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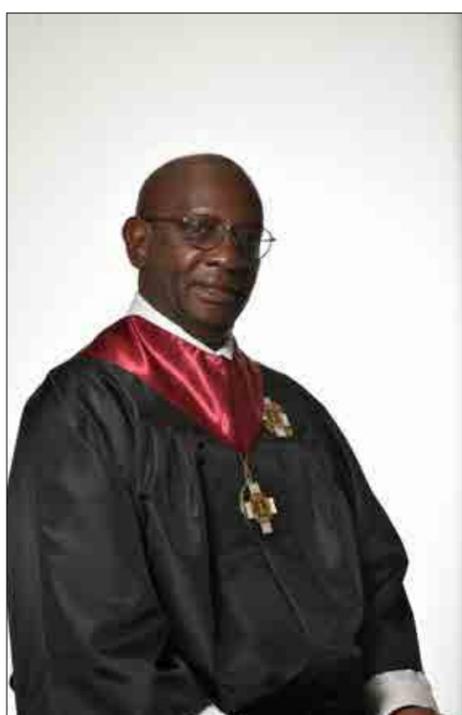


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Friday, August 16, 2019

Bay Path graduate places well in national competition



Isaac Njoroge

CHARLTON — Isaac Njoroge of Worcester, a Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy graduate, took home eighth place from the SkillsUSA National Championship held June 24-29 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. Njoroge competed in the post-secondary division of the national medical math competition.

Njoroge was presented with a certificate of participation and was previously awarded SkillsUSA red and white graduation honor cords. Njoroge is originally from Kenya, where he obtained a Diploma in Special Needs Education and a Primary Teacher's Certificate. In 2013, Njoroge completed an Associate Degree in Science major in Human Services at Quinsigamond Community College where he graduated with Highest Honors and a membership to Phi Theta Kappa.

"Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy proudly supports SkillsUSA and its mission to empower Career Technical Education," says Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. "The Medical Math competition is designed to prepare practical nursing students for a career in the nursing field."

More than 6,000 career and technical education students, including post-secondary students — all state contest winners — com-

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Selectmen address transparency concerns

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — In recent months, a proposal to develop a \$100 million liquid natural gas (LNG) plant in Charlton has been met with resistance by residents who have voiced complaints about everything from traffic to zoning. However, one of the biggest concerns has been transparency as some citizens have questioned whether or not the process has been properly open to public input.

With natural gas discussions dating back to 2016, the proposal would see Liberty Energy Trust, operating as Northeast Energy Center LLC, construct a 12-acre LNG plant along Route 169 in Charlton which some label as the town's "energy corridor." The plant would be located at 304 Southbridge Rd., and would include several on-site processes such as liquifying, storing and loading natural gas into trucks for delivery and distribution. The company is seeking exemptions from Charlton's zoning bylaws.

In May of this year, around a hundred citizens turned out for a public hearing hosted by the

state Energy Facilities Siting Board where some called the plan "absurd" and unsafe especially for its proposed location. In the months since the town of Southbridge has hired a lawyer to represent their interest in the plant as an intervener during the siting process while Millennium Power, which would serve as a neighbor to the plant, has publicly distanced themselves from the project.

While the controversy will surely continue in the public forum, Charlton's selectmen are taking measures to defend the process thus far by releasing a detailed document encompassing the history of LNG discussions over the last three years. On Tuesday, Aug. 6, Board of Selectmen Chair David Singer briefly addressed the public acknowledging that the board had received emails voicing concerns about whether or not the public had been properly involved in the discussions to date. Due to these inquiries, the Board of Selectmen is making a multi-page document encompassing the history of the proposal available for all to view at

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Local teen to be featured in Hanover Theatre's "The Music Man"

WORCESTER — Session two of The Hanover Theatre Teen Youth Summer Program (YSP) presents Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" on Friday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 at 2 and 7 p.m. The cast includes Charlton resident Chloe Selavka (River City Teen). For the first time this year, students attended pre-qualifying auditions before being accepted into the program.

"The Music Man" is family entertainment at its best, featuring

some of musical theatre's most iconic songs and a story filled with wit, warmth and good old-fashioned romance. Meredith Willson's six-time, Tony® Award winning musical comedy has been entertaining audiences since 1957 and is a story to be shared with every generation.

"The Music Man" follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize. His plans to



Chloe Selavka

skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

Tickets to "The Music Man" are \$20. Reservations are available online at TheHanoverTheatre.org, by phone at 877-571-SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge St. in downtown Worcester.

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Visitors spin the wheel of luck at the 2017 St. Andrew Bobola Polish Festival. The 2019 event will take place later this month

Polish Festival set for end of August

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — For the 65th year, the St. Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley will host its annual Polish Festival at the end of August, celebrating not only the Polish culture in which the church finds its roots, but also the long-standing relationship the parish has had with the local community.

Event spokesperson Paula Niksa called the festival a significant fundraising event for the church, and

while it has garnered significant funds to help keep the church operational the festival has evolved into so much more than a simple money-earning opportunity. It has become a Dudley tradition as visitors from town and beyond Dudley's borders crowd the parking lot of the church each year to enjoy the music, food and cultural celebrations taking place on the grounds.

"We're keeping up a tradition that's been in the parish for a long time," Niksa said. "Because we are a Polish

parish one of the big features of this event is the homemade Polish food where we have had our parishioner volunteers in already making over 4,000 cheese and cabbage pierogi as well as the galumpkis that are going to be available. We'll have entertainment and activities for the whole family and a big money raffle."

Numerous staples of the event will be returning in 2019 including a yard sale, games for both adults and

Please Read **POLISH FESTIVAL**, page **A6**

Selectmen consider reclassifying PD staff

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Following suit with several other Massachusetts communities over the last decade, the town of Charlton looks to be exploring the possibility of removing the police chief and lieutenant from civil service designation, as well as possibly the entire police department.

Board of Selectmen Chair David Singer briefly discussed the idea at a meeting in late July, explaining that it's a concept he has pondered for some time and would like to see included on the town's October

annual town meeting warrant. "That was not put on the agenda for us to actually have that discussion tonight, but simply to put it before this board to know that it is something I have been pursuing. I have been talking to the chief about and if we want to have this on the warrant for October we need to start thinking about it now and planning future meetings to have conversations around this subject matter," Singer said during a July 30 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Many communities in the commonwealth have explored the concept of making police

and fire officials public service rather than civil service employees with mixed results. The practice has notably been more popular in smaller towns than larger cities. As a civil service job, the police chief and lieutenant perform as civil servants working in the public sector. However, if the designation is removed it would make these positions more of a public service. The designation would change who is able to qualify for jobs and how they apply with civil service jobs traditionally requiring more rigorous testing. Proponents of such changes have argued that public service jobs allow for a

wider range of qualified individuals to earn their employment.

With plenty of public debate in taking place in the commonwealth over the last ten years concerning the civil service versus public service designation, selectmen in Charlton want to ensure that local citizens are heavily involved in any proposal that comes their way. Selectman Bill Borowski implied that he would support the change, but he would like more information to be presented before putting in out the October warrant.

"Other towns have done similar things by removing (per-

sonnel from civil service) in the past. Personally, I think it's a good idea, but I would like to see this put on the warrant in October and I want to make sure people are fully aware of what it really means as opposed to the rumor mill that always goes flying around," Borowski said.

Other selectmen agreed, and Police Chief Graham Maxfield was instructed to bring forward details on both the pros and cons of the proposal to the Board of Selectmen's next meeting on Aug. 27.

Disclaimers added to selectmen's email addresses

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Visitors to the Board of Selectmen page on the Charlton town website might notice a slight change and some added information when trying to communicate with selectmen electronically.

Following a brief discussion between the five selectmen and Town Administrator Robin Craver in late July, selectmen's emails were added to the website and a disclaimer was posted informing users that their emails are considered public record and that responses are to be expected within 48 hours. Selectman Karen Spiewak asked for a discussion about selectmen emails to be placed on the July 30 meeting agenda where she discussed some of her concerns about how the website email system worked.

"Currently, if a person goes to the town Web site to send an individual selectman an email, they have to fill out fields that are mandatory. It includes phone numbers and the address, etcet-

era. If someone was sending something to me it would go to me, but it would also go to the Town Administrator and their administrative assistant, but the sender doesn't know that it's going to those people," Spiewak said. "I understand if someone clicks on and wants to send an email to the entire board that the town administrator and the admin would be copied in that case, but if someone's intent is to send it to a specific individual I think it should just go to that individual and they should handle it or forward it as they see fit."

Selectmen seemed to agree that those sending emails to selectmen should be made aware that any correspondence with town officials is considered public record, but there was some disagreement on whether or not the Town Administrator's office should be added as a recipient of all emails. For informational purposes Selectman David Singer asked why the administrator's office receives a copy of these emails garnering a response from Town Administrator Robin Craver. In the end, it's a matter of making sure transpar-

ency is a priority for everyone on the board and in the town hall.

"As you know over the past year, we've had many records requests, some complied with better than others," Craver said. "I think all of the selectmen on this board at this time are checking their emails on a regular basis but not so long ago we had people who could not get in (their email) or didn't see them. I think about some of the hot issues where people had emailed board members and board members were not aware that they had received an email. This was a way of getting them and making sure everyone is getting responded to."

Craver called it a failsafe to make sure that not only were selectmen being made aware of communication they might have missed, but so that the Town Administrator officer always has copies for public records as well.

Selectman Spiewak further noted the email system was "not consistent," and sought to have the emails of selectmen placed on the Web site rather than a form that citizens have to fill out seeing

as the addresses and phone numbers are not validated anyways. She also acknowledged the fear of "mining" that could occur by having the selectmen's addresses on the Web site, but noted that she receives spam emails anyways even without the emails posted on the Web site.

