



Free by request to residents of Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

SEND YOUR NEWS AND PICS TO News@StoneBridgePress.news

Friday, March 6, 2020

Hitchcock Academy names hometown girl as new Executive Director



Courtesy Photo
Sue Gregory, retiring Executive Director of Hitchcock Academy, and Cindy Skowyra, newly appointed Executive Director.

BRIMFIELD — The Trustees of Hitchcock Free Academy are pleased to announce the hiring of Cynthia Skowyra as the new Executive Director of the Academy.

Skowyra takes over from Sue Gregory, who retires from the position on Feb. 29 after a tenure of more than 30 years.

Skowyra enjoys significant personal history with the Academy and says, “Hitchcock Academy has long held a special place in my heart ... For many years, I attended Girl Scout meetings, which is where I first learned about community and serving others, and I participated in the summer recreation program, learning tennis, which became an integral part of my own high school experience. I was even,” she notes, “the recipient of a Hitchcock Academy Scholarship.”

She comes to the position with considerable community, marketing, strategic planning and program development experience having previously worked as the Director of Programs and Events for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and as the Vice President of Community Relations for Bank of America in Worcester. Skowyra also created, launched and led the Worcester Women’s Leadership Conference, which grew at a pace of 225 percent in four years under her stewardship.

Skowyra, a Brimfield resident, says of Hitchcock “Its history is part of my history. My parents, aunts and uncles and many lifelong family friends attended high school and most graduated from HFA.”

She notes that she, “grew up hearing the stories” surrounding Principal Bruce and teachers who became HFA legends.

In addition to her professional activities, Skowyra maintains a busy local volunteer life. She is very active at St. Christopher Church in Brimfield, serv-

Turn To **SKOWYRA** page **A6**

Milk bottle collectors convention to be held in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — The National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors (NAMBC) will hold its 40th Annual Convention and Bottle Show at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge on May 1 & 2.

The event provides association members and non-members the opportunity to share their knowledge and interests plus buy, sell, and trade milk bottles and other dairy items. The two-day event includes educational exhibits, an awards banquet, a hospitality mixer, educational seminars, and a large auction of milk bottles and other dairy memorabilia.

All attendees over the age of 16 must register at the Convention, beginning on Friday morning, May 1. Registration fees cover all Convention events, including the Saturday auction, except the banquet dinner. The Convention registration fee for NAMBC members is \$10. For non-members, the registration fee of \$20 covers not only admission to the Convention and auction but also a one-year NAMBC membership, which includes a 12-issue subscription to the full-color publication, The Milk Route.

The Convention’s 40-year history is testimony to its popularity and vitality. Everyone is welcome to attend! Pre-registration by mail is highly recommended prior to April 10.

To join the NAMBC’s nearly 700 members, the annual membership fee is \$25; \$27 for Canadian addresses; and \$30 for international locations (via Air Mail). Membership includes twelve issues of The Milk Route, the official monthly publication of the NAMBC (with free classified advertising for members) as well as a printed directory of all members. See our Web site, www.milkbottlecollectors.com, for an application form to join and registration forms for the hotel and Convention-Bottle Show.

Championship chorus and quartets to perform benefit concert

STURBRIDGE — Come enjoy Sing into Spring on April 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge. The family-friendly concert includes performances of barbershop songs and popular tunes from Millennium Magic Chorus, the current Sweet Adelines International Division A champion.

Performing quartets include VOCE, the sixth place International quartet, and regional medalists Saffron and Phoenix Rising. All performers are members of Sweet Adelines International, a nonprofit educational organization of women dedicated to singing a cappella barbershop harmony.

Concert proceeds will benefit Southern Worcester County’s homeless shelter, St. Luke’s Guesthouse, as well as Millennium Magic’s local music education programs.

Turn To **CHORUS** page **A5**



Courtesy Photo

Come enjoy Sing into Spring on April 19 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sturbridge. The family-friendly concert includes performances of barbershop songs and popular tunes from Millennium Magic Chorus, the current Sweet Adelines International Division A champion.

Library exhibit encourages visitors to “share the past”

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Got photos? Make sure you label and share them.

That was the underlying message Frank Morrill and Benetta Kuffour brought to Jacob Edwards Library last Thursday in light of their collaboration on parts of the William Bullard photo collection. Key images, some previously shown, some new, were on display there through February.

For Morrill, the simple existence of a number leading to a name in Bullard’s century-old photo catalog sparked years of meeting new

people nationwide that continues. One of them is Kuffour, a Worcester resident, who is the granddaughter of someone Bullard only half identified, but Morrill tracked down.

“It’s an unknown history. ... I didn’t even know [that photo] existed, and there’s no way I can forget,” Kuffour said. “It’s important for our children to know” this history, to talk about it, and to pass it on carefully to someone who will treasure it.

“It’s important to share the information with your children and children’s children,” she added. “It’s important to have that history, espe-



Gus Steeves Photos
Benetta Kuffour looks at the photo of her grandmother, Lena Jackson, and her sister, Blanche. It’s one of many images in the William Bullard collection, which was recently displayed at Jacob Edwards Library.

cially if you have photos with it.”

“[This work] has brought me to places I never thought I’d go,” Morrill agreed. “Joy you’d never think you’d get from a photograph, joy from new friends.”

He noted fellow local historian Bill Hultgren as a great example of why labeling photos is so crucial. When Hultgren died last June, he left behind an archive of 6,000 photos in 66 albums – all of them labeled. Because of that, Morrill said, he could identify places that no longer exist, among other things.

“It’s a stunning collection,” he noted, describing Hultgren’s labeling as

“an amazing feat.”

The Bullard collection, by contrast, had spotier identifications of its 240 shots of African-Americans – and that still makes it the most complete known collection. Larger ones exist, he said, but they are far less well-identified.

Through “thousands of hours” of research and sharing with people like Kuffour, Morrill said he can identify about 80 percent of the people in them now, but he showed several on Thursday that were still question marks. Among

Turn To **SHARE** page **A9**



Hitchcock Happenings

BRIMFIELD — Below is a listing of events and activities scheduled for next week at Hitchcock Academy.

Monday, March 9
REMINDER: You can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: hitchcockacademy.org. Please remember to like us on Facebook.
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9-11 AM; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org
WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.
SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.
YOGA: 7:15-8:45 PM This 90 minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and

bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga Teacher
GENEALOGY: 6:30 – 8:00 PM This class guides you on the right path to research your family history on and off line. Instructor: Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy of New England. (4 classes) Fee: \$50
Tuesday, March 10
ART GROUP: 9 – 11:30 AM Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.
PILATES: 5:15 – 6:15 PM A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen
PILATES: 6:15 – 7:15 PM A great way to start your evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen
Wednesday, March 11
WATERCOLOR: 9:30 – Noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413.245.3295
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free

preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 – 10 AM
MOVING MUSCLE: 5:15 – 6:15 PM. Muscle conditioning exercises using light hand weights. This class will use a series of squats, lunges, and varying arm exercises for an overall body workout. All levels are welcome. Instructor: Karen Larsen; Fee: \$50 for 8 classes.
BUDDIES: 6:30 – 7:30 PM (6 classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work
MAKE IT WITH MARCIA- Woven Bag: 6:30 – 8:30 PM (2 classes) Using a cardboard loom you will learn to weave your own bag out of novelty yarns in your choice of colors, design and embellishments. Instructor: Marcia Beal; Fee: \$37 (Includes all supplies)
POP: FINDING YOUR LEADER WITHIN: 6:30 – 7:30 PM Find the recipe it takes to lead yourself to success. Instructor: Lisa Severese-Burkitt; Fee: \$15
Thursday, March 12
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEAM Experiments 9-10:30 AM. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org
VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violin-

ist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels
SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM Develop discipline, confidence, fitness, a sense of team work and have fun. For details and registration call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330.
FENCING: 6:15-7:15 Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.
K9 NOSEWORK® 7 – 8:30 PM. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$152 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work
Friday, March 13

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM
LET YOUR YOGA DANCE: 6:30 – 7:30 PM A light hearted, energizing experience where joy and fun meet deep and profound. No experience in Yoga or dance is needed. Instructor: Sharon Palmer; fee: \$15
Saturday, March 14
K9 NOSEWORK® 9AM - noon. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$152 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

Sen. Anne Gobi announces March office hours

REGION — Lucas McDiarmid, aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), will be holding office hours throughout the district during the month of March. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Attendants should RSVP to Lucas at Lucas.McDiarmid@MASenate.gov or by phone at (413) 324-3082. Town attendance is not restricted to residents of those towns, and Lucas is additionally available by appointment if you are unable to make any of the times listed.
Monday March 9
•10:30AM-11:30PM Paxton Senior Center
•12:00PM-1:00PM Spencer Howe Village
•1:30PM-2:30PM East Brookfield Municipal Offices
Tuesday March 10
•10:30AM-11:30AM Sturbridge Senior Center

•12:00PM-1:00PM Rutland Senior Center
Wednesday March 11
•11:00AM-12:00PM North Brookfield Senior Center
•1:00PM-2:00PM Holland Town Hall
Tuesday March 17
•10:00AM-11:00AM Ware Senior Center
•11:30AM-12:30PM Hardwick Town Offices
•1:00PM-2:00PM Wales Senior Center
Wednesday March 18
•12:00PM-1:00PM Palmer Senior Center
• 4:00PM-5:00PM Winchendon Town Hall
Monday March 23
•11:30AM-12:30PM Charlton Senior Center
•2:00PM-3:00PM Monson Town Hall
Tuesday March 24
•11:30AM-12:00PM Athol Senior Center
Wednesday March 25
• 11:00AM-12:00PM Templeton Town Hall
•1:30PM-2:30PM Petersham Town Offices
•3:00PM-4:00PM Phillipston Town Hall
Monday March 30
• 9:30AM-10:30AM Oakham Senior Center

Anna DiGregorio named to Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Stonehill College

EASTON — Anna DiGregorio, of Fiskdale, a member of the Class of 2021, has been named to the Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Stonehill College.
To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.
Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton. With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and pre-professional fields. The Stonehill community helps students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character to meet their professional goals and to live lives of purpose and integrity.

University of Maine announces fall 2019 Dean’s List

ORONO, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 2,572 students for achieving Dean’s List honors in the fall 2019 semester. Of the students who made the Dean’s List, 1,754 are from Maine, 743 are from 30 other states and 75 are from 31 countries other than the U.S.
Listed below are students who received Dean’s List honors for fall 2019, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Please note that some students have requested that their information not be released; therefore, their names are not included.

Charlton: Grace MacGrath
Charlton City: Isabelle Boria
Northbridge: Ciara Larence
Sutton: Anthony Sullivan, Rose Thayer
Upton: Kyle Bernero
Uxbridge: Dylan King

Whitinsville: Mina Helinski
About the University of Maine
The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state’s land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine’s flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state’s only pub-



VILLAGER ALMANAC

REAL ESTATE

STURBRIDGE

\$4,050,000, 13 Fairground Rd, Hospitality Associates, to Aderi Jyot LLC.
\$4,050,000, 366 Main St, Hospitality Associates, to Aderi Jyot LLC.
\$4,050,000, 7 Fairground Rd, Hospitality Associates, to Aderi Jyot LLC.
\$302,500, 5 Ladd Rd, Morin, Kelly A, and Morin, Eric, to Cyr, James L, and Cyr, Deserae.
\$290,000, 28 Mountain Brook Rd, Hetherington, Joanne, to Davis, Catherine E.
\$259,500, 117 Colonial Dr #117, Griffith, Monique, to Fenno, Petger, and Lee, Anthony.
\$675,000, 173 Charlton Rd, StIves RT, and Neal, Edmond A, to Steerage Rock Properties.
\$459,000, 128 Paradise Ln, Comee, Shaun D, to Phillips, Kadion, and Phillips, Michele.
\$370,000, 116 Fiske Hill Rd, Booth, Richard J, and Booth, Deneene R, to Blais, Adam R, and Blais, Erika M.
\$329,900, 153 Cedar St, Phillips, Kadion, and Phillips, Michele, to Bailey, Christopher E, and Luke, Lisa L.
\$306,500, 7 Cooper Rd, Hybiske, Thomas J, and Hybiske, Eileen A, to Perrone, Giovanni A, and Perrone, Kristen L.
\$246,000, 63 Steeple Vw #63, Peck, Jeffrey A, and Dossantos-Peck, Sandra F, to Lyn, Amy E.
\$213,000, 63 Arnold Rd, Rossi, Virginia, to Roughan, Matthew T.
\$22,000, 120 Podunk Rd, Habitat For Humanity, to Magliaro, Timothy M.
\$22,000, 122 Podunk Rd, Habitat For Humanity, to Magliaro, Timothy M.
\$10,000, 551 Leadmine Rd, Earls, Thomas P, to Rendon, Marco, and Rendon, Angel A.

How to Use



TO PLACE A RETAIL AD:
ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE
MIKAELA VICTOR
(508) 909-4126
mikaela@stonebridgepress.news

TO FAX THE STURBRIDGE VILLAGER:
(508) 764-8015

TO PRINT AN OBITUARY:
E-MAIL:
obits@stonebridgepress.news

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES:
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES:
KERRI PETERSON
(508) 909-4103
kerri@stonebridgepress.news

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR OR AROUND OUR TOWNS ITEMS:
E-MAIL: news@stonebridgepress.news

TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
E-MAIL: news@stonebridgepress.news

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD:
(800) 536-5836
Classifieds@stonebridgepress.news

OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8:30AM-4:30PM

VILLAGER STAFF DIRECTORY

EDITOR
BRENDAN BERUBE
(508) 909-4106
news@stonebridgepress.news

SPORTS EDITOR
NICK ETHIER
(508) 909-4133
sports@stonebridgepress.com

GOT A NEWS TIP, AND IT’S AFTER 5 P.M. OR A WEEKEND?
CALL A REPORTER’S LINE,
OR SIMPLY DIAL
(800) 367-9898
AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

A STONEBRIDGE PRESS PUBLICATION

PRESIDENT & PUBLISHER
FRANK G. CHILINSKI
(508) 909-4101
frank@stonebridgepress.news

BUSINESS MANAGER
RYAN CORNEAU
(603) 677-9082
ryan@salmonpress.news

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
JIM DINICOLA
(508) 764-4325

EDITOR
BRENDAN BERUBE
(508) 909-4106
news@stonebridgepress.news

PRODUCTION MANAGER
JULIE CLARKE
(508) 909-4105
production@stonebridgepress.news

The *Sturbridge Villager* (USPS#024-955) is published weekly by Stonebridge Press, Inc., 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Periodical postage paid at Southbridge, MA 01550. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Sturbridge Villager, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550

STONEBRIDGE PRESS PHOTO POLICY
As a community oriented family of newspapers, Stonebridge Press welcomes photos from readers, business owners, and other outside sources for publication in any of its titles. Any photos submitted for publication become the property of Stonebridge Press, and may be displayed in our newspapers, as well as on our Web site. They may also be made available for resale, with any proceeds going to Stonebridge Press and/or the photo re-print vendor.

Charlton Arts and Activities Center celebrates 10 years



Courtesy Photos

Young local painters show off their craft during the CAAC tenth anniversary event.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A decade ago, a small group of volunteers and supporters of the arts came together on a mission, to bring a center of expression and artistry to the town of Charlton to cultivate the creativity hidden within the community. That mission would go on to become the Charlton Arts and Activities Center, a hub for community involvement and artistic education that celebrated its tenth anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Each year, the Arts and Activities Center plays host to numerous town events including play productions, the annual Blueberry Festival and Trunk or Treat and while most may only visit the facility once or twice a year to see it in passing through the center of town the center is constantly bustling with activity from cake decorating to visual arts and other forms of expression embraced by locals young and old.

For the tenth anniversary, the center



CAAC Co-Chairs Barbara Benoit and Kristin Petrik accept a citation from State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost acknowledging the center's tenth anniversary.

hosted a special get together and open house showcasing many forms of art including painting, acting, music and more to raise public awareness of the many different artistic talents hidden within the small town. Sandra Bacon, a founder of the center, said it has been a proud and humbling experience to see what the center has become over time.

“This was an abandoned building owned by the town just sitting here rotting away and our vision from the cultural council was to offer something for older adults and young people not involved in sports to give them an opportunity to learn about what else is out there,” Bacon said. “I think looking at everything that has developed that goal has been met.”

Barbara Benoit, one of two chairwomen of the center, said that the facility is the result of a true community effort to respect and embrace many different art forms and that she is proud that Charlton opened its arms so willingly to the idea and has continued to support it for so long.

“In ten years, we have come from absolutely nothing to what we are

today. We have so many classes now, so many wonderful instructors in music, dance and theater. We’re very happy with what we have, and we hope to continue adding more as time goes on,” said Benoit.

The day also saw state leaders pay a visit to the center to see what it’s all about. State Representatives Peter Durant and Paul Frost presented a citation from the House of Representatives congratulating the center on its tenth anniversary. Both called the facility and important part of what makes Charlton such a special small town.

“I think this is a great community resource. It’s a great outlet for kids and adults alike. You don’t always get to see an adult acting crew here in town, so this is great,” Durant said. “I think this is quintessential New England. You have a small town where you can go, participate and be active in arts, crafts, acting, dancing, cake design and all kinds of things. It gives people the ability to be together as a group of people within the community to explore some avenues and interests that might only be available in bigger cities.”



ACCURACY WATCH

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

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

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

Frost echoed his colleagues thoughts and said he enjoyed the experience of witnessing the work of the center and it’s artists first hand.

“Ten years of providing this community with an outlet for expression is outstanding. Just to get a little sample of what they do here is fantastic. It’s a nice hidden gem here but it’s a great place for an outlet for freedom of expression. It’s a great facility. I look forward to the next ten years – I think it fits right in here in Charlton and I think it supports everything Charlton represents,” said Frost.

But none of the center’s endeavors could be possible without the help of volunteers, which was something co-chair Kristin Petrik made clear in her opening speech for the main ceremony.

“The support of volunteers is really essential to our success,” Petrik said. “Every hour of volunteer work improves an event’s success, or it makes the ground look nicer, or gets information out to the public. All of that translates into a bigger and better CAAC. Every time you take a class here, you are not only supporting the instructor who is teaching the class, but you’re supporting the CAAC so that we can continue to be a resource for Charlton and our neighboring towns.”

The Charlton Arts and Activities Center’s next event will be a production of Soup Du Jour in May and a production of “Coloring Book” in July before hosting the annual Blueberry Festival on July 26. For more information on upcoming CAAC events or how to volunteer and donate citizens can visit charltonarts.org.

Charlton officials increase social media presence

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – In an attempt to keep Charlton citizens better informed of town meetings and notices, the town itself is putting together a Facebook page, with selectmen approving a new policy for use of the social media account and related resources.

As one of his first major moves at Town Administrator in Charlton, Andre Gola brought forth a new approach to communication and an accompanying bylaw which selectmen approved unanimously during a Feb. 25 meeting. Gola said when he came to Charlton he realized the town didn’t have its own dedicated social media page which he

planned to change to allow for easier access for meeting notices and other announcements for town residents.

“Currently, the absence of a town sponsored social media account really limits our ability to push out information that’s relative to town business. I’m working to establish a town social media presence through Facebook and Twitter as an outlet to publishing the information for residents relative to the operations of town government,” Gola said.

The Town Administrator then presented a bylaw which would control what could and couldn’t be posted on that page and how comments would be handled including in circumstances where town officials felt inappropriate content was

posted in the comments. The written policy received approval from all selectmen present and does not infringe on any previously agreed-upon contracts or the rights for other town entities to utilize their own established social media pages.

“Departments that currently use social media including police and fire rely on internal policies issued by department heads through their general orders. The intent of the proposed policy is meant in no way to limit anybody’s free speech or infringe

on any existing labor agreements, but this policy has been reviewed by the technology committee and by legal counsel to conform with existing policies and laws,” Gola said prior to the selectmen’s vote.

Selectman David Singer further clarified that the olice apply only to the official town accounts on social media and does not affect anyone’s abil-

ity to post on their own personal accounts. The Town of Charlton Facebook Page officially debuted the following day and will showcase town events, meeting notices and recorded meetings which are also available on the TVCharltonMass YouTube account for residents to view at their leisure.

A Real Keeper



PHOTO REPRINTS AVAILABLE

Call Stonebridge Press for details 508-764-4325
or drop us an email at
photos@stonebridgepress.com

Don't forget your loved one this
St. Patrick's Day



We do repairs and custom designs
**Cormier Jewelers
& ART GALLERY**

A Family Business Since 1949

136 Main Street • Spencer, MA 01562

www.cormierspencer.com

508-885-3385

Tue, Wed, Fri 10-5:30 • Thur 10-7 • Sat 10-3

Sun & Mon closed



the youngest
town in the
Commonwealth!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
OPEN HOUSE 1-3pm
at Hodgkins Building (Historical
Museum/Model Railroad)
108 School Street FREE



TUESDAY, MARCH 24 6:30pm
RE-ENACTMENT of the 1919
Town Meeting Signing for Separation
AND
Unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
at the EB Baptist Church
FREE

UPCOMING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY of East Brookfield MARCH



100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
April 4th • 5pm-10pm
at the Sturbridge Host Dinner
and Dancing \$35 per person

TICKETS ON SALE
at the Library or on
EventBrite.com



See Facebook @EB100th
or tinyurl.com/EB100th
for details on all events!

