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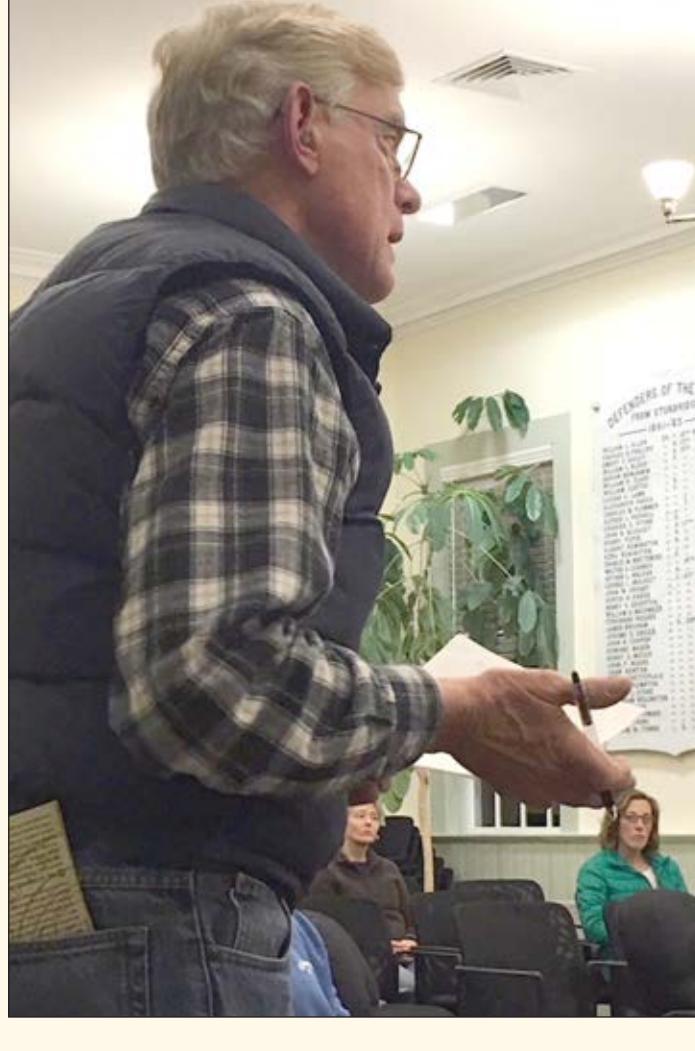
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COMPLIMENTARY HOME DELIVERY

Friday, March 2, 2018



Tara Vocino photos
Resident Jeff Cooper asked if a buffer was possible to help block out noise during Tuesday's selectboard meeting.

Access to forestry harvesting land denied

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The selectboard and Conservation Commission chairman were concerned about a property owner denying access to a plot of land in granting a forestry permit during a public hearing at town hall last week.

Spencer Solar, LLC thought it was their right to deny access to the property, Spencer-based forester John Clarke, of T. Jepson and Son, LLC said. "The land owner isn't looking for input and doesn't need any additional information."

The project in question is sustainable forest management on Fiske Hill Road. The town bylaw requires for Clarke to be there, even though the state approved the project in September.

Clarke said he has heard of denying access multiple times, but the selectboard and Conservation Commission expressed concerns.

Selectboard member Craig Moran said they would have loved to look at the site.

"All we have to work with is aerial photographs and GIS maps," Moran said. "What's the secret that they're keeping?"

Selectboard member Michael Suprenant said they have to rely on the Conservation Commission recommendation, but they were denied access.

Moran asked about the schedule. Clarke replied that they have to wait until it dries out, which will be in May or June.

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New committee needed to consider housing



Tara Vocino photo
Planning Board Chairman Sandra Gibson-Quigley, Town Planner Jean Bubon, Planning Board member Heather Hart, and Town Administrator Leon Gaumond Jr. ask volunteers who wish to serve on an affordable housing committee to contact Colleen King, administrative assistant to the town administrator.

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Affordable housing may be coming to town sooner than you might think.

The Master Plan Committee met Thursday afternoon in the center office building. Town Administrator Leon Gaumond Jr. said he needs volunteers to join an affordable housing committee, and they are currently working with the Central Massachusetts Regional

Planning Commission.

"Small towns struggle with affordable housing," Gaumond said. "They don't have the expertise to handle. However, I'd like to hire a regional housing specialist at maybe 30 hours a week to help develop a housing partnership."

Gaumond said although there aren't a lot of people in that line of work, there are people out there who are passionate about that field.

"It becomes daunting and

overwhelming for a volunteer board to handle," Gaumond said.

He needs about four volunteers to serve on the board. Selectman Michael Suprenant has stepped forward.

Town Planner Jean Bubon said it's a short-term goal that the committee has.

For information, call 508-347-2500, ext. 1428, or email coking@town.sturbridge.ma.us.

Visual aids or visual aches? Signs of the times debated

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

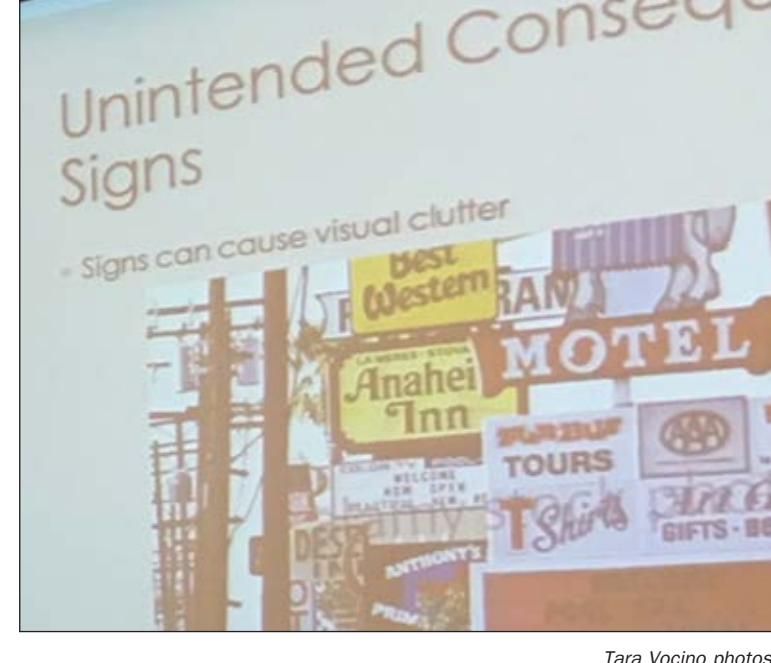
STURBRIDGE — Eleven business owners, potential business owners, and town hall staff attended a sign bylaw business forum last week.

Town Planner Jean Bubon and Economic Development and Tourism coordinator Kevin Filchak facilitated a 20-minute slideshow presentation with about 10 minutes for questions and answers.

"Signs are a valuable means of communication," Bubon said. "However, a bylaw must balance the need for communication with the desire to minimize traffic hazards, reduce clutter, and improve community appearance."

Two audience members took advantage of the question and answer time.

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Tara Vocino photo

Poor planning...or no planning...can be disastrous

Steps in building driveway debated

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Commissioners debated over the steps to extend a working gravel driveway at 14 and 50 Douty Road for future homeowner Peter O'Connell, who wasn't present, during a Conservation Commission meeting last week.

Conservation agent Rebecca Gendreau said in a separate interview Friday afternoon that it was an old farmhouse, and that Escape Estates is intending to build about 45 high-end houses on the property.

Escape Estates, Inc. is planning to build 45 high-end homes past Stallion and Douty Road called Barrett Farm Estates on a vacant 2,200-acre cow farm



Andre Cormier, of Escape Estates, Inc., and wetland consultant Matt Marro aim to extend a working gravel driveway at 14 and 50 Douty Road.

lot.

Vice President Andre Cormier Sr. said in an earlier interview that each house will cost between \$800,000 to \$1 million, adding the estimated value of a house in town is \$425,000. One hundred acres will be given to the town. Construction will begin in March.

"It's going to be a two- to three-year build," Cormier Sr. said. "It's going to be a beautiful view, one of the highest points in town, and private."

Cormier said Sturbridge is a vital location, minutes away from the MassPike, yet in the historic country with roots dating back to the 1700s.

Andre Cormier Jr., of Escape Estates, is looking to build a 12 to 15-foot-by-1160-foot drive-

way to the back of the house that could eventually become a street when the houses are built.

"The driveway serves a dual purpose," Cormier said during the hearing. "It will provide access for surveyors doing work. And it will allow us to get back there for tree cutting."

However, Conservation Commissioner Dave Barnicle didn't want to see the project broken up into parts, but rather all at once.

"All the other stuff is bound to come up later," Barnicle said. "You're building a driveway for a subdivision. That's exactly my problem."

Conservation Commission member Steve Halterman said

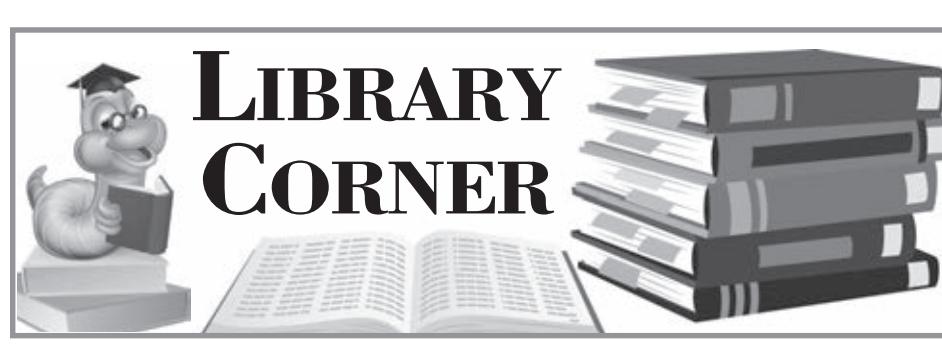
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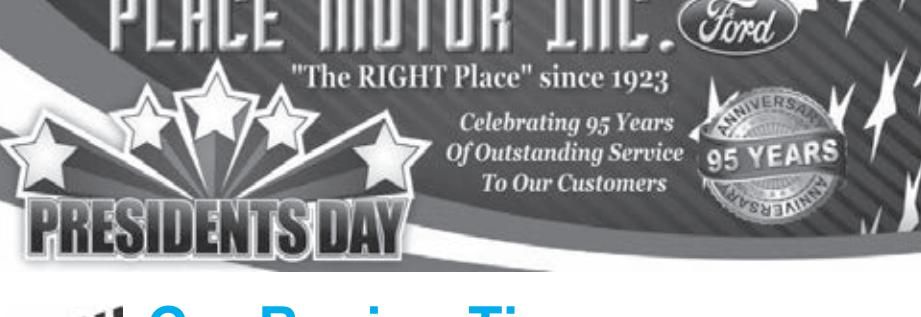
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lot of fun and support your library at the same time! The course will be open Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 from 1:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

An evening with Ted Reinstein, reporter for WCVB's Chronicle with anecdotes from a variety of local landmark stores across the region: New England General Stores. Beginning at 7 p.m., this presentation is accompanied by award winning photography of Art Donahue; Q&A, followed by book signing. Save a seat by calling or reserve online.

Thursday, March 22**How To...Series**

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**MAKING THE ROUNDS***Courtesy photos*

State officials visited the Brimfield Housing Authority, to see the advances made and what else can be done. Pictured left to right: State Representative Todd Smola, Housing Authority Administrative Assistant MaryAnn Auclair, State Senator Anne Gobi, tenant Elizabeth Ortona, Housing Authority Director Kristen Comeau and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito

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Winter on display at Booklovers



Anne Tisdell shows off her portfolio.

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Watching the temperature many days of the last couple months and people might be reasonably skeptical it's actually winter. Other days, it's been frigid and/or had snow falling, as winters should.

All this month, Booklovers' Gourmet has been celebrating the latter with its Winter Palette art show. All along the store's walls are nature scenes of places with snow, both photos and paintings, intermingled with a few abstract pieces and others that don't quite seem wintery, per se.

One of the latter is a sheep painted as a postage stamp by Sturbridge's Cathy Moore.

To her, a key inspiration for the years she's been making art – since childhood – has been "beauty in nature."

"Other people's art, too, is inspiring," she said.

That was a key point of the show itself. That, and a chance for people to gather to share ideas, particularly at last Saturday afternoon's Meet the Artist reception. As they looked over the images or snacked on crackers, the store's guests – many of them the artists – chatted about everything: climate change, pets, raising chickens, tarot, and, of course, art.

"What I see is the everyday mundane thing. That is what inspires me," Anne Tisdell said. "I think the average person can relate to the everyday stuff, rather than things people don't normally experience."

Her contribution was a painting of a photo taken across the Connecticut River in northern New Hampshire.

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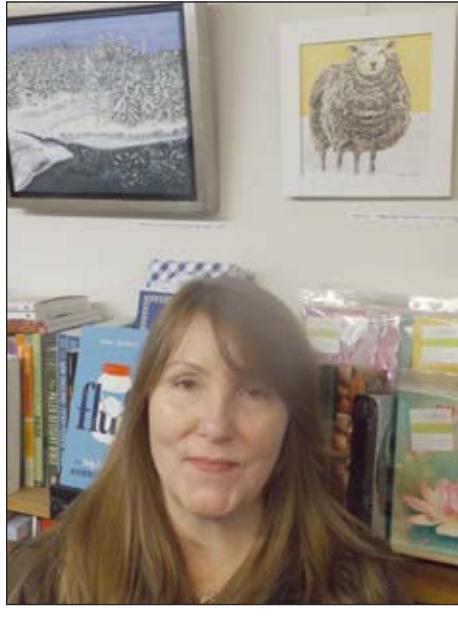
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Gus Steeves photos
Cathy Moore stands between her own contribution (the sheep at right) and that of Anne Tisdell.

and has been an artist "my whole life."

To her, the key is simply willingness to look at things from a different angle and to see what most don't look for.

"People will say 'What are you doing in that bush?' I'll be back in a minute," she said. "People don't think to stop and take pictures up the side of a tree."

Her husband, John, said he has "seen more of Massachusetts because of her." He's a native Bay Stater; she's from Pittsburgh.

Many others they know say the same

thing, Laura adds. She labels where she got her images, and has had people say "That's in my backyard?" and we get into a conversation about how to get there," she said. "We see more than people who live in town because they never leave the concrete."

"More people should get out and see nature," she added. "Take a hike, take the dog for a walk."



