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Ukulele duo serenades audience at Joshua Hyde Library

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The founders
of the Ukulele Scramble, Richard

Annie Sandoli photos

Robin Hoffman and Richard Perlmutter
describe the differences in ukuleles

Perlmutter and Robin Hoffman,
shared their talent and ear for
musical mashups with a receptive
audience at Joshua Hyde Library
Oct. 26.

The two musicians play a wide
variety of songs that no one would
expect to hear on the ukulele,
mixing genres from completely

different eras and adding a humor-
ous twist to outdated lyrics to cre-
ate a musical experience that lis-
teners won't hear anywhere else.

"We both like messing with
songs and we both like classical
music and have a classical music

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Sturbridge Great Ponds 2018 report card released

SUBMITTED BY DR. DAVID MITCHELL,
STURBRIDGE LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As usual, another summer season has ended
all too suddenly, leaving memories of hot and
humid weather, strong rainstorms, and hope-
fully, plenty of good times for the shoreline res-
idents of Sturbridge's Great Ponds (Big Alum,
Cedar Lake, Leadmine Pond, Long Pond (part
of East Brimfield Reservoir) South Pond, and
Walker Pond). The docks are in, the boats out of
the water, and the water surface is dotted with
fallen leaves. As is our custom, the Sturbridge
Lakes Advisory Committee (or SLAC) is report-
ing on the Ponds' overall health, based on
the annual summer water quality testing.
Sampling was conducted on July 27th and

29th under the direction of monitoring teams
led by Chris Mazieka, a long-term resident of
South Pond. This year's sampling represents
the 17th consecutive year of data collection
under leadership of SLAC and the Sturbridge
Conservation Commission (SCC).

The summer water quality testing is spon-
sored by the town, conducted by SLAC, aided
by numerous dedicated volunteers and boat
captains, with the cooperation of the SCC.
Volunteer samplers collect water samples (both
shallow and deep) and make field observations
with regard to water clarity, temperature, and
dissolved oxygen. Water samples are sent off

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Courtesy photos

Taking bids on the 2018 Publick House Chair at this year's
Federated Church Auction

Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale kicks off Monday night auction socials

STURBRIDGE — Have
you ever wanted to learn
how to repair or refinish a
treasured family table or
re-cane the seat on your
grandmother's antique
chair? This could be just
the opportunity you've been
looking for and it's available
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your investment of time.

The Federated Church of
Sturbridge and Fiskdale's
auction committee has put
out a call for volunteers to
help with preparations for
next year's 70th annual
Antique Auction. Beginning
on Monday, Nov. 5, and con-
tinuing through the winter,
members of the committee
will meet in Fellowship Hall

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Photo Cutline #2: This newly
re-caned antique rocker was
sold at this year's Federated
Church Auction



Shawna Lataille, owner of Meraki

Shawna Lataille, owner of Meraki Hair Co., has been a licensed cosmetologist for 10 years.
She finally followed her dream and opened up her own salon, located at 57 Main St #7 (Fiske
Hill Plaza) Sturbridge.

"I grew up in Sturbridge so happy to bring a new small business to the area and finally
have my dream come true," said Lataille.

We would like to give her a warm welcome to the Sturbridge community!

Courtesy photos



Shawna Lataille, owner, with
stylist Stephanie Pouliot

'Bat girl' debunks bat myths, urges protection

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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

evidence of evolution in action.
Specifically, the bat is
probably either a little or
big brown bat, according
to MassWildlife's bat pro-
gram coordinator Jennifer
Longsdorf, who describes her-
self as "bat girl." If it's a little

brown bat – and only a special-
ist can really tell the difference
– it's one of the state's tiny per-
centage of survivors of white
nose syndrome, which has
killed off more than 99 percent
of the species in Massachusetts
since 2009.

The disease is a fungus that
"grows in cold, dark environ-
ments with really high humid-
ity" – exactly the kinds of cav-
erns the smaller bats hibernate
in each winter, she said. "It
causes them to wake up [in
mid-winter] and use their pre-

vious fat reserves too quickly"
by flying around to seek food
when there isn't any.

The fact bats mostly have
only one pup a year, and they
take about six years to mature,
means the species has a hard

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KNIT & CHAT - Thursdays, 2-4 pm

Reader Share Tips & Tricks



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

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

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

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

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

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

MC Sturbridge

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

While caring for my grandchildren I worried about all the small bones when making turkey soup.

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

Barbara Lariviere Holden

This reader's tip makes preserving memories a snap(shot)!

My husband and I have started to clear out family items that have been stored away for quite some time. Some items go back to our parents and grandparents, etc. Now when we part with something to our family member, we make out a card stating who it belonged

to, and any story behind it. The card is put with the item and a picture is taken of it. This way, they can then put the pictures on a disc or on the computer for future reference.

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

Barbara Lifer Webster

A loyal reader offers two very different repurposing tips:

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

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

Viola Bramel Northbridge

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

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

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

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

Carol Girardin Webster

Prize Winner

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

** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for

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STURBRIDGE CAPSULES

TRIP OFFERED

Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are offering a trip Tuesday Dec. 4th: The Sicilian Tenors following a sell out concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City, are ready to bring the joy of all of our favorite Christmas songs to you. Enjoy a delicious luncheon that includes choice of entrees, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee or tea. Trips are open to the Public. Comfortable motorcoach transportation is included or it can be optional. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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Make a Winter Emergency Kit

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

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- Blanket, gloves, hat, etc. To keep yourself warm
- Ice scraper, brush, and shovel
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Neslusan endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts

Tanya Neslusan, who is running for State Representative in the 1st Hampden District was endorsed by the NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts. This is her 16th endorsement to date. Tanya is committed to working for affordable health care and education, union labor, workforce protections, economic and social equality and to her community.

"In these unprecedented times, Massachusetts must continue to be a leader in the fight for reproductive freedom," said Genia Frank, legislative and political director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts. "We cannot and will not stop fighting until every

Massachusetts woman – regardless of age, race, or economic status – can choose if and when to have a family. Now is the time for bold leadership on behalf of women and families, and we know that Tanya Neslusan will be that kind of leader at the State House. Tanya stands in stark opposition to her opponent, who recently voted against legislation that ensures that women can continue to access co-pay free birth control here in Massachusetts. That's unacceptable and we know Tanya will do better. That's why the NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts PAC is proud to endorse Tanya Neslusan for State

Representative in the 1st Hampden district."

Neslusan said, "Protecting the rights and freedom of women's reproductive health is of tantamount importance to me. I am proud to be the only candidate in this race who will stand up for not only a woman's right to choose, but also to ensure that women get access to the healthcare that they need."

Tanya is running this November to represent the 1st Hampden District (Brimfield, Holland, Palmer, Sturbridge, Wales, Ware, and Warren) in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Neal has no opposition

BY JERRY CARTON
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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

Neal has represented the region since the post-2010 redistricting and will be elected to his fourth term in this district and his 11th overall. He was first elected to the House in 1988 after serving as mayor of Springfield from 1983-87 and is the senior member of Massachusetts' congressional delegation.

Voters will choose between incumbent Republican Charlie Baker and Democrat Jay Gonzalez for governor.

Incumbent Democratic US Senator Elizabeth Warren, like

Baker, is seeking a second term against Republican challenger state Sen. Geoff Diehl and independent Shiva Ayyadurai.

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

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

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

Brimfield and Holland awarded IT grants

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means), is pleased to announce that both Brimfield and Holland will receive funding as part of Massachusetts' Community Compact IT Grant program. Brimfield plans to use the grant to update its servers, firewall protection and security while Holland will be getting a new e-mail server at town hall.

"I'm thrilled that Brimfield and Holland were able to secure this competitive funding," said Representative Smola. "As more of our local services and information moves online, we need to ensure that the appropriate safeguards are in place."

The Community Compact IT Grant Program is a competitive grant program focused on driving innovation and transformation at the local level via investments in technology. This grant opportunity is specifically for cities and towns who applied for a Community Compact on or before September 15, 2018. Grant funding supports the implementation of innovative IT projects by funding related one-time capital needs such as technology infrastructure, upgrades and/or purchases of equipment or software.

For additional information please contact Representative Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or (617) 722-2100.

UKULELE

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background," said Hoffman. "I feel like the ukulele is kind of a license for messing with stuff, especially because it's a limited palette with only two octaves."

The audience at Joshua Hyde Library heard ukulele versions of everything from classical compositions by Charles Ives and Amy Beach to Elvis Presley's "I Can't Help Falling in Love With You," Pink Floyd's "See Emily Play" with a transition into a composition by Johann Sebastian Bach mid-song, and version of the traditional English folk song "Greensleeves," renamed "Sleeveless," that flaunts new lyrics that warn against going sleeveless in the winter.

"The lyrics were a little old fashioned, so we changed them," said Hoffman. "Richard has a way with words and has written most of our original lyrics."

Perlmutter, the creator, lyricist, and featured performer of Beethoven's Wig and a producer for several Grammy Award nominees and winners, and Hoffman, a former professional ballet dancer and an illustrator with two published books, formed the Ukulele Scramble nearly two years ago and have played throughout Massachusetts at many town libraries and events and at the Jalopy Theatre and School of Music in Brooklyn, New York.

"Richard and I both moved here from different places — I moved here from Brooklyn with my family and he moved here from Los Angeles with his family," said Hoffman. "The ukulele is a very social instrument, so we both joined the ukulele club in Northampton and that is where we met. I was so happy

to discover that Richard liked so many different kinds of music, but I was especially excited about his interest in Pink Floyd."

As the two most advanced players in the ukulele club, they stood out to one another and decided to join forces to challenge the boundaries of ukulele music.

"I mostly joined the club to meet people because I didn't know anyone when I moved here," said Perlmutter. "There were a lot of beginners there, but Robin was far from a beginner and we decided to start a more serious enterprise."