Harrington Auxiliary presents “A Story of Survival”

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Harrington Auxiliary is pleased to announce a special event on April 22 at Cohasse Country Club featuring Lynne Grden, who will speak about her lifelong struggle with Cystic Fibrosis and arduous journey leading to a lifesaving double lung transplant.

Grden was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of five and faced many medical complications and physical challenges throughout her life. As her medical condition deteriorated, she lost her ability to speak and function independently and subsequently was placed on the donor list for a double lung transplant. Several attempts throughout the years to secure an appropriate match were thwarted and Grden eventually entered hospice care.

However, in 2015 a suitable donor was found and Grden was urgently flown to Cleveland Clinic where she underwent lengthy, but successful, lung transplantation surgery.

“I got to start my life over,”



Courtesy Photos
Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis as a child, Grden was unable to participate in normal childhood activities and had to rely on oxygen for life-giving sustenance.

said Grden. “Before I was so focused on just trying to breathe.”

During the last five years,



Following her double lung transplant, Grden took advantage of “a new lease on life,” engaging in various physical activities and fulfilling her dreams of international travel.

Grden has engaged in physical activities once unimaginable. She hikes, swims, travels and

fulfilled a dream to visit Italy where she climbed Mount Etna.

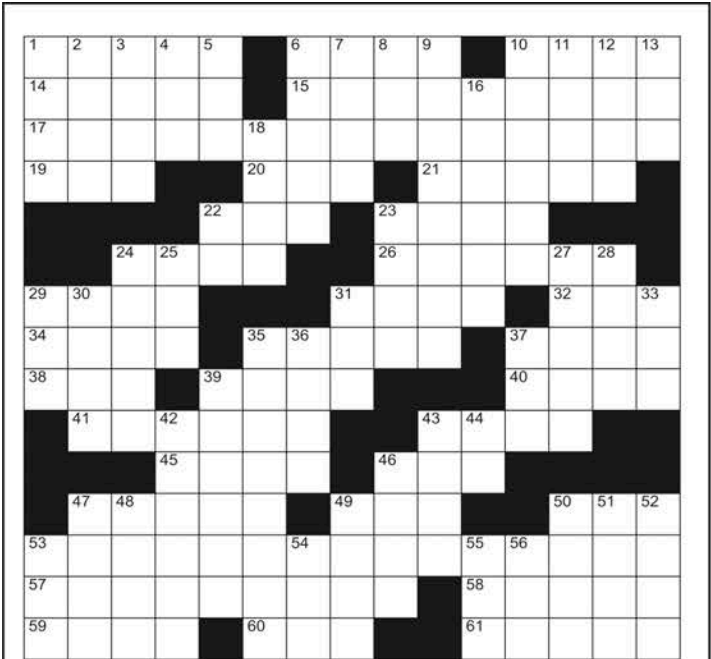
Grateful for the expansive community support she and her family received throughout her life and especially during her many hospitalizations, Grden now devotes much of her time as a volunteer and spokesperson for New England Donor Services (NEDS). She regularly shares her story of perseverance, resilience, faith, love of family and community, and hope for the future. Grden has inspired audiences at various community events, in hospitals, at medical conferences, high schools, church groups and professional organizations.

“A Story of Survival” recounts the obstacles Grden faced and overcame, thanks to an organ donor and a supportive medical team. In addition to relating her personal story, she will present alarming statistics that clearly indicate the importance of organ donation and dispel long-held myths and misconceptions about the process. The Auxiliary will make a donation to NEDS.

The Harrington Auxiliary invites the general public to attend Grden’s presentation “A Story of Survival” on April 22 at Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge. Admission is \$25 and includes light dining options. A cash bar is also available.

The event begins at 5 p.m.; the presentation starts at 6 p.m. Registration is required; walk-ins will not be accepted. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 13. For tickets or more information, please call Harrington Hospital Volunteer Services at 508-765-6472 or email Auxiliary@harrington-hospital.org with Story of Survival in the subject line.

Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided by the Harrington HealthCare System.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Yields Manila hemp

6. A type of gin

10. Japanese ankle sock

14. Swiss city

15. Applied to

17. Achievements

19. Japanese title

20. Possesses

21. Belgian city

22. Child

23. Great delight

24. Petty quarrel

26. Gathered

29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

31. Path

32. Legendary hoops coach Riley

34. A citizen of Denmark

35. Flat
37. Upper-class young women

38. Payment (abbr.)

39. Distort

40. Affirmative! (slang)

41. One who has a child

43. Without

45. Workplace safety agency

46. Political action committee

47. Period of plant and animal life

49. Swiss river

50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

53. State of being kept secret

57. Hobbies

58. One-time Korean ruler

59. Sudden attack

60. Born of

61. Assists

CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient Greek sophist

2. Famed composer

3. Spore-bearing fungi cells

4. Chief executive officer

5. Defunct Syrian political party

6. Thin wood

7. Polynesian garlands

8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)

9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas

10. Multi-leveled

11. Influential diarist

12. Gambles

13. Many subconsciousnesses

16. Current unit

18. Illumination unit

22. Tantalum

23. Steps leading down to a river

24. Kids love him

25. Before

27. Fencing swords

28. Mountain range in China

29. Payroll company

30. A way to pack together
31. Business designation

33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

35. Forage fish

36. Greek temple pillars

37. Internet mgmt. company

39. Rouse oneself

42. In a way, covered

43. Elaborate silk garment

44. Cooling unit

46. Riley and O’Brien are two

47. ___ fide: genuine

48. Ancient Incan sun god

49. Poker stake

50. Trigonometric function

51. Interesting tidbit

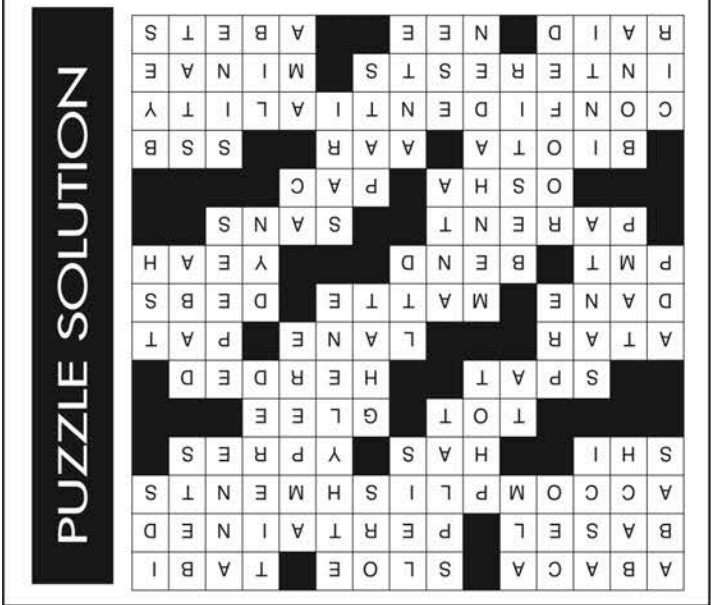
52. Adieus

53. U.S. Treasury position

54. Midway between east and southeast

55. Doctors’ group

56. Women’s ___ movement



Hannaford Helps campaign generates 7,600 pounds for Worcester County Food Bank

WORCESTER — Hannaford Supermarkets and its customers donated 7,620 pounds of food valued at \$12,345 to the Worcester County Food Bank as part of a hunger relief campaign that produced \$1.4 million dollars in nutritious food and cash to food banks and pantries throughout the Northeast.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger took place during the 2019 holiday season and included a you-buy-one, we-give-one component, whereby Hannaford pledged to donate identical products when customers purchased specific shelf-stable items, including applesauce, spaghetti, oats, green beans, and corn.

“Each year, we see the abundant generosity and caring of our customers through the Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program,” said Ericka Dodge, Hannaford spokesperson. “Donations that help families and children who might not otherwise have enough nutritious food is a true demonstration of the impact we can all have in people’s lives. We are grateful for the partnership and commitment of our customers in helping to make our communities a stronger place.”

The annual campaign builds off the work that local Hannaford stores and distribution centers participate in daily. Hannaford donated nearly 25 million pounds of rescued food to Northeast hunger relief in 2019.

The Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Campaign had three parts:

• **Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger Boxes:** Customers purchased boxes of food staples for \$10. The boxes are then donated to a pantry local to the store where it was purchased; or the customer has the option to keep the box and donate directly to another organization. Valued at \$930,000, a total of 93,000 Fight Hunger boxes were donated to hunger relief agencies throughout Hannaford’s five state presence, including 6,600 boxes or the equivalent of 52,800 meals in Massachusetts.

• **Register Donation:** Customers donated money to a local food pantry, right at the register. The register donations totaled \$251,978, including \$21,740 in Massachusetts.

• **Buy One, Give One:** Hannaford donated specific products identical to those items purchased by customers during a four-week period. Through the Buy One, Give One program, Hannaford donated 383 cases of nutritious food, equating to 7,620 pounds valued at more than \$12,000, to the Worcester County Food Bank. The Buy One, Give One donations across the Northeast totaled 8,663 cases of food – or 175,000 pounds valued at \$238,520.

Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger has generated funds and products valued at \$11.5 million since the program began in 2008.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DEAN’S LIST

AMHERST — Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2019 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

BRIMFIELD
Emma Cameron Boland • Mikayla Nicole Colabello
• Kathryn Marie Doyle
Logan Sean McCarthy • Benjamin Richard McCo
• Allison M McGlinchy • Kenneth R Messenger
Griffin Moore • Maura Caitlyn Riel • Noah Jonathan Scott • Catherine Teresa Simonds

FISKDALE
Allyson Julia Brauns • Colin Thomas Eliason
• Riley Elizabeth Jone • Sharlette Avril Laporte
Cody George Robert • Sarah Elizabeth Williams

HOLLAND
Matthew Patrick Berg • Darren M Laprade • Gene Munnis

STURBRIDGE
Charlie J Bouhanna • Leah Miranda Boutelle
• Joseph Anthony Distefano III
Bennet Clark Farrell • Thomas Roger Goodwin • Jared M Hammon • Roman Gabriel Krochmalnyckyj • Joseph Daniel Matte • Jack Michael Mazeika
Thomas Richard Mazeika • Thomas Michael Muir • Connor Michael Rich
Kendra Jane Salvuolo • Arnesh Sengupta • Fey Thurber

Fish Fry

St. John Paul II Parish

benefiting our

YOUTH MINISTRY

Every Friday during Lent

February 28 - April 3

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

LaSalle Reception Center

444 Main Street, Southbridge, MA

Eat In or Take Out

Phone Number: 508-765-5126

DON'T MISS A BEAT

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Cornerstone Bank makes donation to StandUp For Kids Worcester

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids, an organization whose mission is to end youth homelessness.

The Bank’s donation will be used for youth services provided by the organization. These services include things such as bus passes, meals, hygiene items, ID fees, testing and training fees, clothing for interviews, pantry items, etc.

StandUp for Kids is a national non-profit organization that strives to provide life-saving and outreach services to homeless and at-risk youth. They support and guide them by providing counseling, mentoring, and life-skills training. The organization, run almost entirely by volunteers, has local programs in many states across the country.

“StandUp for Kids has always played an important role in our community,” said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. “We are pleased to support this



Pictured, L to R: Worcester Chapter of StandUp for Kids Co-Executive Director Donna Katsoudas and Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank’s Charitable Donations Committee (CDC) Todd M. Tallman.

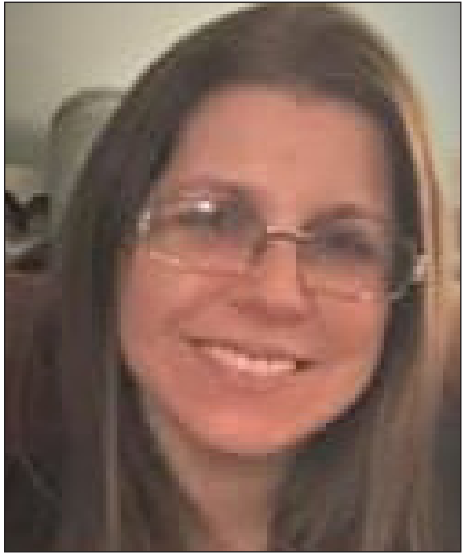
organization and their mission to end youth homelessness and improve the lives of children.”

To learn more about the Worcester chapter of StandUp for Kids or to become a volunteer, please visit them online at www.standupforkids.org/worcester or by calling 508-963-5576.

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

LPN named Reliant Medical Group employee of the month

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumna Shawna Esposito, LPN of Hardwick was recently recognized as the employee of the month for the Reliant Medical Group, Orthopedics department. Esposito’s



Shawna Esposito

employee of the month award is now followed by a nomination from one of the Orthopedic surgeons for employee of the quarter.

Esposito thanked Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for the education, training and opportunities she received. “After I graduated, I worked for three years at Beaumont Rehab as an LPN on their subacute unit,” said Esposito. “I was supervisor at night (of the building) which also taught me so much.”

Now as a triage nurse at the Reliant Medical Group, Esposito finds that “triage has challenged me, the ability to assess patient’s conditions over the phone with subjective information can be difficult but rewarding in its own way.”

Further, Esposito adds, “This is so inspiring for me. I’ve been challenged and have gained confidence over these years and reflect on how it all began so often. I’m so thankful for the experience and opportunity to change my life in the most fulfilling ways possible through the LPN program. I thank Mrs. Bolandrina and all the staff at Bay Path for their guidance, support and opportunities.”

Esposito is praised for being a dili-

gent former student who always went the extra mile, was a true asset to the PN Class of 2016, and represents the practical nursing education very well. Esposito qualified for the National Technical Honor Society and has volunteered as alumni mentor and tutored PN students in the past.

It is the mission of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School to facilitate current, integrated, and rig-

orous academic and technical vocational programs that prepare students for the ever-changing world of employment and post-secondary education; to provide a school culture that meets the diverse needs of our student body for safety and mental wellness; and to foster student confidence, professionalism, and life-long learning skills that will enable them to become contributing members of our communities.

Landfill rumors draw interest in Charlton

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Rumors have been swirling that the town of Southbridge could be exploring their own landfill project and Charlton’s Board of Health is expressing interest if the rumors are true.

During a meeting on Feb. 18, Board of Health Chair Matthew Gagner said he had heard rumors about the project but also acknowledged “there’s nothing to discuss yet.” However, with growing concerns about the status of Casella and the continued partnership between the neighboring communities if such an initiative were fully green let it seems that Charlton, or at least the Board of Health, may be interested in being a part of that effort.

“They have a special committee in Southbridge that’s working on that five-year plan, when it ends, what they’re going to do. It’s really outside of the control of the Board of Health,” said Gagner.

Board member Kathleen Walker said

a committee in town has been working with Southbridge to set up a partnership for waste disposal. While the rumors of a Southbridge landfill may or may not be true, it does seem like the two communities are on board of work together on future endeavors.

“The Charlton Sustainability Committee is trying to set up and meeting in Southbridge. We’ve been in contact with the chairperson of that committee,” Walker said.

Later, she added, “We’re going to just kind of find out what they’re doing and see if there’s some way we can piggyback or take advantage of their knowledge.”

It might be a bit premature to talk about any impending partnerships simply based on rumors, but the very idea of a multi-town landfill has certainly caught the attention of Charlton’s Board of Health who have indicated their belief that having a landfill close to the town would likely be an attractive concept for not only town officials, but for citizens as well.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is at 345 Main St., Sturbridge. The church has ample parking and the building is handicapped accessible.


For more information about the concert or barbershop music in the area, see Facebook. To hear Millennium Magic’s amazing sound before the concert, check YouTube.

CHORUS
continued from page 1

General admission tickets are \$15, students and seniors \$12, children 10 and under free. You can buy tickets in advance at <http://millenniummagic.bigcartel.com/> or buy at the door.

PLACE MOTORS IS PROUD TO SPONSOR

Friday’s Child



Hi! My name is Janely and I like to draw!

Janely is a sweet and social young woman of Hispanic descent who loves drawing and making adults laugh. At times she can be quite silly! Janely also enjoys playing with baby dolls and Barbies, playing board games, and watching cartoons. Janely’s social worker describes her as a talented artist with a “lovely” and “beautiful” personality.

At school, Janely is described as a kind and quiet student who is attentive and hard-working. She has been diagnosed with Epilepsy, which at times can make it difficult for her to comprehend her school work. Janely is in a mainstream classroom and receives extra academic supports in the areas of math and communication skills.

Not yet legally freed for adoption, Janely will bring joy and laughter to a family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. An ideal family for Janely will have some experience caring for children with medical needs and will be able to bring her to multiple neurology appointments. A family must be open to helping her maintain relationships with her biological family, including her brother.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

**Place Motor Inc.**
Thompson Road, Webster, MA 508.943.8012
Massachusetts oldest family owned Ford Dealer – since 1923
www.placemotor.com • “Like Us” on Facebook



**FISHER PLOW
SNOW & ICE REMOVAL
Plows • Sanders
Spreaders**

*The “Right Place” since 1923*

Plastics Hall of Fame honors Dennis Tully

CHARLTON — Every three years, the Plastics Academy inducts individuals into the Plastics Hall of Fame. MTD Micro Molding is honored to announce that our late president, Dennis Tully, is one of the six posthumous inductees this year.

Inductees are elected by the living members of the Hall of Fame after a lengthy screening process. Tully will be inducted at the March 24 ceremony that is part of the Spring National Board Meeting of the Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS) in Washington, D.C.

“These new posthumous inductees proudly represent the length and breadth of our great industry, with a wealth of accomplishments in polymer science, engineering, manufacturing, equipment design and business management,” said Jay Gardiner, president of the Plastics Academy.

A UMass Lowell graduate of the plastics engineering program, Tully joined his father’s company, Miniature Tool & Die Inc in 1989. Two decades later, he bought the business from his father.

Tully had a big vision for the company when he rebranded it as MTD Micro Molding in 2010, repositioning it exclu-



Dennis Tully

sively for the medical device market and steering it to enormous success. MTD became known around the world for its mastery of highly precise, spe-

cialized miniature parts that no other company could produce. MTD manufactures medical components a fraction of a size of a sesame seed that perform critical functions like drug delivery and wound closure. Tully made numerous investments in innovation and R&D, often being the first injection molding company in North America to have the most state-of-the-art equipment or capabilities for producing micro medical breakthroughs. He built the capacity to have the entire molding process, from tooling to packaging, done in-house to optimize the manufacturing process for validated production.

Under Tully, MTD more than doubled its workforce, became one of the nation’s fastest growing companies, and won numerous awards. He grew the company from a \$1.9 million business in 2008 to \$8.8 million in 2019, an increase of 442% over a 10.5-year period. A testament to Tully’s leadership and company culture, MTD has been twice named as a Plastics News Best Places to Work. Three times, MTD was named as one of the finalists for the plastics industry’s most prestigious award before finally winning the Plastics News Processor of the Year title in 2019—becoming the

smallest company to win the title in its 22 years. The announcement came only days after Tully’s untimely passing.

Despite the company’s accolades, Tully was always most proud of his staff, for whom he cared deeply. As Plastics News editorial director Don Loepp wrote, “Now the history of MTD starts a new chapter, without its talisman, but with a strong culture and set of core values to keep it on the right track.”

About MTD Micro Molding

Founded in 1972, MTD Micro Molding custom-crafts ultra-precision molded components that meet the exact requirements of companies in the medical device industry. In-house tooling, unparalleled bioabsorbable molding expertise, ISO 13485 certified systems, state of the art equipment – all under one roof. Our exclusive focus on bio-absorbable and drug delivery medical micro molding ensures successful delivery of complex custom products that nobody else can produce.

To learn more, visit mtdmicromolding.com or come tour our facility in Charlton.

Nine garden planning tips for the greatest return



Courtesy Photo

Celano is a patio type grape tomato that produces sweet oblong fruit.

We’ve all done it...got-ten overzealous in spring and overplanted or planted the wrong varieties for our tastes and needs. Make this the year you plan your garden for the best return on your investment.

First, prepare a list before placing your catalog order or making that first trip to the garden center. Without a bit of preplanning our carts end up filled with more seeds and plants than space available or varieties that are not suited to our growing conditions or our family’s taste.

Make sure each plant you select provides the greatest return on investment by including winning varieties with a visit to the All-America Selections (AAS) website (all-americanselections.org). This non-profit trialing organization has test sites across the US and Canada that trial and select winning varieties for their taste and garden performance.

Review your favorite recipes and consider growing the ingredients you need on a regular basis. Salad lovers may want to plant a container of greens that can be harvested daily. Sandy Lettuce and colorful mild flavored Red Kingdom

Mizuna are slow to bolt, extending the harvest into warmer months. Add some super nutritious Prizm kale for your morning smoothies and salads. Prizm’s stemless stalks releaf quickly after harvest so you’ll have a continuous supply.

Fill a corner of the garden or container with a small-fruited tomato or two for salads, snacking and other daily treats. Red Celano grape tomato (a determinate for containers) and the light-yellow sweet Firefly tomato (an indeterminate for vertical or staked gardens) are attractive and very productive, ensuring more than enough for your whole family to enjoy.

Add a bit of crunch and color by growing Roxanne radishes. And don’t forget the cucumbers. Green Light cucumbers are seedless, sweet and prolific – great for salads or a refreshing summer drink. Keep a constant supply of these ingredients by making small plantings throughout the season.