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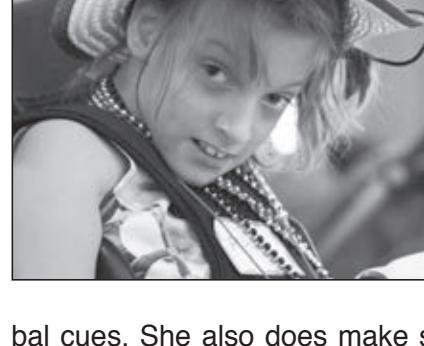
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perspective. They do classes 2 weekends in a row for 10 hours each day on Saturday and Sunday. I could potentially decide on March 3rd in the morning to start the class and finish by March 11th and get licensed March 12th and be affiliated with an office that same day and be putting your home up for sale that night. Yes you do technically work under a Real Estate Broker for 3 years before you can open your own brokerage but typically the broker is not there watching your every move.

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by logging into an online system and playing videos for 12 hours with no requirement of passing a test. This makes it so pretty much anyone can decide to get a Real Estate license part time with very little money to get and hold a license and minimal education to get the licenses as well. It is around \$400 for the class plus around \$250 to get the license and have it be good for 2 years from your birthday.

This is why as a consumer I always suggest to ask educated questions when interviewing agents to ensure that you know you are hiring the right agent. Yes everyone has

to start somewhere and if you are hiring a new agent to help you with the largest financial decision of your life which is most likely buying and selling a home make sure you make the right decision. If they are new, ensure they are a professional which is someone who knows what they know and knows what they don't know and if they don't know then they know where to go to find the answer. Also, ensure they have a team backing them, which could be a mentor in the business that is showing them the ropes or they work on a Real Estate Team with seasoned professionals to help

them with the sale of your home.

This is why I always suggest you ask questions when interviewing an agent to ensure you can compare one to the other. Questions such as:

How many homes did you sell last year?

Do you work full time or part time?

Do you have a written marketing plan?

What percentage of your listings sell?

What percentage of list price do your listings sell?

Can you provide references?

STURBRIDGE SNIPPETS

TRADITIONAL DINNER

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sturbridge Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to join our new Field Plans Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to analyze, educate, and advocate for the proposed plans at Sturbridge Town Barn. We ask that volunteers are a resident of Sturbridge. If you are interested in serving on the Field Plans Committee or would like more information, please contact Annie Roscioli at recreation@

town.sturbridge.ma.us or call 508-347-2041.

WOOF!

The Boston Terrier Club of Connecticut and MinuteMan Boston Terrier Club will present four AKC specialty shows March 17 and 18 taking place at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St., Sturbridge.

Hours are from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

AKC Boston terriers will compete for AKC championship points and best in specialty show. The clubs will offer a silent auction featuring dog related items as well as a raffle of dog items. Vendors will be selling dog related items.

GRANT AWARDED

BRIMFIELD — Hitchcock Free Academy is thrilled to announce it is the recipient of a \$7,300 capital grant through the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to install a new boiler at Hitchcock. The grant was funded by The Buxton Charitable Foundation Fund, Bank of America, Trustee - \$4,100 and The Lochridge-Watkins Charitable Foundation administered by Bank of America, Trustee - \$3,200.

Noonan Energy installed the boiler on January 30th and we all rejoiced that we can get plenty of hot water to meet the board

of health requirements from the tap and the heat in the basement now has programmable thermostats. Along with a much more efficient boiler, these improvements should save on our oil bill and we are compliant with Board of Health water temperature regulations. All great news in this 168 year old gem of a facility!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

BALTIMORE, MD — Claudia Fleshman, a member of the class of 2019 from Brimfield, has been named to the fall 2017 Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must achieve a minimum QPA of at least 3.500 for the term, provided that, in the term they have successfully completed courses totaling a minimum of 15 credits.

PURCHASE, NY — Purchase College announced that more than 1,200 students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and taken a minimum of 12 credits.

Meghan McClutchy of Sturbridge who is studying Liberal Studies: Arts; and Collin McClutchy of Sturbridge, who is studying Arts Management.

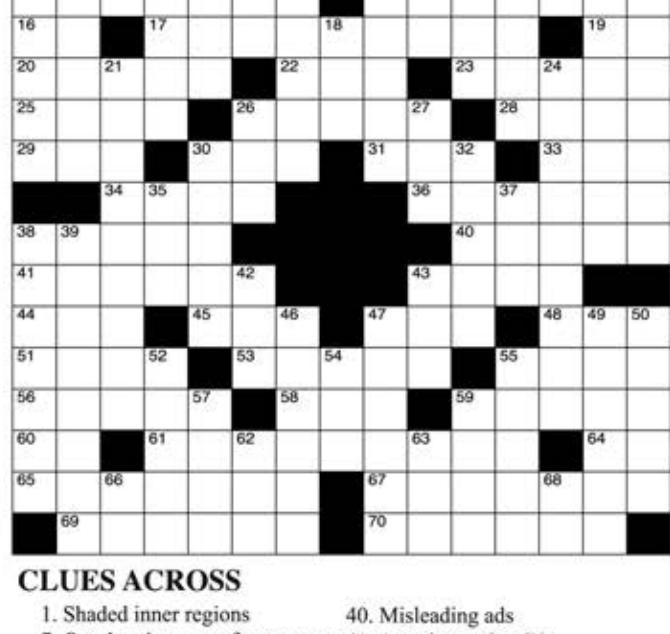
DURHAM, NH — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2017 semester.

Chloe Boland of Brimfield with High Honors, Elizabeth O'Connor of Fiskdale with Highest Honors, and Julianne Berube of Sturbridge with High Honors

GARDNER — The following local Mount Wachusett Community College students who completed a minimum of 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.99 were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester: Sturbridge: Jack Korman

POTSDAM, NY — Ian Burke Wetherbee of Fiskdale, a senior majoring in civil engineering, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Clarkson University.

NEWTON — Lasell College announced India Callaghan from Fiskdale, was named as a member of the Dean's List for their academic performance in the fall 2017 semester.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Shaded inner regions
- 7. Overlapping part of a garment
- 13. Type of smartphone
- 14. Fall apart
- 16. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 17. Crocodilian reptile
- 19. Of I
- 20. Swamp plant
- 22. Sun can help you get one
- 23. Hops, __ and jumps
- 25. Cuckoos
- 26. Small cavities in rocks
- 28. American traitor
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Popular fish
- 31. Ottoman military leader
- 33. Anger
- 34. Fish of the mackerel family
- 36. Some people can't eat it
- 38. Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- 40. Misleading ads
- 41. Atomic number 76
- 43. A type of castle security
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Very fast airplane
- 47. Vigor
- 48. 007's creator
- 51. __ and that
- 53. Indicating silence
- 55. Brown and gray rail
- 56. Nocturnal insects
- 58. Make an incision
- 59. Norwegian village
- 60. Commercial
- 61. Criminal
- 64. Northeast
- 65. Clouds of gas and dust in outer space
- 67. Mysterious things
- 69. One who won't be forgotten
- 70. Starts over

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Straighten
- 2. Gives medical advice (abbr.)
- 3. Touts
- 4. One's job
- 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Proofed
- 7. Capital of Angola
- 8. Social insect living in organized colonies
- 9. Ones who are financially compensated
- 10. Jacket
- 11. Electron volt
- 12. Tuned
- 13. Syrian leader
- 15. Reduces
- 18. Congress' investigative arm
- 21. Make uneasy
- 24. A fake
- 26. Any thick messy substance
- 27. Goad
- 30. Titan
- 32. Continental Congress delegate for NY
- 35. Peyton's younger brother
- 37. Fiddler crab
- 38. Delivers the mail
- 39. Liliaceous plant
- 42. Mountain Time
- 43. Where wrestlers work
- 46. Secured
- 47. Dog breed
- 49. Where rockers perform
- 50. Nostrils
- 52. Express doubt
- 54. Pointer
- 55. Slang for sergeant
- 57. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Holds nonperishables
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 66. Exist
- 68. Meitnerium

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DRIVEWAY

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it's a gray area since the Wetland Protection Act doesn't allow segmented projects; however, Gendreau said it's not considered a development right now but rather an agricultural site.

"I used to work for the Department of Environmental Protection, and it's a fair warning not to get overzealous," Halterman said. "It's to protect the landowners for having sewer and bulldozers running over it."

Conservation Commission member Paul Zapun shared the same sentiment.

"If it was just a road, fine," Zapun said. "But it's a Master Plan. In six months, the road will be built up anyway."

Gendreau said Thursday's approval was only for the driveway and not for the street.

Wetland Consultant Matt Marro was also present.

In another public hearing, a raze and rebuild, where homeowner George and Rebecca Kondylis will tear down and rebuild their house at 47 Seneca Lane, less than 50 feet from Cedar Lake, was approved after some discussion about the grass.

Barnicle said he was disturbed by the grassy area.

"I can't vote in favor of it with the open strip of grass," Barnicle said. "It could lead to erosion, or the pulling off of top soil, if it's not carefully tended."

Kondylis said if it was sloped, it could lead to erosion, but it was level.

In a separate interview, Gendreau said that the Kondylis' lawn will be within 20 feet of Cedar Lake - literally right on the water.

"Dave was asking if they could look for improvements," Gendreau said. "He thought that it was better to have trees and shrubs that provide shading and benefit wildlife habitat as opposed to just grass."

All of the other Conservation Commission members were onboard, and there was no further discussion about the patch of grass.

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Five years after: tornado impacts



Danelle Laflower and Jen Santoro.

BY GUS STEEVES
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Anybody driving through the tornado corridor can see that it's recovering. But Danelle Laflower and Jen Santoro wanted to look beyond the surface to actually see what's happening ecologically.

Laflower, until recently a forest ecologist for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Santoro, a University of Vermont grad student, spent last summer climbing all over the downed trees of Brimfield State Forest to see which tree species are coming back and how salvage-logging some areas affected that. Laflower did a preliminary survey of those sites in

2012, and they said they hope DCR will continue surveying five years from now.

They presented their work Feb. 11 at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales to an audience of about 80.

"This forest is resilient to heavy damage, which I'm happy to see," Santoro said.

Later, Laflower added to that summary of their work, saying, "Individual trees were damaged, but the forest itself was not. It was just changed."

Overall, a key goal was to better understand "what should we do today to maintain these healthy forests" while ensuring safety for people who use them and live nearby, Santoro said. She noted tornadoes, hur-

ricanes and the like can have "some very negative impacts, especially in an environment that includes us as people," but they're generally positive in an ecological sense.

They said they chose to work in Brimfield in part because the state declared the forest to be a "reserve" after the tornado, meaning it would not be salvaged-logged, except to clear trails and create fire-breaks to protect nearby homes. As with Southbridge's McKinstry Wildlife Area, DCR officials intended to let it recover on its own, in large part because certain species of plants, birds and animals need what's called "early successional habitat" to thrive, and that's in short supply in state forests.

Indeed, Santoro said they found more species variety in the "blowdown" areas than in salvaged sections of nearby private properties, leading her to say "maybe coarse woody [debris] does assist regeneration," and suggest people should leave at least some of it in place whenever similar weather events hit. On the other hand, one audience member noted removing it may create habitat for different species, so there some benefit to both approaches.

"The forest is coming back in force," Santoro noted. Although "the tornado left really a patchy distribution of vegetation," that has a positive side, even if it may not appeal aesthetically.

But many of them did not have enough energy to heal themselves and subsequently died. Overall, they found less than 75 percent of what existed in 2012 was still alive in 2017.

Santoro said one aspect of their study was to analyze the ecological effect of salvaging, which she termed "a compound disturbance" in some cases because it "knocks [the forest] down one step further," slows recovery, and is "a primary opportunity for gypsy moth and other invasive species to hit the forest when it's down." As a forester, she didn't specifically look at insect, bird or animal effects, but they found very little Oriental bittersweet, a notoriously invasive plant.

Afterward, Laflower added DCR is funding a tornado-track bird study which is due for release soon.

Giving a little background, Laflower said the tornado in this area peaked as an EF-3, meaning it had wind speed in excess of 136 mph, although it was impossible to identify exactly what the speed was in any specific location. It affected more than 900 acres of the 3528-acre state forest, heavily damaging 618. To do their study, they identified dozens of one-fifth-acre plots, roughly equally split between blowdown, salvage and untouched control spots, and personally counted all of the damaged/dead trees, living ones and anything under 5 inches in diameter.

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MONDAY, MARCH 5

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9-11 a.m. Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2018. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61fcfe@tantasqua.org.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings! Times: Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

PHOTO EDITING: Using programs like gimp.org, Photoshop, Lightroom,

Photoshop Elements, or Paintshop ProX, students bring their laptop with photos to edit. Skills like color/lighting adjustment, sharpen images and using layers in editing will be the focus of the class, as well as analyzing an image to decide why we would do these things. (3 classes) Dates: Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 7-9 p.m. Fee: \$60 Instructor: Kevin Kopchynski Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally without instruction. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will Donations are welcome. Time: 9-11:30 AM Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org for more information.

CIRCUS YOGA: This class is a playful expression of yoga poses where children combine poses together, and use each other for balance. It is a safe and fun way to explore movement, flexibility and trust. Ages 6-13. (6 classes) Dates: Tuesdays B) Mar 6-April 10 4:00-5:00PM Fee: \$70 Instructor: Karen Larsen Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

IRISH STEP: This is an older style Irish step. Done in soft shoes or bare feet. It is called Sean-nos. It was a

form of dance that was used to tell stories around the campfire and is a non-competitive style for children (6 classes) Dates: B) Mar 6-April 10 Time: 5:30-6:15PM Fee: \$70 Instructor: Karen Larsen Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

WATERCOLORS WITH BETH: Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every 3 weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. Time: 9:30 AM-12 PM Fee: \$17 per week plus supplies. Instructor: Beth Parys. For information and to register, call Beth at 413-245-3295.

MUSIC LESSONS WITH JODI: Music enthusiasts interested in studying beginner/intermediate to advanced Guitar, Bass Guitar, Saxophone, Clarinet, Drums, Ukulele, can enjoy private ½ hour lessons. (6 lessons) Dates: B) Mar 7 - April 11 Fee: \$148 Instructor: Jodi Stevens, BA Berklee College of Music, experienced instructor special needs students. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

SCRATCHBOARD WORKSHOP: Scratchboard is a black-and-white drawing medium. The board itself is a cardboard or panel with a thin coating of fine, white clay covered by a layer of

India ink. You draw by scratching white lines through the ink with a scratch-board nib. Supplies included (3 classes) Time: 9:30-11:30AM Date: Friday, March 9, 16, 23 Fee: \$50 Instructor: Loretta Medeiros Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

TAI CHI WITH DAVID: Warm up with 30 minutes of Chi Kung, switching to simple form work and into some more advanced forms. Approachable for all levels. Preregistration required. If not enough students have registered by the Monday before the workshop, it will be cancelled. Dates: Saturdays, from 9 AM - 11 AM Fee: \$23 Dates: C) Mar 10 Instructor: David Masera Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

CREATURE CREATIONS: Before Greene Room Production's June performances of Disney®'s The Lion King Jr, join the backstage preparations with Erin Wallace as you transform foam, cardboard and other materials into costume-puppets for the show! Creators will also have the option to wear the costumes and have photos taken to be used for publicity for the Lion King Jr! Morning sessions are best for younger creators. Glue gun veterans of all ages, unite-bring your glue gun! Times: A) 9 AM-12PM B) 1-4 PM Fee: \$5 per person each day ½ or full day. Instructor: Erin Wallace. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

Town election has one contested race

BY TARA VOCINO
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The assistant town clerk released the unofficial ballot on Wednesday afternoon for the annual



Tara Vocino photo

Selectman Michael Suprenant is running against incumbent Craig Moran and newcomers Chase Kaitbenski and Jayeshkumar Patel.

