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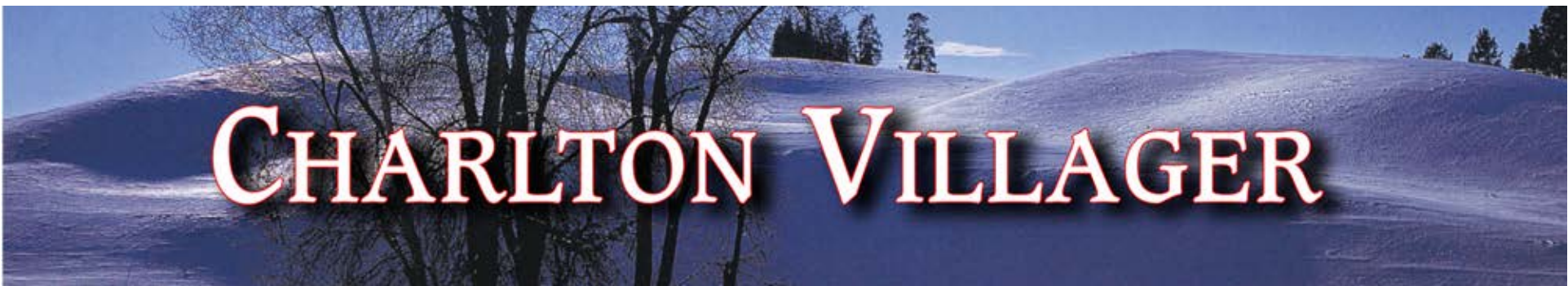
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Planning Board claims it was “left in the lurch” on VGG negotiations

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Valley Green Grow saga in Charlton continued on Wednesday, Feb. 6, with the Charlton Planning Board crying foul over continued negotiations between the company and officials in the town without the board’s inclusion.

On Jan. 2, the Planning Board voted to deny the site plan submitted by Valley Green Grow which continues its push to house a one-million-square-foot medical and recreational marijuana growing facility on the Charlton Orchard property located at 44 Old Worcester Rd. The project was one of the biggest stories to come out of the town in 2018 as the subject of numerous town meetings and protests from concerned citizens. It even led to bylaw changes and a potential ban of all marijuana related business in the town which will go to a ballot vote in May.

In the wake of the Planning Board’s decision last month, Valley Green Grow and their representatives have filed an appeal in Worcester Superior Court claiming the board exceeded legal authority. The town has 20 days from the filing on Jan. 23 to respond, making the deadline Feb. 13.

However, the Planning Board has not been included in negotiations with Valley Green Grow leading board chair Patricia Rydlak to voice her concerns in a public forum at the board’s latest meeting.

“I was informed that our

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Sturbridge native to open original play at Calliope Theater

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE— Local playwright and photographer Kara Emily Krantz is celebrating the East Coast premiere of her original production “All Bark, No Bite,” taking place at the Calliope Theater in West Boylston starting Thursday, Feb. 28 and running until Sunday, March 10.

The play, which first opened as a community theater show on Friday, Feb. 8 at Bell Tower Theater in Dubuque, Iowa, is a full-length comedy based on the idea of what our dogs

think of us and what they would say to us if they could speak.

“It started as a ridiculous idea and turned into a story about relationships, insecurities, and our desire to be accepted as we are,” said Krantz. “An element of that is how well our dogs do that. Sometimes we develop these wonderful relationships with our pets that are harder to develop with humans.”

Growing up in Sturbridge and initially starting her career as a mental health coun-

Courtesy Photos

Kara Emily Krantz

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Courtesy Photo

HITTING THE SLOPES

Students from Charlton Middle School were featured on the school’s Twitter feed recently preparing to hit the slopes during a recent trip to Wachusett Mountain.

Iconic Nichols College statue damaged during Super Bowl celebration


BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – An iconic land mark at Nichols College has been removed from campus after a group of over-rambunctious fans celebrated a little too much following the New England Patriots Super Bowl LIII victory over the Rams on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Nichols College’s well-known bison statue, nicknamed “Thunder,” that has long stood outside of the campus’ Fels Student Center at the corner of Center and Healey Roads was knocked down during the celebration forcing the removal of the structure from campus the following day. Dean of Students P.J. Boggio released a statement revealing that the damage was so severe to simply put Thunder back in his place.

“Following a careful inspection, we deter-

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Courtesy Photo

Thunder as he stood before being vandalized on Feb. 3

DCRSD sets three-year plan for Special Ed enhancements

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District will be taking the initiative to enhance its special education programs with a new three-year plan that has earned a vote of support from the district’s school committee.

In January, the committee played host to a presentation from Special Education Director Lorinda Allen, who has worked with local educators and school officials to form a three-year plan from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2022 to revitalize the special education offerings throughout the two-town district. In 2018, Allen was open about the need for improvement in her department and this new plan will be one of great change that she hopes will only enhance what the schools currently offer.

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Hemp growers face conflicting bills

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Area farmers holding Chapter 61A land should pay attention to two short bills that will be winding their way through the Legislature this session.

Both would govern whether they can grow what’s becoming a hot crop – hemp. But they conflict.