Grow several containers of tasty and attractive Delizz strawberries. These everbearing plants will provide a pretty pot of fresh strawberries throughout the summer

for your morning oatmeal or afternoon glass of wine.

Plant unusual vegetables you can’t purchase at the grocery store. Roulette pepper has the look and citrusy flavor of a habanero without the heat. And you won’t find anything like Yellow Apple tomato at the store. It has small unique apple-shaped fruit with a citrusy sweet flavor that’s perfect for snacks or stuffing with cheese.

Dedicate some space for those vegetables that are more expensive to buy than grow. Green peppers are a bargain in the summer, but the yellow, orange and red ones can cost two to three times more. Reduce the wait time and increase your enjoyment with early maturing colorful peppers like Orange Blaze or the yellow sweet peppers like Cornito Giallo, Escamillo or Just Sweet.

If you plan to freeze, dry or can your harvest, make sure to reserve some time during harvest season for picking and preserving. Select disease resistant productive varieties like Early Resilience Roma Tomato so you’ll have plenty of



GARDEN MOMENTS
.....
MELINDA MYERS

produce to preserve. This is your year to produce a garden filled with just enough family favorites and unusual varieties that are less expensive to grow than buy.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

SKOWYRA

continued from page 1

ing on its pastoral council and in the Womens Club. Skowrya also sings in the choir and chairs the annual Craft Fair. She has been a member of the Brimfield Memorial Day Committee since 2014 and now chairs it. She also currently leads Rebuilding Together Worcester

an organization that provides free repairs on low income senior’s homes in Worcester. She volunteers for the Worcester Healthcare Softball League, and is on the board of the Webster Square Business Association. She has received a United Way of Central Mass Day of Caring Volunteer Award and she has been recognized by the Worcester Business Journal as one of its 40 Under 40. She also writes celebrant services

for the Beers and story Funeral Home.

Skowrya, has spent the last two weeks training with Gregory, and says she understands the significance of Hitchcock Academy’s historic position as a community center for Brimfield and the surrounding towns.

“I appreciate Hitchcock Academy for what it was, for what it is and what is can be,” Skowrya says, adding that she is “thrilled to be chosen as the new

Executive Director. I loved growing up in Brimfield. My family has deep roots here. I want people to know the door is open. I invite everyone to my new ‘home.’ I’d love to hear ideas and what it is people want and need from their community center.”

“And,” she said, “I really hope some of my old friends and tennis buddies stop by.”

LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS



APPLIANCES

Family owned & operated.
Servicing household appliances since 1978.

Complete Line of NEW APPLIANCES

All Major Brands

6 & 12 Months Financing Available

Service calls starting at \$75
Speed Queen authorized dealer & servicer
Delivery, Installation & Removal

Dave's Appliance Inc.
508-867-3122
Parts Hotline 888-229-1027
42 W. Main St., Brookfield, MA
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-6 • Fri 9-5 • Sat 10-3

ROLL OFF DUMPSTERS

PEPIN
WASTE SERVICE
Your Local Roll-Off Specialist

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

\$275

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

10-15-20 Yd.
508-892-4193 • 508-769-6603
Leicester, MA
Fully Insured

To advertise in
The Local
Service Provider Directory

Contact June
at 508-909-4062
Jsima@stonebridgepress.news

**WANT TO KNOW
THE LATEST IN YOUR
LOCAL TOWN?
CHECK YOUR
LOCAL NEWSSPA**

PERS!

Taste of the Town puts local eateries in the spotlight

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton played host to a special event focusing on the many flavors of the community, both literally and figuratively, with the annual Taste of the Town event on Saturday, Feb. 29.

The yearly gathering showcased numerous local restaurants, businesses and eateries including package stores, alcohol vendors, health companies, coffee roasters, international chains and beyond who all offered small samples of the different food options available through their businesses.

The event helps support the Charlton Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors fund, which, as the name implies, provides energy assistance resources for seniors in Charlton to help support the health and wellness of the senior population on a fixed income by offsetting heating costs, food, prescription medication and daily necessities.



Visitors take a chance on the many raffle items up for grabs donated by local businesses and restaurants.



This line of desserts from Francesco's Italian Bakery was irresistible to visitors.



Jason Bleau Photos
Chefs from Ronnie's Seafood put together small bite-sized sandwiches with lobster and other seafood items for sampling.



The Castell and McKenzie families take a break from enjoying a selection of local food items.



Western Son Vodka provided samples of their products for locals to enjoy.



Representatives of Power Nutrition offered samples of their drink items for guests.



Tree House Brewing Company was a popular table for taste testing.



Local students from Bay Path showed off their culinary skills at the event.



The Bertrands and Eagers, both of Charlton enjoy a taste of some local grub.



THE 411

CHECK OUT ALL
THE LATEST
IN LOCAL SPORTS!


Professional Directory

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

INCOME TAX

Even Albert Einstein was Confused by His Taxes... Let us help you.

Income Taxes | Bookkeeping | Payroll | Accounting



CANCELMO
CPA LLC

Joanne R. Cancelmo, CPA CGMA
159 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562 508.885.5308
jcancelmo@cancelmocpa.com

ATTORNEY

THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHELLE M. MURRAY, ESQ.

Welcoming New Clients

Our focus is on Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Modifications, Adoptions, Guardianships, Real Estate, Estate Planning and Probating of Estates



Caitlin M. Magnan, Esq.



Michelle M. Murray, Esq.

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
(508) 885-4405 • Michelle@AttorneyMichelleMurray.com
Caitlin@AttorneyMichelleMurray.com
or Visit us on the web at attorneymichellemurray.com

188 MAIN STREET, SUITE ONE • SPENCER, MA 01562



Serving Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550
Telephone (800) 367-9898
Fax (508) 764-8015
www.StonebridgePress.com

FRANK G. CHILINSKI
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

BRENDAN BERUBE
EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Taking the Leap

This past weekend, we experienced a phenomenon that comes along once every four years — a Leap Day. This tradition of adding an extra day to the month of February has a more complex history than you might at first expect.

According to the Gregorian calendar, the calculation of a solar year comes down to 365.2425 days. Since the additional time must be accounted for even though Western culture has chosen to round a year's time off as 365 days, an extra day must be worked into the calendar every four years. The notion of an additional day originally came from Julius Caesar; however, it was Pope Gregory XIII who standardized the practice.

As with all traditions, Leap Year has generated its share of lore over the centuries. In fifth century Ireland, it was only during a Leap Year that a woman could propose marriage to a man. St. Patrick, legend says, was the one who made such a designation, resulting in Leap Day being nicknamed Bachelor's Day. If a man refused a woman's proposal, he was required by tradition to provide her with a pair of gloves to hide the fact that she bore no engagement ring.

In Greece, getting married on a Leap Day is considered bad luck.

A 'Leapling' is a person born on Feb. 29, and who can therefore only celebrate their birthday once every four years. The chance of a person being born on a Leap Day is one in 1,461. Those born on this day are invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies. There are also Guinness Book of World Records Leap Day record holders, the most famous among them a family which saw three consecutive generations born on Feb. 29. Tradition says that in Scotland, it is considered to be bad luck if a person is born on a Leap Day, or if a couple chooses to tie the knot on a Leap Day.

The last major change to the Gregorian calendar embraced by Western culture occurred during the 16th century, when academics discovered that the timing was still off. Caesar's calculation that a year lasted 365.25 days was close, but still overestimated the solar year by 11 minutes. This caused the date on which Easter was observed to shift ten days further from its original position, the first Sunday after the first full moon.

It is our hope that all of you out there made this Leap Day one to remember... it truly is an event years in the making!

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Finding the beauty in others

I love people. It is so rare for me to meet someone and feel that I didn't like them. I think what we look for in life and in others, we usually find. If we have a general mistrust of others, we'll find others untrustworthy. If we believe everyone is out to get us, we'll subconsciously work to make it true.

Our mind works overtime to make our belief system accurate, even if it's not. If you are suspicious of everyone, you will find bits and pieces of unconnected information and assemble them into a tale that conforms to your belief.

I've always loved and trusted people. And yes, I have been deceived, hurt and disappointed a few times but overall, when I expect the best intentions from others, I usually get it. I believe when people realize you expect the best from them, they don't want to disappoint.

I've only known two people in my entire life that I felt were dishonest to the point of almost being evil. One male and one female. One systematically tried to destroy an entire business organization because he felt slighted. He didn't care how many families were hurt or jobs destroyed. The other lied and deceived me in ways that I still find mind-boggling and did so purposefully and without regret. So yes, there are bad people in the world. However, the vast majority would never allow themselves to treat others as these two did. If I were to base my beliefs in human nature on the actions of these two, I'd live a miserable life, always on guard and suspicious of others. I choose to recognize that of the thousands I have met, those two were an anomaly. The overwhelming vast majority of people are good natured and kind.

Rather than focusing on a couple of bad actors, I choose to believe and expect the best of others. I like and trust everyone I meet unless they give me a reason to feel otherwise. And even if for some reason I meet someone who does, I certainly don't wish them any harm. You may not be a friend but that does not mean you should be my enemy. Why should it have to be an either/or proposition? As my mother use to say, live and let live. I don't need nor want enemies in my life and I think most people with enemies helped create them.

Rather than making enemies, let's make a positive impact on others, friends or not. Make a lasting impression on others by being helpful and caring. Everyone you meet is going through something. Your kindness

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

may lighten their load. Scripture (Philippians 2:4) teaches us that we should not only look out for our own interests but also take an interest in others. There is the old saying that says "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Being kind to others is easy. It takes no special talents or gifts. To make a difference in the lives of others, you don't have to be beautiful or handsome. You didn't have to attend an Ivy League University or graduate from high school. You don't need talent or any special ability at all. To make a difference, all you must do is care.

There comes a time in everyone's life when kindness is needed. I've met people who say that they don't need friends or the help of others. I always shake my head, realizing the fallacy of that belief. There comes a time when we all need someone and if we have never cared about others, how can you expect others to care about you?

To expect honesty from others, be honest. To make friends be a friend. To expect kindness, give kindness in advance. Creating lasting relationships is about investing your time and attention to create them.

As I've mentioned, I am currently fighting a health issue. I'm optimistic of my outcome, but I have been touched in ways that I never expected by the kindness of others. New friends, and old friends alike, have expressed their concern and offered encouragement. Friends have brought meals to our home, offered rides to distant hospitals and pledged their support in any way needed. Readers of my books and this column have called and written to me saying, "I pray for you daily." For me, that is better than any prescribed medicine or treatment.

I'm hopeful I will not need help, but I know it's there if required. I feel blessed. You can feel those same blessings when you reach out and become a blessing to others.

Who can you bless today with an act of friendship and kindness?

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter, @GaryWMoore721, and at www.garyw-moore.com.

Women may need extra steps to reach financial security

International Women's Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

and political achievements of women. Yet, women still face gender barriers as they seek to achieve their financial goals. How

can you address these challenges?

To begin with, you need to be aware of what you're up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn't disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82 percent of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than \$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few suggestions:

- Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don't come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you're 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to "max out" on your 401(k), you may still be able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can't contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions, but you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA, although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.

- Use Social Security wisely. You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you're married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50 percent of your spouse's benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)

- Look for every opportunity to save and invest. As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren't working full time, it doesn't mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it's part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA – and you should.

It's not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your goals.

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

Heads Up on Garden Planning



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Many a dreary winter's afternoon has been brightened by the thought of the first flowers of spring. From thumbing through floral seed catalogs to forcing indoor blooms, few simple pleasures compare to anticipating the first blossoms of the season. With an eye toward bountiful gardens, this week's column highlights the "how to" of forcing beautiful blooms from pre season branches.

And for those planning to cultivate a vegetable garden or fruit trees, a listing of the "cream of the crop" of seed catalogs follows below. So, curl up with a hot drink, grab a pen and paper to take notes, and prepare for some horticultural inspiration!

Blooms: Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a sure-fire way to infuse a bit of spring into your winter-weary space. Nearly any shrub that blossoms in the spring is suitable for forced blooming. Here in New England, a perennial favorite is the historical Forsythia. The hardy, bright yellow flowers and long, woody branches make for an impressive live winter centerpiece. Other popular candidates include Pussywillow, Flowering Dogwood, as well as peach and apple trees.

To do: Prune branches that are beginning to bud from healthy, mature shrubs. Cut at an angle below a node, snipping evenly around the plant until you have several suitable branches. (As a bonus, the pruning will promote more blooms in the spring). Once inside, submerge the branch under water and make a fresh, angled cut on the bottom; if you split or smash the cut, the branch will take in more water. Immediately after cutting, place in a clean vase with

room temperature water. If your house is dry, you might want to increase the humidity by loosely wrapping the branches in plastic wrap for at least the first few days or until buds begin to respond. Keep branches in a cool area, changing water every few days. Before long, the buds should open and you'll be treated to the fragrance and color of springtime for several weeks.

Note: Expect Pussywillow to bloom in about two weeks; Forsythia, two to three weeks; Apple, three weeks; Flowering Dogwood, three weeks.\

Seed Catalogs: A garden can enhance an outdoor living space like nothing else, and planning a garden is almost as enjoyable as reaping its many benefits. While online seed catalogs are readily available, few simple pleasures compare to cozying up on a chilly winter's day with colorful catalogs and dreams of a budding spring garden. Thankfully, many seed companies still offer old

fashioned catalogs to thumb through and curl up with! With a flurry of catalog offerings on the market, choosing those that suit your needs can be a pleasant challenge. The following catalog company offerings are free, and allow for perfect perusing, planning and planting - of a spectacular spring garden!

*Annie's Annuals & Perennials, LLC: (888)266-4370; anniesannuals.com (Click Order Free 2020 Catalog).

Specializing in rare and unusual annual and perennial plants.

*W. Atlee Burpee & Co. 800-888-1447; burpee.com (Click on Request a Catalog at bottom of page).

Good general catalog; one of the best known US seed companies. Sign up for 2020 catalog and receive \$10 off your purchase. Plus coupon for 25% off early plants.

*Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Co.: (417) 924-

Turn To **TRAINOR** page **A9**

From Buds to

SHARE
continued from page A1

them were a man in a Knights of Pythias uniform holding a baby (something Morrill noted was very rare back then), a trio of children on a porch, a soldier in uniform, and one only known as “Mrs. Sonder’s father.”

“He’s a natural archivist whetehe knows it or not,” because he wants to document, preserve and educate about the collection, JEL director Margaret Morrissey said. “It’s amazing the amount of information that is known about the people in this collection.”

Kuffour’s ancestor is now among them. Bullard just labeled that image as “the Jackson girls,” but Kuffour knew they were Lena (her grandmother) and Blanche. Kuffour said Lena had 16 pregnancies and eight still-living children. Lena’s mother, Bethany (Johnson) Veney, had been a slave born in Luray Caverns, Virginia, who found a way to convince a Providence man to buy her out of slavery for \$700. At the time, she was married to a free black man working on the railroad, but he did not want to come north, so she came by herself. She settled in Worcester to care for sick relatives, but returned to Virginia six or seven more times to bring back other relatives.

Kuffour noted Veney’s husband later claimed to have had 20 wives after her, but there are records of only eight.

Morrill recalled meeting



Benetta Kuffour of Worcester listens to a question from an audience member.

Kuffour’s mother, describing her as “a force” who could recall addresses and phone numbers of people she hadn’t spoken to in years without looking them up. Kuffour connected them because Morrill and his research partner, Clark Professor Janette Greenwood, “didn’t really know where to go” to find descendants of the photographed people.

Since then, Morrill and Greenwood have found “nearly 100 descendants,” linked relatives who didn’t know each other existed, and had the pleasure of sharing images

of ancestors those people had never seen.

For Kuffour, one side benefit is seeing the depth African-Americans have in the Worcester community. Specifically referring to images of the Schuyler family, people her mother and grandmother knew, she said, “Once you start seeing them, you realize how long they’ve been here.”

Morrill agreed, noting he did a two-hour walk through what remains of the Beaver Brook neighborhood with an NPR crew and Nick Schuyler, the latter narrating the sights with



Frank Morrill with the same image.

“amazingly funny stories.”

Kuffour related a few of her own. One image featured sisters Louise “Weezie” and Martha “Marty” Harra, who were dwarfs. One of them babysat Kuffour’s mother.

“Those ladies never took their shortness for weakness,” she recalled. “They came at you the best way they could.”

Morrill said another contact told him a story that one of them had to go to school to get a seventh-grader out early. The boy was much taller than her, and the office staff told her she “had to get an adult” to do it despite the fact she was then in her 50s.

Another family line still in the city is that of King Perkins (1802-1912), who spent 63 years as a slave of South Carolina Sen James Chestnut and had 23 children. “His death got front-

page on a white newspaper, he was so well known,” Morrill noted.

His descendent, Kim Perkins, is a fourth-grade teacher in Worcester; Morrill said she introduced him to her daughter by saying “Here’s the man who gave us our history.”

He said he’s been trying to get permission to visit Chestnut’s plantation to talk to descendants still living in the area and see graves of some photo subjects buried there.

Morrill and Morrissey plan to have a third exhibit, with some of the same and many new images, next year. This one was funded by the Southbridge Cultural Council.

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

TRAINOR
continued from page A8

8917; rareseeds.com (Click on Request Catalog at left of home page).

Their 2020 Whole Seed Catalog contains a whopping 452 pages! The company offers open-pollinated seeds: pure, natural and non-GMO heirloom seeds from 70 countries, including many they collected themselves.

*Gurney Seed & Nursery Co: (513) 354-1492; Gurneys.com (Click on Catalog Request on home page).

Free seed and plant catalog from an American tradition since 1820. Complete seed and nursery company for all your vegetable and flower needs.

*Park Seed: 800-213-0076; parkseed.com (Click on Free Catalog request at

bottom of page).

Park offers a wide variety of flowers and vegetables in a large catalog. It has a very useful index providing germination and culture data in the back of the catalog. Seed packets carry adequate detail on culture.

*Stokes Seed Co.: 800-396-9238; stoke-seeds.com. (Click on Order Free Catalog at top of page).

Since 1881 Stokes has been offering new and exciting vegetables and outstanding flowers. Free catalog, very informative, oriented to the professional grower with acres to plant.

Moneysaving Crops: With produce prices escalating, a backyard garden offers a thrifty way to enjoy fresh vegetables throughout the growing season

and beyond. But what crops offer the most “bang” for your gardening buck? According to self-sufficient living website Country Survival the following list represents the best return on your gardening investment, based on economic value of pounds produced per square foot, retail value per pound at harvest time, and length of time in the garden

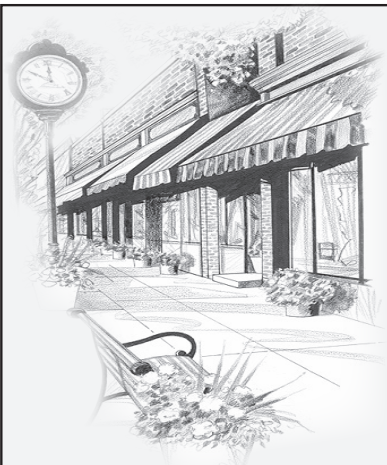
1. Tomatoes; 2. Peppers; 3. Cucumbers; 4. Beets; 5. Green bunching onions; 6. Carrots; 7. Lettuce; 8. Summer Squash; 9. Broccoli; 10. Peas; 11. Swiss Chard; 12. Beans (pole or bush).

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown 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. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.



Community Connection

Charlton Oil Company
508-248-9797 Propane

Don't Pay Too Much for Propane

PROPANE	PRICE PER GAL.	Tanks Filled to 80%
75-150	\$2.20	
150-300	\$1.85	
300-500	\$1.65	Driver Discretion
500 PLUS...	CALL OFFICE	

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR OIL!

- Monday price 3/2/20 was \$2.24 per gallon*
100 gallon minimum
- Call for the most up to date daily price or visit us at www.charltonoil.com

"Call Us First!"
*prices subject to change

Todd A. Ethier
TAE
B·U·I·L·D·E·R
INCORPORATED

Remodeling Expert

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

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

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

SPECIALS GOOD 3/9-3/15

RED & GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES \$1.99 lb.	BOAR'S HEAD CLASSIC CHICKEN \$6.99 lb.	5LB BAG ALL PURPOSE POTATOES \$1.99 ea.
FRESH GREEN CABBAGE 39¢ lb.	CERTIFIED ANGUS SIRLOIN STEAK TIPS \$7.99 lb.	WASHINGTON GRANNY SMITH APPLES 99¢ lb.

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 - 7:00 • Sat. & Sun. 8:30 - 6:00
We reserve the right to limit quantities

SHREWSBURY MARBLE & GRANITE, INC

50 COLORS • \$39 per sq. ft. Installed
(40 sq. ft. or more) Cannot be combined with other offers.

Biggest Selection of Marble, Granite & Quartz of ANY Fabrication Shop

300 Colors to choose from
Granite Counter top, Quartz Surface, Soapstone, Carrara Marble, Tile, Glass & Mosaic Backsplash

508-842-9800 • shrewsburymarbleandgranite.com

620 Boston Turnpike (Rte 9 E), Shrewsbury, MA
(1/4 mi. east of Home Depot - Big Blue Bldg)

Mon-Thurs 8-5, Fri & Sat & 9-4

PROMOTE YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS

★★★★

The Jewelry store where you buy with confidence

WE BUY GOLD

Specializing in Custom Designs

All types of Jewelry Repairs

MASTER JEWELERS™
BRILLIANCE YOU DESERVE®

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

Steve's Collision Center, Inc

Proudly Serving the Tri-Community Area for 30 Years with Expert Collision Repair

- BASF Paint for the Perfect Match Every Time!
- Highly Skilled & Experienced Technicians
- Frame Machines to Re-Align Unibody Damage

Your Vehicle is a Major Investment... should you really trust repairs on it to just anyone?

