



Make Every ATM Your ATM

with RITE Checking.

RITE Interest Checking and RITE Rewards Checking offer:

- Nationwide ATM surcharge rebates*
- No monthly service fee
- The ability to earn rewards or cash back

Call or visit us today!

Charlton • Holden • Leicester • Rutland • Southbridge • Spencer • Sturbridge • Warren • Webster • Worcester




cornerstonebank.com
800-939-9103

*Qualifications, rules, and limitations apply. Rewards and ATM surcharge rebates are earned when your account's qualifications are met during a specific cycle period. Qualifications, rates, rewards and restrictions may vary by RITE account. Contact institution for details.



Family owned & operated for 59 years!

Guzik Motor Sales Inc.

"Car buying the way it should be!"

Check our website for gimmick-free prices

RAM Jeep DODGE

The **ALL-NEW 2021 Grand Cherokee L is HERE!**

Come take a spin during Jeep Adventure Days!



95 E. Main St., Rtes. 9 & 32, Ware
Just Over The West Brookfield Line **413-967-4210 or 800-793-2078**
Come in and visit or browse our lineup at: www.guzikmotors.com

SPENCER FAMILY DENTAL

Gentle Caring State of the Art Dentistry For The Whole Family

Cosmetic Dentistry • Restorative Dentistry • Preventative Dentistry

New Patients Welcome

CROWNS • CAPS • BRIDGES • COMPLETE and PARTIAL DENTURES
NON SURGICAL GUM TREATMENT • ROOT CANAL THERAPY
SURGICAL SERVICES
BREATH CLINIC-WE TREAT CHRONIC BAD BREATH


We Strive For Painless Dentistry

HERBAL DENTAL PRODUCTS • All Instruments Fully Sterilized • Most Insurances Accepted

Dr. Nasser S. Hanna

Conveniently Located On Route 9 • (Corner of Greenville St. & Main St.)
284 Main St., Spencer **508-885-5511**

We now offer In-house Dental Insurance. Call for more information!





Free by request to residents of Charlton, Charlton City and Charlton Depot

SEND YOUR NEWS AND PICS TO NEWS@STONEBRIDGEPRESS.NEWS

Friday, September 17, 2021

New coach, same philosophy for Shepherd Hill football

RAMS RUN FOR OVER 400 YARDS, TAKE DOWN WESTBOROUGH

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Turns out, the 2021 edition of the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team is going to look exactly like your father's Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team.

Earlier this year, when Dave Buchanan was hired to run the Rams, some high school football "experts" speculated that Buchanan would do away with the run-oriented, double-wing offense for a more wide-open offense, similar to the three-wide receiver, two-tight-end, empty-backfield set he ran as head coach of Quabbin Regional.

Buchanan quickly skewered that notion, both on the field — Shepherd Hill bludgeoned Westborough High, 53-6 — and with his comments after the game, played at Carmignani Memorial Field on Friday Sept. 10.

On the field the Rams' offense was in control from its first snap, a 73-yard run by senior Alex Siwik, which set up a 5-yard touchdown run by classmate Zach Christenson on the next play. The outcome was never in doubt after that pair of plays.



Photos Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill defender Zach Christenson hunts down Westborough ball-carrier Adam Steinberg.

By the end of the third quarter nine Rams had combined to carry the football 28 times, gaining more than 400 yards and scoring all eight of Shepherd Hill's touchdowns.

Siwik led Shepherd Hill's rushing attack, gaining 112 yards on six carries — one being a 13-yard touchdown — but he had lots of help. Christenson gained 86 yards on five carries and scored twice, the aforementioned five-yard scoring run as well as a

Please Read FOOTBALL, page A10

Nichols College remembers 9/11

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Nichols College held a special ceremony in remembrance of the thousands of lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, recognizing the solemn twentieth anniversary of the acts of terror that felled the World Trade Centers as terrorists hijacked four planes intending on initiating a coordinated strike on western ideals.

Students, staff and local citizens gathered on the Campus Green on Sept. 10 where Leonard Samborowski, Associate Professor of Management and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, offered brief words before those present joined hands and the Academy Bell was rung in honor of the 2,977 lives lost two decades prior.

"We are told to remember to never forget as if that implied obligation to revisit the narrative of the past is sufficient," said Samborowski. "We should do more. In our reflection let us link our resolve to our futures, a focus not on the fall of the towers but attention to what rose from the dust. Let us learn from



Photos Jason Bleau

Leonard Samborowski, Associate Professor of Management and a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, speaks at Nic

the lessons of supreme sacrifices made."

Samborowski called 9/11 a "day of horror for the world" but noted that from that dark

Please Read 9/11, page A10

Coleman returns home for old Home Day

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — It's been nearly a year since Shepherd Hill Regional High School graduate Liam Coleman signed his first management contract with Marathon Talent Agency, and even after months of working the Nashville scene enhancing

his songwriting skills and performing both live and virtual shows for his growing legion of fans Coleman has not forgotten his roots.

The budding country music star and Charlton native returned to his hometown once more to be a part of one of the community's most historic

events, Old Home Day. After playing to a packed house at the Beagle Club over the weekend, Coleman was one of the main acts on the stage for the Sept. 6 Old Home Day celebration, where he performed a variety of covers and original music for his home crowd.

"It's insane. I still don't know

what to think of it all," Coleman said of his success before taking the stage. "I love traveling. I love playing music. The fact that I get to do both of those things is insane. All the people I'm meeting and the connections I'm making, the opportunities that I've had, I've been grateful for it all. It's amazing

that it's all happening and being able to go into it full force is just really special — All the support from my hometown is super special. I won't ever forget that these people supported me doing this and getting to see it here again it just awesome."

Coleman, son of Auburn Fire

Please Read COLEMAN, page A2

24th Masonic District participates at Old Home Day

CHARLTON — On Monday, Sept. 6, what a beautiful day it was at the Charlton Old Home Day festivities. Two local lodges from the 24th Masonic District set up to sell their goods for a long overdue celebration which was canceled last year due to Covid-19 pandemic. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Southbridge and Oxford Masonic Lodge had a very, very busy and exciting day trying to keep up with the demands of what the people wanted.

There was all kinds of food being sold, music from a local band, and Irish step dancers. The Charlton Old Home Day committee members announced the next activities and demonstrations over a loudspeaker and the bleaches were packed full of spectators. There were various organizations, and many vendors selling their

goods along with all kinds of nonprofit organizations. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was selling French fries and chicken tenders. Most of the day there was a long line of people waiting to get those freshly hand cut homemade French fries. The lodge went through many pounds of potatoes.

Oxford Lodge was selling sweet corn and snow cones. The delicious corn was smothered in butter which I heard one happy customer saying can I have another corn please. The children were going wild, crazy over the flavored snow cones. Both lodges had long lines and people waiting for their great, delicious, tasty treats. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at www.massfreemasonry.org.



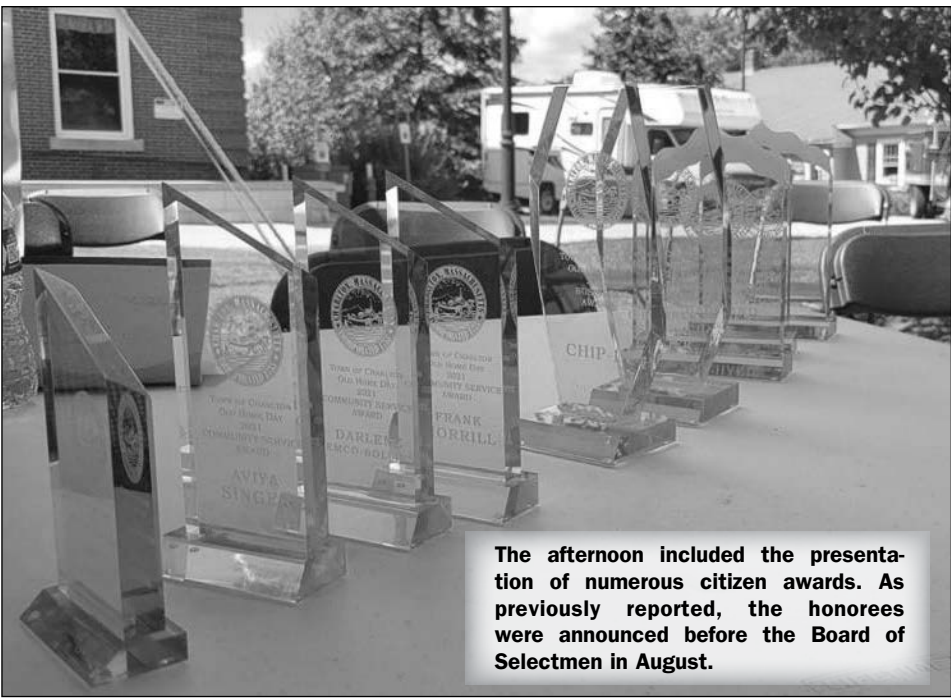
Photos Courtesy

Quinebaug Lodge with French fries sign and long lines and Oxford Lodge on right with children going wild over the snow cones.

Charlton Old Home Day returns

CHARLTON – After taking a hiatus in 2020 due to the pandemic Charlton’s annual community celebration Old Home Day returned in full force in 2021 with music, games, vendors, food and an overarching sense of pride in everything Charlton. Countless locals and visitors made their way to the center of town to enjoy everything the event had to offer as Charlton offered a nice piece of normal during the continued recovering from the pandemic in 2021.

Photos Jason Bleau



The afternoon included the presentation of numerous citizen awards. As previously reported, the honorees were announced before the Board of Selectmen in August.



Old Home Day also included the annual Highland Games which challenged participants to contests of strength and endurance.



A huge crowd showed up to enjoy the entertainment at Charlton Old Home Day. Here they are celebrating local country star Liam Coleman.



Henry Inflatables, LLC provided a literal field full of bounce houses for youngsters to play in during their stay at Old Home Day.



The Charlton Lions cook up a tasty lunch for a waiting customer.



Charlton American Legion Post 391 provided a portable museum honoring the 75th Anniversary of WWII which actually took place in 2020 but was delayed to the public due to the pandemic. The display including authentic WWII uniforms and other items.

Happy 50th Anniversary
Grandma and Grandpa!

We Love you,
Emelia, Ryder and Fin



The Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra was one of the featured acts providing musical entertainment for visitors to Old Home Day.

Turn To OLD HOME DAYS page 16

COLEMAN

continued from page A1

Chief Stephen Coleman, also credits his family for their undying support. His mother, father and sister were his original cheerleaders and now Coleman has countless more fans supporting his drive to make music a career. However, Coleman remains humble understanding that his goal is not to be the best, but to be the best that he can be and to bring his own unique brand to the country music world.

“It’s really hard because there’s always going to be someone better than you, no matter where you are. You just have to make yourself stand out. You need to work hard and grind it out. There are so many people trying to do this you need to be the real you. If you’re not people will see right through that. Be yourself, work hard and just grind it out. If you want it, you’ll stay focused and you’ll make it happen. You just have to take the right steps to make things happen and I want this,” said Coleman.

While Charlton will always have a special place in his heart, Coleman will officially move to Nashville to take up residence in Music City at the start of 2022, but he has promised that while he may not call Charlton his official home for much longer it will always be his hometown that built him up to who he has and what he will become.

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

HANDYMAN
Mark LaPierre
Proprietor
ODD JOBS DONE LLC
Spencer, MA
No Job or Problem is Too Small
508-471-0699
email:
oddjobsmark@gmail.com
Fully Insured

ROLL OFF DUMPSTERS
PEPIN
WASTE SERVICE
Your Local Roll-Off Specialist
Fall Special
10 yd. Rental 1 Ton \$300
3 sizes available. Call for pricing.
Roll Off Containers
Weekend Dumpsters for the Homeowner
Houses • Attics • Cellars
Construction Sites
10-15-20 Yd.
508-892-4193 • Leicester, MA
pepinwasteservice@verizon.net
Fully Insured

CATEGORY OF YOUR CHOICE

Your Ad Here
Call Today!

To advertise in The Local Service Provider Directory
Contact June at 508-909-4062 Jsima@stonebridgepress.news

Making sure “every household gets a fair share”

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION – In an era when most of the economic talk is about austerity, some are willing to argue that there really is enough for everyone. The problem is that it's not at all distributed equally.

That was the gist of a Yes! Magazine forum last week online, which drew attendees from all over the nation to hear Chan Phap Dung, Chuck Collins and Stan Cox talk about how to do it right.

For Cox, one of the biggest parts of sustainability is energy rationing. He noted the United States' per capita consumption is now about 9,000 kilowatts, but he's proposing a "ceiling" of about 1300 KW – roughly what Cuba or Jamaica use. Done right, he argued, "every household gets a fair share."

He didn't state this, but federal Energy Information Agency statistics (U.S. electricity flow, 2018 (eia.gov)) show that a vast quantity of the energy is actually wasted, even just taking electricity generation into account. In 2018, the US used 38.8 quadrillion BTUs of fuel (mostly fossil fuels) to generate electricity, with 23.8 quadrillion BTUs of that being "conversion losses" (mostly heat) and another 0.94 quadrillion BTUs lost in transmission. Just 13.4 quadrillion BTUs makes it to end users (who often waste it in some way, too).

"There's a very steep reduction we have to make in emissions and in use of oil, gas and coal," Cox observed, saying there need to be "statutory declining caps" on energy use. "... We are not going to create a new society like this one without those fossil fuels."

Although Cox feels "technical details need to be worked out," he said it

can be done without "power cutoffs." Electricity is not as big an issue as is "dealing with the loss of liquid, solid and gaseous fuels," which will probably require nationalizing the fossil fuel industry, replacing private energy corporations with public cooperatives, and large-scale land redistribution, he said.

Collins agreed, quoting Gandhi by saying "there's enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed." He sees the need to address the fact that about \$30 trillion is being held in offshore tax havens. Collins is not a poor man; he is himself a millionaire, but makes his living advising younger generations of wealthy families how to "be a good ancestor."

"The wealthy people I've been talking to are surrounded ... by the mythology of scarcity, even among the wealthy," Collins said, noting in many cases their wealth prevents them from having a connection to community. Some younger people inheriting fortunes want to use the money to fix problems and promote greater equality, he added.

To Chan, a Buddhist monk in San Diego, many people today "have a sense of lack" and an "unhappiness that creates a consumptuous filling-up of the lack" in both capitalist and communist cultures. He sees that as a "spiritual crisis," and noted the COP-21 climate change conference was the first to include discussion of the spiritual impact of the changes Earth faces.

Although he agreed with Cox's point about rationing, he argued it needs to happen in conjunction with a widespread conversation about "purpose." "Not everyone will want to share," Chan said, but many are "waking up to the idea there's a cost to everything"

and that "all things have a toxic effect somewhere."

"We need to revisit what is true security," he said. To him, that's participating in "the simple joys of being alive," not in having larger homes, which only require more security cameras.

"Even the wealthiest in our culture don't feel they have enough," Collins said, noting encouraging them to be good ancestors helps counter that. "There's a hunger for community around redistribution."


As an example, he said there really is no housing shortage in the US, "but we have a housing distribution crisis" caused largely by "speculative investment, gentrification, [and] people buying three houses before some people have one." In general, Collins argued, "A grotesque imbalance of income and wealth ... is driving the social and ecological crisis," and solving it needs to include taxing the wealthy and moving the money to people who need it.

Cox said he thinks effectively addressing the ecological and climate emergency will create conditions "under which capitalism can't survive. ... The economy will stop growing, either because of catastrophic world events or because we take control of it."

Chan agreed, saying we need to start questioning the need for constant growth and learn to cherish what we have. That can be difficult, because "we love sweets, we love stimulation," and rampant advertising plays on that.

"Maybe we're a little bit overgrown as a country and recession is a good thing," he said.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.



ACCURACY WATCH

The Charlton Villager is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur.

Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page 3 in a timely manner.

If you find a mistake, email news@stonebridgepress.news or call (508) 909-4106 during normal business hours. During non-business hours, leave a message in the editor's voice mailbox. The editor will return your phone call.



TOUCH DOWN!

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 273

FALL YARD SALE

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Universal Tag Parking Lot, 36 Hall Rd, Dudley

Early Birds (8am to 9am) \$10.00 p.p. fee

9am until 3pm FREE

"New this Year, we are able to accept CREDIT CARDS!"

24,000 sqft of yard sale items - **ONE DAY ONLY** - Pick your items and Make an offer!

Grouped Items:

Electronics - stereos, speakers, etc. (no TV's) **Tools** - hand tools, lights, flooring etc. ... **Furniture** - Tables, chairs, bed frames, cabinets, hutches, etc. ... **Housewares** - glassware, dishes, pictures, mirrors, bowls, cups, small appliances **Sporting goods** - Bikes, skis, baseball equipment, golf, exercise equipment **Clothes** - shirts, pants, jackets, shoes, bags

Kids toys and baby items - high chairs, bouncy, games, seats **Antiques**

SNHU announces Summer 2021 President’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 President's List.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Taylor Dickman of Charlton
Hannah Andronic of Charlton
Sarah Willis of Charlton
Frankie Nieves of Uxbridge
Mercedes Anderson of Charlton
Sarah Caplette of Charlton
Amanda Geer of Uxbridge
Samantha Frawley of Charlton

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accred-

ited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the «Most Innovative» regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.



INDUSTRIAL TRANSFER & STORAGE INC.



ACCURATE METAL SALES & FABRICATION

A Division Of Industrial Transfer & Storage, Inc

JOB FAIR

Wednesday, September 29 • 12pm-6pm

Family Owned Companies looking to fill several positions

- ★ **Riggers - Willing To Train Right Person**
- ★ **Experienced Welders & Fabricators**
- ★ **CDL Class A Drivers**
- ★ **Industrial Project Managers**
- ★ **Machine Mechanics/Millwrights**

Bring your resume to qualify for an ON THE SPOT INTERVIEW

Or print and fill out an application at industrialtransfer.com/employment

\$1000 Signing Bonus!

PLUS Food, Fun and Raffles! Come See what we're all about

529 Ashland Ave • Southbridge, MA

508-765-9178

We offer competitive wages • Full Benefits • Dental • 401(k) Retirement Plans • Paid Time Off • Overtime Opportunities

The Sturbridge Agricultural & Equestrian Center is...

A state of the art green facility



APIARY

COMMUNITY GARDEN

FARMERS MARKET

FARM POWER

A green facility with nature trails, community gardens, farmers' market and an operation that turns farm and restaurant waste into energy, making the Center self-sustaining.

Learn more about the proposal:
www.commonwealthracingllc.com



STURBRIDGE AGRICULTURAL & EQUESTRIAN CENTER

STURBRIDGE, MA

19-year-old from Southbridge youngest graduate at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy



CHARLTON — The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a mental and physical toll on many healthcare heroes and yet, Angeley Santa, 19 years old from Southbridge, is now an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse).

In a message to Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director, Santa shared that she “passed my test!” which is the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing) and that she is grateful to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, stating “Thank you for all your help throughout this journey!”

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduate, Angely Santa, credits her parents for her success. Her mother Susan Torres (Susie) is a PCA.

Santa said, “My mother has always been interested in the health field; she previously completed CNA and phlebotomy programs, but she devotes

most of her time to taking care of her family, so she really never finds the time to go back to school.”

Her father, Juan Santa, Jr. (known to family and friends as Al), graduated from Bay Path’s Automotive program in 1990 and owns Al’s Automotive in Southbridge. Although both Susie and Al were born in the USA, he in Massachusetts and she in Connecticut, both trace their heritage back to Puerto Rico. Angeley proudly wore a Puerto Rico stole during graduation.

Lovingly, Al and Susie wrote to their daughter Angeley, who “started school at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and began to explore the shops they had to offer. Angeley has always been driven towards fashion and I had a feeling that she would automatically sign up for Cosmetology (it was one of her top choices); however, after finishing exploratory we were very surprised to hear that she wanted Health Tech as her shop of choice. Angeley did very well in her class and went on to tell us that she wanted to continue in the health field but was not sure which way to go. Shortly after, Angeley applied to several colleges but still was confused about what she wanted to do until she heard of the nursing program at Bay Path. Angeley was very determined to get into this program and planned out how she would be able to juggle this fast-paced course, along with her job and social life, but Angeley is one to set goals for herself and is very organized and determined. Angeley was able to get into the nursing program at Bay Path and it was a lot of hard work, but Angeley was able to complete the course. Angeley just graduated nursing school on June 25, 2021, and on September 3, 2021, Angeley took her NCLEX and passed! Angeley became an LPN at the young age of 19 and we couldn’t be any prouder!”

While a student at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School’s Health Technology program, Santa was inducted into the National Honor Society. She participated in SkillsUSA and was a member of the Steering Committee. As a Health Technology Trade student, her impressive clinical experience line-up included Webster Manor, Accord Eldercare, All Saints Academy, St. Anne Elementary School (all of Webster), the Goddard School (Auburn), Radius Healthcare, and Harrington Memorial

Hospital (both of Southbridge), and the Overlook (Charlton).

While a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Santa became certified in Mental Health First Aid, certified in Dementia Care with the distinction of obtaining 94 percent which is the highest score for the class of 2021. She was an attendee for the COVID-19 Contact Tracing at Johns Hopkins University. She was a judge for the SkillsUSA State competition and a member of the Admissions Panel. All while maintaining employment at Harrington Memorial Hospital as a Dietary Aide. She participated in Clinical observation at the Wound Clinic in Charlton and spent two days as a School Nurse at Bay Path RVTHS. Most recently became certified in Infusion Therapy/Central Line Care Program through the Intravenous Edu.

Santa graduated from the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy at 19-years-old, one of the youngest ever to do it.

She has been accepted to the Quinsigamond Community College Advanced Placement LPN and nothing will stop her from making a difference in this pandemic, one patient at a time.

Chelsea Krasnecky named to SNHU Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Chelsea Krasnecky of Charlton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s summer 2021 Dean’s List. Eligibility for the Dean’s List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the “Most Innovative” regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

CHARLTON ALMANAC

OPEN TO CLOSE

TOWN HALL (508) 248-2200

Office Hours:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
Tuesdays..... 7:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m.
Friday..... 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Closed
visit www.townofcharlton.net or more information.
Individual offices may vary
PUBLIC LIBRARY (248-0452)
For library hours please check www.charltonlibrary.org
POLICE DEPARTMENT (248-2250)
Monday to Friday..... 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
For emergencies, dial 911
FIRE DEPARTMENT (248-2299)
Monday to Friday..... 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
POST OFFICES
Charlton Center Post Office... (800) 275-8777
Charlton City (01508) (800) 275-8777
SCHOOLS
Dudley-Charlton Regional School District (508) 943-6888
Charlton Elementary School (508) 248-7774 or (508) 248-7435
Heritage School (508) 248-4884
Charlton Middle School..... (508) 248-1423
Shepherd Hill Regional High School (508) 943-6700
Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School (508) 248-5971 or (508) 987-0326

CHURCH LISTINGS

- **Charlton Federated Church**, 64 Main St., 248-5550, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. www.fedchurchcharlton.org
- **Charlton Baptist Church**, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488, www.charltonbaptist.org, Sunday worship 10 a.m.
- **Charlton City United Methodist**, 74 Stafford St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.org Sunday worship and Children’s church 10am
- **St. Joseph’s Church**, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248-7862, www.stjosephscharlton.com, Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
- **Hope Christian Fellowship**, 6 Haggerty Road, 248-5144
- **Assemblies of God Southern New England District Headquarters**, Route 20, 248-3771, snedag.org, Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Living Word Church of Charlton**, 10 Main Street - Grange building 1st Floor, Charlton, Ma 01507, Pastor Craig Bellisario, (508) 233-8349 Sunday Service 10:00am. www.livingwordcharlton.com info@livingwordcharlton.com
- **New Life Fellowship A/G, SNED Chapel**, 307 Sturbridge Road, Rt. 20, Charlton, MA, Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

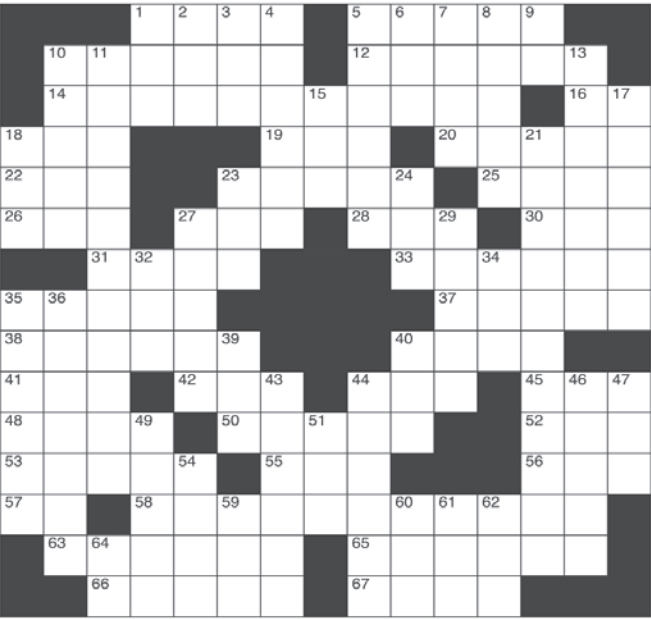
CHARLTON \$959,900, Silvestri Rd, French, Robert A, and French, Nancy J, to Seraphin, Joseph, and Seraphin, Jean. \$785,000, 16 Windy Ridge Ln, Faubert, Michael E, and Faubert, Dawn M, to Taber, Andrea. \$500,000, 2 Scott Dr, Chamoun, Jacques, and Chabo, Aila, to Sahagian, Austin N, and Sahagian, Kaylen T. \$500,000, 3 S Charlton Shore Rd, Leoni, Christopher R, and Leoni, Kim C, to Fabbri, Maryfrances, and Fabbri, Gregg. \$335,000, 24 Number 10 Schoolhouse Rd, Oconnell, Kenneth R, and Oconnell, Lisa M, to Caldwell,	Michael. \$200,000, Eleanor Ln #13, Eleanor Lane RT, and Lemaire, Stephen, to Barry, Timothy. \$200,000, Eleanor Ln #1R, Eleanor Lane RT, and Lemaire, Stephen, to Barry, Timothy. \$200,000, Eleanor Ln #2R, Eleanor Lane RT, and Lemaire, Stephen, to Barry, Timothy. \$200,000, Eleanor Ln #3, Eleanor Lane RT, and Lemaire, Stephen, to Barry, Timothy. \$200,000, Eleanor Ln #4, Eleanor Lane RT, and Lemaire, Stephen, to Barry, Timothy. \$27,000, Oxford Rd, Elm Street Land Prop LLC, to Robinson, David.
--	---



TO PLACE AN AD:
ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE
JUNE SIMAKAUSKAS
(508) 909-4062
jsima@stonebridgepress.news
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES:
KERRI PETERSON
(508) 909-4103
kerri@stonebridgepress.news
TO PRINT AN OBITUARY:
E-MAIL
obits@stonebridgepress.news
CALL: 508-909-4149
OR send to Charlton Villager
P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550
TO SUBMIT A LETTER
TO THE EDITOR:
E-MAIL: news@stonebridgepress.news
OR send to Charlton Village P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550

CHARLTON VILLAGER
PUBLISHED BY
STONEBRIDGE PRESS
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER
FRANK G. CHILINSKI
860-928-1818 EXT. 103
frank@stonebridgepress.news
BUSINESS MANAGER
RYAN CORNEAU
860-928-1818 EXT. 102
ryan@salmonpress.news
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
JIM DiNICOLA
508-764-6102
jim@stonebridgepress.news
EDITOR
BRENDAN BERUBE
508-909-4106
news@stonebridgepress.news
PRODUCTION MANAGER
JULIE CLARKE
860-928-1818, EXT. 305
julie@villagenewsapers.com

The *Charlton Villager* (USPS#024-954) is published weekly by Stonebridge Press, Inc., 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Periodical postage paid at Southbridge, MA 01550. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Charlton Villager, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

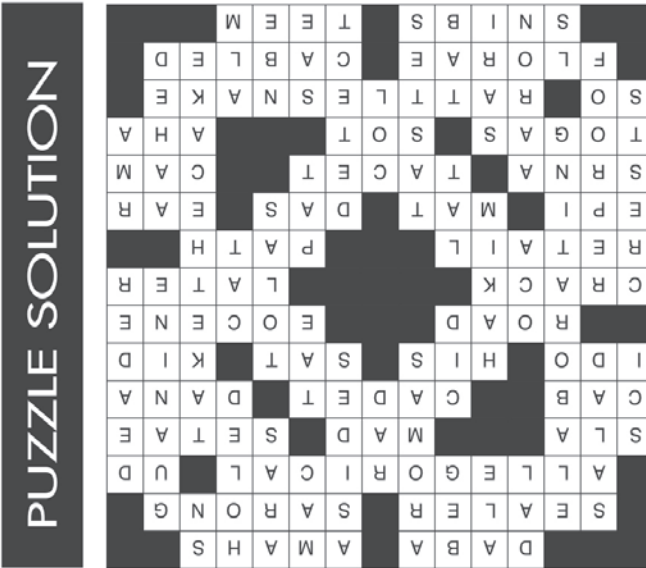


CLUES ACROSS

- Religion native to some in China
- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
- Garment of long cloth
- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers’ test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL’s Newton
- Ancient Roman garments
- Drunkard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thus
- Noisy viper
- Plants of a particular region
- Communicated with
- Latches a window
- Swarm with

CLUES DOWN

- Split pulses
- Brew
- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
- Father of Aethyrea
- Made a cavity
- Tin
- Appetizer
- Presenting in detail
- Compound in guano and fish scales
- Cool!
- “__ than a doornail”
- Popular literary form __ fi
- Be the most remarkable
- “Final Fantasy” universe character
- Buffer solution
- Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- Fantastical planet
- S. American plant
- Domesticated animal
- The tops of mountains
- Expression of disapproval
- Skeletal muscle
- Game show host Sajak
- One’s interests
- Identify the existence of
- Partner to “oohed”
- Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- Hammerin’ Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- Elaborately draped garment
- Check
- Car mechanics group
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- Austrian river
- A command to list files



Old Sturbridge Village hires Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility



Jasmin Rivas

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village has hired Jasmin Rivas to fill a new position at the Village, as Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility. In this role, Rivas will work with the Village, as well as Old Sturbridge Academy and Coggeshall Farm Museum, to connect the stories being told through historical interpretation to the surrounding communities they serve.

Rivas was born in New Haven, Conn. and raised in Southbridge. She attended Michigan State University and later graduated with a bachelor's degree from Worcester State University, as the first person in her family to go to college. She later got her MFA in Creative Writing from Bay Path University.

Rivas' career has included time as a reporter with the Southbridge Evening

News, a Victim/Witness Advocate and Forensic Interviewer with the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, and a Program Coordinator for the Voices With Choices Program. She has also worked in the Southbridge Public Schools as a Family Liaison and District Coordinator.

She joined the Board for the Old Sturbridge Village Academy after seeing the passion and commitment of the work being done there. In this new role, she hopes to help the Village, Farm, and Academy grow and learn about the people, culture, food, language and beauty within the community – and open up access and opportunity for new groups to engage with the experiences being offered.

"I want to help others understand that creating diversity, equity, inclu-

sion and access enriches us all. That we are better when we share spaces and opportunities with others who are different than ourselves," says Jasmin Rivas. "I also hope that at the end of the day, we learn that we really aren't that different after all."