In the end selectmen agreed on a compromise that has changed how citizens communicate with the board. Selectmen's email addresses are on the Web site under each member on the Board of Selectmen page and two disclaimers have been posted at the bottom of the page, one indicating that all emails are public record and a second informing citizens that they should contact the Board of Selectmen office directly if they do not receive a response within 48 hours. The email function to reach all board members at the same time along with the familiar form requiring a name, address, phone number, email and commentary also remains on the Web site.

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Charlton resident named to Westfield State Dean's List

WESTFIELD — Marc D. Widing, Jr., of Charlton, has been named to the Westfield State University Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. Inclusion on the Dean's List requires that a student maintain a GPA of 3.3 or above.

Widing is double majoring in Criminal Justice and Spanish and is a 2017 graduate of Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley.

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BRIMFIELD — Any family with children needs reliable child care. Hitchcock Academy hopes to fill that need with a unique “meet and greet” for parents and caregivers.

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The venue provides an additional service for those interested in becoming foster parents. Staff from D.C.F. foster care will be available to share information about becoming a foster care provider or respite worker for foster children.

The fee for the event is \$10 per family or care provider. Forms are available at www.hitchcockacademy.org and participants are urged to fill out the survey included with the form in order to facilitate appropriate matchups between parties. A play area will be provided but supervision is the responsibility of the person bringing a child to the event.



Children and a caregiver share an outdoor moment with a hula hoop.

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Gateway Players bring theater to the Common

SOUTHBRIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. is very pleased to be part of the Southbridge Concerts on the Common Series.

On Friday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m., Gateway will perform the John Kaasik murder-mystery, “Stranger in the Attic.” This show is free and open to the public. Just bring a chair and sit close to the gazebo so not to miss the clues. “Stranger in the Attic” is directed by Lynn Boucher. The cast includes Billy Bolster, Lou-Ellen Corkum, Ed Humphries, Stephen Jean, Joni Metras and Scott Metras. Chris McTigue is the stage man-

ager and Barbara Day is producer. The story is set in the country home of freelance writer Brian Hollander and his wife Dana. Their quiet life is unexpectedly upset by the arrival of a stranger named Kendrick, who is offering an exclusive story to Brian about a murder that has not happened yet! Brian pursues discussions of the story with Kendrick, and meets his neighbors Douglas and Margaret Brendan who tell Brian and Dana a disturbing story about a stranger who may be stalking them. Detective Hal Nelson comes into the play to try and unravel these interlocking stories and prevent a murder from happening.

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CORRECTION

The August lunch menu from Tri-Valley Elder Services, Inc. mistakenly published in last week’s edition was for the North Brookfield Senior Center only, and is not in effect at any other facility.

We deeply regret any confusion that may have resulted from this unintentional oversight.



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United Way seeks volunteers for annual Day of Caring

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton (UWSSC), a local chapter of a nonprofit focused on bettering lives within the community, is getting ready for its Day of Caring, an annual event taking place on Friday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at which volunteers help local non-profits, churches, and public institutions by completing hands-on projects, and is looking for adults over the age of 18 to sign up for the positions still available by Sunday, Sept. 1.

Those who participate will be invited to breakfast at the Sturbridge Host Hotel at 7:30 a.m., where they will receive t-shirts, water, and snacks

for the day and listen to a motivational speaker discuss the importance of volunteer efforts, and will leave from there to do community service tasks at various locations in Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton.

"Day of Caring is a little different this year because we are using an online service," said Mary O'Coin, Executive director of UWSSC. "We used to just assign people projects, but now volunteers can choose which town they want to be in, whether they would like to be inside or outside, and what kind of project they want to do. We also used to have a morning shift and an afternoon shift, but we found that the morning shift would complete the project and leave no work for the

afternoon shift, so this year we made it all in one time frame. It's a nice change for anyone who has done it before."

This year's community service projects include working in the Community Food Collaborative garden behind Sturbridge Town Hall, landscaping at the Tri-Community YMCA in Southbridge, painting the grandstands and field houses at Southbridge Public Schools McMahon Field, painting the back entryway at Catholic Charities in Southbridge, painting and clearing brush at YMCA Camp Foksett in Charlton, cleaning the chapel and meeting room at Dodge Chapel in Southbridge, and cleaning the pews and cushions at Elm St. Congregational Church

in Southbridge.

"We tried to be as broad as possible with the non-profits we are helping and we open the application to anyone, they don't have to be a member," said O'Coin. "We do have a lot of corporate sponsors who send employees out for Day of Caring, but participants don't have to be with a particular employer either. Volunteering is a big part of what we work for at United Way and it's a great way for people in these towns to support the community with their time."

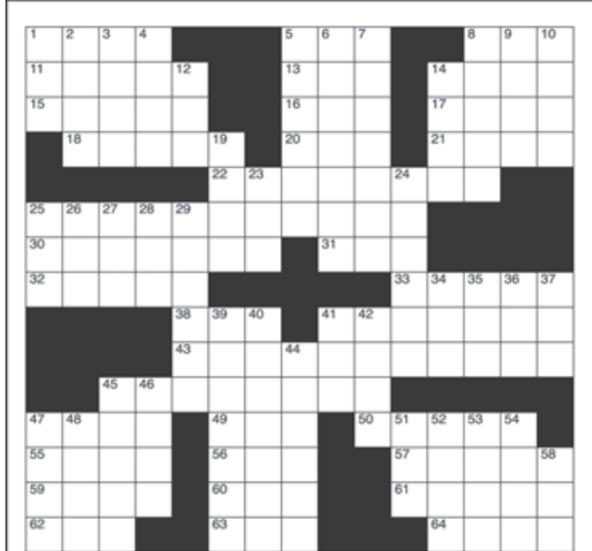
UWSSC currently supports 25 different programs at 17 different agencies year-round, including American Red Cross of Central & Western MA, Big Brothers Big Sisters

of Central MA, The Bridge of Central MA, Inc., The CASA Project Inc., Catholic Charities, Community Legal Aid, Family Health Center of Worcester, Girl Scouts of Central & Western MA, Literacy Volunteers of South Central MA, MASS 2-1-1, Mohegan Council of Boy Scouts, New Hope, Old Sturbridge Village, Pathways for Change, Inc, St. Luke's Guesthouse, Tri-Community YMCA, Tri-Valley, Inc., and Worcester Community Action Council by funding programs related to health, education, financial assistance, disaster prevention, and support and relief services. Because the organization is so focused on helping programs financially, O'Coin said the annual Day of Caring is a good

way for UWSSC to provide hands-on support.

"It's an opportunity to see a job well done by helping out or beautifying this area," said O'Coin. "It's also a great way for us as a community to come together and let people know about these organizations who provide for our community. It's important for United Way to do something that isn't just financial."

For more information on the programs United Way supports or to donate to the organization, go to www.unitedwaysssc.org to call 508-765-5491. Those who are interested in volunteering at UWSSC's annual Day of Caring can register for a specific project online at <https://signup.com/go/fuCOLyr>.



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- 1. Social reformer Lucretia
- 5. Engine additive
- 8. Where draft beer comes from
- 11. Skin lesions
- 13. Denoting one or more things
- 14. Beloved dish
- 15. Packaging allowances
- 16. Surrounds the earth
- 17. Expresses pleasure
- 18. "For goodness ___!"
- 20. Liquefied natural gas
- 21. Paul __, Swiss painter
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Covered with wood
- 31. Principle underlying the universe
- 32. Message
- 33. Become dry through heat
- 38. Printing speed measurement
- 41. One who does not succeed
- 43. Type of agent
- 45. Type of waste
- 47. Wings
- 49. Giants' signal caller
- 50. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Congo native
- 56. Mortal is one type
- 57. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
- 59. Ethnic group of Thailand
- 60. Where golfers begin
- 61. Western Florida city
- 62. Belonging to us
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Influential Israeli diplomat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mountain Time
- 2. Int'l political organization (abbr.)
- 3. Olympic champion Lipinski
- 4. March
- 5. Less fresh
- 6. Reduced in size
- 7. Garden archway
- 8. Professional translators group (abbr.)
- 9. Type of pain
- 10. What to do for the cameras
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Flop
- 24. Nearsightedness
- 25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- 26. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
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Gateway Players present "Tuesdays with Morrie" this fall

SOUTHBIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre of Southbridge presents "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Jeffrey Hatcher and Mitch Albom, based on the book by Mitch Albom. Performance dates are Sept. 13, 14, 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

All performances will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. Parking is available on Elm Street, or in the parking deck behind the Southbridge Town Hall. This production will be

directed by Suzanne Adams, and produced by Kathi Grenier. The cast features Jim Douglas (Morrie) and Seth Jajliardo (Mitch). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and youth under 18. Tickets may be reserved by calling Gateway at 508-764-4531. Online credit card ticket sales are available at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4312748> Presented by permission through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

"Tuesdays with Morrie" is the

autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mitch is reunited with Morrie, and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life.

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peted in 100 different hands-on trade, technical and leadership fields during the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference, which included the SkillsUSA Championships.

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Bestselling author to launch new book discussion series

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Joshua Hyde Public Library will be hosting New York Times bestselling author Kristan Higgins on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:30 p.m. to kick off its 2019-2020 Armchair Travelers Book Discussion, which will meet on the second Wednesday of every month until May to discuss a new novel or non-fiction title.

The event will specifically focus on Higgins' new novel *Life and Other Inconveniences*, in which she explores the challenges of dealing with family baggage, parenting, and traumas by focusing on a New England family struggling to come together again after tragic events and life circumstances tore them apart. Her writing and themes are compared to Jodi Picoult and Elin Hilderbrand and her novels have many reviews that describe



Kristan Higgins

them as heart-wrenching, memorable, insightful, uplifting, hopeful, and even funny.

"In *Life and Other Inconveniences*, three generations of women in the London family come together one summer, including Genevieve, the unforgiving matriarch, so convinced of her moral superiority and so broken from a long-ago loss; her adult granddaughter, Emma, who had to forge a life of her own after getting pregnant in high school; and Emma's sixteen-year-old daughter, Riley, who is the key to bringing these estranged women together," said a press release from the book's publisher Penguin Random House. "It is a multi-generational story that dares to show family relationships in all their complexity."

