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Dudley-Charlton district sees smooth first quarter

SCHOOL COMMITTEE URGED TO KEEP BUDGET ON TRACK

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

With the first quarter of the 2019 fiscal year in the books things look to be in check for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District, but school officials are being urged not to rest on their laurels.

During a meeting of the Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee on Oct. 24 Director of Finance and Operation for the district Richard J. Mathieu informed committee

members that while operations are going smoothly throughout the district and the Proposition 2 ½ override approved by taxpayers has helped the committee needs to keep a close eye on expenses especially those funds that needs to be replenished on an annual basis.

"We have added a number of staff and that certainly has stretched our payroll budget to the point where we are using circuit breaker monies to help support that for this year. We also

have some pending special education expenses that are likely to hit our books and become official," Mathieu told the committee. "It's important to remind the School Committee and everyone that our financial model, did not change as part of the override. Even though the override was fantastic and successful, we have to remember that the override was an override of survival. It

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Gus Steeves photo

Jennifer Longsdorf explains how a bat house works to an attendee of her recent talk at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.

'Bat girl' debunks bat myths, urges protection

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE
CORRESPONDENT

People who are occasionally surprised by a bat zipping by at head height in Southbridge Town Hall or anywhere else indoors should take comfort in the fact they might be seeing evidence of evolution in action.

Specifically, the bat is probably either a little or big brown bat, according to MassWildlife's bat program coordinator Jennifer Longsdorf, who describes herself

as "bat girl." If it's a little brown bat – and only a specialist can really tell the difference – it's one of the state's tiny percentage of survivors of white nose syndrome, which has killed off more than 99 percent of the species in Massachusetts since 2009.

The disease is a fungus that "grows in cold, dark environments with really high humidity" – exactly the kinds of caverns the smaller bats hibernate in each winter,

she said. "It causes them to wake up [in mid-winter] and use their precious fat reserves too quickly" by flying around to seek food when there isn't any.

The fact bats mostly have only one pup a year, and they take about six years to mature, means the species has a hard time recovering from such a die-off. But Longsdorf noted scientists have seen some very slow recovery; at one site

Please Read **BAT GIRL**, page **A10**



Jason Bleau photo

Aria of Charlton walks down the Yellow Brick Road during the Trunk or Treat event last week. More photos pages 6 & 7.

Town making progress on Buffumville well project

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – For some time now the town has been exploring the possibility of creating a town public water supply well on property along the Buffumville Lake. During a recent meeting of the Board of Selectmen more light was shed on this project by Water & Sewer Superintendent Peter Boria, who explained the original concept for the well has evolved.

To examine the viability of a town well, two different wells were drilled

on the Buffumville Lake property being considered by the town, but Boria said that only one proved to be viable. They did several pump tests which revealed that the idea of having a single well might not be feasible.

"The results of the second pump test were marginal still. What it told us is that we won't be able to place just one large well to get a decent amount of water from the ground in that area,"

Please Read **WELL PROJECT**, page **A5**

Charlton asked to join rural communities coalition

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Representatives from Rural Commonwealth, an organization seeking to strengthen Massachusetts' 170 rural communities by developing a coalition of sorts and improving commu-

nication, has sought out support from the town for their efforts to change legislative policies as they apply to state-owned land.

The Board of Selectmen read a memo into the minutes during a meeting on Oct. 23 from Beth Bandy, the co-director of Rural

Commonwealth, seeking the town's vote of support to change policies concerning the "meager" payments made to communities for state owned land. According to her memo, 75 municipal leaders and 35 other small

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Reader Share Tips & Tricks

As we batten down the hatches in anticipation of the chilly season, it's time once again to take a peek into the email box and snail-mail bag to find out what strategies and solutions readers are eager to share. From cleaning graffiti to preserving memories, this month's column features an interesting array of tips and tricks to make life a little easier!

This prep tip literally cuts the chore of chopping squash down to size!

I finally have a day off and am getting some items on my list crossed off, and this is one of them:

Here is a hint someone told me regarding squash. I am not a cook so when I received a squash from a friend's garden she told me this tip:

Before cutting the squash, place in microwave for three to five minutes (depending on size). This will soften the squash just enough to cut it without any issues.

MC
Sturbridge

No bones about it, this granny's hint ensures a safe and delicious meal-time for youngsters:

While caring for my grandchildren I worried about all the small bones when making turkey soup. I solved the problem by buying a lingerie wash bag. I then placed the carcass of the turkey in the washed bag and zipped it up. Place it in the pot, cover with water and cook over medium heat for one hour. Always check the water level. After one hour, place vegetables in the pot and cook for the desired time. Lift the bag out of the pot and onto a cookie sheet with sides. Cool and empty contents of bag onto the cookie sheet. Pick out your meat – no bones, no worries. Add spices if wanted. Wash bag and save for another soup.

Barbara Lariviere
Holden

This reader's tip makes preserving



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

memories a snap(shot)!

My husband and I have started to clear out family items that have been stored away for quite some time. Some items go back to our parents and grandparents, etc. Now when we part with something to our family member, we make out a card stating who it belonged to, and any story behind it. The card is put with the item and a picture is taken of it. This way, they can then put the pictures on a disc or on the computer for future reference.

Over time, some information has unfortunately been lost or forgotten. If you inherit something or value something you have, my suggestion is to do this now, so the history of the item will not be lost, and future generations will not be left guessing.

Barbara Lifer
Webster

A loyal reader offers two very different repurposing tips:

Vandals had spray-painted and defaced state park trail areas with spray paint last night. I have had good luck with this solution, so if you get graffiti at your home, especially on vinyl siding, try using oven cleaner. Just spray it on as per directions and rinse. Even in remote areas in a park, during a cleanup effort we were able to remove graffiti from rocks (sometimes two treatments) and rinse with jugs of water we carried in.

Next...the ceramic bird bath bowl lost its battle with last year's freezing, so this summer I glued an old hand painted enamel soup pot that I just couldn't part with on the pedestal. I placed some small stones in the bottom and keep it partially-filled so pollinators and others can drink without getting their wings wet which keeps them from flying or even possible death. Pollinators need shallow areas to get water. I love looking out into the garden at that bird and pollinator bath and know that old steel pot will withstand winter's forces.

Viola Bramel

Northbridge

Take the hint – share a hint! That's the premise of this reader's submission (which was sent in last year and recently rediscovered):

A few weeks ago, your column had a lot of hints for a workshop. Since my brother who now resides in Florida, spends countless hours weekly in his workshop, I knew he would enjoy it so I mailed it to him. I was right, he thoroughly enjoyed it and gave me a couple of hints he thought some of your readers might find helpful:

The first is to fasten a yardstick to the front of his workbench to measure things like small screws, nuts, bolts, etc.

The second is to fasten an auto cargo net to the front of his workbench to put things he uses often; they are very visible ad easy to access.

Carol Girardin
Webster

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Carol Girardin of Webster whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the workshop tip above.

****** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great 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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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Make a Winter Emergency Kit

If by some circumstance you get stuck in the snow, we can't stress enough that you have a devoted winter safety kit in your car at all times. We recommend the following if you find yourself in a stressful situation:

- Flashlight
- Blanket, gloves, hat, etc. To keep yourself warm
- Ice scraper, brush, and shovel
- Kitty litter or salt (to melt ice or snow around your car)
- Non-perishable snacks

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Décor` competes between Halloween and Giving Tree



Elaine Dupuis, Jeannette Kowalewski, Shirley Gaulin, Karola Daigle, Pat Trahan and Beverly Legacy prepare decorations for the Casaubon Senior Center's giving tree.

Sarah Champagne photo

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Casaubon Senior center is busy planning for the upcoming holiday season, including a Halloween bash to be held at the Southbridge Community Center and work on the center's first-ever "Festival of Giving Trees" tree, to be submitted to Notre Dame's annual community Christmas event. The theme of the Casaubon Senior Center tree will be Butterflies are Free, a tribute to those who have passed, with silver and gold decora-

tions.

In addition, the senior center's Halloween Harvest Festival will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the community center, 153 Chestnut St. This event is not a luncheon like last year's Octoberfest, but refreshments will be served. Both a DJ and performer Nicole Portwood, of Maggie the Clown fame, will provide entertainment.

Costumes are not required, but they are encouraged. There will be cash prizes for the best costumes with

guest judges awarding \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. The event is sponsored by S.A.L.T. - Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, which is a coalition of law enforcement agencies and senior centers in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton.

The event is free to seniors in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton. Tri-Valley Elder Services will provide free transportation to and from the event. Southbridge seniors should call Tri-Valley to arrange a ride and R.S.V.P to the event by calling the Casaubon Senior Center. Seniors from Sturbridge or Charlton should call their senior centers to R.S.V.P for the

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event and to arrange transportation. Those phone numbers, for the three senior centers and Tri-Valley Elder Services are listed at the end of this article.

A group of senior citizens who are frequent visitors to the Casaubon Senior Center have also been busy preparing the Christmas tree to donate to Notre Dame's Festival of Giving Trees. This annual holiday tradition in Southbridge is in its 21st year. The four-day festival includes entertainment, food, family activities and plenty of raffles.

The main feature of the Festival of Giving Trees is a room full of decorated Christmas trees, donated by various community groups and individuals. The gymnasium on the second floor of La Salle Reception Center is transformed into a festive environment with decorated trees that range from traditional to humorous. The decorated trees are raffled off at the end of the four-day event, which runs from Nov. 29 to Dec. 2. All proceeds benefit three cancer-prevention nonprofits: The Silent Spring Institute, The Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition and The Cancer Center at Harrington Hospital.

To contact your local senior center to reserve a spot at the Haloween Harvest Festival by Oct. 19:

Casaubon Senior Center: (508) 764-1469

Sturbridge Senior Center: (508) 347-7575

Charlton Senior Center: (508) 248-2331

Tri-Valley Elder Services (for transportation in Southbridge): (508) 949-6640

Neal has no opposition

BY JERRY CARTON
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When Charlton voters go to the polls Tuesday, they will find multiple candidates for governor and US Senator but not for the US House of Representatives where incumbent Democrat Richard Neal faces no opposition.

Neal has represented the region since the post-2010 redistricting and will be elected to his fourth term in this district and his11th overall. He was first elected to the House in 1988 after serving as mayor of Springfield from 1983-87 and is the senior member of Massachusetts' congressional delegation.

Voters will choose between incumbent Republican Charlie Baker and

Democrat Jay Gonzalez for governor.

Incumbent Democratic US Senator Elizabeth Warren, like Baker, is seeking a second term against Republican challenger state Sen. Geoff Diehl and independent Shiva Ayyadurai.

There are three ballot questions being decided as well. Q1 has gained the most attention. It would impose a limit on the number of patients hospital nurses would be permitted to have in their care at any given time and various nurse associations have staked out opposing positions on the issue, which has seen over \$16 million worth of advertising at the end of last week. Public polls have indicated a close race.

Q2 asks voters to green light a commission to propose the repeal of the US Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling which loosened the regulations regarding campaign donations.

Q3 advocates the continued guaranteeing of rights for transgenders in the Commonwealth.

POLICE LOGS

Charlton Police Department

Arrests/Summons: Oct. 21-27

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

Heriberto Torres of Southbridge: Warrant

Peter Mwangi of Millbury: Allowing an unregistered motor vehicle on a roadway; Allowing operation of MV with a revoked registration

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Friday's Child

Sacoya
Age: 12

I like soccer and cheerleading!