One, filed by Representatives Paul Frost, Peter Durant and Timothy Whelan (HD 2319), would specifically prohibit hemp and marijuana production on Chapter 61A land, while SD 114, sponsored by Senators Dean Tran and Ryan Fattman would allow hemp, but not marijuana.

By email, Frost said his bill aimed to “address an issue where the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has no guidelines from the state legislature or current laws pertaining to the sale of farm land to big money marijuana growers and distributors. ...A farmer can still sell their land to a non-agricultural business or entity but the intent of this legislation is if they sell to a marijuana facility of some kind, the local community will get the

right to match the sale offer. Also big marijuana businesses shouldn’t be receiving an agricultural tax break which they could lay claim to under 61A.”

The DOR, which oversees Chapter 61A, has taken a hands-off policy, with the Mass Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Hemp Program frequently-asked questions page stating “any determination under the current law may be made by the local municipality.”

Fattman and Durant did not respond to requests for comment by the time of writing on Sunday night.

“We would not be in favor of the Frost bill,” said Mark Amato, president of the Mass Farm Bureau. “Now that the [federal] Farm Bill has authorized the production of hemp, it should be included as an agricultural product.”

Specifically, he’s referring to MGL Chapter 61A’s list of what’s acceptable, as defined in Section 2: “fruits, vegetables, berries, nuts and other foods for human consumption, feed for animals, tobacco, flower, sod, trees, nursery or greenhouse products, and ornamental plants and shrubs” plus forest products. The Tran bill

would insert “hemp as defined in section 116 of chapter 128” after tobacco in that list.

Regarding marijuana, though, Amato’s still undecided, noting “There are reasons to include it and reasons to exclude it.” Part of his uncertainty comes from the fact the distinction can only be made by testing the plants, and he expects “many years of new regulations” and probably court cases before things stabilize.

“It’s quite a fine line. There will be several years of testing this and testing that,” he predicted, noting he’s heard the new industry described as both “the Wild West” and “a gold rush.” He expects “the foundation to be built for the whole thing” over the next 2-3 years, and the commodity market for hemp to mature over 15-20 years, when “the price will drop, as with corn or wheat.”

Until then, Amato argues hemp could help save some Massachusetts farmers who have been struggling for years, particularly dairies and cranberry growers. Some of them are “hanging on for dear life,” and “when a new opportunity comes along, you can’t turn it up,” he said.

The two crops are botanically the same species, Cannabis sativa, but differ in their concentration of THC, the psychoactive component in marijuana (pot) that gets a person “high.” Under state and federal law, hemp must have less than 0.3 percent THC; the species also contains hundreds of other cannabinoids that have a wide range of medicinal and other uses, but those do not matter in this regard.

The state legalized both crops in 2016, but under very different regulations; hemp is governed by MDAR, while pot is under the Department of Public Health and the Cannabis Control Commission. The federal government legalized hemp as a “commodity crop” in the 2019 Farm Bill after allowing research plots in some states for several years, but still considers pot an illegal Schedule I drug.

Speaking at a Dudley Economic Development forum in January, Taryn LaScola-Miner, MDAR’s Director of Crop and Pest Services, described hemp as “pretty versatile,” with a very long list of uses that include seed, fiber, food, oils, ink, rope, cloth and its many cannabinoids, partic-

ularly CBD. It’s also “a good remediator; it takes a lot of things up from the soil.”

She noted there are no pesticides that can legally be used on either crop, but the Farm Bill’s passage means farmers can get crop insurance and bank accounts for hemp. Federal agencies are still working out regulations for various issues, including edibles and interstate transport, and have told the states to operate under the Farm Bill 2014 requirements for the next year so the feds can do so.

In Massachusetts, that means, among other things, all cannabis products (of either variety) can only be made using plants grown, tested and processed in the state, she said. MDAR has three kinds of hemp licenses: a grower, a processor, and both. Application fees for each are \$100, and the license itself costs \$300 for each of the first two or \$500 for both.

The various requirements are available at MDAR’s Hemp Program Web site.

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Greater Worcester Community Foundation scholarship application now open

WORCESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications. High school seniors who live in Worcester County and seek college tuition assistance for the 2019 - 2020 academic year are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Monday, March 4, 2019. This is the only time this year that the Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications.

Students can apply online by visiting www.greaterworcester.org/scholarships/APPLY-HERE. Submitting a single application allows a student to be considered for any of the Foundation’s 136 scholarships for which they are eligible. Scholarship awards range in size from \$300 to \$5,000 and are made to students based on a wide variety of criteria including financial need, area of study, community involvement, high school, and hometown.

Since 1978, the Foundation has distributed \$11.2 million in scholarships to support the academic goals of Worcester County students. For more information about the Foundation’s Scholarship

Program, please contact Liz Nye, Donor Services Officer at lnye@greaterworcester.org. Recipients will be announced June 2019.

About the Greater Worcester Community Foundation

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Students named to University of Hartford Dean’s List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the following students have been named to the Dean’s List for Fall 2018.