Higgins, a Connecticut native who is a New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and Publishers Weekly bestselling author and

a six-time nominee for The Kirkus Prize for best work of fiction, has written 18 novels that have been translated into more than two dozen languages and sold millions of copies worldwide, including the 2018 novel *Good Luck with That*, which dealt with the topics of weight and body image in our society.

"For many readers and for us, reading one of Kristan's novels feels like having a late-night chat with a best friend—every joy, hurt, and fear is laid bare in a way that feels healing and hopeful," the press release continues.

Along with Higgins' novel *Life and Other Inconveniences*, this year's Armchair Travelers Book Discussion reading and discussion list will also include "Eternal Life" by Dara Horn on Oct. 9, "Crossing Point" by Jim Glickman, led by the author himself on Nov. 13, "Cod" by Mark

Kurlansky on Dec. 11, "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles on Feb. 12, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens on March 11, "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver on April 8, and "Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See on May 13. The discussions are all sponsored by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library and copies of the books are available at the library and downloadable as e-audio and e-books.

The 2019-2020 Armchair Travelers Kickoff Event with Kristan Higgins is free and open to the public, but requires that guests reserve their tickets in advance. Higgins' books will be available for purchase at the discussion.

To register for the event or for more information on book discussions or future happenings at the Joshua Hyde Public Library, go to <https://sturbridgeli-brary.org>.

Cornerstone Bank makes donation to Tri-Valley, Inc.

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank recently donated \$2,000 to Tri-Valley, Inc., an organization whose mission is to help seniors and people with disabilities live independently in their own homes.

This donation will go toward the organization's Money Management Program. This program is a free service that assists low-income elders who are at risk of losing their independence due to an inability to manage their own finances. Volunteers are matched with elders who need help paying bills and other routine financial tasks.

"Tri-Valley, Inc. provides exceptional quality care management for our elders and those who are disabled," stated Cornerstone Bank Chairman & CEO K. Michael Robbins. "We are pleased to assist the Money Management Program and help seniors manage their finances and keep their independence."

For more information about the Money Management Program or if you would like to become a volunteer, please visit www.trivalleyinc.org, or call 1-800-286-6640.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Leicester, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster and Worcester. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender, and SBA Preferred Lender. For more information, visit online at cornerstonebank.com, on Facebook or call 800-939-9103.



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Pictured here, L to R: Cornerstone Bank Business Development Sales Manager and Tri-Valley, Inc. Money Management Program volunteer Colleen K. Lord; Cornerstone Bank Chairman & CEO K. Michael Robbins; Tri-Valley, Inc. Protective Services Program Director Patricia Berthiaume; and Cornerstone Bank VP/Compliance, BSA and Security and Tri-Valley, Inc. Money Management Program volunteer Pamela L. LeBlanc.

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their leisure.

"Due to some emails that we received and our desire to make sure that everything was in full view of the public and the answers were provided, the selectmen's office has pulled the history of LNG discussions. It's 16 pages long. This document is available to

anyone who wants it from our office," Singer said.

He further explained that the document details the history of LNG discussions across numerous boards including the working relationship between the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. These entities have recently found themselves at odds over another controversial proposal, the Valley Green Grow marijuana farm planned for Charlton Orchard. The doc-

ument released concerning the LNG proposal shows that selectmen have offered to be a part of the Planning Board process in regards to the natural gas plant.

"For all intents and purposes the document clearly demonstrates that the LNG discussion has been very public facing as far back as 2016, has involved various members of multiple boards including the Board of Selectmen, the EDC

and planning, and not only do we know that the select board has recently offered its assistance to planning which was not taken up, but the history will also show that this board offered assistance to planning as far back as 2016 and was told by the then planning director to stay out of it," Singer said.

The board did not allow public input during the discussion but did acknowledge their intent to respond

to the emails. Selectmen then formed a five-member LNG board consisting of Selectman Bill Borowski, Board of Health member John Sanborn, Zoning Board member Frank Lombardi, Water & Sewer Commission representative Robert Lemansky, and Planning Board Chair Patsy Rydlak.

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Goose season on the way



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The early nuisance goose hunting season in the Central District is scheduled to open Sept. 3 through Sept. 20 in Massachusetts! The early Canada goose hunting season is geared to eliminate as many of the non-migratory Canada geese that are fowling water supplies, beaches, golf courses, etc. By the looks of it, there will be many more birds to harvest this year because

of their highly successful nesting season. Large broods of geese were counted at various lakes and ponds, by local residents and hunters this year. The big problem each year for hunters is the no hunting restrictions on many of the private local fields, that the geese often frequent to feed.

Finding a hunting field for geese needs to be done early. Golf courses are a great place to start to look for hunting spots, and farmers' fields are another. Finding the daily pattern of geese can improve your chances with some great shooting possibilities. The geese may feed on private property restricting shooting, but they need water. Setting up on route's traveled to their

daily habits of water holes, can provide some great pass shooting. A liberal limit of 15 birds daily during the early season can provide some great shooting opportunities, if you do your homework.

The regular Goose hunting season opens on Oct. 14 with a dramatic cut in daily bag limits. Only two birds are allowed during the regular season. The regular duck season opens on Oct. 14, also in the Central District. The ducks also had a great nesting season with large broods surviving predators and bad weather conditions. Although the valley area does not sit on a major flyway, we still have some great shooting opportunities for migrating waterfowl.

Local anglers continue to catch some very impressive freshwater bass. Numerous largemouth and smallmouth bass are being reeled in daily from local ponds, with Whitehall Reservoir and Webster Lake giving up bass in the four to five pound range. Webster Lake is also giving up some impressive Crappie (calico bass) if you know where to fish for them. Webster Lake has had trophy crappie being caught for years by local sportsmen.

Striper fishing remained hot at Block Island last week. Numerous anglers reported catching some 40 to 50 pound fish on live eels, but charter boats were catching there stripers on Parachute Jigs. Black bass (seabass) fishing remained very good in Rhode Island waters, but Fluke fishing was poor to say the least.

Sportsmen are starting to train their bird dogs for the fast approaching bird hunt-

ing season. Losing a good bird dog and hunting companion is tough, but replacing them with a new pup can ease the pain. Numerous local sportsmen have lost their dogs in the valley this year due to old age or sickness. I have been through it numerous times and found that replacing your best friend and hunting companion, was the best way to deal with the loss. Great memories are never forgotten in the field & off, but a new dog will ease the pain and create new ones. If I could not hunt birds over a dog I would quit hunting. It is all about the dog. Pointing, flushing, and retrieves are all about a great day in the field.

This week's pictures show a German Shorthair pointing on a pheasant, followed by a great retrieve. Pheasant are the number one game bird for local hunters, as grouse are extremely rare in the area.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep them Rods bending.

It's still summer in the Berkshires

With maybe the Disney or Cape money already spent, the back to school sales and the shortening sunsets suggest another August slipping away. With easy access to the Pike, we in the Tri-Community can consider heading west to other great spot in the state, the Berkshires. The fall and winter there mean foliage and skiing, but in summer, the concentration of art and educational allow the scenic 80 minute drive—off Exit 2, with no traffic and no parking woes—to access “day trips” that can become memorable experiences.

Especially when buffered by picnic, there's beauty and pleasure at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, Edith Wharton's The Mount, and several Gilded Age mansions, while the Norman Rockwell Museum and sculptor Daniel Chester French's are designed for family-friendly summer enjoyment: warm and accessible, enlightening and fun.

BERKSHIRE SUMMER

JOE EARLS

Of course, in the evenings, there's

Tanglewood (which I found less intimidating and easier than I thought to navigate) for popular concerts and the BSO. For me, though, a deeper treasure of the Berkshires is its theater.

The Williamstown Theater Festival has a century old reputation. Uma Thurman is there doing Ibsen's

Ghosts. Along with two of the best art museums in the country, the Clark and the Mass MOCA, it's a great destination, but alas, another 45 minutes north of Exit 2. However, the Berkshire Theater Group has a strong reputation, with several theaters of varying sizes and prices deserving of your perusal and attention. berkshiretheatergroup.org

There is, however, a kind of Big Two in the area. I wonder if many Central Mass patrons know that the Barrington Stage in Pittsfield continues to win “Best Regional Theater” awards from national critics or that its casts and production values equal Boston's and, for July and August, rival all but the biggest on Broadway. In three years, we saw an electric “West Side Story,” an enchanting “Into the Woods,” and an amazing production of Sondheim's gem, starring Broadway star, Aaron Tveit, which WSJ called “the best ‘Company’ I'm ever likely to see.” For a window of summer months, it's not just “a good value.” Barrington Stage is theater as good as it gets and it will produce several plays on their different stages through October. barringtonstageco.org

Shakespeare and Company in Lenox is equally well-regarded, consistently reviewed by the Globe and the Times, and called “the most pleasing summer theatre festival in America” by the WSJ's national critic, Terry Teachout. We just saw their sunset, outdoor production of “The Merry Wives of Windsor” which opened last night and is running through September. Allow us to vouch that it packs more laughs, jokes, and stage tricks in two hours than most shows, Shakespeare or not, will find in a week. The Company has always served as an ideal introduction to Shakespeare for students and families. Year after year, I've seen people amazed that Shakespeare could be so easy, clear, and fun. Several modern pieces are also played, many recently done on Broadway, and the company's strong stable of actors are bringing them to fruition and critical praise. Many run late into the fall. shakespeare.org

Summer isn't really over: the Red Sox yet may rally and there's still time to raise one's spirits with a day or evening's entertainment. In August, it's the best our state has to offer.

POLISH FESTIVAL

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kids, Polish pride hats and t-shirts, a pair of polka bands one on each day of the event, and the popular outdoor mass. All the proceeds help with the upkeep and operation of the St. Andrew Bobola Church.

