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Four Score maintains interest in Charlton



The proposed site of the Four Score marijuana facility at 144 Sturbridge Rd.

BY JASON BLEAU STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON - After selectmen put negotiations on hold in November, it looks like Four Score Holding LLC is going to continue to pursue setting up shop in Charlton.

The company approached the Board of Selectmen on Nov. 20 to discuss the status of a host agreement with the town, how-

ever those talks were stalled by a new pending bylaw in the town that would have required town meeting for the agreement to be approved. How the attorney general's office denied that bylaw in a letter released on Jan. 15 Four Score appears poised to continue negotiations as soon as possible.

The company's plan involves a proposed 20,000 square-foot facility to cultivate marijuana for moth medical and recreational use. The business would be housed at an existing building at 144 Sturbridge Rd., where another thousand square-feet of space will be added on to the building to suit the company's needs. However, the fate of the proposal was drawn into question after another marijuana-related busi-

Please Read FOUR SCORE, page A5

DWC's 2019 scholastic awards deadline

nears

DUDLEY — Four scholarships are being offered for the academic year 2019-20. Three scholarships will be offered to graduating female senior students residing in Dudley, Webster or Charlton. One of these will be offered strictly to a Dudley resident, and the other two will be selected from the three towns.

The fourth scholarship will be offered to a non-traditional adult woman student returning to college or accredited training program returning to academia after a space of time away from education who resides in the towns of Dudley, Webster, Charlton, or who is a current DWC member in good standing. The high school scholarship winners are not limited to SHRHS, BPRVHS, or Bartlett High School. Any qualified High School student from any high school who reside in Dudley, Webster or Charlton is eligible. DWC's four \$1,000 scholarship applications must be submitted by email by February 15, 2019. Applications are available at http://dudleywomansclub.org. Applications are submitted by email to dwcscholars@gmail.com.

The Dudley Woman's Club's mission is public service, with an emphasis on literacy and learning. In our 11th year, the DWC is excited to be able to continue our scholarship award program! Time is running out! Get your application submissions in now!

AG strikes down Charlton marijuana by

BY JASON BLEAU

General Laws Chapter 94G, the section of state law regarding regulation of the use and distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed. Hurley noted in her letter, "the statute does not require town meeting approval of a host community agreement of behalf of the host community." As such, allowing Charlton to implement such a bylaw would contradict with regulation the rest of the state has to abide by. Hurley further clarified that this was not the attempt of the attorney general's office

was approved by Charlton that the bylaw contradicts to take a position on the will rest."

Friday, January 25, 2019

CHARLTON – Despite earning support from voters in October a new bylaw in Charlton requiring town meeting approval for marijuana businesses has hit a snag as the state attorney general's office has disapproved the bylaw on the ground that it conflicts with state law.

Assistant attorney general Margaret Hurley released a statement on Tuesday, Jan. 15 rejecting all but a single clause in the bylaw. The regulation

voters in a 139-95 decision in October in reaction to the recent controversy over the Valley Green Grow project and public opinion that the Board of Selectmen didn't seek fair public input before signing a host agreement with the company in May. The town was warned by town council at that meeting that there could be a conflict with state laws and that the bylaw would likely be rejected.

In the statement released to the town of Charlton, assistant attorney general Hurley wrote

of the citizens or their public opinion of any marijuana related issues. The ruling sim-

ply upholds state law. "The Attorney General's limited standard of review requires her to approve or disapprove by-laws based solely on their consistency with state law, not on any policy views she may have on the subject matter or wisdom of the by-law," the letter states. "We approve the first clause of the by-law (requiring the Board of Selectmen to comply with G.L. c. 94G) but disapprove the

Part of the bylaw was also meant to negate any previous host agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen with companies like Valley Green Grow. In the letter Hurley also said the bylaw conflicts with the state statute as "unreasonably impracticable" and that the attorney general's office had been contacted by Valley Green Grow during the review of the bylaw detailing the company's steps taken during negotiations with town officials.

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PEO honors Chavez with P.E.O. Grant

CHARLTON — The P.E.O. the UNICEF Club secretary. organization is honored to announce that the prestigious P.E.O. grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year, was presented to Linda Chavez of Worcester, one of the practical nursing students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Class of 2019. The scholarship was presented to Chavez by Beth Clay, Jane Flynn, and Pam Thomas-Nielsen.

The scholarship is based on potential for future success, excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, and academics. Chavez exemplifies each of these pillars through her academic excellence, well-rounded interests and involvement, passion for leadership and serving others, and immense dedication to the interest of nursing. Chavez has been voted

The P.E.O grant is intended for use in completing a degree or certification necessary for improving or gaining skills leading to employment. P.E.O is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

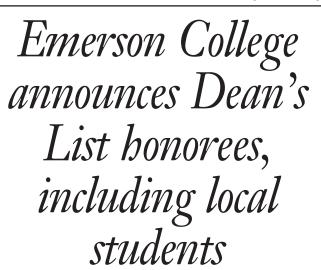
About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), fulltime, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam.



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BOSTON — The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester.

Joseph DuBois of Uxbridge	
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Sophie Lynch of Uxbridge	

- Michelle Gaudet of Charlton
- About Emerson College

Located in Boston, Mass., opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.based program opened in January 2014. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit www.emerson.edu.



FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the students that have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester.

- Kristen Gonzales of Uxbridge
- Robert Healy of Uxbridge
- Ryann Leaming of Uxbridge Jordan Marrier of Charlton City

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.



Local students named to Dean's List at the University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. -The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2018.

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Anthony D'Elia, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Olivia Gould, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Bachelor of Science in National Security Melissa Knopf, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

Mackensie Plante, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Genetics and Biotechnology Casey Robson, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Forensic Science

About the University New Haven of The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It's a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students, with campuses around the

country and around the world.

Within our colleges and schools, students immerse themselves in a transformative, career-focused education across the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, engineering, healthcare, public safety, and public service. We offer more than 100 academic programs, all grounded in a long-standing commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary, project-based learning.

Information is available at www. newhaven.edu.

Morgan Mitchell named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER — Morgan Mitchell of Charlton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) fall 2018 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 85-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 100,000 students worldwide, SNHU offers over 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each student. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Miranda Simpson graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. — Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Miranda Simpson, of Charlton graduated with a B.S. in Cybersecurity & Networking in December 2018.

About RWU

With campuses on the coast of Bristol

SNHU ANNOUNCES FALL 2018 DEAN'S LIST

MANCHESTER — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the fall 2018 Dean's List.

Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

- Haley Ante of Uxbridge
- Kathleen Landry of Charlton

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LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO FALL DEAN'S)NEHII

EASTON — 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.

Megan Salemi of Uxbridge, Class of 2019. Ian Vescera of Uxbridge, Class of 2019. Brooke Vescera of Uxbridge, Class of 2020. Gwyneth Gould of Charlton, Class of 2022. Meaghan Remillard of Uxbridge, Class of 2022.

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Old Sturbridge Village launches Winter Warmth and Cheer program





Annie Sandoli Photos

During weekends in January and February, guests at Old Sturbridge Village can witness period relevant preparations for a seasonal celebration at Winter Warmth and Cheer, the museum's newest way to welcome the coldest months of the year. Here, we see a cooking demonstration in the Salem Towne House.

> **BY ANNIE SANDOLI** VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—During weekends in January and February, guests at Old Sturbridge Village can witness period relevant preparations for a seasonal celebration at Winter Warmth and Cheer, the museum's newest way to welcome the coldest months of the year.

The event, which takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends of Jan. 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27 and Feb. 2-3 and 9-10, features interpreters getting ready for a winter ball, which was a common happening for residents in

early 19th century New England towns. "During the spring, summer, and fall in the 1830s, you had a lot more work to get done, so you had more time for socialization in the winter," said Rhys Simmons, Director of Interpretation at Old Sturbridge Village. "Groups, wealthy individuals, or trade organizations would have put together these kind of balls and celebrations.'

Taking place primarily in the build-ings on the Village Common, Winter Warmth and Cheer includes events such as printing invitations to the ball in the Printing Office, learning about financing the expenses of a winter ball at the Bank, cooking for company and entertaining children with games and toys at the Fitch House, tailoring clothing at the Fenno House, farming chores

such as rendering

tallow and building fences at the Fenno Barn, making candles at the Small House, creating warm outerwear and fancy bonnets at the Parsonage, and choosing dresses and hair styles at the Salem Towne House.

"The idea for doing this was to give the center village a theme and make it feel a little more alive," said Simmons. "Not that it doesn't feel that way every day, but this event gives each exhibit something to play off of one another and keeps it more centralized.

During Winter Warmth and Cheer, the Bullard Tavern is serving homemade soups and desserts, as well as three special cocktails at the bar for an additional charge. Live music and dance lessons also take place in the tavern each day, bringing winter ball traditions to life and allowing visitors to participate.

'You would have dancing masters come through because learning how to dance was really important, not just for learning the dances, but to learn how to comport yourself in public,' said Susan Trudeau, an interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village who spent this past weekend telling winter tales in the Friends Meetinghouse and discussing the rules of the ball. "The old-timers like to do a contradance, which is a line of men and a line of women, but now we are getting into something called a qua-

drille, where it's groups of four. We are not going to do waltzes because waltzes means you're touching someone and that is a little too fast."

Winter Warm and Cheer was introduced this year to replace Midwinter Mischief, an immersive production that allowed guests to take part in the story of a Yankee peddler passing through the village, and the two events have some distinct similarities.

"That program had a lot of benefits and the audience really liked it," said Simmons. "We decided not to do the same program for various reasons, but a lot of us loved it, so what we tried to do with this program is fit in some of the same elements. One of the things that was great about it was the fact that every space you went into was tied into one theme. Another really great thing was focusing on one part of the museum.'

Because Winter Warmth and Cheer focuses on the Village Common, certain exhibits in the countryside and mill areas, such as the Bixby House and Blacksmith shop, are not open or staffed.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Old Sturbridge Village at 800-733-1830 or go to https://www.osv.org/event/winterwarmth-and-cheer.

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Kaitlyn Jean Woods named to Husson University's Honors List

BANGOR, Maine - Charlton resident, Kaitlyn Jean Woods, has been named to Husson University's Honors List for the Fall 2018 semester.

Woods is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies/Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program.

Students who make the Honors List must carry at least 12 graded credit hours during the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 to 3.59 during the period.

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Sturbridge Farmer's Market preparing for second season

BY ANNIE SANDOLI VILLAGER CORRESPONDE

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Farmers Market is getting ready for its 2019 season, with vendor applications open now until Feb. 1 for the early review period, and until March 1 for the regular review period.

The market, which will take place on

the Sturbridge Common every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting June 9 and ending Oct. 6, was created last year to support local food growers and artisans, promote sustainable agriculture and buying from small businesses, encourage the town's economic development, and strengthen the community by providing a healthy outdoor activity. 'We had a very successful first



Annie Sandoli Photo

The Sturbridge Farmers Market is getting ready for its 2019 season, with vendor applications open now until Feb. 1 for the early review period, and until March 1 for the regular review period. Pictured here are Cara Germain and Michael Zueger, owners of Free Living Farm.

year with upwards of 60 applicants, and as of right now I already have 33 applications," said Kevin Filchak, the Sturbridge Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator. "We are expecting another great year."

