in the sun for $76 pp.

• June 25-25: two day trip to Hudson River Valley with a visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential home and library in Hyde Park, breathtaking views as you experience the walkway over the Hudson. Guided tour of West Point, the oldest military academy in the United States, including lunch at the West Point Officers Club.

• Aug. 21-24: St. Andrews by the Sea and Campobello Island at the famous 5-Star Algonquin Resort. Elegant and Luxurious. Experience a moose safari through Maine on the way.

• Sept. 24-26: From Sept. 24 to the 26th the group will be going to the Adirondacks. Lake Placid will be the base and the trip will include a stop at the top of Whiteface Mountain and a narrated luncheon cruise on Raquette Lake with great views of the "great camps of the gilded age." These impressive estates included features that reflected their rustic natural surroundings while also providing the ultimate in luxury for wealthy families looking to escape the cities. There will also be a tour of the Great Camp Sagamore to get a glimpse of the opulence of the past. There will also be a guided tour of Lake Placid including the Olympic Complex, the Lake Placid Club and Mirror Lake. The price is $479.

• Oct. 17-19: There will be a 3-day trip to Atlantic City and Cape May from Oct. 17-19 for $239. Stay right on the beach and extend your summer with the mild weather in New Jersey! Walk the boardwalk, win some money, and have a nice day trip to the quaint Victorian seaside town of Cape May.

• Nov. 13-15: will be a trip to the Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa in Whitefield, NH. There will be a day trip to Vermont with sightseeing. There will be two breakfasts and two dinners included for $419. Located in the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountains and open as a hotel since 1865 with an extensive renovation to u pdate it, Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa is one of America's truly grand hotels. They combine first-class comfort and casual elegance with attentive, personalized service. The classic New Hampshire White Mountains resort presents a dazzling array of offerings and amenities all wrapped in a timeless storybook setting.

CHRISTMAS:

There are two Christmas trips. One to Saratoga, NY from Nov. 30 to Dec. 1 for the Victorian Streetwalk. They close the entire center of town to traffic so everyone can stroll, dine and shop. Carolers walk the sidewalks dressed in elegant period costumes and create beautiful music and song. A tour of the Batcheller Mansion built in 1873 and a stop for lunch at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge along with a stop at the annual Festival of Decorated Trees at the Berkshire Museum is also included for $319.

The other is to Vermont with a stay at the beautiful historic Middlebury Inn from Dec. 8 to the 9th for $299. A stop at the iconic Vermont Country Store will be made enroute and the 2nd day will be spent at the Wassail Celebration complete with the Wassail Parade in Woodstock. This tradition, now in its 33rd year, was voted one of the "Best Christmas Celebrations in New England" by Yankee Magazine. Make some plans to enjoy one of these traditional events! Call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA -1570. The Daughters of Isabella is a non-profit and charitable Catholic women's organization

July 16: Lake Winnipesaukee, escape to the Granite State! $82 per person. Enjoy a buffet lunch and relaxing cruise. Leave 8:30 a.m. Southbridge, 9 a.m. Webster.

August 13: Newport Playhouse show and lobster fest. $102 per person. Terrific 'baggage' show and cabaret. Leave 8:30 a.m. Southbridge, 9 a.m. Webster.

Sept. 10-12: Atlantic City resorts and casinos. The original casino, and the 'shore' thing! $249 per person includes accommodations. Leaves 7 a.m. Webster, 7:30 a.m. Southbridge and provides $25 slot play, $60 food credit and a casino revue show.

Sept. 17: Vine to Wine with outstanding cuisine at Honora Vineyard. Winetasting at two Vermont vineyards. $82 per person. Leave 8:30 Webster, 9 a.m. Southbridge.

Oct. 8: Turkey Train with spectacular New England foliage. Scenic rail tour and lunch. $82 per person. Visit to Moulton Farm and Kellerhaus Ice Cream Shoppe.

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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill plays well, but shows its youth in loss to Doherty

Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Shepherd Hill shortstop Dani Donnelly throws over to first base after picking up a force out at second.

Dani Donnelly of Shepherd Hill swings away and drives the ball into play.

Ally Nuttall of Shepherd Hill sees the ball into her glove for an out in center field.

Cayley Fagan of Shepherd Hill winds up and delivers a pitch versus Doherty.

Shepherd Hill's Sophia Sciarappa blocks a ball thrown into the dirt.

Shepherd Hill's Kelly Cournoyer drops down a bunt versus Doherty.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — For much of its Central Mass. Division 1 tournament semifinal game with No. 2 Doherty High, the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity softball team, seeded sixth, played right with the Highlanders. But there were two moments in the game, played Thursday, June 8 at Worcester State University's Rockwood Field, where the Rams showed their youth.

Doherty scored one unearned run in the third inning and put the game away with four more unearned runs in the sixth to take a 5-0 decision from The Hill, who played just two seniors and mostly underclassmen — two juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen.

"I told them I'm awfully proud of the season that they had," said Shepherd Hill head coach Donny Loos. "We had our ups and downs a little bit, we had our challenges like any young team would have, but our seniors set the example for us all year."

Those seniors include starting shortstop and co-captain Dani Donnelly, center fielder Ally Nuttall and reserve player Emily Cofsky.

Despite the loss of the seniors, Loos is already excited for what could be in store for Shepherd Hill softball next season.

"The expectations are going to be different. We'll be a junior and sophomore team with really one significant senior in Sophia [Sciarappa]. We have a great opportunity to make her last year something special," he said.

In the matchup with the Highlanders — the defending Division 1 state finalists — the Rams had a tough time hitting senior pitcher Payton Sylvester. Shepherd Hill accumulated five hits, but all in different innings.

But the Rams' Cayley Fagan, a sophomore, also pitched well. She allowed just one hit and one walk through the first two innings before surrendering an unearned run in the third. With Doherty's Eden Forget on second base, she stole third and a throwing error allowed her to scamper home.

Shepherd Hill nearly tied the score in the top of the fourth when Sciarappa led off with a triple to left field, but the Rams left her stranded. Freshman Kiley Wong-Li, Fagan and junior Hailey Delphia, the 4-5-6 hitters, were up next, but Sylvester worked out of the jam to remain unscathed.