“We're a very small parish, and the Catholic church in general in this day and age is challenged to keep up with the dwindling numbers of parishioners and revenues and meeting all

their financial obligations. This festival plays a huge part in raising revenue that, in our eyes, allows our church to continue to exist and move forward. It's also a good opportunity to connect with our local community,” Niksa said, adding that the volunteers and parishioners take pride in the event's status as an annual tradition. “The challenge is keeping people coming. As the population gets older and local children who are familiar with the event go off to college it can be difficult to keep traditions going,” Niksa added. “We're for-

tunate that we do have people in the parish willing to learn and to carry on the skills and traditions of our patrons and share those traditions with other people.”

The 2019 St. Andrew Bobola Church Polish Festival takes place, rain or shine, on Friday, Aug. 23 from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 1 until 9:30 p.m. The outdoor mass will take place a 4 p.m. on that Saturday. More information on events and activities can be found on the St. Andrew Bobola Facebook page.

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Collecting pinback buttons



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Pinback buttons are popular with collectors. You can find pinbacks that will fit in with almost any other type of collection. Many pinbacks have great graphics. They are easy to display. Some can sell for thousands of dollars, but you can find many for under a dollar.

Pinback buttons are made using a wire pin. They typically have a metal circular outer covering and temporarily fasten to a garment. They're commonly associated with political campaigns, but they have a wide variety of uses.

Political campaigns were among the first to use pinbacks after they were created. A 2016 Time magazine article states that ferrotype photograph pins were used prior to pinbacks. Abraham Lincoln used the ferrotype images with locking pins in his presidential campaign in 1861. Whitehead and Hoag created the first pinback buttons in 1896. They had a celluloid (plastic) covering to protect the image. William McKinley ran against William Jennings Bryan for president that year and they both took advantage of the new buttons to promote their campaign runs.

Advertisers found pinback buttons to be an inexpensive way to promote their products. They were used by local businesses and major corporations. Pinbacks advertised everything from



1896 Prohibition Party presidential candidate Joshua Levering pinback button.

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beer to automobiles. An advertising pinback with an image of Elizabeth "Plinky" Servaty Toepperwein for Deadshot Smokeless gunpowder sold for \$1,300 in 2012. A 1909 celluloid pin portraying a Gibson Girl (based on a series of drawings by Charles Dana Gibson) sold for \$8,000 at auction in 2014.

Comic related pinbacks can generate some strong prices. Yellow Kid was a newspaper comics character that was very popular in the late 1800's. A set of

50 Yellow Kid pinbacks went for over \$3,500 at auction in 2013. A smaller set of newer pinbacks brought even more. The set of 8 "Marvelmania" pinbacks depicting Spiderman, the Hulk, and other Marvel comics characters sold for nearly \$4,000 in 2008.

Sports pinbacks can also be very valuable. A 1909 pin advertising Buster Brown Bread pictured Ty Cobb. It brought over \$4,000 at auction in 2016. Ten 1921 "Mrs. Sherlock's Bread" pinbacks depicting baseball players sold

for over \$5,000 in 2004.

As you might expect, political pins are the most desirable. A pinback for Henry Ford's 1920s presidential bid sold for over \$7,000 in 2014. One jugate (two portraits side by side) version of John Davis and Charles Bryan from their 1924 presidential run sold for \$15,000 in 2015. A 1920 Cox/Roosevelt (Franklin) jugate pin sold for \$20,000 in 1920. Four of the Cox/Roosevelt campaign pins are worth more than the \$75,000 that a president earned during that time.

We will be offering several groups of pinback buttons and a wide range of other antiques and collectibles in our August 29th live antique estates auction in Worcester. We have some estate sales and several other events also planned for the fall. My "Evaluating your Antiques" class will be at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on Sept. 17. I'll be lecturing on antiques and auctions at the Auburn Public Library at 10 a.m. on Sept. 21, and will be appraising items at 1 p.m. the same day for the Finnish Heritage Society Sovittaja in Rutland. I'll be speaking about antiques at the Worcester Senior Center on Oct. 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. I'll also be appraising items at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Oct. 23. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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Strategies for growing edibles later into the season



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Don't let fall or potentially frosty temperatures stop you from enjoying garden-fresh produce. Extend the nutritional value and homegrown flavor into your fall and early winter meals with the help of short season crops and season extending strategies.

Lettuce, spinach, radishes, turnips, and beets are quick to mature from seed to harvest. Plus, the cooler temperatures enhance their flavor. Simply count the number of frost-free days left in your growing season and compare it with the number of days from planting to harvest listed on the seed packet.

Protect these late plantings and other vegetables from chilly fall temperatures with cloches, coldframes, and floating row covers. Many of these devices have long been used by gardeners to jump start the season in spring and extend it much later into fall. These

devices trap heat around the plants, protecting them from frosty temperatures.

Convert gallon milk jugs into garden cloches for individual plants. Remove the bottom of the jug and slide it over the plant. Use the cap to capture heat or remove to ventilate your homemade cloche on sunny days. Or purchase reusable cloches with built in ventilation. Originally made of glass many of the newer cloches are affordable, making them more affordable, easy to stack and portable.

You can make your own coldframes. Many gardeners convert discarded windows, a bit of lumber and nails into a homemade shelter for their plants. The window

size usually determines the size of your coldframe. Just make sure you can reach all the plants inside. For best results your frame should be higher in the back than the front so water and melting snow can drain off. And if possible, facing south for better warming. The internet and garden books are filled with plans.

I prefer the construction-free, all-purpose garden fabrics. Simply drape these floating row covers (season-extending fabrics) over your crops. Anchor the edges with rocks, boards, or wire wickets. The fabric traps heat around your plants, but allows air, light and water through so there is no need to uncover the plants during the day or for watering.

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ers and plant protection frost covers. The frames are fitted with all-purpose garden fabric to create protective tents. You can protect new plantings and extend your harvest by protecting plants down to 24 degrees Fahrenheit.

So, with a little preparation you can keep enjoying fresh-from-the-garden flavor long past the traditional end to your harvest season.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV* and radio segments and her Web site, www.MelindaMyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gardening checklists.



Melinda Myers Photo

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5	39,221	3,269	755	55,815	4,652	1,074
6	44,967	3,748	865	63,992	5,333	1,231
7	50,713	4,227	976	72,169	6,015	1,388
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EDITORIAL

If not now, when?

The recent tragic news of more mass shootings has us in a reflective mood, pondering what an amazingly short gift the life is that we have all been given. Many times, we question whether we are living the life we truly want to be living, and wonder if we might not be settling when we should be striving for something more.

A close friend of ours recently pulled up stakes locally and moved to Florida, fulfilling a dream her family has had for almost a decade. They finally decided to stop wasting time and embrace the life they truly want.

We can think to ourselves 'easier said than done,' but the fact remains that people with less can often do more than they think, as we have seen time and time again. Hats off to those of you who refuse to settle in your lives and who set their 'what ifs' and fears down and forged ahead.

There are quite a few ways to change your life if it's something you want to do. Experts say the best way to get started is to change the way you view your life, instead of focusing on things such as a new career path or a new car. Practicing gratitude for what you already have is step one. We may live in New England, where the winters are cold and long; however, is there anything more beautiful than the morning after the season's first snowfall?

Maybe you're in a career that doesn't completely satisfy you. If that's the case, be appreciative that the place you are in right now is a perfect stepping stone to the next phase of your life.

Action creates change. Oftentimes, people don't know where to begin when they want to make a change. An expert on the topic, Mark Mansen, says that action is both the effect of motivation and the cause of it. Mansen says to stop procrastinating and begin engaging with the world.

Taking a risk and realizing that opportunities come with a cost is key. When asking yourself what it is you want, you need to weigh what you're willing to go without. Perhaps you want to rehab an old Volkswagen bus and hit the open road but in doing so your savings may take a hit. In the end, what holds more value to your life? A fun project with an opportunity to travel the country and see and meet new people or financial security? Maybe you can have both.

Be sure to focus on what you want out of life and not what will make you appear more attractive to others. Becoming self aware can clear the path to how you live your best life. Really knowing what motivates you and what scares you are the yin and the yang to creating a better life for yourself.

Remember that less is more. Focusing on getting very good at a few things will have a higher pay off than being average at many things. We hope you all have a great week, and that you take action to attain the things that you truly want. If not now, then when?

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We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

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

TO THE EDITOR

Help us keep children warm this winter

To the Editor:

One of the projects that the Knights of Columbus holds dear is its Annual Coats for Kids Campaign. Local Councils of Knights solicit funds from area businesses and individuals to purchase cases 12 new coats for children. In 2018, each case cost \$236.

Two years ago, the St. Joseph Council of Knights, 11379 purchased six cases of 12 coats. Those 84 jackets were distributed in the autumn - gone within one week. Please remember that Hurricane Maria had crippled much of Puerto Rico in 2017. Those "lucky" enough to get to the tri-community area often had no more than the clothes on their backs.

Last year, 2018, through various donations, the Council purchased seven cases of coats which were distributed to those needing them in almost the same short amount of time as in 2017. We realize that many will still not be warm without our collective efforts. Our Council will again purchase 6 cases of Coats;

we can purchase more only with your support. The demand is great!

I urge area businesses and individuals to consider buying a case, or, at least a partial case of coats. Of course, any donation is appreciated. Please make you check payable to "K of C Council 11379". Checks may be deposited in the St. Joseph weekly collection in an envelope marked "Coats for Kids" or mailed to K of C Council 11379, PO Box 373, Charlton, MA 01507.

Should you want to have a photograph of you donating your case, please advise. We will inform you of the date that the coats are on-site at St. Joseph Church, Charlton. Please allow us to keep the children warm this winter!

Thank you.

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Business owners: You need your own retirement plan



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As a business owner, you can't afford to ignore your competition. You can't afford to miss out on the trends affecting your industry. You can't afford to alienate customers. And here's one more item to add to the list: You can't afford not to create a retirement plan for yourself.

Of course, you might think that, one day, you'll simply sell your business and live off the proceeds. But selling a business isn't always simple, and there's no guarantee you'll receive enough to pay for a comfortable retirement - which is why you should strongly consider creating a retirement plan now.