We've worked hard to earn our reputation and your trust... You can COUNT ON US to get the job done right! Rs#628

Brenda Lacaire (508) 347-9116



Home & Auto

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

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

BEST WINDOW COMPANY

KUBALA
HOME IMPROVEMENT
The Door and Window Experts
MACSL100114 | MAHic150118 | CTHic0619712

Award Winning
High Performance
Windows & Doors

100% FINANCING AVAILABLE | Lifetime Warranty

508-784-1550

ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+ f

Builder

GILES CONTRACTING
Building & Remodeling
Peter Giles
28 Years Experience

Custom Homes • Additions • Garages
Remodeling • Decks

Kitchens • Bathrooms • Wood & Tile
Flooring • Roofing • Siding • Windows

MA: 508-450-3913
Email: Gilescontractingllc@yahoo.com
Licensed & Insured in MA & CT
www.allconstructionneeds.com

Gutters

**Need New Gutters...
Look No Further!**

**50% OFF
GUTTER GUARDS**
or
**FREE
SPRING CLEANING**

With gutter installation AND mention
of this ad. Limit one per house, per
customer. Limited time offer.

GARY'S GUTTERS
Installation, Cleaning, Repairs
508-353-2279

Oil & Propane

AMERICAN DISCOUNT OIL & PROPANE

Need propane or oil right away?
Call American today!

OIL 10¢ Off **PROPANE 20¢ Off**

PER GALLON (125 GAL MIN) | PER GALLON ON YOUR NEXT FILL UP (MIN 75 GAL)

With coupon. One coupon per customer. Exp 3/31/20. Cannot be combined with any other offer or on previous purchases or fuel assistance program.

Order online
Americandiscountoil.com
413-289-9428
1182 Park St., Palmer, MA 01069

WASTE REMOVAL

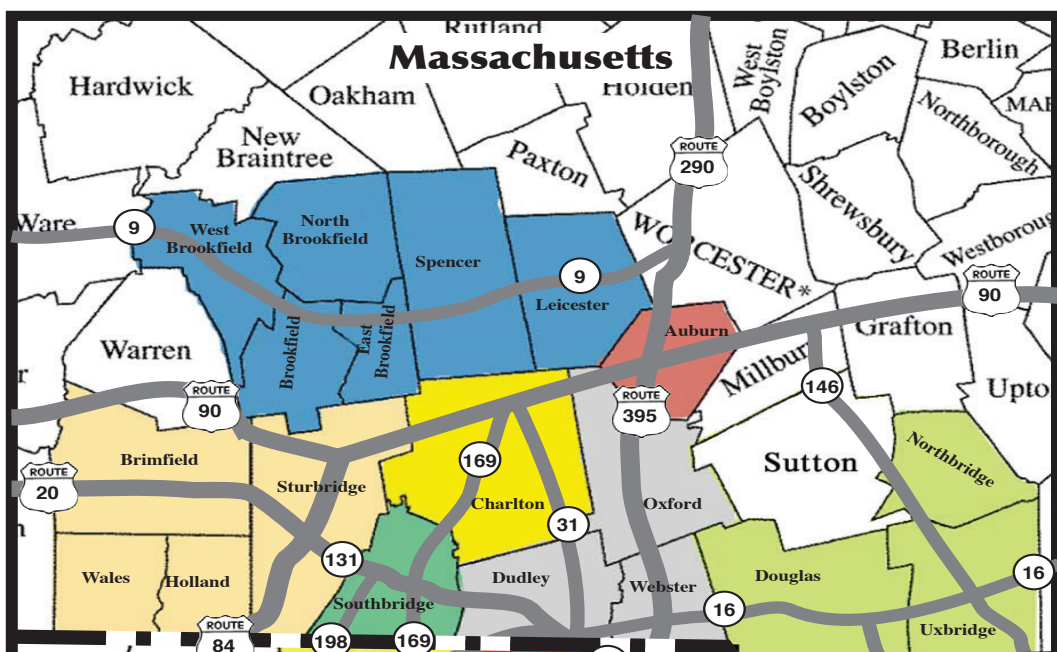
TOM BERKOWITZ
~Est. 1980~
TRUCKING INC.

- Residential • Commercial
- Hauling • Recycling
- Demolition • Transfer Station

Northbridge, MA
508-234-2920
tomberkowitztruckinginc.com

Advertise on
this page for one
low price!
Get 7 papers.
Call
508-764-4325

- Spencer New Leader
- Sturbridge Villager
- Charlton Villager
- Southbridge News
- Webster Times
- Auburn News
- Blackstone Valley Tribune



Construction

Paul Giles
Home Remodeling
& Kitchen Cabinets

- * Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
- * New Additions
- * Window & Door Replacement
- * Decks
- * Ceramic Tile
- * Hardwood Flooring
- * Custom Made Kitchen Cabinets
- * Cabinet Refacing
- * Interior Painting

Licensed & Insured
508.949.2384
860.933.7676

Electrician

JAMES BUTLER
ELECTRIC

CERTIFIED MASTER ELECTRICIAN

Great with old, messy wiring

Independently owned & operated

413-544-8355
jamesbutlerelectric.com
Insured & Licensed #21881-A

ELECTRICIAN

TERRENCE W. ALDEN JR.
LICENSED ELECTRICIAN

New Construction
Remodeling
Kitchen & Bath
Service Updates

W. Brookfield, MA
1.774.230.9606
Talden1987@gmail.com

Fully Insured
Accepts credit card payments & free online bank transfers
Licenses:
MA-13705-21777A,
NH-13932M, RI-B013781

Engineering

Civil Engineering Associates

- Title 5 Inspections
- Perc and Septic Designs
- Site Plans and Drainage

Over 40 years in Business
413-246-9804

Excavating

Chauvin Excavating LLC
Quality work since 1986
82 Dresser Hill Road
Charlton, MA 01507
Ph: 508-248-5772
Cell: 508-922-0041
Email: bernie@chauvinexcavating.net

Free Estimates & take offs
Full service site contractor.
Water & sewer lines installed.
Septic system repair & new installation.
New home site work.
Land clearing.
Fully Insured, Quality work.

GUTTERS

GUTTERS

- Cleanings
- Repairs
- Installations

508-867-2877
508-754-9054

A. Eagle Gutters
aeaglegutters.com

ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+

Handyman

No Job Too Small
Home Improvement
-Insured-
MA Reg #174661

- General Carpentry
- Laminated Floors
- Remodeling
- Kitchen, Bath & Cellar
- Painting
- Handyman Services
- Floor Leveling
- Power Washing and MORE!

See Our Work Online
nojobtoosmallhomeimprovement.com

Tel. 508.414.7792
Sturbridge, MA

Home Improvement

BONETTI'S
Home Improvement

- Roofing
- Siding
- Decks
- Remodeling
- Windows
- Doors
- Basement Finishing
- Gutters Cleaning
- Pressure Washing
- Painting Landscaping

Over 25 Years Experience
Residential Specialist
Licensed and Insured
128231
508-347-4906
Cell 508-688-0072

H.V.A.C

Central Air Conditioning
Installed
UNDER \$10,000

RUDD EQUIPMENT
13 Seer • 1200 sq.ft.
MITSUBISHI
Ductless Split
HEAT PUMPS
Electrical Not Included
MASS SAVE
Qualified Contractor

David's
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
25 Years Experience
davidsheatandac@gmail.com
508.450.6264
LICENSED/INSURED
Free Estimates

Masonry

C&J
MASONRY HARDSCAPE
RETAINING WALLS
CHIMNEY REPAIR
PATIOS
FOUNDATION CRACKS
PRESSURE WASHING
WATER PROOFING
CORD WOOD
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
DELIVERY OF AGGREGATE

Brian French
(413)222-5542
frenchyn45@gmail.com

PAINTING

Scott Bernard's PRECISION PAINTERS
Finest Craftsmanship Since 1979

Interior-Exterior
Paints, Stains,
Wallpaper and
Fine Faux Finishes

Satisfaction Guaranteed
Free Estimates
774.452.0321

Pest Control

ACCURATE PEST CONTROL
Full Pest Control Services
Over 28 yrs. experience
Reasonable Rates
Owner Operated

508-757-8078
Ask for David or Jason
Hight
Auburn MA

Plastering

Glenn LeBlanc Plastering

Specializing in small plastering jobs; ceilings, additions, patchwork and board hanging

Over 30 Years Experience.
3rd generation.
CALL
508-612-9573

PLUMBING

JOHN DALY Plumbing

Water heaters, Faucets, Toilets, New pex water piping, Outside hose connections replaced or added, Dishwashers, Garbage disposals, Water filters, Tub & shower valves, Tub & shower replacements
Any repair or replacement needed.

Buy your own fixtures & faucets, or I will supply.
Serving all of Worcester County Lic. #MPL-21763 Since 1988
Call John 508.304.7816

We are home owners' plumbers!
jdman714@aol.com

Roofing

SAUNDERS & SONS ROOFING
When you need a roof, hire a roofing company, that's what we do!

Call Bill Toll-Free 1-866-961-Roof 508-765-0100
Lifetime material warranty & 25 yr. labor warranty available
MA Reg #153955
CSL #095459
CT-HIC #0638641
Fully Insured, Free Estimates
Family Owned and Operated
Now Accepting All Major Credit Cards

ACCREDITED BUSINESS A+

ROOFING

GUARANTEED
Roofing & Building Maintenance LLC

Roofing, Siding, Gutter and Gutter Cleaning

Contact:
Daniel Truax
508-450-7472
gbmaintco.com

Senior Citizen Discount
Credit Cards Accepted
Over 30 years of satisfied customers
Fully Insured - Free Estimates

A+ Rating BBB
MA HIC Lic #146620
MA CSL #099487

ROOFING

David Barbale ROOFING

Roofing/Gutters
Repair Work

Fully Licensed and Insured

MA LIC #CS069127
MA HIC. LIC #1079721
INS. #CAC032585

C: 508-397-6709
O: 508-248-6709
davidbarbale.com



Advertise on this page
for one low price!
Get 7 papers.
Call 508-764-4325

- Spencer New Leader
- Sturbridge Villager
- Charlton Villager
- Southbridge News
- Webster Times
- Auburn News
- Blackstone Valley Tribune



SPORTS

Warriors' cold shooting night leads to season's end in loss to Quabbin



Tantasqua's Cam Varney reaches up to catch a pass over the outstretched reach of Quabbin defender Brendan Whitelaw.



Ben Doros of Tantasqua flings a pass along the top of the key.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

BARRE — Averaging 54.4 points per game, putting the basketball into the hoop has been Tantasqua Regional's kryptonite during the course of the 2019-2020 season, but the Warriors' boys' varsity team has been able to rely on a stingy defense (44.8 points against per game) to win 13 games and enter the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament as the No. 5 seed.

There, in the quarterfinals, Tantasqua matched up with No. 4 Quabbin Regional on Friday evening, Feb. 28. The Warriors exhibited strong defense to stay in the game with the Panthers, but again the offense sputtered out.

The end result was a 52-47 loss to Quabbin, ending Tantasqua's season at 13-8. Head coach Scott Dion looked

to the start of the third quarter as the pivotal moment in the setback.

"When we scored there was 1:30 or 1:23 left in the third quarter, that's the basketball game. You go six-and-a-half minutes without scoring, you shouldn't win," he explained, as the Warriors trailed by just two points at halftime (29-27) but then found themselves down by 12 (39-27) as the Panthers scored the first 10 points of the frame until Tantasqua's Troy Lee stopped the bleeding with a jump shot.

"We kept playing and we have a great group of kids, we just struggled putting the ball in the basket. All year it has been a problem. And I'm not going to lie, I came into the year thinking I have four or five guys who can really shoot it, so if one guy has an off-night, we're going to find

offense somewhere else and it has not panned out that way," said Dion. "You know what that tells me? The offseason is huge. Guys have got to shoot, and we've got to take game shots. Until we learn to do that, we'll have to continue to keep defending our [butts] off and pray for the best. A high school basketball team should be able to score 50 points."

The Warriors trailed by 10 points (41-31) as play entered the fourth quarter, where they exhibited some lockdown defense to be able to mount a comeback. Tyler Hall opened the frame with a free throw and Joe Groccia added a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 41-35. A Quabbin basket followed, but Groccia equaled that out with a pair of free throws.

Now trailing 44-37 after another Quabbin foul shot, Tantasqua's Mikey Lucas drained a 3-pointer. But the Panthers' Croix Jenkins followed with a 3 of his own, and teammate Dylan Hoekstra also hit a 3, as they opened up a 50-40 lead.

The Warriors remained resilient, though, and Hall made two free throws, Cam Varney drilled a 3-pointer, and Varney made a layup with 1:30 to go to trim the gap down to 50-47.

After Quabbin's offense was lulled into a 30-second violation by Tantasqua's defense, the Warriors had the ball with 23.4 seconds to go and a chance to tie.

With 10 seconds remaining, Hall let a 3-pointer fly from the left side. The shot nearly went in, but it rimmed out. Griffin Polga grabbed the offensive rebound, but he was unable to make his put-back attempt. Hoekstra (10 points) then put the game away for Quabbin



Nick Ethier photos
Mikey Lucas of Tantasqua looks to drive the ball into the lane on a Quabbin defender.



Tantasqua's Hunter Hill stares Quabbin's Shea Skowyra down before making a move on him.

with a pair of free throws with 4.3 seconds to go.

Although Dion admitted that Varney (18 points) and Groccia (11 points) were the Nos. 1 and 2 options, Hall's 3 attempt was a "very good look."

"We generated a good shot because kids didn't panic," added Dion. "Hall is a good, capable shooter. He took the right shot — it just didn't go."

That was the case for much of the game, as the Warriors shot just 24.5 percent from the field and 25.8 percent (8 of 31) from 3. Points in the paint were also a problem for Tantasqua, as the Panthers won the battle on the block 18-6. Quabbin's Shea Skowyra (15 points, 12 rebounds) was the main down-low threat, particularly in the first half, where he scored 13 of his points and pulled down six of his boards.

"He was a beast," Dion said of Skowyra. "We just kept trying to get the game going up and down a little bit, which isn't his strength. He's more of a big post guy."

Quabbin's T.J. Chamberlain was also a problem, scoring 17 points for Quabbin, including the first seven points of the third quarter when the Warriors' offense went cold.

One player who had the hot hand for Tantasqua in the early going was Varney. He

notched eight points in the first quarter when the Warriors led 10-7 after the initial eight minutes.

"He started to become more aggressive getting to the basket, which then opens up the jump shots," Dion said of Varney's late-season offensive presence. "He's a slasher and an athlete, just a tough overall kid."

Quabbin (16-5) advanced to the tournament semifinals, where they were set to take on top-seeded Chicopee High (16-4) after press time.

SPORTS BRIEF

Tantasqua swim/dive team has excellent postseason

The postseason boded well for a few members of Tantasqua Regional's swim/dive team, as Jonah Green's diving accolades included a first-place finish at the Midland-Wachusett League Championships, coming in second at Sectionals and fifth at States. Meanwhile, the girls' relay team of Katie Wade, Emily Owens, Zoey Zhu and Sarah Kersting-Mumm broke the school record en route to tying for 14th place at States.



Joe Groccia of Tantasqua contemplates his next move while being defended by Quabbin's T.J. Chamberlain.

POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

Thursday, Feb. 27
Western Mass. Division 2 Girls' Basketball Quarterfinal

(4) East Longmeadow 56, (5) Tantasqua 43 — Despite a lightning-quick start to their season, the Warriors were unable to win a playoff game. Unfortunately, Tantasqua lost its final four games as they finished 15-6.

The Warriors will lose senior Lydia Boland, the all-time girls' basketball scoring leader in school history, to graduation. Boland is the lone 1,000-point scorer at Tantasqua.

CALENDAR

Saturday and Sunday, March 7 & 8

LIBRARY MINI-GOLF: Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:30-4 p.m., Joshua Hyde Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge. A mini-golf course will weave through the Sturbridge library with 16 unique holes. Some fun holes are repeated each year, but there are always new challenging ones. Friends of the library, library staff and community organizations including Tantasqua students, the Center of Hope, Girl and Boy Scout troops show their creativity in developing fun holes for golfers of all ages. \$5 per person, \$20 maximum per family. More information and photos at www.sturbridgelibraryfriends.org.

Saturday, March 7

CHARLTON LIONS CLUB MEAT RAFFLE: The Charlton Lions are hosting our famous Meat Raffle being held Saturday, March 7 at the Heritage Golf Course at 85 Sampson Rd. in Charlton. There will be six tables of beef, pork and poultry to be won. The raffle begins at Noon with early bird tickets available to those who arrive before 1 p.m. A lunch menu is available. So, come share a great afternoon of fun! For more information, please email thecharltonlions@gmail.com. It's a great way to start 2020 with filling your freezer with meat from Fairway Beef! And remember...100 percent of what we raise goes back to the community. The Charlton Lions thank you for your continued support!

Sunday, March 8

EASY FULL MOON WALK ON BUFFUMVILLE DAM: 6:30 p.m., Buffumville Lake, 48 Old Oxford Rd., Charlton. Bring the whole family for a leisurely one-mile roundtrip walking tour of Buffumville Dam. If the weather is 75 percent or more cloudy, snowing or raining, we'll do a tour inside the dam instead. Dress for the weather.

Monday, March 9

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: 7 p.m., Charlton Federated Church. Nancy Engle of Goodness Remedies will speak on the Lavender Festival. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. For more information, contact Ginny Charette at (508) 248-7300 or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

Friday, March 13

SECOND ANNUAL BAKED POTATO BUFFET: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, Fellowship Hall, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. The buffet includes a baked potato with a variety of toppings, coffee, tea, or juice. Assorted desserts are also

for sale. Advance tickets available from church members or at the church office, (508) 347-3915. Tickets are \$6 per person; children six and under \$4. Take-out orders are available.

Friday, March 20

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER'S "JONAH THE MUSICAL": 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. Sponsored by Faith Formation Ministry.

Saturday, April 4

"ROARING '20S MOM PROM: The MOMS Club of Charlton Area will host "A Roaring '20s" Mom Prom on Saturday, April 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Auburn South County Worcester Elks #2118, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. This evening of dinner and dancing will benefit two organizations, the John Paire Student Support Fund, which helps kids in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District have access to a well-rounded educational experience, and the Kennedy-Donovan Center of Southbridge, a nonprofit organization in Southbridge that supports people with developmental delays, disabilities or family challenges. Grab your spouse, friends and family members, and join the MOMS Club for the second annual Mom Prom. It's not just for moms, but all guests must be 21-plus. Early-bird tickets are \$45 per person until Feb. 14 and \$50 per person after that date. The MOMS Club, a chapter of the International MOMS Club, is a nonprofit group that provides support for stay-at-home and working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the Mom Prom or the club, please email charltonmomclub@gmail.com, or purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/MOMPROM2020>. The Mom Prom name and logo are registered trademarks of founder Elizabeth Crapps and used under license.

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Charlton. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild. Six meat tables, one ham and one lobster table! Early birds arriving prior to 6 p.m. receive three free tickets to be used on the meat table of their choice. 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.

ONGOING

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

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday

of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

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: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Vista Adult Day at The Overlook. Loved ones welcome to join Vista Program with prior screening. Contact Kathleen Walker at (508) 434-2876.

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield.

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday

mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor – National Association of Canine Scent Work.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, and is well suited for all levels of practitioners, including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez at (413) 279-4330 for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday evenings at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield. Times: WeighIn/Registration 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@charter.net or visit oa.org.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD OPEN STUDIO: The Massasoit Art Guild would like to announce the addition of new Open Studio hours. Starting on Saturday, Jan. 11, we will be holding Open Studio time from 9:30 a.m. to noon each Saturday. The Current Wednesday morning Open Studio will continue to meet. Open Studio is a time to bring your current work in progress, start a new project, receive critiques if desired, pick up new skills and techniques and be with other artists for support and encouragement in an open and friendly environment. Membership is required. Please visit our Web site at massasoitartguild.com for more information!

Mother Nature puts a damper on ice fishing



Ice fishing continues for numerous local anglers that have been traveling north to enjoy a bit of fishing. Unfortunately, this winter provided very little ice fishing locally. The Uxbridge Rod &

Gun Club got tired of waiting for Mother Nature to make ice, so the club hired an ice breaker to remove some of the ice from the pond which allowed some limited rod & reel fishing this past Saturday. This week's pic-



THE GREAT
OUTDOORS
.....
RALPH
TRUE

ture shows Jim Lavallee, Vice President of the club breaking ice with his small pram and electric motor. Sometimes, drastic action needs to be taken when a few anglers want to go fishing. Many nice rainbow trout were caught as the two pictures show. The rain that was predicted for this week was expected to remove the remaining ice from the pond.