"We have Kiley Wong-Li at the plate, nine home runs on the season, and I don't know if I've ever asked her to bunt in all the years that I've been coaching her," explained Loos. "Not that I don't think she could do it, but I wouldn't put her in that situation in that spot.

"With this team, I'd rather have them go down swinging," he said of his big-hitting club.

Fagan then tossed 1-2-3 frames in the fourth and fifth, but errors plagued the Rams again in the sixth. Senior Nikki Sereti led off by reaching first base on a throwing miscue, and Sylvester was intentionally walked. Junior Samantha Baldino followed with a triple to the right-center gap to plate two, and sophomore Natalie Barrera (single) and junior Gianna Goggins (groundout) followed with run-scoring at-bats.

"We showed our age when we got to the sixth inning of that game. We really created all their runs for them," said Loos, as Fagan's six-inning effort included four hits allowed with three strikeouts and three walks.

Sylvester then allowed a single to Fagan in the seventh inning, but two strikeouts and a courtesy runner caught stealing ended the game. Sylvester finished with 14 K's and Doherty then lost to No. 1 Wachusett Regional in the district final, 3-1.

"Today they were better than us, but we have great things to build on. If you look at the rosters of the final four participants in this tournament, they're playing six seniors, seven seniors," Loos concluded of his team's potentially bright future after a 14-9 season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Annual golf tournament to benefit Saint-Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation

On Monday, July 24 at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, the 21st annual golf tournament to benefit the Saint-Jean Baptiste Educational Foundation will be held. The cost is $150 per person — twosomes and singles are welcomed — and will include a hole-in-one contest, a putting contest, door prizes and a special golfer's raffle. The features include 18 holes of golf on a PGA and LPGA course with valet parking, bag handling services, unlimited use of the driving range, chipping and putting areas prior to the 10 a.m. shotgun start, which is a Florida-style scramble. Early registration begins at 8 a.m. with carts with rain bag covers, a gift, coffee, a continental breakfast and snacks. An executive buffet dinner is to follow the tournament. For additional information please call Tournament Chairman Ken at (508) 277-5314 or Foundation Trustee Ted at (508) 764-7909.

U.S. Baseball Academy coming to Worcester State

The U.S. Baseball Academy, the nation's largest training program, is coming to Worcester State University from June 26-29. Advance registration is required. Kids sign up for the sessions they want, although most participate all four days from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please visit www.USBaseballAcademy.com for more details. You can also call the offices at 866-622-4487.

Join the free Charlton/Dudley Women's Basketball League

Please come and check out the Charlton/Dudley Women's Pickup Basketball League at the Heritage School in Charlton every Monday while school is in session from 7-9 p.m. There are no set teams and no fees. Come for the exercise and the fun of playing basketball. The league is for ages 18 and up. Call Deb at (508) 248-3600 for information.

CALENDAR

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We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Thursday, July 20

CONCERT: Sturbridge Lions Club and the Sturbridge Rotary Club have joined forces to sponsor a concert – rain or shine – being held on Sturbridge Common on Thursday, July 20 from 6-8 p.m. The concert, FREE to the public, features Dan Gabel and The Abletones, an 18-piece Big Band specializing in swing music of the 1930s and '40s. The Big Band will be accompanied by vocalist Elise Roth. There will be raffle tickets available for purchase which includes a one-night stay for two people at the Publick House Historic Inn along with dinner and breakfast. This concert is one you won't want to miss. Your feet will be tapping to the rhythmic sounds of this great Band. Bring family, friends, neighbors and don't forget your lawn chairs. Mark the date on your calendars now!

Wednesday, July 26

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS: Sponsored by the Charlton Recreation Commission on Wednesdays during the summer, July 26 at the top of Maynard Field on Dresser Hill Road 8:30-10:30 p.m. One raindate will be reserved if needed. The movies will be determined and announced on the town of Charlton website and in the Villager. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray, it is outside. We hope to have an ice cream truck and hot dog truck on hand for food purchases.

Saturday, September 2

Artists and Crafters wanted for Retro Faire: Vendors and crafters are wanted for a Retro Faire on Sept. 2. Sponsored by the Friends of the Brimfield Senior Center, the event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brimfield Town Hall on Main Street. Vendors are wanted for this vintage and repurposed goods Faire. The booth fee for a 9 foot space is $25. If the Friends provide a 6 foot table, the fee is $30. Participants will be able to set up on Sept. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m., or the morning of the event from 7 to 9 a.m..

For further information or a vendor application, contact Susan Jones at (413) 267-3082, or email pogosrite@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Arthritis: Long-Term Pain May Need Long-Term Care

(NAPS)

Many people think the stiff joints, aches and pains of arthritis are just part of aging.

In fact, while arthritis can result from years of wear and tear, the average age of onset is 47. It's also true that arthritis plagues more than 65 percent of the oldest Americans, especially women. While there are several types of arthritis, the two most common are rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. Both cause inflamed joints but in different ways:

• Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disorder and affects not only the joints but major organs such as the heart.

• Osteoarthritis is caused by the degeneration of the cartilage in joints. This can be attributed to wear and tear, whether from aging or trauma.

Long-Term Care And Arthritis

Long-term care is needed if you can no longer perform everyday tasks by yourself due to a chronic illness, injury, disability or aging. This type of care includes either cognitive or physical assistance with simple tasks such as bathing, eating and dressing—activities most people do every day without a second thought. This care may seem manageable but it can be the cause of unnecessary financial and emotional strain. When it comes to arthritis, it's estimated that more than $150,000 is spent on care costs over a lifetime. These costs include lost wages, medical treatments and medical care.

The Society of Actuaries stated in 2014 that 17 percent of women's home care claims are due to arthritis and it's the second leading cause of assisted living claims, for both men and women, behind Alzheimer's disease. According to Jesse Slome, executive director of the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance, 10 percent of nursing home claimants receiving benefits are women diagnosed with arthritis.

Where To Get Help

Fortunately, the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) offers comprehensive long-term care insurance coverage for care services in a variety of settings and your choice of caregiver. Care may be provided at home by informal caregivers such as friends, family members and other private caregivers, as well as formal care by licensed caregivers. Informal caregivers cannot have lived in your home at the time you became eligible for benefits, but they can live in your home after you become eligible.