Here are some of the most widely used plans:

SEP-IRA: You can contribute up to 25 percent of your compensation — as much as \$56,000 in 2019 — to a SEP-IRA. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax-deferred until withdrawn. This plan offers you significant flexibility in making contributions for yourself and your employees. Plus, as an employer, you can generally deduct, as business expenses, any contributions you make on behalf of your plan participants.

SIMPLE IRA: In 2019, you can put in up to \$13,000 — or \$16,000 if you're 50 or older — to a simple IRA. As is the case with the SEP-IRA, your earnings grow tax deferred. You can match your employees' contributions dollar for dollar, up to 3 percent of compensation. If you work for yourself, you can combine employee and employer contributions, so if you use the 3 percent matching rule, and you earn enough to fully match employee contributions, you can put in up to \$26,000 per year (or \$32,000 if you're 50 or older). Alternatively, you could contribute 2 percent of each eligible employee's compensation each year, up to a maximum of \$5,600, regardless of whether the employee contributes. Contributions to your employees are tax deductible.

"Owner-only" 401(k) plan: If you have no employees other than your spouse, you can establish an "owner-only" 401(k) plan, which functions similarly to a 401(k) plan offered by a large employer. Between salary deferral and profit sharing, you can contribute up to \$56,000, in pre-tax dollars, to your owner-only 401(k), or \$62,000 if you're 50 or older. Like a SEP-IRA and SIMPLE IRA, a 401(k) provides the potential to accumulate tax-deferred earnings. However, you could choose to open a Roth 401(k), which can be funded with after-tax dollars. With a Roth 401(k), your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59 and a half.

Which plan is right for you? The answer depends on several factors, such as whether you have any employees and how much money you can contribute each year. But all the plans mentioned above are generally easy to establish, and the administrative costs are usually minimal. Most important, any one of them can help you build some of the resources you'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. To select an appropriate plan, you may want to consult with your tax and financial advisors.

In any case, don't wait too long. Time goes by quickly, and when you reach that day when you're a "former" business owner, you'll want to be prepared.

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

What are you for?

I am often asked where I get the inspiration and ideas for my column. I find ideas, subjects and inspiration all around me. Like the late and former catcher for the New York Yankees, Yogi Berra said, "It's amazing what you can see when you look."

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

guide me. What else guides me? I am for Faith, Family and Country and I realize that makes some people roll their eyes and think of me as old school ... and If that's what it makes me, so be it. I am for optimism and serving as a positive example for others.

Yesterday, I was in church, and one of the singers was wearing a t-shirt that said, "Be known for what you're for." It sent my mind spinning into hyper-drive.

The world is packed full of people telling you what is bad or wrong. Critics abound and everyone has an opinion. Usually, that opinion is negative and only a criticism of the other persons criticism. Listen to the words of the talking heads on TV and you will believe the end of the world is near. They'll all tell you what is wrong and what an idiotic, racist, misogynistic, Nazi the other guy is. And it's amazing that any public figure they do not like is Hitler. Both sides are guilty.

We know what most people are against ... but what are they for?

My grandfather had an old saying he would repeat to me as a child. "If you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything." I used to think it was a silly phrase but as an adult I've learned the deep and profound truth found in those words. Do you have a set of guiding principles you can articulate? Do you know what you are for?

As young businessman, I read a book titled "The West Point Way of Leadership." In the book it says the first principle you learn as a Cadet is ...

"I do not lie, cheat or steal and do not tolerate those who do." - West Point Way of Leadership

I was mesmerized by the phrase but realized it may work as stated for a military school, but I had to exchange a word to make it fit my needs. I started adopting it into my daily practice by changing the word tolerate into the word associate. So, my first guiding principle that I consciously stood for and still do is. "I do not lie, cheat or steal and do not associate with those who do." Does it make me perfect? No. Far from it, but it makes me better than I would be without it. I am still a work in progress, but it is one of the principles that

In the classic baseball film, Bull Durham, Annie, played by Susan Sarandon asks "Crash Davis" played by Kevin Costner, what he believes in. Without hesitation he responds (with a small edit for polite company) ...

"Well, I believe in the soul, the small of a woman's back, the hanging curve ball, high fiber, good scotch ... I believe that the novels of Susan Sontag are self-indulgent overrated crap. I believe Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. I think there should be a constitutional amendment outlawing AstroTurf and the designated hitter I believe in the sweet spot ... opening your presents on Christmas morning rather than Christmas Eve and I believe in long, slow, wet kisses that last for three days." - Crash Davis

What's the point? He knew immediately when asked, what he is for: Do you?

So, the question is ... what are you for? Do you have a set of guiding principles you can articulate without having to think about it? The power ... the real power in life is standing for something you believe in. When you know where you stand and what you are for, the path to achievement and a better life clarifies before your eyes. If you are for something you can help get it done. If you are against something, the best you can be is an obstructionist and yes, there are things in life we should be against, but not everything.

A set of guiding principles serve as both an anchor and safe harbor in a storm, as well as a guiding compass when moving forward.

Like the T-Shirt, I want to be known for what I am for:

How about you?

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Readers Share Favorite Tips



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It's time once again to dip into the mail bag for the latest submissions from clever readers. From preventing a kitchen catastrophe to recycling a common castoff, these readers have really stepped up with their favorite tips and tricks to make life a little easier!

This reader is "on a roll" with this helpful hint:

If you would like to help our earth and further reduce your use of plastic, roll leftover corn on the cob in a large linen dish towel. This keeps it fresh in the fridge, and you can roll several in one towel, and rubber band the entire group if necessary.

Annie Wuelfing
East Brookfield

Responding to a recent tip that uses two bowls to peel garlic, this reader really shakes

it up with an easier (and less messy) technique!

Instead of using two stainless bowls I use a mason jar with cover. After flattening garlic, just empty into jar cover and shake away. Really works too!

Karen A. Gorski
Webster

Keeping track of multiple meds just became a whole lot easier:

I have an idea I just realized was a handy tip, and a good idea (at least to me). If you are on a few prescriptions, everytime you go to the doctor they ask what meds you take and their dosage. I'm not always sure, so when I get a new, or updated, prescription I take the small sticky part with all the info stapled to the paper bag from the pharmacy and place it on a small paper next to my other prescriptions in my wallet. That way I have the current info about the drug and its dosage right when and where I need it and it's always up to date. It works for me! This is good for all genders as well as parents!

Nancy McComas
Spencer, MA

This reader's tried and true cooking tip prevents kitchen messes:

My tip is for boiling food. If you don't like when your water boils over when you boil food, put a wooden spoon over the pot so all the water stays inside.

Eden Parent
West Brookfield

This reader mixed common sense and fashion sense with dash of sentiment and ended up with some sensational summer specs!

My Ocean State sunglasses will never be the same. Hot pink now has an old clip earring (from a trip with my parents an Alberta Rose, Canada, hand-tooled leather). Since I lost one earring I just couldn't let the other go due to sentimental reasons. Today I took the glue gun and in less than two minutes I have a pair of sunglasses and memories of our family trip forever!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge

This clever reader shares a low cost, effective way to treat fabric stains:

To remove blood, wine, coffee, tea stains and more on clothing, buy the yellow spray bottle (Awesome) at the dollar store for \$1. It works on all fabrics. Spray the stain and scrub with a fingernail brush. It may have to be repeated, but it always works

Happy summer!
Claire Horvath
Sturbridge

This tip takes repurposing to an impressive level!:

Here is another tip I use very often. I save all of my onion, avocado and lemon mesh bags. I just take off the paper and roll them into a ball. They are perfect handy kitchen scrubbers. I use them for egg and cheese pans or for scrubbing the sinks and bathtubs out.

Laurie Sutherland
Charlton

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Eden Parent of West Brookfield who submitted the kitchen tip above. Her name was drawn for a four course Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

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

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Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

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

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LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

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and Wright's Chicken Farm. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. \$7 food credit and \$10 slot play. Cost is \$59.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

IRELAND: September 9-22, 2019
USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington Aug. 3-16, 2020
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Thursday, Sept. 12: Newport Playhouse trip. The play is "BINGO." Leaving at 9 a.m. Return around 6 p.m. Cost is \$76 apiece, and includes dinner, show and cabaret! For more information or reservations, please call the Millbury Senior Center at (508) 865-9154.

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

PAXTON SENIORS

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS
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August 28, 2019 – Wednesday – Diamonds and Pearls the ultimate tribute show.

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

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

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

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

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

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UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