This is a good time to check out your fishing equipment, fresh & saltwater. The latest braided lines like Power Pro, last many years and do not need replacing, saving anglers a lot of money. Monofilament lines however do need attention, as they are subject to wear, and need replacing at least every other year. Mono lines often hold memory, and when cast have the line coming off of the spool in loops. Casting lines that have held memory from being unused for often only a few months, can ruin a day of fishing. Braided lines have solved that problem.

Almost every rod & reel that I own has braided lines on them. Attaching 20 or 30 feet of mono to the braid works very well as leader material, and makes changing hooks and lures a very simple task. Rod guides need to be checked every year for damage or wear,



but the ceramic guides that manufactures use on most rods today have a long life compared to the old guides. A new coating of lacquer to the guide winding's will ensure the winding's do not become a problem.

Fishing reels today are very reliable and need very little care. Purchasing a new reel for your fishing rod can be very inexpensive if you shop around. You can find a good

freshwater reel for less than \$50, but you can also spend a couple of hundred bucks for one. Fishing equipment has come a long way in the last 50 years, and they will last a long time if they are given a little care after each use. It is extremely important to wash them off with some fresh water after each use, especially use in

TRIPS OFFERED

The “Trips Offered” section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridge-press.news.

BAY PATH ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise
9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020
What's included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night pre-cruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!
*A valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip
Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)
For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

The Boston Red Sox vs The Baltimore Orioles
3 Days/2 Nights August 21 – 23, 2020
What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights hotel lodging, breakfast at hotel, lower reserved seating to 2 ball-games, The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Guinness Brewery & More
\$549pp Double Occ. - \$679pp Single Occ. - \$539pp Triple Occ. - \$539pp Quad Occ.
For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact
Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

September 11th Museum & Memorial in NY City and West Point Academy
2 Days/1 Night May 14-15, 2020
What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, hotel lodging, two (2) meals (1 breakfast & dinner theatre show), touring the Hudson River Valley & dinner theatre show and so much more!
\$399 pp Double Occ. - \$499 pp Single Occ.
For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact
Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Penn Dutch Country with the New Hit Show Queen Esther
3 Days/2 Nights September 23-25, 2020
What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, ticket to “Queen Ester”, touring and More!
\$499pp Double Occ. - \$599 pp Single Occ.
For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact
Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Nova Scotia w/Tattoo Fest featuring The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Bay of Fundy, Halifax,
Saint John, Annapolis Valley
5 Days/4 Nights June 29-July 3, 2020
What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging – Marriott Saint John – New Brunswick, 2 nights lodging – Westin Nova Scotian – Halifax, breakfast each morning (4), 2 scrumptious dinners, 1 lobster luncheon, guided tours each day and more!
\$1499pp Double Occ. - \$1899 pp Single Occ.
For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact
Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Montreal & Quebec Getaway
4 Days/3 Nights August 18-21, 2020
What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging – Marriott in downtown Montreal, 1 night lodging – Quebec City, four meals (4), 5 meals, guided tours each day and more!
\$849pp Double Occ. - \$1159 pp Single Occ.
For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact
Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

TRIPS w/Charlton Senior Center 2020
Our new Trip Coordinator is Mary Lou Lepko.
A few things to know:
Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo.com
Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up sheets
Trips are open to the public
Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior Center
Mail payments to: Charlton Senior Center Trips, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 or bring into center and give to Elaine or Katherine. Please be sure to make checks payable to the company stated below.
You will be notified of pick up time & location
Bus pick up will usually be at St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext. in Charlton
April 17— FOXWOODS \$34 includes transportation, buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Make checks payable to: Fox Tours (payment due 3/17)
May 19— CAROLE KING TRIBUTE \$94 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 4/17)
July 28 — GLOUCESTER HARBOR CRUISE LOBSTERBAKE \$135 includes transportation, Beauport Princess Cruise, Lobsterbake buffet, Entertainment & Dancing. Driver gratuity not included.

Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 6/25)
September 2 — LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE & CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS \$129 includes transportation, Lake Cruise, Luncheon, Visit to Castle in the Clouds. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 7/30)
November 17 — YESTERDAY ONCE MORE w/The Carpenters, ABBA, 5th Dimension, The Mamas & The Papas all in one show! \$92 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 10/15)
Dec 4-7 — A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN. Gaylord Oprey Hotel! 4 days/3 nights. Call for more info

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

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

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors present a Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip. It will be 7 days and 6 nights from Sept. 20, 2020 through Sept. 26, 2020. The price per person/ double occupancy is \$689 and will include motorcoach transportation from Dudley, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, admission to Titanic: the world's largest museum attraction, 2 dinner shows, 2 evening shows, one morning show, free time in downtown Gatlinburg and a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an approximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show.

On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.
On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre, Montgomery Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own.
On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with Headliner Shows in Las Vegas, China, the United Kingdom and accumulated 3 EMMY AWARDS. The Texas Tenors will sing many of the

Broadway Show Classics as well as many of your favorite Pop Songs. They were honored to be included among the Top 50 Acts in the World. This could be the Best Concert that you will see this year. We are traveling approximately 60 minutes to the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma.. For 99.00 included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Plated Lunch of either Chicken Parmesan or Baked Scrod, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea.

We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show “Queen Esther”. One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Social Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called “Saturday Nigh Fever” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

Touring as Described and Tour Director Gratuities. Last years Trip sold out early so don't get left behind

Have you ever thought about visiting Nashville? Come along on a 4 Day/3 Night Trip December 4th -7th. Included are Roundtrip transportation to Logan Airport, Roundtrip Airfare to Nashville, 3 Nights of Premium Lodging, 7 Meals including a Sunday Brunch, An Exclusive Dinner Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys, Ticket and Show at the Grand Ole Opry, plus a Tour of the Grand Ole Opry, Admission to Country Music Hall of Fame, a River Cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, Tickets for a Holiday Show at the Opry House, Admission to ICE at Gaylord Opryland, a visit to Historic Studio B and a Guilded Tour Of Nashville. WOW!! Prices are 1949 pp Double and 2349 pp Single Occupancy which includes Tour Guides and Bus Drivers Gratuities as well.

Contact Sturbridge Recreation Department 508-347-2041, email recreation@sturbridge.gov for more information

For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

For trip information and reservations, please call Joan Wall at (508) 892-3967.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

*USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington: August 3-15, 2020

*Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021 *Galapagos with extension to Peru (Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port. We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich.

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then coach to Munich/Fussen.

This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to come to the December 3 informational meeting.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or

Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

March 24, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher. Filling up fast

May 19, 2020 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$30 - 8 - AM bus.

This one is for the bingo players and all others that want to go. You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 2 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

September 15, 2020 – Tuesday – Mohegan Sun \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Mohegan Sun at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

October 13th - 20th 2020 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip. This is an all-inclusive trip – all flights, transfers, meals plus snacks, nightly entertainment, and alcohol included.

November 12, 2020 – Thursday – Foxwoods \$30 - 10 - AM bus.

You will have a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble and shop. The bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and a buffet meal voucher.

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com

STURBRIDGE RECREATION

NYC Spring Bus Trip
Saturday, April 25
Shopping & Sight Seeing
Cost: \$50 Per Person, *Driver Gratuity Included

Depart: 7:00 AM from Burgess Elementary School parking lot on your Lizak charter. A rest stop to be made along the way.

Arrive: Approx 10:30 AM for a day to do as you please in the wonderful Big Apple! Ice skating, shows, shopping, light displays, and more! Drop off will be as close to Rockefeller Center as possible.

Depart NYC: At 6:30 PM return to your Lizak Charter and enjoy a peaceful ride home. Arrive to Sturbridge by 10:00 PM.

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. “Like” us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020
Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71.
April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)- \$459.
May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91.
May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours -\$115.
June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91
June 26 - July 3 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899.

Turn To **TRIPS** page **A14**

OBITUARIES

Robert N. Peltier, 77



FISKDALE- Robert N. Peltier, 77, died at home Wednesday, February 26, 2020, after an illness. He leaves his wife of nearly 55 years, Linda M. (Dionne) Peltier. They were married April 24, 1965. He also leaves 2 daughters, Kelly M. Robertson and her husband Larry of San Diego, CA., and Karyn M. Sullivan and her husband Cory of Webster and 2 grandchildren, Kevin R. Sullivan and Camryn J. Sullivan. He also leaves a brother, Ronald Peltier of Bury St. Edmunds, England, 2 sisters Theresa Olearcek and her husband Henry of Chatham, MA, and Madeline Perreault of North Carolina, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother Theodore Peltier of North Grosvenordale, CT and a sister Bertha Shonyo of Malone, NY.

Bob was born in Ware, son of the late Theodore S. and Alice M. (Hamel) Peltier, and lived many years in East Brookfield before moving to Fiskdale. He was a proud veteran of the United

States Marine Corps serving from 1960-1963. He was a retired department manager at Wm. E. Wright Company where he worked for 34 years. Bob enjoyed “being the life of the party”, known for his numerous jokes, he was a talented woodworker, and was a volunteer firefighter for the Town of East Brookfield for many years.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA with a Mass at 10AM at St. Joachim’s Chapel at St. Anne’s Parish Center, Church Street, Fiskdale, MA, with Rev. George Charland officiating. Burial followed at St. Anne’s Cemetery, Arnold Road, Fiskdale, MA 01518. www.sansoucyfuneral.com. Calling hours were cMonday, March 2, at Sansoucy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd. Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057.



Donald R. Branconnier, 82



CHARLTON - Donald R. Branconnier, 82, of 72 Sturbridge Rd., died Wednesday, Feb. 26 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 61 years, Chizuko (Nishiyama) Branconnier, a son Donald L. Branconnier of Winchendon, a daughter Patricia A. Coran and her husband Neil of Spencer, his sister Janet Sanders of Shrewsbury, three brothers William, Normand and Robert Smith of Worcester, several grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Born in Spencer, he was the son of Edmond and Ida (Dalbec) Branconnier and later graduated from Commerce

High in Worcester. He then served his country with the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Don was a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker in Sturbridge prior to retirement. He also managed several area businesses over the years.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family in Worcester County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Veterans, Inc., 69 Grove St., Worcester, Ma. 01605.

J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 MAPLE TERR., SPENCER is directing arrangements for the family. www.morinfuneralhomes.com



Mrs. Marjorie E. Proulx, age 102



SOUTHBRIDGE- Mrs. Marjorie E. (McGrath) Proulx, age 102, a former longtime resident of South Street, died Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center.

Her husband of 60 years was the late George S. Proulx who died in 2007.

She is survived by her nephew Richard McGrath of Sturbridge and a niece Janet Jenkins and her husband Robert of Southbridge, grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was born in Southbridge, predeceased by her parents the late Albert N. and Delia (Paulhus) McGrath, and her brother Warren McGrath. She was a longtime member of Notre Dame Church (St. John Paul II Parish). She graduated from the former Mary E. Wells High School and Bryant College

with a BS degree. Marjorie worked with her father at the Albert N. McGrath Insurance Agency for many years.

Mrs. Proulx was an avid newspaper reader and would cut-out articles to share with friends and relatives. She was a very proud lady always wearing beautiful jewelry to match her elegant outfits.

The family wishes to thank the great services she received for many years from the Visiting Angels, especially Gladys, Rosalie, Elaine (Cookie), Sharon., Bernice and Paula.

The funeral Mass was on Friday, February 28, 2020, at Noon at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Burial was at New Notre Dame Cemetery, 746 N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge, MA 01550. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge directed the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Earl Eugene Duncan Sr., 78



BRIMFIELD- Earl Eugene Duncan Sr., 78, a long-time resident of Brimfield, passed away on Saturday, February 29, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in May of 1941, in Eskdale,

West Virginia, the son of William Harold and Maggie Lee (Sutphin) Duncan. He worked as a printer for almost 40 years in the textile industry at Stafford Printers as a Full Fledge Union Printer and Warren Woolen as a Manufacturing Laborer. He went on to retire at the age 58 to spend his remaining years working on small engines, automobiles, his flower garden, feeding the local birds and collecting clocks, most of all he loved spending time with his family. For his 75th birthday, his four children gifted him with a ten-day RV road trip, ending in his home state of West Virginia. One of the most memorable stops along the way was in Memphis to visit Graceland in remembrance of his beloved wife Betty May “Tootsie” (Scott) Duncan, who predeceased him in August 1999. Earl will be deeply missed by his four children; a daughter, Brenda Fillion and her husband Jocelyn of Warren, MA; and three sons, Earl E. Duncan Jr. and

his wife Marguerite of Millbury, MA; William Duncan and his wife Kathleen of Warren, MA; and Scott Duncan Sr. and his wife Denise of Warren, MA. He leaves nine grandchildren of whom he was very proud; Joseph, Ashlee, Earl III, Gianna, Sara, Jessica, Megan, Scott Jr., and Spencer. The youngest of 11 children, he is also survived by his older sister, Mary Louis Smith. Earl was a person whose presence filled up a room even though he was soft spoken. When he listened, it was with purpose, and when he spoke, you hung on to every word he said. He made you feel like the only person in a crowded room to give you kind advice, a helping hand, or to listen to your concerns. His demeanor was one to emulate and one to exemplify. All who met him will truly miss him. A service to remember Earl’s life was held on Thursday, March 5th at 10:00 am at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 N. Main St, followed by burial in Brimfield Cemetery. Calling hours were on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Memorial donations in Earl’s memory may be made to either, The Brimfield Fire Dept., 34A Wales Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010 or The Warren Fire Dept., 1012 Main St., Warren, MA 01083. For more information or to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

TRIPS

continued from page A13

Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329.
Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the “Rich and Famous,” winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. - \$579.
Oct. 6 -- Green Mt. Railroad w/Fox Tours -- \$101.
Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox Tours -- \$101.
Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to be put on the emailing list.



**To place a Card of Thanks
In-Memoriam, Birthday
or Anniversary Greeting,**



**the deadline is Friday noon
for the following week.**

(Memoriams will run on the Obituary pages)

Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4” x 3”)
or \$25 for a 3x4 (3.7” X 4”) or 4x3 (5” x 3”).
You can add a photo at no additional cost.

To send by mail, please mail or drop off to
**June Simakauskas, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm St.,
Southbridge, MA 01550.**

Personal checks, Visa, Master Card, Discover and AMEX are accepted.

**For more information,
please call June at 508-909-4062
or email jsima@stonebridgepress.news
and she’ll be happy to help!**



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



Ernest Theodore (Ted) Berkeley, Jr.



Ernest Theodore (Ted) Berkeley, Jr., was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on August 1, 1931, to parents Ernest Theodore Berkeley and Grace Thayer Berkeley of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. He grew up in Wellesley Hills and spent summers in New Ipswich, NH, where he loved spending time outdoors, and on Cape Cod where he loved surf fishing.

Like his father before him, Ted attended Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He graduated in 1953 and then spent the next three years at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He was ordained as a minister on June 3, 1956.

Ted married his first wife, Barbara Underhill, in June of 1954. In 1956 they had a daughter, Holly. Ted served his first church in Jamesport, New York, at Jamesport Congregational Church, from 1955-1957. Ted’s marriage to Barbara later ended.

In 1958 Ted married Ruthe Charlotte Clementson, who brought her three children (Jeffry, Penny, and Neil) to the union. Together Ted and Ruthe had a daughter, Lori.

Ted served as minister of the Hurley Community Church in Hurley, New Mexico, from 1959 to 1964. The family then moved to Chatsworth, California, where Ted served as minister of The Congregational Church of Chatsworth until 1974. While between churches from August 1974 through March 1975 Ted, Ruthe, and Lori lived in an old, one-room family cabin on 14 wooded acres in New Ipswich, New Hampshire. In 1975 Ted began serving the people of the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Ruthe and he stayed there until his retirement in 1994. They spent some time in New Ipswich, NH, and then moved to Washington Island, Wisconsin, where they enjoyed twenty years in a beautiful island community. In 2014 they moved to the Good Samaritan Senior Living Apartments in Battle Lake, Minnesota.

Ted had a wonderful singing voice and loved the church hymns. He was an avid fisherman and camper for many years, enjoying the outdoors and month-long camping trips every sum-

mer while the children were growing up. He was especially fond of a good storm and lots of snow, and known to be bitterly disappointed if a storm didn’t pan out.

Ted was a loving father and grandfather to his children and grandchildren and was especially known for his generosity. He particularly enjoyed giving gifts and never let a birthday or Christmas go by without his magical touch.

In his retirement years Ted traded camping for gardening and was known far and wide for his huge garden and generosity with its produce. People everywhere were treated to and loved his homemade zucchini bread, as well as brownies and fudge. In addition, he developed quite a reputation for the lost art of letter writing. If you knew Ted you more than likely received at least one letter or card from him and often more.

Ted was a man of deep Christian faith, and while he was a quiet person—shy, even— he was a very warm and caring person with a great sense of humor. When he laughed, everybody laughed. He was beloved by his congregants everywhere he served, and was deeply missed by them when he moved on.

Ted was heartbroken by the loss of his wife Ruthe, the love of his life, in May of 2019. He grieved her loss deeply and died as he would have wanted: quickly and on Ruthe’s birthday – February 20, 2020. He is survived by his sister Patricia (Bill) Wescott; brother Stephen Berkeley; children Holly (Tom) Beneville (Greenwich, CT), Lori Berkeley Goodwin (Tacoma, WA), Jeff Thilberg (Thousand Oaks, CA), Penny (Carl) Andersen (Perham, MN); grandchildren Margaret (Calvin Krogh) Beneville, John Beneville, Caroline Beneville, Olivia Berkeley, Grace Goodwin, Joshua Berkeley, Emily Goodwin, Rachel (Ted) Horan, and Joel (Nicole) Andersen; great grandchildren Louisa Nora Beneville-Krogh, Lydia and Jonah Horan, Kinley and Bryce Andersen; and two nephews, Brian and William Wescott.

Ted was predeceased by his parents, his wife Ruthe, and son Neil.

A Memorial Service will be held this summer.

Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson of Battle Lake.

**“Every Town Deserves a
Good Local Newspaper”**

RALPH

continued from page A12

saltwater.

New fishing rods can also be purchased for a reasonable price, but can also cost over \$250 or more. If you are planning to purchase any new fishing equipment this year you should attend the Saltwater Fishing Show in Providence, R.I. on March 27-29 at the Convention Center. If you fish fresh or saltwater you need to attend this show! There is an unlimited amount of fishing tackle under one roof, and there are professional anglers that can set you up with the proper fishing tackle to

fit you fishing needs.

Each year, I find myself purchasing a "New Used" fishing rod or reel at yard sales. Some of them still have the plastic coating on them. I have always said you can never have enough fishing equipment. Last year, I accidentally closed my car door on a fishing rod breaking six inches off of the rod tip. Luckily, I had bought it at a yard sale. It still ticked me off, as it was a favorite rod of mine. Rummaging through a shed in the back yard, I managed to locate another rod almost similar to the one I broke. It worked just fine.

Fishing tackle is another item that I have plenty of. The price of fishing

lures and plugs has gone through the roof. \$25 or more for a new saltwater plug is ridiculous. Attending numerous yard sales annually, I find myself finding some of these expensive items for only a buck or two. Some of the old wooden plugs purchased at yard sales are not worth a lot because of their condition, but they can become a valuable bait in my tackle box by adding a couple of new hooks and a fresh coat of paint.

Some fish caught this year have broken records as far as size and weights concerned. A monster lake trout weighing in at a cool 37 pounds was caught in New Hampshire at Diamond Pond this winter. Nice fish. A large

striper was also caught through the ice in Connecticut, which is extremely rare.

Some stripers do winter over at inlets and warm water discharges. The Providence River is just one of those areas that hold over schoolies all year, and sometimes a large one is caught. The Thames River in Connecticut, but out of state anglers need to purchase a non resident fishing license to fish the brackish water where stripers hang out. I had many good times fishing with the late Bob Tromby on the Thames River.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Family Dining & Gift Guide

For Lent, St. Patrick's Day and Everyday!

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

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





TACO Tuesdays

Join us in our bar area, every Tuesday after 3pm, to enjoy hard or soft shell

Tacos for \$1.00

(with purchase of a beverage)

41 Worcester Road, Webster, MA • 508-461-5070
117 Main Street, Spencer, MA • 774-745-8200

Facebook.com/MexicaliMexicanGrill

MexicaliGrillRestaurant.com

DINE OUT & SEE A SHOW!



YOUR AD HERE

To advertise on this page call Mikaela at 508-909-4126 or email mikaela@stonebridgepress.news by Friday Noon



NOW OPEN FOR DINNERS

by Reservation

BYOB

Assorted pies, cheesecakes, breads, pastries, cookies & bars
Sandwich Party Platters • Pastry Platters • Hostess Platters

WE MAKE OUR OWN BREAD!

13 Mechanic St., Spencer, MA
508-885-3760
fiveoavesbakery.com

Lunch: Tues - Sat 10-3 | Dinner: Fri & Sat
Reservations For Dinner Only



Now Taking Easter Reservations

Spencer Country Inn

Buy 1 Entree
Get 1 1/2 price

(dine-in only) Cannot be used on holidays or private parties
With this ad. Exp 4/30/20

SUNDAY BRUNCH 10am-1pm
All You Can Eat \$14.95 (plus tax & gratuity)

Fish N' Chips To-Go ~ Fridays Only \$10.95

500 Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-9036
www.spencercountryinn.com

HOURS
Lunch: Thur, Fri, Sat 11:30-2:00
Dinner: Thur, Fri, Sat 5:00-Close
Sun. Brunch: 10am-1pm

~ Function Rooms 10-250 Guests ~

It's. Almost. Time!