In addition, the FLTCIP's care coordination services offer you and your qualified relatives information about long-term care resources, such as local care providers and relevant community programs, as well as valuable support to your family as you manage with the conditions of arthritis.

Many members of the federal family are eligible to apply for FLTCIP coverage, including federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and annuitants, active and retired members of the uniformed services, and qualified relatives. Certain medical conditions, or combinations of conditions, will prevent some people from being approved for coverage. You need to apply to find out if you qualify for coverage under the FLTCIP. To find out if you or a loved one is eligible to apply, visit www.LTCFEDS.com/eligibility. For personalized assistance, call (800) LTC-FEDS [(800) 582-3337]/TTY (800) 843-3557 to speak with a program consultant.

More About The FLTCIP

Established by an act of Congress in 2000 and overseen by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the FLTCIP is designed to meet the specific needs of the federal family. The FLTCIP provides industry-leading benefits and offers flexible options that allow enrollees to tailor coverage to meet their needs.

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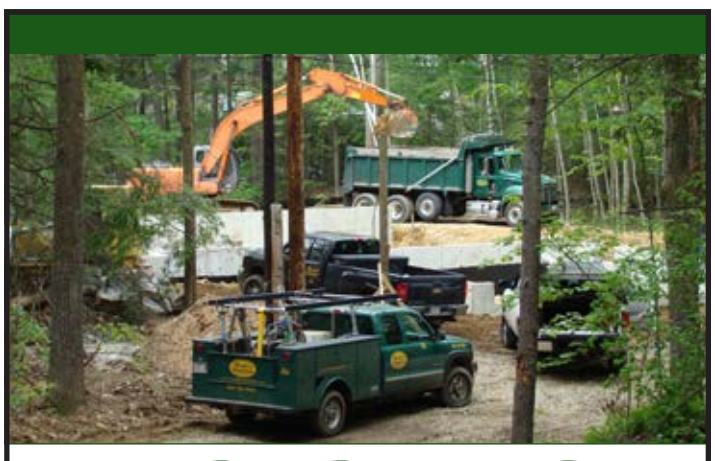
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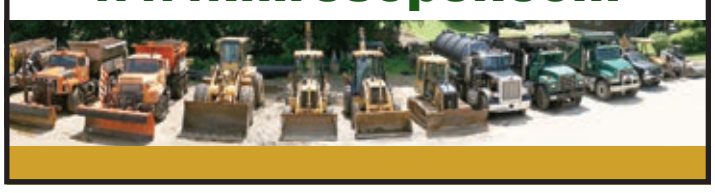

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Osteoporosis May Raise Risk Of Needing Long-Term Care

Your risk for broken bones due to osteoporosis rises with age, but planning ahead for long-term care can help you protect your independence.

(NAPS)

Osteoporosis, which causes thin and weakened bones, is a major health threat for older people. In fact, 54 million Americans have osteoporosis or low bone mass today. Studies show that half of the female population and 25 percent of the male population older than age 50 will suffer a fracture due to this disease in their lifetime, often without symptoms until a fracture occurs. Women are at a higher risk due, in large part, to the drop in estrogen production after menopause. By age 75, the risk is the same for both men and women.

Causes Of The Disease

And How To Fight It

Without proper prevention and treatment, a person suffering from osteoporosis faces the possibility of a dramatically altered lifestyle. The human body produces anywhere from 85 to 90 percent of its bone mass by the time a person is 18 to 20 years old. At that point, new bone generation is outpaced by bone loss. Hormone levels, calcium and mineral retention, exercise and other factors all play a role in determining the likelihood that osteoporosis may become a reality for you or your loved ones.

Assessing Your Risk For Osteoporosis

If you are 50 years old or older, it may be a good idea to speak with your health care professional about your chances of getting this disease. Your doctor may want to evaluate your risk factors by asking about your diet, height and weight, lifestyle, family bone health history and use of certain medications. A fracture is the most common symptom of osteoporosis. Should a fracture occur, there's a significant possibility that physical independence and overall mobility could be limited. In these cases, the need for long-term care is often a sudden reality.

Where To Get Help

Fortunately, the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) offers comprehensive long-term care insurance coverage for care services in a variety of settings and your choice of caregiver. Care may be provided at home by informal caregivers such as friends, family members and other private caregivers, as well as formal care by licensed caregivers. Informal caregivers cannot have lived in your home at the time you became eligble for benefits, but they can live in your home after you become eligible.

In addition, the FLTCIP's care coordination services offer you and your qualified relatives information about long-term care resources, such as nearby care providers and relevant community programs, as well as valuable support to your family as you manage the conditions of osteoporosis.

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More About The FLTCIP

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The Modern Hysterectomy: DualportGYN

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An estimated 500,000 hysterectomies will be performed in the United States in 2017, with many of them as higher-risk open or robotic hysterectomy procedures. These surgeries can lead to complications, resulting in additional surgeries to repair delicate areas in the pelvis that can be damaged during the operation, including the bowel, bladder, ureter or blood vessels. To minimize the risk of these complications, the laparoscopic GYN specialists at The Center for Innovative GYN Care developed the DualPortGYN hysterectomy.

THE MODERN LAPAROSCOPIC HYSTERECTOMY: DUALPORTGYN

"A DualPortGYN hysterectomy combines laparoscopic GYN surgery techniques as well as protective techniques to ensure the patient has the best outcome possible," said Paul MacKoul, MD. "We developed a safer procedure in the process."

"Hysterectomies performed with DualPortGYN take advantage of specialized techniques," said Natalya Danilyants. "Blood loss is controlled and the pelvic cavity is clearly visible through a mapping technique using just 2 small incisions no larger than a paper cut through the patient's midline. This means that the incisions do not have to go through the muscle, and patients experience less discomfort. Procedures can be performed safely in under an hour on average."

DualPortGYN hysterectomies are performed on an outpatient basis. Patients return home the same day and many women are able to see a significant improvement in the pain within the first 24 hours.

GET THE FACTS: HYSTERECTOMY RISKS BY PROCEDURE

Open procedures: Patients are left with a large incision that can take up to 8 weeks to heal. They have a higher likelihood of pelvic adhesions forming after the surgery due to scarring. These procedures are often performed by non-specialist surgeons. Open procedures have higher risk of infection.