2019

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

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

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

Oct. 1- Return of Turkey Train! Train ride along Lake Winnepesaukee with

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

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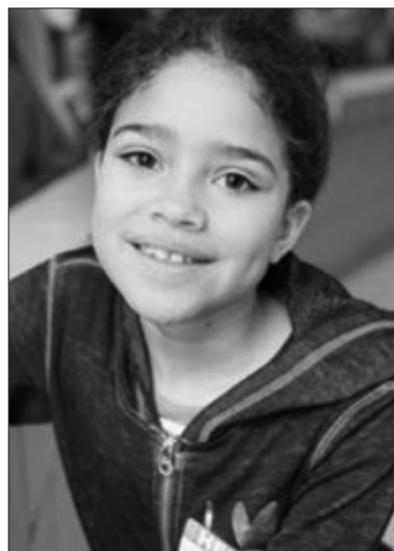
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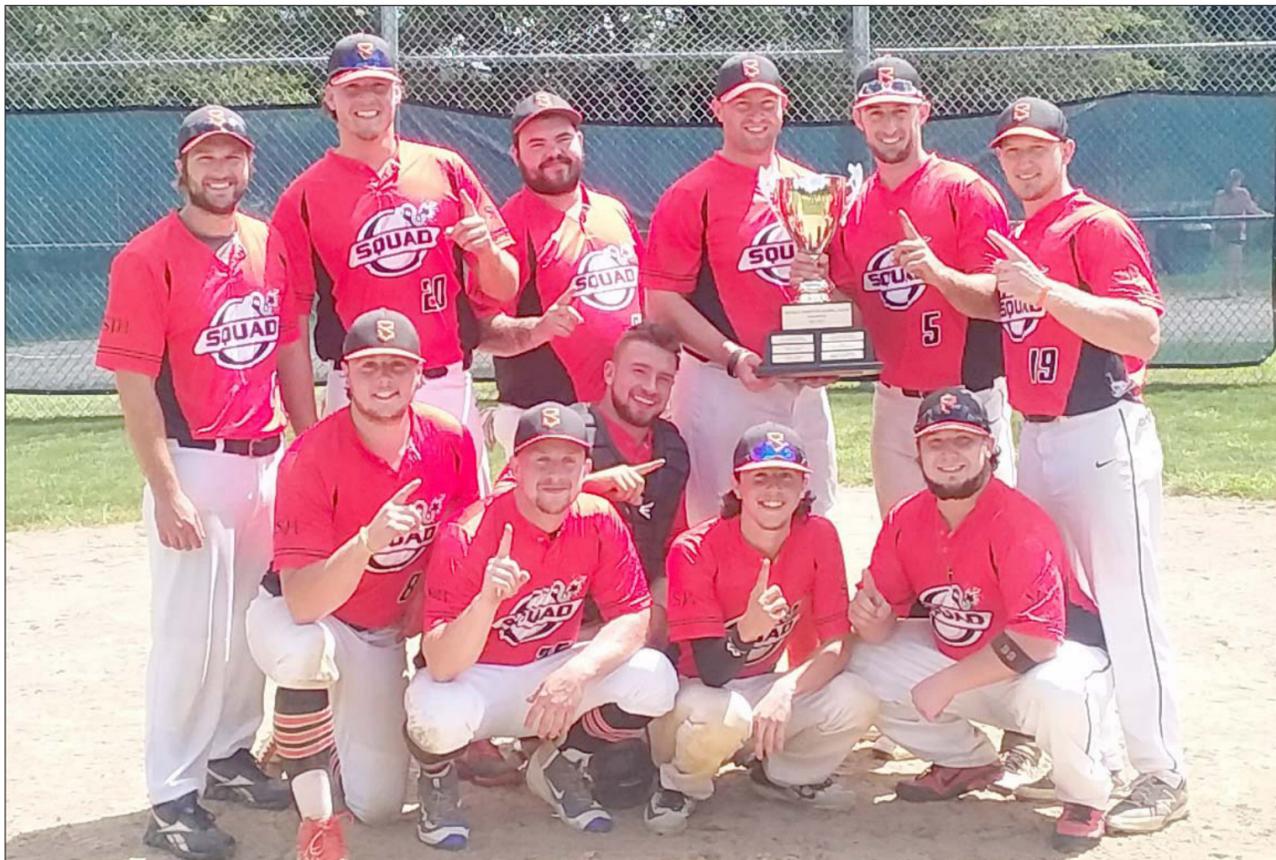
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SPORTS

Oxford bombs its way to Laid Back Competitive Baseball League championship



Jason McKay photos

The Oxford Bomb Squad signifies that it is No. 1 after defeating The Alliance in a doubleheader for the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League's championship on Saturday, Aug. 10.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Closers win championships. The Oxford Bomb Squad of the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) provided the latest

example of how true that age-old adage is by sweeping the LBCBL Championship Series with a pair of come-from-behind wins over the East Brookfield based Alliance, 3-2 and 8-5.

With the wins in the final series, which was played Saturday, Aug. 10 at Greenbriar Park's Steven J. Horgan Field, the top-seeded Bomb Squad finished its season 17-1. The Alliance, the No. 3 seed, finished 13-5.

"We, unfortunately, tend to start a little slow, but then we seem to just catch fire and roll from there," explained Tyler Bostek, who is a player and co-manager of the team (along with Andrew Gray). "In both games we had one swing that changed the momentum of the game. After that swing, especially in Game 2, we were able to string together a few more hits and a few more runs and then, here we are, celebrating winning the title."

That swing in Game 2 came with Oxford trailing 3-0 in the fifth inning. After Brian Allen delivered the Alliance its three-run lead with a solo home run in the first and a two-run jack in the third, the Bomb Squad went to work.

Cam Cardoni got the Oxford go-ahead rally started by lead-

ing off the fifth with a bloop single to right field. John Burke followed with a two-run home run to center field to cut the Alliance lead to 2-3. Burke's blast came one pitch after Burke fouled off a pitch that should have been caught by the Alliance's right-fielder, but instead was just another strike.

"I was down in the count 1-2 and [Alliance pitcher Kyle Lavalley] came with a fastball and I fouled it off, said Burke, who also doubled in the game. "I knew he was going to come back with a breaking ball so I was sitting there waiting for it. He left it up a little bit and I just got the barrel on it. I was waiting for that pitch. If he had thrown it down the middle he would have beaten me, but I was selling out for that one pitch and I got it."

"That was a very big home run in a very big spot," Bostek said.

The Bomb Squad wasn't finished in the fifth, however. Nick Lemay (two hits) followed Burke's home run with an

infield single and then, after an out, Nick Cardoni (three hits) singled to right field. Lemay tied the game, 3-3, when he scored on an RBI single to center field by Jake Sanderski, and Cardoni made it 4-3 Bomb Squad when he scored on a sacrifice fly to center by Zakk Renihan.

Oxford extended its lead to 8-3 in the top of the seventh inning.

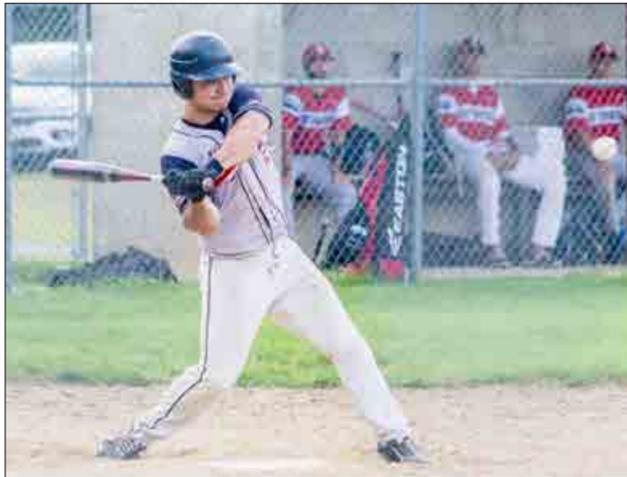
Burke led off the inning with a wind-aided double to right-center field and then scored to make it 5-3 when Lemay followed with a single to center. Bostek (two hits) then singled to left field, Lemay motoring to third on the play. Lemay made it 6-3 Bomb Squad when Nick Cardoni reached on an Alliance error: Bostek scored to increase the lead to 7-3 when Renihan singled to right, and Nick Cardoni made it 8-3 when he scored on a bases-loaded fielder's choice to short off the bat of Nick Bruzios.

The Alliance scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh to cut the Oxford lead to 8-5, but the Alliance could get no further. George Berberian and Corey Lavalley got things going with back-to-back singles, Berberian — who advanced to second on a wild pitch — scoring on Lavalley's single to the gap in left-center. Lavalley then scored two batters later to make it 8-5, coming home on a single to center field by Pete Mitchell.

Nick Cardoni picked up the win on the mound for the Bomb Squad, going 6-1/3 innings, allowing six hits and seven walks while striking out two. He came out of the game because leg cramps, which had been bothering him all game, became too painful to continue.

Lemay finished the game in dominant fashion, needing just five pitches to get two outs.

"The whole game my calf was cramping up. I tried to drink some water and I ate a banana, and I was stretching before every inning on the mound, but nothing worked and in the seventh it became too much," said Nick Cardoni, who credited his catcher [Renihan] for his effectiveness on the bump. "Zakk called a great game. We were moving the ball in and out and mixing pitches. I was trying to keep them off balance."



The Alliance and the Southbridge Spectacles tangled on Sunday, Aug. 4 with a berth into the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League's championship series on the line. The Alliance won and went on to face the Oxford Bomb Squad in the final.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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

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

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

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

"ROOS 5K 2018 was one of the most wonderful events I've ever been a part of," said Lindsay Doray, Director of Development at Second Chance Animal Services. "Not only was it a day filled with smiles and laughter, but the race also donated over \$7,000

to Second Chance AND we adopted out two dogs from our mobile adoption van on race day."

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

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

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

Register now for annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race

The 53rd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 2. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 400 pre-regis-

tered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Register by Aug. 16 and receive your choice of the Classic Long Sleeve T-Shirt, or a Long Sleeve Tech Shirt. Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at Charlton Optical or on www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com/. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

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

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

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

Paddle for Recovery is a free SUP class for those currently undergoing or who have recently completed treatment for cancer. Our mission with this program is to provide an opportunity to escape on the water and maybe even find a new passion that can assist in recovery.

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Lake Siog Park in Holland. Grills and picnic tables are on site. Bring your own

chairs or blankets to sit on. Carry in carry out!

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

8 p.m. Group photo of Survivorship
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Our fourth monthly senior social golf day will take place on Thursday morning, Aug. 22 when we will play at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton. Our group discounted rate is \$45 for 18 holes of golf and a cart. There will be prizes for the three closest to the pin shots on all the par-3 holes and a fun prized putting challenge. New prizes for chipping in from off the green with a lofted club. Come have some fun and make some new friends. To sign up please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at wsgolffclub@gmail.com. You can also view our complete schedule on Facebook at Worcester County Senior Golf Club.



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OBITUARIES

Gary P. Gajewski, 53



DUDLEY – Gary P. Gajewski, 53, died Monday, August 5, 2019 at his home.

He leaves a brother, Michael N. Gajewski and his wife Mary-Ann of Webster; a sister, Maryanne E. St. Francis and her

husband Roger of Charlton; 2 nieces, Kara St. Francis and Jenna St. Francis; an aunt, Rita Gajewski of Dudley; an uncle, Bernard Gajewski, also of Dudley; cousins; and his extended family at 21 West in Dudley.