"We are thrilled to welcome Jasmin onto the Old Sturbridge Village team," says James Donahue, President of Old Sturbridge Village. "We believe that by incorporating this new position, we can further support DEIA strategies and implementation for long term transformation at the museum. We look forward to Jasmin's vision and fresh approach."

To learn more about the mission of Old Sturbridge Village, visit: <https://www.osv.org/about/mission-narrative/>.

Imagine 2050: A Vision for Central Massachusetts

WORCESTER — The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) is excited to announce the launch of "Imagine 2050: A Vision for Central Massachusetts." A region-wide comprehensive planning initiative, "Imagine 2050" will establish long-range strategies for the 40-community region. Working with residents, business owners, governments, and institutional partners, CMRPC will facilitate development of the community-driven plan. The project aims to identify the resources, problems, possibilities, and needs of the region; these findings will inform a plan to improve the welfare and prosperity of those who live, work, and visit Central Massachusetts.

Imagine 2050 is intended to help local, regional, and state actors make informed public policy and investment decisions. Community needs and preferences will be identified through robust community engagement processes. Recommendations will derive from community surveys, listening and visioning sessions, data and trend analysis, and scenario planning. This represents the region's first comprehensive planning effort in more than 20 years.

In 2000, CMRPC released the CMRPC Development Framework, a regional plan for population, infrastruc-

ture, environment, and economy. Imagine 2050 updates this framework and incorporates other timely and cross-cutting topics, including: social equity, land use and housing, civic and municipal capacity, environment, economic development, mobility, and public safety.

While Imagine 2050 is just getting underway, prior planning efforts help set the stage. A long-range transportation plan (Mobility 2040) is in place. The Southern Worcester County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2019) is in the implementation phase. Land Use for Regional Resilience, a region-wide land use and zoning analysis, is ongoing. CMRPC youth planners recently completed We Hear You(th), the first regional plan focused on the Central Massachusetts' young people. Sub-regional plans covering all constituencies date within the last 10 years. Imagine 2050 will update and synthesize prior efforts, with community in a front and central role.

At CMRPC's September Quarterly Commission Meeting, Executive Director Janet A. Pierce called on residents and other stakeholders to get involved: "Imagine 2050 is an opportunity to help define the future of Central Massachusetts. If you love where you live, you should

participate. If there are things you would like to see changed about the region, you should participate. Whether you live in heart of Worcester or the heart of New Braintree, we are asking for your insights and your preferences. Please join us in charting a path for all of Central Massachusetts."

About the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission

CMRPC is the designated planning entity for Central Massachusetts. Founded by the Legislature in 1963, CMRPC provides a variety of planning services to our constituencies and bring a regional perspective to planning and development. One of 13 Regional Planning Agencies in Massachusetts, CMRPC serves the City of Worcester and 39 surrounding communities in the southern two-thirds of Worcester County. CMRPC's programs include Regional Collaboration and Community Planning, Transportation, Homeland Security, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and other services.

For more information on future opportunities to participate, please email CMRPC at IMAGINECentralMass2050@googlegroups.com or visit the Imagine 2050 Web site at <https://bit.ly/ImagineCentralMA>.

Trinity Catholic Academy celebrates first mass of new school year



SOUTHBRIDGE — On Sept. 3, Trinity Catholic Academy was able to celebrate their first school wide Mass for the 2021-22 academic year. Fr. Ken Cardinale opened the special Mass with a "Happy New Year" greeting!

Opening this new school year with Mass during the first week of school is a great start! This new year includes a few new classroom renovations, a new principal, and a new outlook with everyone able to start of school with in-classroom learning right from the beginning. TCA teachers, parents and grandparents were welcome to share the celebration with the students at Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II Parish.

Knights of Columbus Council #199 followed the celebration of

Mass volunteering to cook hot dogs for the students as part of the small picnic held the courtyard of Notre Dame Church organized by Trinity Catholic Academy's dedicated Parent & Teacher Organization. TCA students hale from as far as Stafford Springs, Conn., the Brookfields and Auburn, Woodstock, Conn. and towns in between. Trinity Catholic Academy is looking forward to a great successful school year continuing to build the leaders of tomorrow.

Trinity Catholic Academy, a Pre-K to Grade 8 school, promotes academic excellence, athletics, and the arts with respect, compassion, and service among our diverse family, inspired by the communion of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

MILLER STUMP GRINDING

Asian Longhorn Beetle Certified

STORM CLEAN-UP

Fully Insured • Free Quotes

REASONABLE RATES
PROMPT SERVICE

ROD MILLER • NICK MILLER
OWNERS / OPERATORS

508-688-2159

Friday's Child

Photo by Kathryn Morgan

Hi! Our names are Nacari and Nikira and we want to be adopted together!

Nikira and Nacari are siblings of African-American descent who are looking forward to finding their forever home together! Nikira is a likable and friendly girl who gets along well with both adults and her peers. Her favorite activities include yoga, cooking, singing, dancing, and painting. She also enjoys going to church and loves being a part of her Girl Scouts troop. When she grows up, Nikira would like to be a teacher because she enjoys reading on her own and to others. Nikira is on the Autism spectrum, and her teachers describe her as intelligent, talkative, and able to follow directions and form relationships with others.

Nacari describes himself as shy, quiet, likable and well-behaved. Others describe him as a sweet, smart and loving boy. His favorite activities include playing basketball and video games. Nacari is on the Autism spectrum and interacts well with his peers. Nacari does well in class with extra supports and loves going to school.

Nikira and Nacari will do best in a loving but strong family that is able to provide the siblings with support and set appropriate limits and boundaries. Their social worker is open to exploring homes with a mother and a father, two mothers, or a single mother. The siblings will do best in a home where they can be the youngest or only children. Nikira and Nacari are legally freed for adoption.

Who Can Adopt?

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

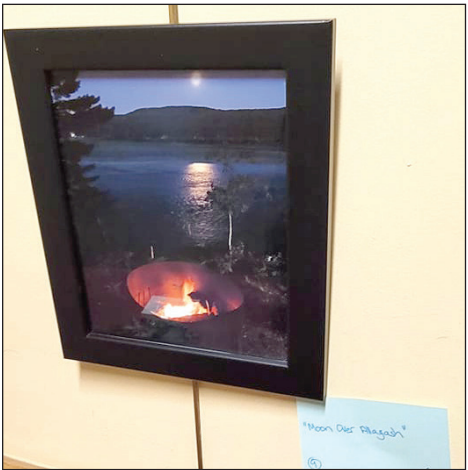
The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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

Annual Art Show held in Charlton

CHARLTON – In conjunction with Charlton’s annual Old Home Day event on Monday, Sept. 5, the Charlton Cultural Council held the annual Old Home Day Art Show presenting numerous different works from Charlton residents and employees in the Town Hall. While public voting didn’t return for the in-person event and some items were displayed digitally rather than on the Town Hall walls, the annual celebration of Charlton’s creativity still proved to be a fun stop for anyone walking through the center of town attending Charlton’s annual community celebration.

Photos Jason Bleau



A beautiful photography piece called “Moon Over Allagash.”



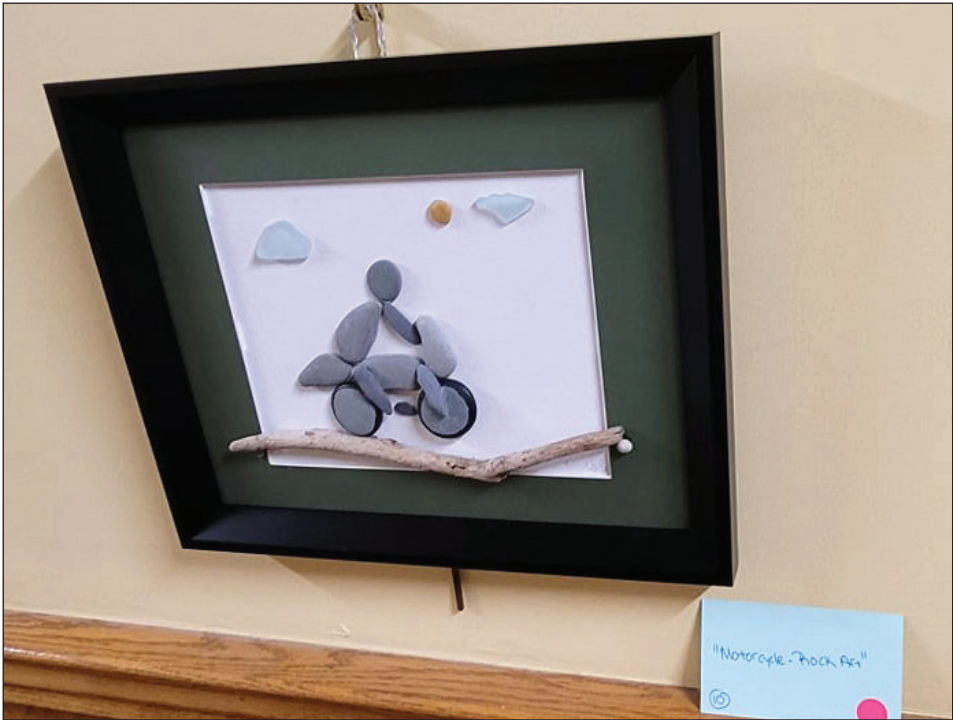
Called “Long Landscape,” this singular piece was made up of three different paintings combining to form a visual landscape.



A trio of standout art pieces including one of the winners of the Art Show “Indian Maiden in Ceremonial Dress” (bottom left).



Lifelike pictures depict an eastern box turtle and an owl.



This motorcycle piece was made using rocks and other simple items from nature.



A pair of impressive scenery paintings called “Forest” and “Rainy Day” capture the beauty of New England.



This photography contribution called “Love in the Fields” depicts a tender moment for a couple.

Socially Speaking...

This feature is for churches, senior centers, libraries, or other civic organizations who have events coming up.

Call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news (Charlton Villager); or Mikaela Victor at 508-909-4126 or email Mikaela@stonebridgepress.news (Sturbridge Villager) for advertising sizes and prices

ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS

DON'T MISS A THING!

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO20P2215EA
Estate of:
William Steibel
Date Of Death: April 14, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Teresa Steibel of Monterey MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Teresa Steibel of Monterey MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

September 17, 2021

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

HANDYMAN

Mark LaPierre
Proprietor

ODD JOBS DONE LLC
Spencer, MA

No Job or Problem is Too Small

508-471-0699
email: oddjobsmark@gmail.com
Fully Insured

ROLL OFF DUMPSTERS

PEPIN
WASTE SERVICE
Your Local Roll-Off Specialist

Fall Special
10 yd. Rental 1 Ton
3 sizes available. Call for pricing.

\$300

Roll Off Containers
Weekend Dumpsters for the Homeowner
Houses • Attics • Cellars
Construction Sites

10-15-20 Yd.
508-892-4193 • Leicester, MA
pepinwasteservice@verizon.net
Fully Insured

CATEGORY OF YOUR CHOICE

Your Ad Here
Call Today!

To advertise in The Local Service Provider Directory
Contact June at 508-909-4062 Jsima@stonebridgepress.news



Fall Home & Auto

This section reaches 47,000 households
in 7 Massachusetts newspapers.

Call 508-764-4325
or email ads@stonebridgepress.news
for more information

Auto Body



Direct Insurance Repair Shop
In addition to our expert Auto Body Services,
NOW Woody's Professional Rustproofing and Undercoating Services! Maintain safety and value by protecting your vehicle's body from rust, debris, salts and pests. We are now scheduling appointments
For detail information check out our website!
RENTAL CAR OR TRUCK CAN BE ARRANGED FOR YOU
ASE CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS
OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE
ALL INSURANCE CO. ACCEPTED INCLUDING OUT OF STATE
HOURS: MON - FRI 8-5
Sean Wood - Owner
324 Main St., Spencer, MA
p: 774.745.8323 f: 774.745.8324
woodyautocollisionrepair.net

AUTO BODY / REPAIRS



Since 1969
Always Going The Extra Mile For Our Customers
Free Written Estimates • Damage Appraisal
Color Matching Specialists • Rental Car Services
Warranted Work & Repairs
Diagnostics • A/C Repair
Tune Ups & Engine Repair
Brakes • Alternators • Starters • ABS
Alignments • Tires...and more
Major Insurance Referral Shop
Honoring All Insurance Estimates
1734 Providence Road (Rt 122)
Northbridge, MA 01534
Ph: 508-234-5211 • Fax: 508-234-2231
www.kearnscollision.com
Fully Certified • RS# 2678

BEST WINDOW COMPANY



Award Winning
High Performance
Windows & Doors
100% FINANCING AVAILABLE | Lifetime Warranty
508-784-1550
ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+ f

BUILDER



Remodeling Expert

- ◆ FINISHED BASEMENTS
- ◆ ADDITIONS ◆ GARAGES
- ◆ SIDING ◆ ROOFING ◆ DECKS
- ◆ WINDOWS ◆ DOORS
- ◆ KITCHEN ◆ BATHS

Quality Building Since 1985
Licensed & Insured
508-764-2293 ♦ 774-230-3967

Granite & Marble

SHREWSBURY MARBLE & GRANITE, INC.
Buy Factory Direct & Save
Biggest Selection of Marble, Granite & Quartz of ANY Fabrication Shop
300 Colors To Choose From
Please call for appointment
508-842-9800 • shrewsburymarbleandgranite.com
620 Boston Turnpike (Rte 9 E), Shrewsbury, MA
(1/4 mi. east of Home Depot - Big Blue Bldg)
Mon-Thurs 8-5, Fri & Sat & 9-4

Gutters

GARY'S GUTTERS
~ Locally Owned ~
Need new gutters... Look no further!
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
FREE Estimates
50% off leaf guards with gutter installation with this ad
Offer exp. 9/30/21
Fully Insured ~ Installations ~ Cleaning ~ Repairs
508.353.2279
gotogutterguy.com

Power Washing

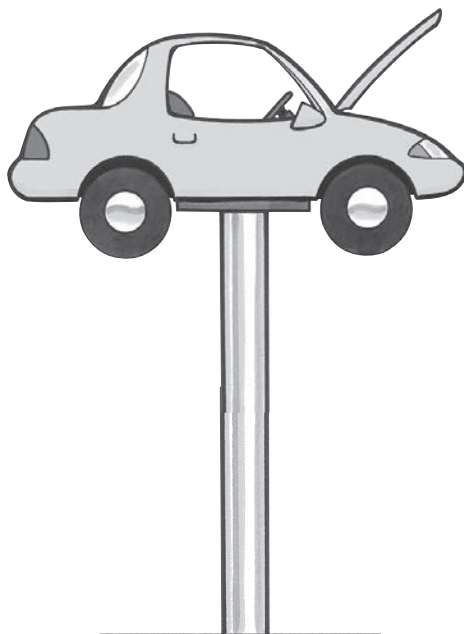
EXTERIOR HOUSE & SOFT ROOF WASHING
REMOVES HARMFUL:
Mildew • Moss • Algae • Oxidation • Dirt & Pollutants
FROM:
Vinyl • Aluminum • Wood • Brick • Painted • Stained
GREAT FOR: Before Paint Prep
Cedar Restoration • Decks • Patios
Stairs & Walkways • Foundations
HI-TECH MOBILE WASH
~ Est. 1987 ~
Commercial & Residential
100% Satisfaction Guaranteed or you owe nothing!
PLEASE CALL
1-800-696-4913 • 508-248-4638
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
www.hitechmobilewash.com

Oil & Propane

AMERICAN DISCOUNT OIL & PROPANE
Need propane or oil right away?
Call American today!
OIL 10¢ Off **PROPANE 20¢ Off**
PER GALLON (125 GAL MIN) FILL UP (MIN 75 GAL)
With coupon. One coupon per customer. Exp 9/30/21. Cannot be combined with any other offer or on previous purchases or fuel assistance program.
Order online
Americandiscountoil.com
413-289-9428
1182 Park St., Palmer, MA 01069