In 2018, more than 20 vendors, including Free Living Farm, Hunt Road Berry Farm, Revive Coffee Roaster, Thompson's Maple Farm, Echo Farm, Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Be Mindful Skin Care, Meadow Stone Farm Artisan Cheese, Crust Bakeshop, and Just a Nibble, set up each week free of charge to sell everything from organic produce, specialty coffee, and homemade ice cream to essential oils, beeswax cosmetics, and handmade soaps, and this year, many are expected to return and even more are expected to join.

"We have been marketing the Sturbridge Farmer's Market in more publications in the commonwealth, so it is very likely that we will see a lot of new vendors," said Filchak.

Last year, local musical acts, including Dan Feeley, Sarah Huber, Haphazard Jazz The Midnight Riders, The Island Castaways, Watson & Co. Minus Watson, Kristie and Ron, Tea for Three, Jesse Ljunggren, Jared Fiske and John Hankis, and CJ the Storyteller and Musician, were featured each week during the second half of the event. All the musicians volunteered their time and received a very good response from farmer's market participants.

'You should expect music again,

whether it's paid or volunteered is still to be determined," said Filchak. "We had great musicians last year and will probably do something similar this year.

Those who have already put in an application to be a vendor or are planning to do so should note that early review period applicants must respond by Feb. 15 and regular review period applicants must

respond by March 15. No applications submitted after March 1 will be considered.

"For anyone who is applying, do so as soon as possible because we are limited on space and we already have a lot of applicants," said Filchak. "If you are hoping to participate, apply now.³

To apply to be a vendor, volunteer, or musician at the 2019 Sturbridge Farmers Market or for more information about the event, go to https://www. town.sturbridge.ma.us/visitors/pages/ sturbridge-farmers-market-0.





The due date for sending 2018 Forms 1099 to vendors and others who performed work for your

business is Jan. 31. The penalties for failing to do this have increased and can now be more than \$270 per form. Generally, amounts paid to corporations are exempt from the filing requirement, but there are exceptions. Call for details.

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Woman in Business, Tantasqua Drama Club team up for Dinner Theater Fundraiser

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WIB'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

STURBRIDGE — Woman in Business, Inc. (WIB), a 501 (c)(3) that fosters networking, information sharing, and providing educational opportunities for local business women of all career paths, will team up with the Tantasqua Regional High School (TRHS) Drama Club for the second year in a row to collaborate on a fundraiser to support the WIB Scholarship Fund.

Held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Thursday, March 7, tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person at wibsturbridge.org. Ticket cost includes a buffet dinner, sweet treats desserts and performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Special guest emcee for the evening is Adam Webster, 98.9 Nash Icon and 100.1 The Pike.

The performance this year is

titled "All in the Timing," performed by TRHS Drama Club students. Under the supervision and mentorship of TRHS English Teacher Samantha Briggs, the show will involve about a dozen students who perform six one-act plays. Some of the students are also playing the role of director for each play, including Alyssa Cameron & Olivia Hood, Andrew Gustavson, Abby Trent, Alexis Carson & Hope Dolan and Kat Henry.

"We are so excited to once again partner with Woman in Business and display a great theatrical performance," Briggs said. "We are fortunate to have an opportunity to support a local nonprofit and show our community how much amazing talent there is within our theater program."

"All in the Timing" is the winner of

the John Gassner Playwriting Award. This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun.

Over the last 27 years, WIB has awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships to more than 100 graduating seniors and young women within its community footprint for their continuing education.

"Supporting high school graduates to pursue their education and career paths is such an important part of Woman in Business," said WIB President Laurie Nelson. "We are so excited to have the talent of Tantasqua students and the vision of Samantha Briggs who will again entertain our audience and help support our scholarship fund for local students."

The evening will also feature a tra-

ditional "penny auction;" guests are encouraged to bring cash to enter to win some great prizes.

Woman in Business, Inc. is also looking for community members or businesses interested in sponsoring or donating to the event. Sponsor levels start at \$100 and businesses can be recognized on many platforms, including social media, printed program booklets and on-site signage. Leading sponsors will also receive complimentary tickets to Woman in Business' Scholarship Awards luncheon in June. Additional information on sponsorships and tickets can be found by visiting wibsturbridge.org or email info@wibsturbridge.org.

Sen. Fattman calls for heating assistance as federal funds diminish

BOSTON — State Sen. Ryan C. Fattman joined fellow lawmakers urging Governor Charlie Baker to assist state residents receiving low-income heating assistance who are at risk due to a federal funding shortfall. The program, known as LIHEAP, serves more than 160,000 households in the state.

More than 70 members of the

House of Representative and State Senate joined in a bi-partisan effort to request a \$30 million appropriation meant to shore up shortages in heating fuel access. It is estimated nearly 48,000 supported oil heat households have exhausted their fuel assistance benefit already, and nearly all will have exhausted it by the end of January, leaving them in a perilous position for the rest of the winter.

"It's essential to keep our most vulnerable populations warm as the winter continues on. Protecting people on fixed incomes, veterans, our elderly, and those will low income is critical during the uncertainty surrounding future oil assistance funding," said Fattman. The Low Income Home

Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides eligible households with help in paying a portion of winter heating bills. Eligibility, based on household size and the annual income of every adult household member, provides assistance for electric and gas utility bills and other heat sources including oil and propane.

Lawmakers have connect-

ed with the Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP), Massachusetts AARP, and the leaders of dozens of non-profit human service and advocacy organizations across the state to respond to the growing need.

"Prolonged bitterly cold weather and rising heating oil prices have combined to make staying warm this winter a nightmare for tens of thousands of vulnerable households who heat with oil," said MASSCAP's Executive Director Joe Diamond. "Particularly at risk are children, seniors, and veterans across the Commonwealth. This is all made worse by the fact that Massachusetts is faced with a cut of \$11 million in its federal fuel assistance allocation this year."

The fuel assistance program administered by the state Department of Housing and Community Development, and carried out by community action agencies and other community groups, has had an increase in applicants of more than 20 percent from last year.

The lawmakers, hopeful for a swift resolution, note that there has been significant cooperation between the branches over the past three decades in responding to limited federal funding and extreme winter weather conditions.

To reach Senator Fattman regarding heat assistance please call 774-276-7128 or the senate office at 617-722-1420.

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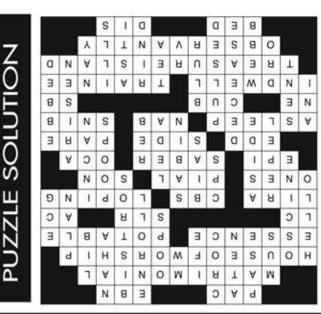
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O. Moore (D-Millbury) has announced that Gov. Charlie Baker signed legislation to ensure confidentiality for first responders when participating in peer support services following critical incidents. The bill passed the Senate and House of Representatives with unanimous support in December of last year.

"Police officers, firefighters, and paramedics work under trving circumstances in the best of times, and these critical incidents can greatly increase the dangers associated with mental health," said Moore. "These sensible confidentiality protections will allow our firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers to seek the help they need without fear of stigmatization."

"Providing law enforcement officers with the ability to confidentially seek guidance from their peers will help them cope with the events they experience in the line of duty," said Baker. "We are thankful for the Legislature and law enforcement for their advocacy on this bill to increase support for services and reduce stigma around mental health issues.

Responding to a critical incident can have a significant effect on the mental health of the Commonwealth's firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers. In order to ensure prompt access to the necessary services, many departments rely on trained peer support counselors. These counselors can direct the affected first responders to the necessary mental health support services, or offer their own support as needed.

However, the lack of confidentiality afforded these peer support counselors has complicated their roles, and dissuaded some first responders from using this service. The sensitive nature



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Sen. Michael Moore with Governor Charlie Baker. Lt. Governor Karvn Polito. legislative colleagues and first responders in the Corner Office at the State House

of mental health issues is further compounded by concerns that first responders will experience professional adversity due to their decision to seek mental help. Basic confidentiality protections will encourage greater participation, expanding access to services and improving the mental health and performance of first responders.

The legislation provides that a critical incident stress management team member shall not be required to testify or divulge any information obtained during the receipt of critical incident stress or crisis intervention services. The language also provides for limited exemptions, including when a person is in danger of serious bodily harm or death, or if the information indicates the existence of a crime.

"First responders put their own safety on the line to help those in need, and we need to be conscious of the mental toll that their demanding and critically important work can take," said Public Safety Secretary Tom "This law is designed Turco. to encourage first responders to seek the assistance they may need, from peers who understand what they are going through, without the worry that doing so may damage their employment status or stigmatize them.'

The new law is codified as Chapter 329 of the Acts of 2018. To view the language, please visit the Legislature's Web site, www.malegislature.gov.

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Worcester County DA plans to keep focus on crime prevention in fourth term

WORCESTER — District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. took the oath of office for the fourth time last Thursday and said he plans to continue his focus on crime prevention in his new term.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is that during my 12 years in office is that we've had a 57 percent reduction in juvenile crime," Mr. Early said after his swearing in. "That happened by working together with all of our partners. I'm really looking forward to continuing to work with all of our community partners over the next



four years."

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito administered Mr. Early's oath of office on Thursday afternoon at Jacob Hiatt Magnet Elementary School in Worcester.

Mr. Early highlighted many of the office's prevention programs that are presented to schools across Worcester County, including an anti-bullying and cyber safety program, an evi-dence-based program concerning opioids for middle school students "This Is (Not) About Drugs," and a texting and driving program for high school juniors and seniors. The office also offers other educational programming to parents and senior centers focused on prescription medication safety and scams and frauds.

As District Attorney, Mr. Early has also expanded the use of drug forfeiture funds for prevention efforts by putting the money seized from drug dealers back into the community in ways that support youth programming to keep kids busy around responsible adults and out of trouble.

"I'm also looking forward to con-tinuing the work we've been doing to address the opioid epidemic," Mr. Early said. "Our Opioid Task Force is more than 400 members strong and we're constantly looking at new and innovative ways to address this issue, which claims hundreds of lives every year in Worcester County."

Recently, the office received a grant to expand a drug diversion program offered in Leominster, Gardner and Winchendon to additional courts in Clinton, Fitchburg and Milford. This program is one of several diversion programs offered by the District Attorney's office. It specifically helps those suffer-ing from substance use disorder get the help they need while avoiding a criminal record that could hinder their ability to lead a productive life in recovery.

"I want to thank the voters in Worcester County for allowing me to serve four more years and I'd like to thank my family, my wife Judy, our five children, my mother and my late father, Congressman Joseph D. Early, and the many friends who have supported me and got me started in public service," Mr. Early said. "I'd also like to thank my staff for continuing to work to uphold our mission to keep our communities safe.'

Pasture Time Players hosting auditions for spring show

CHARLTON — The Pasture Prime Players will hold auditions for their Spring production of "Lost and Found," an original play written by local playwright, Ed Humphries.