Sturbridge Republicans elect delegates



Courtesy photo
Shown: Emily Johnson (Kingston), Mike Young, Steve Hall, Lindsey Esser, Kevin Kuros, Michael Howard (Baker), and Shawn Ryan Howe (Esser).

tions, candidates for various offices were on hand to introduce themselves to the town committee members. Those candidates include Lindsey Esser (State Senate); Steven R. Hall (State Senate); and Kevin Kuros (Worcester District Registry of Deeds). Representatives for the Charlie Baker (Governor), Kate Campanale (Worcester District Registry of Deeds), and John Kingston and Beth Lindstrom (US Senate) campaigns were also in attendance.

The next meeting of the Sturbridge Republican Town Committee will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 pm. For more information, please call/text town chairman Michael Young at (774) 230-3672 or email at mike@onlinecreditcard.com.

town election on Monday, April 9.

The selectboard is a contested race with only two slots available for a three-year term.

Incumbents Craig Moran and Michael Suprenant are vying against newcomers Chase Kaitbenski and Jayeshkumar Patel, who didn't return his papers yet. However, Patel could run as a write-in candidate.

No one is running against Megan Panek in the Sturbridge School Committee race. One slot is available, also for a three-year term.

And the Tantasqua School Committee is uncontested with Susan Waters and Michelle Fitzgerald running for a three-year term. Two slots are available. All of the School Committee candidates have returned their papers, according to Assistant Town Clerk Lynne Girouard.

The Sturbridge Villager asks candidates to make a statement on their candidacy and to provide a headshot, including but not limited to:

- Give us a little background on yourself and why you are running for office.

What would you describe as your hot button issue for the selectboard? Why do you want to accomplish that goal?

What is it about Sturbridge that you like? Don't like?

On Thursday, Feb. 15, the Sturbridge Republican Town Committee held its caucus to elect delegates to the 2018 state convention. Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Kirsten Hughes called for the party's nomination convention on Saturday, April 28, at the DCU Center, Worcester.

One of the orders of business for the convention is to vote for the endorsement of candidates for the Republican nomination for Secretary of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer, Lieutenant Governor, and United States Senator.

Eight delegates were elected and will be attending the convention. Those elected include Linda Cocalis, Gary Galonek, Janet Garon, Steven R. Hall, Susan Lango, Michael Leo, Paul Murphy, and Fidelis Onwubueke.

In addition to the elec-

LEARNING

Bay Path one of several schools to receive grants

LYNN — The Baker-Polito Administration awarded \$2.3 million in Skills Capital grants to seven high schools that will use the funds to purchase new industry-standard equipment, in a variety of fields, so students are better prepared for college and careers.

The goal of the Skills Capital Grants is to help high schools, colleges and other educational institutions invest in the most up-to-date training equipment to give their students an advantage when they continue in their chosen field or particular area of study. The Skills Capital Grants cover a broad array of fields, from construction and engineering to healthcare and hospitality.

With today's announcement, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$38.2 million to 124 different programs.

"Skills Capital Grants make an enormous difference in the education and training students receive at schools across the Commonwealth," Governor Charlie Baker said. "These grants will have a lasting impact by ensuring more residents are able to move into rewarding careers and more companies have the skilled employees they need to grow."

"Skills Capital Grants impact students' education and influence programs to meet the needs of employers across the Commonwealth seeking skilled employees," Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said. "We are encouraged every time we visit a school that was awarded one of these grants and hear students talk about the difference the new equipment makes in their educational experience."

The competitive grants are awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses, as well as align curriculum and credentials with industry demand, in order to maximize hiring opportunities in each region of the state. The Economic Development legislation, proposed by the Administration and passed by the Legislature, authorized \$45 million in funding to award over three years.

"The number of educational institutions that compete for Skills Capital Grants with well-thought out business partnerships is impressive," Education Secretary Jim Poyer said. "Schools that receive these grants are ensuring their students are well-prepared for college and careers, making a difference in their students' future successes."

"Massachusetts is a national leader in life sciences, healthcare, technology, and manufacturing sectors," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "These grants allow us to build a strong pipeline of talented workers throughout the Commonwealth to support these key industries. A skilled workforce is essential to making Massachusetts increasingly competitive for the jobs of today, and of tomorrow."

"The Skills Capital grant program is helping to fill current and future talent gaps in the workforce that are vital to the Commonwealth's economic outlook," Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalyn Acosta said. "By continuing to invest in our workforce, we will ensure that the citizens of Massachusetts have the skills necessary to remain the best trained and educated in the nation."

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito created the Workforce Skills Cabinet in 2015, bringing together the Secretariats of Education, Labor and Workforce Development and Housing and Economic Development in order to align education, economic development and workforce policies, and to strategize around how to meet employers' demand for skilled workers in each region of the state.

The following high schools received grants:

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School - \$165,415: The school will purchase a Computer Numerical Control Door Production I Arch Machine for the cabinet making program. Students will develop advanced production skills used by cabinetmakers, furniture makers, bench car-



Gov. Charlie Baker with Lynn Tech students.

penters, machine operators, and CNC programmers by creating real world capstone projects for community partners. Additionally, the equipment will be used in the evening for adults who are interested in cabinet making careers or upgrading existing skills.

Belchertown High School - \$100,000: the high school will invest in STEM educational technology focused on information technology and engineering, including Cloud-based IT programming/coding language software, 3D printers, and robotics equipment. Students will receive hands-on applied learning on equipment aligned to standards in college and workplace environments.

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School - \$299,866: the school is launching a new engineering program that will expose students to opportunities in electrical, electronics, structural and civil engineering careers. The high school is working with local community colleges and universities to provide students with college

to career pathways in engineering. With the award, the school will invest in training system modules and kits that will be used during the day with students, and in the evening with adult learners. The school is partnering with local career centers, regional workforce boards, and industry partners to provide these new adult programs to support unemployed and underemployed adults.

Lynn Vocational Institute - \$395,685: the school will launch a new HVAC program, to support the North Shore region's construction trade industry. Students will gain hands-on experience using industry standard HVAC training equipment, including mounted split condensing units, heating units, simulated heating and AC for basement and attic areas, as well as gas-fired make up air units.

Northeast Metropolitan - \$491,387: the school will create a new industrial automation program to support the region's growing manufacturing industry. The school will

purchase industrial robots, PLC workstations, 3D printers, digital oscilloscopes, function generators, multi-mechatronics kits, microcontrollers, and hydraulic trainers.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School - \$420,000: the school will create a new secondary dental assisting vocational program, and will offer a night program to community college students and adults already employed in the dental industry. The school will purchase dental chairs, analog and digital X-ray equipment, sterilization centers, autoclaves, wet model trimmers, polishing and grinding equipment, and a denture processing center.

Worcester Technical High School - \$465,616: the school will invest in new industry standard equipment for students in the IT, graphic design and marketing program. With the new equipment, students will be able to earn industry credentials, such as PrintEd GAERF/Skills USA Graphic Design, screen printing and Adobe Certified Associate.

Planning a career change?

SPRINGFIELD — MGM Springfield is now offering a tuition reimbursement plan for students entering classes at the Massachusetts Casino Career Training Institute Gaming School in Springfield.

Students who successfully complete two or more courses at the new Gaming School, and obtain a job with MGM Springfield will be eligible for the tuition reimbursement if they remain employed with MGM Springfield for one year after the property's grand opening.

"This tuition reimbursement program is a real incentive to anyone considering enrollment in the new MCCTI Gaming School," said Alex Dixon, general manager, MGM Springfield. "This is a testament to our commitment to the future employees who will make THE SHOW possible here at MGM Springfield. We can't wait for the first class of students to come through our career center doors, trained and ready to start down a successful new career path."

Classes for the new MCCTI Gaming School are forming now, with first classes beginning Monday, February 26. Successful completion of two or more classes guarantees a graduate an audition with MGM Springfield, where

they will find flexible full- and part-time table games dealer positions on day, swing and overnight shifts. No formal education is required to apply to the school, and beginners are welcome. MGM Springfield is seeking to hire 450 table games and poker dealers.

MCCTI is operated by Training and Workforce Options, a collaboration between Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College. MGM Springfield is scheduled to open in Q3 2018.

MGM Springfield covers three city blocks in the heart of downtown Springfield. Igniting a cultural and economic renaissance in a historic New England city, the approximately 2 million square-foot development, which combines new construction with revived historic buildings, will offer more than 125,000 square feet of gaming space, a 250-room boutique hotel on Main Street and superior spa services, inspired dining and diverse retail.

MGM Springfield also will feature a luxury cinema, high-energy bowling complex, a seasonal skating rink and outdoor marketplace displaying local art, events and talent. MGM Springfield is scheduled to open in Q3 2018. www.mgmspringfield.com

Local students among trial all stars

The Holy Name Mock Trial Team has won the 2018 District Championship! This is a program where teams throughout the state are provided an actual court case, and then go to superior court before a superior court judge to either try the case or defend. Having won the District Championship, which they have done in 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, marks them as the best amongst all schools in Central Massachusetts, and has them once again heading to the state tournament where they have traditionally excelled as well.

We are all so proud of this talented, tenacious, and hard-working group of students. This is a program that has produced many students who have gone on to law school and legal careers.

Student Mock Trial Team: from Auburn: Anna Pyche; from Grafton: Abby Carroll; from Hudson: Katie Regis; from Rutland: Erin Duncan; from Spencer: Will Demarski; from Sturbridge: Sarah Kowal; from Sutton: Reanna Mankaryous; from Upton: Mitchell Baker of Upton; from Westborough: Rachel Liazos; and from Worcester: Dyson Barbour, Carissa England, Saibatu Kamara, Cyndi Le, Hannah Lynch, Jaclyn Ngo, and Maggie O'Connor.

Buffumville Dam Tours

Would you like to know why the lake is lower in the winter months? Have you ever wondered what the Park Rangers do in the winter? Do you like to learn about weather and perhaps learn a little about flood water storage and protection? Then join Park Ranger Jamie at 1:00 p.m. on the following Sundays this winter/spring:

*March 25,

*April 29. Meet at the gate house doors (48 Old Oxford Road, Charlton) for an exclusive tour, inside and out. Rain or shine. Please Note: There are many stairs within the tour.

Attention Families with kids: Are you home with the children, a daycare and/or homeschool group? Our first Buffumville Dam inside/outside tour during February School Vacation Week was HUGELY attended, biggest ever! So we'll do it again on Wednesday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m.

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LEARNING

Bay Path practical nursing students complete overview

WEST BOYLSTON — Five practical nursing students from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy have completed Medical Reserve Corps' deployment overview. The participants, Nicole Colon of Dudley, Reagan Gosselin of Sturbridge, Samantha Marcotte of Webster, Elizabeth Lamica and Jeanne Schultz both of Southbridge received valuable information from speakers JoAnn Griffin, LICSW, DMH and CEO Central Mass Disaster Animal Response Team and John Degnan, emergency response coordinator, Eastern Highlands Health District, CT.

The event was designed to share knowledge, experience, and information on most recently Disaster Response Team deployment to Texas following Hurricane Harvey. Lessons learned dating back to Hurricane Andrew 1992 and includes Joplin Tornado, Worcester Cold Storage Fire and Ice Storm 2008. During the event, John Degnan, MRC Director for the District, welcomed and congratulated the student nurses for their interest and involvement in Disaster training. He reminded them about the need to put their skills into practice to become better prepared in times of hurricanes, floods, fires, terrorist attacks, plane crashes.

The event was held at the town hall selectmen's chambers and is part of the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer meeting and networking.

Courtesy photo

From Left, Jeanne Schultz, Samantha Marcotte, Elizabeth Lamica, Gretheleine Bolandrina Practical Nursing Academy Director, Nicole Colon and Reagan Gosselin.



Hollywood producer to deliver Nichols College commencement address

DUDLEY — Nichols College has announced Hollywood film producer Louis A. Stroller '63 will deliver the address at the college's commencement exercises on Saturday, May 5 at the DCU Center in Worcester. During the ceremony, Stroller will also receive an honorary doctoral degree in communications and media from the college. The event starts at 5 p.m.

"Nichols College provided me with a nurturing environment that enabled me to grow as a person, a businessman, and a filmmaker," said Stroller.

"My education and experiences there served as my foundation for my career. I hope the graduates of the Class of 2018 will be inspired to know that no matter where you come from, you can achieve your desires if you put in the time and effort. I also hope students will understand how instrumental Nichols was in providing me with the tools I needed to reach my dreams and goals."

Stroller has been an assistant director, production manager, and producer on more than 40 films, working with some of Hollywood's most renowned actors, including Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep, Angelina Jolie, Al Pacino, Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery, and Sissy Spacek. His notable list of film credits includes "The Bone Collector," "Snake Eyes," "The Rock," "Carrie," "Scarface," "Sea of Love," and "Carlito's Way."

Brooklyn-born and a 1963 graduate of Nichols College, Stroller humbly began his storied career as a gopher, sweeping stages, and fetching coffee and Danish for the crew at a

New York City television studio. (One of his early assignments was to chauffeur Harry S. Truman to the studio for a documentary production on the former president.) He became the unit manager of the Mel Brooks comedy classic, "The Producers," and served as first assistant director on films such as "Charly," Woody Allen's "Take the Money and Run," and "Lovers and Other Strangers."

In 1978, following a move to California, Stroller began an association with producer Martin Bregman and actor/director Alan Alda, and teamed with them for "The Seduction of Joe Tynan." He went on to produce four more Alda films.

For television, he produced HBO's "Half a Lifetime," which won four Cable ACE Award nominations, and the reality series, "Grease: You're the One That I Want."

Stroller is president of Lucky L. Productions, a charter member of the Directors Guild of America, and a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

"In many ways, Louis Stroller is anything but the quintessential Nichols alum" said Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. "Alumni commencement speakers during my seven years at Nichols included individuals who founded major investment management firms and who turned around major retail chains. I imagine Lou is the first member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to whom we have awarded an honorary degree. Lou found his passion, started

on the ground floor, and found success. I hope students see Nichols College's vision statement — Learn. Lead. Succeed — come to life through Lou's remarks. I hope they also see that the skills, abilities, and confidence gained at Nichols prepare them for success, no matter which career they choose to pursue."