The two musicians now play a wide variety of ukuleles at performances, including soprano, tenor, baritone, 8-string, and banjo ukuleles, and are currently working on their first recording. They hope that their listeners are inspired to step out of their comfort zones musically and learn about the instrumental potential that a ukulele holds.

"We hope that they have a good time and discover an old song in a new way or hear a favorite song in a new way," said Hoffman. "A lot of people who come see us play the ukulele and we hope that they are inspired to go home and play more."

The Ukulele Scramble has upcoming concerts on Nov. 10 from 11:30am to 1pm at McCusker's Market in Shelburne Falls and on Dec. 15 at 2pm at the Forbes Library in Northampton. For more details and a full schedule, go to <http://www.ukulelescramble.com/index.html>.

More information about future events at Joshua Hyde Library can be found at <http://www.sturbridgelibrary.org>.



Robin Hoffman and Richard Perlmutter playing

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two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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



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Friday's Child



Sacoya
Age: 12

I like soccer and cheerleading!

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

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

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Sturbridge Historical Society hosts maritime disaster experts



Lester Paquin presents at the Historical Society meeting

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—The Sturbridge Historical Society's meeting on Thursday, October 25 at the Publick House Historic Inn was centered around a presentation by local historians Lester Paquin and Lucy Allen, who told the breathtaking and heartbreaking story of the demise of the Italian ocean liner SS Andrea Doria, which collided with the Swedish ship MS Stockholm on the

foggy night of July 25, 1956 off the coast of Nantucket.

The presentation, titled "Desperate Hours: The Loss of the Andrea Doria," was first launched at the Barre Historical Society and has now been featured at historical society meetings throughout the state. Over the last year and a half, it has been presented nearly a dozen times and it is still making its way through the state.

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

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

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

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



Annie Sandoli photos

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

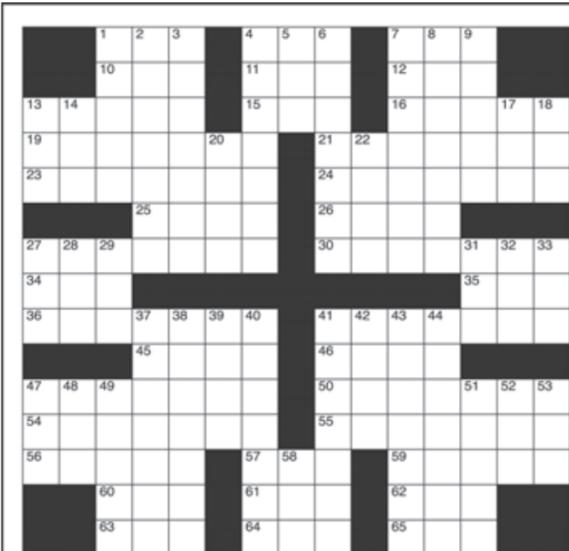
in the tragedy, shed light on the story of the SS Andrea Doria, and ensure that this horrific incident is never forgotten.

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

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

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

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

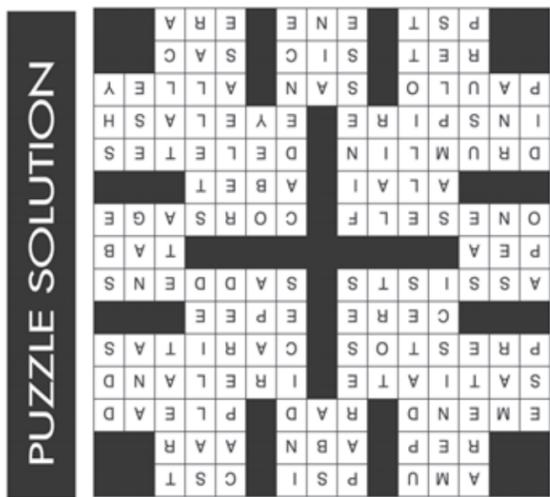


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Expresses weights (abbr.)
- 4. Pounds per square inch
- 7. Central Time
- 10. One who speaks for others
- 11. Aussie TV station
- 12. Swiss river
- 13. A way to improve
- 15. Awesome!
- 16. Appeal to
- 19. Satisfy
- 21. The Emerald Isle
- 23. Quick passages
- 24. Love of humankind
- 25. Fleshy beak covering
- 26. Type of sword
- 27. Basketball stat
- 30. Makes unhappy
- 34. The Princess can feel it
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Of one
- 41. Prom accessory
- 45. Jai __, sport
- 46. Assist in wrongdoing
- 47. Small hill
- 50. Erases
- 54. Fill with motivation
- 55. Part of your face
- 56. Novelist Coelho
- 57. Francisco is one
- 59. Narrow space between two buildings
- 60. Soak
- 61. Proofreading mark
- 62. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Baseball stat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Types of lenses
- 3. Informs
- 4. Partial paralysis
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Alphabetical lists
- 7. Danced about
- 8. Set out
- 9. Trick's partner
- 13. Second sight
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 18. Tooth caregiver
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. __ Nui, Easter Island
- 27. Away from
- 28. Member of Congress (abbr.)
- 29. Car mechanics group
- 31. When you plan to get there.
- 32. Bother incessantly
- 33. One point east of due south
- 37. Small giveaways
- 38. "MASH" actor Gould
- 39. A type of habitat
- 40. Refined delicacy
- 41. Inflection of the voice
- 42. Follow orders
- 43. Discharge
- 44. Of the stars
- 47. Briefly place into
- 48. Present in all living cells (abbr.)
- 49. Take illegally by force
- 51. Genus of moth
- 52. Midway between east and southeast
- 53. Bashful
- 58. French river



Are there still distressed properties?



REALTOR'S
REPORT

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

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

There are still opportunities in both foreclosures and short sales. One thing to keep in mind is that the bank will intend to sell for what they consider to be market value of the property and will have an Appraiser or Real Estate Agent give their opinion of value and they will typically

accept a percentage of that amount. Sometimes I will find they will want more than market value based on a bad Appraisal or Broker Price Opinion. The new trend I see with foreclosures is that banks are looking to unload the properties at a discount as long as the buyer will purchase with all occupants in place. The challenge with this is that as a buyer you need to pay a much lower amount assuming the worst possible scenario with the condition of the home as well as the difficulty in evicting the tenants. The other challenge is that you will not be able to get an appraisal done as you won't have access to the interior of the property so the sale will most likely need to be cash.

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



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Rotary Club donates support for diabetes education

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

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

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

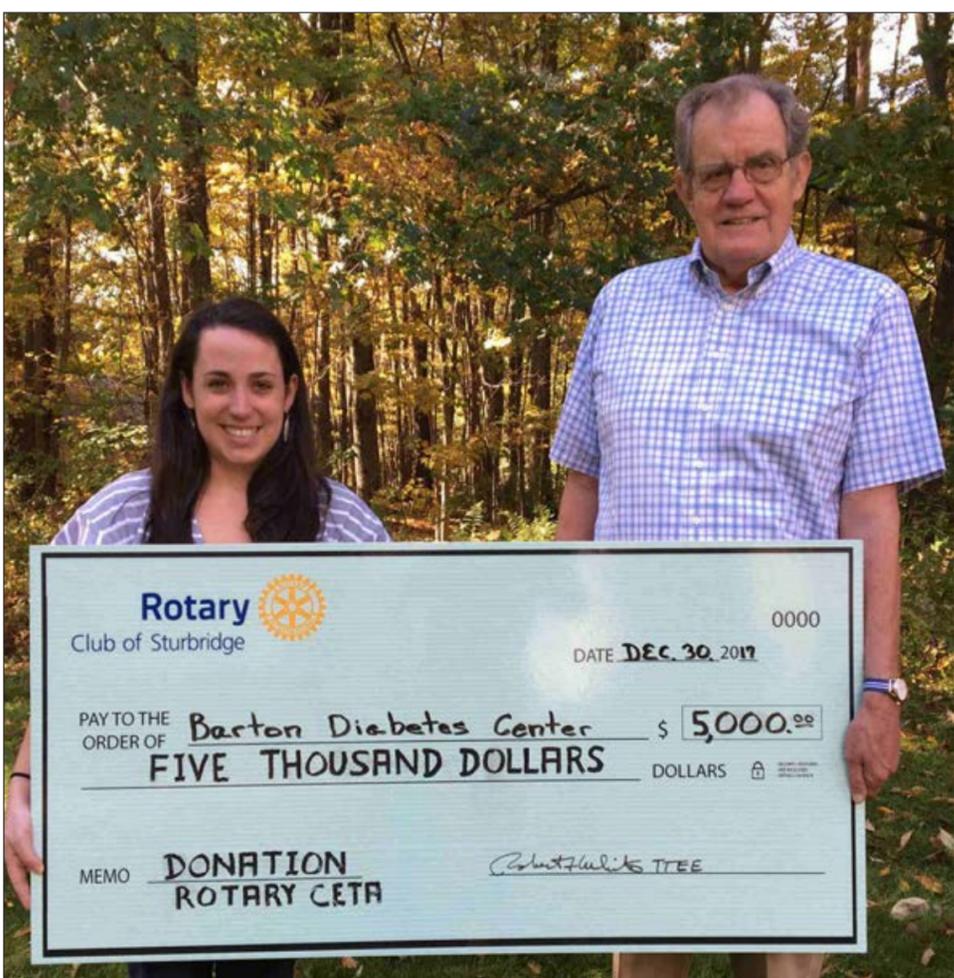
The Barton Center significantly expanded its services in 2010 to include a second residential camp, Camp Joslin, in Charlton. The Barton Center also operates an adventure program, family camp, Vermont Overnight Camp, day camps in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, and a wide array of year-round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

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

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

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

Courtesy photo
Lindsay McCarthy accepting the check from Bob White.