Auditions will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The production is looking for adults in their 20s through 50s for a variety of roles. Auditions will consist of live readings from the script and will be held at the Pasture Prime Theater at 4 Dresser Hill Rd, Charlton, MA 01507.

"Lost and Found" will be performed at the Pasture Prime Theater on the weekends of April 26-28 and May 3-5.

Additional details can be found at www.pastureprime.org or by contacting Ed Humphries at ehumphries72@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Bank appoints Alan Peppel to Board of Directors

pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Peppel to its Board of Directors. A former Southbridge Savings Bank Board Member, Peppel is replacing John Colognesi's seat on the now Cornerstone Bank Board. Colognesi first became a Director for Southbridge Savings Bank in 1984; in October 2018, he retired as a Director and was named an Honorary Director of Cornerstone Bank.

A Missouri native and now longtime resident of Central Massachusetts, Peppel holds a BA in Economics from Carleton College and an MBA from Nichols College. He is also a graduate of the Management Course of the American Management Association and is certified as a Food Service Professional by the National Association of Food

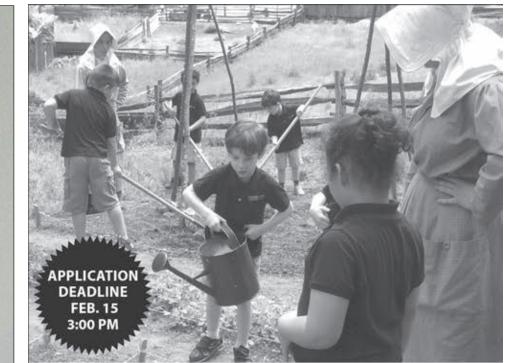
WORCESTER—Cornerstone Bank is Equipment Manufacturers. Currently, Peppel is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Affinity Group and CEO of Dexter-Russell, Inc. Along with his new Board Member position with Cornerstone Bank, Peppel also serves on and is a member of many local boards and organizations.

We thank John for his contributions and service to the Board over the years, and we're honored to have someone as experienced as Alan to join our Board," stated Chairman and CEO of Cornerstone Bank K. Michael Robbins.

"Alan embodies the spirit of community. We are fortunate to have him by our side as we continue to strengthen community in Worcester County." commented President and Treasurer of Cornerstone Bank Todd M. Tallman.

About Cornerstone Bank

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Alan Peppel

FOUR SCORE

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ness, Valley Green Grow, became the subject of controversy in 2018 partially due to the public's concern that they did not have a say in whether or not selectmen could approve a host agreement with the entity. The attorney general's letter solidified selectmen as the authorizing power meaning they will have the final say in the fate of any pending host agreement with Four Score.

Town Administrator Robin Craver laid out the situation during an appearance by Four Score at a Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 15.

"One of the reasons the board had held on moving forward with Four Score was because you weren't sure on whether or not it needed to go to town meeting," Craver said. "Based on the AG's decision today (the board of selectmen) is the contracting authority."

The application has gone before the

Planning Board for discussion, however their decision was also halted due to the lack of a host agreement. The Planning Board did allow Four Score to submit a site plan and special permit application all the same after being informed the board could make a determination pending a host agreement.

Daniel Glissman, an attorney representing Four Score, was present at the meeting and sought input from selectmen on how the company should proceed with the knowledge of the attorney general's recent decision on the proposed bylaw. He was asked to provide his information to the marijuana advisory committee while the Board of Selectmen asked the town administrator to continue discussions and negotiations with Glissman and Four Score.

Board of Selectmen Chair John McGrath warned citizens that pending those negotiations a host agreement could be voted on as early as the next meeting of the board on Jan. 29.

Give Your Child A History-Making Education!

Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School is currently accepting applications for students entering kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grades for the 2019-2020 year.

Applications can be found at <u>www.osacps.org</u> or by calling 774-922-1840. The deadline to enroll your child in this free, public school is February 15, 2019 at 3:00 PM.



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chicken and other vegetables.

Boost your early harvest season with Valentine grape tomatoes. You'll enjoy the vivid deep red color and sweet flavor. Plus, this productive plant provides plenty of tomatoes for snacking, salads and to share with friends.

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Pot up one or more Patio Choice tomatoes for your patio, deck or tabletop. Each compact 18-inch plant produces up to 100 yellow cherry tomatoes. Just one fruit-covered plant in a decorative pot creates as colorful a centerpiece as a bouquet of yellow flowers.

Don't forget to add Red Racer cocktail tomatoes to the mix. The fruit are about the size of ping pong balls and perfect for stuffing, flavorful enough for salads and hearty enough for soups and stews.

Dress up your salads, sauces and sandwiches with colorful tomato slices. The six Chef's Choice tomato varieties provide a rainbow of colors for the relish tray. Guests will have trouble deciding between the red, orange, pink, yellow, green and now black-fruited varieties. These beefsteak tomatoes have the right balance between sugar and acid; perfect for eating fresh and cooking.

Consider mixing any of these winning tomato varieties in with your ornamental plants. A few tomatoes tucked into mixed borders or at the back of a flowerbed can add color, texture and interest to any landscape.

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All-America Selections judges declared the unique Midnight Black cherry tomato a big improvement in the flavor of purple tomatoes.

Just be sure there's easy access for harvesting and use decorative obelisks and towers to support taller varieties in style.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 garden-

ing 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.

Readers Share Tips and Tricks

The new year is here and with it comes a fresh resolve to reach our goals. While some vows are lofty, it's often the little, everyday hassles that often get in the way of crossing off our list of accomplishments. Thanks to readers who took to the time to share their strategies to save time, money and stress, thus eliminating a few of the little nuisances in life!

safe around children and pets.

The cost is about \$9 for one item and it will last quite a while depending on the water hardness.

Cathy Buonomo Brookfield, Mass.

This reader's clever tip



your favorite cards, but makes repurposing them an enjoyable, annual project:

Hi Karen, my fiancé lives in Webster and I live in Rhode Island. Every weekend

not only preserves inside each Christmas card their new address or phone and will store them after the holidays.

This way, I have a hard copy of the address updates.

Viola Bramel Northbridge, Mass.

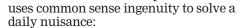
Prize Winner Congratulations to Lorraine

Hard water is hard to deal with! Thankfully, this reader did her research and discovered an effective cure for the telltale stains that hard water leaves behind:

This tip addresses how to remove hard water ring around toilet. If you have a hard water ring around the toilet that resists bleach, CLR, or any other chemical method, try the Pumie toilet bowl ring remover (#TBR-6 available on Amazon.com and possibly Ace hardware stores).

The Pumie is a rectangular piece of pumice stone on plastic handle. Brush the bowl first with a standard toilet bowl cleaner and then scrub the hard water ring in a circular motion with the Pumie. It does make a horrible scratching sound when you scrub but no damage is done to the porcelain surface.

The results are magical and in no time it will rid your toilet bowl of rust and lime build-up through gentle abrasive action. Also it is all-natural so it is



When no one is around to help me clasp my bracelets, I've discovered an easy solution. I scotch tape the "ring end" onto my wrist, leaving the ring exposed, then I can open the clasp with my free hand and hook onto the ring without having trouble "connecting. The ring is not a moving target!

The scotch tape is easily, painlessly removed and you're off and running, wearing a bracelet.

- Janis Nelson Charlton, Mass.

Recycling is good for the pocketbook and the planet, and this seasonal idea

when I get to his house I look forward to reading your tips and hints. My tip is: every year I save the Christmas cards I receive and the following year I tear off the front, fold in half, cut size, and use as name gift tags on gifts. They look so pretty and I save money buying tags.

Lorraine Suzman N Providence, R.I.

This reader shares a great way to update your address book with little effort:

New cards and new addresses came in with the Christmas card this year. In addition to cutting off the address label, I put the new date year on it and tape it in my address book. In addition, I wrote Suzman, whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the recycling tip above.

Win Dinner for Two

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

POT BYLAW

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"The letter reaffirms our conclusion that the prospect of a previously negotiated agreement being potentially rendered 'null and void' by a later determination that it does not comply with (regulations) poses unreasonable risk

to an applicant such that a reasonably prudent business person would not proceed under that requirement. This is especially the case because the by-law does not specify who will determine whether any previously signed host community agreement is a violation of the statute or the process by which this determination will be made," wrote Hurley.

This is only the latest in a continuing saga concerning the fate of marijuana sales and businesses in the town of Charlton. On Jan. 2, the Planning Board unanimously rejected the plan for the Valley Green Grow project. The Planning Board is expected to address the subdivision plans in March.

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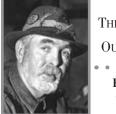
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Safe ice brings anglers out in force



The Great Outdoors Ralph True

Finally, we have some safe ice on most ponds in the valley, allowing anglers the opportunity to do some fishing. This past weekend, many anglers were fishing with friends and family, and some impressive fish were caught. Last week, prior to the storm, this writer and my brother Ken fished Manchaug Pond and after a couple of hours of fishing, not a single fish was caught. We were using only Jig sticks, but It is the first time that I can remember not catching a single fish.

This past week, I attended the monthly meeting of the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs which was held at the Singletary Rod & Gun club in Oxford Mass.

Being a delegate for close to 50 years for numerous clubs in the valley, I decided to attend the meeting to see if it still works the same from years ago. Meeting a lot of old friends like Mel Crouse, now in his 90's and still hunting, was indeed a pleasure. Mel & his brother still hunt together and harvested a nice buck in Maine a couple of years ago. They stayed close together, and when they both spotted the buck at the same time they decided to try firing at the same time. The buck dropped in his tracks.

They both managed to drag the big buck out of the woods. They do not make many guys like this anymore.

I also had a chance to speak to Mike Moss, a long time member of the league and president of the Sportsmen's council. He and his wife, Shelia Moss, are both active in both organizations. A lot of the old members were no longer there, and I was told that many were deceased. It sure makes you realize how lucky some of us are to still be involved in the activities of the league, and in the hunting and fishing activities that we enjoy every year. Both organizations have been working for sportsmen's interest for many years, and are dedicated to keep sportsmen's interest represented in the statehouse and with Mass.



Fish & Wildlife. Unfortunately, they have not been successful in getting MF&W and the legislators to pass a Sunday Hunting Bill or a crossbow bill that would allow anyone to hunt with a crossbow in Massachusetts.

A couple of local sportsmen were at the meeting, and inquired about having the Division aquire another shipment of shoal spawning alewives (bait fish) into Wallum lake and Webster Lake. When the alewives were introduced to the lake for the first time 20 or 30 years ago, the trout grew rapidly, and catching a four pound trot from wallum was a weekly or daily event. The officials at the meeting did not seem interested in the idea. The sportsmen vowed to pursue the matter, in hopes of changing their minds. Stay tuned! Change does not come easy in Mass. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club put on a great roast pork dinner for all in attendance. It was a Humdinger!

I also spoke with a Singletary club member that was heading to Nantucket Island to hunt rabbits the following week. He stated that rabbit hunting on the Island was great. He did not have his own beagles, but he had a fellow hunter that was taking him out for a rabbit hunt. Unfortunately, the briar patches are still hard on both man and dogs but they manage to harvest a few rabbits on each trip. There is nothing like listening to a few beagles trailing a rabbit through fields and swamps. The good old days!