Stroller lived in California for many years and now resides in Maryland, outside of Washington, D.C., with his wife, Evelyne; and daughter, Leah.

In addition to Stroller, two other accomplished individuals will receive honorary degrees from Nichols College; M. Marcus Moran Jr. '66, recently retired CEO of W.E. Aubuchon Co. Inc.; and Marilyn Fels, an inspirational humanitarian and philanthropist.

Moran will receive an honorary doctoral degree of science in business administration.

Moran is a business and civic leader who has dedicated his career to the success of W.E. Aubuchon Co. Inc., the oldest family-owned and managed chain of hardware stores in the U.S. He joined Aubuchon in 1970 and served in a variety of positions, including personnel manager and treasurer, before being named president in 1993 and CEO in 2011. Under his leadership, Aubuchon has grown to more than 125 hardware stores throughout New England and New York, which stock about 30,000 products, including plumbing, hardware, housewares, paint, and tools, effectively competing against national home improvement retailers.

A 1966 graduate of Nichols College, Moran earned a Master of business administration at Babson College in 1967 and was an instructor at Fitchburg State University, the National Retail Hardware Association, North Shore Community College, and Mount Wachusett Community College. He co-authored a business mathematics textbook for community colleges.

A devoted volunteer leader, he has served a number of educational, human service, and cultural institutions. Among them are Cushing Academy, Nichols College, Fitchburg State, Fitchburg-Leominster Boys&GirlsClub, United Way of North Central Massachusetts, Thayer Symphony, and the St. Paul Consortium of Catholic Schools Inc.

Moran served on the board of IC Federal Credit Union for 29 years and as its chairman for 10 years.

In recognition of his contributions, Moran received the Key to the city of Fitchburg/Saving a Life as well as awards from Fitchburg State College, Mount Wachusett Community College, Boy Scouts, and the Bishop of Worcester.

He lives in Westminster with his wife Tonia. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Fels will receive an honorary doctoral degree of humane letters for her contributions to the lives of Dudley and Webster residents. Her commitment to the community is pervasive and unparalleled.

Fels provided the primary funding for new facilities for the Webster-Dudley Boys and Girls Club, the Community Cat

Connection in Webster, and the Webster Animal Shelter — organizations she continues to significantly support. She was a major donor to the construction of the Pearl L. Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley as well as to the new Webster public library, which is under construction. She was among the chief benefactors for the renovated Harrington Hospital Emergency Room in Webster, and her multi-million-dollar grant to build a new police station in Webster was hailed by the town administrator as an "unprecedented show of philanthropy."

In addition, Fels' contributions have helped secure a new vehicle for the Dudley Police Department, an echocardiograph machine for Harrington Hospital, and July 4 fireworks for the town of Webster for many years. She also supports the Worcester County Food Bank, the Webster-Dudley Food Share, area animal shelters, Webster and Dudley public schools, and is a dedicated congregant at St. Andrew Bobola Church in Dudley.

Although she's not a graduate of Nichols College, Marilyn and her husband Gerald Fels — a 1966 Nichols graduate and a trustee emeritus — are equally credited for creating educational opportunities for area residents here at Nichols, through scholarship aid to hundreds of local students, and their support of the Bartlett Honors Academy, Remillard Hall, the Fels Student Center, and other Nichols initiatives.

They live in Webster and have two children and two grandchildren.

FORESTRY

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"We're looking at 40 acres, and about 2-3 weeks worth of time," Clarke said.

Next, Moran asked about noise impact, citing Fiske Hill Road as a residential community.

"It's hard to know, but there'll be no more impact than other areas," Clarke said to Moran. "It's a subdivision, so it's tough to predict."

Conservation Commission Chairman Ed Goodwin said the board has hired Clarke themselves, but he doesn't understand why Spencer Solar, LLC is denying access.

"I'm concerned," Goodwin said. "It makes no sense. We want to protect wetlands and streams."

Selectboard clerk Mary Dowling asked if it's the first time that the board was not allowed on the site. Goodwin replied that it's the first that he has seen in about 33 years, adding that interest has grown over time in forestry.

Only three of five selectboard members were present due to health- and traveling reasons.

Clarke described the area — it's a gravel road from Fiske Hill North to Route 20 East, and trailers will be used for tree removal.

Resident Peter Zek asked if they

are using the access road, and Clarke replied that the Department of Public Works will maintain the road.

"There won't be any big trucks," Clarke said.

Resident Jeff Cooper, who lives on Fiske Hill Road, asked if it will be a selective cut, and what will happen to the stuff left over.

"It will be a selective cut," Clarke replied. "We'll remove as much as possible, and we'll leave the rest to rot."

He asked if they could set up a buffer to reduce the noise.

"It's not my house, but many other houses," Cooper said. "If trees are thinned out, the noise will be even louder."

Clarke responded that most of the trees are far back.

Dowling, who was quick to note that they're limited in their jurisdiction because it is a state permit, said they can't impose or regulate a buffer. But there are certain requirements, she said.

"There's no cutting on Sundays, holidays, after dark, etc.," Dowling said. "We're supposed to be stewards of wetlands. But it's difficult when we're denied access. What are our rights? We're limited to what the Conservation Commission can recommend, and all we can do is ask the forester to keep a closer eye on it."

Dowling said the forester can get on the property, but the town can't.

Agreeing, Suprenant said he's sure that the forester has done a good job.

"But the local authority is the Conservation Commission," Suprenant said. "They've been on there for a long time. The former agent looked at it. The current agent should be allowed on the property. It boggles my mind."

Town Administrator Leon Gaumond Jr. said he will notify the Department of Conservation and Recreation representative of their conversation.

They voted to continue their deliberation until March 5, and approved the permit, subject to conditions.

"We should be able to access the property," Moran said. "There's something going on - I don't know what it is."

In other matters, Veolia project manager Shane Moody and OPM tech lead III and site safety coordinator Zachary Donahue presented the town with a safety award in the waste water treatment plant.

"There were no injuries in the waste water treatment plant," Moody said. "And they held monthly safety trainings for employees."

A partner with town employees, there is now a plaque at the treatment plant, and at town hall.

Holiday Inn Express sales director Patti McDonnell went before the



Forester John Clarke said Spencer Solar, LLC thought it was their right to deny access to the property. Clarke said Tuesday night that he has seen denial multiple times.

selectboard to acquire a one-day liquor license for Saturday, March 3 for a 60th birthday party, and Sunday, March 4 for a baby shower. Guests will bring in their own alcohol for both events.

Moran advised her to consider acquiring an alcohol permit for liability reasons. However, the board approved the licenses since they won't have a meeting before the functions.

"You're currently responsible for what they do with that alcohol," Moran said. "You might consider some sort of agreement."



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EDITORIAL

30 years of notoriety

There is an old adage about squeaky wheels and etc., etc.

Which is true up to a point. We truly do pay attention to a part or a piece making noise. We fix it, or oil it, or replace it entirely with a newer model.

Keep that in mind.

Because we were enlightened this week by a "new" month that's been around for a whole 30 years and we were blissfully unaware. We probably knew, shrugged it off, and went about the business of actual work; but for some reason this year it slammed back in our faces again.

International Women's Month.

Huh?

We know. We do know about inequality, we live it. We know about subversive behavior. We know about unfair labor practices and fighting for attention and how long it took to get the vote and all of it. The ERA is still out there sniveling.

But....

While righteous women are celebrating what has been accomplished (and yes, me too). Because yes, it is true. And there are wars to be fought over the way people live worldwide; women in America? Really?

If you aren't happy with your pay, (and no one is, we all think we are worth more), either buck up and ask for more, find a different job, add a way to supplement your income, find ways to save money elsewhere so you aren't spending as much or join with other people around you in your place of business and ask what can be done. Don't whine internationally. Work locally.

If you don't like what is happening with the schools or the government or potholes in your street, then attend meetings, join a committee, talk to your neighbors, find the right people, find out how to vote for the people who will make a difference or run for office yourself. More women in office only happens if more women actually get involved. Don't whine. Get involved.

If you truly don't want something to happen in your children's schools; are fearful of the atmosphere, then find out about posing neighborhood watch groups, get involved with school based groups and committees and find out what is or can be done to keep kids safe; it starts in your own neighborhood, not with national laws.

Even with mental health issues. Can you help? Can you volunteer? Man a crisis intervention hot line? A suicide prevention phone?

Women are far from being the so called weaker sex here. They never have been. The expectations have changed because society has changed; and some women do adapt better than others.

As for history books and a whole month of paying attention? Well, ok. History books are always written by the winners; and for hundreds of years they have also been written by fusty old white men too. So if people want to get on their hobby horses and carry on about strong people we don't always hear about, that's good for us to know.

The day you stop learning is a bad thing.

On a whole different note we'd like to talk about local elections for a minute. In an age of tight budgets, slimmed down staffs and everything done via email, we are not going to be taking time to interview every single candidate for local public office this year. Instead, we will be sending out a survey of questions and requesting candidates take some thoughtful time to answer them, return them to us and we will print those answers the week before local elections. We are concentrating on the larger offices like selectmen and school committees; and contested offices; but we do invite everyone running for office to send their own letters to the editor explaining why they are choosing to run and a brief biography. We feel it is the best way to give space in the paper to everyone, to make certain everyone is fairly asked the same questions (we will be sending every candidate three or four questions to answer); and give everyone an equal opportunity to share their views and ideas.

Any questions please contact the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Young: flag etiquette

To the Editor:

I live in Sturbridge and visited the Burger King over 2 weeks ago, and noticed their US and MA flag hanging together on one flag pole, at the same level, in terrible disrepair.

I said something to the manager about the flags and she said they were looking for someone who could climb a ladder and fix it. First of all, they have two flag poles, and the flags are supposed to be flown correctly according to flag etiquette.

The flags are intertwined and not displayed correctly. This shows complete disrespect for our national flag.

Tuesday I visited the Burger King and the flag situation has not changed.

Can you put a human interest article in the paper, so this can be fixed? I'm sure the local Boy Scout Troop, or perhaps the Fire Dept. could be of service in this situation. Thank you.

PAT YOUNG
STURBRIDGE

POETS CORNER

Goodbye, bullets fly...again

SUBMITTED BY BENJAMIN R. WHITE

Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye...
 This is what we say;
 I still don't know why,
 We had to part today

Bullets fly, and fly, and fly
 From the barrel of a gun.
 Each met with a child's cry
 And still, there is nothing we have done.

Again, and again, and again...
 The trigger clicks.

Now we have to say, "goodbye my friend,"

As it's the senseless targets a person picks.

Not today, not tomorrow, then when?
 This has happened before.
 Will we let it happen again?
 Will we turn our backs once more?

When are we going to learn
 That it is our fault too?
 Stormy clouds are rolling in.
 Bullets are raining down on you.

For now, rest my child,
 And will hold you for a while.
 For now, sleep my friend,
 And one day, I will see you again.

Just dream of a life of bliss.
 Your world wasn't supposed to end
 like this.
 Find yourself a happy place,

And I will wipe the tears from your face.

Forget the painful screams.
 Clearly, this world is not what it seems.

Let the terror go away.

Find laughter once more in your day.

Now, don't you worry about what is to come.

I pray this world has remorse for what has been done.

Brother, sister, friend, son, and daughter,

It is me, your sister, brother, friend, mother, father.

This may be our last goodbye,
 But will this be the last time?
 How many more will have to die,
 Before we finally change our minds?

From our responsibility we do run.

It is time that we do not.

We keep saying goodbye to our daughters sons,

Until we've lost everything we've got.

So, goodbye, goodbye, goodbye...
 This is what we say.
 I still don't understand why,
 We had to part today.

For now, rest my child,
 And I will hold you for a while.
 For now, sleep my friend.
 When my day comes, I will see you again.

Merchants of Death: America's toxic cult of violence turns deadly

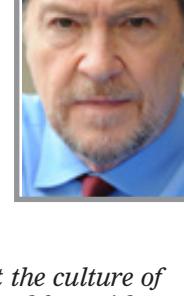
"Mass shootings have become routine in the United States and speak to a society that relies on violence to feed the coffers of the merchants of death. Given the profits made by arms manufacturers, the defense industry, gun dealers and the lobbyists who represent them in Congress, it comes as no surprise that the culture of violence cannot be abstracted from either the culture of business or the corruption of politics. Violence runs through US society like an electric current offering instant pleasure from all cultural sources, whether it be the nightly news or a television series that glorifies serial killers." —Professor Henry A. Giroux

We are caught in a vicious cycle.

With alarming regularity, the nation is being subjected to a spate of violence that terrorizes the public, destabilizes the country's fragile ecosystem, and gives the government greater justifications to crack down, lock down, and institute even more authoritarian policies for the so-called sake of national security without many objections from the citizenry.

Take the school shooting that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL on Valentine's Day: 17 people, students and teachers alike, were killed by Nikolas Cruz, a 19-year-old former student armed with a gas mask, smoke grenades, magazines of ammunition, and an AR-15-style semiautomatic rifle.

This shooting, which is being chalked up to mental illness by the 19-year-old assassin, came months after a series of mass shootings in late 2017, one at a church in Texas and the other at an outdoor country music concert in Las Vegas. In both the Texas and Las Vegas attacks, the shooters were dressed



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like a soldier or militarized police officer and armed with military-style weapons.

As usual following one of these shootings, there is a vocal outcry for enacting more stringent gun control measures, more

mental health checks, and heightened school security measures.

Also as usual, in the midst of the finger-pointing, no one is pointing a finger at the American police state or the war-drenched, violence-imbedded, profit-driven military industrial complex, both of which have made violence America's calling card.

Ask yourself: Why do these mass shootings keep happening? Who are these shooters modelling themselves after? Where are they finding the inspiration for their weaponry and tactics? Whose stance and techniques are they mirroring?

Mass shootings have taken place at churches, in nightclubs, on college campuses, on military bases, in elementary schools, in government offices, and at concerts. In almost every instance, you can connect the dots back to the military-industrial complex, which continues to dominate, dictate and shape almost every aspect of our lives.

We are a military culture engaged in continuous warfare.

We have been a nation at war for most of our existence.

We are a nation that makes a living from killing through defense contracts, weapons manufacturing and endless wars.

We are being fed a steady diet of violence through our entertainment, news

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Women's Day - how can women make financial progress?



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On March 8, we observe International Women's Day. This year's theme is "Press for Progress," and events

around the world will celebrate women's advancements in the political, social and cultural arenas. But right here in the United States, women still face barriers to their financial progress. If you're a woman, you need to recognize these challenges – and respond to them.