Annual All-U-Can Eat

Corned Beef & Cabbage Fest!

Saturday March 14th
Noon - 8 pm
(or until we run out, whichever comes first)



Limited Regular Menu

E.B. Flatts

Rte 9 E. Brookfield • 508-867-6643
Breakfast & Lunch Daily • Dinners - Thurs, Fri, Sat



Acoustic Fridays in the bar from 7-10

Live Music Every Friday & Saturday

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

At 308 Lakeside

With Irish Food Specials

March 15th-17th

Irish Music

March 17th



CASUAL WATERFRONT DINING ON LAKE LASHAWAY

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

Open 7 Days Open 11 - Close

Free Valet Parking Friday & Saturday Nights

Find us on Facebook

Sunday Complete Dinners \$22.00



Salem Cross Inn

RESTAURANT & TAVERN

260 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

Over 50 Years of New England Hospitality!

Reserve now for Easter!
Sunday, April 12

FIREPLACE FEASTS Now-April

1700's Style Feasts, Prime Rib prepared on the open hearth of a great fieldstone fireplace
Delicious Early American Fare for your consumption, you can even enjoy seconds!
Pie Making, Mulling & Chowder demonstrations
Horse drawn wagon or sleigh ride (weather permitting)
Casual dress is a must for this event
View & reserve dates on website or call

Advanced Ticket Sales Required

Hexmark Tavern: Open Thurs-Fri
Serving great food in a casual atmosphere
Live Music Friday 4-9pm

MARCH SCHEDULE:
MAIN DINING ROOM
Open: Thur - Sun

VACATION SCHEDULE:
MARCH 30-APRIL 9
Open Full Schedule
Beginning April 10th

Dining Room Hours: Thurs & Fri 11:30-9:00, Sat 5:00-9:00, Sun Noon-8:00
www.salemcrossinn.com (508)867-2345



Salem Cross Inn

RESTAURANT & TAVERN

260 West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

RESERVE NOW

FOR EASTER SUNDAY April 12
MOTHER'S DAY May 12

Parties of 9 or more, please reserve by phone

Lent Specials Every Friday
along with our delicious Fish & Chips

Over 50 Years of New England Hospitality!

Fireplace Feast Now through April

Fireplace Feast is a 1700's style feast, prepared on the open hearth of a great fieldstone fireplace.

This Dining Event Includes:

- Delicious Fireplace Roasted Prime Rib... you can even enjoy seconds!
- Deep Dish Apple Pie with fresh Whipped Cream
- Pie making, mulling and chowder demonstrations
- Horsedrawn wagon or sleigh ride, weather permitting
- Casual dress is a must for this event

Advanced ticket sales required. Visit website or call for dates.

Sunday COMPLETE DINNERS \$22.00

March Schedule

MAIN DINING ROOM Open Thursday - Sunday
Dining Room Hours: Thursday & Friday 11:30-9:00, Saturday 5:00-9:00, Sunday Noon-8:00

HEXMARK TAVERN Open Thursday & Friday 4-9
Serving great food in a casual atmosphere Live Music Friday Nights

Vacation Dates 3/30 - 4/9 • Re-open full schedule starting 4/10

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

www.salemcrossinn.com (508)867-2345

Less than a month left!

One-Month-Only

Window & Patio Door Flash

SALE

This is a Flash Sale, and that means it won't last! You only have 31 days to get this discount!¹

There are limited appointments available, and you must book yours before **March 31st**...



Andersen
WINDOWS • DOORS

...Which means you have **LESS THAN** a month left!

Buy one window or patio door,
get one window or patio door
40% OFF¹

Minimum purchase of four.

— PLUS —
\$100 OFF
every window and patio door¹

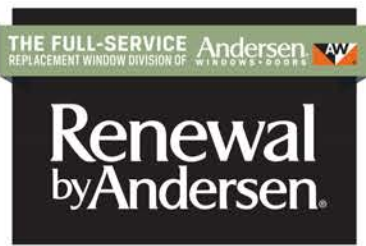
No minimum purchase required.



PLUS **\$0** **0** **0%** **for 1 year¹**
Down Monthly Payments Interest

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

- We're the full-service replacement window division of **Andersen**, a company that's been **crafting windows for 117 years**.
- **Don't cut corners** and put in those low-end vinyl windows. Our Fibrex® composite window material is twice as strong as vinyl.*
- With this financing, get new windows now but **don't pay for them for one year!**¹



Call for your **FREE Window & Patio Door Diagnosis**
1-800-209-2746

¹DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 4/18/2020. You must set your appointment by 4/4/2020 and purchase by 4/18/2020. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or patio door, get one (1) window or patio door 40% off, and 12 months \$0 down, 0 monthly payments, 0% interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 3/1/2020 and 4/18/2020. 40% off windows and patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or patio door in the order. Additional \$100 off each window or patio door, no minimum purchase required, taken after initial discount(s), when you set your appointment by 4/4/2020 and purchase by 4/18/2020. Military discount applies to all active duty, veterans and retired military personnel. Military discount equals \$300 off your entire purchase and applies after all other discounts, no minimum purchase required. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period, but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, or familial status. Savings comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations and offer applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License number available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. ©2020 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. ©2020 Lead Surge LLC. All rights reserved. *See limited warranty for details.



**TANTASQUA REGIONAL
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**
Technical Division
319 Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale MA 01518

BUILD A HOUSE, BUILD A GARAGE, BUILD AN ADDITION



The Tantasqua Regional School Committee will be accepting applications for projects to be built during the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of these projects is to provide practical work experiences for the carpentry students of Tantasqua's Technical Division. Since there is no charge for student labor, qualified applicants realize substantial savings. Additional savings can result if Tantasqua's electrical students install any necessary wiring.

Applications will be accepted for the construction of a single story house, garage, addition, or similar project.

One or more, projects may be selected.

All applications should be submitted directly to the Superintendent's Office by May 25, 2020.

For further information please call the Technical Division at 508-347-3045, ext. 0915 or access our website at www.tantasqua.org/technical/forms.htm

STURBRIDGE VILLAGER
Serving
Sturbridge, Brimfield,
Holland and Wales

CHARLTON VILLAGER
Serving Charlton,
Charlton City
and Charlton Depot

The VILLAGER

Mailed free to requesting homes

B
Section
Friday,
March 6, 2020

SPRING AHEAD!



Beginning with your ideas, Soper Construction is able to deliver your unique building project through the design, permitting, construction and finish phases, on schedule and on budget.



THE 411

CHECK OUT ALL
THE LATEST
IN LOCAL SPORTS!

OVER 2,000 APPLIANCES IN STOCK!

HUNDREDS OF DEALS!! DON'T BUY 'TIL YOU SEE US!

Go to WHITCOSALES.COM for MORE DEALS!

BEST DEALS OF THE YEAR ON LG, SAMSUNG, WHIRLPOOL, KITCHENAID AND MORE...! HUGE REBATES!

MATTRESS SALE!

TWIN: Reg. \$299
NOW \$199
FULL: Reg. \$499
NOW \$299
QUEEN: Reg. \$599
NOW \$299

FRIGIDAIRE

4 Piece
Stainless Steel
Appliance Package
\$1799

HYBRID WATER HEATER

\$1299 Value
\$699 AFTER \$600 REBATE

55" SAMSUNG Reg. \$489 \$349	32" LED TV Reg. \$139 \$119	18 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR Reg. \$599 \$539	DELUXE TOP LOAD WASHER Reg. \$499 \$399	14 CU. FT. UPRIGHT FREEZER Reg. \$599 \$499	GE FRONT LOAD WASHER OR DRYER Reg. \$649 \$649	7100 LG WASHER OR DRYER Reg. \$649 \$649	FRENCH DOOR ICE AND WATER REFRIGERATOR Reg. \$1499 \$1499
SAMSUNG 65" 4K TV Reg. \$599 \$499	SAMSUNG 55" QLED Reg. \$1499 \$699	21 CU. FT. WHITE TOP MOUNT REFRIGERATOR Reg. \$799 \$649	7 CU. FT. CHEST FREEZER Reg. \$249 \$249	MAYTAG TOP WASHER Reg. \$489 \$489	LG SELF CLEANING SMOOTH TOP STOVE Reg. \$499 \$499	FAMOUS MAKER GAS OR ELECTRIC RANGE Reg. \$429 \$429	KITCHENAID DISHWASHER Reg. \$599 \$599
40" SMART TV Reg. \$329 \$199	FRENCH DOOR BOTTOM FREEZER Reg. \$1499 \$1199	DELUXE ELECTRIC DRYER Reg. \$399 \$399	OVER THE RANGE MICROWAVE OVEN Reg. \$219 \$189	DELUXE DISHWASHER Reg. \$399 \$329	PRE-SEASON BIKE SALE		

PRICES GOOD WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
INSTANT FINANCING UP TO \$10,000

Check www.whitcosales.com for special coupons

WHITCO

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 am-9 pm
Sunday 12 pm-7 pm
140 Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-9343

Now Selling Beer, Wine & Liquor!

Luckymart
CONVENIENCE STORE
LIQUOR BEER & WINE

Mobil Gas

Gas customers redeem Your Shaw's Gas Points Here!

122 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA

508-347-9017

LA Z BOY

WORLD'S GREATEST RECLINER SALE

BORN 1927

GET RECLINING & GET SAVING!

Choose from an amazing selection of our greatest recliner styles and features including massage, leather, high legs and more... all sale priced to fit comfortably into your budget!

HURRY!
Limited time only!

hot buy

FROM \$349

0% INTEREST - FOR 1 FULL YEAR!

www.sundeenfurnitureinc.com

Sundeen Furniture

241 Providence Rd Whitinsville, MA 508-234-8777

FREE LAYAWAY • FREE DELIVERY

M.T.W. 9:30-6:00; TH., FRI. 9:30-8:00; SAT. 9:30-6:00; SUN 11-5

Crooked Creek Farm

est. 1992

Pasture Raised • Natural Meats

BEST FARM FRESH MEATS IN CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

PASTURE RAISED • NATURAL MEATS

Located in East Brookfield, Massachusetts, Crooked Creek Farm sells local and natural farm raised beef and pork.

Now Offering CSA Packages!

Please call for full details.

ASK US ABOUT OUR FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!

To purchase your meat packages you can do so by Email or by Phone
CALL/TEXT: (508) 868-0276 or (508) 868-5902
www.CrookedCreekFarmMA.com Email: CrookedCreekMA@Gmail.com

Find Us on Social Media

T'S HOME APPLIANCES

ONE-STOP SHOP

10 Meadow Road, Spencer, Mass • 508-745-8366

ENTIRE KITCHEN SUITES AVAILABLE!

"COME DOWN AND SEE ME!"

IN STOCK:

- Over the Range Microwaves
- Ranges
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Washers and Dryers
- Garbage Disposals
- Chest and Stand Up Freezers
- Range Hoods

LOWER PRICES ON REFRIGERATORS

WE OFFER SAME DAY DELIVERY AND REPLACEMENT INSTALLATION!*

Open Monday-Friday 10am to 6pm • Saturday 10am to 4pm

*Restrictions may apply please ask a sales associate



COME SEE US AT THE WORCESTER BOAT SHOW!
March 13, 14, & 15
at the DCU Center Worcester, MA



We are family owned and operated and committed to combining excellent dock products with outstanding customer service.

32 Monson Rd. • Wales, MA
508-826-4504
www.inlanddocks.com



HEALTH & HOME

A special supplement dedicated to the Health and Wellness of people, pets, and Spring Home Improvement

50,000 COPIES

Advertise in this special supplement coming to the *Spencer New Leader, Auburn News, Charlton Villager, Sturbridge Villager, Southbridge News, Webster Times, and Blackstone Valley Tribune*, and tell readers how your business can help promote health & wellness for all, or spruce up your home for Spring.

Your business not health, home or pet related?

115,000 readers will still see your ad!

AD SIZES

Full Page Cover	\$1000
Full page inside	\$800 B&W; \$850 color
1/2 page	\$500 B&W; \$550 color
1/4 page	\$300 B&W; \$350 color
1/8th page	\$200 B&W; \$250 color

Publication Date: April 17, 2020
Sales Deadline: April 2, 2020

A Fresh Approach to Healthy Living & Home Improvement



Contact your sales representative, Mikaela Victor
508-909-4126
mikaela@stonebridgepress.news


Mother's Day Honors

Publish Date: May 8, 2020
Deadline date: Friday, May 1 @ 5 pm

We would like to honor all Mothers and Grandmothers in the May 8th issue. The deadline for honors is Friday, May 4 at 5 pm.

Cost is just \$20 per 2.4"x 2" B&W block.
In the Spencer New Leader, Auburn News or Sturbridge/Charlton Villager

SAMPLE: EXACT SIZE



Mom, Of all the moms in all the world, nothing brings me more happiness than to know you're ours.

With love from John, Mary, and Jennifer

Please email a photo and a special message or an In Loving Remembrance message if deceased to jsima@stonebridgepress.news; OR mail or drop off to June Simakauskas Stonebridge Press 25 Elm Street, P. O. Box 90 Southbridge, MA 01550.

All photos will be returned. Please write your name and address on the back of your photo.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TOWN OF CHARLTON DPW
MATERIALS & SERVICES

Sealed bids, appropriately marked will be publicly opened and read in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507 on Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for the following highway materials which will be used on approximately 10,000 linear feet of road surface.

1. Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place (**Must be pre-qualified**)

2. Full Depth Pavement Reclamation (Calcium Chloride) (**Must be pre-qualified**) all grading included.

3. Stone Seal, Double Stone Seal & 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment (**Must be pre-qualified**). This is a state funded project that exceeds \$50,000.00, therefore, all contractors intending to bid on Item 1 – Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place and Item 2 – Scarifying and pulverizing in place asphalt pavement, **all grading included** and Item 3 - Stone Seal, Double Stone Seal & 10% Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment, **must be pre-qualified** by the Contract Engineer, Room 7373, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. With submission of the properly executed "Approval for Proposal Form" to the office of the Town Administrator, Municipal Office Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507, the prospective bidder will be entitled to a non-transferable proposal package. Prospective bidders must obtain and utilize the bid package. The Town Administrator in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office Building, 37 Main Street, Charlton MA 01507, must receive sealed bids, no later than **Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** Each item shall be clearly marked in a separate envelope as to which category the bidder has chosen, i.e.

"Item 1 - Bituminous concrete, Type I, in place". Any deviations from Massachusetts General Laws, Massachusetts Highway Department requirements and proposal stipulations will result in an automatic disqualification from the bidding process. This bid is advertised under Chapter 30; Section 39M, Chapter 149, Section 26 – 27F of the M.G.L., in reference to the prevailing wage rates. All road material work and materials shall conform to the requirements of the Massachusetts Highway Department Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Waterways. All bids must be submitted under Chapter 30, Section 39M, which requires a **bid deposit in the form of a bid bond**. The amount of such bid deposit shall be five per cent of the value of the bid. Within ten days of the notification of award, the contractor is required to provide a security bond under section twenty-nine of Chapter One Hundred and Forty Nine, for 50% of the contract award. All bids are effective April 2, 2020 and expire April 2021. Any questions should be directed to Gerry Foskett, DPW Superintendent at 508-248-2212. The Town Administrator reserves the right to waive any minor informality in the bids and reject any or all bids and to make awards in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

TOWN OF CHARLTON
LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
GUARDRAIL REMOVAL
RE-INSTALLATION & INSTALLATION

Sealed bids appropriately marked

"Guardrail Removal, Re-Installation and Installation" will be received, publicly opened and read aloud in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Charlton Municipal Offices, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507 on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Bid specifications must be obtained from the office of the Town Administrator prior to the submission of the bid.

1. Per L.F. Guardrail Removal & Re-installation
Removal and disposal of existing posts and Re-installation of galvanized guardrail panels with 6 feet and 3 inch post spacing. Price includes furnishing and installing posts, polyethylene offset blocks and all necessary hardware.

2. Per L.F. Guardrail Removal & Installation
Removal and disposal of existing guardrail. Furnish and installation of state spec guardrail with 6 feet and 3 inch post spacing. Price to include panels, posts, polyethylene offset blocks and all necessary hardware.

3. Price per L.F. Guardrail Installation
Furnish and Installation of state spec guardrail with 6 feet and 3 inch post spacing. Price to include panels, posts, polyethylene offset blocks and all necessary hardware.

4. Price Per Unit
Furnish and Installation of 50' MSKT End Treatments

5. Price per item
Furnish and Installation of terminal buffer end

The Town Administrator in his capacity as Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to waive any minor informality in the bids and reject any or all bids and to make awards in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Andrew Golas Town Administrator March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16th at 6:35 p.m. regarding the transfer of an all alcoholic Liquor License filed by Yogesh Patel of The Sturbridge Host Hotel at 366 Main Street, Sturbridge MA 01566. This hearing will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street Sturbridge, MA. March 6, 2020

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. regarding the transfer of a Wines and Malt Beverages Liquor License filed by Lee Palmer of Hemlock Ridge Golf Course at 220 Holland Road Fiskdale, MA 01518. This hearing will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street Sturbridge, MA. March 6, 2020

Public Hearing Notice

The Charlton Water and Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:40 pm in the Selectmen's meeting room, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA to discuss and consider increasing the Sewer Rate Surcharges. Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear on the date and time specified or submit concerns in writing to Sue Guerin at Sewer Plant Office located at 8A Worcester Rd., Charlton or email at susan.guerin@townofcharlton.net. February 28, 2020

REAL ESTATE



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



Jules Lusignan



T.A. King



Maureen Cimoch



Ellen Therrien



John Kokocinski



Adrienne James

Each Office Independently
Owned and Operated



www.Century21LakeRealty.com • www.WebsterLake.net #1 on the Internet

Listings Always Needed – We're Always Busy Selling! Winter Special – List Your Home @ 4%



MILLBURY – WATERFRONT! Ramshorn Lake! 51 Davis Rd! Beautifully Landscaped & Private 1.22 Acres w/500' on the Water! One of Ramshorn's Premier Properties "Royledge"! Sprawling 3,117' French Country Villa w/Panoramic Water Views from this Perfect Peninsula! Ideal for Entertaining! Stonewalled Gated Entry, Long Private Drive to its Stately Appearance! Sprawling Stone & Slate 6+ Rm Masterpiece! Light Abounds! Cathedral & Tray Ceilings w/Skylights! Unique Country Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm! Frpld Great Rm! Lake Facing Spacious Master Suite w/Everything You'd Expect! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! 3 Full Bathrooms! 4 Car Garages – 1 & 2 Car Detached Garages! Reward Yourself! **\$999,000.00**



AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cul-de-sac! Many Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Siding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Appliances Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total! Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm w/Custom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard w/New Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining! Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 9 Pebble Beach Rd! Middle Pond – Winter Cove! Private Peninsula Protected from the Storm – Safe Harbor! Custom 3,179' 8 Rm Contemp Ready for Your Immediate Enjoyment! Grand Entry Foyer! Ideal Open Fir Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Flrs! Beautiful Applianced Custom Granite Kit w/Center Isl! Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views! 1st Fir Laundry! Second Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! **\$779,900.00**



DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Fir! 2nd Fir Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**



OXFORD – 27 Rocky Hill Rd! Move Right Into this 6 Rm Ranch! Bright, Fresh Kitchen! Dining Rm! 20' Living Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Nice Bathrm! Deck w/Awning! All the Work has been Done! Roof, Siding, Windows, Insulation, Gas Furnace, Gas Hot Water Heater, AC, Front Porch Windows, Door, Living Rm Floor, Skylights, Kitchen, Bath & Dining Rm Floors! 2 Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & the Interior Freshly Painted 10/2019! Quick Closing Possible! **\$269,900.00**

WEBSTER – 27 N. Main St! 3 Family! 550' Rm! 3 3/4 Bedrooms! 1st Fir w/Eat-in! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bathrm! 2nd Fir w/Kit w/Din Area! Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! 3rd Fir w/Eat-in! Kit! Liv Rm! Bdrm! Full Bath! Long Term Tenants! Sep Utilities! Vinyl Sided! Laundry Hook Ups! Freshly Painted Hallways! **\$249,900.00**

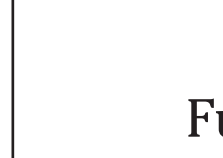


WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway! Extremely Conveniently Located just off Exit 1 of 385! Loads of Potential! 6 Rm Cape! Applianced Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Wall to Wall over Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 1st Fir Bdrm w/Commode Closet! Recent Furnace! Recent Roof! **\$169,900.00**

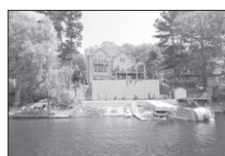
THOMPSON – 299 Quaddick Rd! Custom Cedar Log Home! 5.47 Acres! Stone Wall Entry! 700' Driveway! Nestled in the Woods! 6 Rms of Cedar! Granite Kit! Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! Hrdwds! Stone Frpl! 1st Fir Master w/Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! 2 Car Garage! **\$399,900.00**



DUDLEY – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit! Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Fir 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Fir Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**



Thinking of Selling? Save Thousands! 4% Full Professional Service Accompanied Showings Extensive Multi Media Advertising



WEBSTER LAKE – 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frpl! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Bdrms each w/Private Baths! Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit, 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frplce & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! **\$1,175,100.00**



CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3' Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Breakfast Room, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**



CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Is, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplce Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Fir Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility/Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Fir w/Bautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



43 East Main Street Webster, MA 01570

Fine Realtor Associates to Serve You!