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Community Center Director – Brenda
Palmer
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Outreach Worker Jenn Mott
Activities Director Deb O'Connor

The COA meets monthly 2nd Tuesday
at 10:15 a.m.

Here at the Center we have the 2018
edition of "Taking Control of Your
Future: A Legal Checkup" a resource
guide. You can also download the guide
from the website at:
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for certified laboratory analysis of a
variety of chemical parameters that
provide insight into the current
condition of the pond. We often liken lake
testing to your annual physical - a time
to check your overall health and look
for any trends that may need further
investigation. This year some of the
"lake patients" showed a few signs of
stress that may bear keeping an eye on
in future years.

An important step is the lakes' assess-
ment is measurements of two essen-
tial nutrients, nitrogen and phospho-
rus, both very important in determin-
ing whether a lake experiences algal
blooms during the summer. This is why
it is important to limit the amount of
these nutrients entering a pond from
its watershed by using low or no-phos-
phorus fertilizer, leaving a vegetated
buffer strip between your lawn and the
lake, and not using local storm drains
to dispose of oil or other fluids.

This year, phosphorus was a bit elevated
in many of the ponds as compared to
long term averages. It is suspected that
this was due to greater than normal
summer runoff arising from several
powerful rainfall events preceding the
sampling. Highest phosphorus levels
were found in Cedar Lake (greater than
35 parts per billion where 25 ppb are
considered excessive). Sure enough,
later that summer, Cedar Lake endured
problematic blue-green algal blooms,
leading to prolonged closure of the
public swimming beach. Similarly, Big
Alum was slightly elevated (17 ppb) and
also briefly experienced some notice-

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pm Texas Hold'em,
TUESDAYS: 10:30 am Open Crafts,
Quilting; 6 pm Dance Fit; 6 pm Open
Crafts 6 p.m. Dance fit
WEDNESDAYS: 10 a.m.: canasta;
mixing it up with Debbie; noon Lunch;
1 pm Mah Jongg; 5 pm Yoga
THURSDAYS: 10 am Stained Glass;
Tai Chi every other Thursday; 6:30 pm
Pitch; 6:30 P.M. twice a month; Bingo!
SATURDAYS: 9 am: Dance Fit

NOVEMBER DATES

November 5: Movie at 1pm – Moby
Dick
November 6: Center is Closed for
Elections
November 7: Veterans Appreciation;
Painting on Glass with Loretta at 6 p.m.
cost is \$15 for non-seniors, and \$12 for

seniors.
November 12: Center is Closed for
Veterans Day
November 13: Painting on Glass with
Loretta at 1 p.m., cost is \$15 for non-se-
niors, and \$12 for seniors.
November 14: GSSSI Thanksgiving
Lunch w/appetizers at noon provided
by the COA, please make reservations
for this.
November 18: Thanksgiving dinner
at the school; Pitch Tournament for
Wreaths Across America

November 19: American Lung
Association Presentation at 1pm
November 21: Vicky Finnegan will be
here to do Chair Massages starting at
10:15, please call us to set up an appoint-
ment
November 26: Jenn Mott will be here
at 1pm for the Street Social
November 27: Needle Felted Santa at
10:30 am
November 28: Movie at 1pm, Mr.
Deeds goes to town

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Sturbridge hosts Castleberry craft fair



Homemade Specialty foods gave out samples of easy soups and salads

Annie Sandoli photos

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Local artisans gathered at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center to on last weekend to participate in a fall craft fair sponsored by Castleberry Fairs out of Pembroke, New Hampshire.

The fair was held to support handmade goods created by individuals and small businesses all over New England and included over 125 booths set up throughout the weekend.

“This is our first time in Sturbridge and everyone here

today makes what they sell,” said Castleberry staff member and event overseer Ashley Mullen. “We have a process that we use to make sure that we don’t have any buying and reselling, imports, or sales representatives, so everyone here does actually make what they sell.”

The fair had goods such as jewelry, clothing, accessories, paintings, photographs, personal care items, specialty foods, and holiday decorations, and the businesses that set up at the event included Elegance by Designs, Beaded Creations, Cheryl’s Paintings,

Nekky Candles, Naturally designed by Pauline Gould, Storyteller Jewelry, The Village Woodshop, Rainbow Glass, Bookflip, boxmaker Joe Dowden, Morel Woodcarving, New England Patent Prints, Country Snowmen and Friends, By Design Laser Art, Country Friends, A House of Suds, Humble Valley Photography, New England Dog Biscuit, The Paw Print Bakery, Angry Goat Pepper Co, Bittersweet Herb Farm, Hippy Pilgrim, Westminster Whimsy, and Hebert Honey.

“We hope that everyone who attends has a wonderful time,

comes back to shop at future Castleberry events, and buys local and handmade goods,” said Mullen. “We want our exhibitors happy, so we try to bring in as many people as we can to do their holiday shopping.”

The participating local artisans varied in level of experience and skill, some having sold at many craft fairs in the past and others just starting the experience of being an entrepreneur. Some make goods for a living and others create their masterpieces as a hobby. Many have a personal reason behind their work and donate a percentage of their earnings to charity.

“This is one of my first craft fairs,” said Kera Murphy, owner of Campfire Knits, a hand-dyed and ethically sourced yarn business out of Melrose. “I’ve been doing this for just under a year and I’ve only done a few other small fiber festivals. I predominantly got into it shearly out of interest. I wanted to see if I could be creative with it and then I decided to continue pursuing it.”

Murphy, who has been knitting for over 15 years and sells both yarn and her handmade creations, uses her talent and creativity not only to make extra money, but also to give back to nature and help others.

“I use some of the profits to go towards the National Parks Foundation and Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine,” she said. “I enjoy giving back and I enjoy being creative.”

Artist Lisé Weller creates unique jewelry made by fusing various glasses and incorporating silver into each jewel. The process requires each piece to go through four to eight firings, which cooks the glass for three hours at temperatures nearing 2000 degrees.

“I used to do glass sculpture and I invented the process of using silver wire in each sculpture,” she said. “I decided to try it with jewelry, and that is how this business began.”

Weller donates some of her proceeds to two different charities, striving to help an ani-

mal rescue initiative and the poorer people in the area.

“I adopted a horse from the horse rescue and I wanted to help them out by giving them the money I make from selling earrings,” she said. “It adds up throughout the year. I also donate the money I make from my Star of David and breast cancer awareness pendants to a soup kitchen I work at.”

Annie Forget, owner of Organnie’s natural body care, spent her weekend selling organic body care products, having very personal and heart-wrenching story behind her artisanship and introducing an important reason why buying local and natural products can be so important.

“I started this business because my husband was diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma skin cancer,” said Forget. “We went to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and they told him he had a one out of 10 chance of survival and that he should apply a certain brand of sunscreen every two hours. When I looked up the ingredients, I found out that there were actually 26 carcinogens in that brand of sunscreen. I called meeting with our oncologists and asked them why they told me to use a sunscreen that was killing my husband, and they said they had a contract with that company. I then vowed to make an all-natural sunscreen.”

Forget’s husband has been cancer free for nearly five years, yet she has no intention of stopping her initiative to help people live safer and healthier lives.

“It started off with his sunscreen and now I have over 40 products that are all organic and plant-based, including body lotion, deodorant, and lip balm,” she said.

Castleberry Fairs scheduled a total of 23 events in Massachusetts and New Hampshire in 2018, with five being indoors. Their next event is in Topsfield on Nov. 9, 10, and 11. Local artisans are welcome to apply to sell handmade products at future fairs by going online at <https://castleberryfairs.com>.



Joe Dowden and his handmade boxes



Kathy Toth spent the weekend selling her all natural soy candles



Lisé Weller and her handmade glass jewelry



Pauline Gould and her handmade accessories

OSV fall Speaker Series concludes with historical novelist

STURBRIDGE—Old Sturbridge Village's fall Speaker Series concluded on Thursday, October 25 with a talk from historical novelist James Glickman, who spoke about his latest book, *Crossing Point*, a historically accurate story about race relations in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary War.

The novel resonates with New Englanders because of its historic location, and Glickman, a Sturbridge native and current resident, said that Old Sturbridge Village is the ideal place for him to discuss his research and newest book.

"It's a thrill to speak at Old Sturbridge Village and I'm really excited about it," he said. "I would not have written this novel without Old Sturbridge Village, and I say that because I'm from Sturbridge and have lived here my whole adult life. My son was an interpreter here and I've remained connected with many people at the museum. One of my themes tonight is that the 18th century seems far away, but if you live in Sturbridge it's right around the corner."

Glickman, a graduate of Yale University and the Iowa Writer's Workshop and who has taught courses on legal writing, fiction writing, and

African American literature, decided to learn more about this topic when his students started asking about the Providence Plantations that were mentioned in their readings. He researched this obscure topic for over seven years, wrote the book in two years, initially completing over 800 pages, and spent one year rewriting it, bringing the page count down to 472.

"The history and context from the novel is very closely based on actual historical facts and characters," he said. "There are two main characters in the book, one white and one black, and it centers on the all-black regiment that was raised in Rhode Island that almost no one knows about and their experience during the Revolutionary War."

Crossing Point specifically tells the story of Guy Watson, a slave to the Hazard Family in Rhode Island, who is engaged in service for the American army by Samuel Ward, head of one of the most prominent families in New England. Watson leaves his beloved June and the other slaves whom he regards as family to set out on a journey to Quebec.

"Sixty percent of the American slave trade went through Newport and one in three people in southern Rhode Island is black," said Glickman. "There is this

gap in history that we can only uncover imaginatively rather than historically because there are no diaries, letters, or first person accounts and white people didn't talk much about their servants."

Glickman hopes that *Crossing Point* gives people a deeper look into the brutality and consequences of the Revolutionary War and an eye-opening account of an obscure and untold chapter in the founding of America.