Robotic procedures are performed with a surgeon on the other side of the room at a control panel, and often require a urologist to be on standby to perform ureter repairs. OB/GYNs often do not have privileges to perform ureter, bladder or bowel repairs for these types of surgery. Robotic surgery has a significantly higher cost compared to conventional laparoscopy.

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SOLD — **DUDLEY** – 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **$359,900.00**

WEBSTER – New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths/Master! Applianced! Granite! Hrdwds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! **From $234,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **CHARLTON** – 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16X30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **$344,900.00**

SOLD — **SUTTON** – 4 Blueberry Meadow Dr! Spacious Hip Roof 8 Rm Colonial! Applianced Kit! Formal Dining & Living Rms! Frplcd Fam Rm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Finished Lower Level! 2 Car Attached Garage! Nice Half Acre Lot – Cul-de-Sac! **$409,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **WEBSTER** – 56 Poland St! 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar! Din Area w/Chair Rail! Liv Rm w/ Hrdwds under Carpet! Den w/Hrdwds! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Hrdwds! Ceramic Tile Bath! 2 2nd Flr Bdrms! 3 Season Porch! 2 Car Garage! **$229,900.00**

SOLD — **WEBSTER** – 6 / 8 Whitcomb St! Completely Renovated 2 Family! 6/4 Rms! 4/2 Bdrms! Brand New Interior – From Kitchens to Bathrooms to Flooring, Walls, Ceilings to Heating to Hot Water Heaters and Electric Services! 2 Car Garage! **$205,000.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **WEBSTER** – 14 Whitcomb Street! Fantastic Investment Opportunity! Nice & Spacious 4 Family! 6/6/6/3 Rooms! 3/3/3/1 Bedrooms! Many Updates Throughout! All Separate Utilities! Newer Gas Furnaces & Hot Water Heaters! 2 Car Garage! **$269,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **WEBSTER** – 327 School St! 9 Rm Cape! Liv Rm, Foyer & Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Eat-in Country Kit w/Pantry! Half Bath w/Laundry! Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Master w/Hrdwds, Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Tub/Shower! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Bonus Rm! Enclosed Porch! 2 Car Garage! **$179,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **SOUTHBRIDGE** – 24 Lynn Lane! 5+ Rm Split! On a Cul De Sac! Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Ceiling Fan! Applianced Kit w/Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! 3 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets! Full Bath w/Ceramic Tile Floor! Expandable Lower Level w/Brick Hearth! Replacement Windows! Shed! .41 Acres! **$169,900.00**

SOLD — **WEBSTER** – 16 Eddy St! Spacious 5 Rm Ranch! Applianced Kit w/New Vinyl Flr! Liv Rm w/Hrdwds & Built-ins! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Tile Bath! Sun Rm! Rms Freshly Painted! Newer Windows! Partially Finished Basement w/Pellet Stove! Oil Heat! Town Services! Attached Garage! **$199,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **WEBSTER** – 87 Lake St! Ideally Located 4 Family! Good Investment Opp! 1st Flr w/6 Rms - Liv Rm, Din Rm, Pantry Kit, 3 Bdrms & Bath! 2nd Flr w/Two 3 Rm Apts - Kit, Liv Rm/Din Area, Bdrm & Bath! 3rd Flr w/4 Rm Apt w/Kit, Din Area/Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms & Bath! Off Street Parking! Garage! Easy Access! **$229,900.00**

NEW PRICE — **WEBSTER** – 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Across from w/Views of & Beach Access to Webster Lake! Applianced Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! **$279,900.00**

SOLD — **WOODSTOCK** – 1420 Route 169! Custom Built 10 Rm 3,154' Colonial Set on 5 Secluded Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! 9ft Ceilings! Loads of Upgrades! Applianced Kitchen w/Huge Granite Island! Formal Dining w/Hrdwds! Fireplaced Family Room! Master Suite! 4 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **$389,900.00**

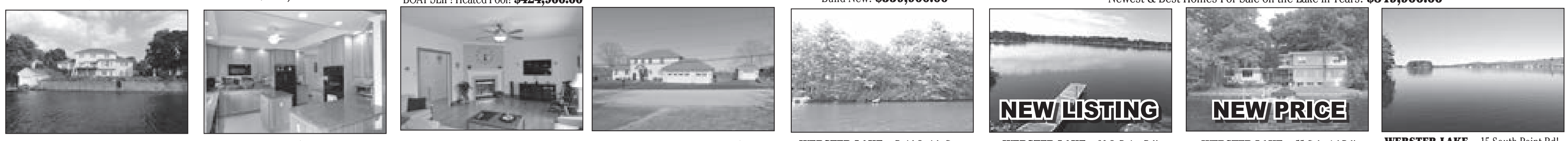
ON DEPOSIT — **WOODSTOCK** – 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 34,848' Lot! Appliance Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **$259,900.00**

ON DEPOSIT — **WEBSTER LAKE** – 901 Treasure Isl! **Prime Beachfront** Townhouse! 6Rms! 1,874'! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/ Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent CAir, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! **$424,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Applianced Oak Kit! Din Rm W/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunrm Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3Bdrms! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! **$469,900.00**

NEW LISTING — **WEBSTER LAKE** – 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure = Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel It! Tear it Down! Build New! **$359,900.00**

SOLD — **WEBSTER LAKE** - 56 Laurelwood Dr! Middle Pond – Reid Smith Cove! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 12 Rms/3,517' of Comfortable Living w/Super 4 Rm In-Law Apartment! Custom Built 2011 from Ground Up! Stainless Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar/Lunch Counter, Gas Range, Wine Cooler, Pantry & Cherry Hrdwds! Exquisite Formal Dining Rm w/Chair Rails, Crowns & Cherry Hrdwds! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Crowns, Cherry Hrdwds & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry! Lake Facing 5 Rm Master Suite w/Walk-in Closet, Slider to Private Deck, Master Bath w/Glass Multi Head Shower, Separate Tub & Dble Granite Vanity! 3.5 Granite Baths Total! 3/5 Bedrooms! 2nd Granite Kitchen! Ceiling Stereo Throughout! 3Z Gas Heat! 3Z C/Air! C/Vac! Security! Andersons! 2 Car Garage! One of the Newest & Best Homes For Sale on the Lake in Years! **$849,900.00**