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

hope2own.com
508.943.4333

Sharon Pelletier - Broker
Licensed in MA, CT & RI

We Want
Your Listings!

Featured Listings!

WEBSTER - 5 SURREY LN



Gently Used 5 Bdrm Colonial, or 4 Bdrms & Game Room! This 24 x 28.3 Car Garage HAS HEAT! Open Concept Kitchen, Dining & Living Room, Full bath, Beautiful Granite Counters w/Breakfast Bar, Second Floor - 5 Over-sized Bdrms! Bath & Laundry Rm! Walk up Attic. **New Price \$399,000.**

WEBSTER - 68 POLAND ST



4 BEDROOM COLONIAL! 2600 SQ FT, 2 FULL BATHS, 2 FIREPLACES, 2 CAR GARAGE, ABOVE GROUND POOL, 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM, UPDATES INCLUDE - RECENT WINDOWS, ROOF, UPSTAIRS BATH, FHW GAS HEATING SYSTEM!!! **\$339,000.**

BROAD BROOK, CT 52 HILLSIDE FARMS DR



Condo Townhouse with 1746 Sq Ft, 2 Story, 3 beds 2-1/2 Baths Fireplace Hardwoods, Cathedral ceiling, Garage, pool, central air, & so much more **assisted sale \$193,500.**

WEBSTER - 8 MAPLE ST



2 Family - 1st Floor: 6 Rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, open kitchen, Fully Applianced, New Carpeting, Hardwood Floors. 2nd Floor - Open Kitchen with Gorgeous Kitchen Cabinets - 6 Rooms, 3 Bed, 1 Full Bath Hardwood Floors, New carpeting. Each Apartment has 1,200+ sq ft plus. Oil Heat. Off street parking. Town Water & Sewer, 3rd Story Unfinished. **\$237,500**

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Motivated Seller! Cape that has been completely re-modelled!, 3 Br, 1 bath, 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **\$244,900**

WEBSTER - 14 HIGHCREST #4



Ready to move in! 2 bedroom 1 & 1/2 bath condo. Large bedrooms with large full bath master bedroom private access. Skylight Hallway, extra large living area with separate dining! Access to private deck via sliders, fully applianced kitchen, loads of counter space, tons of storage. Full finished basement, brand new heat and a/c system. **\$134,900.**

CHARLTON - 51 GALE RD



Nice Country cape - with hugh attached 2 car garage! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 Fireplaces, 3 season sunroom with attached deck Living room w/fireplace! 1st fir omce. Recent water filtration system, furnace, heater, and oil unlk. Passed Title V, well okay. **assisted sale \$299,000.**

OXFORD - 47 HARWOOD ST



VERY Affordable 3 Bedroom RANCH Located on 8+ Acres Abutting the French River!! Great Spot for the Nature Enthusiast! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, Fireplace, **\$209,900.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s applianced kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, W/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused catwalk on upper level! A walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! **assisted sale \$499,900.**

WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
Douglas - Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. **Attention Developers!** 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Webster - 85 Upper Gore! View of the Lake. 1+ acre,artesian well, Septic Design,Etc. **\$130,000.**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$99,900**

THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



There is **No Place Like Home!** - beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & master full bath w/extra wide shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 24' lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$299,900.**

WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



Available 10,000+ sq. ft. of Land. Zoned Lake Residential. Potential to divide into 2 Buildable Lots. Town Water & Sewer Available. **\$49,000.**

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagogggchaubunagungamaugg



WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD

AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! **New Price \$375,000**

MEET YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

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

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

Key Realty SERVICES

Donna Morin Flannery, Realtor, ABR
415B Main St., Spencer, MA 01562
c: 508-612-6771 f: 508-885-6047
DonnaFlannery@ERAKey.com
www.donnaflannery.com

JOIN US FOR FREE CONSUMER REAL ESTATE CLASSES

We want you to understand the buying and selling process so you can make good decisions. Local coffee hours Thursday's 6-7 and Saturday 12-1. Call to register & for Homes for Heroes Program - See if you are eligible - nurses, teachers, veterans

March 4, 11 Assabet Valley Landlord Tent
March 25, 28 Foreclosure includes bus tours

Diane Casey-Luong
774-239-2937
Dluong.realtor@gmail.com

Jo-Ann Szymczak
774-230-5044
joannszymczak@gmail.com

ReMax Advantage 1
25 Union Street
Worcester MA 01604

HOME IS NOT A PLACE... IT'S A FEELING.

Buy with Confidence
Sell with Success
DorrindaSellsHomes.com

CENTURY 21
NORTH EAST
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE BOSTON BRUINS
978.434.1990

Dorrinda O'Keefe - Shea
Realtor
dorrinda@c21lovet.com

2 SISTERS REALTY

DONNA CAISSIE
Broker I 774.641.3325
SANDRA TERLIZZI
Realtor I 508.414.9032

1 B Swanson Rd
Auburn, MA 01501
2sistersteam@gmail.com
www.2sistersteam.com

Proudly associated with

TOP PRODUCING TEAM WORCESTER COUNTY

Jules Lusignan

#1 in Sales 2006-2019
South Worcester County
\$154,824,380 SOLD

Century 21
LAKE REALTY
A 41 Year Company!

111 East Main St., Webster, MA
Thinking of selling? Call 1-800-552-7444
www.Century21LakeRealty.com
www.WebsterLake.net

"WE SOLVE REAL ESTATE PROBLEMS"

ReMax Professional Associates
Licensed in MA & CT

We need properties to sell - any type!

Conrad Allen
(508) 400-0438

Patrick Sweeney
(774) 452-3578

www.ConradAllen.com

FOR RENT in Webster

1 Bedroom, Clean & Quiet In Nice Area
New Appliances & Flooring. Freshly Painted
Includes Trash Removal

Pet & Smoke Free
\$700/month w/first and last
Owner occupied

CALL 508-735-2097
for details and appointments

Aucoin Ryan Realty

Your Neighborhood Real Estate Experts

201 SOUTH STREET, SOUTHBRIDGE, MA
508-765-9155
FAX: 508-765-2698

Brenda Ryan Broker-Owner
Melissa Cournoyer Hill
Mary Jo Demick
Spiro Thomo
Vivian Marro-Doros
Robin Giguere

"We are part of Make Southbridge Home"

Debbie Thomo
Joan Lacoste
Chad Spaine
Michelle Roy
Stan Misiaszek
Michelle Splaine
Paula Aversa

CAN'T FIND A HOUSE, BUILD ONE!! WE HAVE LOTS & BUILDERS! CONTACT US!

SOUTHBRIDGE: Royal Barry Willis Cape in exclusive Country Club neighborhood! Elegant 8 room 3 bed 3 1/2 bath home! This home was designed for entertaining! Formal dining room, formal living room with fireplace, open custom kitchen to dining area & wonderful family room with another fireplace! Off family room is oversized deck & enclosed sun filled porch. 1st floor office! Pegged hardwood floors. Upstairs is master bedroom with master bath plus double closets, 2 other spacious bedrooms plus full bath. Fun fun fun in your finished lower level with pool table, plus multiple closets & laundry room with loads of shelving. Level back yard w/gardens. Attached 2 car garage. View of Cohasset Country Club. **\$415,000.**

BROOKFIELD: WATERFRONT PRISTINE PROPERTY on Quabog Pond! 5 rooms 2 bedrooms 2 baths! First floor has updated kitchen, livingroom, bedroom & full bath. Master suite on second floor with wonderful water views! Loaded with windows. Bedroom, full bath, walk in closet plus another room-big enough for family room and office. Full basement. Level lot with plenty of parking, easy access to water. Full recreational lake! **\$329,900.**

SOUTHBRIDGE: Spacious 8 room 4 bedroom 2 bath home for under \$200K! Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances! Front to back family room with wood stove, bay window & sliders to deck. First floor bedroom and bath. Second floor has two big bedrooms plus sitting area. Replacement windows. New HW. **\$189,900.**

SOUTHBRIDGE: Great package deal! Three buildings! Well maintained church in pristine condition! Beautiful entry way. Inspiring stain glass windows. Seating for up to 350 people. Balcony seating. Elevator to lower level for a Meeting Hall with kitchen & 2 baths. PLUS Rectory - a stately Brick home which consists of 11 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. All rooms are large with high ceilings, many fireplaces, and first floor bedroom with private bath. PLUS large Carriage House converted to garage with workshop & storage. **\$485,000.**

Commercial Rental Spaces available throughout the Town of Southbridge. Rents vary in size and cost. All have great visibility being on Main St or just off. Call for details!

PUT YOUR TRUST IN US TEAMWORK AND EXPERIENCE

Jo-Ann Szymczak 774-230-5044
Diane Luong 774-239-2937
Maria Reed 508-873-9254

ReMax Advantage 1
25 Union St., Worcester MA 01604

CALL FOR A MARKET ANALYSIS

Licensed in MA & CT

Open House SUNDAY 11-1

Dudley: Neighborhood setting country feeling, 3 bedroom, fireplace, 25x15 family room, new roof, electric. Hardwood floors throughout. 2-c-garage
12 Mill Rd - \$304,900

Woodstock, CT: 21+ acres, cedar log home, 4 bedroom, private setting, surrounded by wildlife
480 Rte. 197

Paxton: 3 outbuildings, 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 3 car garage, wide pine flooring, 1 acre
521 Pleasant St - \$264,900

Developers Opportunity for a 55+ Community in Dudley

Legacy Landing: 8.61 acres, potential for 22 units. Town Services - water and sewer. Near golf course, shopping, college, highways.

Join us for a meeting on Monday, March 9th for consultation on this opportunity.

New Buyer Program

Coffee Hours Mondays 6-7pm

Homes for Heroes
Firefighters • EMS • Law Enforcement
Military • Healthcare Professionals
Teachers

Applies when you buy, sell or refinance a home

Nominated 2 Years in a Row for the Realtor Choice Award

Re/Max Professional Associates

ConradAllen.com
PatrickSweeneyRealtor.com

Licensed in MA & CT

Conrad Allen
508-400-0438

Patrick Sweeney
774-452-3578
Top 10 Producer of 2020

RENTED

WEBSTER, MA - \$1300/Mo.
6 Summit Street
3 Bdrm Apt., First, Last, Security. Completely remodeled, brand new appliances incl. W/D

PENDING

WEBSTER, MA - \$288,900
90-A Sutton Rd.
3 Bedroom, Raised Ranch.

PENDING

DUDLEY, MA - \$248,500
5 Fairview Ave
Under Priced, Needs Work

FEATURE PROPERTIES

SOLD!

OXFORD, MA - \$234,900
44 Depot Road
3 Bedroom, Ranch. Recently Remodeled

SOLD!

WEBSTER, MA - \$1000/mo
56 Chase Ave, Apt #2
2-Family, Completely Renovated

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROPERTIES COMING SOON
BUILT TO SUIT

We Have Qualified Buyers, Always Looking To Sell, Any Type! Contact Us Today!

Open House Directory

(C) Condo (B) Business (P) Land	(X) Condo (U) Duplex (L) Mobile Home	(M) Multi-Family (S) Single Family (A) Apartment	(T) Townhouse (D) Adult Community (W) Waterfront	
ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
SUNDAY, MARCH 8				
DUDLEY 12 Hill Rd	S	11-1	\$304,900	ReMax Advantage 1 Joanne Szymczak 774-230-7669

To have your open house listed in this directory.
Please contact Patricia Owens 508-909-4135



BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY

HomeServices

New England
Properties



Nancy Fraser
Office Leader



John
Downs



Mary
Collins



Brooke
Gelhaus



Jennifer
Jackson



Rachel
Sposato



Kristen
Kaskela



Mary
Scalise



Robert
Viani



Vivian
Kozey



Corleen
Law



Elizabeth
Zimmer



Catherine
Howard



John
Rich



Lauren
Heidelberg



Belinda
Culp



Tanya
McDermott



Kathryn
Durand



George
Hird



Richard
Governale



Brad
Favreau



Kevin
Houghton



John
Herlihy



Michael
Collins



Scott
Pempek



Charlie
Tracy



Danielle
Kiser



Heather
Spadola

Pomfret \$339,000 NEW LISTING



Beautiful Colonial-style home w/3 BR, 2 full BA on 2 private acres. Enjoy a lg. screened in porch & 2 bay detached barn/garage.
Mary Collins
860-336-6677

Pomfret \$349,000 NEW PRICE



A beautiful Ranch style home w/4 spacious BR & 2 full BA on 2.5 acres. Property boasts a huge 2100 SF heated 6 car garage!
Kevin Houghton
774-280-2145

Plainfield \$164,900 NEW PRICE



1835 Colonial WOW property! 5 BR/1.5 BA, 2 car attached.
Catherine Howard
860-234-2901

Woodstock \$735,000



Exceptional medical office building located in Woodstock. 8,790 SF of space including 5,738 SF of finished space.
John Downs
860-377-0754

Chaplin \$3,000/mo



Rare opportunity to rent a sm. horse farm! Fully furnished 4 BR house, 4 stall barn w/paddocks & riding ring on 6 + acres! Available July 2020.
Gelhaus Realty Group:
Kristen Kaskela
860-377-0118

Putnam \$185,000



Pristine, turn-key medical office condo. Part of a 4 unit Hillsdale Professional office complex that takes care of common area maintenance.
Mary Collins
860-336-6677

Sterling \$649,900



Sensational home on 20 acres. 5362 SF, 4 BR plus in-law, gourmet kitchen, great room w/stone fireplace, 3 car attached garage.
Rachel Sposato
860-234-1343

Putnam, \$319,000



New build with over 2,000 SF including a master suite & versatile floorplan to meet your needs!
Gelhaus Realty Group:
Danielle Kiser
508-243-1074

Union \$575,000



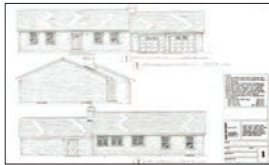
Stunning 5,000 SF home with all the bells & whistles on 6.5 acres! A home for a lifetime!
Gelhaus Realty Group:
Brooke Gelhaus
860-336-9408

Putnam \$319,000



Renovated historic home. Prime commercial district. Large parking lot. 1st flr BA incl. handicap. Big yard! Home, business or both!
John Downs
860-377-0754

Putnam, \$319,000



New build! One floor living at its best! Time to pick the layout and finishes of your dream home!
Gelhaus Realty Group:
Danielle Kiser
508-243-1074

Thompson \$225,000



Country Ranch w/finished walk-out lower level. 1 car garage, large deck & patio. 3 BR, 2 BA.
Mary Collins
860-336-6677

Pomfret \$729,900



This stunning 5 BR reproduction features authentic historic detailing and custom craftsmanship. Located on 5.52 private acres.
John Downs
860-377-0754

Brooklyn \$499,000



4 BR, 3.5 BA, 12+ acres. This Colonial has been restored & is move-in ready! Zoned for commercial & residential use! Open a bed & breakfast!
Gelhaus Realty Group:
Kristen 860-377-0118

Putnam \$2,200 Commercial Lease



3 units on Kennedy Dr! 2000 SF/ea. Rent 1, 2 or all 3! Each leased at \$2200 5 yr w/options triple net. EZ access to I-395 & downtown.
Rachel Sposato
860-234-1343

LAND FOR SALE

Hampton \$72,900

15.8 acre lot 1 mile from Pomfret line on Rt. 97. 1.5 acres clear & level for your dream house & barn. Have survey & old perc test results. Farm Country!
Robert Viani 860-264-5921
Voluntown \$46,900
4 acres. Unique and picturesque lot, some wetlands. 357 feet of frontage. Raw land.
Robert Viani 860-264-5921
Woodstock \$69,900
10 acre gently sloping wooded parcel

sits higher than road level. Create your private homestead.
Robert Viani 860-264-5921
Woodstock \$210,000
2.5 acres of direct waterfront land on Quasset Lake. Perfect place to build your dream home!
Richard Governale 860-428-7656
Voluntown \$46,900
8.5 acres with small pond and stream. Natural setting for the nature lover! Raw land no soil testing done.
Robert Viani 860-264-5921

Plainfield \$36,900
2.9 acre corner lot. 600 ft. frontage on Wauregan Road and Moosup Pond Zoned RA 60
Robert Viani 860-264-5921
Putnam \$125,000
Commercial lot with .27 acres on Kennedy Drive. Build your own business on this land. Easy access to I-395 and Downtown Putnam.
Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343

© 2015 An independently operated member of BHH Affiliates. Equal Housing Opportunity.

45 Route 171 | Woodstock, CT | 860-928-1995

bhhsNEproperties.com



HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

Open House

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

3RD ANNUAL JOHN PAIRE "BE BETTER" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Shepherd Hill Regional High School
64 Dudley-Oxford Rd. Dudley, MA 01571
Registration starts at 8:30am. Games begin at 9am. \$150 per team and \$40 for additional players. For more information contact us at john-paire3on3@gmail.com. Visit our facebook page: Friends of John Paire

Student Support Fund. All proceeds benefit the John Paire Student Support Fund
Register by March 1 Grades 5 to 8 (Co-Ed), High School. Women, Men, Adult Co-Ed. * This tournament is open to anyone who would like to participate

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan - The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21.
125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield,
1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
Route 9, East Brookfield,
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
\$15-\$20.00 pp



SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

ONGOING

MARIACHI BAND



First Thursday of the month
5-8 p.m.
MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL
Webster location
41 Worcester Rd., Webster, MA
508-461-5070

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS



7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822



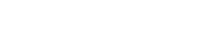
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
FRIDAY NIGHT
HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., W. Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345
saalemcrossinn.com

THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
meets the first Monday of every month from September through May. We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities.

Our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet.
Auburn Sportsman's Club
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

July/August every Thursday 6:00-8:00
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield. FREE - Food and Drinks for sale.



Home Town Service,
BIG TIME RESULTS

Town-to-Town

CLASSIFIEDS

www.towntotownclassifieds.com

1-800-536-5836

Place your ad today!
Call toll free
or visit our website

ARTICLES FOR SALE

010 FOR SALE

ABOVE GROUND
OVAL POOL
used 12 seasons.
15 x 24 all aluminum.
Walk around deck, patio,
privacy fence.All equipment in-
cluded, including electric heater.
Needs liner and
bottom rail.\$1,200
Call 508-476-1467

ARTICLES FOR SALE
Nordic Track Exerciser-\$300
Epson Photo Printer
Cd/DVD with program
\$650
Car or Truck Sunroof
\$100
Rollup School Map
\$50
Many Chairs
\$25 each.
Electric Fireplace
\$140
2 Antique Printing Presses
Manufacturing1885-
\$1500 each.
Call:
508-764-4458

Bunn My Cafe single cup
brewer \$75 Oak bookcase
3"x3" 3 shelves \$50 508
320-7230

CANON CAMERA
AE-1 MANUAL
With Lens and Flash
52 mm UV 35 mm 52 mm
Zoom II
62 mm UV model 202
35-70 mm 1007773
Asking \$150.00
OR BEST OFFER
1-508-347-3145

DINING ROOM TABLE AND
LOW HUTCH
Medium brown color all wood
w/ movable glass tops for pro-
tection.
60" Long X 36" Wide 6 Chairs
LIKE NEW A MUST SEE Asking
\$550.00
for ALL 1-508-347-3145

DUCK STAMP RW#1.\$150.
got stamps?. Call Ron 413-896-
3324 stamps wanted.

ENCYCLOPEDIA Britannica-
24 volume 9th edition(1880)
leather bound with marbled
edges. Excellent Condition.
\$500. call 860-774-1871

010 FOR SALE

EXC.SOLID 68" L SHAPED
OAK DESK
LHF return 48" Power
center with Hutch lights & 2 glass
doors & Bk case.
Original price \$2200. now in like
new condition \$1595.
5 drawers & 2 file drawers with
key lock. Pictures available on
facebook.Click on messenger
then. Paulette
508-765-1231

FIREWOOD
3/4 Seasoned/standing dead
hard wood custom cut to your
specs. Delivered to your home.
12"-14" \$300 per cord. 16-18"
\$260 per cord.
Call: 508-282-0232

FOR SALE
Brand new Easy Fold
Air Hawk wheelchair.
Is powered by 2 DC motors.
Portable lightweight, weights 41
pounds and foldable. Asking \$944.
Safe and comfortable.
(508)943-0410

FOR SALE
Brand newdtf Leers Cap. Fits a
8ft bed for 2016
and under. \$850
call 508-909-6070

FOR SALE
Four snow tires
(2 are brand new)
Size: 205 60R 16
Mounted on Ford Rims
\$500
(508)779-0120
Leave name and phone num-
ber.

FOR SALE
Janome Sowing/ Embroidery
Machine. Includes: all feet,
Hoops software. \$2,995. Call
860-774-5714 and leave a mes-
sage.