He was born in Webster on March 11, 1966, the son of Norman L. and Esther A. (Senkarik) Gajewski and lived in Dudley all his life. He graduated from

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1984.

Mr. Gajewski was currently working at Price Chopper Supermarket in Webster where he was employed for over 20 years. He made many friends there.

He enjoyed playing his saxophone and liked entertaining the customers at Price Chopper around the holidays.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 14, at 11:00 AM in the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster. Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. A time of visitation was held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 14, prior to the service.

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CALENDAR

Friday, August 16

CHARLTON LIONS NITE GOLF TOURNAMENT: 8 p.m., Heritage Golf Course. The Charlton Lions Nite Golf Tournament is being held tonight at the Heritage Golf Course. This is a best ball/shot gun start at 8 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person with teams of four. If you can't set up a foursome please come anyways...we'll set you up with other players. No motorized carts are allowed so bring your own pull cart. Flashlights/bug spray are optional. Registration is highly suggested (for possible rain date information). You can register by emailing: thecharltonlions@gmail.com or calling Lions Steve at 508-641-8171 or Carole at 508-341-4992. Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you!

Sunday, August 18

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH DAY PICNIC: 11:30 a.m. (following Worship at 10:30 a.m.), First Congregational Church of Brimfield, UCC, 20 Main St., Brimfield. Have you ever considered visiting worship at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield? All are welcome, and we have a special day planned today with a full barbecue following worship! Please come and join us!

SIXTH ANNUAL ZUCCHINI FESTIVAL & ANTIQUE CAR/MOTORCYCLE SHOW: Noon to 4 p.m., Holland Community Center, 40 Brimfield Rd. We will have a Zucchini Cook off in three categories: Appetizers/Salads, Entrees/Casseroles, Breads/Desserts. Entries must be signed in by 12:30 p.m. and bring a copy of the recipe. You can enter your biggest zucchini at the Holland Market from Aug. 11 to the 17. Antique Cars (pre 1995) can sign up for a \$5 entry fee, prizes will be given in the following categories – “Best Car,” “Best Resto Mod,” “Best Hot Rod,” “Best Paint” and “Best Interior.” If you can't cook, don't have an antique car, or didn't grow a zucchini you can still let your Zucchini Spirit Shine! Lots of fun will be happening. Craft tables and Vendor Tables, a Magician, a Musician, for the second time the Bubble Machine (which is super fun! Just sheets and sheets of foam falling), Adoptable Cats from Here Today, Adopted Tomorrow, Non-Profit tables, Face Painting, a Chinese Raffle sponsored by the Friends of the Holland Community Center, a Bakesale sponsored by the Friends of HCC, as well as the Holland Fire Department will be there. The Boy scouts will be cooking burgers & dogs so stop by for lunch. Vendor Tables available for \$10, Non-Profits are free. This is a fun time for all ages!

Friday, August 23

POLLINATORS & PLANTS: 10 a.m., Norcross Sanctuary, 30 Peck Rd., Wales. Join us for a casual walk with our Staff and nature guru Dave Small from the Athol Bird and Nature Club. We will explore parts of the Sanctuary and see what interesting birds, butterflies,

beetles, bees and buds we can find! Depending on how the day goes, we could be out for two hours or four, so please RSVP so we can make arrangements for lunch. Call 413-267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

Monday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 21

THE NATURE OF MY BACKYARD: 11 a.m.-noon, Norcross Sanctuary, 30 Peck Rd., Wales. The Creature Teachers are coming to Norcross, and bringing live animal ambassadors to explore the lives of the creatures living in our own backyards. A great program for all ages to meet some of the common animals that we encounter every day. Reserve your spot: Call 413-267-9654 or email lectures@norcrosswildlife.org.

Saturday, October 5

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

ONGOING

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

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton

Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

“A CARING PLACE” MEMORY CAFÉ: A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free and fun place for people to go where they can be themselves and enjoy the company of loved ones and never have to worry about what others are thinking. We will never ask for a diagnosis and anyone from any town or city and any age are welcome. We only ask that all guests have a caregiver with them and that the guest has a cognitive related illness or injury. Staff is not responsible for the personal care of any guest. We are accepting to any level of ability and always welcome new people. Our Memory Café is run on donations and sponsors. Light refreshments are often served. Our atmosphere is geared toward fun yet comfortable and always safe. Our Café often hosts singers, dancers and performers who will help bring back old memories and days gone by. Our Café also hosts fun interactive activities but never educational events; we feel this should be a fun time spent together. Please see the upcoming scheduled events coming to our Memory Café over the next few months. Signups are encouraged. We are open the first Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m.

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

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways

of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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.

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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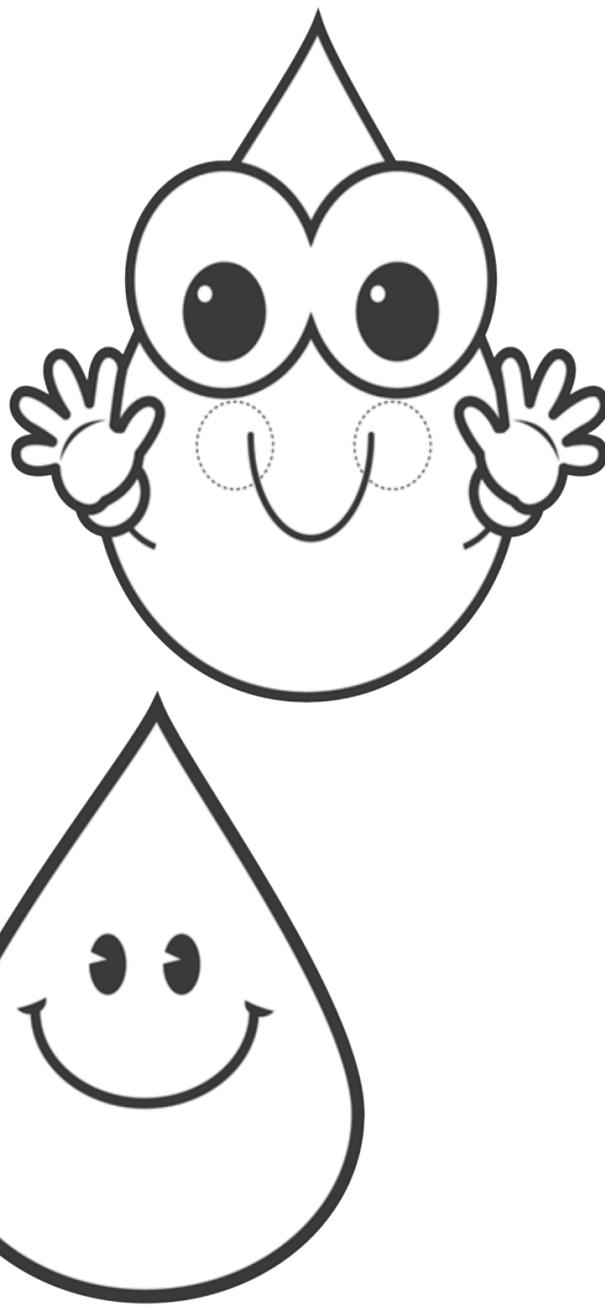
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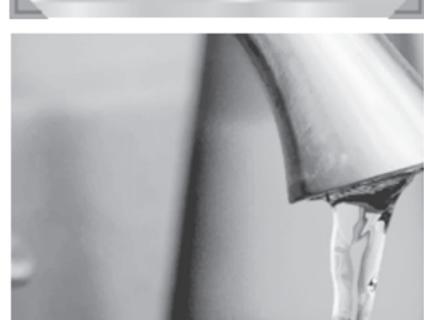
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Notice is hereby given that the Caregiver- Patient Connection, LLC of 910 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, Massachusetts, will conduct a Community Outreach Meeting on the following matter on AUGUST 29, 2019 **at the PUBLIC HOUSE, STURBRIDGE, MA AT 6:00 P.M. at 277 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA.** The Caregiver- Patient Connection, LLC intends to apply for the followin Adult-use Marijuana

Establishment license: Marijuana Retailer, to be located at 365 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA pursuant to MGL Ch. 94 G and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, other applicable laws and regulations promulgated thereunder, including those promulgated thereunder by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

Information presented at the community outreach hearing will include, but not be limited to:

1. The type of Adult-use Marijuana Establishment to be located at the proposed address;
2. Information adequate to demonstrate that the Adult - use Marijuana Establishment location will be maintained securely;
3. Steps to be taken by the Adult-use

Marijuana Establishment to prevent diversion to minors;

4. A plan by the Marijuana Establishment to positively impact the community; and
 5. Information adequate to demonstrate that the location will not constitute a nuisance as defined by law; and
 6. Community members will be permitted and are encouraged to ask questions and receive answer from representatives of Caregiver-Patient Connection, LLC;
- A copy of this notice is on file with the Offices of the Town Clerk, the Planning Board, and the office of the Town Administrator. Copy of this Notice was also mailed at least seven calendar days prior to the community outreach

meeting to abutters of the proposed address of the Marijuana Establishment, owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred feet of the property line of the petitioner as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another City or Town.