SOLD — **WEBSTER LAKE** - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Dble Vanity, Jacuzzi & Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, Both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! **$1,195,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! **$229,900.00**

NEW LISTING — **WEBSTER LAKE** – 30 S. Point Rd! Tons of Sun! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! Country Kit w/Din! Spacious Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout Lower Level! Fam Rm w/Summer Kit! Recent Roof & Siding! **$349,900.00**

NEW PRICE — **WEBSTER LAKE** – 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Pano Lake Views Most Rms! Open Flr Plan! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Baths! 2 Car Garage! Dock! Add Lot Across St! Recent Roof! **$649,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! **$179,900.00**

SOLD — **WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND!** 2 Checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck, Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apt w/Kit, SS Applianced, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrm, Nice Bathrm! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplcd Liv Rm, Bdrm & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! **$1,449,900.00**

NEW PRICE — **WEBSTER LAKE** – 16 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunrises! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Flr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! **$950,000.00**

HOLLAND - Hamilton Reservoir Waterfront! 430 Mashapaug Rd! 8 Rm 2,864' Custom Cape! 200' Waterfront, 3.2 Acres, Estate Like Grounds! Situated in a Cove Sheltered from Storms, Idle Out to Main Lake! Grand Entry Foyer! Open Floor Plan! Custom Cherry Kit w/Quartz Isl, SS Appliances, Wall Ovens, Pantry Closet & Recessed Lighting! Din Area & Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Wood Stove Frplc & Pella Sliders to 12x38 Deck w/Electric Awning & 12X18 Screened Porch! 1st Flr Water Facing Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Granite Dble Vanity & Custom Glass Shower w/Waterhaven Tower! 1st Flr Office w/French Pocket Doors & Custom Desk Wall! Side Entry Mud Rm w/Custom Desk, Cabinets & Counter w/Sink, Guest Closet, Laundry Closet & Half Bath w/Pedestal Sink! Upstairs 3 Water Facing Bdrms, 2 w/Cathedrals! 2nd Full Tile Bath w/Custom Vanity & Linen Closet! Add Storage! Full Walkout Basement - Need More Rms! Zoned Hydro Air! 3 Car Garage! Sheds! Dock! Long Driveway or Direct Access from Shore Dr! Full Recreation Lake! **$749,900.00**

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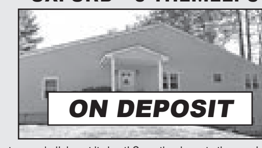
First time offered! Well maintained, One owner Split!! Main level has open floor plan with 3 Bedrooms and Full bath ~ Finished lower level has another Full bath w/shower and hook ups for stove and refrigerator! New Boiler! New Deck! 2 Car Garage. All Town Services! Enjoy Summer evenings in your "mostly private" backyard! Minutes to I-395! **$233.000**

June Cazeault * William Gilmore II * Laurie Sullivan * Diane Strzelecki * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chausse * Mark Barrett

WEBSTER - 6 BRIAN AVE

Brian Acres! LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! 3 bedroom Split Level home! Cathedral ceiling, cozy fireplaced living room! French doors to office! Oversized deck! Great level backyard with privacy! Large master with bathroom! 3 zone New Buderus system! Updated electrical, recent windows! Finished fireplaced lower level. Quiet Neighboorhood! **New Price $248,000.**

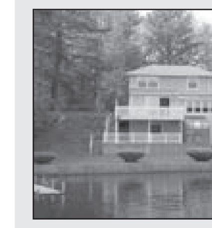
OXFORD - 9 THEMELI CT



ON DEPOSIT

Country condo living at its best! Open the doors to the spacious cathedral ceiling living room gleaming hardwoods! Enjoy central air! Bright kitchen /dining area w/upgraded countertops, breakfast bar! Open dining area! New sliders from dining area to private deck! Huge master bedroom w/ full bath! 2nd bedroom, is very spacious! 2nd bathroom has washer/ dryer hookups for main level accessibility! Lower level oversized family room! Near major highways! **$229,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 91 SOUTH SHORE RD



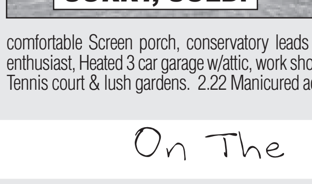
One of A Kind Property!- Gorgeous Panoramic Views of Reid Smith Cove! 90ft of Water Frontage, with privacy!! 3 bedrooms, 1 Bath & 2 half baths! Wet Bar!! Appliances Included. Walk Out Lower Level! Deck! 1 Car Detached Garage! Your own Private Boat Ramp. BOAT & DOCKS INCLUDED. Town Services! **$574,900.**

WEBSTER - 40 CAMILE RD

ON DEPOSIT

A wonderful family home, great for entertaining! Featuring a large eat in, cabinet packed kitchen with granite counters, ceramic floor, recessed lighting. Sunken living room! Stone Fireplace! Formal dinning room, office w/french doors! Large master suite, w/jetted tub, plus 2 large bedrooms! Finished lower level w/pellet stove, 2 full baths + 2 half baths! Heated in ground pool! **$349,900.**

WEBSTER - 791 SCHOOL STREET



SORRY, SOLD!

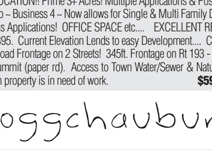
Opportunity not to pass up! The Former Hubbard Estate! Webster's Finer properties. Built in 1932, 3 story Brick Bow Front Colonial! Maticulusly maintained inside and out! Slate roof! Copper Gutters!14 rooms, 6 extremely large bedrooms! 4 Full Baths! 2 half baths! Huge Fireplaced Formal Parlor! Formal dining, Study w/walnut wainscoting*sun room with Terracotta Flooring! Incredible comfortable Screen porch, conservatory leads to the green house, excellent for the year round gardening enthusiast, Heated 3 car garage w/attic, work shop, and tool shed 42' x 26' Custom Inground Pear shaped pool! Tennis court & lush gardens. 2.22 Manicured acres! and so much more.One incredible home! *assisted sale* **$400,000.**

WEBSTER

Restaurant Business - Capacity 44, Beer & Wine License! Walk in cooler! Name brand equipment! All service ware included. Avg.Traffic count approx.13K per day.