A young lady also was anxious to tell me about her Montana hunting trip last year were she harvested a great bull Elk while hunting with her husband. Unfortunately, the picture she gave me showing the 70 year old Ruth Granger with her Elk that she harvested using her 306 Remington rifle could not be used. The animal was dressed in the wilderness and packed out. Her family is still enjoying some great eating of Elk steaks.

Did you know that a gray squirrel can live up to 25 years? It is no wonder that there are so many gray squirrels in the valley. Red squirrels can live up to 15 - 20 years also , but can cause a lot more damage to bird feeders and homes. There are very few hunters that participate in squirrel hunting, but there are plenty of predators that help keep there population down. Hawks, Fisher cat, coyotes , etc. harvest a lot of squirrels annually.

This past weekend, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held there second annual «Founders Day» event that was filled to capacity. A prime Rib dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. A DJ provided music. Thanks to all of the members and officers of the club for putting on such a great

evening of enjoyment and food. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold there annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Jan. 27. A breakfast will be serve at 6 a.m., and the derby will start at 7 a.m.! The pond was stocked with trout last Saturday. Stay tuned for more ice fishing derby's being planned in the com-

ing weeks. This week's picture show Dan Southwick with a huge largemouth bass that he caught a few years ago while ice fishing. He knows how to catch fish. Monster pike are one of his favorite game fish to catch. All fish are released on site. I am sure I will be receiving some pictures of big fish now that the ice seems to have settled in on most lakes and ponds.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

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CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

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.

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Call Elaine or Debra for more info at (508) 248-2231 ~ Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center. Flyers are available on webpage www.town-ofcharlton.net: click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center. Pick up is generally from St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Road Extension, Charlton.

March 12: Celtic Angels of Ireland & Celtic Knight Dancers at Venus De Milo.

Be transported to Ireland with some of the sweetest voices under heaven! The Celtic Angels: Victoria Kenny, Emily Carroll, Tammy Browne, Amy Penston and Ellie Mullane are Irish to the core and seasoned entertainer all.

The Celtic Knight Dancers feature two lead dancers of Riverdance. Their rhythm and artistry are astonishing.

The Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin round out the show with flawless interpretations of authentic Irish traditional instrumental and their backing of both singers and dancers is perfection. \$92 includes: lunch, show and transportation. (Driver gratuity not included). Payment due Feb. 12, 2019. Make check payable to: Best of Times

April 25: Dancing Dream an ABBA tribute band!

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Small gestures, big results

Never doubt how much a simple, kind word or gesture means.

Imagine a typical Monday morning scenario - some traffic, a few minor annoyances, misplaced files and other "Monday things." Maybe it's also raining. A very "Monday" kind of day, for sure. You stop for coffee.

As you wait in line, you mentally began running down the list of bad things already piling up in your morning. When it is time to pay, the woman at the counter makes eye contact, smiles and tells you she hopes you'll have a good day. She really seems to mean it.

You leave the shop with your coffee, a smile on your face and a feeling of appreciation for that cashier and her expression of kindness. The day already starts to look up. Small gestures really do matter.

Our world loves to celebrate and reward big gestures – remember the Walmart stories from December, when athletes and other celebrities secretly paid off the balances for customers with items in layaway? The big gesture gets recognition and celebration and lots of media coverage. Sometimes the big gesture deserves that kind of attention – people helping one another in a big way IS big news, and very good news. We need more of that.

But what about the small things? Don't they deserve recognition somehow? The cashier's smile and wish for your day would only take a fraction of a minute, but it could turn around another person's mood and possibly his or her day. Holding the door – anyone for anybody – is another small gesture that reminds us that more than anything else, we need to treat each other well. How about letting the person with fewer items get in line in front of you at the grocery store? That small act of kindness just might allow that person to arrive somewhere on time, instead of a few minutes late. Leaving a few extra quarters in the parking meter might help someone who's caught short of change. And a smile and nod to anyone you pass just might lift someone's mood, as that hypothetical cashier's would do. Do these gestures get media coverage? No. And most aren't done for that purpose anyway. Do we know that our small gestures make an impact? Not always. But knowing the outcome isn't the point. A small, kind gesture bridges the space between people. It costs nothing. It never hurts. It almost always helps. It just might cause the recipient to offer their own small gesture to another person. And that's a big result.

To the Editor: There has been an absolute media frenzy regarding Troop E and the overtime abuse scandal. It's as if all State Police are corrupt. This works in well with the social trend to disrespect all police officers, and it simply must stop. In the private or public sector, there will always be those who take advantage, but on the whole, most people, I believe, are good and honest and try to do their jobs to the best of their ability. They love their

jobs and take pride in their work. Take State Police Officer Lt. David Wilson for example. Here is a man who has worked for the State Police for 32 years. He has received numerous commendations for meritorious service. This is a good man, loved and respected by his fellow officers, his family, friends, and community. He coached lacrosse at the local high school, fostered more than 50 children in his home, and recently adopted two of them.

There was never an overtime shift that he did not go to. Recently, he was investigated by all departments, including internal affairs, as being eligible and suitable for retirement. No problems were found. He passed all investigations, and was allowed to retire.

Now enter this investigation, three days after he retired. The FBI came to his home, handcuffed and shackled him at 5:30 in the morning and put him in jail for six hours pending charges. It's been like this for Lt. Wilson since this whole thing started. The FBI, threatening and coercing this man for the past nine months. Every two weeks, a new round of questioning, and every time a media frenzy of news cameras as he entered and left the courtroom. All the while, the news is reporting charges which were later dropped, and all the while, Lt. Wilson is professing his innocence.

The State Police and, I dare say, all police are a brotherhood. They help each other, watch out for each other and have each other's backs. The overtime shifts for Troop E always involved four hours, where any officer who took a shift was asked to stop eight cars during that four hours with the full compensation of a completed shift. Let's acknowledge that the most dangerous job for any police officer is routine traffic stops. That's when the unknown can happen in an instant. As with most overtime shifts (police, fire, linesmen, contractors, many state jobs, etc.), if you fill your quota of finish your job, you're allowed to leave. It may be tacit approval, but it's understood by all as being how things work. If Lt. Wilson finished his

relieving Lt. Wilson at times would come in early and relieve him. This is how police officers work; they help each other, and this is why Lt. Wilson was allowed to retire with no problems. How he did his job was status quo.

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

TO THE EDITOR

I stand with Lt. Wilson

So, after investigating the last three years of his work record, the FBI feels that he didn't fulfill his overtime requirement to the tune of more than \$12,000. If lt. Wilson disagrees with these charges, why then did he recently plead guilty? Under the extreme duress of being threatened with wire fraud charges because he receives his paycheck electronically, he felt it would be too much to be threatened to be away his family for this long a time. This charge would give him a mandatory five-year term in state prison.

I have many questions as to how this investigation is being run, and has been run. Who has been in charge of monitoring payroll and supervision of shifts for the last 50 years? This behavior has been ongoing and part of procedure throughout the law enforcement community for as long as there has been a Mass Pike. Why now? If you want to change a system, you change it moving forward. It makes no sense to crucify the men and women who have done their jobs as they have been trained to.

This whole thing smacks of a political agenda or vendetta, and I wonder who stands the most to gain from slandering the State Police system? Why is Lt. Wilson guilty until proven innocent instead of the other way around? Why are these troopers not allowed to speak to each other in order to better plan a defense? Why was he arrested from the get go and not just called into a meeting? If you still feel he owes the \$12,000, why has he not been allowed to pay it back, even with interest? Why is he being threatened with jail time and loss of pension? Why is he being charged in both state and federal court on the same charge? Why is he even in federal court for such a small sum? Why such drama for a man who has done such a good job for the Commonwealth? Where is the respect? I, for one, stand in support of Lt. David Wilson, and I truly believe the powers that be need to step back and take a second look at this whole investigation and how it's being conducted. To me, it's a travesty. If Lt. Wilson is guilty of anything, it's of being a true workaholic and for providing for his family. I wonder if anyone can tell me how much money has been spent on this investigation to date, and how much overtime has been paid, and to whom.

> Sincerely, Ruth Berringer Charlton City

Are you prepared for a natural disaster?



FINANCIAL FOCUS JEFF BURDICK The year ahead offers new opportunities and experiences. But as you make plans throughout 2019, be mind-

ful of the things that can derail those plans – such as the natural disasters that affected so many families in 2018. Every area around the country is subject to natural disasters, whether they're wildfires, hurricanes or tornadoes. How can you prepare for them?

Here are a few suggestions:

Maintain adequate insurance. It's a good idea to review your homeowners' insurance at least annually to ensure it's still providing the protection you need. And make sure you know exactly what your policy covers in terms of natural disasters. You'll also want to review your life and disability insurance regularly. And, of course, you'll want to stay current on your premiums for all your policies.

Keep a record of your possessions. The insurance claims process will be much easier if you take the time, before a natural disaster occurs, to photograph or videotape the contents of your home. You also might want to list the brands and serial numbers of appliances and electronics.

Know your passwords. It's important to have ready access to the passwords for your financial accounts. You may be able to memorize them, but, if not, keep them somewhere – perhaps in your smartphone – that you can access anywhere. It's always possible that a natural disaster will strike so quickly that you can't even grab your phone, so, to be extra cautious, you might want to share your passwords with a trusted family member or friend. (Even then, though, you may want to change your passwords every so often.)

THE 411 CHECK OUT ALL THE LATEST IN LOCAL SPORTS! quota, he would relieve the desk officer and go in early for his regular shift. The officer

> Build an emergency fund. During or following a natural disaster, you may need ready access to cash to cover some of the essentials of daily living, such as food and shelter. Keeping a lot of cash in your home may not be such a great plan, especially if you have to evacuate quickly. Consequently, you might want to create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid and highly accessible account at a local bank or with your financial services provider.

> Protect your documents. These days, many of your important financial materials, such as your investment statements, are available online, so they're likely safe from any disaster. But you may still have some items, such as checkbooks, birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards, insurance policies and estate planning documents (i.e., will, living trust, etc.) on paper. Even if some or all of these things could eventually be replaced, it would take time and effort. You're better off protecting them beforehand, possibly by keeping them in a safety deposit box at a local bank.

> Save your receipts. You'll want to save receipts for repairs and temporary lodging to submit to your insurance company. If you are not fully reimbursed for these expenses, they may be tax deductible, though you'll need to consult with your tax advisor to be certain.

> If you're fortunate, you'll never have to face a natural disaster that threatens your home and possessions. But it never hurts to be ready – just in case.

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Not a good week for Preserve Charlton's Character

To the Editor:

On Oct. 11, Gerard Russell, founding member of Preserve Charlton's Character (an anti-cannabis ad-hoc group) requested any and all communications from the Town of Charlton regarding a natural gas line at the proposed cannabis cultivation site for the Valley Green Grow project on Old Worcester Road.