Steven Carlson of Charlton
Evan Coulson of Charlton
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Kelsey Gingras of Charlton
Peyton Jadin of Charlton
Sarah Vangel of Charlton

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Michael Dunlap of Uxbridge named to dean’s list at Olivet Nazarene University

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Michael Dunlap of Uxbridge was named to the dean’s list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed fall 2018 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean’s list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

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Free food at Sturbridge brewery to benefit Food Bank



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The Free Food Project that began in December to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank has been carried over into the new year at Homefield Kitchen & Brewery.

STURBRIDGE — “The season of giving is year-round at Homefield,” says Homefield Kitchen & Brewery co-founder, Jonathan Cook.

The Free Food Project that began in December to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank has been carried over into the new year at his brewery and restaurant. What that means, according to Cook, “is we can keep giving certain menu items away for free on Monday nights and our guests can contribute cash that we collect for the Food Bank. Free Food night is Monday 5 to 9pm, but we collect every day we are open.”

According to Joni Kusminsky, Director of Communications and Development at the Food Bank, “We believe that food is a basic human right. Together with a network of 118 local Partner Agencies – food pantries and community meal programs across Worcester County – we provide nourishing food to neighbors who need it, while also working to address the root causes of hunger.” The idea to provide food for free has always nudged at the back of Cook’s mind.

“At first, I thought it would be great to allow people to pay what they felt the food is worth,” Cook said. “Voluntary payment instead of putting prices on the menu. Because we use all local ingredients from farmers and artisan food makers, most we know personally, I just want people to enjoy. Everybody deserves good food. To us, the quality is tops, and we get so excited, so passionate, we just want to share. The food here has never been about the money. We do it because of our connections in the farming community. We’re com-

pelled. We feel uniquely able to connect people to the best of the region.” So, when they began to open Monday nights at the request of many of the area’s restaurant workers who wanted a place to go on their night off, Cook saw the opportunity to launch his idea with a food industry customer base. Then he found out one of his employees volunteers at the Food Bank, and it all came together. Free food for Monday night patrons can be anything from soup to tacos to desserts.

“It really depends on what we have in abundance on that night,” Cook says. “Our menu changes daily according to what we have in house and what we can get that day, usually by going farm to farm. Our days always begin with us shopping at bakeries, farm stands and orchards. We write a new menu moments before we open.” The menu is posted daily at Homefieldbrewing.biz as well as on their social media pages. Aside from beer they make, Homefield has guest beers, wine, hard cider and soft drinks. For more information on how to support the Food Bank’s mission, visit foodbank.org.

Emmanuel College names More than 700 students to the Fall 2018 Dean’s List

BOSTON — In honor of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named more than 700 students to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2018 semester. Local students honored include:

Keryn Moriarty of Uxbridge
Leslie Nealon of Uxbridge

To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

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Kristin Tagg named to the Fall 2018 President’s Honor Roll at Oklahoma City University

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Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours during a semester and maintain a GPA of 3.9 or higher to meet the President’s Honor Roll requirements.

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Oklahoma City University is a coeducational, urban private university located in Oklahoma City, in the Uptown district. The university is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and offers a wide variety of degrees in the liberal arts, fine arts, sciences and business. The only Oklahoma institution listed in the top tier of the regional, master’s-level university category by U.S. News & World Report, Oklahoma City University is also listed in Forbes’ “Best Christian Colleges” and “100 Best College Buys.” OCU offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and 23 graduate degrees (including a law degree, MBA and doctoral programs in nursing).

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Christopher Paquette named to Dean’s List at Eastern Connecticut State

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Among the students is Christopher Paquette ’19 of Charlton, who majors in Finance and Business Administration. Paquette is a full-time student.

In order to be eligible for the Dean’s List, students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Fairfield University congratulates Fall 2018 Dean’s List students

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Christopher Merrill of Charlton received Dean’s List Honors for the Fall 2018 semester.

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Women In Business Scholarship Fundraiser to honor four local women



Carol Porra



Irene Garand



Alexandra McNitt



Judy Ferguson

STURBRIDGE — The upcoming Woman in Business (WIB) Scholarship Fundraiser on Thursday, March 7 will not just be a night of dinner theater and auctions –four local women will be honored for their outstanding contributions to the community.

This year, WIB has chosen to honor the work and community contributions of:

Carol Porra went to her first Woman in Business meeting in January of 1994, and has been an active member ever since. She became a committee of one on the Woman in Business Book Award, later named the Woman In Business Scholarship, among other notable and valuable contributions.

Irene Garand is a Certified Financial

Planner with Ameriprise Financial Services and has been a valuable and respected member of the community, integrating herself with many local organizations and committees.

Alexandra (Alix) McNitt has served as the Executive Director of the Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce for nearly thirteen years. Born in Southbridge and raised in Woodstock, Alix exemplifies what it means to be committed to a community.