So, what are the key obstacles to financial security for a woman? Probably the first thing that comes to mind is the gender wage gap: Women generally earn around 80 cents for every dollar men earn, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

But women also face other threats to their financial security. For one thing, they are far more likely than men to take time away from the workforce to raise a family – and time away means smaller Social Security payments and significantly lower balances in 401(k) plans and other retirement accounts. And women's roles as caretakers don't end when their children are grown – in fact, women are twice as likely as their male siblings to end up caring for an elderly parent, according to a Princeton University study.

What, then, can you do to help ensure a comfortable retirement and achieve your other financial goals? Here are a few suggestions:

Take full advantage of your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Invest as much as you can afford each year, and every time you get a raise, increase your contributions. At the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Invest for the long term. Some evidence shows that women may be more conservative investors than men. But if you want to reach your long-term goals, you will need to consider some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio, factoring in your risk tolerance and time horizon. You may want to consult with a financial professional about the best way to invest for the long term.

Maximize your Social Security. If your spouse is the higher earner, you may want to consider how you can use this disparity to your advantage when you collect Social Security. Specifically, you may be eligible for Social Security benefits based on your spouse's earnings and Social Security record. You'll want to consult your tax advisor before making any moves.

Protect yourself from long-term care costs. More than two-thirds of nursing home residents are women, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. And the median rate nationwide for a private room in a nursing home is over \$97,000 per year, according to the Genworth 2017 Cost of Care Survey. Medicare generally pays very little for long-term care, so if you ever need these services, you'll have to find other ways to pay for them. A financial professional can suggest some ideas.

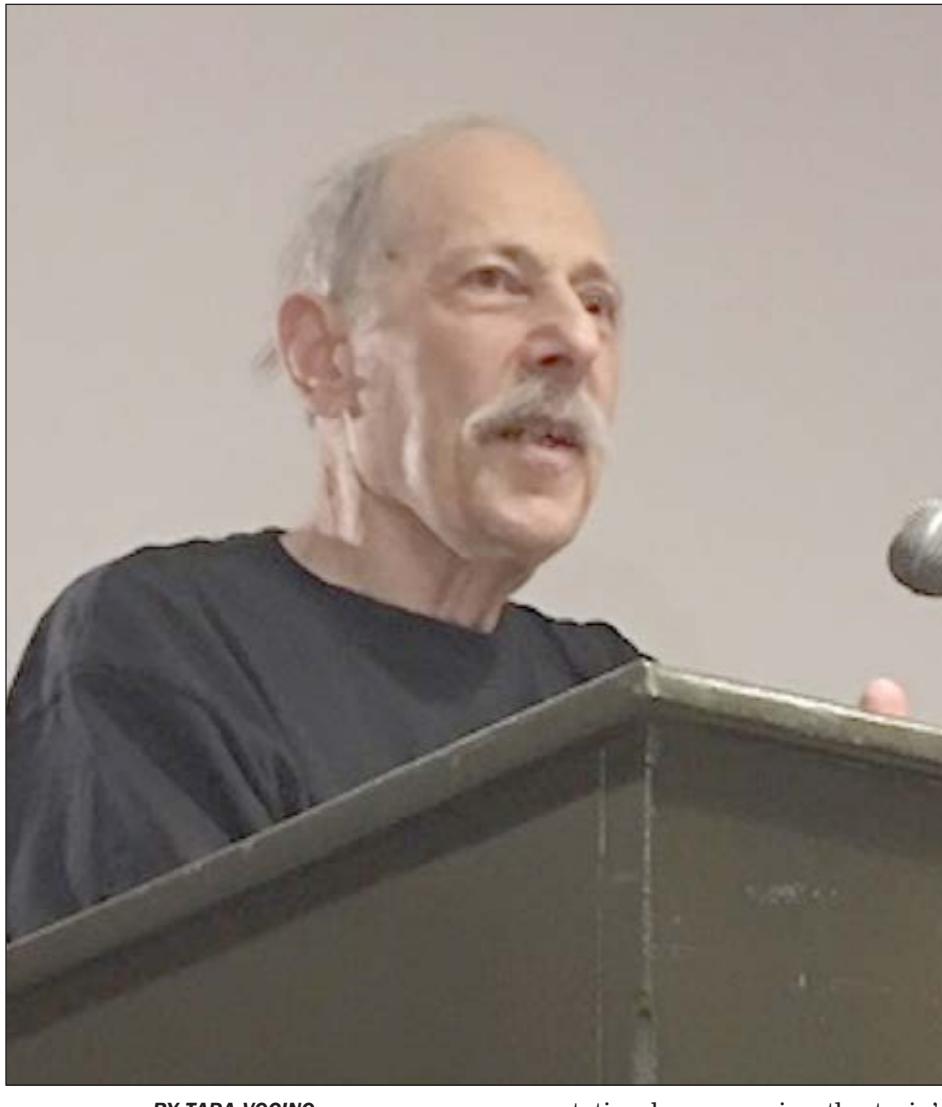
As a woman, you face special financial challenges, and striving to overcome them will be a lifelong activity. But it's worth the effort.

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Railroads develop industry in the 1800s



BY TARA VOCINO
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STURBRIDGE — About 75 people traveled back in time and traveled along railroads at the Publick House during the Sturbridge Historical Society meeting.

Guests commented on what they learned after author and historian Larry Lowenthal's presentation.

During a question and answer session, Sturbridge resident Peter Mimeaule asked about materials that the rails were made of.

Irish and Italian steel and wood laborers on the Titanic made the steel/iron rails, although the material itself came from England.

"The rail spur helped to develop industry," Mimeaule said. "We had some factories around here. But it was all about carrying freight."

His wife, Rebecca, a New Hampshire native, said she didn't realize how involved railroads were in town since she's not originally from here.

"My grandfather, Ai Otis Gould, was a fireman on the steam engine," Rebecca Mimeaule said.

Peter Mimeaule said they quickly built the main rails from 1830 to 1850, whose route was from Boston-Springfield-Albany.

He said that Lowenthal started his

presentation by comparing the train's evolution to how fast technology is evolving today.

The Mimeaults said they read the last article on antique coins in the Sturbridge Villager, and that is what prompted them to come. They are considering joining the Historical Society.

West Brookfield resident Bill Jankins said that Lowenthal did an excellent job, and that he knows everything that

there is to know about railroads.

"I learned that Brimfield didn't have any rail service," Jankins said. "And how important railroads were to the town's development. Sturbridge wanted to be the destination, not just a stop."

During the presentation, Lowenthal said a case study was done in 1830 when they decided that they didn't need horse-drawn equipment, and by 1835, they were relying on steam locomotives. There was a line that ran from Worcester to Albany, but Worcester wasn't supportive of the project.

"They wanted to be the terminus," Lowenthal said. "It was completed in 1841, and it comes out where Route 9 is today. It extended into the Quaboag River and into Warren a few miles away."

Lowenthal said people considered riding the Western railroad, or "taking/riding the cars," a luxury.

"It was a special event," Lowenthal



said. "They showed up in letters as late as the Civil War with men going/coming back from overseas."

Lowenthal went on to say that the main purpose was causing a rivalry between Western traffic and Boston, Philadelphia, and Richmond.

With the exclusion of Brimfield, he said residents had multiple choices on where to travel since the cars ran east, west, north, and south.

"Brimfield covers a large area," Lowenthal said.

He went on to say that Sturbridge didn't have as much industry as the Brookfields.

"It was largely an agricultural community with small industry," Lowenthal said. "But the depot was active all of the time. It was an exciting place to be. There wasn't any Internet or

TV, but there was constant live action."

Lowenthal said it was a devious, roundabout way to get to Boston when the Boston-Hartford line went bankrupt.

An extension in 1862 allowed residents to travel from Brimfield into Palmer.

He said Southbridge didn't support a railroad connection in 1870, but by 1877, Southbridge was onboard. However, a vote at town meeting narrowly lost, and it was the end of that project.

Although the Wells family was supportive, there wasn't enough support, and it was the end of passenger service.

"Check for personal belongings in the overhead rack," Lowenthal concluded his presentation. "And thank you for riding."

The audience laughed.



Tara Vocino photos

Examining maps, charts, old books and getting to talk to expert historian and author Larry Lowenthal was a highlight for those who attended the meeting last week.



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WAYNE TUISKULA

I've discussed coin collecting in previous columns. We have received many calls in the past few months from estate administrators and individuals looking to sell their collections, so I thought this topic was worth further discussion.

The number of members in groups such as The American Numismatic Association can provide some insight as to how many coin collectors there are in the United States. Some estimates begin at 1 million people. Ian Russell runs a coin business on the West Coast. He believes there could be 10 million coin collectors in America.

Coin collectors typically have a focus when they collect. They may try to collect every year and variety of one version of coin. For instance, they may collect every type of Lincoln penny from 1909 to the present. Type collectors collect one coin of every type. For example, they seek out one Barber, Walking Liberty,

Making cents of coins

Ben Franklin and Kennedy half dollar. Depending on their budget, they may even collect older ones and rarer ones. Some collect error coins, such as the 1955 double die (struck twice) penny. Others collect coins from their birth year, novelty coins, tokens, medals, foreign coins or ancient coins. There are collectors of topical coins. For instance, fans of the Olympics may collect Olympic coins. Currency collectors specialize in paper money.

Many find coins to be a good investment as well. Dimes, quarters, half dollars and silver dollars from 1964 or earlier contain 90% silver. Some buy coins of this era strictly for the bullion. U.S. and foreign gold coins are also popular with collectors.

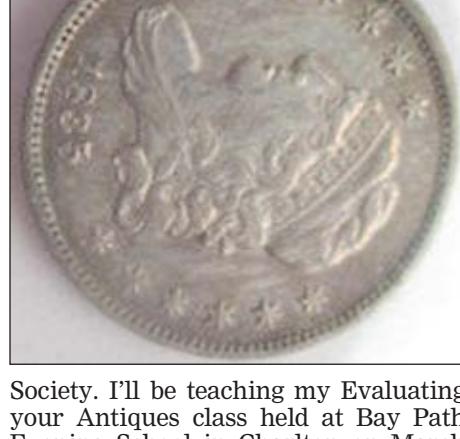
Both collectors and investors seek out rare coins. A rare gold St. Gaudens double eagle sold for \$7.5 million in 2002. A 1794, silver dollar that experts believe was the first struck at the mint, brought \$10 million at auction in 2013. Of course, there are other rare coins for those with smaller budgets.

When we handle the sale of coins from an estate, we typically encounter three types of situations. Sometimes the col-

lection has been carefully curated. Some coins may be graded in plastic holders. Others may be in coin books. Other times, coins have just been passed down through the family. In one local estate, we found six coffee tins full of coins. The coins were spread throughout hiding spots in the cellar. Often, what we find is somewhere in between these two scenarios. Some coins have been placed in coin books, vinyl or cardboard holders, while others are in bags, boxes or tins.

When evaluating these coins, we check for rare types of coins, condition, dates and mint marks. Silver and gold coins are worth at least the melt value, but others can command prices well above the value of the metal. For example, we sold 58 Lincoln pennies from 1924 in one of our auctions. Despite 75,178,000 of these coins being minted, the outstanding conditions made them desirable. They sold for over \$11,000 at auction. Gold and rare silver coins regularly sell in the hundreds to thousands. One rare Morgan silver dollar or other rare coin can be worth many Benjamin Franklins.

I'll be at the New Braintree Town Hall on March 4th from 12:00 to 3:00 appraising items for the Quaboag Historical



Society. I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class held at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on March 5th. Keep checking www.centralmass-auctions.com for details on other events.

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SPORTS

Tantasqua salvages Milford Tournament consolation win with districts up next



Nick Ethier photos

Jackson Hall of Tantasqua pulls up to take and make a jump shot.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MILFORD — It makes you wonder what he could have done on two good ankles.

Tantasqua Regional's Cam Arezzo poured in a game-high 30 points, including 22 in the first half, to help lead the Warriors boys' varsity basketball team past Norwood High, 76-64, in the consolation game of the Scarlet

Hawks Classic, played Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Milford High.

The game was the regular season finale for both teams. Tantasqua improved to 14-6 with the win, while Norwood dropped to 1-19 with the loss. The Warriors will now shift their focus to the postseason and the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament, where they gained the No. 3 seed and will host No. 6

Taconic Vocational (13-7) on Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m.

Arezzo's performance, which included a string of 12 straight points for his team in the second quarter — he finished with 14 in the period — came just two days after the Tantasqua senior injured his ankle in the Warriors' 74-65 loss to Milford in the first round of the tournament.

"Maybe I'll start hurting my ankle before every game," Arezzo said with a laugh.

As he made the trip to the Norwood game, Tantasqua head coach Tom O'Neil wasn't even sure if Arezzo would play against the Mustangs.

"We taped him up before the game and he told me, 'I'll try, coach,' and then he came out and had 30; that was awesome," said O'Neil, who was pleased with Arezzo's performance, but not surprised by it. "Cam has that ability where he can just go off. Teams kind of forget about him. They focus on Drew [Peretti] and Evan [Couture] a lot. Evan is our leading scorer but he has been struggling the last few games, and Cam has just stepped up."

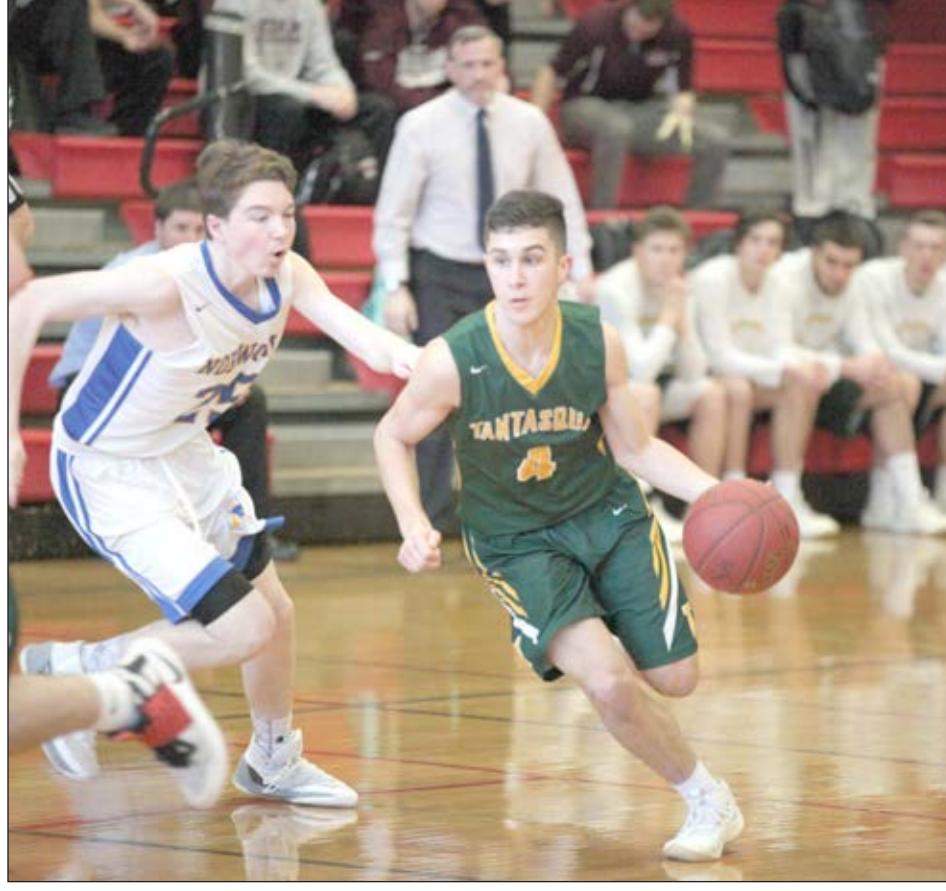
With his team ahead, 21-15, as the second quarter began, Arezzo scored the first six points of the period on a put-back basket, a free throw and a three-point play, to push the Warriors' lead to 27-15. Norwood's Dan Grasso (13 points) stopped the bleeding with a 3-pointer, but Arezzo answered with a layup off a drive to the hoop to push Tantasqua's lead back to double digits (29-18).