$129,900.

WEBSTER - 108 THOMPSON ROAD



SORRY, SOLD!

Presently being used as a single family. Development Opportunity! Excellent Visibility ~ 131,987 SF. CORNER LOCATION!! Prime 3+ Acres! Multiple Applications & Possibilities. Recent Zoning Change to ~ Business 4 ~ Now allows for Single & Multi Family Dwellings as well as Other Business Applications! OFFICE SPACE etc.... EXCELLENT REGIONAL ACCESS to Interstate I-395. Current Elevation Lends to easy Development.... Corner Lot with almost 800 FT' of Road Frontage on 2 Streets! 345ft. Frontage on Rt 193 - 450ft. on Tower St. & 339ft on Summit (paper rd). Access to Town Water/Sewer & Natural Gas ! Multi family Structure on property is in need of work. **$599,000.**

LAND!

LAND: WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS

Webster Lake - Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Town Water & Sewer. $49,900

Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer $229,900.

Webster - 114 Lake St. **Multi-Family Zoned**, 2 lots, 12,000 +/- Sq Ft ea., Town Water & Sewer, and City Gas! **SORRY SOLD $95,000**

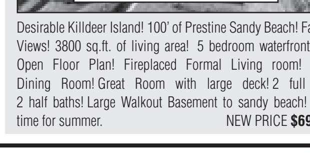
On The shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

WEBSTER LAKE 166 KILLDEER ISLAND RD

ON DEPOSIT

SUPERB WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT CONTEMPORARY ~ PERFECTLY DESIGNED FOR LAKE FOCUSED LIVING! MOVE IN & ENJOY! ~ Fantastic Location ~ West Facing ~ Unique Open Concept ~ 9' Ceilings ~ Anderson High Performance Floor To Ceiling Windows ~ Clear Lexan Deck Panels ~ Brazilian Lyptus Hardwood Floors, Red Birch Cabinetry, Granite Counter Tops, JennAir Appliances ~ (possible 4th BR) with Triple French Doors ~ Exquisite Private Master Bedroom Suite ~ Exceptional Master Bath with Double Steam Tile Shower ~ Full Finished Walkout LL with 2 Lg Bedrooms, Full Bath & Summer Kitchen (possible In-law setup) ~ Huge Covered Lakeside Patio ~ 2 Car Garage ~ Central Vac ~ 2 Heat & Glo Gas Fireplaces in Living Rm & Master Br! **$829,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE-198 KILLDEER RD



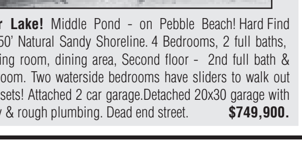
ON DEPOSIT

Desirable Killdeer Island! 100' of Prestine Sandy Beach! Fantastic Views! 3800 sq.ft. of living area! 5 bedroom waterfront home! Open Floor Plan! Fireplaced Formal Living room! Formal Dining Room! Great Room with large deck! 2 full baths! 2 half baths! Large Walkout Basement to sandy beach! Just in time for summer. NEW PRICE **$695,000**

WEBSTER LAKE -WATERFRONT LOT

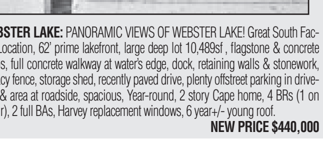
22 SOUTH POINT RD. New to the Market. Southern Exposure! Panoramic Water View of South Pond! Breath taking morning sunrises! Have fun Kayaking, Sailing, Boating, Swimming, Snorkel, Skiing, Ice Boating, Snowmobiling, and Skating! Suspended low maintenance Dock! Custom architectural home drawings. Engineered and was approved, conservation site plans, (needs to be resubmitted, expired) Conservation Site Plan DEP# 323-0926. **$229,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 14 PEBBLE BEACH RD



Webster Lake! Middle Pond - on Pebble Beach! Hard Find - Prime 50' Natural Sandy Shoreline. 4 Bedrooms, 2 full baths, Large living room, dining area, Second floor - 2nd full bath & laundry room. Two waterside bedrooms have sliders to walk out deck.Sunsets! Attached 2 car garage.Detached 20x30 garage with electricity & rough plumbing. Dead end street. **$749,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD



WEBSTER LAKE: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakefront, large deep lot 10,489sf , flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 BRs (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year+/- young roof. **NEW PRICE $440,000**

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Peggy Bridges.

HOLLAND
2 BR, 2 bath Ranch with 50' deeded water frontage! Open and bright living area, cathedral ceiling, covered porch, deck. Fully furnished.
$275,000.
Lisa Boudreau.

HOLLAND
One level living within walking distance of Hamilton Res! 3 BR, 2.5 bath, vaulted ceilings, deck, 3 season porch.
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Larry Mandell.

DUDLEY
5 BR, 4.5 bath 4200 +/- SF home. Beautiful sunsets on private 6 +/- acres with stone walls. Patios, decks, security system.
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Cindi Desmarais.