Judy Ferguson has been the Owner and Manager of Village Photo and Portrait Studio since August 1984. Over the years, Village Photo has created fantastic photos and lasting memories

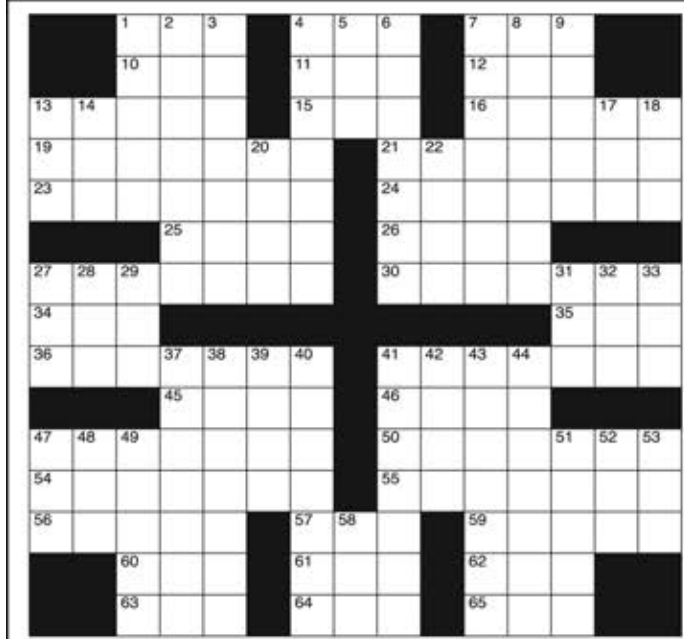
for families, individuals, special events, schools, and business organizations throughout the region and Ferguson has given generously to her community time and time again.

The recipients will be honored during the evening's opening program, as recognized by Woman in Business Board Members.

Following the awards, guests will be entertained by "All in the Timing," a dinner-theater performance by Tantasqua High School Drama Club students. Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person at wibsturbridge.org. Ticket cost includes a buffet dinner, sweet treats dessert assortment and performance. Guests may also buy tickets to a penny auction.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Event emcee is local entertainer Adam Webster of 98.9 Nash Icon and 100.1 The Pike.

Community members and businesses have shown generous support for the event and the scholarship foundation, with sponsorships reaching close to \$2,000. bankHome-town is a Producer Sponsor, while Director Sponsors include Brenda M. Bianculli, CPA, LLC; Cornerstone Bank; Harrington HealthCare System; Hometown Insurance Center, LLC; Jones & Jones Realty; Christopher Heights of Webster, Steve's Collision Center, Inc., Your Hometown Shopper and Quinsigamond Community College.



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21. ___ Streisand, singer
23. Shiny yellow minerals
24. Get hitched again
25. See (Latin)
26. Lies between the Caspian and Persian Gulf
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28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. When you'll get there
32. Not pleased
33. One point east (clockwise) of due north
37. Respects
38. Shake up
39. Ethiopian river
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Principal parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships dock
44. One who wassails
47. Shock treatment
48. Popular average
49. Things
51. A type of "bear"
52. Utilize
53. European Economic Community
58. Swiss river



Public hearing will explore DPW project possibilities

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The Dudley Board of Selectmen is continuing to ponder the possibility of a Department of Public Works including what steps would be required should the town choose to exercise the option.

The board briefly touched on the long-standing subject during a meeting late January where Town Administrator Greg Balukonis responded to inquiries from selectmen about exactly how they would go about initiating a new DPW. Balukonis said there are actually two ways to do so, but one is much less complicated than the other.

“The first (option) is to adopt Chapter 41 Section 69c through f. That’s the nontraditional way of creating a DPW and the reason why it’s non-traditional is it establishes an elected DPW commission to oversee the depart-

ment so it would be independent of the Board of Selectmen,” Balukonis said. “The more common route that’s used is a special act legislation. That would be the preferred method is go forward with that which requires a vote of town meeting.”

Balukonis recommended the next step be to bring the matter to a public hearing and to bring the consultants hired to examine the proposal to the meeting to provide their input and recommendations. This would allow for a proper public forum for citizens to have their say and fully consider the advantages and perceived setbacks of creating a Department of Public Works versus remaining with separate highway and water and sewer departments.

Selectmen then inquired about how and when a decision would be made following the public hearing. Would the decision be

made at that hearing or would there be time to digest the information and further discuss the matter at subsequent hearings? Balukonis said the best course of action would be to allow the information to sink in before taking a vote.

“I think there’s always a good opportunity to digest. I think it’s always wise to hear what the people say. Sometimes people can’t make a meeting and they want to provide input through email or a phone call. I always say we’re not necessarily pressed because we’ve allowed ourselves plenty of time. There’s not a looming deadline and generally things that are rushed through don’t hold up well at town meeting, so this is something we want to take our time with,” Balukonis said.

A public hearing on the DPW initiative had yet to be set for press time.

Springfield College recognizes Dean’s List students for the 2018 Fall Semester

SPRINGFIELD — The following local Springfield College students were named to the Dean’s List for academic excellence for the fall 2018 term:

Amelia McKenzie of Charlton. McKenzie is studying Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Gage Nutter of Charlton. Nutter is studying Communication/Sport Journalism.

Jessica Maloney of Uxbridge. Maloney is studying Health

Science/Occupational Therapy.