The Mustangs' Akhil Sripada-Vaz (17 points) made it 29-20 on a drive to the hoop, but Arezzo scored on another layup to increase the Warriors' lead to 31-20. Norwood's Dan Gunning (nine points) then pulled his team to within eight, 31-23, with a 3-pointer, but Arezzo came back with yet another layup to push the Tantasqua lead back to double figures, 33-23.

"My teammates were getting me the ball and I was taking it to the hoop," said Arezzo, who also found time record a double-double, thanks to his tenacity on the boards (12 rebounds). "I felt really good, especially in that second quarter. My teammates realized it, too; they just kept feeding me the ball and I just kept driving to the hoop."

The Warriors led, 41-31, at halftime.

In the second half Norwood cut Tantasqua's lead into the single digits just once, and that came in the first two minutes



Tantasqua's Chase Freeland looks to drive into the lane on the Norwood defense.

of the third quarter. The Warriors led after the third frame, 57-47.

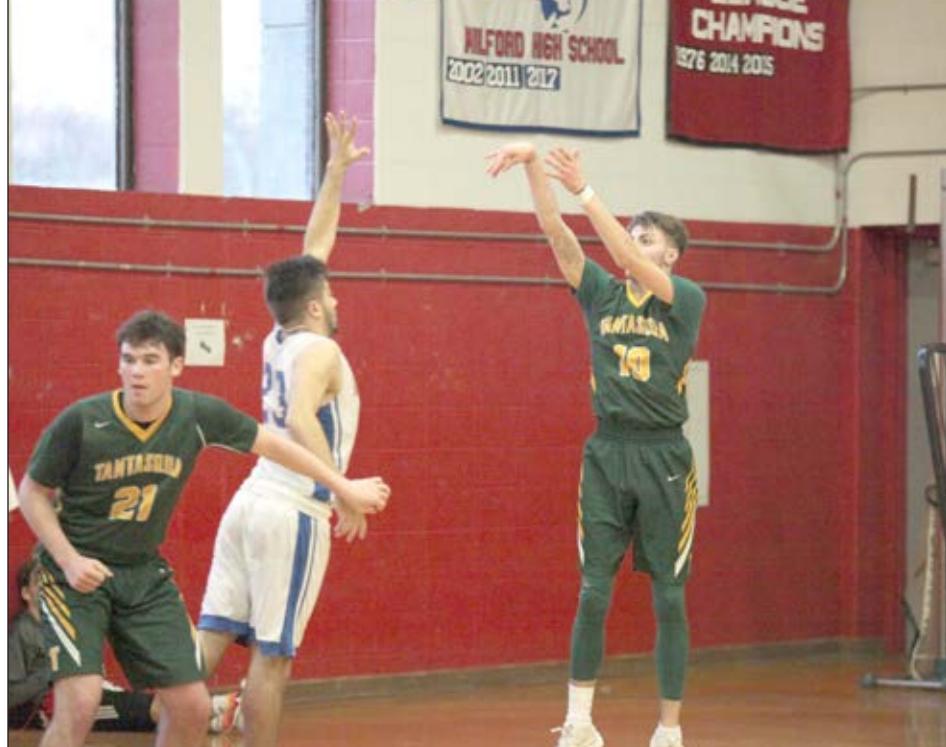
Also scoring in double figures for Tantasqua were Peretti and Hayden Peterson, who scored 11 points each. Couture added eight points, Jackson Hall six, Ethan Brunelle four, Garrett Cassavant three, Chase Freeland two and Jeremy Dingui one.

"This game was just like how our season

went; we've been up and down a lot this year," O'Neil said. "We came out in this game with some energy and then they hit some shots and we hit some shots. We made a run and then they hit some 3's. It seems like every game kids are hitting real tough shots on us. We play good defense and we've got a hand in the kid's face and the kid just makes the shot anyway."

Norwood finished the game with eight 3-pointers. Tantasqua canned six shots from beyond the arc.

"We didn't back down; we kept fighting," O'Neil said. "This is a long drive for us and our kids are sick and hurt, but we fought through all of that. Everybody who played really battled for us and we toughed it out."



Cam Arezzo of Tantasqua releases a jump shot over Norwood defender Chris Sheehan.



Tantasqua's Evan Couture looks up before firing a pass down the court while on the fast break.



Tantasqua's Garrett Cassavant finishes off a post move down in the paint.



Jeremiah Dingui of Tantasqua is able to get out of a Norwood defensive double-team by flicking a pass over to teammate Evan Couture.

Warriors' Zahr clears 6-feet at All-State Track and Field Meet

At the 33rd annual MIAA Indoor Track and Field All-State Championship, held at Boston's Reggie Lewis Track, Tantasqua Regional's Ryan Zahr qualified for the high jump event. And Zahr cleared 6-feet at the meet, which tied him for 13th place overall.

SPORTS

Shepherd Hill overpowers Rangers to claim Clark Tournament championship



Jason O'Regan and the Shepherd Hill boys' varsity basketball team is all smiles after defeating Westborough, 73-52, for the Clark Tournament Large Schools Division title.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — The Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity basketball team won its second Clark Tournament Large Schools Division championship in four years, thanks to the play of Jason O'Regan, Cody Adams and Kenny Flynn, who combined to

score 58 points for the fourth ranked Rams in their 73-52 victory over No. 6 Westborough High Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Kneller Athletic Center.

Behind the play of Mike Rapoza, now starring at Anna Maria College, Shepherd Hill defeated Nashoba Regional, 55-51, to win the title in 2015. The Rams

won Clark Tournament Small Schools championships in 1975 and 1976, defeating Bartlett High and Oakmont Regional, respectively.

"I can't wait to go home and take a picture holding both the 2015 and now the 2018 championship plaques," said O'Regan, who recorded a double-double, scoring 21 points and grabbing 16 rebounds, both game highs. "I was thrilled to win in 2015, but I think I appreciate this one more."

"I have a great memory of winning the Clark as a freshman, coming in right out of middle school and contributing," O'Regan continued. "This one means the most to me, though, because this was my last Clark Tournament. Winning it all this year made the dream come true."

The first half of this year's Large Schools final was an up and down affair, which featured nine lead changes and two ties and after which the Rams led, 31-27.

The 6-foot-5 Flynn led the way in the first 16 minutes, scoring 11 of his 17 points. He made his presence felt on the defensive end, too, blocking four shots and altering several others with his long wingspan.

"I just wanted to start something," Flynn said of his productive first

half. "Once I started I knew the rest of the team would have my back and get going, too. I felt good."

Adams scored eight of his 20 points in the first half while the 6-foot-5 O'Regan added seven points and nine rebounds.

Shepherd Hill (16-6) broke the game open in the second half, outscoring the Rangers, 24-2, during an eight-minute span that bridged parts of the third and fourth quarters.

Leading, 41-35, with 4:23 to play in the third quarter, the Rams finished the period on a 10-2 run, which allowed them to take a 51-39 lead into the fourth period. Shepherd Hill then erased any thoughts of a dramatic come-from-behind victory by Westborough by scoring the first 14 points of the final frame, extending its lead to 65-39 with 3:41 to play.

Adams paced the Rams' attack during the 24-2 run, scoring 12 points. O'Regan added seven, Danny Cavic (10 points, two 3-pointers) three and Flynn two.

From that point the Shepherd Hill faithful simply counted down the minutes and seconds until they could officially celebrate another Clark Tournament title.

Like in their semifinal round win over Auburn High, the Rams' chances for victory greatly improved when they made a conscious effort to get the ball inside and take advantage of the fact that they were the taller team.

"We came out of half-time knowing we wanted to pound the ball down low because we knew we had a size advantage," Adams said. "Kenny and Jason inside are tough for any team to deal with and they were very active tonight, taking the ball to the hoop and crashing the boards. They're very good finishers on the inside. It's very tough to stop those two when they get going."

Adams, who scored 12 of his points after intermission, was also tough for the Rangers to stop. In the second half the junior's points came on three slicing drives, three free throws and a 3-pointer.

"Cody is an athlete," said Mike Byrnes, Shepherd Hill's first-year head coach. "Offensively he's great and defensively we expect a little more from him than we do everybody else and he always comes through. He's huge for the way we play. We play fast and he gets up and down the floor and makes steals and knocks down shots. We couldn't ask him to play any harder. We wouldn't be here without him."

O'Regan (second half) and Flynn (first half) both dominated the play



Kenny Flynn of Shepherd Hill leaps up to compete for the ball in the game-opening tip.

on the court for stretches at a time.

"Jason and Kenny have been huge for us all year," Byrnes said. "Kenny has been great inside all year and he's starting to develop some perimeter skills; he hit a 3 tonight. Jason is great, too, whether it's out on the wing or inside. Those two guys are the backbone of the team."

Adams is believed to be the first player in Clark Tournament history to win back-to-back titles for different teams. He was a member of Bartlett's Clark Tournament title team last year before opting to attend Shepherd

Hill via school choice.

"Not many kids, if any, have experienced that," said Adams, who refused to pick a favorite title — last year's or this year's. "They're both very special. It feels really good, really, really good, to win another one."

Next up for the Rams is the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament. Shepherd Hill earned the No. 2 seed and will host a game on Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. They will play the winner of the No. 7 Groton-Dunstable Regional versus No. 10 Burncoat High game, which takes place after press time.



Cody Adams of Shepherd Hill finishes off a layup after driving past Westborough's Quinn Donovan.



Jason O'Regan of Shepherd Hill shoots up and over Westborough defender Quinn Donovan.



Danny Cavic of Shepherd Hill drives into the paint on Westborough's Matthew Doherty.



Shepherd Hill fan Kristian Gruszecki celebrates during the Rams' Clark Tournament Large Schools Division championship-winning performance.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Team Mass AAU holding tryouts and signups

The Team Mass boys' and girls' AAU basketball program will hold tryouts (boys) and signups (girls) on Saturday, March 3 for at Brookfield Elementary School. Age breakdowns are as follows:

Boys and girls grades 4-6: 10-11:15 a.m.

Boys grades 7-8: 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Boys grades 9-11: 1:30-2:30 p.m. (Sign up only, no tryout for varsity players in districts).

Please bring a birth certificate and a \$20 tryout fee. Arrive 15 minutes early. In case of inclement weather check website at www.teammassboys.com

and www.teammassgirls.com for more information. Coaches and assistants are always needed.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

There will be women's pick-up basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or mzd531@charter.net for more information.

OBITUARIES

Daniel J. Hennessy, 84



C H A R L T O N / S T U R B R I D G E -
Daniel Joseph Hennessy, 84, passed away peacefully after a short illness on Feb 19th at Overlook in Charlton, MA. He was a long-time resident of Sturbridge, where

he lived with his beloved wife Mary "Marie" (Carey) Hennessy, who passed away in 2011. He is survived by his son Daniel Hennessy, Jr. and his wife Jane Elizabeth; his daughters, Patricia Hennessy, Kathleen Hennessy and Mary Beth Imbarato and her husband Dave; his sister Margaret Sedlacek; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sister-in-law Mary Frances Hennessy; and four nieces and six nephews. He was also predeceased by his brother Francis. Dan was born in NYC on April 4th, 1933 to Gervaise and Margaret (O'Connor) Hennessy. He attended parochial schools and was an honors graduate of Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx in 1951. Shortly after graduation, he left his high school sweet-heart and future wife Marie and enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He completed basic training at Camp Lejeune and as a PFC was soon deployed to Korea - India Company 3rd Battalion. Once in country, Dan was assigned to a machine gunnery unit and soon distinguished himself in numerous battles with enemy forces. He was wounded twice for which he received two Purple Heart medals, a commendation for bravery and a battlefield promotion to Staff Sergeant and unit leader. At the end of his 2-year enlistment he was offered an OCS commission but declined and returned to civilian life in 1953. Dan was justifiably proud of his service to our Country and happily reconnected with members of his USMC Company later in life.

He then pursued his college education at Fordham University, at night, and worked a variety of jobs during the day to earn his way - including a short stint as a NYC beat cop and loading trucks for the NY Times! Dan married the love of his life, Marie, in 1956 at Church of the Good Shepherd and they began life as a young couple living on West 211th Street in Inwood. His life-long devotion, love and care for Marie was unwavering and truly inspirational and spanned 55 years of marriage until her death in 2011. They traveled around, often driving hundreds or thousands of miles together to visit friends and relatives in Michigan or vacationing in Florida - now that's true love!

Dan's professional life formally began when he joined Corning Glass after earning his Bachelor's degree and was then recruited by the Dow Chemical Company where he remained for the

entirety of his career. Dan understood that his Fordham degree was the key to his future and a better life for his family. He instilled these same values and aspirations in his children and was immensely proud of the fact that all of his children earned college degrees and found career fulfillment and independence. In his later years he loved to hear stories of his grandchildren's academic successes. His tenure at Dow spanned over 30 years selling bulk chemicals all over the Northeast and Midwest US. Dan's industriousness, friendly demeanor and unrelenting focus on customers earned him numerous promotions, accolades and professional recognition. He retired in 1990 and remained close to many of his Dow "buddies" who became life-long friends.

Dan's life-long fascination for all living things began in 1964 when he moved Marie and his 4 young children to a new home that he designed and mostly constructed with his own hands, on Wallace Pond in Peekskill, NY. It was here where he taught his children how to swim and fish in the summer and ice-skate in the winter. And it was here, in this rural place, where he became transfixed and a passionate, life-long observer of the ever-changing flora and fauna through his always-handy binoculars. In his later years, having retired with Marie to a tranquil setting on Walker Pond in Sturbridge, he would spend hours out on the back deck patiently watching and waiting for the rare heron or trumpeter swan to pass. It was also here that he taught his grandchildren a healthy respect and appreciation for the water and spent many hours cruising around on his beloved "pontoon" boat.