"What I hope people take away from this novel and my research is a fuller story and the untold aspects of it, although they are very much historically based," he said. "The African American character existed, was involved in the things I describe, and did what I say he did, I just imagined his inner life. Despite the missing pieces, there is so much to read and it is so interesting and all interconnects."

Crossing Point and Glickman's first novel, *Sounding the Waters*, can be purchased at Indiebound, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and Rare Bird Books, and more information about the author can be found at <https://jamesglickman.com/>.

Although OSV's 2018 fall Speaker Series has come to an end, Old Sturbridge Village typically hosts around six speakers to the Fuller



James Glickman

Conference Center every year and updates on upcoming Speaker Series events can be found at <https://www.osv.org/events-experiences>.

Stop asking me when I'm going to settle down



MIND OF A
CURIOUS
GIRL
ANNIE
SANDOLI

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

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

Sometimes I would participate in their fantasies, trying to pretend I cared about the sleeve cut of a long white dress or what I wanted the gender of my firstborn baby to be. Other times I didn't say anything at all or refused to accept my invitation to one of their imaginary weddings to a fictional character, mostly because I was still a small child myself and still thought every boy on the planet had cooties.

It was only recently that one of those friends, now in her mid-twenties, walked up to

me and said, "You know, after spending all these years thinking I had to get married someday, I've finally realized that I don't and it's such a relief."

I immediately thought to myself, "Wait a minute, I haven't thought about it like that before."

Although we have made progress, I have noticed that it is often still expected that each young girl growing up in America will get married by a certain age and carry a child on her hip not long after, which is not only a heteronormative assumption to a degree, but also conveys the message that every woman's ambitions are the same. Whenever I'm dating someone exclusively, I'm

always asked the daunting question, "When are you going to settle down?"

Interestingly enough, the marriage rates in the United States have been on a steady decline over the past few decades and the average age of people who do marry is constantly increasing.

Yet as some of my peers start to get engaged, married, and pregnant, I've started to see for myself that the expectation of young people "settling down" and the question of when they will do so still prevails in our society and everyday life.

I spent this past week trying to figure out why so many people are so set on asking about when I'll marry, thinking of reasons such as tradition, religion, and population growth. It made me realize, perhaps for the first time, that I've never really dreamt about wearing a ring, buying a house, or having children. Rather, I tend to be preoccupied with how much I want to travel, live in a tiny apartment in a big city with my favorite books and a guitar, spend time with my family and friends, protest for and write about causes I believe in, donate my time to charities, and become sure of exactly who I am, perhaps by standing on the edge of cliffs but not being petrified of falling off. I've known what my dreams really are for years, but somehow, I just recently figured out that it's okay for me to feel exactly the way I do.

I've been told by many people I'm both an old soul and a hopeless romantic, a combination that means that I all too often find relationships to be disappointing. I've always

told myself that if I did ever marry or love someone for life, I don't want to need that person by my side, I just want to want him by my side. If I never want to be with someone quite that much, I'm really not at all worried about never saying wedding vows or offering a commitment.

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

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

And when I say, "Yes, I love the company I'm with right now," that's when I will have really settled down.

Tricksy or Treat

While the others girls were asleep she crept down the stairs. The smooth banister felt cold to the touch, the fire must have flamed out hours ago. Her soft footfalls were betrayed by the creaking of each stair tread as her descent into darkness unfolded.

Although there was no light to show her way, Jenna knew each step to take. This was not her first time sneaking out of Madam Beatrice's Home for Troubled Girls. Troubled she laughed, these other girls may be just troubled, Jenna was a bit more. She was the cause of dismay; she wriggled in the onslaught of the fear she caused in others. Halloween was a week away, but Jenna couldn't wait, this would be her biggest prank yet.

Jenna reached the bottom of the staircase and slipped into the foyer. Dozens of open wooden lockers filled the entryway. Jenna ran her fingers along the rough coat sleeves until she reached her own. Jenna pulled on her coat, and strapped on her boots. Black wool, the uniform to keep them identical, unnoticed, and invisible. Jenna ran her hand through her spiked hair and lifted the ends to stand erect. Fitting in was not for her, being invisible is meant for mischief at midnight. The front door had three alarms attached; two of them in gratitude to Jenna and her past schemes. She reached the door and ran her fingers along the outer frame. Not the door this time, she thought. On both sides of the door were large sidelights of glass panels. The glass panes were two on the left and two on the right. Jenna pulled a flathead from her coat, she



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lifted it from the repair man's tool chest days before. The flat metal edge slipped into the lowest frame between panel and glass. Jenna wriggled the glass out and set it gently aside. She slipped her hand away and felt a slight sting, the glass cut her finger tips so finely she barely bled. She reached into her pocket and quickly wrapped a tissue around the afflicted fingers. She bent to her knees and slid down onto her stomach and poked her head through the now open panel. Jenna took in a quick breath of fresh, crisp autumn air. She wriggled through the panel, and shifted around her hips. Half inside and half out, a crash interrupted the silence. Jenna froze, a chill ran up her spine, flowed into her veins, and ran through her frozen limbs from head to toe. Her whole body shivered, not from the cold, but from fear and excitement. Jenna listened, no alarms, no footfalls, no yelling out her name in tiresome annoyance. In the clear she thought as she pushed her way through the frame and bolted into the night.

Supplies were where she left them, hidden in the knot of a large oak tree directly off the property line and deep enough into the woods to make for a great hiding spot. Jenna gathered the locks and chains, paper and matches, and of course, her prized plastic-wrapped piece of rich chocolate cake. She had stolen the decadent treat from the kitchen a day before. Her mouth watered at the thought of her first bite

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finish and how to protect against water stains. We can show them how to cane a chair and how to make repairs."

"The only thing we ask is that the volunteer use the skills we teach them to refurbish a piece of furniture for the auction before putting their new skills to work on their own furniture at home," he adds.

The auction committee is also accepting donations of antique furniture, individual pieces or entire estates, for inclusion in next year's sale. Auction committee members include Bardsley, Ken Benson, Pat Hilton, and Brian Rhea. For more information, please call the Church office at (508) 347-3915 or email churchoffice@sturfed.org.

Now known as the longest annually held church auction in the nation, the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale's Antique Auction, is held under tent on the second Saturday in August on the historic Sturbridge Common across from the landmark Public House Historic Inn. Next year's auction, the 70th annual, is slated for Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019.

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from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to begin the year-long task of repairing and refurbishing the many items of furniture to be placed on the auction block next August.

Committee member and expert furniture restorer, Tim Bardsley says the Monday night work sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for local residents interested in learning these skills.

"Repairing and refinishing antiques, and doing it right, is a lost art," says Bardsley. "The members of our group have been doing this for a very long time, though, and they are happy to pass along what they know."

Bardsley says there are no restrictions on who may join the group.

"Men and women, young and old, everyone is welcome," Bardsley notes. "We can teach folks refinishing techniques from simple to complex. We'll show them the best stains to use and how to apply them, how to seal the



Heavy Snow is Expected

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EDITORIAL

On Voting

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

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

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

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

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

"I can't stand any of these politicians!"
 "Should I vote for or against Issue whatever?"

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

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

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

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

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

IEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brewer endorses Gobi and Strauss

To the Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEPHEN M. BREWER
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Is your 'digital estate' in order?



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

If you spend a lot of time on the internet, you're not just shopping or being entertained, or following the news or

participating in an online community. You're probably also dealing with accounts and information that eventually can become part of your digital "estate." And if this estate isn't properly looked after, it can lead to confusion and conflict among your survivors, as well as an opportunity for hackers to try to get at whatever resources they can touch.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Media burdens run two ways

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

I had to plead guilty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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LEE H. HAMILTON

plenty of good, solid reporting.

It's not always easy to find, though, amidst all the less-than-solid noise that fills our media landscape. This places a particular burden on us, as citizens, to work hard to find it and understand it. Especially because some of the institutions we once relied upon for independent, objective information — I'm thinking specifically of Congress here — have increasingly stopped serving as models for the search for truth.

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

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

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

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

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

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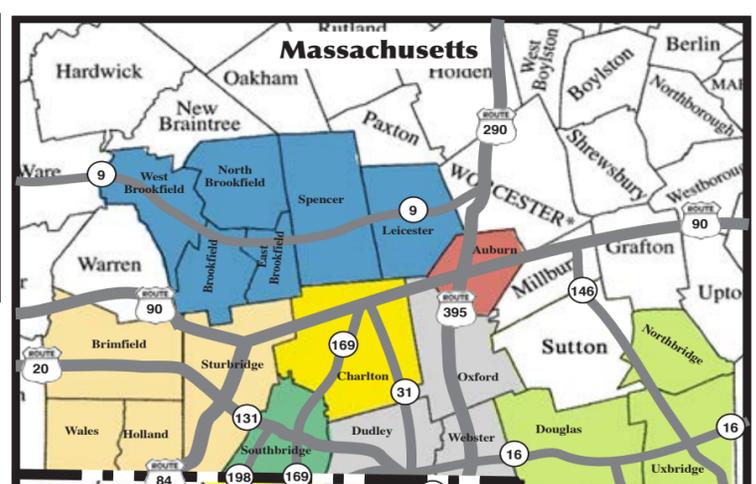
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BAT GIRL

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time recovering from such a die-off. But Longsdorf noted scientists have seen some very slow recovery; at one site that had 10,000 bats before the fungus struck and just 14 afterward, there are now 30. The population “seems to have stabilized” at the level of natural immunity, she said.

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

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

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

People who want to attract bats to their properties need to have such loca-

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

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

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

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



Gus Steeves photo

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

plants.

“Bats obviously have an image problem...largely due to TV shows, movies and books,” she said. Most infamous, of course, are the ideas that they attack people and suck blood, both of which are false. There are three vampire bat species, all in Central and South America, but they “lick blood; they don’t suck it,” and the vast majority of bats would rather stay away from humans if possible, although they will defend their nests as other species do. Among other things, they use their echolocation to avoid people in flight, and it’s sensitive enough “to detect something as fine as a strand of hair,” she said. Similarly, people often fear them for rabies, but they have “much lower rates of incidence than other mammals” at less than 0.5 percent.