Criteria for selection to the dean’s list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

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Ruda resigns as selectman, will seek Town Admin job

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – With the search for a new town administrator in Dudley barely even getting underway at least one candidate is already known, and he is a familiar face in the town.

With only months left in his third term, Dudley Selectman Jonathan Ruda has officially stepped down and resigned from his position with the goal of seeking the town administrator seat in the town where he has served for years as an elected official including several terms as a selectman. Ruda’s resignation was effective at the conclusion of the Board of Selectmen’s Jan. 28 meeting where he read a letter aloud announcing his plans to apply to succeed Greg Balukonis who retires later this year.

“With two potential opportunities before me I find myself at an interesting crossroads in my professional full-time career. I consider myself to be successful in my current full-time career. I’m fortunate to be in a job I enjoy and for nine years it’s been a privilege for me to serve as your selectman. Now, however, with the retirement of Greg Balukonis approaching, I can’t help but consider the opportunity that serving my community as town administrator presents,” Ruda said. “In order for me to apply for the position of town administrator, and to maintain the transparency and the fairness



Dudley Selectman Jonathan Ruda has resigned with plans to apply for Dudley’s Town Administrator position.

I’ve always championed as a member of this board and to ensure that all candidates are fairly and equally considered for the job, I must immediately remove myself entirely and completely from the process.”

Selectmen approved Ruda’s resignation calling is a “somber” moment. However, Ruda and his fellow board members did take time to reflect

on their long-standing partnership helping lead the town of Dudley in the best direction they possibly could.

“There has never been and never will be a selectman elected that can be successful without first achieving the good will, the trust and the support and often negotiated compromise of the other members of the board. After all each individual member of the board holds his or her own ideas and philosophies. Each member tends to appeal to a unique demographic and, as in any election, the winner ultimately represents the will of the voters. I leave the board having proposed a lot as an individual, but with the sober understanding that any small measure of success that may be attributed to me is owed entirely to the collective members of the board of selectmen and the great staff that we are elected to lead,” Ruda said.

The remaining selectmen offered parting words for their long-time comrade. For Selectman Paul Joseph, his message was simple, a “thank you” for Ruda’s service and a “you’re welcome” in response to Ruda’s compliments on the teamwork that the board had embraced over the years. Selectman John Marsi said serving with Ruda has been a “privilege” and that his departure is a “big deal” for the town as is the potential for him serving as town administrator.

Selectman Steve Sullivan provided the final parting words to a man he considers a true friend and said that while every candidate will be considered equally, Jonathan Ruda would make for a worthy candidate in a pool of what promises to be a very competitive group of qualified individuals.

“The fact of the matter is nobody gets into this position to get rich. Nobody gets into this position for personal gain. Not anyone that I’ve served with anyway. I can say with one hundred percent sincerity that since the minute that Jon put his hand up and accepted the oath to be on the Planning Board for the town of Dudley that Jonathan has never done anything that cannot be considered in the best interest of the town – I can’t imagine a better candidate for us to consider. I’m sure we’re going to get a decent pool of candidates and I can wish Jonathan nothing but the best in any of his future endeavors,” Sullivan said.

Applications for the town administrator position are being accepted until Feb. 22 after which the hiring process will commence with interviews with the plan to have a candidate selected before Balukonis retires on May 31. Selectmen did not discuss the process for filling Ruda’s vacant seat, which will be up for election in June.

Sturbridge selectmen announce hiring of new town administrator

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE—The Board of Selectmen announced on Monday, Jan. 28 that Jeffrey K. Bridges of Wethersfield, Connecticut will become the new Sturbridge town administrator.

Bridges, who was chosen in a unanimous vote, has been serving as interim town administrator in Seward, Alaska since September and was one of three finalists chosen by the Town Administrator Search Committee out of over 40 applicants. The other two finalists were Southbridge Town Manager Ronald S. San Angelo and Mendon Town Administrator Kimberly D. Newman.

“We were looking for experience, knowledge of different issues, and someone who we felt would work well with people and move the town forward,” said Mary Blanchard, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. “After interviewing and reading resumes, he came out on top. He’s got a lot of experience, is enthused about coming to town, and I think it will really work out.”

Prior to his time in Seward, Bridges served as the town manager of Wethersfield for almost nine years and the city administrator of Andover, Kan. for 11 years. He has a master’s degree in public administration from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

“I’m most looking forward to meeting all the people in Sturbridge

and getting to know what’s important to them and what their goals and objectives are,” said Bridges. “My immediate goal is to meet with the governing body members and hear about their concerns and goals and meet with the department heads about their projects. Although his home in Wethersfield is only 45 minutes away, Bridges plans to move to Sturbridge as soon as possible in order to be closer to his job and immerse himself in the town he will be working for.

“I think it’s important for me to live in the town,” he said. “One of the things about being town administrator is that you become part of the community and it’s a quality of life for you, so why not enjoy the community you work in and participate in all the events and functions? I’ve never not lived in a community I’ve worked in and it’s unique to me that I don’t have to, but I still think it’s important.”

Bridges is currently negotiating his contract with the chairman of the Board of Selectmen and is scheduled to start his position on April 1. He is hoping to spend some time with the interim town administrator at the start of his position in order to learn more about the town and its current status.