FOR SALE
LINCOLN WELDER
Gas portable, electric start
150 amps. 110-220.
\$300
CALL: 508-248-7063

FOR SALE
LINCOLN WELDER
Tombstone Style. Plug in.
250 amps.
\$250
CALL: 508-248-7063

010 FOR SALE

FOR SALE MAKE A OFFER:
kitchen table with four chairs
and a side table. Inversion
Table and Ellipticle and 3
book cases. Call 508885-
6570

FOR SALE Remote control
Airplanes some with motors.
Eagle Magna 3 plus Fish
locator. Still in box.
Panasonic Base with
speakers. 774-241-0027

FREE ITEMS
Large Picture Frame, Portable
Air Conditioning Unit-plus much
more
Please call 508-340-6701 for in-
formation

FURNITURE FOR SALE
dinning room set with
HUTCH like new perfect con-
dition. Bar with 3 stools.
Must See. Stereo Equipment
Love seat and chairs and
Misc items. 508-234-7252

GOING OUT
OF BUSINESS:
Beauty Salon equipment for
sale: 2 Salon Booths, 2
ceramic shampoo sinks, 2
Belvedere shampoo/styling
chairs,1 styling chair with pneu-
matic pump,2 realistic hair dry-
ers, 2 xtra wide dryer chairs.
Sold
separately or as a package.
Prices negotiable. Must be out
of building
by March 3, 2020 in
Southbridge, must see.
Call 774-452-0166

HOME SEWING
SUPPLIES
including a large assortment of
fabrics in both prints and solids
to choose from. Also includes
choices of a variety of laces,
trims, sequins and beads etc.
Please call
413-436-5073.

ITEM FOR SALE:
Antique Dark Wood 5 Drawer
Bureau
size 34inch. long 19wide
by 48 High \$95
Pictures of items available by
email at:
rec142142@gmail.com
508-434-0630

010 FOR SALE

ITEMS FOR SALE Air
conditiontioner-\$50 ,
wirlpool refrigerator-\$100
Water Heater-\$600, Table
saw-\$40, Pool table-\$400,
Air Hookey table- \$400, Ver-
fiene Fridge- \$500, Kitchen
stove-\$100, windows/door:
Triple casement: \$150,
Double hung \$50, Dead
light-\$100, Pitcher window-
\$ 1 0 0
Teratone door-\$100, Double
Hung-\$150, Casement-\$50,
Double Hung Replacement
\$25. Dump trailer 5kCall
757-7055106.

MOTORCYCLE GEAR:
Harley Davidson Women's
black leather jacket Size L \$100.
Women's Leather chaps by CDI
Riding Gear size-M \$50. 2
Harley Davidson women's vests
1 tan, 1 black \$50. each; Men's
Widder Electric heat vest size 42
\$25. Ladies Hudson Leather
vest size L \$25. HJC full face
helmet yellow and grey brand
new size S, \$75. HJC full face
grey helmet size XS, used \$25.
Ladies Tour Master rain gear
size L yellow and black \$50.
Call:413-245-6530

QUALITY
bicycles,pictures,crystal wine
glasses,porcelain dolls,fig-
urines,lawn
mowers,bookcases and girls
toys for sale.
CALL: 860-204-6264

RECLINER
1 Recliner Medium blue
LIKE NEW
Asking \$125.00
1-508-347-3145

REESE 16K SLIDING FIFTH
WHEEL HITCH \$375
or B.O. ALSO WEIGHT
DISTRIBUTION HITCH, for
class C receiver on car or
truck \$300 or B.O. call john
508 244 9699

TREES/FIELDSTONE:
Trees- Evergreens, Excellent
Privacy Border. Hemlocks-
Spruces-Pines (3'-4' Tall) 5 for
\$99. Colorado Blue Spruce
(18"-22" Tall) 10 for \$99. New
England Fieldstone
Round/Flat, Excellent Retaining
Wallstone. \$25/Ton
(508) 278-5762 Evening

010 FOR SALE

TRAC VAC
Model 385-1C/385LH
Used Once
Best Offer

BEAR CAT
VAC-N-CHIP PRO
& VAC PRO
Models 72085, 72285,
72295
Used Twice
Best Offer
CALL
(508)765-5763
TO SEE COME TO
22 TAFT ST. 2ND FLR
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA

VERMONT CASTINGS
WOOD STOVE
Black enamel model vigilant
Great condition.
CALL 508-943-5352

100 GENERAL

107 Misc. Free

Free construction wood and
kindling wood; beams, ply-
wood, 2x4x, 2x6s, 2x8s, good
for woodstoves, not for building.
Clean. Delivery possible. Ask for
J.D. 413-262-5082

110 NOVENAS

PRAYER TO THE HOLY
SPIRIT Holy Spirit, you who
made me see everything and
showed me the way to reach
my ideal. You who gave me the
divine gift to forgive and forget
the wrong that is done to me
and you who are in all instances
of life with me. I, in this short dia-
logue, want to thank you for
everything and confirm once
more that I never want to be
separated from you no matter
how great the material desire
may be. I want to be with you
and my loved ones in your per-
petual glory. Amen. Thank you
for your love towards me and
my loved ones. Persons must
pray the prayer three consecu-
tive days without asking your
wish. After the third day, wish will
be granted. Then promise to
publish this dialogue as soon as
this favor is granted. MJ

130 YARD SALES

DEADLINE FOR
YARD SALE
SUBMISSIONS IS
NOON MONDAY
FOR ALL
MASS. WEEKLY
PAPERS
Deadline subject to
change due to holidays
Call for more info

200 GEN. BUSINESS

205 BOATS

MIRROCRAFT 12 FOOT"V"
BOTTOM. MINNKOTA
MAXXUM 40 POUND
THRUST, VARIABLE
DRIVE,VERY LOW HOURS. 3
SEATS WITH PEDESTALS
.OARS,ANCHOR,TRAILER,
SPARE TIRE . ALL VERY
GOOD CONDI-
TION.\$1500.00.CALL 508-987-
0386 LEAVE MESSAGE.

GREEN & SEASONED
FIREWOOD: Cut, Split & Deliv-
ered. Green Wood Lots
Wanted. Call Paul (508) 769-
2351

284 LOST & FOUND
PETS

Did you find
your pet?
Or find a home
for one?

LET US KNOW!!!
Please call us so that we
can take your ad
out of the paper...
Town-To-Town
Classifieds
508-909-4111

298 WANTED TO BUY

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

WAR RELICS & WAR
SOUVENIRS WANTED:
WWII & EARLIER CASH
WAITING! Helmets, Swords,
Daggers, Bayonets, Medals,
Badges, Flags, Uniforms, etc.
Over 40 Years Experience. Call
D a v i d
1-(508)688-0847. Ill Come To

442 LICENSED DAY
CARE

The Commonwealth of
Massachusetts Office of Child
Care Services requires that all
ads placed in the newspaper for
child care (daycare) in your
home include your license num-
ber

448 FURNITURE

SOLID OAK
RECTANGULAR
DINING TABLE
about 35 yrs old in sturdy condi-
tion but could use a light sand-
ing on top to
refresh Asking \$75.
CALL (508)637-1698

454 HOME
IMPROVEMENT

FURNITURE DOCTOR: Have
your furniture Professionally
restored at reasonable rates.
Furniture face lifting, painting,
striping to Refinishing, caring and
repairs. ANTIQUE DOCTOR,
Daniel Ross (508) 248-9225 or
(860)382-5410. 30 years in
business!

500 REAL ESTATE

530 HOUSES FOR SALE

PARK MODEL MOBILE
HOME - Highview Camp-
ground, West Brookfield. Sea-
son begins April 15th and closes
Oct. 15th. New windows, fur-
nace, refrigerator, and kitchen
floor. Call 508-873-6312.

546 CEMETERY LOTS

Worcester County Memorial
Park Garden of Valor, Paxton
Mass. 2 lots for sale. \$3,000 or
best offer for both lots. (valued at
\$8,500) Call 508-892-9843

400 SERVICES

433 CLEANING

HOUSE CLEANING AVAIL-
ABLE Reasonable rates.
Weekly, bi-weekly or monthly
times
available. Bonded- Call Wendy
for a FREE
estimate at:
774-262-9166

Automotive

700 AUTOMOTIVE

715 AUTO SERVICES

JUNK CARS WANTED
Highest \$CASH\$
Payouts In CT/MA/RI No
Title/keys OK Free Pick Up 401-
648-9300

725 AUTOMOBILES

2003 MERCURY GRAND
MARQUIS GS
Like New 21712 miles.
CALL
508-377-8729

725 AUTOMOBILES

2016 CHEVY CRUZE LT.
79,000 miles. 1.4 liter engine,
blue, remote start, Weather tech
mats. \$9000. Call 508-234-
6944.

FOR SALE
1999 GMC 3500
8 foot bed. 454 cubic inch en-
gine. New front and rear breaks.
New front rotters.
New radiator & water pump.
Four general ten ply tires. 1 year
old.Well maintained. \$2500
508-826-8891

725 AUTOMOBILES

VEHICALS FOR SALE 1999
F150 118k miles. 4x4 single
cab stepside capt. chairs
Loaded Red with Cap
\$4,000. 2002 Chevy Silver-
ado 2500 HD black long bed-
loaded with plow. Low mil-
lige. 67 thousand. \$7500.
Would consider partial trade.
Call Mike 508-752-7474.

740 MOTORCYCLES

2014 HARLEY
DAVIDSON
(low rider). Accessories added:
windshield, crash bar, saddle
bags. 5300
babied miles and care.
Silver metallic. Recorded 100%
mechanically sound by Shel-
don's of Auburn. Bike is truly
new condition.
Call 508-414-9134
for showing. Firm \$12,000 as
bike is MINT!

740 MOTORCYCLES

2014 Victory Vision Tour
Loaded with options Only 2,000
miles, not even broken in Paid
\$20,000. Asking \$13,500. Call
774-200-6387 email
moehagerty@msn.com

Our local news coverage is
Fantastic!

Stonebridge
Press

Print Worthy Moments

Be sure to hold on to your memories with a photo reprint. Available From All Of Our Publications.

Options & Prices

Digital Copy (emailed) \$5.00

4" x 6" Glossy Print \$5.00

8.5" x 11" Glossy Print \$10.00

Call or email Stonebridge Press today 508-909-4105 or
photos@stonebridgepress.com

You can also download your photo reprint form at
www.StonebridgePress.com

HELP WANTED

Town of Charlton Library Custodian Position

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a custodian position at the library. Provide support to Library service programs and meeting room groups. The Custodian is responsible for performing custodial, maintenance, and grounds keeping work.

This position is benefited at 35 hours per week.

Hours are Monday – Friday 3:30pm-11:00pm.

Salary range is \$16.00-\$18.00/hr

Application for Employment, found at www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources.

Applications can be emailed to Lynn.Dyer@townofcharlton.net.

Deadline to apply 3/9/20

The Town of Charlton is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diversity.



NOW HIRING

**BARTENDERS
& SERVERS**

Apply in person or at
saalemcrossinn.com



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Award-winning salon in Auburn is growing and looking for stylists to join our team.

Commission based employment and booth renters.
Privacy respected.

Email:

untamedsalonspa@gmail.com.

Temporary Cemetery Maintenance Worker

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a Maintenance Worker position for the Cemetery Department. Under the direction of the Cemetery Superintendent, the Maintenance Worker will help in maintaining the Town owned Cemeteries. This position will assist in all cemetery operations including setting up for graveside services. This is a temporary part-time position, during the months of April–November with an average of 32 hours per week. All applicants must be 18 yrs. or older, possess a valid driver's license, and be able to lift 75 pounds. It is preferred that candidates have outdoor landscaping skills.

Salary:\$15.00/hr. Applications can be found at www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources.

Applications are also available and will be accepted via walk-in or mail at:
Town Hall, Human Resources Department,
37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507.
This position will be open until filled.

The Town of Charlton is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diversity.

Toddler/Preschool Teacher Needed

at Discovery House Preschool in Dudley

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD

Fax Resume to:
1-508-949-8563

Or Call Kathy at:
508-943-0129

7D VAN DRIVER NEEDED

The Guild of St. Agnes, the largest childcare agency in Central MA is seeking a driver for our children in Webster

MUST HAVE a 7D license
through the Registry of Motor Vehicles
Must have a clean driving record
Must love children

The hours are Monday through Friday from 6am to 10am and 1:30pm to 5:30pm guaranteed 40 hours per week, paid snow days, 10 paid holidays, 3 personal days, 9 sick days, 4 weeks vacation after one year.

The Guild offers health, dental and vision insurance, a 401k with a 4% employer match and much more.
We are looking to fill the position in 7 to 14 days.

Job Type: Full-time
Salary: \$15.00 to \$15.14 /hour



Sharon A. Woodbury, Director of
Human Resources Public Relations
The Guild of St. Agnes
405 Grove Street, Suite 201
Worcester, MA 01605
(508)755-2238 ext. 22

HELP WANTED EXPERIENCED FLOOR TECHNICIAN/CLEANER

Mop, sweep, vac, strip and wax.
One year experience with high speed
propane buffer and auto floor
scrubber. Able to lift 50#. Cleaning
restrooms, washing windows,
emptying trash, dusting etc.
Dependable vehicle, cell phone.
Background check, drug test

RESUME, phone # and references to
Newearth@charter.net



**Your Local News with
your morning Coffee**

www.StonebridgePress.com

FULL TIME HR DIRECTOR

**The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a full-time
benefit-eligible Director position for its
Human Resources department.**

Under the general direction of the Town Administrator, the HR Director is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Town's Human Resources Program. Bachelor's Degree in related field and three years of experience in a Human Resources field; municipal personnel experience preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. PHR Certification or equivalent Human Resources certification preferred (one year allowed from date of hire to achieve). Starting salary \$78,333 –\$82,305 annually, dependent on qualifications;
application can be found at
<https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources>
or the HR office at 37 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507.
Deadline to apply is 3/9/20

NOW HIRING Laser/Waterjet/CNC Operator

Requirements

- Good understanding of machining and machine shop processes
- Ability to read and understand blueprints and technical documents
- Knowledge of precision measuring tools
- Good computer knowledge
- Ability to work with a group and independently
- Willing to work overtime as needed
- Training provided to individual with above skill sets
- Must pass pre-employment physical and drug screening
- Full time position, EOE, 1ST Shift

Benefits include

Paid Medical & Life Insurance, Paid Holidays,
Paid Personal days, 401k, Annual bonus

Interested applicants may apply by sending
Resume to

ERW Inc. PO Box 431 Putnam Ct. 06260

Or Email to resume@erwinc.com

****PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS****

ERW Inc.

PRECISION SHEET METAL AND MACHINED
PRODUCTS SINCE 1985

“Every Town Deserves a Good Local Newspaper”

Hiring? Reach More Local Applicants



Rather than go online where you are bound to get applicants from all over the world who click on every open job, why not advertise **locally**, where you will get qualified, **local** applicants for your **local** job.

- The Auburn New
- Blackstone Valley Tribune
- Spencer New Leader
- Southbridge News

- Webster Times
- Sturbridge Villager
- Charlton Villager

- Woodstock Villager
- Thompson Villager
- Putnam Villager
- Killingly Villager



Email: ads@stonebridgepress.news

Phone: (508) 909-4105

\$600
to buy approved
health items.



Now available at Walmart.

Get health-related items at no cost to you.

- Antacids, aspirin, and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines.
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture cream and tablets.
- Eye and ear care items.
- Cleansing wipes, bandages and first-aid supplies.
- Thermometers, blood pressure monitors and more.

Are you 65 or older and have MassHealth and Original Medicare?

With **UnitedHealthcare® Senior Care Options (HMO D-SNP)**, you get a Health & Wellness Products Card. Use it to shop at Walmart and other select retailers. Or shop by catalog, phone or online.



Learn more about the extra benefits you could get.
All at no cost to you. **Call 1-844-866-2944, TTY 711.**

Available at
Walmart



UnitedHealthcare®
Community Plan

UnitedHealthcare SCO is a Coordinated Care plan with a Medicare contract and a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Medicaid program. Enrollment in the plan depends on the plan's contract renewal with Medicare. This plan is a voluntary program that is available to anyone 65 and older who qualifies for MassHealth Standard and Original Medicare. If you have MassHealth Standard, but you do not qualify for Original Medicare, you may still be eligible to enroll in our MassHealth Senior Care Option plan and receive all of your MassHealth benefits through our SCO program.

H2226_191016_032735_M
UHCSCO_191016_032735

CST27301A

Kevin Meehan
Owner

If You Can Dream It, You Can Drive It!

IMPERIAL CARS.com

WHY PAY THE DIFFERENCE IF YOU CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE?

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Central New England's Newest Automile!

We sell more, so you save more!

Take a test drive & we will buy you a meal at the Miss Mendon Diner!

BAD CREDIT DON'T SWEAT IT! WE FINANCE YOUR FUTURE, NOT YOUR PAST.

OPEN MON-THURS: 9-9, FRI & SAT: 9-6, SUNDAY: 12-6
800-526-AUTO

Mike Penner
General Manager

EASY CAR LOANS

APPLY ONLINE OR CALL: 1-800-526-AUTO

100% CREDIT APPROVAL

2018 GRAND CHEROKEE 4x4
#119486A • LIMITED TRIM, NAV, V6, LEATHER, ALLOYS, MOONROOF

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$40,450~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$30,377**

SAVE \$10,100 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 JEEP CHEROKEE
#D10462L • LIMITED TRIM, 4X4, BACK-UP CAM, HEATED LEATHER

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$32,180~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$26,377**

SAVE \$5,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 CHEVY EQUINOX PREMIER SUV
#40411R

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,960~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$28,977**

SAVE \$10,000 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 FORD EXPLORER
#H1178V • XLT TRIM, 4X4, NAV, HEATED SEATS, MOONROOF

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$39,870~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$29,377**

SAVE \$10,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2018 TOYOTA CAMRY L
#H0937V • PREMIUM ALLOYS, BACK-UP CAM, LANE DEPARTURE

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$30,340~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,877**

SAVE \$12,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2016 FORD F-150 4x4 SUPERCREW
#H1099V

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,985~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$32,577**

SAVE \$9,400 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2018 JEEP RENEGADE
#D10295 • LATITUDE TRIM, 4X4, BACK-UP CAM, BLUETOOTH

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$27,120~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$16,377**

SAVE \$10,500 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 FORD ESCAPE SUV
#H1174L • TITANIUM TRIM, 4X4, LEATHER, TURBO, MOONROOF

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$32,475~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$18,577**

SAVE \$13,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

SPECIAL PURCHASE #P12700V

Like New 2019 FORD EDGE SEL SUV

ALL-WHEEL DRIVE

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$34,985~~
STARTING AT ONLY: **\$24,377**

6 Available

Heated Seats, Blind Spot Sensor, Turbo, Back-Up Cam, Alloys!

SAVE \$10,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2018 CHEVROLET CRUZE
#40145LV • LT, HATCHBACK, ALLOYS, KEYLESS START, 7" LCD

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$23,140~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$12,877**

SAVE \$10,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2017 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT w/1LT SUV
#40539L

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$41,305~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$22,377**

SAVE \$18,900 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE
#TM90857A • AWD, 17" ALLOYS, MOONROOF, BACK-UP CAM

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$31,358~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$18,577**

SAVE \$12,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2019 CHRYSLER PACIFICA
#D10391L • ALLOYS, LX TRIM, V6, PARKING SENSORS, BACK-UP CAM

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$34,650~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$22,377**

SAVE \$12,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2017 TOYOTA TACOMA DOUBLE CAB
#19-396A

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$44,665~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$29,877**

SAVE \$14,800 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2016 RAM 1500 TRADESMAN
#D10086L • 4X4, CREW CAB, 5.7L V8 HEMI, ALLOYS, TOWING PKG

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$36,650~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$23,377**

SAVE \$13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

2017 LINCOLN MKZ
#P12491LV • RESERVE, ALLOYS, NAV, BACK-UP CAM, MOONROOF

NEW Retail Price: ~~\$42,990~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$21,377**

SAVE \$21,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

LIKE NEW 2017 HYUNDAI TUCSON SPORT SUV
#H1341V

NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$30,475~~
WHOLESALE PRICE: **\$17,877**

SAVE \$12,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE!

SALE ENDS 03/11/20. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNT OR PROMOTION AND MUST USE DEALER SOURCE FINANCING. SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. SEE US FOR DETAILS. ESTIMATED KBB VALUES BASED ON VEHICLE CONDITION. AMOUNT MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR MILEAGE, WEAR AND TEAR, AND OPTIONS. NEW RETAIL PRICE BASED ON MSRP OF NEW MODELS. NOT VALID WITH PRIOR SALES. SELLING PRICE INCLUDING OUR \$1,000 IMPERIAL TRADE ASSISTANCE BONUS FOR A QUALIFYING 2010 OR NEWER TRADES. SEE US FOR DETAILS. ADVERTISED PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX, TITLE, REGISTRATION OR DOCUMENTATION FEE. VEHICLE MUST BE PAID IN FULL AND TAKE SAME DAY DELIVERY 5 DAY OR 200 MILE RETURN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUR TOTAL CONFIDENCE - IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR IMPERIAL CERTIFIED USED VEHICLE, BRING IT BACK WITHIN 5 DAYS OR 200 MILES AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A CREDIT OF YOUR FULL PURCHASE PRICE TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF ANOTHER VEHICLE. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS. PHOTOS ARE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

8-18 UXBRIDGE ROAD, RTE. 16 | MENDON, MA
154 EAST MAIN STREET | MILFORD, MA
300 FORTUNE BLVD. | MILFORD, MA