Sacoya is an outspoken, charismatic teenage girl of African-American descent who is always open to exploring new activities and settings. She likes playing sports, especially soccer and basketball, and also enjoys swimming, gymnastics and dancing. This past year Sacoya was on a local soccer team, as well as a Pop Warner Cheerleading team. She enjoyed these experiences because she liked being a part of a team and was able to meet new friends. Sacoya just started the sixth-grade at a new school and loves it. She is on target academically but receives extra support in the classroom.

Sacoya is legally freed for adoption and is seeking a home with two mothers, a mother and a father or a single mother. She does best with a lot of one-on-one attention from the adults in her life and therefore should be the only or youngest child in the home. Sacoya currently visits with her two biological sisters on a monthly basis and this should continue after she joins her new family.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Rotary Club donates support for diabetes education

The Sturbridge Rotary Club awarded \$5,000 to The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, 30 Ennis Road in North Oxford. The donation was used to support expenses associated with operating their programs including medical expenses, supplies, food, and so much more.

"We are fortunate to be the recipient of Sturbridge Rotary's gift," said Lindsay McCarthy, associate director and director of grants and events. "Rotary understands the impact felt by children with diabetes."

The mission of The Barton Center is to improve the lives of children with insulin-dependent diabetes through education, recreation and support programs which inspire and empower. For over 86 years, The Barton Center has provided a summer-long residential camp program for children with type 1 diabetes at Clara Barton Camp.

The Barton Center significantly expanded its services in 2010 to include a second residential camp, Camp Joslin, in Charlton. The Barton Center also operates an adventure program, family camp, Vermont Overnight Camp, day camps in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, and a wide array of year-round educational programs for children, families, and caregivers. All Barton

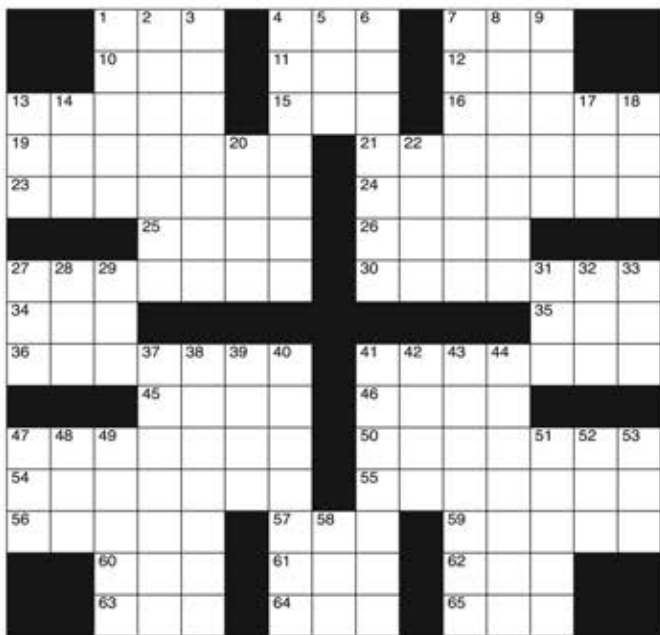
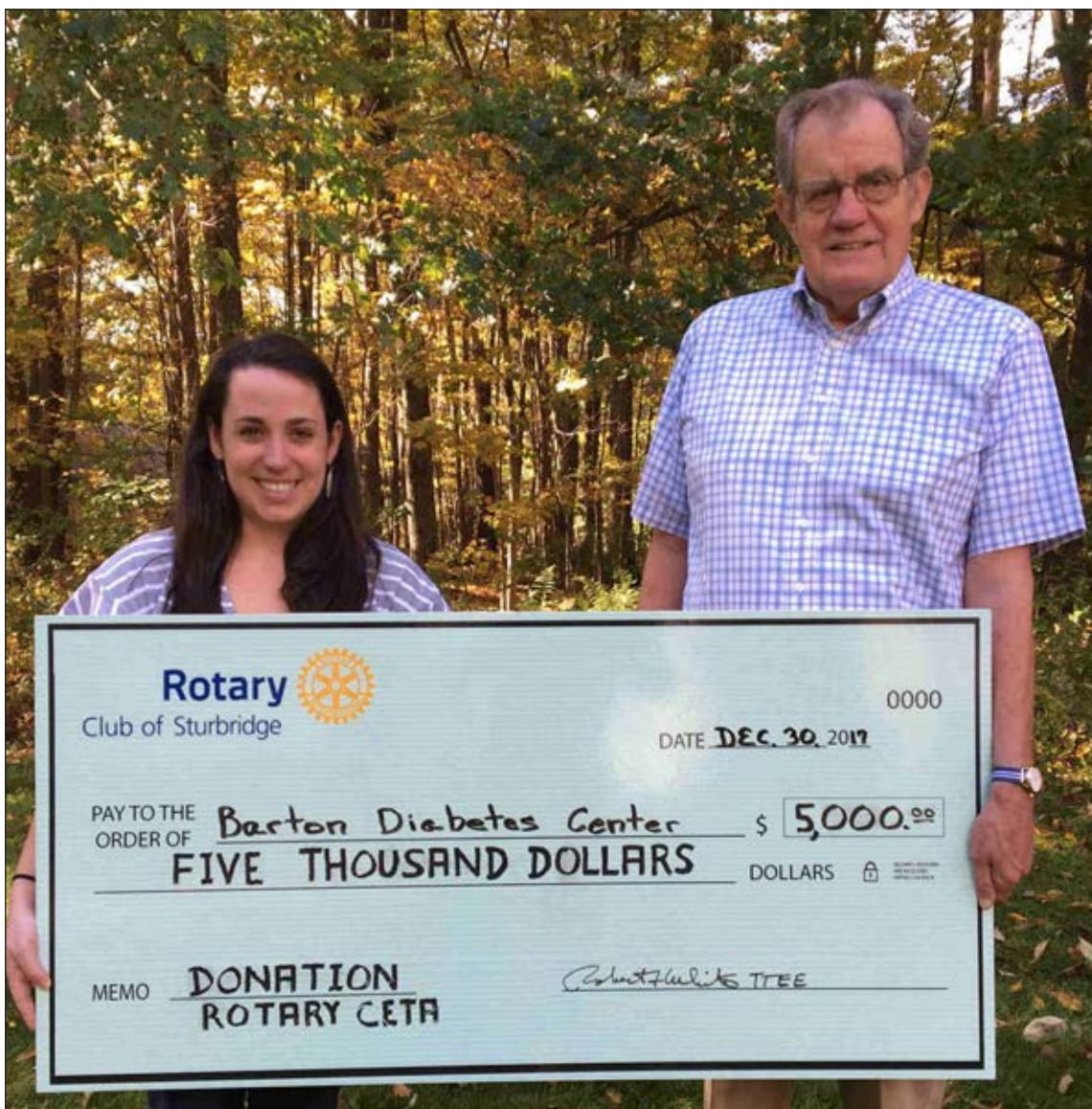
programs promote proper diabetes management and health enhancement strategies in a safe environment.

"We're happy to help support The Barton Center with funds from our Educational Trust account," said Rotary Past-President Bob White. "One of Sturbridge Rotary's areas of focus is youth which also includes support for managing health issues. Barton offers so many programs to help children with diabetes that funding toward their efforts was a perfect fit for us."

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been providing humanitarian service to the local and international community for over 45 years. The Club addresses many of today's most critical issues including hunger, as well as support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students and professionals. For more information on what Sturbridge Rotary does, visit www.sturbridgerotary.org. Also check out the Club's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary.

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Lindsay McCarthy accepting the check from Bob White.'



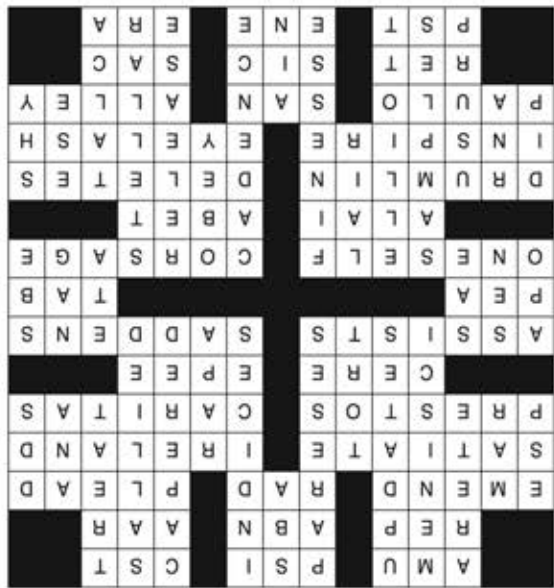
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| 19. Satisfy | 59. Narrow space between two buildings |
| 21. The Emerald Isle | 60. Soak |
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| 25. Fleshy beak covering | 63. Time zone |
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7. Danced about
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28. Member of Congress (abbr.)
29. Car mechanics group
31. When you plan to get there.
32. Bother incessantly
33. One point east of due south
37. Small giveaways
38. "MASH" actor Gould
39. A type of habitat
40. Refined delicacy
41. Inflection of the voice
42. Follow orders
43. Discharge
44. Of the stars
47. Briefly place into
48. Present in all living cells (abbr.)
49. Take illegally by force
51. Genus of moth
52. Midway between east and southeast
53. Bashful
58. French river

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Are there still distressed properties?



REALTOR'S REPORT

JAMES
BLACK

Regardless of how good the market is there will always be distressed properties. It has not been as common the last couple years however our team has been helping sellers in short sale situations the whole time and there are also still plenty of foreclosures as well. Many of them are still left over from the market we were in a few years ago but there are many new ones as well. I wanted to quickly explain the difference between a short sale and a foreclosure. The short sale is when the owner still owns

the house and are attempting to sell it while not having enough funds to release the liens on the property. In this scenario, they would be asking the lienholders to take less than is owed and typically also asking for forgiveness for the difference. The foreclosure is when the lienholder actually takes possession of the property for non-payment of the mortgage.

There are still opportunities in both foreclosures and short sales. One thing to keep in mind is that the bank will intend to sell for what they consider to be market value of the property and will have an Appraiser or Real Estate Agent give their opinion of value and they will typically accept a percentage of that amount. Sometimes I will find they will want more than market value based on a bad Appraisal or Broker Price Opinion. The

new trend I see with foreclosures is that banks are looking to unload the properties at a discount as long as the buyer will purchase with all occupants in place. The challenge with this is that as a buyer you need to pay a much lower amount assuming the worst possible scenario with the condition of the home as well as the difficulty in evicting the tenants. The other challenge is that you will not be able to get an appraisal done as you won't have access to the interior of the property so the sale will most likely need to be cash.

If you are deciding to purchase a short sale or foreclosure, I would suggest interviewing Agents to find one that is well versed in distressed sales since every scenario is different and many times even with the same bank you will have a different experience.

Saint John Paul II Parish

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Sunday, November 4, 2018
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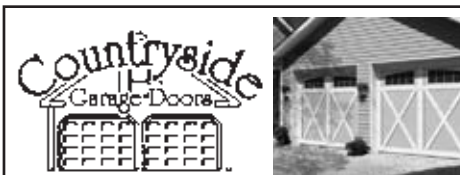
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Sturbridge Historical Society hosts maritime disaster experts



Lester Paquin presents at the Historical Society meeting

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society’s meeting on Thursday, October 25 at the Public House Historic Inn was centered around a presentation by local historians Lester Paquin and Lucy Allen, who told the breathtaking and heartbreaking story of

the demise of the Italian ocean liner SS Andrea Doria, which collided with the Swedish ship MS Stockholm on the foggy night of July 25, 1956 off the coast of Nantucket. The presentation, titled “Desperate Hours: The Loss of the Andrea Doria,” was first launched at the Barre Historical Society and has now

been featured at historical society meetings throughout the state. Over the last year and a half, it has been presented nearly a dozen times and it is still making its way through the state.