“I want to spend a few weeks with Ted Kozak to understand what’s going on in the town, have a smooth transition, and keep the momentum going. It’s all about momentum!” Bridges said.

Bridges is replacing Leon Gaumond,

who was appointed as the Sturbridge town administrator in February 2015 and resigned last September to become the town manager of Weston, a town about 15 miles west of Boston. Ted Kozak, the former town manager of Northbridge, Massachusetts, has been serving as Sturbridge’s interim town administrator since the end of

September and will hold the position until the end of March.

More information about the new town administrator can be found at <https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/town-administrator>.

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town administrator, the selectman chair along with KP Law and a Valley Green Grow representative negotiated without any knowledge of the Planning Board on the appeal of the denial of the Valley Green Grow site plan. We as a board expect transparency from fellow boards and the town administrator and we did not get that,” Rydlak said.

The Planning Board invited attorney Michael Pill of Greens, Mills, Lipton LLP to speak during the meeting as an advisor to the board and he was direct in saying the Planning Board is being left out of discussions concerning a legal situation involving their own vote against the Valley Green Grow initiative. Pill, who last year defended the Planning Board’s right to deny the project, explained that the board does not have legal representation in that process.

“What the Board of Selectmen here appears to be doing in effect is simply saying we’re going to leave you in the lurch to fend for yourselves and to run the risk of potentially being defaulted,” Pill said later adding to his statements. “I will certainly do whatever I can on a pro bono volunteer basis to see that you are not left in the lurch.”

Pill warned that the situation could lead to default without legal counsel being hired for the Planning Board to

coordinate a response to the summons by the court. His recommendation was to hire Mark Bobrowski, an expert in land use law.

Pill did acknowledge one potential upside that he was made aware of from recent negotiations from Valley Green Grow. Those talks included a 20-day extension to the deadline and consolidation of the Supreme Court appeal as well as land court litigations continued from 2018. Pill said he “wholeheartedly” agrees with that approach.

The Planning Board publicly requested selectmen to hold an emergency joint meeting to discuss the situation prior to the Feb. 13 deadline. Whether or not that request was accepted was not confirmed before deadline. Selectman Karen Spiewak, speaking as an individual and a citizen, was present for the Planning Board’s meeting and offered some input prior to the close of discussion.

“We’ve not met, so we’ve not as a board made any votes about this,” Spiewak said adding that she has made requests for a joint meeting. “I’m getting a lot of questions too. There’s so much confusion and I think it’s important the public and all of us are on the same page with that in the spirit of transparency and figuring this out together.”

Selectmen were expected to discuss the matter on Tuesday, Feb. 12. A previous meeting had been scheduled to address the matter publicly, but a quorum was not met to hold the meeting.

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The Singletary Rod & Gun Club held their ice fishing derby this past Sunday, and had a good turnout, although the derby was not attended by as many anglers 20 to 30 years ago. Unfortunately, all of the clubs have the same problem. I did get to talk to a few of the older members, like Charlie Dautrich and his fishing

buddy Dave Deyoung, shown in this week's picture. Bob Bromley and his son also were in attendance, and were properly dressed for the elements, as this week's second picture shows. They both limited out with four brook trout each. The father/son team have been hunting, trapping and fishing together for all of their life, which is somewhat rare these days. The buffet breakfast was as great as always.

Cod fishing aboard the Island Current out of Snug Harbor Rhode Island, resumed their cod fishing trips last week, after many trips being canceled due to bad weather. Fishing for cod at this time of year is for the brave and hearty souls that can handle the cold temperatures. The rewards can have you reeling in some great eating fish. Give them a call to schedule a trip, or to inquire about the fishing reports. Check them out on their Web site at www.islandcurrent.com! This

week's picture shows a happy angler with a nice cod fish he caught on a recent trip aboard the Island Current. He sure was bundled up for the cold weather.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby this Saturday, Feb. 16 for members only. The derby will start at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be available at 6 a.m. Numerous prizes will be available for the largest trout in each class. The pond was recently stocked with trout and should make for a great day in the outdoors.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their ice fishing derby for members only, on Feb. 16, and will have numerous prizes for the largest trout. The kitchen will also be open for breakfast starting at 8 a.m.! Both derbies are scheduled if the ice remains safe. Planning any outdoor activities in New England is extremely hard to do because of

the fast changing weather patterns.

Ice fishing in Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont has had no problem with safe ice and many anglers are fishing in the comfort of their bob houses. This past week, I heard from Jerry Gareri, at his camp in Maine. Jerry caught a very large brown trout that measured 24 inches and tipped the scales at 4.54 pounds! Nice fish. Trout grow very fast in Maine because of the presence of smelt that are a main source of their diet. Unfortunately, many local Mass. lakes do not have the feed fish that are necessary to grow large trout. Trout do not grow fast on insects. Wallum Lake is one body of water that needs another stocking of shoal spawning alewives to boost the fast growth of trout that it once produced. Four-pound-plus browns were caught back in the '90's, when the lake had a good population of alewives in them. Smelt were also stocked along

with smelt eggs, but did not do well because of the acidity of the water at that time.