The Records Custodian for the town responded to Mr. Russell in a timely manner, claiming attorney-client privilege in withholding certain documents from public view. Attorney-client privilege is one of the foundations of our judicial system, and waiving it cannot be taken lightly. However, Mr. Russell, unsatisfied with the town's response on Oct. 14 and Nov. 14, petitioned the Public Records Division and two appeals were opened. In a letter dated Dec. 17, 2018, the PRD found that while the town responded correctly, it did not meet the burden of specificity in claiming the attorney-client privilege in the requirements of the Public Records Law.

On Dec. 21, 2018, the town's legal counsel responded and provided additional information regarding the attorney-client privileged claim. Once again, dissatisfied with the town's response, Mr. Russell filed yet another petition of the Public Records Request petition on Dec. 28 with the PRD office to conduct an in-camera inspection of the requested documents. Therefore, yet another appeal was opened.

The Public Records Department Supervisor took the two responses from the town dated Nov. 14 and Dec. 21 into account, as well as Mr. Russell's multiple appeals, when making a determination regarding the withholding of documents due to the attorney-client privilege doctrine. In a letter dated Jan. 14, the PRD Supervisor found that the town had met its burden of proof with regards to the attorney-client privilege, and has denied Mr. Russell's public records requests in regards to the natural gas line, Valley Green Grow and the Town of Charlton.

On Jan. 15, the group calling themselves Preserve Charlton's Character was dealt

another defeat. In October 2018 at the Carlton Town Meeting, this group petitioned for a new bylaw via Article #13 that read as follows: "Selectmen shall comply with the provi-

"Selectmen shall comply with the provisions of GL c. 94G and obtain town meeting approval of the terms of any host agreement pursuant to GL c. 94G prior to singing. Any GL c. 94 host agreement previously signed by the board of selectmen which does not comply with the provisions of GL 94G, sec. 3(d) is declared null and void."

Passage of this article at Town Meeting had the potential to cause lawsuits with two established businesses: Valley Green Grow and Green Gold Group, LLC (GGG). GGG is opening a marijuana medical dispensary on Route 20 in Charlton in 2019, and with most of the employees being from Charlton, this could have postponed, if not outright destroyed, their opportunity for employment.

The text quoted above was highlighted by the Attorney General's office as being "Unreasonably Impractical." The AG's office went on to opine that it actually conflicts with GL c. 94G, sec. 3, and interferes with the contracting authority of the Board of Selectmen. The AG also concluded that the provision to declare prior host agreements null and void via Town Meeting invalid, as Town Meeting does not have the authority to retroactively declare certain previously negotiated agreements "null and void." This section also conflicts with GL c. 94G, sec. 3.

The Land Court case Valley Green Grow v. Town of Charlton and counter claim Russell v. The Town of Charlton are still pending. In these cases, the judge is being asked to decide the validity of a general bylaw being used to regulate a zoning provision, specifically a marijuana zoning provision. It will be interesting to see if these two recent decisions affect the Land Court matters.

RIGHT TO GROW CHARLTON

Editor's note: The Right to Grow team identifies itself as a group of Charlton residents who support the local marijuana growth industry.



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DUDLEY SENIORS

For information and reservations contact Evelyn Grovesteen at (508) 764-8254

The next trip being offered is to Mackinac Island, next June 2-8. It includes transportation, lodging, 10 meals, tour of Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island with guided carriage tour, a boat ride through the Sault Locks, sight seeing in Sault Saint Marie, a visit to Mackinaw Crossings, Admission to Colonial Michillmackinac and the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is \$650 pp/double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254.

Also next year, Sept.13-21, we will be going to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Included is transportation, lodging, 14 meals, guided tours of Acadia National park, Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg, Prince Edward Island including Anne of Green Gables' home, admission to King's Landing Historical Settlement, admission to Hopewell Rocks, and a visit to St. John. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is \$1065 pp/ double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254

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Friday, January 18: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

Friday, February 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

Friday, March 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

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.

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 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

March 12, 2019 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$25 – 8:30 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino. You will have 5 hours at the casino to gamble or PLAY BINGO as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 3:30 PM.

You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

April 30 - May 2, 2019 – Tuesday – Thursday - Atlantic City

You will get 2 nights on the boardwalk. You also get a \$25 in slot play and \$60 food credit and see 2 stage shows. Trolley's available.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

May 19, 2019 – Sunday – Newport rail tour.

Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dinning car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella - or Atlantic Cod.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

June 9, 2019 – Sunday – Gloucester Beaufort princess cruise.

Board the ship for a New England clam bake including clams, lobster chowder BBQ chicken and more finish with chocolate mousse. Cruise the harbor for 2 1/2 hours with music on board. Visit the Salem visitor center and shops.

For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

July 23, 2019 – Tuesday - Mohegan Sun \$25 - 10 AM Bus

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

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

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

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

October 8th - 15th , 2019 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA Happily Full - I am taking names for standby on this trip and for 2020 trip Featuring the sweetest voices of Five Celtic Angels from Ireland along with the Celtic Knight Male Dancers. Then round out the Cast with the Trinity Band Ensemble and you will enjoy a Spectacluar Show to remember.

Join us as we travel on Tuesday March 12th by Deluxe Motorcoach Bus to the beautiful Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Mass., about one and a quarter hours from Sturbridge. Included along with the Bus and the Show is a Plated Luncheon choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus Di Milo's famous Minestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee/ Tea.

Be chauffeured, be entertained, be served and sit back and enjoy the day. Or if you prefer to drive on your own to the Venus Di Milo, this option is also available. These Shows are open to the Public ages 21 and over. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com

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the Bus and the Show, is a delicious Plated Luncheon of Stuffed Breast of Chicken, or Baked Schrod, Salad, Potato, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

Tickets are also available for those people who prefer to drive on their own. These Shows are open to the Public ages 21 and over. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA PARISH

TRIP TO USA NATIONAL PARKS St Andrew Bobola Parish, is organizing a special TRIP TO THE NATIONAL PARKS 11 DAYS, May 12-23 2019. Total cost: \$2,000

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN St. Andrew Bobola Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan March 17-28, 2019. All inclusive cost with breakfast, dinners is \$3,190.

Please contact: 508-943-5633. Registration forms are available on the website: www.standrewbobola.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE

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 2019 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

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

March 21, 2019 "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" at PPAC: Lunch at Mossimo's on Federal Hill. Please choose: eggplant Parmesan, salmon, or chicken piccata~ \$99.

April 9 JFK Library and museum w/wine tasting & Venezia Restaurant for lunch. \$81. Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parmesan, steak tips, chicken piccata, or pasta primavera

Kentucky w/ARK, horses and more \$869. 7 day trip! March 31-April 6. Includes12 meals, 2 shows; Loretta Lynn's homestead; Hatfield & McCoy tour; Toyota Tour; tour of Wheeling, WV; cut-through project in Pikeville; horse farm tour; "Grand Canyon of the South" and other fun highlights!

Hotel Frontenac ("bucket list" hotel!), Quebec: 5 days w/White Mt. Hotel, N. Conway, NH, April 27-May 1: \$999. 8 meals, show, and touring in Quebec. Come and stay at the famous hotel that's in all the photos of Quebec! True luxury!

April 9 is a trip to the JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM w/wine tasting and lunch at Venezia's . \$81. (\$2. discount if you're a veteran.) Lunch choices: Baked Haddock, chicken parm, steak tips, chicken piccata, pasta primavera. Make sure to include meal choices when you sign up. Besides lots of information about the life and legacy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, there is also an extensive collection of first lady Jacqeuline Kennedy's clothes, including the dress she wore when she gave a televised tour of the newly restored White House. You also don't want to miss the Freedom 7 space capsule, which took Alan Shepard into space in 1961. The Venezia is always a nice place for lunch with wonderful food! Leaves Whitinsville WalMart at 7:15 a.m., home around 4:30.

MONDAY, MAY 6 -- Trip to the Cape w/Daniel Webster Inn, the Sandwich Glass Museum, and the very interesting Cape Cod Canal visitor center -- \$71. There will be a buffet lunch at the lovely historic Daniel Webster Inn with its great food and wonderful atmosphere! Leaves Whitinsville at 7:45 a.m., home around 6:30 p.m.

Tues, May 28 -- the Lobster Bake Cruise returns! This has turned into a yearly tradition because everyone loves it so much! Don't wait to sign up or you'll miss out! Cruise around Gloucester harbor with music and dancing and white linen tablecloths while you dine. Lobster and baked chicken both. \$85. Leaves Whitinsville at 8:30 a.m., home around 7 p.m.

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Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon

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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

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CHAPTER 12

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2019

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

DEC.5-6 THE TRAPP FAMILY LODGE CHRISTMAS: \$379. dinner & breakfast at the Lodge; Quechee and Montpelier, meet w/a family member to hear the history, etc.

DEC 13-14: CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA: \$329. 1 breakfast, 1 elegant holiday buffet lunch, 1 dinner. "Magic of Christmas" Portland Symphony Orchestra plus Ogunquit's "Christmas by the Sea" celebration

All trips leave from Whitinsville Walmart, 100 Valley Parkway, Whitinsville. Make sure to always include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency phone number. Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to reserve.

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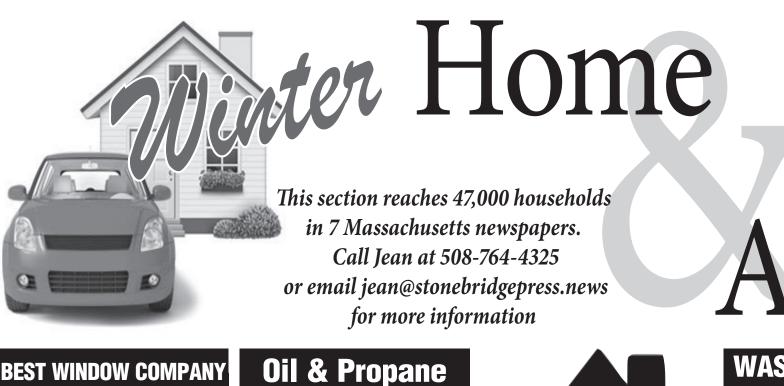