Paving

G. COOPER PAVING
New Beauty Blacktop
413.544.5381
DISCOUNTS ON REFERRALS! FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED
SENIOR DISCOUNT 10% OFF \$200 OFF NEW DRIVEWAY INSTALLATIONS
DRIVEWAYS • PARKING LOTS
SEALCOATING • STONE
HOT TAR CRACK FILL
"Big Or Small, We Do It All!"
FREE ESTIMATES



Stump Grinding

MILLER STUMP GRINDING
Asian Longhorn Beetle Certified
Fully Insured • Free Quotes
REASONABLE RATES PROMPT SERVICE
ROD MILLER • NICK MILLER
OWNERS / OPERATORS
508-688-2159

Sand Blasting

CENTRAL MASS DUSTLESS BLASTING, LLC
MOBILE PAINT STRIPPING AND CLEANING
Auto • Restoration • Marine
Commercial • Industrial • Municipal • Residential
Located in Spencer, MA, we offer an ecofriendly, courteous, and professional mobile media blasting service, to meet all of your needs.
Our process gives us the option to blast wet or dry. One of our greatest benefits is being mobile, we come to you. We offer a wide variety of surface preparation needs, which include but not limited to: Auto Restoration, Antique Tractors, Truck Frames, Dump Bodies, Trailers, Snowplows, Heavy equipment, Boats, Concrete Floors/Walls paint or sealer removal, Graffiti, Pools, Log Cabins, Wood Beam Restoration, etc. We also offer blast cabinet services for much smaller stripping and surface prep.
YOUR PAINT JOB IS ONLY AS GOOD AS YOUR SURFACE PREPARATION
Alan Nussey • 508.648.8941
Email: cmdustlessblasting@charter.net
www.CMDustlessBlasting.net

ELECTRICIAN

TNT ELECTRICAL SERVICES
Timothy N Tripp
Licensed Electrician
67 Hillcrest Drive
Southbridge, MA 01550
508.909.5114
774.601.3107
Tntelectricalserviceinc@gmail.com
MA#100257JR
NH#17425J

ELECTRICIAN

ALDEN
Licensed Electrician
New Construction
Remodelling
Kitchen & Bath
Service Updates
W. Brookfield, MA
1.774.230.9606
Talden1987@gmail.com
Fully Insured
Accepts credit card payments & free online bank transfers
Licenses:
MA-13705-21777A,
NH-13932M, RI-B013781

Electrician

BRIAN WOOD
Master Electrician
Residential • Commercial
o: 508.764.3925
c: 508-505-0111
35 Years of Experience
Lic#15885A | 29931E
Fully insured
I specialize in:
New Construction
Renovations
Pools and Hot tubs
Lighting (int. & ext.)
Repairs and Maintenance
Electrical Panel upgrades
Bpwelec@gmail.com
Facebook:
Brian Wood Electrician

GUTTERS

GUTTERS
• Cleanings
• Repairs
• Installations
508-867-2877
508-754-9054
30+ years exp
Licensed & Insured
A. Eagle Gutters
aeaglegutters.com

Handyman

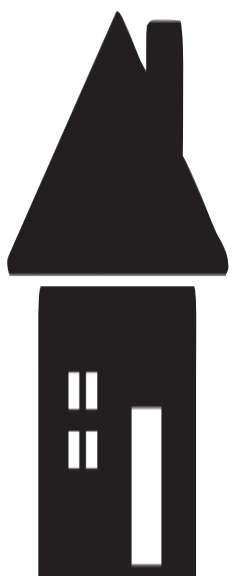
No Job Too Small
Home Improvement
-Insured-
MA Reg #174661
• General Carpentry
• Laminated Floors
• Remodeling
• Kitchen, Bath & Cellar
• Painting
• Handyman Services
• Floor Leveling
• Power Washing and MORE!
See Our Work Online
nojobtoosmallhomeimprovement.com
Tel. 508.414.7792
Sturbridge, MA

Home Improvement

BONETTI'S
Home Improvement
Roofing
Siding
Decks
Remodeling
Windows
Doors
Basement Finishing
Gutters Cleaning
Pressure Washing
Painting Landscaping
Over 25 Years Experience
Residential Specialist
Licensed and Insured
128231
508-347-4906
Cell 508-688-0072

MASONRY

C&J
MASONRY HARDSCAPE
RETAINING WALLS
OUTDOOR
LIVING CONSTRUCTION
Chimney Repair
Foundation Repair
Steps, Patios
Pool Surrounds
Pressure Washing
Property Maintenance
Water Proofing
Delivery of Aggregate
Cord Wood
Brian French
(413)222-5542
frenchyn45@gmail.com



Painting

G.J. LEDUC PAINTING
Interior and Exterior
Power Washing
Wallpapering
General Repair
Over 40 Years Experience
508-764-8548
774-230-8373
Fully Insured

Pest Control

ACCURATE PEST CONTROL
Full Pest Control Services
Over 28 yrs. experience
Reasonable Rates
Owner Operated
508-757-8078
Ask for David or Jason
Hight
Auburn MA

ROOFING

David Barbale ROOFING
Roofing/Gutters
Repair Work
Fully Licensed and Insured
MA LIC #CS069127
MA HIC LIC #1079721
INS. # CAC032585
C: 508-397-6709
O: 508-248-6709
davidbarbale.com



ROOFING

GUARANTEED
Roofing & Building
Maintenance LLC
Roofing, Siding,
Gutter and
Gutter Cleaning
Contact:
Daniel Truax
508-450-7472
gbmaintco.com
Senior Citizen Discount
Credit Cards Accepted
Over 30 years of satisfied customers
Fully Insured - Free Estimates
A+ Rating BBB
MA HIC Lic #146620
MA CSL #099487

Roofing

SAUNDERS & SONS ROOFING
When you need a roof,
hire a roofing company,
that's what we do!
Call Bill Toll-Free
1-866-961-Roof
508-765-0100
Lifetime material warranty
& 25 yr. labor warranty
available
MA Reg #153955
CSL #095459
CT-HIC #0638641
Fully Insured,
Free Estimates
Family Owned and Operated
Now Accepting All
Major Credit Cards
ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+

SOLID FUEL

PELLET STOVE REPAIR
CHIMNEY & FIREPLACE
TOM CIRAS
508-248-3733
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME
NUMBER & TOWN, FOLLOWED
BY YOUR SERVICE REQUEST,
THANK YOU!
SWEEPS AND CAPS
STOVE
INSTALLATIONS
MA HIC #144152
MA CSL #094542

This section reaches 47,000 households in 7 Massachusetts newspapers.



25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550
Telephone (800) 367-9898
Fax (508) 764-8015
www.StonebridgePress.com

FRANK G. CHILINSKI
PRESIDENT/PUBLISHER

BRENDAN BERUBE
EDITOR

There is more to the labor shortage than laziness

All around the country, we’ve seen businesses reducing hours, restaurants reducing menu items and help wanted signs everywhere. “People just don’t want to work!” is the excuse we here uttered by anyone who hasn’t done their homework.

While it’s true there are some who don’t want to work, this certainly has not caused the labor shortage. Please note that since the dawn of history, there have always been those who don’t want to work. At the end of the day, if someone is able bodied enough to work and isn’t independently wealthy for some reason, and chooses not to work, well they end up unfortunately facing their own issues.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job openings are at 9.3 million. Extended unemployment benefits have run out, so that argument is no more. In fact, only 3 percent of unemployed people earned enough with the extended benefits country wide to warrant not returning to work. Only 14 percent were earning more than they did prior to the extended benefits. The cessation of those benefits will send some people back to work, but not enough to make a dent. Experts say worker’s rights could have more to do with it.

Low pay is one reason for the shortage. In 1968, the federal minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour. Factoring in the rate of inflation since, that would be the equivalent to \$12.38 per hour in 2021; however, the federal minimum wage is just \$7.25 per hour in 2021. Walmart is now starting employees at \$17/hour, and McDonald’s restaurants in many New England states start their employees at \$15/hour. Lowes has just advertised to start paying \$18/hour. This is not good news for smaller local businesses who don’t have the backing of being a corporation.

Employees are also seeking better working conditions. Those in the restaurant business who rely on tips are sexually harassed at a much higher rate, and because of mask mandates, those workers are often asked to police rude and belligerent people who refuse to comply for either personal or political reasons.

The COVID lockdown has allowed many to re-evaluate what is really important and meaningful, and working a job where you’re harassed and underpaid just isn’t worth it. Flexibility that provides work life balance is what many are looking for. Remote work has allowed this to become more of a reality. Remote work has also allowed many companies to function with less employees. Workers without digital skills are out of luck as far as remote work goes until more training is available. There are some companies who do offer such training such as Google and Amazon.

Many Americans are also in a position where they need to stay home to care for vulnerable individuals including young children. While many schools and daycares are open, many have closed due to COVID outbreaks, leaving parents without childcare. The opening and closing is unpredictable, and will remain that way until the pandemic is under control.

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!
We think you’re important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.
But first, you have to write us!
Mail your letters to the Charlton Villager, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.
Or e-mail your letters to the editor at news@stonebridgepress.news
You’ll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.
We don’t have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you’re going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.
If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.
Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.
So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

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

Worries

All kinds of stresses and pressures will come to us in this life. Worries will come about our parents, careers, children, health, finances, relationships, death, sickness, and more.

It seems there is a never-ending stream of things we can worry about—nail-biting worry, worry that makes our head and heart hurt.

Thankfully, our imaginations usually make things seem much worse than they are. Too often, we imagine the worst possible outcome, outcomes that generally never come to pass; if they do come to pass, often they aren’t as bad as we imagined them to be.

A little bit of worry can be good when that worry propels us to action so we can solve the problem before it gets out of hand.

Worry is bad if we allow fear to paralyze us, never taking the necessary steps to solve the problem.

Worry affects us all in different ways. Most of us have at times been so worried we become consumed with fear. Our hands tremble, and anxiety overwhelms all of our senses. Paralyzed with fear, often all we can do is lay down and fall asleep or pace back and forth, mumbling incoherently until exhaustion takes hold.

Some of us can only see a negative outcome and are angry and irritable at those trying to convince us that a good result may be possible.

Some of us turn into complainers, taking on the victim mentality and telling everyone how dire our situation is and how things will never get better.

Drugs and alcohol sometimes become the temporary solution; Waking up with a hangover, but the problem is still there.

Some might turn to healthier solutions like exercise, prayer, and meditation to calm the worried mind.

Napoleon Hill said, “Worry is a state of mind based upon fear. It works slowly,

but persistently. It is insidious and subtle. Step by step it “digs itself in” until it paralyzes one’s reasoning faculty, destroys self-confidence and initiative. Worry is a form of sustained fear caused by indecision; therefore, it is a state of mind which can be controlled.”

I believe Napoleon Hill was correct. Worry is based on fear; it paralyzes our reasoning faculty, destroys our initiative, it’s caused by indecision, and therefore it is a state of mind that can be controlled.

How can we control it? According to Napoleon Hill, worry is caused by indecision. The proper response to anxiety might then be to decide on a course of action. We need to remove the hesitation and choose! Sometimes just figuring out what path to take is all that’s necessary to stop the worry.

What if you’re having trouble deciding what to do? Talk to your friends, get advice, pray, meditate, think it over. If you’re focused on what path you need to take, an answer will come.

Once you choose what the best course of action is, it is essential not to worry if you made the right choice. If you find yourself worrying whether or not you made the right choice, then it’s ok to modify your course of action as the days pass. Whatever you do, keep moving forward.

Wherever you are right now, whatever you’re going through, maybe you’re nervous, worried, stressed, and afraid. Try to be thankful, think of all the positive things in your life as you make your decision, count your blessings. Moving forward with gratitude and thankfulness is crucial and can often make for a better outcome.

You don’t have to make a decision; you get to make a decision. Be thankful that you can choose. Keep a smile on your face; you’re capable of great things!

POSITIVELY
SPEAKING
.....
TOBY
MOORE

Help for weather-stressed lawns

The extreme heat and drought of 2021 across much of the country has turned many lawns brown. Damaged lawns may be thin, contain dead patches or are overrun with weeds.

Fall is a good time to improve the health and appearance of a weather-worn lawn. Start the process by evaluating the damage. Then plan a course of action and be prepared to follow through as needed with proper care.

Fall fertilization can help improve thin lawns and those with numerous small dead patches the size of a baseball or smaller. Apply fertilizer in early September to help lawns recover from summer stress while encouraging denser growth and deeper, more drought tolerant roots. Those in warmer climates growing grasses like centipede, Bermuda and zoysia should make sure the last fall application is at least one month prior to the average first killing frost. Use a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer that won’t harm stressed lawns and young seedlings if repairing or overseeding the lawn.

Continue to mow high as long as the grass continues to grow. Taller grass produces deeper, more drought tolerant roots. Mow often, removing only a third of the total height. This is less stressful on the lawn and results in shorter clippings that can be left on the lawn. The clippings return moisture, nutrients, and organic matter to the soil.

Use a sharp blade for a cleaner cut that closes more quickly, reducing water consumption and risk of insects and disease while leaving the lawn looking its best. You’ll also save time as sharp blades cut more efficiently and reduce fuel consumption by as much as 22 percent.

Improving a lawn’s growing conditions will help it recover more quickly and equip it to better manage environmental stress. Core aerate lawnsB that have more than one half an inch of thatch, those growing in compacted soils, or before overseeding. By removing plugs of soil, you will break through the thatch and create channels for water and fertilizer to reach the grass roots. For best results, core aerate the lawn when its actively growing; fall for cool season grasses and spring or early summer for warm season grasses.

Hand removal of weeds is the most environmentally friendly option. Organic broadleaf weedkillers with the active ingredient Fehedta or Hedta is another option. Spot treat problem areas to minimize the use of chemicals

GARDEN
MOMENTS
.....
MELINDA
MYERS

and reduce the stress on already stressed lawns. As always, read and follow label directions carefully whether using traditional, natural or organic chemicals. Repair dead and bare patches in cool season lawns that are the size of a soccer ball or larger as needed. Those growing warm season grasses will have the best results when seeding in spring through early summer. Rake away dead grass and debris roughening and exposing the soil below. Spread grass seed over the area and lightly rake to ensure seed-to-soil contact. Or mix a handful of grass seed in a bucket of compost or potting mix. The organic matter helps conserve moisture and promotes seed sprouting. Spread the mix over the soil surface. Water these areas often enough to keep the soil surface moist until the grass seed sprouts. As grass begins to grow, water more deeply and less often to encourage a robust drought tolerant root system.

Proper maintenance and a bit of cooperation from nature will help transform your lawn from a disappointment to an asset in your landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener’s Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Photo Melinda Myers

Fall is a good time to improve the health and appearance of a stressed lawn.



Prepare yourself financially for illness ... just in case

All of us hope to live long, healthy lives, so we do what we can to take care of ourselves through proper diet, exercise and avoiding unhealthy activities. However, none of us can predict our future, so it pays to be prepared for anything – including a serious physical illness or the onset of some type of mental incapacity, such as Alzheimer’s disease.

Of course, you may never face these infirmities, but you should be aware that they could upset your long-term financial strategy and place considerable stress on your loved ones. What steps can you take to head off these threats?



FINANCIAL
FOCUS
JEFF
BURDICK

First, make sure you know what your health insurance covers and how much you might have to pay out of pocket for treatment of illnesses such as cancer or kidney ailments. If you’re on Medicare (supplemented with Medigap) or Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C), you’ll want to know all about deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. However, if Alzheimer’s or another type of dementia is involved, Medicare may not cover the costs that could be incurred in an assisted living facility, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest ways of protecting yourself from long-term care costs, which can be quite high.

Your next move is to make sure you have adequate liquidity. It’s hard to predict how many out-of-pocket costs you could incur when coping with a serious illness, but it’s a good idea to have enough cash readily available, rather than dipping into your 401(k) or other retirement accounts. So, if you’re retired, you might want to keep up to a year’s worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account.