A small group of local concerned citizens applied for and received a large application of lime by a company called Living lakes. Acid rain at that time was a big problem then, and still is, although it is rarely mentioned in the news. Prior to the liming of Wallum, the state would not stock rainbow trout because of the acidic water. After the liming of more than 30 years ago, rainbow trout are stocked annually at Wallum lake and do very well. Hopefully, the state will spend a few bucks to reintroduce alewives back into Wallum so that local anglers can once again catch four-plus-pound trout again!

Many anglers enjoy catching some of the 12 to 16 inch trout which are stocked annually, but is a lot of fun to catch a lunker trout once in a while. With the loss of the brood stock salmon program, improving

fishing opportunities at Wallum with big brown trout is long overdue.

Wallum is called the "Little Quabbin" by many serious trout fishing anglers, and they deserve to have a few bucks set aside, to improve the lake's lunker trout back to what it was 30 or so years ago. It can be done! The Good Old Days. Wallum Lake is an interstate body of water. Both Mass. Fish & Wildlife and Rhode Island Fish & Wildlife were suppose to work together to make the lake a trophy brown trout body of water, but were unable to work together and the sportsmen were the losers! Many new faces are responsible for MFW daily operation today. Hopefully, they will some how find a way to work together. Licensed sportsmen deserve no less!

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Pothos and philodendron with heart shaped leaves are easy-to-grow and long time favorites. Select one of the newer variegated varieties like Brazil philodendron with a thin line of chartreuse down the center of the leaf or Neon pothos with bright lime green leaves for an updated look.

Caladiums and Elephant ears are popular in the garden, but also make great houseplants.

Perhaps your valentine would prefer a living heart sculpture. Stems of lucky bamboo are often trained into heart shapes and are a fun, unique gift.

Or maybe it's a topiary of wire vine, English or another small leafed ivy trained into a heart. All you need is a pot with drainage holes, a couple vining type plants and a piece of heavy gauge wire or a pre-formed heart shaped topiary frame.

When making your own, bend the wire into a heart shape with one or two legs that will extend into the container. Select small plants with long branches to provide immediate impact. And con-



sider dressing up your container with a bit of paint.

Fill the bottom half of the container with a well-drained potting mix. Set the topiary frame in place. Locate the plants in the container so the stems can be trained up either side of the heart. Cover the roots with soil and water.

Secure the stems to the wire frame and add a decorative stone mulch, if desired.

For a simpler gift, add a few cut flowers placed in water picks to any pot of indoor plants. They add some color and are sure to brighten your Valentine's Day.

No matter how you decide to celebrate, enjoy a Valentine's Day celebration with a friend or family member that is sure to refresh your spirit and honor those you love.

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Durgin Park restaurant auction



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It was a sad day for many Boston area diners recently when Durgin Park restaurant closed in January. The closing was not only reported by Boston media outlets, but by others around the country. The landmark restaurant was in business for 192 years, and was the second longest operating Boston restaurant. Signs from Durgin Park touted the restaurants longevity. One large sign reads “established before you were born.” Other Durgin Park advertising notes “your parents and grandparents ate here.” The owners hoped that a buyer would continue to run the restaurant. When the sale failed to materialize, they contracted us to offer items to the public so that those who have fond memories of Durgin Park can purchase a memento from the popular restaurant.

“Eater Boston” reported that, according to tradition, the restaurant was founded in 1827 when John Durgin, Eldridge Park, and John Chandler opened the restaurant. In 1877, Chandler changed the name to Durgin Park to honor his co-founders after their passing. The restaurant was run by the



Chandlers for over six decades. John Chandler’s grandson Jerry was killed during World War II and the restaurant was sold to James Hallett. Hallett had the poem “Just a boy” printed on the back of every menu to honor Jerry Chandler and his sacrifice. The poem continued to be printed on the back of every menu throughout the restaurant’s existence. A large sign on the exterior of the building had a brass plaque with the poem as well.

Business thrived at Durgin Park throughout these times for several reasons. They served traditional New England food that appealed to

people in the area, and to tourists. Yankee pot roast, Boston baked beans and Cape Cod seafood were just some of the standard fare. Portions were big and prices were reasonable. Prices appealed to many area residents who couldn’t afford to eat at some of Boston’s finer, more expensive restaurants. Durgin Park was also known for its sassy waitresses. It is believed that the banter with patrons began when men who worked long shifts were rude to the waitresses. It’s said that the restaurant employed older widows who didn’t need the money they earned but were merely look-

ing for a way to occupy their time. They responded to the rude patrons with sass and surliness. Customers enjoyed the give and take and continued to patronize the restaurant. The Kelly family purchased the restaurant in the 1970’s, and it’s said that they asked that the ribbing of the customers be toned down a bit.

As you might expect, there is a large amount of memorabilia in a restaurant that old. The Durgin Park sign with the “Just a boy” poem will be auctioned along with the “established before you were born” sign. There are vintage signs advertising franks and

beans, Indian pudding, and Boston baked beans, of course. One of the highlights is a folk art carved wooden pig with a date of 1879 on the base. It is formed from several carved blocks of wood and has an old copper patch that lends even more character to it. There are plenty of items like menus, beanpots and glassware that are expected to sell in the price range of the working class and middle class families that Durgin Park appealed to. We’ll be having a preview at the restaurant from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 17. Online bidding closes on Feb. 20. We have a link to the auction on our Web site.