“I spend a lot of my job calming people down,” she admitted afterward. “I

have bats in my own attic.”

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

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

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MASH UPS

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into the soft, velvety, victory snack. She slipped the cake into her pocket along with the matches. The huge roll of papers went into her other pocket and she gathered the rattling locks and chains in her arms. She walked briskly back to the home with a wide smile and a keen idea.

Jenna picked the first of four chains and dumped the rest onto the wet grass beside the entrance walkway. She had swiped the variety of chains and locks from various field trips the troubled girls were invited to. Jenna tended to slink away to peek around. It took her weeks to find and gather all the materials she needed.

Jenna crept up to the front door, the only light came from the above crescent moon. The light was dim and unhelpful, she could just see the chrome of the handle and the brass accents. Jenna wrapped the chain around the door handle and through an adjacent banister, clicked on a lock and did the

same to both side doors, and the back. Jenna ran her finger along the bars that adorned each and every window. For safety scoffed Jenna, more likely for imprisonment.

Back at the front of the house, Jenna pulled a few matches from the box and lit them, time to test her next step. She withdrew the thick curled up papers from her pocket, and lit the tip of the torch. Light erupted around her. She was basked in a glow of wavering flame, and the thick silence was shattered by sudden slamming and screaming above.

A dozen girls screamed in the upstairs windows. They pounded their fists against the panes and screamed her name. Jenna, face lit by fire smiled up at them. Joke over she shrugged. What a shame, my cake will have to wait she thought.

One girl pounded on the glass with a paperweight, and the splintering glass caught Jenna’s eye. The girls were no longer looking at her, they were looking behind her. Jenna’s body stilled, the trees at her back felt menacing, they were closing in on her. She turned her

head as her gaze took in every stone in the drive, and every knot in the fence until she saw the edge of the trees. Her body begged to stay statue but her mind needed to know, what was coming from the woods? Jenna turned on her heels and shone the torch into the woods. A large masculine figure rose from a crouch among the trees. A crash exploded from above, second story glass shattering on the iron barred windows.

“RUN!” she heard the screams from a choir of crying voices. Jenna turned and ran towards the entrance, paper still clutched in hand. Jenna’s boots slapped against the damp grass and she slid onto the walkway, up the path she slammed her body against the front door. Jenna frantically pulled at the handle and fought against the chains. Unwavering and unforgiving chains with lock and no key.

She turned to see the man draped in black and gliding effortlessly towards her, the trees behind her were moving, more figures formed from the thick fog creeping in. Her clutch of pages became heavier with flames, her run through

the air adding to the spread of fire. The panel! She thought her escape from the house could be her rescue now. She bent to struggle her way in, but something large and black blocked her path. She lowered the flaming torch, now hot in her hands, to see a young girl dressed in a black wool coat and spiky hair. Jenna gasped and fell back as the body became engulfed in flames. She shined a light to her dissected body, half in the home and half out. The fire leapt from her top half to her bottom half and spread quickly to the wooden lockers, her troubled sister’s coats became easy kindling. The boney fingers dug into her flesh and pulled her away from the screams of fright and horror that she now caused. Chains rattled as the girls inside tried to free themselves from the inferno around them. Jenna slunk against the figure’s grasp as she watched her home burn.

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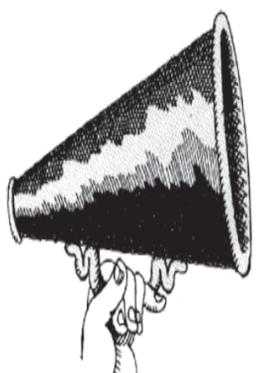
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SPORTS

Warriors run wild while getting by Bartlett, 44-16

WEBSTER — Playing in their final regular season games, playoff-bound Tantasqua Regional defeated the Bartlett High varsity football team, who didn't qualify for the postseason, 44-16, on Friday, Oct. 26 at Memorial Athletic Field.

The Warriors — who advanced to the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament — improved to 6-2, while the Indians — competing in Central Mass. Division 8 — slipped to 3-5.

The scoring plays from the contest are as follows:

First Quarter
Tantasqua: Sean Farland two-yard run; Jarred Spratt kick — 7-0
Tantasqua: Ryan Sears 35-yard run; kick blocked — 13-0
Second Quarter
Bartlett: Logan Paranto seven-yard pass to Alex Nunez; Paranto two-point pass to Nunez — 13-8
Tantasqua: Liam Gore one-yard run; Sebastian O'Leary two-point run — 21-8

Tantasqua; Farland 69-yard pass to O'Leary; Spratt kick — 28-8
Tantasqua: Farland 50-yard pass to O'Leary; kick no good — 34-8
Third Quarter
Tantasqua: Sears 34-yard run; Spratt kick — 41-8
Fourth Quarter
Tantasqua: Spratt 33-yard field goal — 44-8
Bartlett: Paranto 23-yard pass to Joseph Grundel; Romeo Soto two-point run — 44-16



Jason McKay photos

Tantasqua's James Burgess breaks free from a Bartlett would-be tackler while carrying the ball.



Sebastian O'Leary of Tantasqua has plenty of daylight ahead to run in a touchdown.



Eastyn Davis of Tantasqua takes a carry through the middle of the field.



Tantasqua's Ryan Sears carries the ball down the field while following the block provided by teammate Tom Flynn (72).

Uxbridge boys, Grafton girls claim SWCL cross-country championships

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — The annual Southern Worcester County League cross-country championships were again held at Memorial Beach, this time on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

There, the Uxbridge High varsity programs — both the boys' team and girls' squad — headed in undefeated at 10-0. The boys cruised to the team title, while the girls were edged by Grafton High.

"It was a real team effort," Spartans' head coach Walter Berkowicz said of the boys' team. "It was our second year winning this meet in a row and we had five boys in the top nine, which is one place better than last year [when] we had five in the top 10."

With third (Colin Caso), fourth (Ryan Semle), fifth (Stephen Sanches), seventh (Thomas Burke) and ninth (Patrick Burke) place finishes, Uxbridge accumulated just 28

points. Second place Millbury High was far behind with 69 points.

"They've been running close together most of the season," Berkowicz said. "We've got a pretty tight pack one through five."

Uxbridge's sixth and seventh runners — each team is allowed to bring up to seven, with the top five scores counting — still finished near the top in 12th (Aidan Ross) and 19th (William Chenis) place.

On the girls' side, Berkowicz knew that both Grafton and Millbury would provide a tough challenge to the Spartans, and the Indians certainly did so. And although Uxbridge's Hannah Jones won the 5k (3.1-mile) race in 22:19.8, Grafton's cumulative total was 57, two better than the Spartans' 59. Millbury finished in third with 73.

"I knew they had their hands full today," said Berkowicz. "My fifth girl used to be my No. 2, she's had some hip problems."

On Jones' win, Berkowicz added: "That was a nice race. Hannah [Jones] is a senior and she had a great day. She ran a nice back half of the course."

Uxbridge's other scoring finishers included Abigail Deary (seventh place), Anastasia Achiaa (12th place), Kathleen Redgate (13th place) and Bridget Redgate (26th place).

The team scores and top-10 individual results — where those athletes won medals — are as follows:

Boys' Team Results

1. Uxbridge, 28 points
2. Millbury, 69
3. Grafton, 90
4. Tantasqua, 101
5. Bartlett, 108
6. Auburn, 145
7. Quaboag, 189
8. Leicester, 209

Boys' Top-10 Individuals

1. Aidan Gilmore, Grafton, 18:18.4
2. Avinash Bissoondi, Millbury, 18:26.2
3. Colin Caso, Uxbridge, 18:52.8
4. Ryan Semle, Uxbridge, 18:59.0
5. Stephen Sanches, Uxbridge, 18:59.6
6. Keegan Gleason, Millbury, 19:03.9
7. Thomas Burke, Uxbridge, 19:33.9
8. Armando Chung, Tantasqua, 19:36.7
9. Patrick Burke, Uxbridge, 19:54.2
10. Cameron Szalay, Auburn, 19:56.0

Girls' Team Results

1. Grafton, 57 points
2. Uxbridge, 59
3. Millbury, 73
4. Leicester, 93
5. Tantasqua, 99
6. Bartlett, 161
7. Auburn, 170
8. Quaboag, 173

Girls' Top-10 Individuals

1. Hannah Jones, Uxbridge, 22:19.8
2. Emma Bouvier, Grafton, 22:30.1
3. Dani Blodgett, Tantasqua,

22:59.0

4. Anabelle Nelson, Millbury, 23:02.1
5. Jena Taubert, Millbury, 23:04.4
6. Emily Moughan, Leicester, 23:07.5
7. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 23:11.9
8. Ellie Hills, Leicester, 23:50.8
9. Abigail Hamilton, Grafton, 23:58.8
10. Megan Wajer, Grafton, 24:04.0



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Armando Chung earned a medal with his top-10 finish — he placed eighth — at the SWCL cross-country championships.



Finishing in third place at the SWCL cross-country league meet, Dani Blodgett of Tantasqua traverses the course at Memorial Beach.

SPORTS

Tantasqua starts slow, then picks it up to defeat Pioneers

Hannah Raymond of Tantasqua sets up a pass for a teammate to spike over the net.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Sometimes it's not about how a team starts, but instead how they finish. That was the case on Wednesday, Oct. 24 when the Tantasqua Regional varsity volleyball team took on Southbridge High.

The Warriors struggled early and trailed late in the first set, but rallied to win it late. They then dominated in the second set before holding on in the

third to defeat the Pioneers, 3-0. Set scores were 25-21, 25-8, 25-18.