“I started studying this topic when I was in high school because I became interested in the story of the Titanic,” said Paquin. “I eventually took interest in all ocean liners, but especially the Andrea Doria, because its sinking happened so close to home and there are still people around who saw it or knew someone who was on it. People who come to this program often ask if we will come and present for their towns.”

Paquin and Allen discussed the significance of the collision of the SS Andrea Doria and the MS Stockholm, which resulted in an initial liner damage and the eventual capsizing and sinking of the SS Andrea Doria on the morning of July 26, 1956. Their presentation included details such as the ship’s construction and design, the rescue procedures that were used during the tragedy, and the claims as to whose fault the incident was.

“Someone said once, ‘It couldn’t have happened, it shouldn’t have happened, but it happened.’” said Paquin. “It was all happening so fast and they misinterpreted each other’s course, eventually unable to avoid the collision.”

Although 1,660 passengers and crew members survived the incident and were rescued before the sinking of the ship, 51 people died — 46 on the SS Andrea Doria and five on the MS Stockholm. Paquin’s goal for this repeated presentation is to honor both the passengers who survived the collision and those who died in the



Annie Sandoli photos

An original photograph of the sinking of the SS Andrea Doria taken by Harry Trask

tragedy, shed light on the story of the SS Andrea Doria, and ensure that this horrific incident is never forgotten.

“I hope to change the public’s perception of whose fault it was,” he said. “Although the Italian captain was blamed for the whole thing at the time, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy has established that the Swedish ship was at fault. However, there were enough mistakes to go around, and it is important that we remember the people and the ship.”

The Sturbridge Historical Society hosts a different guest presenter at each monthly meeting, striving to give residents a chance to learn more about some of the most important happenings in local, national, and international history.

“I try to think of programs that are relevant to history in general,” said Arnie Beeman, president of the Sturbridge Historical Society. “It doesn’t have to necessarily be about just Sturbridge or Massachusetts, but it must be of interest to the people in this area who follow the Historical Society closely.”

Sturbridge Historical Society events are held in Paige Hall at the Public House and are free and open to the public with refreshments served at the start of the meeting. The next event will take place on Dec. 6 at 7pm and will feature Rob Lyon, a historian and past interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village, who will discuss the history of ice skating in a presentation titled “Of Ice and Men.”

DISTRICT

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prevented us from laying off and having reductions. It did not provide us with a reduction in our use of excess and deficiency funds nor did it provide us relief in our use of school choice funds.”

Mathieu said that these funds are not guaranteed year in and year out through the budget. While the district is certainly in good shape from the first quarter of the 2019 Mathieu wants to be sure education leaders are keeping in mind that the responsibility for balancing the budget does not end with the override and a town vote.

“Our model counts on monies being returned from the expense budget each and every year in an amount sufficient to replenish our excess and deficiency funds which would be utilized in the following year,” Mathieu said. “With so much hitting the books already in

unexpected and unknown expenses we really need to do a very careful job of monitoring expenses going forward and trying to ensure that those monies that we count on as part of our budget process are returned to the budget.”

Mathieu did not imply that this is an emergency situation for the district, but merely offered his input as advice to the School Committee that they still need to be sure they are tracking expenses beyond the budget’s normal limitations. He said there is no easy formula for that practice except simply to spend a bit less.

“We do a very good job of it in this district and the building principals, administrators and head custodians are to be commended in everything that they do, but there is a lot of budgetary pressure this year already,” Mathieu said.

Committee members did not offer any input on the matter during the meeting choosing instead to absorb Mathieu’s statements for the future.

WELL PROJECT

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Boria said. He added that the Water & Sewer Commission received an update from Bristol Engineering, the company leading the well project, the night before speaking with selectmen during their meeting on Oct. 23 where the commission recommended moving forward with the initiative with new data in hand.

“The area where we placed the one well is up on a decent sized plateau,” Boria said. “The area of the ground that’s able to be pumped for water is only about 25 feet deep about 115 feet down in the ground so it’s not a huge recharge area as far as depth goes, but (Bristol Engineering) thinks it expands horizontally quite a bit.”

With this new information, the plan has changed from one big well to the primary well and two smaller wells 180 feet adjacent to the primary. This would reduce the workload of the primary well so that instead of pumping 140 gallons per minute the town would have three wells pumping 40 gallons per minute. This would all be done within the confines of a \$200,000 state grant, about half of which has already been used for the already completed testing according to Boria. Before proceeding however, Boria also noted that the town has to report to the state how they plan to use the remaining grant funds as the cur-

rent concept for the well was not in the town’s original report.

“The next step for us is going to be to meet with the DEP and show them and discuss with them what our findings are and what our plans are moving forward for multiple reasons. One is to make sure we’re not missing anything. Secondly because we’re using their grant funding to fund these next steps,” Boria said later discussing the impact this well would have on the town of Charlton as a whole. The wells are projected to allow access to around 170,000 gallons, which Boria said would still not be able to fully satisfy the estimated 200,000 to 210,000 gallons per day used in Charlton. Both Boria and selectmen called it a “step in the right direction”

“The hopes were to find one source to be able to fully supply the town unfortunately that’s really not going to happen, said Boria. “Even though it doesn’t fully supply the town it gives us a good chunk and we’ll be able to supply a good portion of the town. It gets us to create our own true public water supply system that we can then expand on.”

If all goes as planned the drilling for the wells could be completed by the end of the calendar year. However, in order to leave room for delays selectmen ordered Boria to utilize a six-month extension option on the purchase and sales agreement with the property in question to allow the town time to solidify and complete the project.

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Charlton hosts Trunk-or-Treat

Charlton’s newest holiday tradition continued in 2018 with the annual Trunk-or-Treat event at the town’s Arts and Activities center on Sunday, Oct 21. Numerous local citizens and businesses turned out for the celebration, one of many such events in the region in the final weeks of October, which allowed youngsters the chance to collect candy treats from decorated trunk displays.

Everything from a campground setup to a pirate’s treasure, the land of Oz and a witch’s hideout were represented as displayers sought to impress and entertain for the Halloween season.



Jason Bleau Photos
Brother and sister Lucas and Chloe made the trip from Connecticut to be part of the Trunk-or-Treat



Little Ayden of Worcester shows off his adorable cowboy costume



Mother and daughter duo Sarah and Ava Rheaume embraced a Dr. Who theme for their costumes



Local youngsters put their own hand made pumpkins forward in hopes of taking home the top judged prize



Selectman Deborah Noble and her son embraced a mix between Little Red Riding Hood and Dia De Los Muertos for their trunk



One display offered treasure to trunk-or-treaters



Young Parker takes candy from his grandmother Peggi Paquette's witch-themed trunk display



One of many arts and crafts projects for kids at the Trunk-or-Treat, youngsters got to make their own custom cupcakes



Mackenzie, Lucy and Gianna show off a colorful trunk inspired by the world of unicorns



One of many creative designs spread across the ground of the Charlton Arts and Activities Center. This one feature a s'mores and camping theme

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EDITORIAL

On Voting

This is not an editorial about politics. This is not a column written in support of a candidate. This is not even about any particular upcoming election or issue or policy. This is actually an editorial just about voting.

For most of us, voting isn't super exciting. It's not a holiday around which we can theme a cook-out or picnic or party. No one wishes anyone a Happy Election Day and children definitely do not clamor to be taken to the polls to watch the voting process.

But wouldn't it be terrific if they did? What if we treated elections the way we treat Super Bowl Sunday? What if we made it the "Big Deal" that it truly is? Why don't all Americans LOVE voting? Does voting need a marketing make-over? Maybe so.

Think about it: your vote is your voice. It is your most powerful way to decisively state your preference. No one can or should influence your vote. Your vote is an actual, documented and counted opinion. It's better than a Facebook "like", or a retweet or a swipe. It means even more than holding a sign, or having a bumper sticker, signing an online petition, or sending an email.

Voting, in our country, is a right. It cannot be taken from you. Throughout American history, it has been fought for, debated, argued, amended and signed into law...for YOU. What was once a privilege restricted to a single, narrow segment of the population is now a freedom with which all Americans are literally born.

Yet for many, voting is a guilt-driven, exasperating "why do I have to do this?" burdensome task. It's one more thing to do on a busy work day and inspires inner arguments: "What if the lines are long?"

"I can't stand any of these politicians!"

"Should I vote for or against Issue whatever?"

"I don't want to admit how LITTLE I really know about anything on the ballot."

In the same spirit of granting Election Day a status equal to major football games, what's needed is just a little pre-game prep. You wouldn't predict your Super Bowl winner without at least knowing the teams' records. Do the same with those candidates and issues! We have so much information at our fingertips today, including right here in the newspaper you are reading. You know more than you think.

Along with voting, we are granted the right to express opinions. Active, engaged citizens can and do discuss issues and situations and very often disagree with one another. Voting is the civilized expression of putting action behind words. Anyone can speak an opinion. Anyone can also vote in matters relating to that opinion. If someone chooses NOT to vote, their opinion, while no less valid, is nonetheless wasted. Your vote is your choice to use your voice...and to truly make it heard.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, don't sit this one out. Your vote is REAL. It is counted. It matters. VOTE!

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OPINION

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

To the Editor

Brewer endorses Gobi and Strauss

To the Editor:

From time to time my former beloved constituents ask me to comment on who I support in forthcoming elections. My advice is – inform yourself and above all, go vote.

However, I will state my preferences this fall are Anne Gobi for State Senate and Jean Strauss for State Representative. Now before one says, 'that figures, he's a Democrat' – spare me the partisan song. There's a long list of Republican legislators I have worked with and respect.

I have worked with Anne Gobi now for close to 18 years and she is a credit to the term 'public servant'. Intelligent, diligent, thoughtful, pragmatic and relentless! I am also proud to call her my friend.

For State Representative I was loath to wade into the waters of another race

as I do enjoy my semi-retirement. Then I met Jean Strauss. I read her book about her life. I was intrigued.

I met with her at length and advised her this district requires a moderate, diligent, constituent-oriented legislator who puts the needs of the District first, who studies the complexity of issues intelligently and uses both head and heart to formulate voting on issues that matter not only for today but for our future and our children's future.

With her work ethic, her understanding of our history and environment, and our quality of life, Jean Strauss will do that. I believe in this lady and am confident if you send her to Boston you will be proud to call her your State Representative.

STEPHEN M. BREWER
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Media burdens run two ways

I was chatting with a group of students the other day when one of them looked me in the eye and commented, "You're very tough on journalists."

I had to plead guilty.

Of course I'm tough on journalists. Maybe even as tough on them as they are on politicians.



BEYOND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

LEE H. HAMILTON

plenty of good, solid reporting.

It's not always easy to find, though, amidst all the less-than-solid noise that fills our media landscape. This places a particular burden on us, as citizens, to work hard to find it

and understand it. Especially because some of the institutions we once relied upon for independent, objective information — I'm thinking specifically of Congress here — have increasingly stopped serving as models for the search for truth.

The plain truth is, there's much to distract both journalists and citizens from what's really necessary to cover and to understand. Sorting through all the information at our fingertips, distilling meaning from it, zeroing in on what's really important: that's work that both journalists and ordinary citizens have to undertake.

If you're a local journalist, that means looking into every nook and cranny of government and chasing down what's important and what doesn't add up. For more broad-based journalists, the responsibility is to look at events, analyze them, and convey what needs to be conveyed to the public to make sound decisions about good governance.

And for citizens, it means conscientiously following reliable, fact-oriented media — and not just a single source, either, because none has a monopoly on the truth — and using their reporting to make discriminating judgments about public affairs.