Here’s another important step: Update your estate plan. Hopefully, if you have a serious illness, you’ll be able to recover. But it’s still a good idea to review your estate plan to ensure everything is in order, such as your will and your living trust, if you’ve created one. If you’ve kept up your life insurance, you’ll also want to ensure your premiums are still being paid. And don’t forget to review your beneficiary designations on your 401(k), insurance policies and other financial documents, since these designations can supersede the instructions in your will.

As part of your estate planning, you may want to include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you name someone to make medical decisions for you if you’re unable to do so yourself. You may also create a health care directive or living will to express your wishes if you don’t have a power of attorney for health care, or the person named in a power of attorney for health care can’t be reached in an emergency. And since estate planning can be complex, you’ll certainly want to work with a legal professional, and possibly your tax and financial advisors, as well.

You might think it’s somewhat grim to prepare yourself financially in case you become seriously ill or if your life is touched by Alzheimer’s or another mental infirmity. But it’s a positive move – you’re protecting yourself and your loved ones from whatever life may throw at you.

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



THE GREAT
OUTDOORS
• • • • •
RALPH
TRUE

The feeling of fall is in the air! My two dogs also feel the cooler temperatures, and are running around like a couple of puppies. My Yellow Lab TWIG knows what the cool temperatures mean. Hunting! The Massachusetts pheasant season opens on Oct. 16 in the Central District. Mass. Fish & Wildlife no longer raises pheasant, and shut down their pheasant raising pens years ago. It is a lot cheaper to buy them during the season from New York & Vermont, and stock them throughout the pheasant season. Unfortunately, the valley area has lost a couple of prime hunting covers over the years, which prompted the state to reduce the number of birds, that are stocked in our area.

Some local hunters are not happy with the situation, but take numerous trips to the Brookfield area to hunt birds with their dogs. They have found a few great spots to hunt birds and often find their limit of two birds on each trip. Unfortunately, the grouse population continues to dwindle in the valley area, and reports from sportsmen north & west of the valley are reporting the same situation. The loss of prime habitat is the main reason, and is also affecting



Photos Courtesy
The first picture shows a large black bear ,and the second shows a file photo from Fat Nancy’s Tackle shop in Pulaski, N.Y. of a young lady with a nice salmon caught a few years ago on the Salmon River.

the woodcock populations in our area. Ground nesting birds have a lot more predators to contend with also.

A report from a resident that lives on Henry Street in Uxbridge last week, about the possible siting of four bears that were spotted in his yard, was the first report of multiple sightings in Uxbridge. He was not too sure about what he had actually seen until he observed a number of large foot prints on his lawn. He showed me the picture of one print that was no question, made by a black bear. Upstate New York salmon

fishing is improving every day on the Salmon River. If you want to watch anglers fishing on the Salmon River on live cam, log onto Fat Nancy’s Web page and click on their 24 hours live cam, showing anglers fishing the Salmon River. You can also get there daily hour by hour fishing report and water temperature in the river. If you are planning a trip to Upstate New York, the time is quickly approaching. On the 16th of this month, anglers fishing the Salmon River reported a large school of coho salmon working their way upstream. There



were also some kings mixed in.

The tackle shop was quick to say that the big push of salmon has not started, but do expect it to start any day now. Get your rods and gear ready, and tell the boss you are going fishing. The Salmon River is only five hours away from the valley. This week’s picture shows an angler with a nice salmon from the Salmon River, and the fishing is only going to get better.

Goose hunting has been slow because of standing corn in most fields. Hunters that have

a golf course to hunt on, or a grassy field that has been cut are harvesting a few geese locally.

Do not forget the Whitinsville Fish & Game Clubs annual field day this Saturday, Sept. 18, at their club headquarters on White Court in Douglas. Fun and games, along with shooting on all ranges, and great food will be available all day. The grounds open at 11 a.m. with plenty of free parking.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Tips to Plant Fall Bulbs



TAKE
THE
HINT
KAREN
TRAINOR

Following a long New England winter, few signs of spring are more welcome than the first sprouts of green popping up in a barren garden. The promise of a season of beautiful blooms, the tiny shoots are the gardeners reward of a past autumn spent preparing and planting. Experts agree fall offers ideal conditions to plant perennials. In fact, this season is the preferred time to plant spring blooming bulbs. The following are tips to preparing, planning and planting bulbs now for a flourish of flowers come spring.

**

Planting time varies depending on location, but here in the northeast it ranges from September until as long as the soil can be worked, usually around the end of October.

**

Prepare your bed by making sure the soil is properly fertilized. Be sure to dig out the soil to the proper depth. Loosen the soil and if you choose, add a bulb booster to the soil. Bulbs should be planted with pointed side up. Place them firmly, yet gently, into the ground. Cover the bulbs loosely with soil, water lightly and add a layer of mulch. Typically, bulbs should be planted three times as deep as the bulb is wide. In sandy soils, you can plant a little deeper, and in heavy soils you can dig a slightly shallower hole. Bulbs should be spaced approximately a width twice the diameter of the bulb. Note: Tulips should be planted one inch or so deeper as deep rooting can prolong the effective life of the tulip bulb.

**

If you are selecting bulbs in bulk, such as loose bulbs offered at discount garden centers, it’s important to follow a few rules of thumb. Typically, big bulbs produce the largest blooms and may yield more flowers, therefore, it may be worth the cost to pay a bit more for good sized, healthy bulbs. However, if you are on a budget and have the time to wait, smaller bulbs will eventually increase in size and bloom each year.

**

When choosing a bulb, look for those that are firm and plump. Hold them in your palm and select bulbs that feel heavy for their size. Avoid bulbs with bruises, spots or signs of mold. And steer clear of soft, mushy and lightweight bulbs. Sprouting bulbs may indicate a bulb that has been in storage for a long time.

**

A little thought and preparation go a long way in reaping the benefits of a successful spring and summer flower garden. The planning you take time for in the fall will be apparent when the flower garden plantings burst with color and texture next year. Know your flowers before you plan to plant. While most bulbs require an area where there is full sun, other varieties such as the iris and crocus enjoy some shade after blooming. For best results select a location in full sun or sun with morning shade only. Well drained soil is a requisite for flower bulbs. If you have poor soil, raised flower beds may be an effective alternative.

**

For best results, design your garden with pen and paper first, mapping out the size of the beds and the flowers to scale. Keep in mind color, texture and fragrance are all important factors when deciding on a particular flower garden plan.

**

Plotting a garden plan is an exciting chore, and there are some basic

rules that ensure a pleasant mix of color for a showy display. Notice how a clump of daffodils and tulips are much more charming than a tidy row of the springtime flowers? The eye is drawn toward the burst of color when these flowers are situated in generous groups of plantings.

**

Be sure to take an accurate bulb count of such large splashes of plantings. Your layout plan should also include using flower bulbs as accents in perennial beds, or to fill in rock gardens or as an interesting border to greenery. Be sure to plan for extra bulbs to fill in areas or to add as landscape accents.

**

For an interesting mix, merge short plants with tall specimens to give variety and depth as well as differing textures. And don’t underestimate the power of fragrance! Nothing is more delightful than a pathway of floral scents welcoming visitors to your door.

**

Scaling plants to the bed is another important factor when plotting your plan. A simple rule to follow is to keep in mind the tallest plant in an island flower bed should have a mature height that is equal to about half the width of the bed. Place these plants in the center, so they can be viewed from all sides. Also remember to take into account plants that grow and expand quickly.

**

Color is another major consideration when planting your bulbs. If you want your garden to be a showcase all season, select a variety of bulbs that flower during early, middle and late spring and summer for a continuous burst of color.

**

Just as in the home, in the garden bed cool colors seem to recede and warm colors appear to come forward. To make a small garden area appear larger and more spacious, plant flowers in cool, light colors. As a general rule white

goes a long way in a garden bed, but if you use a lot of white flowers in an area, consider adding a dramatic splash of bright red or bright pink or purple for visual contrast.

**

Dreading the long, cold winter ahead? Forcing bulbs indoors allows the impatient gardener to enjoy spring-time blooms during the winter season! Certain bulbs, such as the narcissus and hyacinth lend themselves to forced budding. To do: Drop a bulb into a glass jar and fill with water and small pebbles until the water level reaches the base of the bulb. Position the jar in a sunny window. Water must remain at the same level, so add moisture as needed. To prevent mold, change the water periodically.

**

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

“Every Town Deserves a Good Local Newspaper”

www.StonebridgePress.com

Professional Directory

To advertise on this page, call June at 508-909-4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news

TRUST

Trust Your Neighbors

StonebridgePress.com

ATTORNEY

M LAW OFFICE OF MICHELLE M. MURRAY

Welcoming New Clients

Our focus is on Divorce, Custody, Child Support, and Modifications of prior orders.

Call today for an appointment Consultations available via Zoom or in-person.

508-885-4405 | Michelle@AttorneyMichelleMurray.com 188 Main Street, Suite One | Spencer, MA 01562



On the first offensive play from scrimmage, Alex Siwik of Shepherd Hill busts off a 73-yard run.

FOOTBALL

continued from page A1

42-yarder late in the second quarter that gave the Rams a 33-0 halftime lead. Junior Romeo Holland finished with 80 yards on three carries, scoring TDs on runs of 33 and 36 yards. Sophomore Aidan Watson gained 54 yards on three carries, one a 31-yard scoring romp. Seniors Nolan Legere and Jack List each scored on two-yard runs.

Off the field Buchanan made it clear, Shepherd Hill's reputation for ground-and-pound, smash-mouth football will continue for the foreseeable future.

"We're going to come out and we're going to run the football. That's what we do, that's what we are. That's what Shepherd Hill has been for a long time and it's what Shepherd Hill is going to continue to be," Buchanan said. "At the end of the day we've got to run what fits our personnel. At Shepherd Hill you're always going to have offensive linemen you can run the football behind, and running backs who know how to do that. When you have that, you don't mess with it."

Christenson said the lopsided win over the Rangers was, plain and simple, the way the Rams play football.

"We just have to play that Shepherd Hill brand of football," said Christenson, who was asked to explain just what that brand of football is. "It's just a bunch of tough guys; tough linemen that are blocking hard, and tough backs that are running hard. We just want to go out, get our three or four yards on every play and push the ball down the field. That was the game plan going into the game and that's what we did."



Shepherd Hill's Romeo Holland celebrates after scoring a touchdown.

Christenson was quick to add that there was no shortage of holes for the Rams' bevy of backs to run through.

"The line played great. I'm really proud of all those guys," he said. "They did most of the work."

Buchanan said Siwik's 73-yard run on the first play from scrimmage set the tone for the game.

"We have a relatively young offensive line, so that early success was huge for them," Buchanan said. "Early success builds a lot of confidence, which leads to more success running the ball, which leads to more confidence in our ability to run the ball."

Starting along the Rams' offensive line are senior captain Justin Generella, juniors Charles Karp, Gavin Grenier, and James "JD" Robson, and sophomore Nick Dell'Ovo. Only Generella, at guard, and Karp, at center, have fixed



Ethan Barre of Shepherd Hill secures a first-quarter interception versus Westborough.



A swarm of Shepherd Hill defenders get after Westborough's Ben Verheijen.

positions on the offensive line.

"We like to shuffle our offensive linemen around," Buchanan said. "We try to teach them to be interchangeable and versatile. It helps them at this level, which helps us, and then it helps them at the next level, too."

"It's the reason you can have a kid like [former Ram] Chris Lindstrom who played tackle his entire high school career go to the next level [Boston

College] and not only play guard but be an outstanding guard," Buchanan added. "That happened, in part, because the process of learning how to play the position began as a junior in high school."

Lindstrom is currently a starting guard for the National Football League's Atlanta Falcons, who selected him with the 14th overall pick in the 2019 NFL draft.

9/11

continued from page A1

day came lessons he hopes the world can carry with them. The first is that "in darkness become the light". Samborowski recalled the story of a man named Ron Clifford who was scheduled for a meeting at the World Trade Center the day of the attack only to find himself assisting a woman named Jeannieann Maffeo who had suf-

fered severe burns from falling jet fuel after the North Tower was struck, the first attack on that fateful day.

"Ron and Jeannieann prayed together because their faith was also their light," Samborowski said.

The second lesson he shared was "when opposed by evil find strength in your people" referencing the story of Ladder 6 who entered the North Tower and ascended to help evacuate individuals after the attack. There they

felt the collapse of the neighboring South Tower understanding the North Tower would soon do the same. During their evacuation they rescued a woman named Josephine Harris and, refusing to leave her, stayed with her when she was unable to go any further. The Ladder 6 crew survived the collapse of the North Tower after stopping on the fourth floor and refusing Josephine's requests to leave her behind, a decision and specific placement that likely saved

their lives. They were seven of only 22 survivors of the collapse of the North Tower who were later rescued by their fellow first responders.

The ceremony was capped off by a moment of silence and the ringing of the bell followed by those in attendance placing flags on the green, symbols of America's undying unity in the face of what remains today, 20 years after one of, if not the worst terrorist attacks recorded on United States soil.



Visitors stand in silence as the Nichols College Academy Bell tolls for the 2,977 lives lost on 9/11.



Flags were placed on the Campus Green to remember those lost twenty years ago on 9/11.

Summer Dining & Gift Guide

Too Busy to Cook?

Eat-In or Take Out

Visit these fine establishments for great gifts, food and beverages, and some entertainment too!

Call June at 508.909.4062 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news to advertise on this page.

Function Rooms Available for Any Size Party 10-250 Guests

Spencer Country Inn

Buy Entree Get 1 1/2 price
(dine-in only) *Cannot be used on holidays or private parties*
With this ad. Exp 10/31/21

Reservations accepted. Nightly dinner specials.
All Lunch & Dinner Entrees are available to dine-in or take-out!

Fish N' Chips To-Go ~ Fridays Only \$12.95

SUNDAY BRUNCH 10am-1pm
All You Can Eat \$15.95 (plus tax & gratuity)

500 Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-9036
www.spencercountryinn.com
Lunch: Fri & Sat 11:30-2:00
Dinner: Fri & Sat 5:00-Close
Sun. Brunch: 10am-1pm

GIFT CERTIFICATES

CHARLIE'S

Diner • Bar • Grill • Functions

WE ARE OPEN FOR INDOOR DINING!

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

Fri, 9/17 & Sat, 9/18 (after 5pm)

LAMB CHOPS

Full Menu - Take out still available

HOURS: Wed- Sun 8-9 • Closed Mon & Tue
5 Meadow Rd., Spencer, MA 01562

Gift Cards 508-885-4033
www.charliesdiner.com

Class of 2025 enrolled at Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College has welcomed the newest members of our herd, the class of 2025.

Dylan Brown of Charlton
Jennifer Jakubowski of Charlton
John Jakubowski of Charlton
Parker Lapan of Charlton
Jack Morvan of Uxbridge
Benjamin Wiersma of Uxbridge
About Nichols College
Nichols College is a college of choice

for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

25,000 Unique Visitors Every Week!

www.stonebridgepress.news

DON'T MISS A THING!

Bring your family's memorial back to its original beauty. Have it cleaned by us professionally.

PEPIN GRANITE INC

MONUMENTS

Specializing In:
Personalized Monuments, Markers, Cemetery Lettering, Cleaning, and Bronze Markers

Call For Appointment
508-892-4193
Family Owned/Operated • Indoor/Outdoor Display
Rt. 9 • 1500 Main St. • Leicester, MA 01524
Leo Pepin Jr. • Chantelle Pepin

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass. & Metrowest hire new Chief Executive Officer

WORCESTER — The Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest is pleased to announce the appointment of Connie Askin as its new CEO, effective Sept. 7.

Connie earned an MBA from Olin Graduate School of Business and spent her undergrad years at Harvard University. She has held senior level positions in both business and non-profit organizations, including City Year and Year Up.