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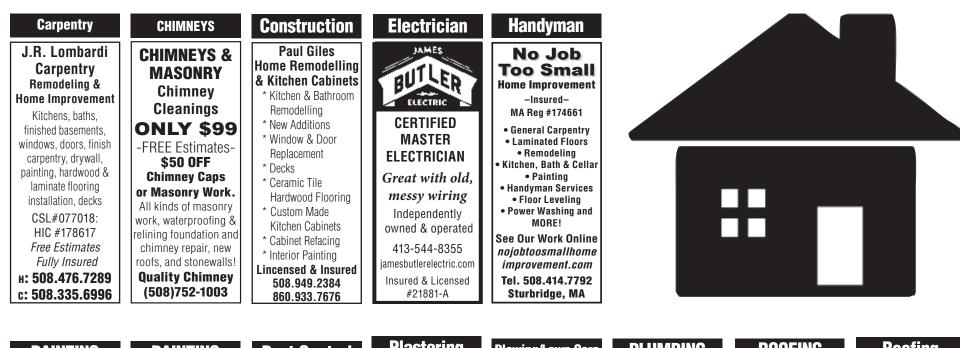
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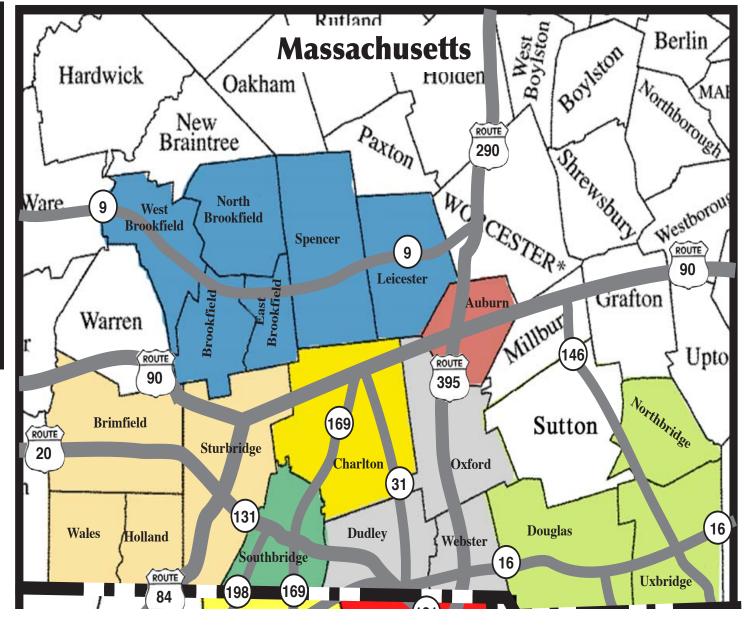


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SPORTS

Smaller Shepherd Hill loses to Leominster, while Rams' Adams celebrates scoring milestone





Jack Rynne of Shepherd Hill makes a move on a Leominster defender.

Standing with his parents, Kim and Phil, Shepherd Hill's Cody Adams is all smiles after completing the 1,000-point scoring milestone recently for the Rams.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDEN

DUDLEY — The Leominster High boys' varsity basketball team attacked the Shepherd Hill Regional defense both inside and outside, senior Givensky Pierre-Louis and juniors Trevon LeBlanc and J.D. Paulino combing to score 59 points in the Blue Devils' 84-57 win over the Rams on Friday, Jan. 18.

The loss drops Shepherd Hill to 4-7 overall and 0-4 in Mid-Wach A League play. The defeat was the Rams' fifth loss in their last six games. Shepherd Hill was 3-2 back on Dec. 19 after a win over Auburn High, but the Rams lost their next four games, the streak ending with a 55-46 win over Marlborough High on Friday, Jan. 11.

In that game Shepherd Hill senior Cody Adams scored his 1,000th career point. He needed 27 points against Marlborough to reach the milestone and he scored exactly 27 to hit the 1,000 mark on the nose.

Adams, who scored 439 points as a member of the Bartlett High varsity team his freshman and sophomore years, now has 1,023 career points. He scored 422 points last year, his first as a member of the Rams.

"It definitely feels good to have scored 1,000 points in my career," Adams said after Shepherd Hill's loss to Leominster, during which he pumped in a team-high 23 points. "I worked very hard for it and dealt with a lot, too, so it does feel good to have accomplished it."

Adams said he was motivated early in his career to strive for the 1,000-point milestone every time he walked into the Bartlett gymnasium.

"I used to go to practice every day and look up at the list of 1,000-point scorers and envision my name being up there, too. I wanted to be in that club. It drove me a little bit," said Adams, who also got to experience the 1,000point feeling when Indians' teammates Anthony Grzembski and Tyler Davern both reached the milestone when he was a sophomore. "I remember thinking that [scoring 1,000] was kind of cool, that I'd like to do that some day."

that I'd like to do that some day." Shepherd Hill head coach Mike Byrnes said he felt the honor was a fitting accomplishment for a player who brings it every time he steps onto the



court.

"He deserves the honor. He's worked really hard," Byrnes said. "He's a competitor. I'm really happy for him."

Against Leominster (5-5 overall, 1-3 in the Mid-Wach A) the Rams had no answer for the Blue Devils' inside-outside game. The 6-foot-4 Pierre-Louis scored a game-high 25 points, all of his field goals coming within five feet of the basket, many on follow-up shots or put-backs. LeBlanc added 21 points, 15 coming on five 3-pointers. Paulino added 13 points, six coming on a pair of shots from beyond the arc.

Shepherd Hill trailed at all the stops: 24-11 after one quarter; 38-23 at halftime; and 63-45 after three periods.

Scoring for the Rams in addition to Adams were seniors Eric Lehmann (12 points) and Chris Nellis (eight points), junior Brandon DeJesus (two points) and sophomores Danny Brooks and Cam Hackett (six points each).

"Leominster is so much bigger than we are; we've got to find ways to combat that. I know I keep saying this but it's true: we have to be more gritty; we have to be tougher," Byrnes said. "We've just got to find ways to get it done. We have to execute on both ends."

Both Adams and Byrnes said having to play without senior David Bilis, who suffered a knee injury in a loss to Bartlett High, has been tough on the team.

"Not having David is a very big loss," Adams said. "He is very tough on the boards. We don't have a lot of size this year, so he definitely helps our rebounding effort. With that big kid tonight he would have definitely helped." Byrnes agreed. "Losing David has been a huge loss. He was scoring 15 points a game and he was our leading rebounder, getting maybe 20 a game," Byrnes said. "David plays tough, he plays hard. A lot of the heart on this team was him, so it's definitely a tough loss."



accepting registrations for Spring 2019 season

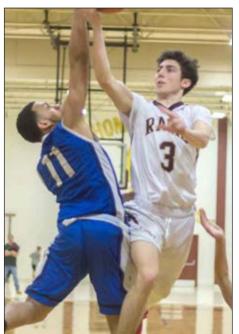
Charlton Softball Association, the town's youth recreational softball league, has opened up registration for the upcoming spring season. Visit http://charltonsoftball.org to register.

All girls, ages 4-16, are encouraged to play regardless of experience or skill. Charlton Softball will teach new players the fundamentals of the game, the value of teamwork and good sportsmanship, and develop a love for the game. For more experienced players, the league provides a competitive, yet fun atmosphere to further develop their skills and passion for the game of softball.

Shepherd Hill's Chris Nellis has plenty of space to attempt a jumper from the corner.



Cody Adams of Shepherd Hill bumps into a Leominster defender while driving toward the basket.



Jack Rynne of Shepherd Hill gets a shot off while a Leominster defender tries to block it.



Shepherd Hill's Danny Brooks goes lefty to get a layup off in front of a Leominster defender.

The cost is \$95 (\$70 for t-ball) and a \$20 sibling discount is available to families registering more than one child.

Visit http://charltonsoftball. org to register your daughter, and make sure to follow CharltonMAsoftball on Facebook for the latest news and information.

Charlton Knights of Columbus crowns 2019 free throw champions

A total of 33 boys and girls from area towns competed in Charlton's 25th annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, held Saturday, Jan. 12 at the elementary school. Each contestant shot 15 free throws. Ties were settled by best out of five. Congratulations to the following winners, who will now advance to the District shootout Feb. 10 in West Brookfield.

9-year-old girls: Catherine Barbale, 5-15

9-year-old boys: Kyle Bartkus, 2-15

10-year-old girls: Hannah Murphy, 8-15

10-year-old boys: David Delano, 3-15

11-year-old girls: Sarah Miller, 9-15

11-year-old boys: Casen Leonard, 6-15

12-year-old girls: Aryanna Sheehan, 9-15

12-year-old boys: Colin Resener, 7-15

13-year-old girls: Ayva Connor, 7-15 (3-5, 3-5) 13-year-old boys: Peter Barbale,

13-year-old boys: Peter Barbale, 13-15

14-year-old girls: Abby Bernabei, 12-15

14-year-old boys: Anthony Barbale, 13-15

SPORTS

Rockets — behind Slade's four goals — win wild affair with Nashoba, 6-3



Auburn's Billy Erikson prepares to rifle a shot on net.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — In a game that saw it all at the Horgan Rink on Saturday, Jan. 19 — fresh with major penalties, a hat trick and everything in between — the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team emerged victorious in its matchup with Nashoba Regional, 6-3.

The Rockets, whose co-op includes players from Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional, saw themselves down a pair of players as they had to kill off a five-on-three penalty as they trailed, 3-2, heading into the third period. But Auburn killed it off, the Rockets tied it up, Slade then scored his third goal — the eventual game-winner — and he finished with four courtesy of an empty netter.

"These games have been like that all year, teams beating each other up. That's our 10th game and I bet you five or six of them have been like that," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard. whose team improved to 7-3 and have won all of their "wild" games. "I don't know what it is, but that's just the way the games have been going. "We can't be taking stupid penalties," added Bombard. "The referees have been calling things correctly, they've been doing an excellent job." With Slade in the penalty box because of a five-minute boarding penalty, the Chieftains broke a 2-2 tie with 15.3 seconds to play in the

second period. Auburn's Adam Lanier was then called for a five-minute major penalty himself, as Nashoba looked to add to its lead in the third.

But the Chieftains picked up a pair of minor penalties themselves, forcing a three-on-three situation. There, the Rockets' Cam Dungey tied the score at 3-3 just three minutes into the period. Anthony List assisted on the goal. Then, with Slade freshly out of the box, he snapped a goal bar-down with 10:29 to play, giving Auburn a 4-3 lead.

"Ry doesn't get many penalties," Bombard said of Slade. "He's one of our better players and I don't even have to say anything to him because it doesn't happen often. He's going to do what he can to make up for it."

"I knew I put my team behind the eight ball because five minutes is a long kill, especially in a 15-minute period," added Slade. "I just wanted to contribute so bad because I feel like I hurt my team. I said, 'I'm going to get you guys back." Slade knew just how important it was for his team to kill off he and Lanier's penalties. "I think that's the game right there because if they get one or two [goals] there the game's over," he said. "That was huge," Bombard added of the killing of the penalties. "Those seven guys that we used in that five minutes did an unbelievable job killing that off." With no more penalties taking place, the Rockets and Chieftains were now skating fiveon-five. Auburn's Caleb Mackin made it a 5-3 game with 2:36 left when he scored off a feed from Joel Miller, who won a one-on-one battle with a Nashoba defender for possession of the puck.

Slade then deposited the puck into the empty net with 1:03 to go for his first career four-goal high school game. It was already Slade's second hat trick of the season.

The game was much more competitive than the three-goal outcome, though. The Chieftains scored just 34 seconds in and then made it 2-0 with 21.8 seconds remaining in the first period.

"For some reason that period's been killing us," Bombard said of the first. "We have to come out faster."

Slade did make it a 2-1 game with 1.3 seconds to go, though, scoring from the point with assists going to Dillon Winkelmann and Dungey.



Anthony List of Auburn carries the puck and skates toward Nashoba's net.



Auburn's Adam Lanier winds up before delivering a slap shot at Nashoba's goal.

Nick Ethier photos

"That's when the momentum changed," said Bombard.

Slade then tied the game at 2-2 early in the second period when he received a pass from Drew Darger, who originally got the puck from Winkelmann.