Getting all of this right is essential to making our government work. Journalists have to ask themselves whether they are getting to the bottom of stories and giving enough information to citizens so they can make good judgments — or are they too focused on trivia and entertainment and posturing? And citizens — whose media tastes drive so much of what the media provide — need to be focused on what matters.

It's a complicated dance, but in the end, it comes down to one thing: journalists need to provide, and citizens need to ask for, the reporting that's necessary to make the country work.

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Our representative democracy depends on journalists doing their jobs. Why? Because it's essential that citizens get the solid, accurate, and fair information they need to make good judgments about politicians and policy decisions. Our system cannot work if journalists and the institutions they work for don't shoulder the burden of serving as watchdogs, holding government accountable, shining a light on overlooked challenges, and exploring complicated issues in as clear-eyed a manner as possible.

Which is why, if you value representative democracy, you have to be deeply concerned about the once-overlooked journalism that fills our media. Too often, reporters, commentators and online contributors focus on trivia, partisan posturing, and political gamesmanship, and not on the substance of issues.

The disruptive forces that have laid waste to traditional journalistic organizations have pared down the newsrooms that can carry out in-depth journalism and investigative reporting. Yet the world we live in is so complicated and so difficult to understand the need is greater than ever for journalists to pick out what really matters in their communities or in the nation and convey solid information to the citizen.

I have no illusions about how difficult this is. Nailing down good information requires a lot of effort, persistence, and time. A single story can take months to follow carefully. Making sense of the issues that affect us — in politics, the legal system, medicine, war and peace, the economy — requires patience, expertise, analytical skill, and the ability to convey complexity in a simple fashion.

The prevalence of fake news and misinformation makes this search for objective truth ever more difficult and challenging. If we don't have the right information as citizens, then we don't have the facts to shape our opinions — and we're going to be in trouble as a nation.

Disentangling truth and untruth from the citizen's standpoint is really hard. So, I applaud and admire journalists who are dedicated to truth. And there are enough of them that there is still

Stop asking me when I'm going to settle down

When I was 8 years old, my friends were already talking about their future weddings. I remember one of them drawing her dream wedding dress in blue crayon on a piece of blank printer paper. Another thought about the names she would bestow upon her future children during one of our sleepovers, writing them down one by one and alternating



MIND OF A CURIOUS GIRL

ANNIE SANDOLI

between boys' names and girls' names. We even held several mock weddings where one of them would walk down the "aisle" with the rest of us throwing wildflowers at her.

Sometimes I would participate in their fantasies, trying to pretend I cared about the sleeve cut of a long white dress or

Is your 'digital estate' in order?



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If you spend a lot of time on the internet, you're not just shopping or being entertained, or following the news or participating in an online community. You're probably also dealing with accounts and information that eventually can become part of your digital "estate." And if this estate isn't properly looked after, it can lead to confusion and conflict among your survivors, as well as an opportunity for hackers to try to get at whatever resources they can touch.

If you haven't stopped to think about it, you might be surprised at the number of assets that could become part of your digital estate. You may have financial accounts (banking, brokerage and bill-paying); virtual property accounts (air miles, "points" for hotel bookings); business accounts (eBay, Amazon, Etsy); e-mail accounts (Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo); social networking accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram); online storage accounts (Google Drive, iCloud, Dropbox); and application accounts (Netflix, Kindle, Apple).

Given all these areas, how can you protect and preserve your digital estate? Here are a few suggestions:

Create a detailed inventory of digital assets. Following the categories listed above, draw up a list of all your digital assets.

Document your wishes for how you want your digital assets managed. If you don't specify how you want your digital assets managed upon your death or incapacitation, you might be opening the door to lengthy legal battles over access to these assets. In a worst-case scenario, your heirs and beneficiaries might never get the assets you had intended for them.

Name a digital executor in your last will and testament. A digital executor can accomplish a variety of tasks related to your digital estate, such as transferring online assets to your heirs; closing accounts you don't want transferred; managing personal materials by archiving or deleting files, photographs, videos and other content you have created; and, finally, informing online communities of your passing. When choosing a digital executor, you'll want someone you can trust, of course, but you'll also want to make sure that person is skilled enough in technology to search your computer properly and navigate the internet and multiple websites. Not all states recognize a digital executor, so you may want to consult with a legal professional to learn about the laws governing digital estate planning in your state. Also, even if you have a digital executor, online platforms enforce their own rules about who can or can't access a deceased person's accounts. If you are concerned about this, you may want to contact the customer service areas from these types of providers – Google, PayPal, Facebook, etc. – to learn their policies.

Review your plans. Review your digital estate plans on a regular basis, just as you do with your physical/tangible estate plans. The digital world is a fast-moving one, so you'll need to stay current with changes.

In some ways, managing a digital estate can be more challenging than dealing with a physical estate. But by following the above suggestions, you can help reduce any "cyber-angst" your loved ones may feel when it's time to deal with the digital presence you've left behind.

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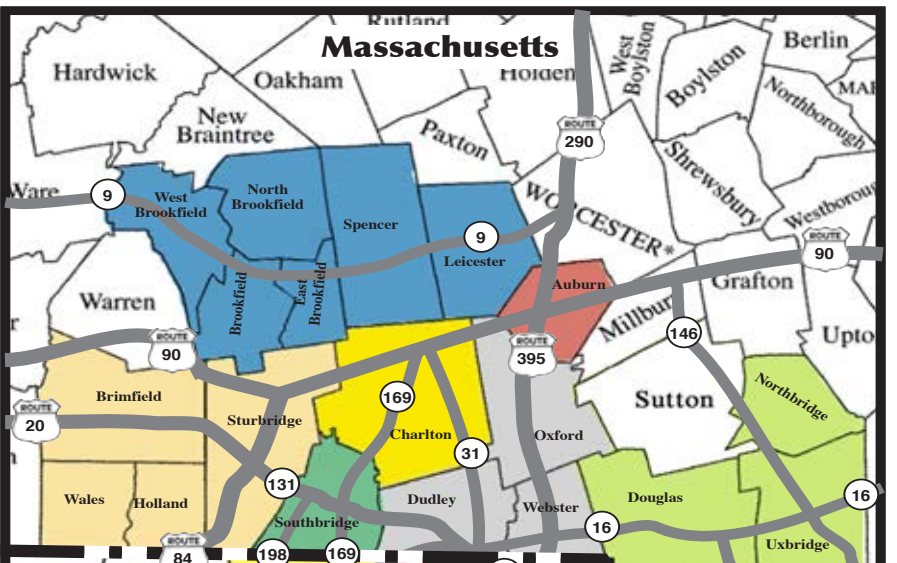
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BAT GIRL

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that had 10,000 bats before the fungus struck and just 14 afterward, there are now 30. The population “seems to have stabilized” at the level of natural immunity, she said.

She told an audience of several dozen at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary last weekend the fungus was probably introduced by human cavers who brought it over from Europe, where it’s endemic, but the bats have evolved immunity to it. For that reason, MassWildlife has closed the state’s 11 major bat hibernation caves (mostly in the Berkshires) during winter.

The agency is, however, still seeking citizen scientists to identify and keep track of other hibernacula and summer nesting sites for these bats and any of the state’s eight other native species. Five of them are on the state endangered list, and two are also federally listed. One, the Indiana bat, hasn’t been seen since 1939.

“During the late spring and summer, pregnant, female little brown and big brown bats form large nursery colonies and roost in dark, hot places such as, attics, barns, and other outbuildings to give birth and raise their young,” MassAudubon’s webpage on bats states. “Males, often solitary or in groups less than a dozen in the summer, roost in cooler spots behind window shutters, and awnings and under the bark of trees. Bats rest in these protected roost sites during the day leaving at sunset to search for food.”

People who want to attract bats to their properties need to have such locations or erect bat houses that mimic them. The key features are having multiple, small gaps they can nest in (less than an inch wide), warmth (85 degrees from about eight hours of daily sun on a dark-painted surface), and locating them at least 12 feet off the ground and 20 feet from shade or other obstructions (preferably on a building wall). Many sample designs are available on the internet.

That said, though, it’s also sometimes necessary to evict bats from houses. People should make sure there are safe houses nearby several days before closing access to the current site, and Longsdorf noted it’s illegal to physically remove bats, and eviction should only be done at certain times of year (in May or between August and mid-October), when the bats are not either hibernating or nursing their pups. Bats can squeeze into half-inch holes, so “it often takes finding some really small hole in your siding” and sealing many of them to stop the bats from returning, she said.

About 200 “problem animal control agents” in Massachusetts can remove bats, but not all will do so, she noted. It might be necessary because bat urine and guano could damage a house’s wood, although the guano is also an excellent fertilizer. It’s fairly easy to remove with shovels or brooms (don’t use vacuums), and there is no evidence of histoplasmosis in Massachusetts, although that can occur down

south, she said.

Longsdorf spent much of her hour and a half debunking myths about bats, noting they are “keystone species” who provide “organic pest control.” In Massachusetts, all of them are insect-eaters, but elsewhere some are nectar- or fruit-eaters, and therefore also serve as pollinators for various plants.

“Bats obviously have an image problem...largely due to TV shows, movies and books,” she said. Most infamous, of course, are the ideas that they attack people and suck blood, both of which are false. There are three vampire bat species, all in Central and South America, but they “lick blood; they don’t suck it,” and the vast majority of bats would rather stay away from humans if possible, although they will defend their nests as other species do. Among other things, they use their echolocation to avoid people in flight, and it’s sensitive enough “to detect something as fine as a strand of hair,” she said. Similarly, people often fear them for rabies, but they

have “much lower rates of incidence than other mammals” at less than 0.5 percent.

“I spend a lot of my job calming people down,” she admitted afterward. “I have bats in my own attic.”

The hundreds of bat species worldwide (47 in the US) comprise about 20 percent of all mammals, second only to rodents in frequency. They range in size from the tiny Thai bumblebee bat, which “weighs less than a penny,” to the giant golden flying fox of the South Pacific, with a six-foot wingspan, but all nine in Massachusetts are “quite small,” with wingspans of less than 15 inches. They’re harmed by pesticides, both directly and by loss of food supply, climate change, and habitat loss due to development and timbering. They’re also food for many hunting birds.

“Bats are a part of the food chain,” she said. “They are a food source for other animals we want to keep around.”

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SANDOLI

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what I wanted the gender of my first-born baby to be. Other times I didn’t say anything at all or refused to accept my invitation to one of their imaginary weddings to a fictional character, mostly because I was still a small child myself and still thought every boy on the planet had cooties.

It was only recently that one of those friends, now in her mid-twenties, walked up to me and said, “You know, after spending all these years thinking I had to get married someday, I’ve finally realized that I don’t and it’s such a relief.”

I immediately thought to myself, “Wait a minute, I haven’t thought about it like that before.”

Although we have made progress, I have noticed that it is often still expected that each young girl growing up in America will get married by a certain

age and carry a child on her hip not long after, which is not only a heteronormative assumption to a degree, but also conveys the message that every woman’s ambitions are the same. Whenever I’m dating someone exclusively, I’m always asked the daunting question, “When are you going to settle down?”

Interestingly enough, the marriage rates in the United States have been on a steady decline over the past few decades and the average age of people who do marry is constantly increasing. Yet as some of my peers start to get engaged, married, and pregnant, I’ve started to see for myself that the expectation of young people “settling down” and the question of when they will do so still prevails in our society and everyday life.

I spent this past week trying to figure out why so many people are so set on asking about when I’ll marry, thinking of reasons such as tradition, religion, and population growth. It made me realize, perhaps for the first time, that

I’ve never really dreamt about wearing a ring, buying a house, or having children. Rather, I tend to be preoccupied with how much I want to travel, live in a tiny apartment in a big city with my favorite books and a guitar, spend time with my family and friends, protest for and write about causes I believe in, donate my time to charities, and become sure of exactly who I am, perhaps by standing on the edge of cliffs but not being petrified of falling off. I’ve known what my dreams really are for years, but somehow, I just recently figured out that it’s okay for me to feel exactly the way I do.