SPENCER
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ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
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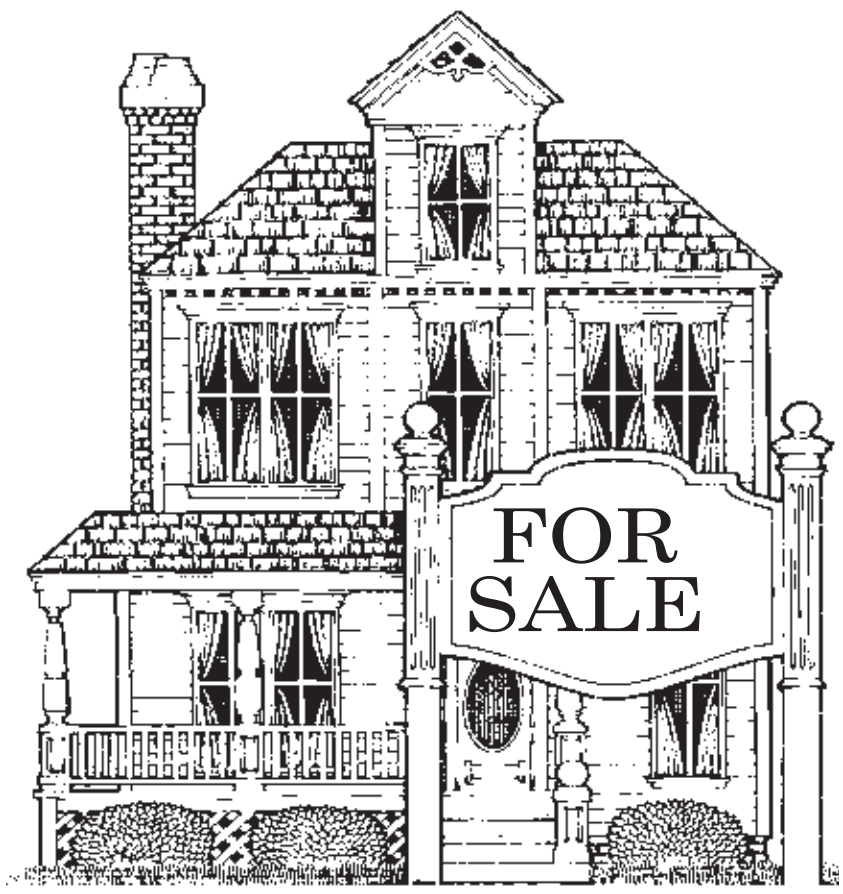

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9:00 p.m.
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In the church hall
Activities include a giant Adopt-A-Basket raffle, homemade baked goods, homemade crafts, used book sale, garage sale, auction plant sale, money raffle, and scratch ticket Raffle. Lunch items will be Served from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
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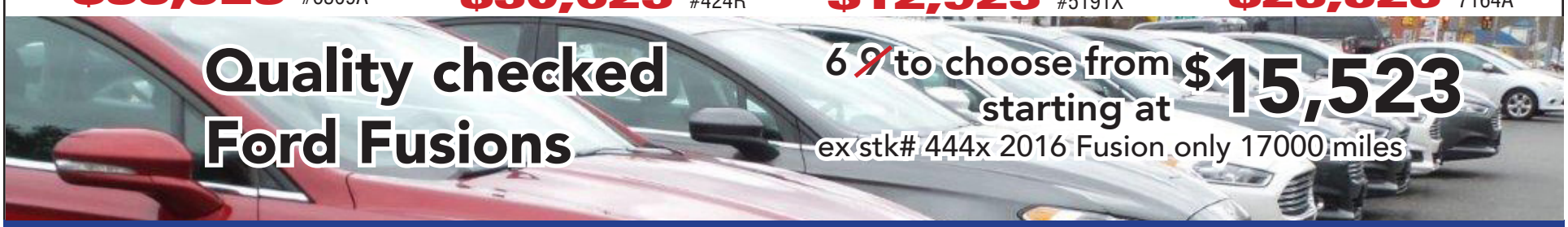

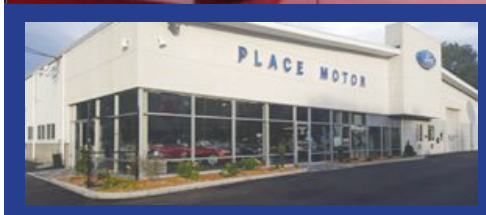

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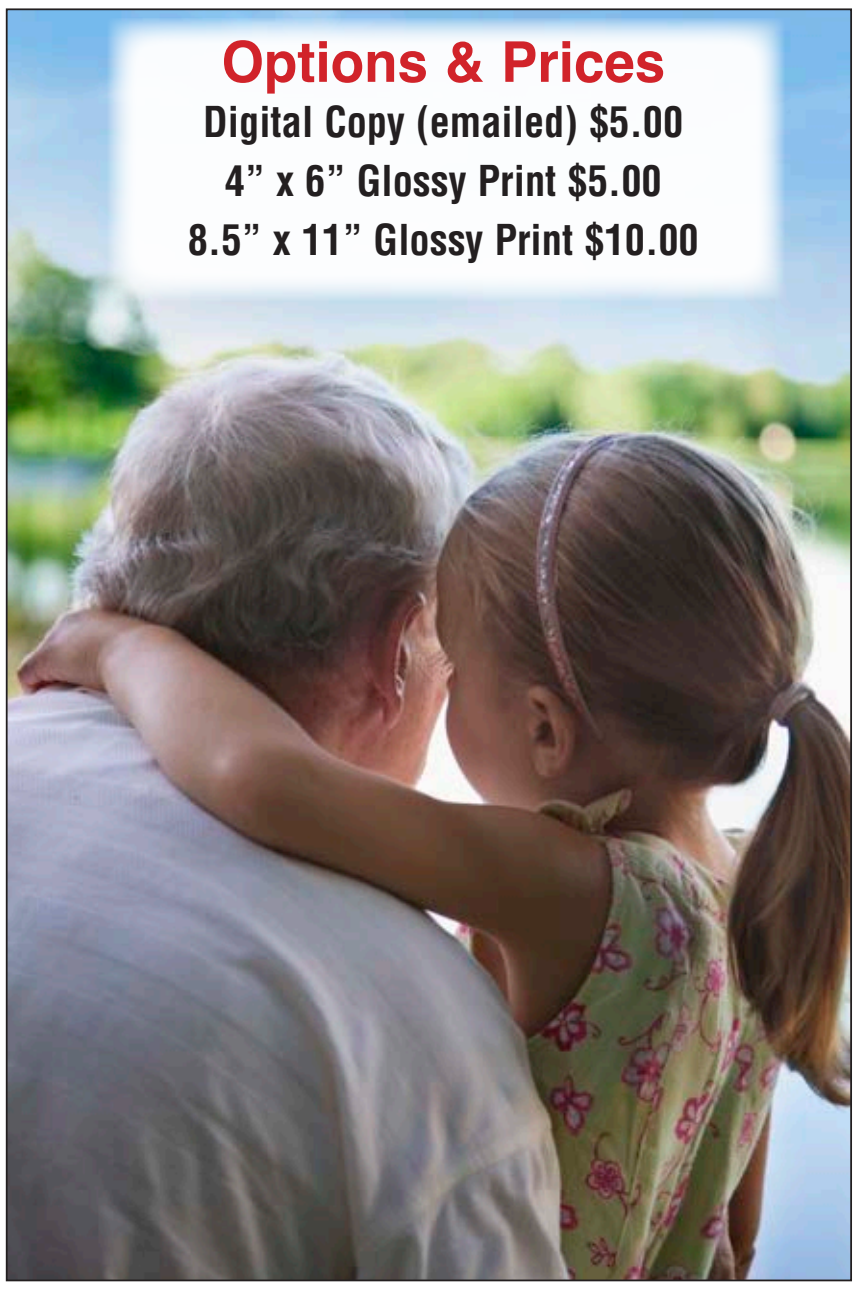