Auburn goalie Collin Winkelmann made 20 saves in net and shook off the slow start to pick up the victory.

"We have a ton of confidence in him," Bombard said. "He got better as the game went on."



Auburn's Ryan Lempicki keeps his head up before shooting the puck.



Auburn's Anthony List competes for the puck during a face-off versus Nashoba.



Ryan Lempicki of Auburn dumps the puck down into the corner of the rink.

OBITUARIES

Gloria V. (L'Heureux) Butler, 95



SPENCER- Gloria V. (L'Heureux) Butler, 95, longtime resident of Spencer and recently of Overlook in Charlton, died Thursday, Jan. 17 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.



She was the wife of Richard A. Butler who died in 1997. She leaves her sons; Joel D. Butler and his wife Barbara of West Newbury, David J. Butler of CT, and Eben J. Butler and his wife Tammy of Spencer;

grandchildren: Jason, Seth, Lindsay, Michael, Christopher, Katherine, Brittany, Taylor and Richard; and 5 great grandchildren. She also leaves many dear friends. Gloria's family and friends will miss her tremendously.

Born in Spencer, she was the daughter of Ulric and Irene (Demers) L'Heureux and graduated from David Prouty High School. She served her country with the U.S. Navy during WWII and later furthered her education at the Worcester School of Business Science.

Gloria was a reading tutor at Lake St. School in Spencer for 17 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member and past Treasurer of the Spencer Garden Club and a volunteer for the Richard Sugden Library. Gloria was very involved in

the Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish where she once taught religion class, was a member of the Martha Mary Guild, and was a Food Pantry volunteer.

Gloria spending time out-

side-tending to her gardens of vegetables and flowers, going for walks with her dogs over the years, and relaxing on the deck with a good book. She liked to experiment in the kitchen and her loved ones will miss her soups and apple pies. Gloria's happiest memories were moments shared with her family and friends. She was very proud of her family and loved them dearly. A special thank you to Tammy, for all of the love and care you gave Gloria; she loved you as a daughter and cherished all of the time you shared.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday, Jan 26th from the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. A calling hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m will precede the service. Burial will be at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Spencer. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mary, Queen of the Rosary Food Pantry, 60 Maple St., Spencer, MA 01562

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Courtney Dawn Mott, 35



CHARLTON Courtney Dawn Mott, 35, passed away on January 17, 2019 surrounded by her lov-ing family. She was born on July 9,1983 in Worcester, MA, daughter of David and Kelly (Handy) Mott of

Holland. She was raised in Holland and attended Holland Elementary School and graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge. She earned her Associate Degree from Becker College in Early Childhood Education. Courtney loved children and worked as a Nanny. She enjoyed painting and drawing. She also loved to cook and was a cat lover. Courtney was a very caring person, who always thought about others before herself. Besides her parents, she will be missed by her brother Derek Mott and his wife Jennifer and their daughter Delia of Holland and her grandmother Aline Newton of Athol, MA. She also leaves her fiancé Harold Moquet and his son Bret of Charlton, MA with whom she lived. A reception will be held on Saturday, February 2 2019 at 1:00 PM, followed by a Memorial service at 2:00 PM at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Courtney will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit www.beersandstory.com.



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Carol A. Passarelli, 75 CHARLTON-Carol A. (Lavigne) Passarelli, 75, former-

ly of Charlton and Auburn, died January 15, 2019, at Beaumont Rehab & Nursing Center in Worcester after a long illness. urvived by her

3 sons Kevin Passarelli and his wife Linda of Sturbridge, Mark Passarelli of Southbridge, and Michael Passarelli of Georgia, and her daughter Shannon LeClair and her husband Michael of Leominster. She also leaves 7 grandchildren Jeremy, Monica, Matthew, Megan, Maxwell, Samuel, and Cameron as well as 2 great-grandchildren Jaxon, and Bella. She was predeceased by her 2 sisters Priscilla Eastman, and Constance Silvestri.

Carol was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Ena Napoleon and Bernadette Vitaline (L'Ecuyer)

Lavigne. She grew up in Charlton, graduated from Charlton High School in 1961, and Ward's School of Business in 1963. Carol was a member of Notre Dame Church in Southbridge, and St Joseph's Church in Charlton. She spent her early adult life raising her four children then worked as a bookkeeper for the family auto body business, and later for the Town of Charlton, retiring many years ago after being stricken with a severe stroke. Carol had many hobbies over the years including crocheting, sewing, making leaded stained-glass pieces, and bird-watching. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

The funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10AM at Notre Dame Church - St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Sansoucy Funeral Home is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



WINCHENDON -Priscilla J. (Adams) Draeger, 80, of 25 Doyle Avenue, died peacefully Monday evening, January 14, 2019 in Wachusett Manor Nursing Home, Gardner, after a long illness.

Priscilla J. Draeger, 80

She was born in Southbridge, MA on December 26, 1938, daughter of the late Kenneth and Maria (DiBonaventura) Adams and grew up in Southbridge, Ct and Charlton. A high school graduate, Priscilla lived in Winchendon since 1981

Priscilla had worked as a trade show coordinator for Simplex Time Recorder until her retirement. She was a member of Winchendon and Westminster Historical Societies and the CT Society of Genealogists. She was a descen-

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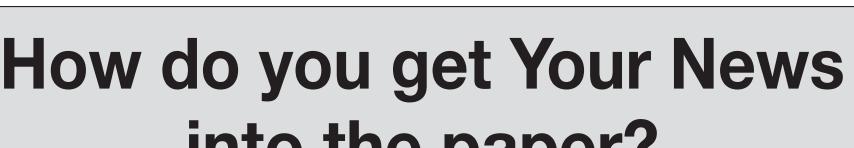
dent of the Mayflower and had studied Genealogy Family Research for 45 years. She loved her family and the holidays, birds, wildlife and her flower beds.

Her husband of 51 years, Robert L Draeger, died in 2010. She leaves three sons, Kenneth P. Draeger and his wife Jane, Dean C. Draeger and his wife Denise and Eric J. Draeger. all of MA; five grandchildren, Dana C. Draeger, Jeremy R. Draeger, Robert Lee Draeger, Gretchen J. Draeger and Jake A. Draeger; a great grandson, Jackson Lee Draeger and all of her family in Southbridge and CT.

Private burial will be held in the spring in Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH.

Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 27

OPEN HOUSE, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge, Mass. We are currently accepting applications for 2019-2020.

BUFFUMVILLE DAM TOUR: Join Park Ranger Jamie today at 1 p.m. at Buffumville Lake, Charlton.

Tuesday, February 5

BEGINNERS FLY TYING CLASS: Buffumville Lake office, Charlton, 7-9 p.m. Call (508) 248-5697 to register.

Thursday, February 7

BEGINNERS FLY TYING CLASS: Buffumville Lake office, Charlton, 7-9 p.m. Call (508) 248-5697 to register.

Friday, February 8

SOME SPECIAL & ME DANCE, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Burgess Elementary School cafeteria, Sturbridge. Hosted by Girl Scout Troop 14412. Open to Burgess students in grades K-6, accompanied by their "Someone Special." This could be a parent, grandparent, guardian, or other special adult. Cost: \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 for families. Please e-mail Troop14412@gmail.com for a permission slip, or with any questions.

Monday-Friday, February 18-22

SCHOOL WINTER BREAK FUN AT BUFFUMVILLE LAKE: 3:30-4:30 p.m. daily. Pre-registration requested by Feb. 15. Please contact Park Ranger Jamie Kordack at (508) 248-5697 or Jaime.r.kordack@usace.army.mil.

Thursday, February 21

AN EVENING WITH PSYCHIC MEDIUM GARY MCKINSTRY: Live at Old Sturbridge Village. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 p.m., and tickets are available for either or both. This event is a fundraiser for the students of Old Sturbridge Academy. Throughout New England & beyond, Gary McKinstry is legendary ng peace, comfort and perhaps closure to grieving loved ones. Talking to people about their everyday lives, as well as those that have crossed to the Other Side. Understanding that we are "Connected" through spirit and love. Snow date: Feb. 24

Sunday, March 31

BUFFUMVILLE DAM TOUR: Join Park Ranger Jamie today at 1 p.m. at Buffumville Lake, Charlton.

Sunday, April 28

BUFFUMVILLE DAM TOUR: Join Park Ranger Jamie today at 1 p.m. at Buffumville Lake, Charlton.

ONGOING

BUSINESS NETWORKING: Join us for a FREE Business Networking Meeting! Thursdays - 7am at Old Sturbridge Village Oliver Wight Tavern - Grecian Room, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd, Sturbridge, For more info call Tia @ 774-200-6740

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: PLAYGROUP: This free program for preschool-aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. 9-11 a.m. Mondays while school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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 & rejeuvenate 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.

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally, without instruction at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield on Tuesday nights beginning Jan. 22. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will donations are welcome. 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Hitchcock at (413) 245-9977 for more information.

GRANDPARENTS IN THE KNOW: Grandparents with custody of their grandchildren meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 9-10:30 a.m. at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH ABC'S: We all know something about our families — it's what we don't know that's intriguing. Genealogical research is becoming very popular, and for good reason. You might be living right next door to a third cousin twice removed! The research can be simple, or it can be a real challenge. "ABC's" will guide you along the right path with tips on research on- and offline. If you would like to have a conversation with your own great grandparents, then your job is to tell your family story to hand down to your descendants. Four classes at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield beginning Tuesday, Jan. 22. Instructor: Dave Robinson, Old Bones Genealogy of New England.

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FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: STEAM GROUP. This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 grant. 9-10 a.m. Thursdays when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at (508) 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua. org.

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL): American Sign Language is a visual language using hands, facial and body expressions. Learn about deaf culture and mostly come and have fun. Laughter guaranteed. Six classes on Thursdays at Hitchock Academy from 7:15-8:15 p.m. with instructor May Marques, Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Session A — Beginners Part I — goes until March 7 (no class Feb. 21). Session B — Beginners Part II – goes from March 14-April 25.

Sunday, February 24

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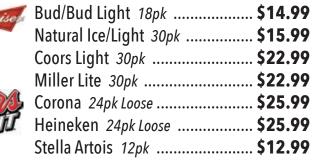
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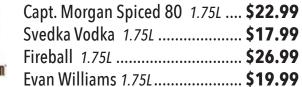
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LEGALS

The Town of Sturbridge Board of Selectmen in accordance with MGL Ch. 148, Section 13, hereby give notice that a public hearing will be held on February 4, 2019 at 6:35p.m. at the Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA on the application of Edy Wahib for an license for storage tanks for flammable materials located at 40 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA.

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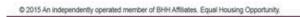
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The basics of driving with trailers in tow

Active adults and busy families understand that one perk to owning a pickup truck or an SUV is the ability to tow items behind the vehicle. Many of these trucks already come equipped with trailer hitches that make it possible to tow boats, RVs, snowmobiles and more. But safe and successful towing requires knowledge of the basics of hitching a trailer and some special rules of the road. The following are a few safety tips for drivers unaccustomed to towing.