I’ve been told by many people I’m both an old soul and a hopeless romantic, a combination that means that I all too often find relationships to be disappointing. I’ve always told myself that if I did ever marry or love someone for life, I don’t want to need that person by my side, I just want to want him by my side. If I never want to be with someone quite that much, I’m really not at all

worried about never saying wedding vows or offering a commitment.

To be clear, nothing is wrong with wanting to be married with children at an early age and I am happy for everyone who desires and chooses that. There is also nothing is wrong with not wanting that, yet my family, friends, and even my acquaintances ask me more about who I am dating and when I think I’ll want to get married than they do about the start of my career, plan to get a PhD, or the next song I’ll learn to play.

Instead of asking about the dates men take me on, I think they should ask me more about the dates I take myself on—going on long car rides and walks on the beach, asking myself what I want my future to look like, and buying myself dinner and sitting there with myself thinking, “Do I like the company I’m with right now?”

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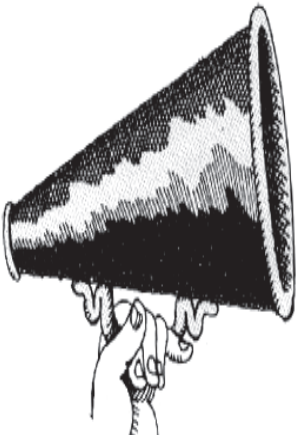
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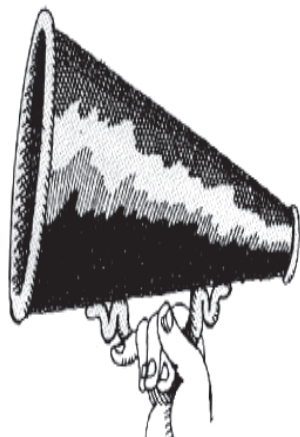
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SPORTS

Bay Path clinches Tournament bid by blanking Pirates



Bay Path’s William Carlson holds off an Oxford defender and sends a pass down the field.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

OXFORD — All the Bay Path Regional boys’ varsity soccer team needed was a tie when they played Oxford High on Thursday, Oct. 25. That result would get the Minutemen into the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

And Bay Path was tied with the Pirates at halftime, 0-0, but they weren’t playing with much passion. Following a spirited speech by head coach David Martinson at intermission, the Minutemen turned it up and won a 3-0 decision.

Bay Path improved to 9-6-1 and has officially punched its ticket into the playoffs.

“The first half was definitely not our type of play,” said Martinson. “We came out flat and made some adjustments for the second half. They controlled it well and settled it down a little bit.”

Martinson added that his team has been decimated by injuries. Six players, including four starters, are out — so the fact that they made districts has impressed the coach.

“I’m very pleased with the fact that we did make districts considering all the injuries that we have,” he said. “The kids that came in off the bench obviously stepped up and did

a good job throughout the season.”

After 11 minutes of second half play the score remained 0-0, but Bay Path was peppering the Pirates’ net. Joseph Starr had a shot the just skidded over the crossbar and he followed that up minutes later with a shot that did clang off the pipe.

Then, in the 52nd minute, Starr was the facilitator on the team’s first goal. Starr dribbled the ball into open space, sent a pass down to Devin Hanlan, and Hanlan sent a rocket into the upper portion of the right side of the goal.

“I moved him positionally in the middle a little bit more to be become more of a quarterback,” Martinson said of Starr in the second half.

In regard to Hanlan’s goal, Martinson added: “That was a nice shot. He’s been doing that all season.”

The Minutemen doubled the lead to 2-0 in the 60th minute on an own-goal that saw Starr launch a deep throw-in that bounced off a pair of Oxford defenders and into the net. Bay Path then finished the scoring in the 70th minute when Starr received a pass from Benjamin LaPointe on a corner kick — of which they earned an astounding nine in second half play — and sent a shot past keeper

Calib Goyette.

But Goyette was sensational for the Pirates, finishing with 12 saves — some from point blank range — to keep his team in the game.

“Calib is a great shot stopper, junior goalie, so he’s one of our captains and we’ll have him back next year,” said Oxford head coach Paul Frykberg.

Frykberg added that he was pleased with the way his team played against a talented Bay Path club for most of the contest.

“That’s a district team [and] we weren’t supposed to really compete with them on paper, but they played well,” he said. “We knew they were going to come out hard and we tried to match their intensity, match their effort, and I think we did that for 60 [of the 80] minutes.”

The year was a rebuilding one for the Pirates, who dropped to 1-13-3 with the loss, but Frykberg noted that the team should be better next season.

“We’re looking ahead, seeing where guys are going to slot in. We have some fantastic pieces,” he said. “They have the speed and they have the ability — we just have to get to the point where it’s 11 guys doing the same thing and not 11 guys playing 11 different games.”



Joseph Starr of Bay Path looks down at the ball and sends a kick toward Oxford’s net.



Bay Path keeper Aiden Sabatinelli leaves his net to run down a loose ball.



Oxford’s Myles Craft intercepts a ball intended for Bay Path’s Tyler Anderson and clears it out of the defensive zone.



Tyler Anderson of Bay Path collects the ball with the inside of his left foot.

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Shepherd Hill’s Montigny earns MIAA Award

Drew Montigny, a senior at Shepherd Hill Regional, has been selected as the recipient of the “MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award” for September, 2018.

Montigny is a member of the Rams’ football and lacrosse teams, serving as captain of the lacrosse team his junior year. He has also served on the Varsity Football Leadership Council since his sophomore year. Drew earned Second Team All-Conference Mid-Wach B honors as well as an honorable mention as a Central Mass US Lacrosse Academic All-American.

Academically, Montigny has a 4.54 GPA while taking a full slate of AP classes. He has earned First Honors every quarter of his high school career and is a member of the National Honor Society. Montigny is also the Senior Class President as well as a Peer Tutor.

The MIAA Student-Athlete of the Month Award is presented on a monthly basis to one male and one female student-athlete who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. Award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition, are featured on miaa.net and are honored at the MIAA Awards Recognition Banquet.

Shepherd Hill closes season by defeating district-bound Rockets

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Madi Marsh got the Shepherd Hill Regional girls’ varsity soccer team started with a pair of goals in a two-minute span early in the first half and Alyssa Trueman finished off an inspired Rams’ effort with a stellar performance in net as The Hill defeated Auburn High, 2-1, on Monday, Oct. 29, at Memorial Field.

With the win the Rams finished their season 8-9-1, having missed qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament by one point. Auburn, which is headed to the Central Mass. Division 3 postseason, finished its regular season with a 14-4 mark.

“I wanted the girls to finish the season strong, knowing that they’re a strong team,” said Shepherd Hill head coach Amanda (Brodeur) Brotherton, an Auburn High graduate. “If we had done that more often I think things would be different. It just goes to show that this team never gave up and that they had heart.”

Marsh, a junior forward, put the Rams ahead, 1-0, in the seventh minute of the game, taking a feed from classmate Paula Barbale and getting off a right-to-left shot on net. Auburn goaltender Kaitlin Jess moved over to play the ball, but slipped as she went to make the stop, the ball ticking off her hands, going over her head and bouncing into the net.

Marsh doubled Shepherd Hill’s lead to 2-0 in the ninth minute, again off an assist from Barbale.

Rockets’ head coach Emily Para immediately called a timeout.

“We weren’t even 10 minutes into the game and we’re down by two; that’s not who we are,” Para said. “We gave up the first goal, which was unfortunate, and I think we panicked at that point and gave up a second one. I felt we needed a break at that point, so I called timeout and told them to relax and calm down. I told them we’ve got a lot of time to find the back of the net.”

Thirty-four seconds later the Rockets had cut their deficit in half, to 2-1, Jackie Landry scoring off an assist from Obiamaka Igwenagu.

From that point, Auburn tried time after time to hammer home the game-tying goal, but each time Trueman, a senior captain for the Rams, slammed the door on the Rockets. Trueman finished with 15 saves, at least three of which came on shots that appeared destined to find the back of the net.

“[Trueman] was fantastic; she did really well. I thought she played great,” Para said. “We just couldn’t finish. But, it happens.”

Brotherton, over the course of the season, has run out of superlatives to describe the play of her goalkeeper.

“We’ll miss her; she’s phenomenal. She’s awesome,” Brotherton said. “I have no other words to describe



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill’s Reese Hammond breaks away from a pair of Auburn players while dribbling into the open field.



Paula Barbale of Shepherd Hill heads the ball up and over Auburn’s Obiamaka Igwenagu and down the field.

Alyssa other than phenomenal and awesome.”

Trueman said she actually enjoys being as busy as she was in net against the Rockets.

“I like being tested,” Trueman said. “Games where I don’t get any shots on net are kind of boring,

especially in the cold weather; it’s nice to have some shots on net and not freeze.”

Trueman said that there isn’t really a set strategy to how she plays goal.

“I always like to make sure the backs are dropping to their marks in case there is a cross coming in,” Trueman said. “I like to be straight on to the ball so I can see where it’s going to go. Good positioning is what helps the most. That’s a big key to being successful as a goalie. And, of course, you have

to eliminate the angle a forward has coming in on you.”

The game against Auburn was Brotherton’s first trip back to her hometown as a head coach.

“It was nice to coach here,” Brotherton said. “It was nice to be back. People kept asking me if it was a weird feeling, but I just love coaching, and now I’ve found a new home where I am. I’ll always be a part of Auburn, but I think I’ve found a new place where I can hopefully make a different type of legacy.”



Allie Marrier of Shepherd Hill waits for the ball to drop down her way before settling it to the ground.



Shepherd Hill’s Madi Marsh lifts her right leg in preparation of stopping the incoming ball’s momentum.

OBITUARIES

Albert (Al) F. Fougere Jr. , 57



N O R T H GROSVENORDALE, CT- Albert (Al) F. Fougere Jr. age 57 died Saturday October 20, 2018 after a five and a half year battle of Pancreatic Cancer. He leaves a sister Michelle and her husband Donald Adams of Charlton, MA. Al leaves his life companion of over twenty years, Elaine T. Levesque with which he made his home and her children Allan and his wife April , Aimee and her companion Mike, two Godchildren his nephew Bryan Adams (Katrina) and grand daughter Calleigh, four grandchildren Eric, Samantha, Lindsey and he was predeceased by grand daughter Kauri. He also leaves several Aunts, Uncles and cousins. He was born in Putnam, Ct son of the late Albert Fougere Sr.

and Eileen (Carpenter) Fougere living in North Grosvenordale all his life. Al was a Senior Web Developer for Hanover Insurance for sixteen years and TACO Inc., Cranston, RI. Al loved sports, especially the children’s sporting events. He enjoyed the casino, he also was an avid sports fan, especially the Red Sox and Patriots. There are no calling hours. A graveside service was held in St. Joseph Cemetery, North Grosvenordale, CT , Thursday October 25, 2018 at 11 am. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in his memory to American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 for Pancreatic Cancer Research. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Russell L. Cote, 43



SOUTHBRIDGE- Russell L. Cote, 43, died suddenly at his home on October 22, 2018. Born in Southbridge on August 14, 1975, he was the son of the late Russell G. and Doris Ella (Anderson) Cote. Russell is survived by his brother, Robert Peterson, of Charlton, MA; his sister, Linda Maciejewski and her husband, Gary, of Quinebaug, CT; his brother-in-law, Richard Marrier,

of Dudley, MA; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Beth Marrier, and Heidi Filo. Russell was previously employed as a truck stop attendant at Sturbridge Truck Stop. Calling hours for Russell will be Friday, November 9, 2018. from 9-10AM, and his funeral service will begin at 10AM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA. Burial will immediately follow in West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton, MA. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

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CALENDAR

October 26-November 4

MALTESE FALCON: Pasture Prime Players are pleased to announce performance dates for “The Maltese Falcon” by Dashiell Hammett and adapted for the stage by Helen Borgers, as authorized by the Estate of Dashiell Hammett, all rights reserved. Performances dates are Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 26, 27 and Nov. 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 at 2:00 p.m. The box office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the performance. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors (60+) and students (18 and under). For reservations contact us at pasture.prime.players@gmail.com or (508) 248-5448. We accept cash or personal check only.