Our Family wishes to express our deep gratitude for all of the wonderful care and support provided by the Overlook professionals. Their tireless efforts were certainly appreciated by Dan and Marie as well as our family and friends. Dan and Marie also leave many wonderful memories and experiences while enjoying their time at the Overlook community.

His funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Fiskdale. Burial followed in St. Anne's Cemetery, Fiskdale. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Friday, Feb. 23rd, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anne & St. Patrick Parish, 16 Church St., Fiskdale, MA 01518.
www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Thomas P. Ferguson, 76

S T U R B R I D G E - Thomas P. Ferguson, 76, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Kathleen P. (Nancy) Ferguson; his two children, Kathleen N. Ferguson of Boston and Thomas E. Ferguson; his two brothers, Francis Ferguson and his wife JoAnn of Worcester and Michael Ferguson of Douglas; his sister, Mary Pat Ferguson Devine and her husband William Devine of Freedom, NH; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Paul Ferguson. He was born in Worcester the son of Thomas E. and Nora M. (Colbert) Ferguson. He was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War era, serving in Germany.

Thomas was a teacher in the Worcester School System for 44 years, retiring in 2007. He taught in the Worcester East Middle School for most of his years and previously taught at the Chandler Junior High School and the Forest Grove Junior High School. He was active in politics and ran polit-

ical campaigns in the Worcester area. He was an avid reader and especially enjoyed reading about history and politics. He was an avid runner. He was also an avid New England Patriots fan. Most of all his greatest joy in life was his children.

A funeral Mass for Thomas will be held on Friday, March 2nd, at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will follow in St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge. A calling hour will be held on Friday, March 2nd, from 9:00 to 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, prior to the Mass.

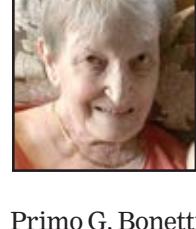
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore, P.O. Box 550, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Maria V. Bonetti, 80



S T U R B R I D G E - Maria V. (Rinaldi) Bonetti, 80, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 24th, in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after an illness.

She leaves her husband of 60 years, Primo G. Bonetti; her three sons, Albert Bonetti of Sturbridge, David Bonetti of Sturbridge; her daughter, Laura Stacey and her husband Mark of Newburyport; her brother, Giuseppe Rinaldi of Italy; her three grandchildren, Jennifer Shevlin and her husband Charles of Reading, Scott Stacey and his fiancée Natalee of Framingham and Karissa DeAngelis of Southbridge; and her two great grandchildren, Bridget Shevlin and Kieran Shevlin. She was born in Pontelandolfo, Benevento, Italy the daughter of Michele and Pasqualina

(Mucciacciaro) Rinaldi.

Maria worked in housekeeping at the Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge for many years, retiring several years ago. She enjoyed playing cards and was an avid Red Sox fan. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and his two sisters, and especially enjoyed going on cruises. She also enjoyed spending many weekends at the family's cottage in Vermont. Above all her family was the most important part of Maria's life.

Her funeral will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in North Cemetery, Sturbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 10

TRADITIONAL DINNER: American Legion Post 109 hosts a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner Saturday, March 10 5-7 p.m., 507 Main St., Fiskdale. Tickets are \$13.50 per person and take out is available. Call, tickets are available from members or at the Post (508) 347-3248.

Sunday, March 11

SPAY-GHETTI! Please join Brimfield's Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary for their annual "Spay"ghetti Supper on Sunday, March 11. There are 2 seatings: 4:30-6:00 pm and 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Advance ticket prices: \$10/Adult; \$5/ senior 60+ and kids under 12. Ticket prices at the door are: \$15/Adult; \$10 seniors 60+ and \$5 kids under 12. Kids 5 and under eat free. Gluten free option available. Take out available at the above prices. Pickup time for take-out is 4:00-4:30pm. Tickets available by visiting www.here-todaysanctuary.org or call 413-324-8224. Location: Brimfield Congregational Church, 20 Main Street, Brimfield.

Saturday, March 17

CORNED BEEF! Saturday, March 17th, the Charlton City United Methodist Men's Group will be cooking a traditional New England corned beef & cabbage dinner. Come enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors. A delicious corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and more plus your choice of beverage, and a St Patty's Day cake for dessert. Dinner is served from 5:30-7 pm and as always there will be continuous serving and take-out available. Adults are \$10, children 6-12 \$6, and as always children 5 and under are free. Family maximum

\$40. Tickets may be purchased at the door, reservations are greatly appreciated. Call the church office at (508) 248-7379 for information and reservations. The building is handicap accessible.

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of 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 9:45 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.com

emy.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 house-

hold, 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.

NOT A HAPPY ENDING BUT...



Courtesy photos

Residents watching the game on the big screen.



The crowd goes wild as the Pats score a touchdown!

There was a grand Super Bowl party held in the Performing Arts Center on a large projector screen for our residents here at The Overlook in Charlton! Sadly, all the cheering in the world couldn't bring home the trophy for our Patriots, but that's, ok, we all had a great time!

Time to collect gardening tips



TAKE
THE
HINT
KAREN
TRAINOR

After a New England winter spent poring over seed catalogs, most backyard gardeners are itching to get their hands into some soil this time of year. Whether you start seeds indoors, or prefer to wait to transplant commercial seedlings, this week's column will give you a head start on making the gardening chores ahead go a little smoother.

Seed Sense: Hard shelled seeds do not always germinate properly. But you can aid the germination process by making an x cut in the hard seed with a sharp knife. Or, to speed germination in without breaking the surface, try soaking hard shelled seeds overnight in water.

Corn Caper: Garden experts recommend this clever method to get a jump start on germinating corn: Place corn seeds

in a wet paper towel, and fold over towel, covering the top and bottom of the seeds. Allow to pre-sprout. As a bonus, corn seed treated this way is less likely to rot in cold soil.

To Sprout or Not to Sprout: If you are using last year's seeds, you can easily test the package by viability this way: Wrap a few of the seeds in a moist paper towel and then into a ziplock bag to keep the towel from drying out. Keep it at room temperature and within a week most of the seeds should sprout. If they don't, toss out the old seed package.

Sowing Seeds: Many veteran gardeners mix fine seeds in sand or very loose potting soil to allow for even seed distribution. Just make your row and drizzle the seed evenly. And, when you are planting dark seeds, you can better see where you're sprinkling them if you sprinkle some flour into the package and shake it up for even sowing.

Stamping Out Damping Off Disease: Damping off disease, which causes seedlings to die from fungi, is a gardener's nightmare. Here are some tips to prevent the common plant plague:

Since fungus thrives in moist conditions, a seedling bed pro-

vides the perfect source of growth. But you can up the odds of beating damping off disease by watering this way: Thoroughly saturate the soil and then do not water again until the soil is dry but before plants begin to wilt. This procedure keeps the soil dry for the longest time possible without killing the plants. Frequent sprinkling promotes fungal growth.

Let There Be Light: Did you know it isn't always necessary to purchase costly plant light bulbs for inside seedlings? It is possible to achieve satisfactory results by utilizing your ordinary shop lights. Simply replace the bulbs with two four watt bulbs, one cool white and one warm white. Hang the lights about two feet above the seedlings.

Can't wait to plant? Here's how to force blooms:

Bringing budding branches indoors and forcing them to bloom is a surefire way to infuse a bit of spring into your winter-weary space. Nearly any shrub that blossoms in the spring is suitable for forced blooming. Here in New England, a perennial favorite is the Forsythia. The hardy, bright yellow flowers and long, woody branches make for an

impressive live winter centerpiece. Other popular candidates include pussywillow, flowering dogwood, as well as peach and apple trees.

To do: Prune branches that are beginning to bud from healthy, mature shrubs. Cut at an angle below a node, snipping evenly around the plant until you have several suitable branches. (As a bonus, the pruning will promote more blooms in the spring). Once inside, submerge the branch under water and make a fresh, angled cut on the bottom; if you split or smash the cut, the branch will take in more water. Immediately after cutting, place in a clean vase with room temperature water. If your house is dry, you might want to increase the humidity by loosely wrapping the branches in plastic wrap for at least the first few days or until buds begin to respond. Keep branches in a cool area, changing water every few days. Before long, the buds should open and you'll be treated to the fragrance and color of springtime for several weeks.

Note: Expect pussywillow to bloom in about two weeks; forsythia, two to three weeks; apple, three weeks; flowering dogwood, three weeks.

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

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and politics.

All of the military equipment featured in blockbuster movies is provided — at taxpayer expense — in exchange for carefully placed promotional spots.

Back when I was a boy growing up in the 1950s, almost every classic sci fi movie ended with the heroic American military saving the day, whether it was battle tanks in Invaders from Mars (1953) or military roadblocks in Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956).

What I didn't know then as a schoolboy was the extent to which the Pentagon was paying to be cast as America's savior. By the time my own kids were growing up, it was Jerry Bruckheimer's blockbuster film Top Gun — created with Pentagon assistance and equipment — that boosted civic pride in the military.

Now it's my grandkids' turn to be awed and overwhelmed by child-focused military propaganda in the X-Men movies. Same goes for The Avengers and Superman and the Transformers. (Don't even get me started on the war propaganda churned out by the toy-makers.)

Even reality TV shows have gotten in on the gig, with the Pentagon's entertainment office influencing "American Idol," "The X-Factor," "Masterchef," "Cupcake Wars," numerous Oprah Winfrey shows, "Ice Road Truckers," "Battlefield Priests," "America's Got Talent," "Hawaii Five-O," lots of BBC, History Channel and National Geographic documentaries, "War Dogs," and "Big Kitchens." And that's just a sampling.

It's estimated that U.S. military intelligence agencies (including the NSA) have influenced over 1,800 movies and TV shows.

And then there are the growing number of video games, a number of which are engineered by or created for the military, which have accustomed players to interactive war play through military simulations and first-person shooter scenarios.

This is how you acclimate a population to war.

This is how you cultivate loyalty to a war machine.

This is how, to borrow from the subtitle to the 1964 film Dr. Strangelove, you teach a nation to "stop worrying and love the bomb."

As journalist David Sirota writes for Salon, "[C]ollusion between the military and Hollywood - including allowing Pentagon officials to line edit scripts - is once again on the rise, with new television programs and movies slated to celebrate the Navy SEALS...major Hollywood directors remain

more than happy to ideologically slant their films in precisely the pro-war, pro-militarist direction that the Pentagon demands in exchange for taxpayer-subsidized access to military hardware."

Why is the Pentagon (and the CIA and the government at large) so focused on using Hollywood as a propaganda machine?

To those who profit from war, it is — as Sirota recognizes — a 'product' to be sold via pop culture products that sanitize war and, in the process, boost recruitment numbers.

At a time when more and more Americans are questioning the fundamental tenets of militarism (i.e., budget-busting defense expenditures, never-ending wars/occupations, etc.), military officials are desperate to turn the public opinion tide back in a pro-militarist direction — and they know pop culture is the most effective tool to achieve that goal."

The media, eager to score higher ratings, has been equally complicit in making (real) war more palatable to the public by packaging it as TV friendly.

This is what professor Roger Stahl refers to as the representation of a "clean war": a war "without victims, without bodies, and without suffering":

"Dehumanize destruction" by extracting all human imagery from target areas ... The language used to describe the clean war is as antiseptic as the pictures. Bombings are 'air strikes.' A future bomb-site is a 'target of opportunity.'

Unarmed areas are 'soft targets.' Civilians are 'collateral damage.'

Destruction is always 'surgical.'

By and large, the clean war wiped the humanity of civilians from the screen ... Create conditions by which war appears short, abstract, sanitized and even aesthetically beautiful. Minimize any sense of death: of soldiers or civilians."

This is how you sell war to a populace that may have grown weary of endless wars: sanitize the war coverage of anything graphic or discomfiting (present a clean war), gloss over the actual numbers of soldiers and civilians killed (human cost), cast the business of killing humans in a more abstract, palatable fashion (such as a hunt), demonize one's opponents, and make the weapons of war a source of wonder and delight.

"This obsession with weapons of war has a name: technofetishism," explains Stahl.

"Weapons appear to take on a magical aura. They become trophies in a cult of worship."

"Apart from gazing at the majesty of these bombs, we were also invited to step inside these high-tech machines and take them for a spin," said Stahl. "Or if we have the

means, we can purchase one of the military vehicles on the consumer market. Not only are we invited to fantasize about being in the driver's seat, we are routinely invited to peer through the crosshairs too.

These repeated modes of imaging war cultivate new modes of perception, new relationships to the tools of state violence.

In other words, we become accustomed to 'seeing' through the machines of war."

In order to sell war, you have to feed the public's appetite for entertainment.

Not satisfied with peddling its war propaganda through Hollywood, reality TV shows and embedded journalists whose reports came across as glorified promotional ads for the military, the Pentagon turned to sports to further advance its agenda, "tying the symbols of sports with the symbols of war."

The military has been firmly entrenched in the nation's sports spectacles ever since, having co-opted football, basketball, even NASCAR.

This is how you sustain the nation's appetite for war.

No wonder entertainment violence is the hottest selling ticket at the box office. As professor Henry Giroux points out, "Popular culture not only trades in violence as entertainment, but also it delivers violence to a society addicted to a pleasure principle steeped in graphic and extreme images of human suffering, mayhem and torture."

No wonder the government continues to whet the nation's appetite for violence and war through paid propaganda programs (seeded throughout sports entertainment, Hollywood blockbusters and video games) — what Stahl refers to as "militainment" — that glorify the military and serve as recruiting tools for America's expanding military empire.

No wonder Americans from

a very young age are being groomed to enlist as foot soldiers — even virtual ones — in America's Army (coincidentally, that's also the name of a first person shooter video game produced by the military).

Explorer scouts, for example,

are one of the most popular

recruiting tools for the mili-

tary and its civilian counter-

parts (law enforcement, Border Patrol, and the FBI).

Writing for The Atlantic, a former Explorer scout

described the highlight of the program: monthly weekend

maneuvers with the National

Guard where scouts "got to fire

live rounds from M16s, M60

machine guns, and M203 gre-

nade launchers...we would

have urban firefights (shooting

blanks, of course) in Combat

Town, a warren of concrete

buildings designed for just that

purpose. The exercise always

devolved into a free-for-all,

no rules, no consequences,

no boundaries, no limits.

Stop falling for the military

industrial complex's psycho-

logical war games.

Niklas Cruz may have pulled the trigger that resulted in the mayhem in Parkland, FL but something else is driving the madness.

As Stahl concludes, "War has come to look very much like a video game. As viewers of the TV war, we are treated to end-

less flyovers. We are immersed in a general spirit of play. We are shown countless computer animations that contribute a sense of virtuality. We play alongside news anchors who watch on their monitors. We sit in front of the crosshairs directing missiles with a sense of interactivity. The destruction, if shown at all, seems unreal, distant. These repeated images foster habitual fantasies of crossing over."