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(RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2017)
10AM-4PM

The brewery at St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer Brewery, is normally closed to the public to ensure no disruption of the daily lives of the monks. For the second time the Monks of Spencer will be opening their brewery to the public for a one day open house. Here are the details for this year's event.

Admission is FREE

Event Activities:
See where the beer is made during the Brewery Walk-through, a self-guided brewery tour.

Have the opportunity to sample the beers brewed by the Monks of Spencer including their newest beer, a Trappist Quadrupel called **Monks' Reserve Ale**. All Spencer beers (year-round, limited and seasonal releases) will be available to sample and purchase for on-site enjoyment and to take home.

A Chicken BBQ meal prepared by the Spencer Fire Department will be available. Chicken BBQ Meal: $10.00
*All proceeds from the Chicken BBQ go to the Spencer Fire Dept.

Items For Sale:
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Spencer Trappist Ale = $10.00/4-pack
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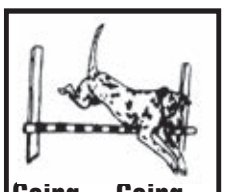

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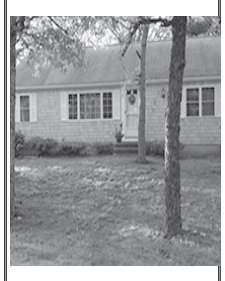

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(NAPS)

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Green Goddess Guacamole
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Prep Time: 15 minutes
Total Time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

2 ripe avocados, peeled and pitted
1/4 cup light sour cream
2 Tbsp lime juice
2 Tbsp finely chopped shallot
2 Tbsp each finely chopped fresh parsley and cilantro
1 Tbsp finely chopped fresh chives
2 tsp finely chopped fresh tarragon
1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and diced (optional)
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 tsp each salt and pepper
1/4 tsp ground cumin
1 pkg (3.54 oz) Harvest Stone® Original Crackers

Green Goddess Guacamole makes a great, wholesome dip with Harvest Stone® organic whole grain crackers.

Mash together avocados, sour cream and lime juice until smooth. Stir in shallot, parsley, cilantro, chives, tarragon, jalapeño, garlic, salt, pepper and cumin until blended. Transfer to serving dish or bowl; serve with crackers for dipping.

Tips

• Substitute Greek yogurt for light sour cream if desired.
• Substitute basil for any of the herbs if desired.

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

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

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

MARINADES ADD FLAVOR

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

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

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

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

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

THE NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS OF MARINATING

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

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

Maximize your farmer's market trip

Community-based farmer's markets can introduce shoppers to an array of foods they may otherwise never experience. Farmer's markets are great places to find fresh, locally grown foods, and many market customers are happy to know they're benefitting both the environment and local businesses with every dime they spend.

Farmer's markets can range from the very large to the relatively small, and first-time visitors may not know where to begin. The following are a handful of ways to maximize your visit to farmer's markets of all sizes.

• Take time to explore. Farmer's markets tend to have many of the same fruits and vegetables you can find at the local chain grocery store, but farmer's markets also are known for offering more than what you may find in the produce aisle. Take time to explore the market and you may just find foods you typically only find at your favorite restaurant. Exploring also may introduce you to new foods you may otherwise never have tried.

• Consider the timing of your visit. The popularity of farmer's markets has increased dramatically as more and more people embrace the concept of buying locally grown foods. While that's great news for the planet and local farmers, shoppers should keep that in mind when planning their visits. If you love trying new foods, arrive early to the farmer's market before the more unique offerings have been snapped up. Foods that have small yet devoted followings may not be available in abundance, and you may end up leaving empty-handed if you arrive late. If it's a bargain you want, then visit later in the day when farmers with substantial remaining inventory may be more inclined to lower their prices.

• Know your seasons. Some fruits and vegetables are better at certain times of the year than others. Freshness draws many people to farmer's markets, and foods that are in-season are more likely to have that unforgettable freshness than those that are out of season or nearing the end of their season. Knowing the seasons is important for budget-conscious shoppers as well. If you're shopping on a budget, purchasing foods while they're in-season may save you some money, and you can always stock up on your other favorites later on when it's their turn to be in-season.

• Speak with the sellers. First-time farmer's market shoppers may feel like they're lost in the woods while everyone else seems to know exactly what they want and where to get it. If you find the farmer's market somewhat intimidating, speak with the sellers. Shopping at the local farmer's market tends to be more intimate than shopping at the chain grocery store, and many sellers would be happy to offer you some tips and make some suggestions based on the meals you like.

Farmer's markets are great places to support local businesses and find fresh foods.

How to keep chicken from sticking to your grill

According to the grill manufacturer Weber, the keys to grilling chicken are temperature and time. But even cooks who have paid close attention to the temperature of their grills and the time their chicken spends over a hot flame have no doubt fallen victim to chicken that sticks to the grill. This can affect the quality of a meal and make post-grilling cleanup that much more difficult. To prevent sticking, Weber advises cooks to put a light coating of olive oil and seasoning directly on the chicken prior to putting it on the grill. Once the chicken has been dressed, make sure the grill temperature remains around 425 F to 450 F. Chicken will stick to a grill if the temperature is too high, so pay close attention to the temperature at all times. Once the chicken has been placed on the grill, allow each side to cook for roughly 4.5 minutes. If the chicken is difficult to flip or remove from the grill, close the lid and allow it to cook for one additional minute.

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