Margaret Sullivan, Chairperson of the Hiring Committee, said “Connie is a mission-driven leader who embraces our goal of “providing children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change lives for the BETTER, FOREVER”.

Connie said “The past year and a half has been so challenging for children and families. As a relentless believer in silver-linings, I am excited to be part of a team that is actively helping alleviate some of that stress by matching caring adults and children in our communities who will benefit from this kind of actionable optimism.”

Jack Hoehlein, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said “everyone who has had the opportunity to meet with Connie has great confidence that Connie’s demeanor and prior business experience including high level positions with nonprofit agencies will serve the staff, Bigs/Littles and all stakeholders very well! In addition, he said “Connie’s extensive fundraising experience will be invaluable to reaching

our goal of reducing or eliminating the wait list for “Bigs” by generating more revenues to increase the number of matches of mentors to mentees from approximately 1,000 to 1,500 over the next two years.”

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest is to create professionally supported mentoring relationships, empowering youth to realize their potential and build brighter futures. Children’s lives are enhanced when they have a mentor in their lives to celebrate their successes. To learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest, please visit www.bbbscm.org.



Connie Askin

Community Connection

Crooked Creek Farm
~ est. 1992 ~
East Brookfield, Massachusetts



**Grass Fed Grass Finished Beef
& Pasture Raised Pork**

ASK US ABOUT OUR FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!

To purchase your meat packages
CALL/TEXT: (774) 200-7308
www.CrookedCreekFarmMA.com
Email: crookedcreekfarmma@gmail.com
Find Us on Social Media  

**The Pumpkins are Coming!
The Pumpkins are Coming!**

Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is the Sturbridge Federated Church in Sturbridge, where the finest pumpkins and gourds will be on sale from September 25th – October 31st.



Proceeds will benefit various local and regional charities as well as the Navajo Indian Reservation.
Covid-19 Restrictions May Apply.



570 MAIN STREET • RT. 20 • FISKDALE, MA
TEL: 508-347-0116 • FAX: 508-347-6985

**VISIT OUR STORE FOR
WEEKLY SPECIALS!**



Charlton Oil
508-248-9797 *Propane*

Don't Pay Too Much for Propane

PROPANE	PRICE PER GAL.	Tanks Filled to 80%
75-150	\$2.35	
150-300	\$1.99	
300-500	\$1.85	Driver Discretion
500 PLUS...	CALL OFFICE	

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR OIL!

Monday price 9/13/21 was **\$2.39** per gallon*
100 gallon minimum


ONLINE ORDERING NOW AVAILABLE AT
www.charltonoil.com

"Call Us First!"
*prices subject to change



**The Pumpkins are Coming!
The Pumpkins are Coming!**

Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is the Sturbridge Federated Church in Sturbridge, where the finest pumpkins and gourds will be on sale from September 25th – October 31st.



Proceeds will benefit various local and regional charities as well as the Navajo Indian Reservation.
Covid-19 Restrictions May Apply.

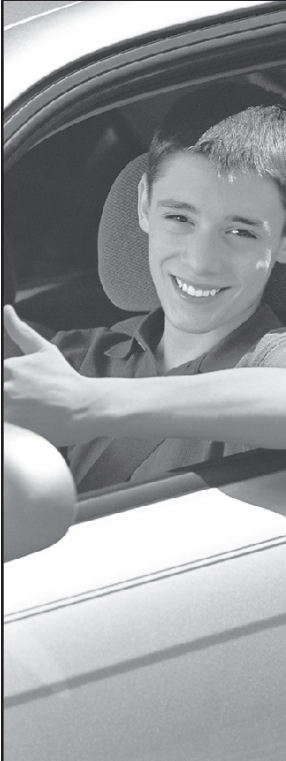
Talbat Custom Embroidery & Heat Transfer
Embroidery Shop



We're here to service all of your screen print and embroidery needs, jobs big and small!

1009 Lebanon Hill Rd., Southbridge
508-764-0555

**FOR ADVERTISING
INFORMATION
CALL 508-764-4325**



Floods. Fires. 16th birthdays. What scares you the most?

Sometimes the littlest things can keep you up at night. But with Bair Insurance at your side, the future isn't so scary. Call 508-248-4204 and let us provide you with a free quote and answer any questions.



BAIR INSURANCE AGENCY
58 AF PUTNAM RD
CHARLTON, MA 01507
Phone: 508.248.4204
Fax: 508.248.1199
Email: cs@bairinsurance.com Web Site: WWW.BAIRINSURANCE.COM

ROOFING

CALL OR TEXT (860) 546-6292

Residential, commercial, flat, metal, & asphalt roofing!

 -Credit cards accepted
-Excellent financing options
-Free estimates
-Hundreds of homes roofed
-Fully licensed & insured in MA, CT, & RI
-Professional roofing company 25+ yrs experience

Google 5.0 ★★★★★ www.guaranteedroofingusa.com

GUARANTEED ROOFING
Because your roof matters!
MA HIC.200626 CSL: CS-115769

Morin JEWELERS
Fine Jewelry & Gifts

The Jewelry store where you buy with confidence

WE BUY GOLD

Specializing in Custom Designs

All types of Jewelry Repairs

MASTER  JEWELERS™
BRILLIANCE YOU DESERVE®

409 Main St. Southbridge, MA
morinjewelers.com • 508-764-7250
Located at CVS Plaza

Grab 'N' Go Home-style Lunch, Dinner, and Tasty Treats

Catering Available!



Rt. 20, 630 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-7077

Open 7 Days a Week • 11am-7pm

hearthstonemarket1@gmail.com • hearthstonemarketandcatering.com

FREE head exam

Worn tip loses its grip

Bent prong won't hold for long

Hurry in today for your **FREE Cleaning & Inspection!** before your diamond is gone.

~We do custom designs!~


\$10.00 OFF with Coupon
on new purchase or repair. Cannot be used on prior purchases or with any other offer. Exp. 9/30/21

Cormier Jewelers & ART GALLERY
A Family Business Since 1949
136 Main Street • Spencer • 508-885-3385 

cormierspencer.com | TUES, WED, FRI 10-5 • THURS 10-6 • SAT 10-3

If you are leaving your employer, do you know your 401(k) options?


At Edward Jones, we can explain options for your 401(k), including leaving the money in your former employer's plan, moving it to your new employer's plan, rolling it over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or cashing out the account subject to tax consequences. **To learn more, call today.**




Jeff Burdick, AAMS®
Financial Advisor
419 Main Street
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-1420
www.edwardjones.com


Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

MKT-5894K-A Member SIPC


CHARLTON OPTICAL




Trust your eyes to the eye professionals who have achieved the **BEST OF CENTRAL MASS AWARD** for the past five years!



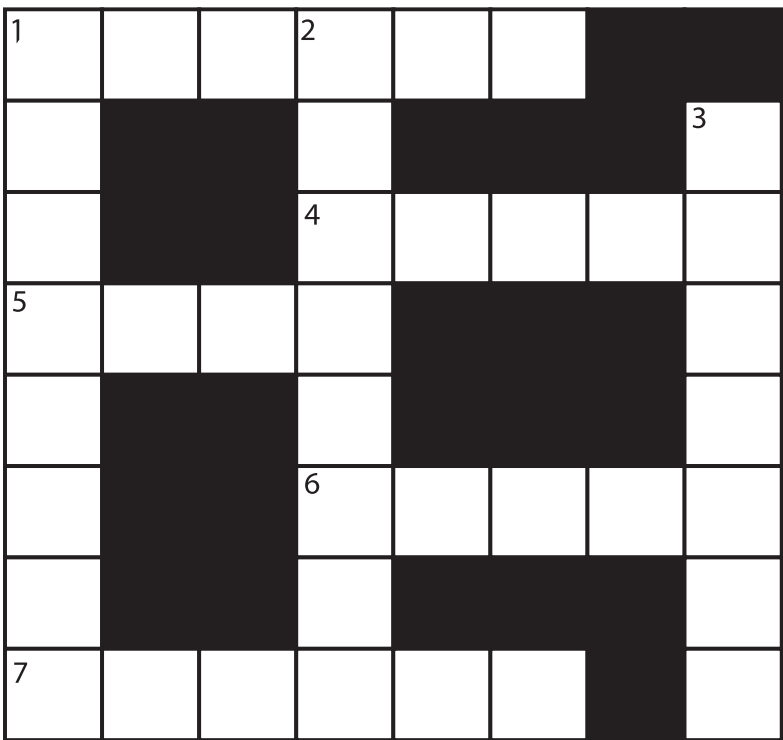
Peter Maly, R.D.O. • Renee Gomez, O.D.
109 Masonic Home Road, Charlton MA 01507
508-248-1188 • Same Day Service
Mon 9-6 | Tues 10-6 | Wed 10-5 | Thurs 10-7 | Fri 10-5 | Sat 9-2

Eyeglasses
Eye Exams • Contacts





Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Passed easily or gently through
- 4. Gradually lessen
- 5. Orderly, tidy
- 6. Former U.S. President
- 7. Weather events

DOWN

- 1. Statements telling of potential problems
- 2. Tattoo artist
- 3. Plan ahead for something

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1787: THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IS SIGNED BY A MAJORITY OF DELEGATES IN PHILADELPHIA.
- 1920: THE AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IS FORMED. IT LATER BECOMES THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE.
- 2011: THE OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT BEGINS IN NEW YORK CITY.



THESE STORMS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY ESPECIALLY STRONG, OFTEN DANGEROUS WINDS.

ANSWER: HURRICANES

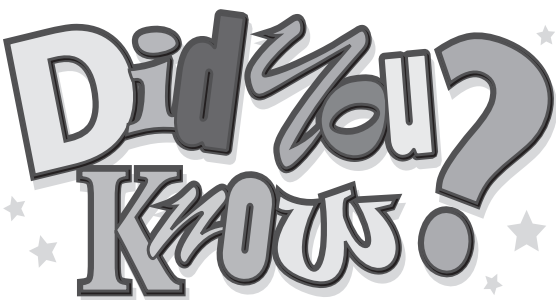


STORM

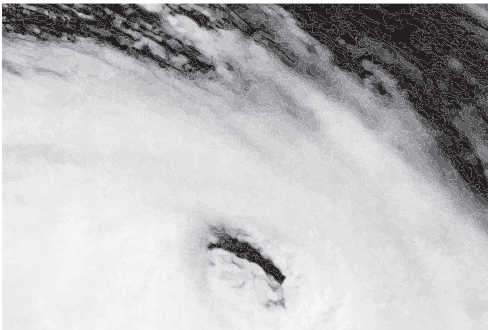
a disturbance of the atmosphere

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Prepare
- SPANISH: Preparar
- ITALIAN: Preparare
- FRENCH: Préparer
- GERMAN: Vorbereiten



PEOPLE SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO STORM WARNINGS AND WATCHES. THEY OFTEN INCLUDE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ONCOMING STORMS.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HURRICANE

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the wilderness. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = E)

A. 5 19 11 25 5 7 15

Clue: Outdoor creatures

B. 8 2 9 14 15 1

Clue: Woods

C. 19 5 1 23 9 14

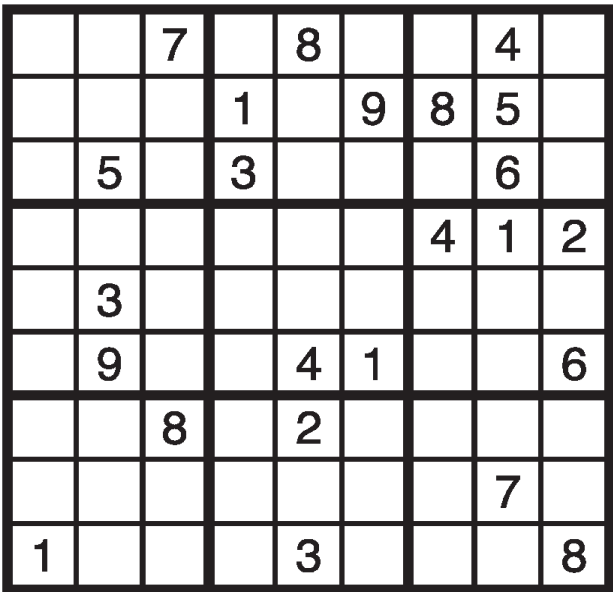
Clue: Plants, animals and landscape

D. 14 24 20 7 2 9 14

Clue: Look around

Answers: A. animals B. forest C. nature D. explore

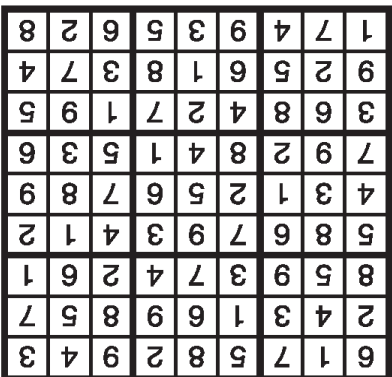
SUDOKU



Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

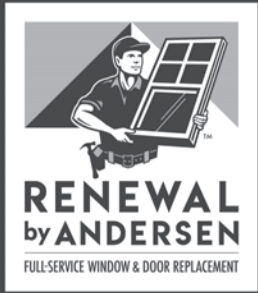
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Tax-Free Sales Event on windows!

★ We're celebrating our Tax-Free Sales Event all month long! ★

Through September 4th only, **save \$330 on every window** and **save \$725 on every patio and entry door**, and **get 6.25% off your entire project** with **\$0 down, 0 monthly payments and 0% interest for one year!**¹

- From last year we know that these appointments fill up quickly, so call today
- You must call by September 4th



Save on every window!



Save on every door!



Must call by September 4th, 2021

1

SAVE \$330
on every window¹

SAVE \$725
on every patio and entry door¹

Minimum purchase of four.

AND

2

6.25% OFF
your entire project¹

Minimum purchase of four.

WITH

3

\$0 0 0%
Down Monthly Interest
Payments

FOR 1 YEAR¹

Minimum purchase of four. Interest accrues from the purchase date but is waived if paid in full within 12 months.

Don't settle for poor-quality vinyl windows.

Not only can they look shiny and low-end, some poor-quality vinyl windows can warp, leak and become drafty after just a few years. Our windows are made of our exclusive Fibrex[®] material, which is twice as strong as vinyl.

Unlike some other companies, we warrant our windows and installation.²

Renewal by Andersen is the full-service replacement window division of Andersen Corporation, and because they've been around for 118 years, you know we'll be around to stand behind our window, our service and our installation.²



RENEWAL
by ANDERSEN
FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT



FREE Appointment — Call Today!
1-800-209-2746

¹DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 9/18/2021. You must set your appointment by 9/4/2021 and purchase by 9/18/2021. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Get \$330 off each window and \$725 off each entry/patio door and 12 months \$0 down, 0 monthly payments, 0% interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 8/1/2021 and 9/18/2021. Get 6.25% off your entire purchase, taken after initial discount(s), when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 8/1/2021 and 9/18/2021. Military discount applies to all active duty, veterans and retired military personnel. Military discount equals \$300 off your entire purchase and applies after all other discounts, no minimum purchase required. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky[®] consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "ENERGY STAR" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2021 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2021 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved. *See limited warranty for details.

REAL ESTATE



Jules Lusignan



T.A. King



Maureen Cimoch



Ellen Therrien



John Kokocinski



Adrienne James



SMART MLS

www.LakeRealty.net • www.WebsterLake.net

111 East Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 508-943-9306 508-987-0767 1-800-552-7444
Licensed in MA & CT

Listings Always Needed – We're Always Busy Selling!