"We didn't come out strong," said Tantasqua head coach Brittany Sargent. "They moved quicker and were playing better in the second game."

On the other side of the fence, Southbridge head coach James Proulx believed that his team gave away the first set — which was tied on seven different occasions — before stumbling in the second on the side of the

court that they have struggled to play on for unknown reasons.

"We were up 19-18 I think and we made three errors," he explained. "That brought their morale down and we play notoriously bad on this side. When we came over here and with them being demoralized, I think that really hurt them."

The Warriors' Lindsey Zak had a strong hand in winning the first two sets, as she rattled off five and eight consecutive service points in the beginning of both. She also put the first set away with a winning kill on a lofted tip over the net that could not be returned.

"She's got really good court awareness," Sargent said of Zak. "She's got a great serve and when she's playing middle she knows where to put it."

After Southbridge returned back to the side of the court that they prefer for the third set, the team played much better and hung tough, which impressed Proulx.

"It was more competitive," he said of the final game. "That shows that they weren't giving up. They could have just packed it in, so that's a great sign."

The Warriors' Morgan Smith, standing over 6-feet tall, was a strong presence in the middle of the court — whether

it was registering a spike for a point or a block on the defensive end.

"She's just improved tremendously last year, even from this season," Sargent said of her sophomore. "She can hit and she can block really well."

Sargent was also pleased by the play of setter Emily Reyes and the back row performances of Nicole Morris and Jess Shiers.

The win improved Tantasqua's record to 12-5 and they will enter the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament at 12-6 after finishing their regular season a day later with a 3-2 loss to Pittsfield High.

"They're playing well together. They're resilient," Sargent said of her squad.

Southbridge, meanwhile, dropped to 9-10 and had to win its final game over North High on Monday, Oct. 29 — a 3-0 victory for the Pioneers, with set scores of 25-13, 25-20, 25-21 — to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament for the third straight year.

"The seniors know, they've had the taste so they don't want to just pack it in," Proulx said of finding a way to get to 10-10 and advance into the playoffs.

The postseason brackets for Tantasqua and Southbridge came out after press time.



Nick Ethier photos
Tantasqua's Lindsey Zak was a strong server in the Warriors' win over Southbridge.

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer — U16 boys battle with Paxton

There was only one game for Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer this past weekend due to poor field conditions, and the U16 boys' team,



Billy Donze forces a Paxton midfielder backward.

Courtesy photos

under Coach Doug Blakeley, travelled to Klingele Fields in Paxton to play on a raw, misty Sunday. No one had a chance to get cold on the bench as the U16 boys had only 11 members from the 25-person roster available for the match. Noah Brown started in net while Zach Schirm, Alex Majewski and Noah Mayotte played the back line. Billy Donze, Tristan Vallee, Ben Widen and Jordan Lapierre were in the midfield and Sandy Jones, James Sisco and Jack Schneider perched on the striker line.

Paxton, despite playing the second half of a doubleheader, were able to establish more possession than Tantasqua in the first half. Tantasqua, however, countered with a formidable offside trap that kept Paxton from getting close to the net. Majewski sent many still-kicks forward, only to find the ball coming back into the defensive third again. Eventually, Paxton found ways through the Tantasqua defense and, by halftime, were up 4-0.

Sisco took over goaltending duties and Schirm moved up to center striker for the second half. Paxton was able to get in a couple perfect arc shots from outside and put away another in the box to make it 7-0. Tantasqua did find some of their passing game in the remaining minutes of the second half, but couldn't put one in before the final whistle.



Tristan Vallee cuts up-field with the ball.



Zach Schirm gets a kick blocked by a Paxton striker.

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Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

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Softball pitching lessons coming to Southbridge Community Center

Softball pitching lessons will be available at the Southbridge Community Center (152 Chestnut Street) on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. They started Oct. 21 and run through Feb. 24, 2019. Team and league discounts are available for three pitchers or more. Pitchers must bring a catcher (no fee) that can be a parent, teammate, etc. Please contact Bill Rahall (wrah@yahoo.com 860-576-3440) for more details. Clark University pitching coach Steve Genese will be on hand at the lessons.

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OBITUARIES

Charlemagne "Cookie" R. Johnson, 56



OXFORD — Charlemagne "Cookie" R. (Carlson) Johnson, 56, of Larned Road, lost her courageous 8-year battle to Cancer on Saturday, October 20th. She passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was a lifelong resident of Oxford.

Cookie was predeceased by her father Russel H. Carlson. She leaves her mother Lorraine A. (Dion) Carlson of Chatham. She is survived by her daughter, Amanda C. (Johnson) Normandin and her husband Randy of Sturbridge; two grandchildren, Hunter E. Normandin and Jewels C. Normandin, 13 siblings: Crystal Carlson of San Francisco, CA, Claudia Carlson Bunn (Robert Walls) of Leicester, Curt Carlson (Laurie) of Worcester, Cindy Hammond (Alan) of Oxford, Candace LaRochelle (Raymond) of Melbourne, FL, Charlene Nappa (Vincent) of Palm Bay, FL, Claudette "Chicky" Tinsley (Gary) of Oxford, with whom she lived, Craig Carlson (Rita Hutchinson) of Oxford, Carrie Fahle (John) of South Chatham, Christina Flanagan (James) of Oxford, Christopher Carlson (Theresa) of North Brookfield, Cassie Maher (John) of Cotuit, and Chad Carlson (Beverly) of Harwich Port; her former husband, Arthur B. Johnson of Southbridge; and 60 nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, and cousins. She had an especially close bond with her cousin Russ Dion.

Anyone fortunate enough to have known Cookie, would say she was the epitome of strength. After being diagnosed, she took control of her life and fought graciously yet tenaciously for

years. She went through multiple surgeries and procedures as well as extensive rounds of Chemotherapy. After multiple bouts with these obstacles it was only fitting for her to earn the nickname "Tough Cookie". Overcoming all odds, she is an inspiration to anyone who is fighting the same fight.

Cookie was an installation merchandiser for Hallmark for 12 years. Traveling was a passion she enjoyed, with several trips to Maine, Cape Cod, Florida, and California. Cookie fulfilled some of her wishes such as taking her grandchildren to Disney just last year and going to see her favorite musician Pink with her daughter, Amanda. She enjoyed gardening, playing bingo, pitch, and trips to the casino with her best friend Betty Remillard. Cooking was her passion and she kept a collection of family recipes. "Grammy" may have been her favorite role as she spoiled Hunter and Jewels every chance she got enveloping them with all her love. She loved to attend their games and she went to every event she possibly could. Showering her with love and support, her family who has an inescapable bond allowed her to live every day to its fullest.

We would like to thank Nancy Noonan of Southern Worcester County VNA for her unconditional care and unexpected friendship. We would also like to thank her Oncologist Susan Zweizig, MD of UMass Memorial who never gave up on her.

Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Team Hope and Honor, UMass Cancer Walk and Run, 333 South St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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Randy M. Soper, 61



SOUTHBRIDGE—Randy Merrill "Tino" Soper, 61, of Plimpton St., passed away on Sunday, Oct. 21st, in his home surrounded by his family after a long illness.

He leaves his son, Cory Soper and his wife Colleen of Webster; his daughter, Ashleigh Soper of Southbridge; his father, Clarence "Buddy" Soper and his wife Pamela of Sturbridge; his mother, Shirley (Mellen) Chakwas and her husband Steve of Southbridge; his former wife, Lise Soper of Southbridge; his nine siblings, Mark Soper of Southbridge, Lisa Soper of Southbridge, Debra Soper of Southbridge, Linda Montigny of Hudson, Daniel Soper of Fiskdale, Stephen Soper of Brimfield, Christopher Soper of Brooklyn, NY, Kenneth Hasija of New York, NY and Robert Mellen of West Virginia; his granddaughter, Jenelle Phoenix Soper; his close friend, Colleen Hilferty of

Oakham; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Nicole Soper in 1986 and by his brother, Charles "Chuck" Soper in 1995. Randy was born in Sturbridge on March 18, 1957.

Randy loved to cook and was a chef at various restaurants in the area. In recent years he worked in landscaping before his illness. He also previously worked for Crane Tree Service. Randy was an avid reader. He had a great love for the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and photography. He was also an avid Boston sports fan, especially the Red Sox.

Calling hours for Randy were held on Wednesday, Oct. 24th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. A graveside service in North Cemetery, Sturbridge, will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Dismas House, P.O. Box 30125, Worcester, MA 01603.

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Lucille J. Messier, 94



SPENCER—Lucille J. (Morin) Messier, 94, of Howe Village, died peacefully, Friday, Oct. 26 in Christopher House, Worcester.

She was the wife of Norman J. Messier who passed in 2005. She leaves her daughter Dianne M. Harper of Lowell, her son David H. Messier and his wife Chris of No.Brookfield, her sisters Beverly Vincent of Scottsdale, AZ and Carmen Baldwin of Brimfield, four grandchildren; Lori, Christian, Jake and Caleb, nine great grandchildren; Matt, Jeff, Megan, Nick, Indy, Haley, Jared, Madison and Jack, two great great grandchildren; Nolan and Harrison, several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her grandson Jay Harper.

Born in Spencer, Lucille was the daughter of Lorenzo and Rachel (Benoit) Morin where she and her late husband Norman raised their family on Main St.

She loved family life dearly and was a very proud Memere; a name many people lovingly called her through the years. She enjoyed cooking and passing along her treasured recipes to generations of family members. She loved pets, especially poodles; together with her husband operating Lou-Nom Poodles in the 1960-70's, as well

as a dog grooming business. She also had worked in retail business as a cashier and sales clerk.

Lucille volunteered for many programs, including Meals on Wheels at Howe Village, Alzheimer's Support Group at Harrington Memorial in Southbridge, and St. Francis Home in Worcester.