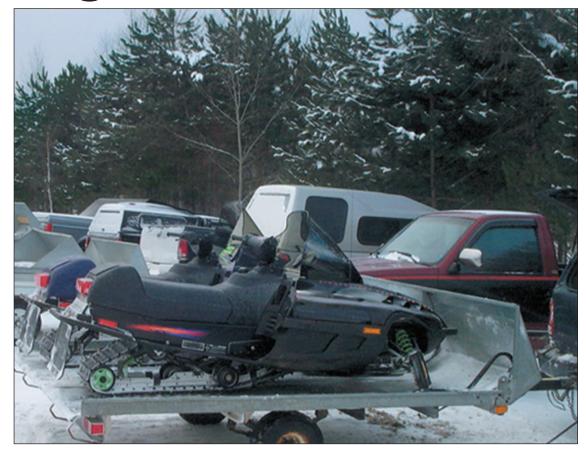
• Know your vehicle's tow weight capacity. The owner's manual will list the maximum weight a vehicle can tow safely, but this is just a simplified estimation of data. To tow successfully, it's important to know your vehicle's gross combined weight rating, or GCWR. This includes the vehicle itself, its passengers and cargo, as well as the trailer and the trailer's cargo. More passengers on board reduces the amount of weight you can pull. Another weight factor is the tongue weight, or how much of the trailer's weight rests on the hitch, which should be around 10 percent of the trailer's weight. This helps reduce trailer sway and can improve steering.

• Practice proper weight distribution. Distribute the weight of the item being towed to make towing smoother and safer. The cargo's center of gravity should be low, and most of the weight should be toward the front. Weight on either side also should be even. These steps will help prevent the trailer from fishtailing or flipping over.

• Use the right hitch equipment. Adjust the hitch so that the trailer being towed is relatively level to your vehicle when attached. Connect lights to your trailer through the hitch system so that brake lights and other indicators work properly. Make sure the hitch ball is the right size for your trailer, otherwise the trailer might disconnect during towing. Use a pin and safety chains to keep the trailer secure.

• Check if extra brakes are required. Many states require a separate braking system on towed vehicles with a loaded weight in excess of 1,000 pounds. Newer trucks may have a built-in controller for brakes or you may need to have a system installed. Experts from Popular Mechanics advise using a trailer brake output system that matches the trailer brake output to the tow vehicle's deceleration.

• Slow down and drive more cautiously. A vehicle towing a trailer will not maneuver the same way as a vehicle without a trailer attached. Give yourself a greater cushion of space between other vehicles. It may take longer for you to brake because of the added weight.



Safely and successfully driving with a trailer takes practice and patience.

Get used to using side-view mirrors because the trailer may block your rearview. Larger, extended side-view mirrors may help you feel more comfortable and safe. Make wide turns so that the trailer will clear curbs and not tip over.

• Avoid backing up. Unless

you're experienced with driving large rigs, you may find reversing with a trailer very challenging. Limit situations that require backing up. Park in pull-through parking spots when possible. If you need to back up, move slowly and with your hand on the bottom of the steering wheel, turning it in the direction you want the trailer to go.

• Practice, practice, practice. Get acclimated with towing in a parking lot or on empty streets before taking your trailer out on the open road.

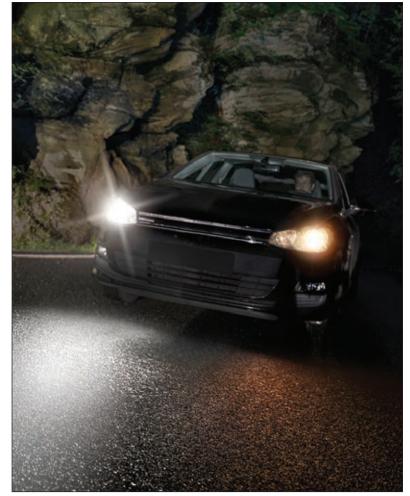
Why clean air filters are important



Safety in numbers: Why it pays to replace headlight bulbs in pairs

(MS) — When it comes to vehicle maintenance, the rule of two has long reigned among professional automotive technicians and driving safety advocates. In accordance to this rule, drivers replacing important parts in their cars and trucks, such as tires, brakes, shocks and wiper blades, should always do so in pairs.

Replacing parts in pairs can



Replacing air filters is an inexpensive way to keep vehicles performing at peak capacity.

Vehicle owners likely know to check fluid levels and get their cars' oil changed, but air filters may not be at the top of their maintenance checklists. Despite being a relatively inexpensive part, air filters often go overlooked.

Air filters have an important job in a vehicle, prolonging the life span of engines and helping cars run more smoothly and efficiently.

Purpose of vehicle air filters

Vehicle combustion engines operate with a mixture of fuel and air. Without oxygen, gasoline or diesel fuels cannot burn properly and power the engine. The air filter's job is to prevent dirt, dust and other debris from being sucked into an engine. Otherwise, grime can build up and impede engine performance or cause erosion of parts under the hood.

It is much more cost-effective to routinely change air filters than replace expensive engine parts. Rather than ignoring air filters until the last minute, drivers can take steps to keep filters clean and functioning at peak performance.

• Improve fuel efficiency. Clogged air filters reduce air flow to engines, resulting in an improper ratio of air to fuel. As a result, spark plugs can be negatively affected and the engine may idle roughly or misfire. These scenarios can greatly affect fuel efficiency as well as cause engine deposits from rich fuel. To save money and trips to the fuel pump, replace filters regularly. According to GearHeads, for older cars, studies have indicated that by replacing a dirty air filter, one can improve gas mileage by as much as 14 percent.

• Reduce stress on the engine. Because of the air-to-fuel mix in engines, even a mixture that is slightly off balance can affect what is going on under the hood. That means the engine must work harder to get enough clean air into the chamber to complete the combustion cycle, says the Automotive Training Center.

• Enjoy more power. A filter that is saturated with dirt will restrict air flow. In such instances, drivers may notice a lack of power during acceleration. Replacing the filter can easily restore that pep.

• Reduce vehicle emissions. Environmental concerns are a priority for many people. By keeping the engine working properly, with the advantage of clean, unobstructed air entering the chamber, a vehicle may produce lower emissions.

Replacing air filters is an easy fix that many drivers can do themselves, or ask their mechanics to do during oil changes or other repair shop visits. ensure venicles are properly balanced and functioning safely. But it's not just tires, brakes and other big-ticket components that should be replaced in pairs. Vehicle lighting plays an integral role in keeping drivers and their passengers safe, and motorists should exercise the same caution regarding their vehicles' headlights, taillights and turn signals that they do when maintaining the rest of their cars and trucks.

Why replace aging headlight bulbs?

Few drivers include headlight bulb replacement in their vehicle maintenance routines. But old headlight bulbs can drastically compromise visibility at night, when drivers' visual acuity is naturally reduced by as much as 70 percent. As headlight bulbs age, the effects of exposure to sunlight, ozone and pollution can significantly reduce their light output. According to Philips Automotive, a leading manufacturer of vehicle lighting components, headlight bulbs begin to project significantly less light within two to three years of their initial usage, producing dimmer light outputs that compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. For example, new headlight bulbs capable of projecting 240-foot beams in front of a vehicle may see that projection dwindle to just 160 feet within two to three years.

Why replace bulbs two at a time?

In an effort to promote the importance of changing headlight bulbs two at a time, Philips developed the "Change In Pairs" safety campaign, which aims to educate motorists about the dangers of dimming lights while promoting the many reasons that changing bulbs in pairs makes the road safer for all travelers. To support this safety initiative, Philips also packages its Upgrade Headlight Bulbs in pairs.

Though replacing two head-

Changing headlight bulbs in pairs assures that the road ahead will be properly illuminated and that drivers will get the full safety benefit of the vehicle's headlights, just as the carmaker intended.

light bulbs when only one is dimming may seem unwarranted, maintaining a consistent light output in both headlights makes the road safer for drivers, their passengers and oncoming motorists. When only one bulb is replaced, the resulting light output can be both unbalanced and unpredictable, providing inadequate lighting that can compromise driver visibility. In addition, oncoming motorists may experience difficulty seeing vehicles with just one headlight operating at full capacity, and some may even mistake oncoming cars and trucks for motorcycles, creating positioning issues for drivers on both sides of the yellow line.

How else can drivers improve visibility?

In addition to replacing headlight bulbs in pairs every two to three years, drivers can take the following proactive measures to reduce the likelihood that their vision will be compromised while on the road. • Replace worn out wiper blades. Wiper blades need to be changed each season or in threemonth intervals. Rubber wiper blades can grow brittle rather quickly, potentially compromising driver visibility at times when they need their vision to be as strong as possible, such as when rain or snow is falling.

• Clean interior glass and mirrors. Over time, interior glass can develop a film-like buildup that reduces vision and creates hazy reflections from the sun. Smokers may notice such buildup is especially thick in their vehicles. Periodically clean interior glass and mirrors to prevent this film from compromising your vision.

• Don't hang accessories in your vehicle. Fuzzy dice, photos and other items hung on rearview mirrors can prove distracting and block you from seeing the road.

Learn more about the "Change In Pairs" campaign by visiting www.philips.com/automotive.

Keep Your Car On The Road To Safety And Savings



Proper precautions and preparation can help you stay safer on the road no matter what weather elements are thrown vour wav.

conditions. Here are five tips that can help you outsmart winter:

Plan your trip. Check the weather, road conditions and traffic along your 1. route. Allow plenty of time so you don't have to rush. Familiarize yourself with directions and maps before you go, even if you use a navigation app, and let others know your route and anticipated arrival time.

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When the weather turns cooler, it's a hot idea to prepare your car for hazardous

Carry a safety kit. It should include a snow shovel, broom and ice scraper 2. for getting mud, snow and ice out of your way and off your windshield; abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in muck, ice or snow; jumper cables; a flashlight so you're not left in the dark; warning devices such as flares and emergency markers so you can be seen on the side of the road; blankets for protection from the cold; a cell phone with charger; and bottled water so you stay hydrated.

Check your tires. Inspect your tires—including the spare—at least month-3. ly and before long road trips. It takes only about five minutes. See that each is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, listed in your owner's manual and on the driver's side door frame. Look closely at the tread. Put a penny in, Lincoln's head facing down. If you can see all of Lincoln's head, the tread depth is less than 1/16th of an inch and it's time for a new tire.

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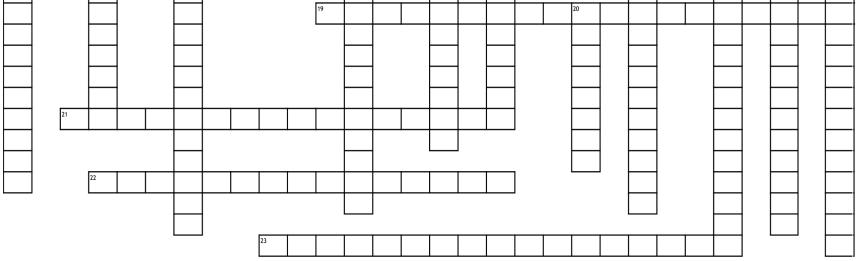
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