WEBSTER LAKE – 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Real Nice Set on .68 Acres of Park Like Grounds with 297' Waterfront! Over \$4 Million Spent! Nothing was Spared! 18 Spacious Rooms! 5 Water View Bedrooms, 4 with their Own Bathrooms! 5.5 Bathrooms Total! Brazilian Cherry Hardwood Floors, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator from the Ground Floor up 3 to the Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bathroom with Steam Shower just off the Mirrored Exercise Room! Billiard Room! Media Room with Custom Cabinetry & Wet Bar! Fantastic Center Island Granite Kitchen with Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Refrigerator, 16' Butler's Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Floor Plan! Dining Area, Family Room with Cherry Entertainment Center & Wet Bar! Open Formal Dining Room, Fireplace Living Room & Atrium! Library with Private Deck! Waterfront Master Suite with Private Office, Bedroom with Triple Glass Door to its Private Deck with Panoramic Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Lake View Bathroom with Huge Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool Tub, Double Vanity Sinks & Separate Commode/Bidet! Pedestal Sink Area! 16 Zones of Updated Geothermal Heat & Air Conditioning - 30 Tons! Recessed Lighting & Sprinkler System Through Out! 3 Car Heated Garage! Full House Generator! Slate Roof! All Decks & Railings Brazilian Ipe Hardwood! Copper Gutters & Downspouts! It's Time to Reward Yourself! **\$1,749,900.00**

STURBRIDGE! Big Alum Lake! 243 Big Alum Rd! 6.58 Acres of Privacy! Sub-Dividable! West Expo – Beautiful Sunsets! 3,313' 10+ Rm Cape w/3 - 4 Bdrms & 4 Baths! Features Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! Frplcd Din Area! Din Rm w/3 Walls of Glass & French Dr to the Deck! Cathedral Ceiling Fam Rm w/Hearth & Wood Stove & Wall of Picture Windows! Spacious Liv Rm w/Pine Flr! Office! Full Bath w/Laundry Closet! 1st Flr Master w/Slider to the Inground Pool, Walk-in Closet, Marble Bathrm w/Separate Tub & Shower & Dble Vanities! 2nd Flr w/2 Spacious Bdrms, Lots of Closet Space & Pine Flrs! Full Bath! Lower Level w/Game Rm, Wine/Root Cellars! Utility & Storage! 2 Car Attached Garage w/Office/In-Law Suite Above! New Driveway Access needs to be Installed! Cosmetic Repairs Needed! **\$679,900.00**

SUTTON – 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 24' Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$549,900.00**



DUDLEY – 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! Tile Entry Foyer w/Guest Closet! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6x27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner – Pride of Ownership! **\$570,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 62 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 51' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 11 Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms, 3,269' A/C'd Colonial! Custom SS Appliance Granite Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Cherry Hardwoods! Lake Facing Living Rm w/Cathedrals, Cherry Hardwoods! Slider to Waterfront Deck! Spacious 1st Flr Master Bedroom w/Full Bath, Cherry Hardwoods & Walk-in Closet! Fireplaced Lower Level Family Rm! 1st & 2nd Floor Laundries! 2 Car Garage! **\$979,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 305 Beacon Park! Lake View 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse - 10 Acres Park Like Grounds w/Panoramic Lake Views! Yr Round Living or as 2nd Home - Summers on the Lake - Winters in Florida! Move-in Condition! Appliance Kit! Din Rm w/Slider to the Composite Deck! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & French Dr to the Deck! Updated Half Bath! Spacious Master w/Wall of Closets & Full Bath w/Recent Sky Light! 2nd Bedroom w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & Full Bath just outside its Door! 2 Bdrms & 2.5 Updated Baths! Garage w/Opener! Lakeside Heated Pool & One of the Best Sandy Beaches on the Lake! Canoe Rack! Rented Boat Dock through 2022, Longer Possible! Great Fireworks Viewing! **\$335,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 504 Treasure Island! 6 Room Townhouse Overlooking the Pool! 1,874 Sq Ft! Stainless Steel Appliance Granite Kitchen! Open Floor Plan! Dining Room - Full Mirrored Wall - Sliders to the Trex Deck! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Fireplaced Family Room! Garage! Central Air! Gas Heat! CVac! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Sandy Beach! Complex Recent Siding & Roof! **\$400,000.00**



hope2own.com

508.943.4333

Sharon Pelletier - Owner Broker
Licensed in MA, CT & RIWe Want
Your Listings!

June Cazeault * Laurie Sullivan * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chausse * William Gilmore II * Brian Bohenko

WATERFRONT THOMPSON - BECOLA RD



SORRY, SOLD!

5+ Acre Waterfront Land On "Little Pond"/
Schoolhouse Pond. Private Setting. Open
Field. 250+ feet Waterfrontage. Dead end road!

\$179,900

WEBSTER - 23 EMERALD AVE.



ON DEPOSIT

Extraordinary Find! Beautiful 2 Family! Owner occupied
with pride and it shows. Grand Front Entry! 3,012 SF +/- living
area. 12 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 updated Baths. 2nd Flr
- Granite Countertops! High ceilings & Hardwood Floors,
Modern Kitchens. Manicured 13,525 SF Lot with a Hip roof
3 car garage!

\$439,900

WEBSTER - 135 LAKE STREET



SORRY SOLD!

A RARE FIND! A TRULY ABOVE AVERAGE-TOP
NOTCH-HIGH QUALITY-TWO FAMILY! SPACIOUS,
CLEAN, UPDATED! Apt# 2 - 1,536 SF+ - 3 BRs, 2nd Flr.
Apt# 1 - 1,290 SF+ - 2 BRs - 1st floor. Oil & Natural Gas
Heat. Hardwood flrs! granite tops. Enjoy the L-Shaped Covered
Farmers Porch! Level Lot!

\$399,900

PUTNAM CT - 89 PERRY ST UNIT# 250



SORRY, SOLD!

Heritage Pines Condo Town House - Everything one
would expect and then more! 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths,
all Hardwood floors, granite, stainless steel appliances,
central air, 2 decks, 2800 sq ft +/- of finished living
area., and so much more!

\$319,900.

WOODSTOCK CT - 110 JOY RD



ON DEPOSIT

WELCOME TO MIDNIGHT FARM! 1876 Antique Colonial.
Included separate Building - Studio/Store both situated on 2.5
Acres Professionally Landscaped! 5 Bedroom, Lg Living room,
Fireplaced Dining room, Library, Master Bdrm, Renovated
Kitchen! 3 Stall Garage! Picturesque Location!

\$455,000.

Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island



ON DEPOSIT

Once in a lifetime opportunity to own a Webster Lake
Waterfront Cottage on Long Island! Properly named the
"Grand View". Sandy beach, boat house! Antique Cot-
tage w/5 Rms, 3 BRs, a stone fireplaced w/pellet stove,
eat-in kitchen w/modern appliances, full bath! washer/
dryer. Screened porches. Included, 25% ownership
share in a main land waterfront lot at 38 Point Pleasant
Rd, in sheltered Mumford Cove! land provides boat
slip & winter storage. A FAR AWAY PLACE NEAR BY!

\$389,900.

WEBSTER • 22 EASTERN AVE



ON DEPOSIT

LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE, HUMBLE ABODE THAT WON'T
BREAK THE BANK? Convenient Location, come tell 1288 SF+ - 4 BRs
w/1st Flr Mstr BR, Half Bath! Eat-In Kitchen, Dining/Living Room Combination
3-Season Porch, 2nd Flr - 3 BRs, Reshingled Roof, Replacement
Windows, Updated Electric, Budorus Boiler. Part finished walk-out bsmt!
Garage!

\$215,000

LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Webster - Douglas Rd (Rte. 16) 26 ACRES on Sugar-
loaf Hill. 1000+/- ft of road frontage

SORRY SOLD! \$200,000

Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Front-
age Possible to be Subdivided!

\$89,900

Webster - Upper Gore w/View of the Lake! 1+ Acre!
Artesian Well, Septic Design & Conservation - DONE.

\$115,000.

Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer
Access. Zoned Lake Res! ON DEPOSIT! Each \$24,500.

WEBSTER • 233 - 235 NORTH MAIN STREET



SORRY, SOLD!

large 3 Family- a rare find! 1st Floor spacious
2 bedroom apartment, 2 - 2nd floor, 3 bedroom
apartments Walkout basement to off street
parking.

\$289,900.

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



ON DEPOSIT



Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! A WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property
on Killdeer Circle, you won't want to miss! Offers a prime
waterfront location! 64' of water frontage and a gently sloping
landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shore-
line. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! Nicely arranged floor
plan. 5 rooms 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lowerlevel to
nice size patio! Garage.

\$650,000.

WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



SORRY, SOLD!

Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool!
Natural Sandy Beach!

\$439,000.



Whatever Your Style, Find it in the Real Estate Section

PUT YOUR TRUST IN US
TEAMWORK AND EXPERIENCE

Jo-Ann Szymczak 774-230-5044

Diane Luong 774-239-2937

Maria Reed 508-873-9254

ReMax Advantage 1
25 Union St., Worcester MA 01604

CALL FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS

Licensed in MA & CT

SOUTHBRIDGE: Great Location!
2 Full baths, 2 Rooms, 3 Bedrooms,
Formal Dining, Cul-de-sac
22 Hill Top Dr ~ \$339,900ATHOL: Waterfront own your own Island! Es-
cape to your own New England Paradise Island,
2.6 Acres, 1.5 baths, 2 bedrooms
54 Island \$2 Lake Ellis ~ \$424,900PAXTON: Privacy,
3 Bedroom, 1.5 Baths,
2 Fireplaces, 3 Car Garage
4 Boynton Pkwy ~ \$449,000DUDLEY: Foundation ready
to build your own Ranch,
Town services available
44 Alton Dr ~ \$139,900WEBSTER: Condo, 2
Bedroom, 1194 sq.ft., Corner
unit, Maple Cabinet Kitch w/
granite counters
160 Freemont St ~ \$249,900

How to clean and sanitize a backpack

Backpacks are useful tools for students and adults alike. From hiking supplies to school books to sports equipment, backpacks can store just about anything. As veritable workhorses, they're bound to get dirty and can benefit from periodic cleaning.

While it may be tempting to simply throw a backpack into the washing machine, it is important to check the care instructions first. Some canvas, nylon and fabric backpacks can go in the wash, but those made of leather or those with intricate details should not. Backpack manufacturers also advise against putting backpacks in a dryer.

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

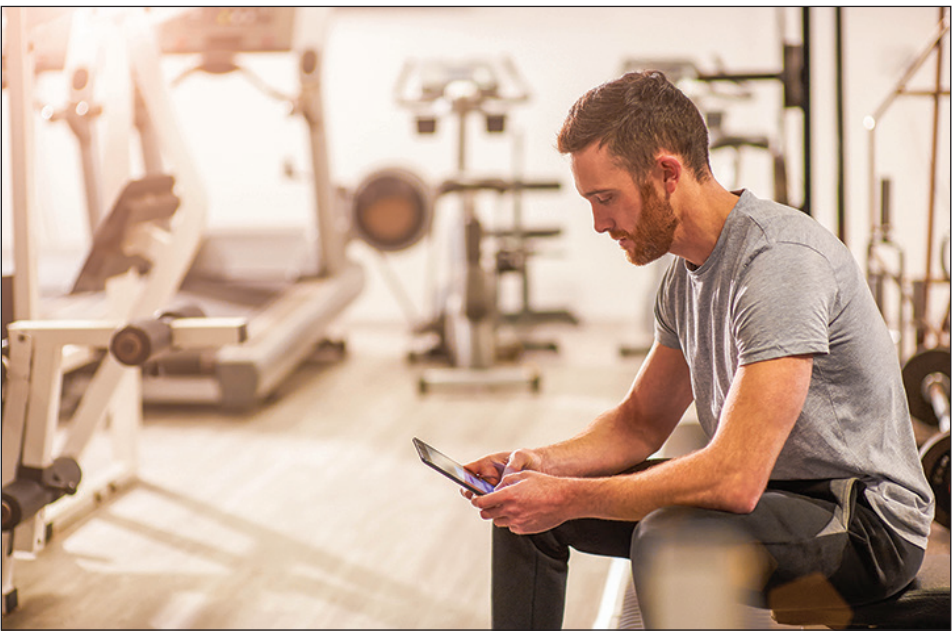
1. To get started, begin by removing any items from the backpack, including all of the pockets. If necessary, use a vacuum to get crumbs out of the backpack.
2. Check the care label to see if there are washing instructions. This will determine if you should wash it by hand or if it can be put in the machine.
3. If the bag can be machine-washed, turn it inside out first or place it in a pillowcase so that the straps and zippers will not be caught. Then wash it on a gentle setting with a mild detergent and lukewarm water. If the bag should be hand-washed, use lukewarm water and a soft sponge or a gentle bristle brush. The outdoor retailer REI says you do not want to harm any protective coatings on the pack.
4. Zippers need occasional cleaning to remove dirt, sand or crumbs. Many zippers have water-resistant coatings so do not scrub them. Use a lubricant made for zippers to help them slide smoothly.
5. Hang the bag to air dry upside down. It likely will dry more quickly outdoors, but avoid direct sunlight, which can compromise the integrity of the fabric or discolor the backpack.
6. Do not store or use the backpack until it is completely dry.
7. Sometimes a backpack may need to be disinfected to prevent the growth of fungus or bacteria. Athlete's foot fungus can easily transfer from socks and shoes to the backpack if gym clothes are left in the bag. The Spruce says to skip chlorine bleach and use a pine oil or phenolic disinfectant or a disinfectant wipe, such as Pine Sol or Spic-n-Span. Lysol brand disinfectant also can be used and is available in liquid formula or spray.

If a backpack is waterproof, only wash it once or twice per year; otherwise, you may reduce the pack's ability to repel water. Use cleansing wipes to spot clean when necessary.

Backpacks can get grimy quickly. Routine washing can freshen them right up.



Strategies to spend less time on your smartphone



Smartphones are a significant part of life in the 21st century. According to the technology, data and analytics experts at Zenith, in 2019 the average American adult spent three hours and 30 minutes using mobile internet every day, with estimates suggesting that number could increase to more than four hours per day by 2021.

It's no secret that many people struggle when it comes to putting down their smartphones. The secret lies in learning how to unplug from smartphones, especially for the millions of people

who are spending untold hours on such devices every day. A strong will to put smartphones down can help people do just that, and some additional strategies might make it easier to unplug as well.

- Keep your phone in another room. Many people are drawn to their smartphones by a seemingly endless stream of notifications. The addictive nature of notifications is debatable, but blaming notifications and merely turning them off may not be as effective a means to reducing smartphone reliance as you think. A 2020 study by researchers at the London School of Economics and Political Science found that 89 percent of interactions with phones were unprompted. That suggests people are simply picking up their phones even when notifications or incoming calls aren't making them do so. Keeping a phone in another room when dining, reading a book, engaging with family members, or participating in other activities can help people avoid that familiar urge to pick up their phone.
- Utilize apps to curtail your usage. Various apps allow users to block their own access to other apps and websites. These apps, which include Flipd and Freedom, are designed to help smartphone users regain productivity they might have lost due to their smartphone usage. The apps can be utilized in various ways, and one such way is to restrict access to games and websites during the workday. They also can be used to restrict access during family time or other hours of the day when people don't want to be distracted by the internet.
- Set up auto reply. Many professionals set up out-of-office messages to notify colleagues and clients when they're on vacation or engaging in projects that will prevent them from answering emails. The same principle can be applied to text messages. According to a 2019 survey from CTIA, which has tracked the evolution of the United States wireless industry since 1985, two trillion text messages were exchanged in 2019. That's a lot of messages, and texting is a significant reason why so many people have problems putting down their phones. An automatic response informing friends, family and colleagues that you're away from your phone can be a great way to spend less time texting.

Smartphone usage is on the rise, even among people who want to put their phones down more often. Such users can try various approaches to spend less time on their phones.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Monday, September 20, 2021

2:00 PM-SOUTHBRIDGE
55 Durfee Street
sgl fam, 1,244 sf liv area, 0.203 ac lot,
6 rm, 2 bdrm, 1 bth,
Worcester(Worc): Bk 60788, Pg 161

TERMS: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder. No CASH. No personal checks will be accepted. Cashier/certified checks should be made out to whomever is going to bid at the auction. The balance to be paid within thirty (30) days at the law offices of Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851, Attorney for the Mortgagee.