Saturday November 3

“Harvest Ball” Hay Loft Steppers dance on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Bob Butler and the cuer will be Harriett Clarke. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net

WIN THANKSGIVING DINNER: Charlton Lions will hold a Meat Raffle Saturday, Nov. 3 noon - 4 PM at Zorba’s, Rte. 20 Charlton.

RABIES & MICROCHIP CLINIC: Friends of Charlton Animal Shelter host a rabies and microchip clinic Saturday, Nov. 3 10 a.m.-noon at the Charlton Town Hall, 37 Main St. Rabies vaccinations: \$5; distemper vaccinations: \$5; microchip: \$20.

Saturday November 10

TANTASQUA CRAFT FAIR: 7th annual Craft Fair at Tantasqua Regional Sr. High School on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tantasqua’s Cornerstone Café will be open for an early bird breakfast buffet at 9 a.m. Craft Fair offers over 100 crafters with an array of merchandise for all of your holiday shopping, and refreshments. Free parking and shuttle service. Free admission.

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: On Saturday, Nov. 10 at St. Joseph’s Church Hall, Charlton at 6 p.m. 6 meat, 1 turkey, 1 lobster table! 3 Early Bird Tickets for arrival before 6 PM. Selected “Homemade” food purchases will be available for dinner as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea etc. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 56.

Monday November 12

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: Nov. 12, Charlton Garden Club Meeting at 7 pm at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. ‘Hands-On’ flower arranging with Michelle Lowell. Bring a 6-inch container without drainage holes and greens. \$10 donation for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300, Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

Wednesday November 14

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST: Offered by Harrington HealthCare System to Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton Residents on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8:00 a.m. at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. Free for veterans; RSVP (leave a message) to: 508-765-2109 by Nov. 8.

Sunday November 18

“Advanced Level” Hayloft Steppers dance on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2:00-4:30 pm (No Rounds). The caller will be Kevin Bersing. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net

Saturday November 24

“Pie Night” Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Darrell Sprague and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430.

Sunday November 25

“Special Fund Raiser” Hayloft Steppers Mainstream/Plus dance on Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2:30-5:00 pm. (early rounds at 2:00) Various callers from OCCA and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net.

Tuesday December 4

FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE SENIORS: On Tuesday December 4 host a bus trip to see The Sicilian Tenors following a sell out concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City, are ready to bring the joy of all of our favorite Christmas Songs to you. Enjoy a delicious Luncheon that includes choice of entrees, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee or tea. Trips are open to the Public. Comfortable motor coach transportation is included or it can be optional. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Saturday December 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5” x 7” photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

ONGOING

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

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

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or

kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer’s Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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towns have joined in the effort and now she wants Charlton to come on board as well.

“At each of the 12 summit meetings so far payment for state owned land has come up as a major problem for small towns in Massachusetts. This issue is complex and will require action in different parts of state government to be resolved,” Bandy said in her memo. She added that these summits are calling on fair payment to towns as state land taxes are drastically lower than the private property taxes.

Bundy’s memo laid out four goals for their coalition, all of which would

give towns more power over taxing the state for land within their borders and being involved in any hearing concerning how towns are compensated when the commonwealth takes ownership of properties. Those goals include making all hearings about state own land held in the communities where those parcels are located, having town officials receive single topic notifications about any proposed or actual changes to the state-owned land compensation procedures, making sure each rural town is reimbursed for state owned land annually using a formula based on the town’s current residential tax rate and number of acres owned by the state during a given year, and ensuring that the legis-

lature explores and support ways to make it easier for farmers to obtain mortgages on agricultural properties.

While selectmen in Charlton did not deny any interest to be involved with Rural Communities, they did not take any official action either. With only three members on hand for the Oct. 23 meeting selectmen Joe Szafarowicz, Deborah Noble and Karen Spiewak decided instead to seek more information on whether or not Charlton would truly benefit from taking part in Rural Communities’ coalition.

“I don’t see where we have any action to take on this regarding any motions, however I think it’s important to pay attention to this because PILOT pro-

grams can sometimes short change communities and it results in a deficit in their tax base,” Noble said. “I would suggest that we forward this to our assessor and have her look into it to see if the town of Charlton is being hurt financially or if we would benefit by supporting this.”

Her fellow selectmen agreed that they needed more information before voicing their support or sending letters to lawmakers. Among the details selectmen want the Board of Assessors to examine are the acreage of state owned land in the town, how many state owned properties are in Charlton and how the goals of Rural Communities would impact the town’s tax base.

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The hunt is on with the birds now migrating



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This past weekend’s storm had a positive impact on migrating birds, taking advantage of the wind currents as they fly south. Duck and goose populations were up as they stopped in the valley area to rest and feed for a day or two, and then continue on their journey. The next two weeks should provide some great shooting as the migrant birds continue to fly to their winter homes. Woodcock should also start to migrate, providing bird hunters with some great shooting opportunities over well trained pointing dogs. Very few native woodcock exist in the valley area today, mainly because of lost habitat from development. Ducks and Canada geese close Nov. 24, this year and reopen Dec. 11.

Archery deer hunters have been harvesting some large bucks locally with a few sporting antlers with 10 points or

more. Local hunters are also finding more activities from deer that are leaving ground scrapes in local covers. Seasoned deer hunters are contemplating the rutting season to peak around Nov. 5-15 this year. It is a time that archers need to put all of the time they can in their tree stand, as it is the best time to encounter a big buck. Big bucks often let their guard down while chasing does that are in heat during peak rutting season.

Unfortunately, some of the hunting public are out stealing deer hunters gear again this year, and it is more wide spread than previous years. Deer cams are the target of choice by many of the local outlaw hunters this year. The cameras can be a bit expensive to replace. Some of the cameras have had the chip removed from them giving the thieves the data that was captured for the camera owner. A couple of local deer hunters have purchased a couple of cameras, setting one in clear view of other hunters, but they have another close by, hoping to catch the thieves in the act. It has worked numerous times in prior years.

One local deer hunter shared

some comical news with this writer about information he captured on his deer cam. Along with pictures of coyotes, skunks, squirrels, and chipmunks but no deer, the video captured a squirrel harvesting acorns for the winter and burying them for his winter food supply next to a tree. After the squirrel left, the chipmunk appeared and dug up the squirrel’s nuts and scampered off with them. I wonder where he got that idea from?

Shotgun deer season opens Nov. 26 this year, with the remaining season of black powder opening Dec. 10.

Hopefully weather conditions will improve soon allowing saltwater anglers the opportunity to harvest tautog and stripers. Heavy wind and rough seas kept a lot of boats tied to the dock this past weekend, but weather was expected to improve this week. This week’s picture shows this writer with old rubber lips, and a bucket of them caught this past spring. The limit on tautog has now increased to five fish daily for tautog in Rhode Island waters, but be careful to read the new regulations.

Charter boat customers are allowed five fish daily, but if



Ralph with a nice ‘rubber lip’ tautog



Madi-B is doing well and just wants everyone to know.

Courtesy photos

you own your boat, only 10 fish may be retained even if you have more than two anglers in the boat!! What a stupid regulation. It also seems unfair. The little guy gets hammered again!!!!

This past week this writer received some mail from a 92 year old gentleman that was responding to my column about the high cost of veterinarians. His dog Madi-B, a 9 year old poodle, had leg problems and his final cost at Tufts veteri-

nary school was a cool \$4,400. He is extremely grateful for the great care his dog Madi B received and is now doing well on her three legs. He would do it again as the poodle is one of the family and losing her would be devastating. It sure is sad to hear stories like his as most people his age do not have that kind of money laying around. Thanks for your story.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Backpack Brigade benefit at TSKK Saturday

BY GUS STEEVES
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER – Like several businesses, residents and other entities, the Blessed Backpack Brigade was hit by the August tornado and its storage space, dubbed “the Cave,” flooded.

This weekend, the TSKK Club at 21 Harris St. is hosting a benefit concert for the local agency from 8:30-12:30 on Saturday evening, Nov. 3.

According to Jason Bleau, a singer in the Chepachet-based band Gunpowder ‘n’ Lead (and a Stonebridge Press correspondent), the band has already planning its second show at TSKK when the tornado happened. The six-piece plays country and Southern rock.

“We asked the board if we could add a new layer to [our show] this year,”

he said. “There will be a lot of opportunities for people to give back to our community.”

Specifically, he means raffles, a 50/50 contest, and other ways to raise funds for the Brigade. The show has no cover, so all funds go to the Brigade to help them supply meals and other resources for area homeless people and seniors.

“Last year, we packed the house, and we expect more this year,” he said. “Last year, this was one of our biggest crowds.”

The Cave holds everything the Brigade has collected, most of it donated, including tents, clothing, furniture, electronics and small appliances, food and bedding. A lot of it didn’t survive the inundation that came when the building’s roof collapsed, although some was salvageable.

Back in August, Paul Joseph said the Brigade had \$4,000 to \$6,000 in supplies there. His wife Lauri Joseph agreed, saying their priorities for replacement are winter clothes, tents, tarps, pop-top soup cans, and hand warmers. The brigade has a temporary storage site “but I can’t stay there forever.”

She said she has been able to get into the Cave briefly, but the owner just finished work on the rest of the building, so she expects to actually “assess the situation from top to bottom” in the next week or two. At this point, though, it’s clear it will “need a cleanup crew with masks, gloves and a dumpster.”

“The majority of the stuff is wet, moldy and smelly,” she said. “We’ll have to start from scratch. Those boxes were right under Niagara Falls, so I can’t really say [what’s salvageable].”

Since the tornado, “people have been incredibly generous” giving them food for their regular meals and other things, including a tent they recently delivered to a young couple who’ve lived in the woods for three years. Regarding the benefit itself, she said she was “incredibly shocked” that Bleau was doing it for them, noting “I can’t wait to go.”

A second benefit – a dinner and raffle being organized by the Nichols College event coordination class – at Point Breeze is also in the works for Nov. 11, but details were not yet available by deadline.