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DUDLEY - 24 Hickory Dr! 8 Rm 50' Split on Dble Corner Lot! Fully Appliance SS Kitchen w/Tile Flr, Cherry Cabinets, Corian Counters & Island! Din Rm w/Slider to Deck! Liv Rm w/Cherry Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Picture Window! Slate Entry w/Coat Closet! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Recent Refreshed Master Bath! 2nd & 3rd Bdrms w/Walk-in Closet & Dble Closets! Lower Level Fam Rm w/Stone Fireplace w/Pellet Insert! Office/Play Rm w/Walk-in Closet! Full Bath w/Recent Vanity! C/Air! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! Generator! Replacement Windows! Flexible Floor Plan! **\$299,900.00**

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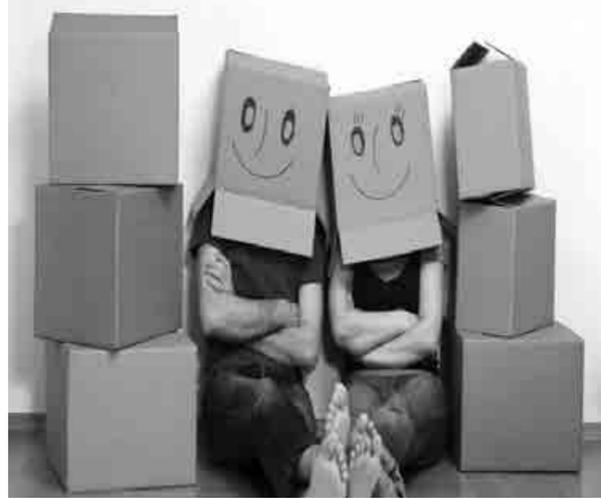
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N. WOODSTOCK 657 Brick Yard Rd	S	11:30-12:30	\$244,900	Re/Max professional Associates/ Patrick Sweeney 774-452-3578
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BOATING

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning on your boat

Boating is a rewarding hobby that allows people to spend ample time on the water enjoying the great outdoors. Fresh air and boating might go hand in hand, but a danger may be lurking in the air on or around boats that can put boaters' health in jeopardy.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, carbon monoxide, or CO, can accumulate anywhere in or around a boat. Inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures and blocked exhaust outlets are just two places where CO can accumulate. Exhaust also can get trapped in enclosed places, potentially leading to the accumulation of CO.

Fortunately, the USCG notes that CO poisoning is entirely preventable. Routine maintenance and attentive boat ownership can protect boaters and their passengers from the threat posed by CO poisoning.

What are the dangers of CO poisoning?

CO is produced when carbon-based fuels burn. Such fuels include gasoline, charcoal or oil, so boat engines are not the only potential source of CO poisoning on a boat. Gas generators, cooking ranges and space and water heaters also pose a threat.

CO is dangerous because it can enter the bloodstream through the lungs, preventing the body from getting the oxygen it needs. The USCG notes that both prolonged exposure to low concentrations of CO or very quick exposure to high concentrations of CO can prove fatal.

What are symptoms of CO poisoning? Irritated eyes, headache, nausea, weakness, and dizziness are some of the early symptoms of CO poisoning. These are easily and often mistaken as seasickness when on a boat. Any of the aforementioned symptoms should be addressed immediately. People experiencing these symptoms should



be moved to a fresh air environment, observed and given oxygen, if necessary. Seek medical help and shut off potential sources of CO, if possible. Do not write these symptoms off as simple seasickness. Err on the side of caution, even if you're unsure if CO poisoning is the culprit.

Protect yourself and others from CO. The USCG recommends all boaters

learn where and how CO can accumulate on their boats. Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat at all times, running exhaust blowers whenever the generator is operating.

When hosting others on their boats, boaters should make sure everyone steers clear of engine and generator exhaust outlets. Boaters and their guests should never sit, teak surf or hang on the back deck or swim platform

while engines are running.

The USCG notes that the presence of exhaust fumes means CO is present, too. Dissipate fumes immediately upon detecting them.

Boating is a safe and fun activity when boaters maintain their boats and take steps to protect themselves from dangers like carbon monoxide. More information on boating safety can be found at www.uscgboating.org.

Great ways to enjoy a day on a boat



Few things can be as enjoyable on a warm day as spending some time on a boat. For many people, the sound of the water lapping beneath a boat and the feeling of a warm summer breeze blowing through their hair is the very essence of summer relaxation.

Boating appeals to people with varying interests, and there are many ways one can enjoy a day spent traversing a nearby river, lake or ocean.

FISHING

Recreational fishing is wildly popular. According to the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, in 2016 more than 47 million Americans participated in fishing at least once during the calendar year. In its Survey of Recreational Fishing in Canada, the organization Fisheries and Oceans Canada found that more than 3.2 million adult anglers actively participated in a variety of recreational fishing activities in Canada in 2015. The sheer volume of people who enjoy recreational fishing suggests it's an activity that has widespread appeal and it can benefit people of all ages and skill levels. What's more, fishing provides a wonderful excuse to spend a day on a boat.

SAILING

Sailing is a rewarding and demanding hobby. Avid sailors often describe the origins of their love of sailing as "catching the bug." Indeed, few hobbies can be as gratifying as sailing, which the organization Discover Boating® notes requires participants to be more active than almost any other type of boating. While sailing can be physically demanding, when the waters are calm, few activities can be as peaceful and relaxing.

EXPLORING

Of course, even people who do not own their own boats can still enjoy time on the water. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation notes that roughly 90 percent of U.S. residents live within one hour of navigable bodies of water. Many waterfront communities, particularly those with tourism-based economies, are home to small businesses that provide local river, lake or ocean tours. These can be great ways to learn about local history and/or see local marine life.

A day spent on a boat is a great way to enjoy a warm afternoon. And the options are endless when it comes to how to spend such days on the water.

Tips for first-time boat buyers

Boating is a rewarding hobby that can be great for people from all walks of life. Many people buy a boat because they already have a passion for fishing and want their own vessel to take out on the water. Others may buy a boat because they like the challenge posed by sailing, a demanding yet rewarding hobby.

According to Grow Boating, a marine industry organization that aims to generate awareness and interest in boating, retail sales of new boats, marine engines and marine accessories in the United States totaled \$20.1 billion in 2017. That marked a 9.5 percent increase from the year prior, highlighting the growing popularity of boating. In fact, Grow Boating notes that 141.6 million Americans went boating in 2016.

The fun of boating compels many people to buy their own boats. For first-timers, buying a boat can be both exciting and confusing. Prospective buyers must decide on everything from the type of vessel they want to the size of the boat to where to store it when they're not out on the water. Such decisions can make the process of buying a boat somewhat intimidating. However, the following tips might facilitate the process of buying a boat for the first time.

- Assess your skills. An honest assessment of your skills will help you determine if the time is right to buy a boat. There's no shame in waiting to buy a boat until you become more comfortable navigating it. Boating schools can be great resources for novices, teaching them the ins and outs of boating. The United States Coast Guard notes that boating safety courses are offered throughout the country



for all types of recreational boaters.

- Ask around. Boaters tend to be passionate about boating, and many are willing to offer advice to novices about boats that may suit their needs. Local marinas can be great resources for first-time boat buyers. Visit a local marina and seek advice from current boat owners. Some may share their own travails and triumphs from their first boat-buying experience, and those stories can serve as a guide as you begin your own journey to boat ownership.
- Be patient. Boats are significant investments, so it serves prospective owners well to be patient and exercise due diligence before making a purchase. Do your homework on the type of boat that best suits your needs, skill level and budget.
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regard to fees. The cost of owning a boat is more than just the sticker price and the cost of fuel. Much like you would before buying an automobile, get a quote on boating insurance before making a purchase, being as specific as possible in regard to the boat's make, model and age when asking for an estimate. In addition, get quotes on docking and mooring fees. When buying a boat, people envision taking their boats out as much as possible. That's only possible for boat owners who fully grasp the full cost of boat ownership and how to finance all of the ancillary expenses of owning a boat.

The decision to buy a boat requires careful consideration of a host of factors to ensure boaters find the right boat and get the most of their time on the water.



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2016 DODGE JOURNEY NEW Retail Price: ~~\$29,295~~
 #D9912L • SXT, 3RD ROW SEATS, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, ALLOYS, V6
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$20,677

SAVE \$8,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2016 GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4
 #D9940L
 NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,390~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$24,677

Roof Rails, Back-Up Cam, 3.6L V6, 17" Alloys, Bluetooth, Keyless Start.

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SPECIAL PURCHASE #H0939V

Like New 2017 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SUV
 ALL-WHEEL DRIVE SPORT TRIM
 NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$28,545~~
STARTING AT ONLY: \$18,977

6 Available

Back-Up Cam, Satellite Radio, Bluetooth, 17" Alloy Wheels!

SAVE \$9,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2016 FORD F-150 4x4 SUPERCREW
 #P12129V
 NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$39,985~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$28,677

XLT Sport Trim, Alloy Wheels, Satellite Radio, Back-Up Camera.

SAVE \$11,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2018 HYUNDAI ELANTRA NEW Retail Price: ~~\$21,450~~
 #H0926V • GT HATCH, ALLOYS, BLUETOOTH, BACK-UP CAM
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$15,777

SAVE \$5,700 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2018 CHRYSLER PACIFICA NEW Retail Price: ~~\$37,545~~
 #D9742R • HEATED LEATHER, NAV, 17" ALLOYS, POWER LIFTGATE
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$25,377

SAVE \$12,200 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 SUBARU FORESTER NEW Retail Price: ~~\$29,595~~
 #H0859RV • AWD, BACK-UP CAM, PREMIUM TRIM, MOONROOF
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$20,477

SAVE \$9,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 HONDA ACCORD NEW Retail Price: ~~\$26,180~~
 #H0842LV • EX-L COUPE, ALLOYS, HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,377

SAVE \$8,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2017 FORD ESCAPE SE SUV
 #P12211L
 NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$29,495~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$17,977

4x4, 17" Alloys, Bluetooth, Turbo, Nav, Back-Up Camera, SYNC

SAVE \$11,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 CHEVY SILVERADO NEW Retail Price: ~~\$42,705~~
 #S119165A • 1500 LT, ALLOYS, V8, 4X4, BLUETOOTH, DOUBLE CAB
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$31,477

SAVE \$11,200 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 HYUNDAI SONATA SPORT SEDAN
 #H0796L
 NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$25,640~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$15,677

Back-Up Camera, Keyless Start, 17" Alloys, Heated Seats, Bluetooth.

SAVE \$10,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2016 CHEVY EQUINOX LS AWD SUV
 #39891L
 NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$28,795~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: \$14,777

7" LCD, Satellite Radio, 17" Alloys, All-Wheel Drive, Back-Up Camera.

SAVE \$14,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

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