Auctioneer makes no representation as to the accuracy of the information contained herein.

BAY STATE AUCTION CO., INC.
NORTH CHELMSFORD (978) 251-1150 www.baystateauction.com
MAA#: 2624, 2959, 3039, 2573, 116, 2484, 3246, 2919, 3092, 3107

MEET YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

Perfect for Realtors, Mortgage Companies, Banks, Real Estate Attorneys, Home Inspectors, Chimney Inspectors, Lead Removal businesses, Insurance Companies, etc... any business involved in the buying or selling of real estate.

To join this section, please contact your local sales rep, 1-800-367-9898 or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news

ERA Key Realty Services

"Put 36 years of combined real estate experience to work for you!"

Donna Flannery
508-885-6665
donnaflannery.com
donnaflann@aol.com

Kayleen Flannery-Sauvageau
508-612-9843
Kayleen00@aol.com

415B Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562

Jules Lusignan
#1 in Sales 2006-2021
South Worcester County
\$163,361,680.00 SOLD

A 42 Year Company!

111 East Main St., Webster, MA
Thinking of selling? Call 1-800-552-7444
www.LakeRealty.net
www.WebsterLake.net

Sandi Grzyb
Exit Beacon Pointe Realty!

I look forward to serving you in all of your real estate ventures!

- Buying
- Selling
- Investing

Contact Info:
774.230.3500 | 508.943.6960
sandigrzyb@aol.com

Exit Beacon Pointe Realty
435 Shrewsbury St. Worcester, MA 01604

REAL ESTATE REDEFINED

RE/MAX PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES
49 MAIN STREET, STURBRIDGE, MA

Patrick Sweeney
Realtor
License #9529769
(774) 452-3578

Carrie Abysallh
Realtor
License #904677
(508) 641-0150

Licensed in MA and CT

SELLERS / BUYERS COFFEE HOUR

Is the Market Changing?
Join me for a coffee hour and discuss –
Is it still a good time to sell?
Is it a good time to buy?
October 3, 2021
Limited Seating, Reservation Suggested

ReMax Advantage 1
25 Union St., Worcester MA 01604

CALL FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS

Licensed in MA & CT

EXIT Real Estate Executives

Why call the Michelle Terry Team to sell your home?

We have a great marketing plan that includes:

- Home staging services
- Home warranties
- 3D videos
- Professional photography
- Ramped up open houses!
- And so much more...

YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

130 W. Main Street
Spencer, MA 01562
Michelle Terry • Broker /Owner
michelleterryteam.com

Give us a call today! 508-202-0008

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION

CALL 508-764-4325

OLD HOME DAYS

continued from page 2



An Old Home Day tradition, this train took riders around the center of Charlton throughout the afternoon.



Cliff's Cactus provided a unique selection of the famed desert plant for purchase.



Annie's Mike's Honey was one of several venders that set up shop on the town common.



A dancer from Lee Irish Dance in Charlton shows off her skills.

Town-to-Town

CLASSIFIEDS

1-800-536-5836

Home Town Service,
BIG TIME RESULTS

Place your ad today!

FIREWOOD

3/4 Seasoned/standing dead hardwood custom cut to your specs. Delivered to your home.

12"-14" \$300 per cord.

16-18" \$260 per cord.

Call: 508-282-0232

FIREWOOD

Cut, Split & Delivered Green or Seasoned

Call Paul 508-769-2351

ROOM FOR RENT LEICESTER

Near Center of Town

Call Paul 508-769-2351

Salem Cross INN
RESTAURANT & TAVERN
260 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

NOW HIRING
SERVERS, BARTENDERS, & DISHWASHERS
Applications available at salemcrossinn.com, or send resume to info@salemcrossinn.com

APARTMENT FOR RENT LEICESTER

1 bedroom with 2nd floor loft bedroom
Large deck, appliances including stacked W/D.
Off street parking
Dumpster, maintained
Quiet area, close to Mass Pike, 290, Rt 9, and on bus line

\$1295 + utilities
call 508-868-5766

I AM LOOKING FOR A FORD ECONOLINE 100

8' BODY, 6 cyl motor with 3 speed on the wheel that is reasonably priced.

508-826-3312

ESTATE SALE

18 Main St, Brookfield, MA
Sat, Sept. 18 - 9am-3pm
Sun, Sept. 19 - 9am-2pm
Rain dates Sept 25 & Sept 26
• No earlybirds •
Fabrics, dishware, collectibles, books, records, furniture, dustables, and more... even some treasures for you to find
See you there!

FOSTER PARENTS WANTED:

Seeking Quality Homes Throughout Central MA To Provide Foster Care To Children In Need.
24/7 Support
Generous Reimbursement, \$1000 Sign-On Bonus. Call For Details.

Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care.
(508)829-6769

Thank You St. Jude for Answered Prayers.
R.C.

LEE'S COINS & JEWELRY

\$ BUY & SELL \$ ALL GOLD & SILVER ITEMS Specializing in NUMISMATIC COINS, Bullion Items, gold & silver of any form!
Qualified with over 30 years experience & a following of many satisfied customers. We also sell a nice selection of fine jewelry, antiques & collectibles. Bring in your items & see what they are worth. You won't leave disappointed. Honesty and fairness are our best policies! Lee's Coin & Jewelry, 239 West Main Street, East Brookfield (Route 9-Panda Garden Plaza) 508-637-1236 or cell: 508-341-6355

Advertise Here

Salem Cross INN
RESTAURANT & TAVERN
260 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

NOW HIRING
SERVERS, BARTENDERS, & DISHWASHERS
Applications available at salemcrossinn.com, or send resume to info@salemcrossinn.com

APARTMENT FOR RENT LEICESTER

1 bedroom with 2nd floor loft bedroom
Large deck, appliances including stacked W/D.
Off street parking
Dumpster, maintained
Quiet area, close to Mass Pike, 290, Rt 9, and on bus line

\$1295 + utilities
call 508-868-5766

I AM LOOKING FOR A FORD ECONOLINE 100

8' BODY, 6 cyl motor with 3 speed on the wheel that is reasonably priced.

508-826-3312

ESTATE SALE

18 Main St, Brookfield, MA
Sat, Sept. 18 - 9am-3pm
Sun, Sept. 19 - 9am-2pm
Rain dates Sept 25 & Sept 26
• No earlybirds •
Fabrics, dishware, collectibles, books, records, furniture, dustables, and more... even some treasures for you to find
See you there!

FOSTER PARENTS WANTED:

Seeking Quality Homes Throughout Central MA To Provide Foster Care To Children In Need.
24/7 Support
Generous Reimbursement, \$1000 Sign-On Bonus. Call For Details.

Devereux Therapeutic Foster Care.
(508)829-6769

Thank You St. Jude for Answered Prayers.
R.C.

LEE'S COINS & JEWELRY

\$ BUY & SELL \$ ALL GOLD & SILVER ITEMS Specializing in NUMISMATIC COINS, Bullion Items, gold & silver of any form!
Qualified with over 30 years experience & a following of many satisfied customers. We also sell a nice selection of fine jewelry, antiques & collectibles. Bring in your items & see what they are worth. You won't leave disappointed. Honesty and fairness are our best policies! Lee's Coin & Jewelry, 239 West Main Street, East Brookfield (Route 9-Panda Garden Plaza) 508-637-1236 or cell: 508-341-6355

FOSTER'S 13th ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, September 18 • 8am - 1pm (Town Fairgrounds)

Traditional & Unique Items
Antiques • Tack • Baked Goods
Furniture

45+ Households!! Rain Date: Sept. 19th

LEE'S COINS & JEWELRY

\$ BUY & SELL \$ ALL GOLD & SILVER ITEMS Specializing in NUMISMATIC COINS, Bullion Items, gold & silver of any form!
Qualified with over 30 years experience & a following of many satisfied customers. We also sell a nice selection of fine jewelry, antiques & collectibles. Bring in your items & see what they are worth. You won't leave disappointed. Honesty and fairness are our best policies! Lee's Coin & Jewelry, 239 West Main Street, East Brookfield (Route 9-Panda Garden Plaza) 508-637-1236 or cell: 508-341-6355

Hiring Reach More Local Applicants

Email: ads@stonebridgepress.news
Phone: (508) 909-4105

Help Wanted

Social Perspectives 4 Everyone

NOW HIRING

We are taking applications for clients and new hires.
Pay starts at \$18 and goes to \$25 to start.
Paid training and Mileage
There is a signing bonus after 6 months.
774-280-4799 www.sp4e.net

A closer look at the autumnal equinox


Each September, the Northern Hemisphere experiences the autumnal equinox, which marks the official beginning of fall. In the Southern Hemisphere, spring is arriving at this time.

Each year there are two equinoxes, the vernal and the autumnal (March and September, respectively). Shortly after the autumnal equinox, days begin getting shorter and the nights get longer. The autumnal equinox always occurs between September 21 and September 24. In 2021, the autumnal equinox takes place on September 22.

The word equinox is from the Latin “aequi,” meaning “equal,” and “nox” or “night.” That means that during each equinox the hours of day and night are nearly equal in length across the planet. During the equinox, the part of the Earth that is closest to the sun is the equator, explains History.com. That helps make night and day equal in length.

According to the Farmer’s Almanac, the Autumnal Equinox on September 22, 2021, arrives at 3:21 p.m. EDT, 2:21 p.m. CDT, 1:21 p.m. MDT, and 12:21 p.m. PDT. TF219295





To Heal, To Respect, To Console

Now Hiring for Registered Nurses for the following Departments:

(Some departments include working 72 hours and getting paid for 80 hours)

Medical/Surgical

Emergency Room

Pediatric Acute

Operating Room/Surgery

Intensive Care

Labor & Delivery

We are looking for strong, driven, compassionate Nurse Leaders, come join us.

Sign on Bonus

Subsidized Housing options


Loan Repayments options available

Excellent Benefits Package

Very Competitive rates

www.tchealth.org • 928-283-2432
TCRHCCHR@tchealth.org

**1 hour from Grand Canyon, Monument Valley,
Lake Powell and Flagstaff.**





VIBRAM IS HIRING!

Vibram is a family-run company that rewards teamwork, passion and drive. We make quality rubber soles for shoes seen on mountain tops, construction sites, marathons, military bases and more.

Right now, our North Brookfield manufacturing plant is hiring for ALL SHIFTS. Positions include **great pay, sign-on bonus and paid holidays.**

Whether you are STARTING or SWITCHING CAREERS, Vibram is growing fast and looking for our next generation of leaders.

Are you are ready to step up?

Visit our website www.vibram.com, and click “Join Our Team”

You have a real question about your health plan. Someone real answers it.

ADVANTAGE YOU.



MASS ADVANTAGE

Plan to love your plan.

Access to the health care providers you trust at



UMass Memorial Health



massadvantage.com/learnmore

Other providers and physicians are available in our network. H7670_UM006_C

www.StonebridgePress.com

Ninth annual Shawna Shea Film Festival does a COVID merge of 2020 and 2021

STURBRIDGE — The 2021 Shawna Shea Film Festival (SSFF) will host indie filmmakers from around the

world Sept. 21-25, Tuesday through Saturday, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, 366 Main St.

SSFF2021 will also host an afternoon of panel discussions relevant to filmmakers and movie lovers alike at the historic Publick House, 277 Main St. in Sturbridge, at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m.

We're excited to present more than 50 locally produced feature length and short films.

For the full schedule, movie programming and tickets, visit www.shawnasheaff.org.

Big news this year: Robin Lane will perform on Friday, Sept. 24, at 8:30 p.m. following the screening of her biopic documentary "When Things Go Wrong: The Robin Lane Story" by Tim Jackson. We are very excited to have Robin, a well known Boston rocker, with us. She is the founder of the non-profit Songbird Sings, working with domestic violence victims using music as a healing tool.

Another very special segment of SSFF2021 is the screening of all past Women in Film Fellowship movies, including our most recent Women in Film Fellowship filmmakers Christine Celozzi, Emma MacKenzie and Molly Lindsey. The Fellowship is a pro-

gram of the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc. which supports first-time women filmmakers with financial and mentor support. The Fellowship film block will screen Saturday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

SSFF2021 will also screen cult Italian movie director Luigi Cozzi's film "The Battle of Rome;" the Ryan Bliss film "Alice Fades Away;" the Charles Vuolo & Andre Phillips film "Lupe;" the Joe Badon film "Sister Tempest;" and "The Ventures: Stars on Guitars, a documentary by Staci Layne Wilson, the daughter of one of the iconic Ventures guitarist Don Wilson.

Our very popular Horror Shorts block is back with a vengeance as well as our favorite, the Experimental film block which includes "Darling Pet Monkey" by filmmaker Jim McDonough.

Even as we follow state guidelines, masks will be mandatory to enter the screening rooms and adjacent lobbies. After each screening and Q&A, we will

be wiping and disinfecting the screening rooms.

About SSFF:

The Shawna Shea Film Festival celebrates independent films and the people who make them. Established in 2012 as a program of the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation Inc., SSFF honors Shawna's unique independent spirit by bringing audiences films that share the same quality. www.shawnasheaff.org. All proceeds benefit the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc.

About the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc.:

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Shawna Foundation supports people, especially women, in filmmaking, performance arts and other artistic and cultural endeavors through financial assistance, collaborative fellowships, mentoring and educational opportunities. Visit www.shawnafoundation.org to learn about all our programs.



APPLES

The Harvest Is In!



Visit The Farm For:

- Just Baked Pies
- Cider Donuts • Cheese

FREE

with this coupon and purchase
Tues.-Thurs. Only

1/2 Dozen Cider Donuts

Southbridge Rd., Warren, MA • 413-436-7122

Open 10am, - 6pm

5 min. from Sturbridge - 148 N. Follow signs



CASUAL WATERFRONT DINING ON LAKE LASHAWAY



Last month to take advantage of our Summer specials!

Friday Acoustics 7-10pm

Open 6 days a week
Tues, Wed, Thurs,
Sun 11-8; Fri & Sat 11-9

Please visit our website or Facebook page for our full menu.

308 MAIN STREET
EAST BROOKFIELD
774-449-8333
308 LAKESIDE.COM

Find us on Facebook

Please call 774-449-8333 for reservations, take-out or reserve online 308lakeside.com





FAMILY SPECIALS!

WEDNESDAYS

Starting At Just

\$28.95

Any family size entree, large garden salad, & garlic knots

Rt. 20, 630 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-7077 • Open 7 Days a Week • 11am-7pm

~ Entrance in back ~

hearthstonemarket1@gmail.com • hearthstonemarketandcatering.com

Race to Lamoureux Ford!

Car Show Awards for "Best in Show" as well as "Owner Award" to be picked by Marc Lamoureux

Come See The **#21 NASCAR** Wood Brothers Racing Show Car!

10:00 AM TO 3:00PM
RAIN OR SHINE!

PLUS Cool Beans Café Food Truck

WE INVITE YOU to Bring Down your Classic Antique or Muscle Car to Show Off!

No car clubs or groups please. Contact Derek Bachand @ 774-757-1264 for further Car Show Details.





Everybody Talks

About Ford and Lamoureux Ford!

Best Vehicle Lineup! Best Sales Experience!

26-Time President's Award Winner!

Treat Yourself, It's Time! We make it Easy!

LAMOUREUX



Visit us on-line at lamoureuxford.com



366 E. Main Street,
Rte. 9 East Brookfield
877-LAM-FORD or 508-885-1000

~ SALES HOURS ~
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-7pm • Fri 8:30am-6pm • Sat 8:30am-4pm
~ SERVICE HOURS ~
Monday - Friday 8am-5pm • Sat 8am-Noon