Vacationing with her husband and family at Maurice's Camp Ground in Wellfleet was one of her favorite ways to spend summers. She later fostered many friendships while a resident at Howe Village.

The family would like to say "Thank You" to the caring and compassionate staff at the Christopher House during her years there, as well as to JHC Hospice for all their efforts.

The funeral for Lucille was held Tuesday, Oct. 30 from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a funeral mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. A calling hour preceded the services on Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Second Chance Animal Services, P.O. Box 136, E.Brookfield, MA 01535.

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Theresa M. Anderson, 98



SPENCER—Theresa M. Anderson, 98, formerly of Howe Village, died Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Holden Skilled Nursing Center. She was born in Worcester, the daughter of

Dora (Bourgeois) Lussier and Eugene Lussier and was the second born to a family of twelve children.

Theresa's loving husband of 50 years, Roland "Jim" Anderson, passed away in 1991

and her son, Kenneth Anderson in 2012.

She is survived by her daughters, Ellen Lowkes and her husband, Joseph of

Spencer, and Marilyn Sharry and her husband, John of South Yarmouth; and her

daughter-in-law, Kathleen Anderson of Sturbridge. She also leaves her grandchildren, Thomas, Timothy and Patrick Lowkes, Emily Lowkes-Powers, Andrew Sharry, Katherine Sharry, Katherine Guida, John Anderson and Laura Ottaviani; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great, great-granddaughter; two sisters, Constance O'Toole and Jeannette

Dailida and her husband, John of Spencer, her brothers, Raymond Lussier and his wife, Jane of North Grafton, Roger Lussier of Worcester, and Eugene Lussier and his wife, Elaine of Manchester, NH.; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father's second wife, Blanche Lussier, her sisters, Claire LaJoie, Irene Perra, Muriel Perra and her brothers, Roland, Robert and Gerard Lussier.

Theresa enjoyed the arts, listening to opera, and PBS programming.

She was happiest when in the company of her large, loving family.

Theresa's funeral was held on Friday, Oct. 26th, at 11 a.m.

in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer.

Burial followed in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours on

Friday preceded the service from 9 to 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Theresa's honor, to a

place she always supported, The Barton Center for Diabetes Education, P.O. Box

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Laurette C. (Wunsch) LeCour, 56

DUDLEY—Laurette C. (Wunsch) LeCour age 56 died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018. She leaves two sons, Jean Paul Breault of Dudley and Robert Niewiera and his wife Ashley of Texas, her parents Edward F. Wunsch and Jeanne L. (Jeffrey) Wunsch of Webster, two brothers Edward R. Wunsch and his wife Pamela of Douglas, Randy Wunsch and his wife Susan of Holland, one sister Julie Wunsch of Webster and three grandchildren.

She was born in Webster and lived in Dudley for the past three years prior to that living in Webster. Laurette

was employed by IPG Corp where she worked in research and development. She enjoyed reading, painting, fishing and movies. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:30 am -11:30 am with a service at 11:30 am in the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA. Please omit flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Community Cat Connection, 289 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to jean@stonebridgepress.news



CALENDAR

October 26-November 4

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

Saturday November 3

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

WIN THANKSGIVING DINNER:

Charlton Lions will hold a Meat Raffle Saturday, Nov. 3 noon - 4 PM at Zorba's, Rte. 20 Charlton.

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

Saturday November 10

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

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

Monday November 12

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

Wednesday November 14

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

Sunday November 18

"Advanced Level" Hayloft Steppers dance on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2:00-4:30 pm (No Rounds). The caller will be Kevin Bersing. Admission is \$10 per

person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net

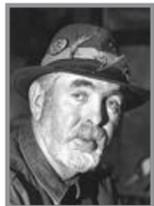
Saturday November 24

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

Sunday November 25

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

The hunt is on with the birds now migrating



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

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

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

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

One local deer hunter shared

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

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

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

Charter boat customers are allowed five fish daily, but if



Ralph with a nice 'rubber lip' tautog



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

Courtesy photos

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

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

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

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

CALENDAR

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Tuesday December 4

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

Saturday December 8

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

ONGOING

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping,

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

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

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more informa-

tion about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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

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

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

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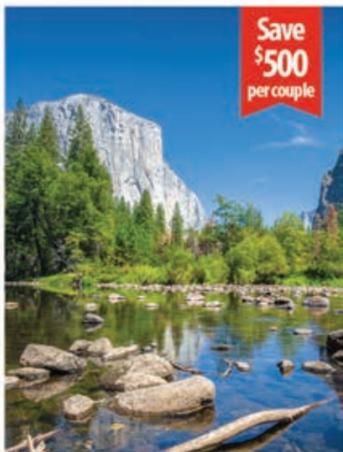
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10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ALBANIAN KITCHEN AND BAZAAR
Bake table featuring traditional Albanian favorites.
Albanian-style café with a variety of food items to dine in or take out.
Theme baskets, this 'n' that table, handmade jewelry, and illustrated children's books

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7-10 p.m. in the bar
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First Thursday of the month
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
LADIES' NIGHT
Free raffles from local businesses & in store baskets
Wine (must be 21 years or older)
Refreshments
Free gift certificates to the first 50 people
Fill out a wish list
CORMIER JEWELERS & ART GALLERY
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ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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Do Something FUN This Weekend!

FUNDRAISER FOR EDDIE GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
700 Pleasant St., Rochdale, MA
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Indoor yard sale, bake sale, raffles, face painting, balloon animals for kids.
Early birds. \$10 entrance fee.
Proceeds to benefit Eddie Besse, a local 5-year-old with brittle bone disease in need of a van with a wheelchair lift.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7-10 p.m. in the bar
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TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS
7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16
7-10 p.m. in the bar
WIBBLE
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7-10 p.m. in the bar
ROB ADAMS
308 LAKESIDE
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WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Children and pets welcome!
With a \$5.00 donation

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ON DEPOSIT

DUDLEY - 5 Corbin Road Welcome Home! Beautiful Tri Level Home Set on 4.5 Acres! 9 Finished Rooms, 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths! Huge Oak Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Gorgeous Granite & Pella Slider to Enormous Trex Deck & In-ground, Heated Pool! Dining Room w/Bay Window, Hardwoods, Wainscot & Crown Molding w/French Doors Leading to the Sunroom which has Heat & AC where You Can Enjoy Your Morning Coffee Watching the Wildlife Around Your Pond or Take a Walk Across the Bridge to Check on Your Blueberry Bushes! Fireplace Living Room w/Large Bow Front Window, Custom Built-ins & Hardwoods! 3 Large Bdrms w/Lots of Closet Space! Office Could Be Easily Made into 4th Bdrm! Master has Private Balcony Over Looking the Pool! Master Bath has W/D Hookups, Double Vanity & Walk-in Closet! Finished Walk-Out Lower Level Would Make a Great Game Room! 2 Car Garage which Leads to Rest of Basement which Houses the Utilities, another W/D Hook-up and Storage! Too Many Updates to List Here! A Must See House! **\$459,900.00**



NEW LISTING

DUDLEY - 34 West Main St! 10 Rm, 3222' Antique Colonial! 87 Acres! Grand Entry Foyer! Fp'd Formal Liv Rm & Fp'd Library/Fam Rm w/Hrds! Formal Din Rm w/Hrds & Tall Bay Window! Appliance Eat-in Kit w/Isle & Pantry! 1st Flr Laundry Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Dressing Rm! Grand Stairway to 2nd Flr! Spacious Fp'd Master Bdrm w/Hrds, Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2 Additional Bdrms w/Built-ins & Hrwd Flrs, 1 Bdrm w/Access to Additional Full Bath! "Maid's Quarters" w/Spacious Bdrm w/Hrwd Flr, Full Bath & Separate Stairway Access! 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4 Fp'ds! Lower Level Finished Fam Rm w/Fp'd & Abundant Shelving & Storage! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Full Loft! Fenced Yard w/Circular Driveway! Commercial Zoned! **\$695,000.00**



NEW PRICE

OXFORD - 247 Main St! 10 Rm BUSINESS ZONED 2 Family! 4/6 Rm! Well Maintained! 4 Rms on First w/2 Half Baths! Perfect Office Location! 2nd Flr 3 Bdrm Apartment w/ Eat-in Kit, Dining Area, Liv Rm w/Hrds! Fp'd Liv Rm! 1/2 Bath! 2nd Level Master w/Full Bath w/Jacuzzi & Walk-in Shower! 1 Bdrm Total! 2nd Full Tile Bath! C/Air! 32 Heat! Loft Office! **\$419,900.00**



4 BEDROOMS

WEBSTER - 24 Oakwood Dr! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Spacious Center 1st Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabets! SS Appliances! Slider to Trex Deck! Din Rm w/Hrds! Fp'd Fp'd Liv Rm! 1/2 Bath! 2nd Level Master w/Full Bath w/Jacuzzi & Walk-in Shower! 1 Bdrm Total! 2nd Full Tile Bath! C/Air! 32 Heat! Loft Office! **\$419,900.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 35 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Season Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-in Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER - 24 Emerald Ave! 2 Family! 5/5 Rms! 2,800 sqft! Each w/In-line Kit w/Pantry, Fam Rm, Liv Rm, 2/3 Bdrms! Washer/Dryer Hookups! Hrwd Flrs! 2 Car Detached Garage! Insulated Windows! New Furnaces! Incredible Yard! Fed Certificates! Well Maintained! **\$239,900.00**



SOLD

THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 52 Breaults Landing! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot/Lawn to the Water - .88 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 4/5 Room Ranch! 2 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Appliances & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! **\$229,900.00**



NEW LISTING

WEBSTER - 52 Whitcomb St! Attention Investors! Owner Liquidating! 5 Family! 5/4/4/4 Rooms! 2/2/2/2 Bedrooms! Completely Renovated! All Units Are Very Well Maintained! Furnace Was Rebuilt! Updated Electrical & Plumbing! Off Street Parking! Walk to Schools & Shopping! **\$325,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER - 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Fp'd Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Hrwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrds! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/V Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**