We've got to do more than react in a knee-jerk fashion.

Those who want safety at all costs will clamor for more gun control measures (if not at an outright ban on weapons for non-military, non-police personnel), widespread mental health screening of the general population and greater scrutiny of military veterans, more threat assessments and behavioral sensing warnings, more CCTV cameras with facial recognition capabilities, more "See Something, Say Something" programs aimed at turning Americans into snitches and spies, more metal detectors and whole-body imaging devices at soft targets, more roaming squads of militarized police empowered to do random bag searches, more fusion centers to centralize and disseminate information to law enforcement agencies, and more surveillance of what Americans say and do, where they go, what they buy and how they spend their time.

All of these measures play into the government's hands.

As we have learned the hard way, the phantom promise of safety in exchange for restricted or regulated liberty is a false, misguided doctrine that has no basis in the truth.

What we need is a thoughtful, measured, apolitical response to these shootings and the violence that is plaguing our nation.

As I point out in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People*, the solution to most problems must start locally, in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities. We've got to de-militarize our police and lower the levels of violence here and abroad, whether it's violence we export to other countries, violence we glorify in entertainment, or violence we revel in when it's leveled at our so-called enemies, political or otherwise.

Our prolonged exposure to the toxic culture of the American police state is deadly.

*Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute. His book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* (SelectBooks, 2015) is available online at www.amazon.com. He can be contacted at johnw@rutherford.org.*

State health and human services secretary to speak at Chamber luncheon



STURBRIDGE — The Chamber of Central Mass South is very excited to welcome Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health and Human Services who will share the latest news from Beacon Hill and answer your questions at a luncheon to be held on May 3 at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village. The invitation to join us is extended to the members of the Chamber of Central Mass South as well as our affiliates with the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and any non-members who are interested in attending.

Topics the Secretary will cover include: state and federal changes in health care and how they affect Massachusetts residents and the Massachusetts response to the opioid crisis.

The Chamber is very grateful to our generous event sponsors: our Platinum

sponsor for lunch with Secretary Sudders is Harrington HealthCare System. Our Gold level sponsors are The Center of Hope Foundation of Southbridge, Christopher Heights of Webster, and Venture Community Services of Sturbridge.

A three-course lunch will be served featuring chicken Arrabiata as the entrée with a delectable dessert of dulce de leche bread pudding with brown butter glazed pears.

The luncheon takes place Thursday, May 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Old Sturbridge Village's Oliver Wight Tavern. To attend, please RSVP by calling the Chamber at (508) 347-2761 or emailing info@cmschamber.org. Feel free to call with any questions. The cost is \$30 per person with tables of eight for \$225 for members and affiliates. The cost for non-members is \$40 per person with tables of eight for \$320. Space is limited so reserve today. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, April 26.

Appointed by Governor Charlie Baker, Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health & Human Services, leads the largest executive agency in state government, overseeing a \$22 billion state budget, twelve agencies and 22,000 public servants. EOHS services directly touch the lives of slightly more than one in four residents of the Commonwealth.

Sudders' responsibilities include the state's MassHealth (Medicaid) program that provides health coverage to 1.9 million low income or disabled residents, chairing the board of the state's health care marketplace (The Connector), the Autism Commission and, the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) Oversight Council; and, co-chairs the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness and the state's first Governor's Council to Address Aging in Massachusetts. Sudders is leading the Commonwealth's efforts to address the opioid epidemic, strengthen the Department of Children and Families, and to ensure a sustainable MassHealth program.

Professionally trained as a social worker, Sudders has been a public official, private non-profit executive, advocate and college professor. She served as the Massachusetts Commissioner of Mental Health from 1996 to 2003. Prior to her appointment as Secretary, Sudders was an associate professor and chaired the health/mental health program at Boston College's Graduate School of Social Work. She also served as a behavioral health expert with the Department of Justice.

She has been recognized by top business, social work and civic organizations, including the Boston Chamber of



Courtesy photo
Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders will share her view from the Hill at a May luncheon.

Commerce, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Eastern Bank, and from the National Association of Social Work for her work.

Sudders is an alumna of Boston University with a Bachelor's degree with honors and a Master's degree in social work, and received an honorary doctorate from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. Believing in community service, she has served on many charitable boards, including the Pine Street Inn, DentaQuest Foundation, Massachusetts Association for Mental Health and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

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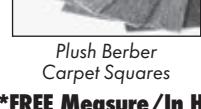
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Ice fishing anglers had hoped for a long season, but mother nature had other plans. With most lakes and ponds ice free, fishing with rod and reel has anglers catching numerous fish including trout. A reminder that Wallum Lake in Douglas is now closed to all fishing as of Feb. 28. Wallum Lake is an interstate pond and is governed by Rhode Island regulations. Wallum Lake reopens on the second Saturday of April. Local club ponds are also giving up some nice trout to members fishing with rod & reel.

Saltwater anglers are catching some nice cod at Coxe's Ledge when the boats can get out, but heavy winds have kept most boats at their docks. Hopefully the weather will improve in the coming weeks and days, allowing the boats to get onto the fishing grounds. Boat captains have reported large schools of cod at the fishing grounds on past trips, with plenty of bait in the area to keep them there. Past trips have also had boat captains anchoring up on large schools of fish for their patrons on past trips, but they seemed to have lock jaw. The bite is expected to start any day now!

While at the Springfield Sportsmen's show at the Big-E last week I had time to talk to a Captain of the "Captain John Boat" at 10 Town Wharf

Road in Plymouth! Some of the best haddock fishing in a long time was realized by his patrons during the last few years and he expects this year to be even better. Haddock fishing starts in early April, and a limit of 15 fish is expected again this year. Unfortunately this year, cod are not allowed again, to be retained on the Gulf of Maine. For a complete list of fishing opportunities and rates on the Captain John Boats, go to the web site at www.captainjohnboats.com.

Also while at the show I was fascinated by a small animal from Australia called the sugarbears. They are a tiny rodent like animal that pretty much resembles a chipmunk. Although somewhat cute they are certainly not something I would want in my home. They are also considered pocket pets and can be carried around in your pocket as you travel around on your daily chores. They cost around \$300 to \$500 each and can live to 15 years old. One person acknowledged to me that they do not make great pets, as they can become very noisy, need a lot of veterinarian care, and that they need company of another sugarbear. Now you got two new members of the family to care for.

Tautog management changes are coming to Massachusetts this year and they are long overdue. There will be no spring commercial fishing this year and for good reasons. As the tautog migrate back to coastal water in the spring, they are ready to spawn. Taking the fish before they spawn is ridiculous. "This species is one of the most localized of all popular recreational and commer-



Courtesy photos
Junior Ranger Steven from West Hill Dam shows off a nice redfish caught in South Carolina.

cial species, and the proposed changes to the new plan will create four regions—each with its own conservation goals and regulations" the report stated. Commercial fishermen will be required to place a small metal tag on each tautog that they keep to sell.

"Tracking commercial fishermen and their catch of tautog and their sale of fish in the past few years by Environmental Police have concerns about illegal and undocumented fish that are destined for instate and out of state sale to markets and restaurants" the report stated.

The good news for Massachusetts fishermen is that the tautog stocks are healthy. Massachusetts and Rhode Island will be working together to maintain their healthy stocks of tautog in the coming years.

This year recreational sea bass limits will be adjusted to open on May 20 and will close August 29. The five fish daily limit and 15 inch minimum size will remain.

Massachusetts recreational summer flounder regulations will also be changed this year. A four fish daily bag limit and an increase from 16 inches in length to 17 inches were made to comply with the AMC management plan. The season for summer flounder remains from May 22 to September 23.

If you fish saltwater you need to attend the New England Saltwater Fishing show in Providence on March 9-11. More on the show next week.

A public hearing will be held on March 7, at the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Headquarters in Westborough to discuss the possible extension of the archery deer season



Charter boats off the Cape including the Island Current are bringing their customers to nice catches of cod.

this year in zones 10-14. A good turnout is expected. There will be no changes in zones 1-9.

This week's picture shows Junior Ranger Steven, from the West Hill Dam group enjoying some fishing for Redfish while on vacation in South Carolina. Nice fish. Redfish are on my agenda of things to do before I get too old!

The second picture shows a nice cod taken on the Island Current charter boat recently.

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SIGNS

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responded. "You wouldn't need our approval."

He asked if there's a limit on how many directional signs he can install since he has four buildings on the property. Bubon replied that there's no limit.

Glick asked if he could install a sign on the Chamberlain house, a 20-room hotel, which doesn't have a sign on it currently.

"You'd need to go to the town," Bubon said to Glick. "It would have to be a minimum of two feet."

Glick said afterwards that he plans to have the sign installed.

Center of Hope marketing consultant Kayla Krause asked if she could install sandwich boards.

"You would have to take them in every night," Bubon said to Krause.

During the slideshow presentation, Bubon said signs have different uses, ranging from finding destinations, protesting to advertising for small businesses.

"I can't tell you the number of times

that people have come in asking for directions to Old Sturbridge Village, the Publick House, or hiking trails," Bubon said. "Some people think that Old Sturbridge Village is Sturbridge itself."

Bubon said black and gold signs were recently installed to give travelers directions to their destinations.

However, signs can have an unintended consequence.

"They can be a distraction for drivers if the font isn't readable," Bubon said. "For instance, there was a sign that took me four days to figure out what it said."

Lofty goals of the sign bylaw is to provide businesses and others to communicate effectively; reduce sign clutter; allow for aesthetically pleasing signage that respects the character of the community; and minimize traffic hazards.

Zoning enforcement officer Nelson Burlingame said after the presentation that he gets three weekly complaints with the biggest being a neon sign or not having the right sign layout.

"I usually talk to them three or four times before fining them," Burlingame

said. "It's a good bylaw, but it's overwhelming. But they've made it clearer."

Bubon said that the bylaw was updated in 2012, and the town held several business forums so that residents had a chance to give their opinion.

"They made it so that small business owners could bring in a sign at night to advertise specials," Bubon said. "Prior to that, they could only put up the sign for 14 days three times a year. That's a drastic improvement."

Bubon broke down changes of the bylaw.

She referenced the Bedrock Plaza sign, which may not carry a business sign or logo, but it is intended for a multi-tenant property.

Bubon went onto say that contractor signs must be removed within seven days of work completion, and neon signs are prohibited, excluding hotel/motel (no) vacancy signs.

Filchak said they host these bylaw business forums quarterly with the next one being March 6, on marijuana bylaws, at the Publick House.

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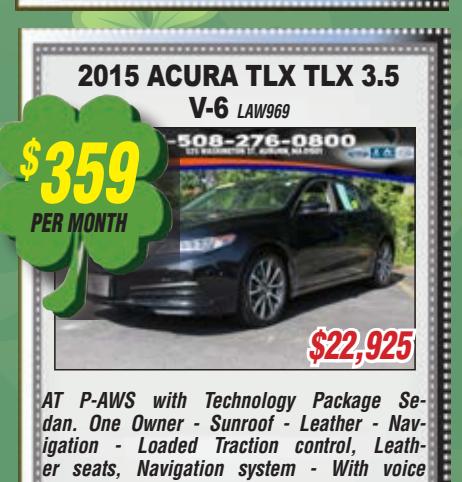
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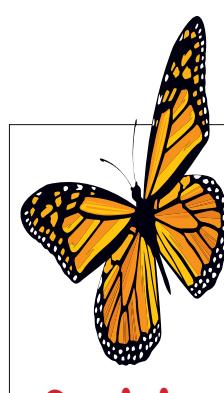
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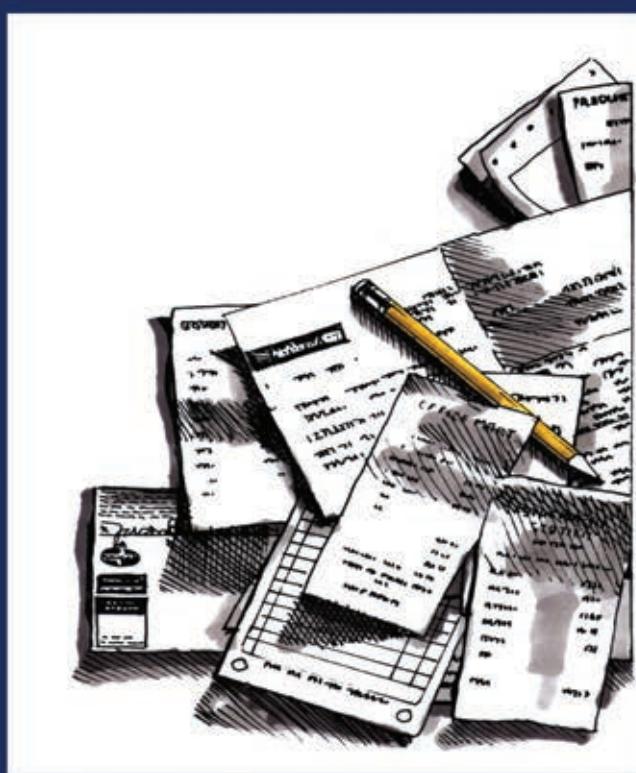
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How they SAY that in...

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to birds.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = i)

A. 1 17 8 9 21
Clue: Feathered limbs

B. 14 25 18 2
Clue: On bird's face

C. 11 23 17 9 3 10
Clue: Process of flying

D. 21 24 18 6
Clue: Coast in air

Answers: A. wings B. beak C. flight D. soar

Eyesight Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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3	7	1	6	4	8	9	2	5
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2	4	8	7	3	2	5	8	9
6	1	4	9	6	7	3	1	
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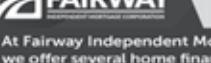
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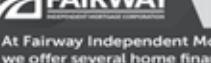


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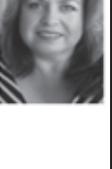
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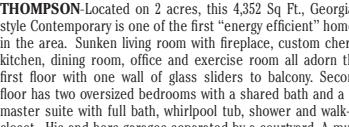

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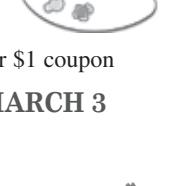
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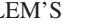
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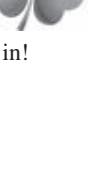
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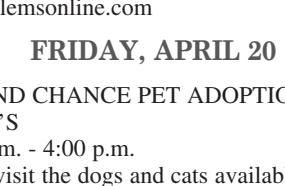
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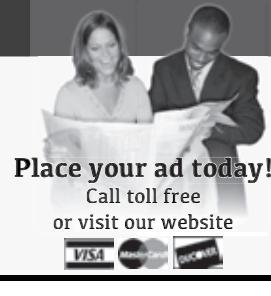
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