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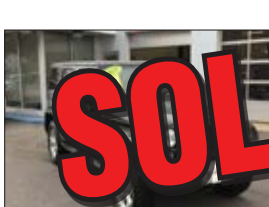
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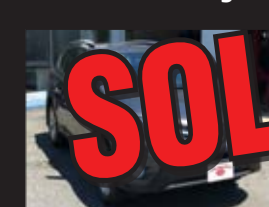
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WEBSTER - 24 Emerald Ave! 2 Family! 55 Rms! 2,800 sq/ft! Each w/dine-in Kit w/Pantry, Fam Rm, Liv Rm, 2.2 Bdrms! Washer-Dryer Hookup! Hrdwd Flrs! 2 Car Detached Garage! Insulated Windows! New Furnaces! Incredible Flat Yard! Lead Certificates! Well Maintained! **\$239,900.00**



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SOLD

AUBURN - 9 Lorna Rd! 2680' Split Entry! Appliances Oak Eat-in Is! Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Frp! Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped! 46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**



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NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 24 Oakwood Dr! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Spacious Center Isl Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! SS Appliances! Slider to Trex Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Den! Frp! Liv Rm! 1.2 Bath! 2nd Level Master w/Full Bath w/Jacuzzi & Walk-in Shower! 4 Bdrms Total! 2nd Full Tile Bath! C/Air! 3Z Heat! Loft Office! **\$419,900.00**



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ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Room Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! **\$104,900.00**



SOLD

DUDLEY - 15 Pineview Rd! Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/3 Carpeted Bdrms & Full Bath! Master Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frpl! Patios! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**



SOLD

DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliances! Granite Kit w/Island! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



NEW LISTING

SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! Expandable 9 Rm, 2.156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kit! Din, Liv & Frp! Fam Rms w/Hrdwds! Yr Rd Sunroom w/Skyights! 3 Bdrms! 24' Master w/Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! A/C! **\$464,900.00**



NEW PRICE

THOMPSON - 854 Thompson Rd! 9 Rm Split! Beautiful .63 Acre Lot! Appliances Granite Kit! Dining & Frp! Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Tile Flr! 3/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Hrdwds! Frp! Fam Rm! 1.5 Baths! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! **\$259,900.00**



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DUDLEY - 7 DELANY AVE



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WEBSTER - BROOKSIDE AVE



Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood through out the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. **\$289,900**

WEBSTER - 100 THOMPSON RD



SORRY, SOLD!

Very Attractive 1700 sq ft stone box Cape! Attached 13' X 22' Garage. Fireplaced front living room! Large Kitchen with ample amount of cabinets, 1st floor master bedroom, 2 large bedrooms on the 2nd Floor. 1/2 bath on the first floor, full bath on the 2nd floor. Natural Gas baseboard Heat! Vinyl siding! Town water and sewer. Nice level lot, with mature shrubs. Very private rear yard. **\$140,000**

WEBSTER - 104 THOMPSON RD



SORRY, SOLD!

1+ acre of nicely manicured lawn with a well maintained 2 family! Many improvements! 2 & 3 bedroom apartments! Oil heat! Large 24' x 30' garage! Mini 15' x 30' stone barn **\$325,000**

WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN



New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits On A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer!!! Fully Appliance Eat in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and Three Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms All On One Floor! Head Down To The Lower Level To The Open And Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove! **\$259,000**

THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD



Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. **47 +/- Acres!** Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd. and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide X over 1600' deep. Needs TLC! **\$300,000**

WEBSTER - 7 ARKWRIGHT RD.



SORRY, SOLD!

First Time Offered! Beautiful & Spacious 1600+/- SF, 3BR Ranch! Freshly painted! Updated Kitchen & Bath, Large Formal Living Rm w/5 lighter bay window, Great Rm w/cathedral ceilings, fireplace, ceiling fan, & skylights! 3 BRs. Whole house fan. Private back yard, & in-ground pool! 10' x 12' - 3 season porch Patio w/outdoor fireplace. Room in basement served as a large workshop. 15' x 20' Carport & 2 storage sheds! **\$248,800**

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



New Price! Roomy 1300 sq ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **\$265,000**

WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST



2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings. New gas furnace! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services **\$199,900**

LAND!
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Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer, **\$59,400**
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$250,000**
Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**

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WOODSTOCK, CT- QUASSET LAKE



158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tiquiqui, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Paved patio & balconies, stone lined 3 car det'd garage w/heated stone! Easy foot show er winding gravel path to 265' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft hip roof 3 story Colonial! covered porch! Extremely impressive kitchen w/culinary everything! Other formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry room, exercise studio, LL, kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BRs w/private full baths **\$1,299,000**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD



Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront! Property Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/women's room potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **\$345,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD



ON DEPOSIT

KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/384 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & Entertain in the tiled, stone fireplaced family rm, wet bar w/sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36 +/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway & interior 2nd fl balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplaced patio! Family owned gem for 60+ years! **\$1,495,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD



SORRY, SOLD!

New listing! **2 Family** on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to I-395! Walkout basement & storage area. Paver patio! Taxes \$4,624 yr. **\$412,900**

WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR



SORRY, SOLD!

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REAL ESTATE

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
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| ADDRESS | STYLE | TIME | PRICE | REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE |
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| SOUTHBRIDGE | | | | |
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| 19 Mary Ellen Ln | S | 12-2 | \$229,900 | Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155 |
| WEBSTER | | | | |
| 81 Lakeside Ave | S | 11-1 | \$225,000 | ReMax Advantage 1 /Maureen O'Connor 508-981-4902 |
| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | | | | |
| CHARLTON | | | | |
| 114 Ramshorn Rd | S | 11:30-12:30 | \$329,900 | Keller Williams /George Goulas 508-509-3833 |
| 22 Morton Station Rd | S | 1-2 | \$499,900 | Keller Williams /George Goulas 508-509-3833 |
| 146 Berry Corner Rd | S | 2:30-3:30 | \$349,900 | Keller Williams /George Goulas 508-509-3833 |
| DUDLEY | | | | |
| 348 Dudley Oxford Rd | S | 11-1 | \$320,000 | ReMax Advantage 1 /Maureen O'Connor 508-981-4902 |
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OPEN HOUSE SUN 11-1
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Webster: Condo, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, garage, upgraded cabinets/granite counter tops
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Mary Collins 860-336-6677

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The White/Cook Team: Charlotte 860-931-6006



LEGALS

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting in the Brookfield Town Hall – Selectmen's Banquet Hall Meeting Room, located at 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA, on the application for a Change of Location of an All Alcoholic Retail Package Store Liquor License from Boswell Enterprises, Inc., dba Central Package Store, from the Corner of Central and Pleasant St. to 55 South Maple Street, Brookfield, MA. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting.
Linda M. Lincoln, Chairman
Brookfield Board of Selectmen
November 2, 2018

**TOWN OF WALES, MA
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**
Wales Town Offices
3 Hollow Rd. Wales, MA 01081
Monday; November 19, 2018;
7:05 p.m.

**NOTICE:
TOWN OF WALES PLANNING
BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC HEARING DATE:
November 19, 2018 at 7:05 P.M.
LOCATION: Town Hall Selectman's
Office, 3 Hollow Rd. Wales, MA
01081
TOPIC: Hegan Street Status as a
Town Road**
November 2, 2018
November 9, 2018

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NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
HEARING**

EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96

Northeast Energy Center LLC

Notice is hereby given that on August 31, 2018, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, Northeast Energy Center LLC ("NEC" or the "Company") filed petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") and the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") in connection with the Company's proposal to construct a natural gas liquefaction, storage and truck-loading facility ("Facility") in the Town of Charlton, Massachusetts (the "Project"). NEC's preferred site for the Facility is at 249 Sturbridge Road (Route 20) in Charlton.

The Company proposes to take natural gas from an existing underground Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("TGP") pipeline in Charlton, and transport the gas to the Facility via a new underground pipeline approximately 1.5-miles long. At the Facility, the natural gas would be cooled to a liquid state, stored as a liquid on-site, and then transported by truck to gas company customers such as National Grid. The liquefaction system would be capable of producing approximately 250,000 gallons of liquefied natural gas ("LNG") per day. The Facility would include a set of ten 100,000-gal-

lon LNG storage tanks, comprising one million gallons of storage capacity in total on-site. NEC states that the Facility would enable its gas company customers to maintain reliable and economic natural gas service.

The Company also filed a petition pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, for several individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive exemption from the Town of Charlton Zoning Bylaw. NEC's two petitions have been consolidated into one proceeding and will be heard by the Siting Board. The docket number for this consolidated proceeding is EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96.

Opportunity for Public Comment

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing on the proposed Project:

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
Charlton Municipal Offices, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room
37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507**

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the Project. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter.

Written comments may be submitted at the public comment hearing or filed with the Siting Board through Friday, November 30, 2018. Comments should be filed by email attachment to both email addresses below, and a hard copy filed with the Siting Board at the mailing address below:

**M. Kathryn Sedor, Esq., Presiding Officer
MA Energy Facilities Siting Board/
DPU
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
kathryn.sedor@mass.gov
dpu.efiling@mass.gov**

Siting Board Jurisdiction

The Siting Board will review the Company's filing to determine whether the proposed Project will provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H, 69J. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Siting Board will also consider whether the Project is "reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public" and whether the requested zoning exemptions are warranted.

Preferred Site for the Project

NEC has identified an 11.6-acre site within a 220-acre parcel located at 249 Sturbridge Road (Route 20) in Charlton as its preferred site for the Project. The Project would also include a new 1.5-mile interconnecting pipeline crossing three other parcels to the south of the primary parcel in order to connect to existing TGP facilities via a new meter station. The LNG provided by the Project would be transported

by truck from the Facility, using a new driveway which adjoins Route 20.

Alternative Site for the Project

NEC has also identified an alternative site for the Facility adjacent to the existing Millennium Power electric generating plant, located at 10 Sherwood Lane in Charlton. As with the preferred site, the Facility on the alternative site would be connected to a TGP natural gas pipeline. If constructed on the alternative site, the Facility would be capable of supplying LNG directly to the Millennium Power plant as well as supplying LNG to its gas company customers by truck.

Public Review of the Company's Petition

The general location, layout, dimensions and configuration of the Project are shown on maps and plans included in the Company's petitions. Copies of the Company's petitions and attachments are available for public inspection at the Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, and at the office of the Company's counsel at Pierce Atwood LLP, 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110. Copies are also available at the following locations:

- Charlton Public Library, 40 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507
- Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
- Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

In addition, the Company's Petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Department of Public Utilities' website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. Enter "EFSB18-04" (with no spaces) into the search box. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPU/ADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or organization to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding, including evidentiary hearings in Boston, and grants the right to appeal a final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Siting Board and present written or oral argument to the Siting Board after evidentiary hearings conclude. Any person interested in intervening as a party or participating as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Presiding Officer. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 CMR 1.05, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Board's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene>.

in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case.

A petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant must be filed in three places.

First, the petition must be filed in hard copy with the Presiding Officer, M. Kathryn Sedor, Esq., Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, **no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, November 30, 2018.**

Second, the petition must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Furthermore, an electronic copy of the petition must be sent to the Presiding Officer at kathryn.sedor@mass.gov.

Third, the petition must be sent in electronic format by e-mail attachment to counsel for NEC, James M. Avery, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, 100 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110; or javery@pierceatwood.com.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3642.

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Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information about intervention or participation in the adjudicatory proceeding, may contact the Presiding Officer at the address, telephone number, or email below:

M. Kathryn Sedor, Esq.,
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Cognitive decline is the type of age-related change that can have a dramatic impact on a person’s life, affecting his or her ability to live independently. A general term used to describe symptoms associated with a decline in memory or thinking skills such as judgment and reasoning, dementia is often mistaken as a normal part of aging. However, the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America notes that dementia-related illnesses, including Alzheimer’s disease, are not a normal part of aging.

Because many people associate memory loss with aging, they may be compelled to accept some of the early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s as mere byproducts of growing older. However, the Alzheimer’s Association urges men and women to report any of these 10 early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s to their physicians the moment they’re noticed. Family members who notice these signs in their relatives also should



report them to their loved ones’ physicians.

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life: Examples of this symptom include forgetting recently learned information; forgetting important dates and events; and asking for the same information over and over.

2. Challenges in planning or solving problems: Someone exhibiting this symptom may have trouble following a recipe or

paying monthly bills.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home at work or at leisure: Forgetting the rules of a favorite game or experiencing trouble driving to a familiar location are some examples of this symptom.