SOLD

AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Replacement Oak Eat-in Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrds! Sun Rm Cathedrals to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrds! Fp'd Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped, .46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

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



SOLD

DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Bath! Master Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Fp'd! Patio! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**



SOLD

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



NEW LISTING

SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! Expandable 9 Rm, 2,150' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Driv! New Granite Kit! Din, Liv & Fp'd Fam Rms w/Hrds! Yr Rd Sunroom w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! 2 1/2 Master w/Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! A/C! **\$464,900.00**



NEW PRICE

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



NEW LISTING

DOUGLAS WATERFRONT! 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acres) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 2836', 2688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/Hrwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/Stone Fp'd, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders to 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Trippe Bowl Sink, Cooktop & Dishwasher! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit & Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall! Office w/Dble Closet! 2.5 Baths Total! Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement! Plus 36X72' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop w/Half Bath! Upper Level 5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! Gated Rm w/Full Bath! 5 Full + 2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! **\$579,900.00**



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ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approved! Bath - Panoramic Views! 100' of Shoreline! 53.94' Frontage! Land Area 8,147! Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't Let this Slip by without Your Consideration! **\$199,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 812 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW! 1,280' W Rm! Townhouse! Lake Facing! Recently Applianced Galley Kit! Fp'd Liv Rm w/Hrds! 1st Flr Master w/Hrds & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrds & a Full Bath! Roofs 2013! Town Services! Quick Close Possible! **\$249,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built! 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Fp'd Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Fp'd, Recent Wood Flr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall! Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Fp'd, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Fp'd Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Fp'd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 209 Beacon Park! 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Yr Round! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/Hrds, 2 Lake Facing! Fp'd Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach! **\$475,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,000' Level! Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Bath 2015! Live! Open Flr! Plant! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights & Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout! The First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrds & Dble Closet! Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6/9 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Neely Restored Fireplace! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrooms! Huge Composite Deck w/Fp'd Balis! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under! **\$559,000.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Flr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Fp'd Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1874' Hrwd Floors! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 1 Bath! Fp'd Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$334,900.00**



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WE WANT YOUR LISTINGS!

Featured New Listings!

DUDLEY - 7 DELANY AVE



First Time Offered! Large Raised Ranch in a quiet neighborhood, close to town beach. Vinyl sided, new roof, newer windows, 2 car garage. Finished lower level with fireplace. Sun filled living and dining rooms, eat in kitchen. Forced Hot Water, Natural Gas Heat! Great yard for fun and games all year long. **\$259,900**

WEBSTER - BROOKSIDE AVE



Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen, dining room and large living room, hardwood throughout on the first level, 3 season porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. **\$269,900**



WEBSTER - 100 THOMPSON RD

SORRY, SOLD!

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



WEBSTER - 104 THOMPSON RD

SORRY, SOLD!

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



WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN

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



THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD

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



WEBSTER - 7 ARKWRIGHT RD.

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



THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE

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



WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST

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

LAND!

WEBSTER/DOUGLAS BUILDABLE LOTS

Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest \$132,900

Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer. SORRY SOLD \$59,400

Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer \$250,000

Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! \$99,900



WEBSTER LAKE - BEACON PARK #802

WEBSTER LAKE at BEACON PARK! TOWNHOUSE overlooking the COURTYARD, 1230 SF +/-, Open Concept Living/Dining PLACE & PRIVATE DECK. Freshly painted rooms, updated appliances. Upper level has 2 SPACIOUS BRs including a MASTER SUITE w/ SKY-LIGHTED, PRIVATE BATH, 2nd BR w/lg walk-in closet, 2nd full bath! ENJOY LAKE LIVING on the most desired lake in Central MA at an AFFORDABLE PRICE! **\$264,900.**



WOODSTOCK, CT - QUASSET LAKE

150 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Terraced, Deck, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 6.5 acres of land! Pellets, covered patio & balconies, stone lead 3 car det'd garage, wheat straw, Cape Cod shingles, winding gravel path to 255' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft hip roof 3 story Colonial 2 story foyer! Extraordinary kitchen w/gorgeous everything! Other formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry/mudroom, exercise studio, LL, kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BRs w/private full bath! **\$1,299,000**



WEBSTER - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 5964 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Wrenwood Lower Level w/handicapped potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western style views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **\$345,000**



WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD

KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/364 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & Entertain in the tiled, stone fireplaced family rm, wet bar combination to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36' +/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway, & interior 2nd flr balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplaced patio! Family owned/gem for 60+years! **\$1,495,000**



WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD

SORRY, SOLD!

New listing! 2 Family on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to 1-95! Walkout basement & storage area. Paver patio! Taxes \$4,624 yr. **\$412,900**



WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAUREL WOOD DR

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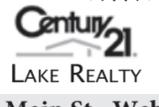
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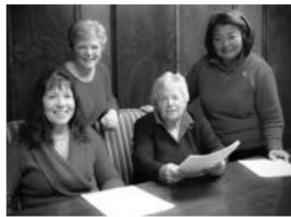
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OPEN HOUSE SUN 11-1

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11 Blueberry Ln ~ \$329,900



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Webster: Condo, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, garage, upgraded cabinets/granite counter tops
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OPEN HOUSE SAT 11/3 1:00-3:00



20 Fire Tower Rd. Eastford \$200,000
2002 Country Ranch with 3 BR 2 BA. New deck, and appliances. Across from Natchaug State Forest, on Pomfret line.
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Victorian, wood flrs, 4 BR, 2 BA, w/ front porch, updated kitchen & baths. Possible rental above garage. Close to shopping & I-395 & 44.
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860-234-1343

Tolland \$299,900



Pride of ownership shines in this 4 BR, 3 BA over-sized Raised Ranch in a private country setting. This is a must see!
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Pomfret \$465,000



Enjoy comfortable & spacious living in this bright, modern, 5 BR, 3.5 BA home. 3 beautiful floors of living space located on 5 acres.
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LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Linda M. Lincoln, Chairman
Brookfield Board of Selectmen
November 2, 2018

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

**NOTICE:
TOWN OF WALES PLANNING
BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC HEARING DATE:
November 19, 2018 at 7:05 P.M.
LOCATION: Town Hall Selectman's
Office, 3 Hollow Rd. Wales, MA
01081**

**TOPIC: Hegan Street Status as a
Town Road**

November 2, 2018
November 9, 2018

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ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

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

Northeast Energy Center LLC

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

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

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

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

Opportunity for Public Comment

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

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

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

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

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

Siting Board Jurisdiction

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

Preferred Site for the Project

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

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

Alternative Site for the Project

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

Public Review of the Company's Petition

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

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

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

Intervention and Participation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



report them to their loved ones' physicians.

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

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

paying monthly bills.

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

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

5. Trouble under-

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

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

7. Misplacing things

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seniors' senses of smell and taste change with age



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn about the causes of adult hearing loss



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

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

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

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

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

Sensorineural hearing loss

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

• Aging is a common cause of hearing loss that may not be reversible. Age-related hearing loss is called presbycusis and is marked by muffled or unclear speech. Treatment with assistive hearing devices can help improve hearing.

• Trauma to the ear or head may impact hearing. Wearing protective gear during sports or other activities can protect against neurological damage that may cause hearing loss.

• Damage to the inner ear can result from prolonged exposure to loud noises, states the Mayo Clinic. These noises cause wear and tear on the hairs or nerve cells in the cochlea that send sound signals to the brain. When these hairs or nerve cells are damaged or missing, electrical signals aren't transmitted as efficiently, and hearing loss occurs. Using hearing protection and turning down the volume can help.

• Ménière's disease is an inner ear problem of unknown origins. It usually starts in people between the ages of 30 and 50. Dizziness and ringing of the ear are common, and hearing loss comes and goes. Some loss can become permanent.

• Viruses and diseases as well as family history also may play a role in SNHL. In some instances, hearing loss may be the result of a combination of factors. Anyone finding their hearing has become less acute should visit with an audiologist. One resource to visit is www.asha.org/profind. The doctor can then prescribe a treatment plan to help improve hearing.

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What are hereditary cancer syndromes?

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hereditary cancer syndromes are relatively

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

Fight the flu with these strategies



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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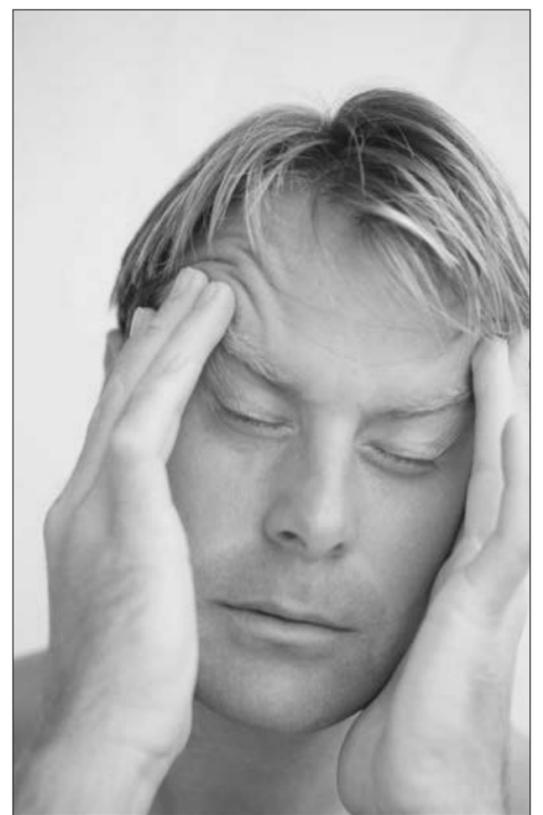
Some lesser known allergy symptoms

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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