4. Confusion with time or place: People with Alzheimer’s lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.

5. Trouble under-

standing visual images and spatial relationships: Some people with Alzheimer’s have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing: Difficulty joining or continuing a conversation and calling things by the wrong name are some examples of this symptom.

7. Misplacing things

and losing the ability to retrace steps: People with Alzheimer’s sometimes put things in unusual places and then cannot retrace their steps to find those things.

8. Decreased or poor judgment: Poor judgment and decision-making often affects people with Alzheimer’s.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities: People with this symptom may begin to with-

draw from favorite activities or avoid being social because of the changes they’re experiencing.

10. Changes in mood and personality: Mood changes affect people with Alzheimer’s, who may become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful, or anxious.

Learn more about Alzheimer’s disease at www.alz.org.

Seniors’ senses of smell and taste change with age



Aging comes with several sensory changes, many of which people expect. Loss of hearing or diminishing vision are widely associated with aging. But one’s senses of smell and taste may diminish with aging as well.

The senses of taste and smell work in concert. The sense of smell is vital to personal health, not only because inhaling pleasant aromas can provide comfort and stress relief through aromatherapy and help trigger important memories, but also because smell enables a person to detect the dangers of smoke, gas, spoiled food, and more. The National Institute on Aging says that, as a person gets older, his or her sense of smell may fade, and that will also affect taste. The Mayo Clinic says some loss of taste and smell is natural and can begin as early as age 60.

Adults have about 9,000 taste buds sensing sweet, salty, sour, bitter, and umami flavors, or those corresponding to the flavor of glutamates. Many tastes are linked to odors that begin at the nerve endings in the lining of the nose. Medline says the number of taste buds decreases as one ages, and that remaining taste buds may begin to shrink. Sensitivity to the five tastes also begins to decline. This can make it more difficult to distinguish between flavors.

Similarly, especially after age 70, smell can diminish due to a loss of nerve endings and less mucus in the nose. With the combination of the reduction

of these important sensory nerves in the nose and on the tongue, loss of smell and taste can greatly affect daily life.

Changes in these senses can contribute to feelings of depression, diminish one’s enjoyment of food and cause harmful conditions, such as extreme weight loss from disinterest in food to problems associated with overusing salt or sugar.

Although aging is often to blame, loss of smell and taste also may be tied to early symptoms of Parkinson’s disease or Alzheimer’s disease. Cancer treatments, medications, lack of saliva, colds, flu, and other factors may contribute to sensory loss. Changing medications or treatments may help.

It’s important to bring up diminished flavors or smells with a doctor to rule out something more serious and to determine what might help restore pleasure from smells and flavors. An otolaryngologist, or a doctor who specializes in diseases of the ears, nose and throat, may be able to help fix the problem, though some people may be referred to a neurologist or another specialist.

Continuing to use one’s sense of smell and taste by cooking, gardening, trying new flavors, and experimenting with different aromas may help slow down the decline these senses. Although age-related loss of taste and smell cannot be reversed, some such cases may be treatable.

Learn about the causes of adult hearing loss



By learning about what impacts hearing loss, people can make changes to prevent damage.

Hearing loss is quite common and can impact people’s lives in profound ways. Although there are some treatments that can improve one’s ability to hear and communicate, many people are interested in learning about the ways they may be able to prevent hearing loss in the first place.

Medical experts from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association advise that hearing loss can be caused by different factors. Learning about these causes can help individuals make smart decisions at a young age to prevent future hearing loss when possible. In certain circumstances, hearing loss may be unavoidable. In such instances, audiologists, or doctors specializing in hearing, can help.

Conductive hearing loss

Conductive hearing loss refers to problems with the ear canal, ear drum or middle ear and its bones, states the Hearing Loss Association of America. Some of the causes of conductive hearing loss include:

- Otitis media is an infection of the middle ear in which fluid accumulation can interfere with the movement of the eardrum and ossicles.
- Impacted earwax also can cause hearing problems.
- Fluid in the middle ear may obstruct hearing.
- Otosclerosis, which is a middle ear disease, can make it difficult for the tiny bones in the middle ear to move. Surgery can correct the problem.
- Malformation of the outer ear, ear canal or middle ear structure can impact hearing as well.

Sensorineural hearing loss

Sensorineural hearing loss, or SNHL, occurs due to problems of the inner ear. It is often referred to as nerve-related hearing loss.

- Aging is a common cause of hearing loss that may not be reversible. Age-related hearing loss is called presbycusis and is marked by muffled or unclear speech. Treatment with assistive hearing devices can help improve hearing.
- Trauma to the ear or head may impact hearing. Wearing protective gear during sports or other activities can protect against neurological damage that may cause hearing loss.
- Damage to the inner ear can result from prolonged exposure to loud noises, states the Mayo Clinic. These noises cause wear and tear on the hairs or nerve cells in the cochlea that send sound signals to the brain. When these hairs or nerve cells are damaged or missing, electrical signals aren’t transmitted as efficiently, and hearing loss occurs. Using hearing protection and turning down the volume can help.
- Ménière’s disease is an inner ear problem of unknown origins. It usually starts in people between the ages of 30 and 50. Dizziness and ringing of the ear are common, and hearing loss comes and goes. Some loss can become permanent.
- Viruses and diseases as well as family history also may play a role in SNHL.

In some instances, hearing loss may be the result of a combination of factors. Anyone finding their hearing has become less acute should visit with an audiologist. One resource to visit is www.asha.org/profind. The doctor can then prescribe a treatment plan to help improve hearing.

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What are hereditary cancer syndromes?

Few families can say they have not been affected by cancer. But some people may feel as though a certain type of cancer runs in their families. In certain instances, such suspicions are warranted.

According to the National Cancer Institute, hereditary cancer syndromes are disorders that may predispose individuals to developing certain cancers. The NCI notes that researchers have associated mutations in specific genes with more than 50 hereditary cancer syndromes.

Before people, or even entire families, begin thinking that a certain type of cancer runs in their families, it's important to first examine certain lifestyle choices to determine if such factors, and not gene mutations, are responsible. In fact, the NCI notes that hereditary cancer syndromes play a role in just 5 to 10 percent of all cancers.

Tobacco use is one lifestyle choice that can cause similar cancers to develop among family members. Smoking greatly increases a person's risk of developing cancer, and even that person's nonsmoking family members may have a higher risk for cancer due to exposure to secondhand smoke. Other factors, such as poor diet, also may increase the likelihood that people within a family may get



cancer. Neither instance, however, is the result of hereditary cancer syndrome.

People who suspect they might be at risk for hereditary cancer syndromes should express their concerns to their physicians. Primary care physicians and other health professionals will then work to determine if patients are at risk. If a person is identified as at

risk for developing hereditary cancer syndromes, then he or she may be referred for genetic counseling and risk assessment, and certain tests also may be conducted as physicians work to develop a plan to manage risk.

A patient's family history helps physicians determine if there is a risk for hereditary cancer syndrome. The NCI notes that physicians may look

for the following features of hereditary cancer in the patient's family.

- One first-degree relative with the same or a related tumor and any of a number of features specific to the patient (a list of individual features of hereditary cancer is available at www.cancer.gov).

- Two or more first-degree relatives with tumors of the same site.

- Two or more first-degree relatives with tumor types belonging to a known familial cancer syndrome.

- Two or more first-degree relatives with rare tumors.

- Three or more relatives in two generations with tumors of the same site or etiologically related sites.

Hereditary cancer syndromes are relatively

uncommon, but that does not discount the importance of determining one's risk for such cancers. The NCI notes that finding out one is at risk of hereditary cancer can potentially have life-saving implications. More information on hereditary cancers is available at www.cancer.gov.

Fight the flu with these strategies



Influenza can rear its head any time of the year, but is known to be a particularly bad thorn in one's side during times of year when the weather is cold. According to WebMD, anywhere from 5 to 20 percent of the population will get the flu in an average year and it can take three to seven days for a regular case of the illness to go away, with some effects lingering for up to two weeks.

No one wants to get the flu, which is marked by fever, aches and pains, congestion, fatigue, and other symptoms. As a result, people do all they can to help prevent the flu — or at the very least shorten its duration.

The best way to stave off the flu is to get a flu vaccination each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the vaccine is carefully curated to treat against the flu strains that research suggests will be the most common each flu season. Getting vaccinated by the end of October is recommended.

Steer clear of sick individuals and make a concerted effort to avoid germs and the spread of germs. Diligently washing hands and avoiding touching your nose, eyes and mouth can help you avoid and spread germs. In addition, repeatedly clean and disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus.

You might want to consider prophylactic treatment with an antiviral medication. In 2000, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of oseltamivir phosphate, which is known by the brand name Tamiflu, as a flu preventative. However, many people only reach for the drug when symp-

toms already have set in. Instead, it can be especially helpful in preventing the flu when someone in the household has already contracted the illness. The results of several clinical studies show that Tamiflu, when taken once daily, is up to 92 percent effective in preventing influenza illness in adolescents, adults and the elderly.

Drink plenty of liquids during flu season to keep the body well hydrated so the immune system can be in top form. Fruit juices, water, broth-based soups, and sports drinks can help keep the respiratory system from forming thick mucus that can become laden with bacteria. Should a fever set in, fluids help prevent dehydration.

It also can be wise to take zinc supplements during cold and flu season. Neil Schachter, MD, medical director of the respiratory care department at Mount Sinai Medical Center and the author of "The Good Doctor's Guide to Colds & Flu," says zinc may boost immunity, which can shorten the duration or severity of the flu.

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Some lesser known allergy symptoms

Allergy symptoms are a result of a person's immune system overreacting to something that is harmless to most people but sparks a reaction in people sensitive to the trigger. Some symptoms of allergic reactions, such as sneezing, are widely known. But people may be surprised to discover some of the other common allergy symptoms.

According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, a host of physical symptoms are indicative of allergic reactions.

- Wheezing, shortness of breath: The ACAAI says that wheezing or shortness of breath are telltale signs of asthma, but notes that such symptoms also may be indicative of an allergic reaction. The ACAAI recommends people see an allergist if they develop unexplained wheezing that keeps returning or if the wheezing occurs alongside symptoms like rapid breathing or difficulty taking in air. Wheezing that appears after a person is stung by an insect, takes a medication or eats something he or she is allergic to is symptomatic of an allergic reaction and requires immediate medical attention.

- Cough: The appearance of a dry, persistent cough may indicate an allergy. Coughs are often a byproduct of a cold or flu, but such coughs tend to taper off after a few days. Chronic dry coughs that linger for more than three weeks may indicate the presence of an allergy. Allergy-related coughs may be more prevalent during certain times of year or in certain environments. The ACAAI notes that chronic dry cough has been linked to allergies such as hay



fever and may indicate an allergy to pet dander, dust, pollen, or mold.

- Headache: Though few people associate headaches with allergies, some headaches can be allergy-related. According to the ACAAI, sinus headaches and migraines have been linked to allergies. Sinus headaches may be characterized by localized pain over the sinus area and/or pain in the face that may or may not be accompanied by a headache. A throbbing pain on one side of the head indicates a migraine, the symptoms of which may worsen when exposed to light. Among the more painful allergy symptoms, headaches should be discussed with an allergist.

- Nausea and vomiting: Nausea and vomiting may be a byproduct of

food allergies. Seasonal allergies rarely, if ever, lead to nausea or vomiting. However, when a person eats a food he or she is allergic to, the immune system reacts to this allergy in much the same way it does to allergies like hay fever, releasing a chemical called histamine. When a person is dealing with seasonal allergies, the histamine his or her body releases can cause sneezing, runny nose or other symptoms commonly associated with such allergies. But when histamine is released to combat food allergies, it can cause nausea and vomiting.

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