We have several other upcoming events. Our next live auction will take place on Feb. 28 in Worcester. I’ll be appraising items for the Quaboag Historical Society on March 3, and at the Worcester Senior Center on March 20. My “Evaluating your antiques” class will take place at Bay Path Evening Adult Education in Charlton on March 12. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these events.

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A rehearsal for “All Bark, No Bite.”

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selor and Southbridge school teacher, Krantz made the decision to refocus her career to theater and photography when she was laid off after the state took over the Southbridge school system. She received her Master’s degree in Writing for Stage and Screen from the New Hampshire Institute of Art in June and has since been acting at local theaters, writing original plays, and initiating script readings with fellow playwrights and actors in the Worcester County area.

“My passions are playwriting and the theater, and I got accepted to the New Hampshire Institute of Art about the same time I got booted from the school system,” she said. “I saw it as a sign to switch paths and gave myself that gift. It was a great gift, and if I’m going to struggle, I’d rather it be as an artist. I stopped worrying about what I should be and started doing what I love. I stopped trying to package my skills in a way that was more palatable for society.”

Krantz was first introduced to the Calliope Theater when she auditioned for “An Inspector Calls,” a 1945 play by J.B. Priestly about a death interrogation in England. She has now been given the opportunity to direct her own play and watch it live on the same stage she acted on in the past.

“The Calliope Theater a really lovely, community-driven, professional, and kind place with a quality of work that I respect,” she said. “They respected me back so they invited me to join the board and half of the board had already seen ‘All Bark, No Bite’ when it started as just a reading, so they decided to turn it into a show.”

As her first original live production, Krantz is excited to watch “All Bark, No Bite” unfold and says that this is only the start of her career in theater, as she is currently working on another full-length play, looking to partner with a community theater for her script readings, and hoping to become the artistic director of a local theater someday.

“I know if I write a play, I can make it happen and see it live, and my goal with these two productions in Dubuque and

West Boylston is to turn ‘All Bark, No Bite’ into a legitimate publication.” she said. “For me, the skills of counseling and teaching, as well as directing and producing, coalesce in my playwriting experiences and in the theater. I feel that I have a lot to offer in that world.”

Showtimes for “All Bark, No Bite” are Thursday, Feb. 28, Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday,

March 3 at 2 p.m., Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for students and seniors.

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How about those Pats?

While it wasn't the most exciting game in Super Bowl history, the New England Patriots have secured the team's sixth title over the past 53 years. The Patriots, for those who weren't watching (yes, we know you exist), bested the Los Angeles Rams 13-3.

Patriot quarterback Tom Brady, now 41, has surpassed many records, including 232 game wins and most Super Bowl appearances at nine, most Super Bowl MVP awards at four, and of course, most Super Bowl wins at six. Brady also earned the NFL record for having the best touchdown to interception ratio in a single season. He is known as one of the greatest quarterbacks in the history of the NFL (if not the greatest, but outside New England, that may still be open to debate).

There are those who only watch one football game per year, maybe two. With that said, we could argue that the Super Bowl is just a game, with overgrown boys living out their childhood dreams. At the end of the day does it really matter who wins what? What does matter is the pride that a home team can bring back to their community. Everyone loves to rally around the home team, gather with family and friends, place friendly bets and eat amazing food, so yes, that does matter.

Loyal football fans follow the season very closely, and the Super Bowl is the highlight. Professional football requires a unique skill set that only a rare few possess. This is what pulls many of us in to watch. The same can be said for any sport, but there's something about a good sack that makes this sport more exciting to watch.

Seconds after the win, we were shocked at how composed Brady was when reporters and every other person on the infield stormed in and surrounded him, giving him barely enough elbow room to move his arms. This quarterback had just won his sixth Super Bowl and clearly wanted to use the moments following to congratulate his teammates, family, and to shake hands with the opposing team. One thing we did learn is that Brady is not claustrophobic.

Moving on to the halftime show. Every year without fail, we have huge expectations for this halftime show. We want something outlandish and unforgettable. Something that can match the adrenaline the game has already given us. The 1991 was the first time the halftime show moved from marching bands and drill teams to pop acts, with New Kids on the Block starting the trend.

In 1993, Michael Jackson raised the bar after his performance in Pasadena, Calif. Jackson appeared on stage through a capsule that shot him up into the sky, then magically reappeared on the stage, still as a statue, taking in the moment to stare out into the crowd before he was ready to shred the stage. Jackson simply turned his head from left to right and the crowd roared. Jackson's performance left no stone unturned. It was big. It took effort. It was unforgettable.

In 2001, 'Aero-Sync,' as the teaming of Aerosmith, were playfully called, gave us another one for the books. Aerosmith, N'Sync, Britney Spears and Mary J. Blige performed a collaboration that folks are still talking about today. The halftime show always needs that rock n roll element and Steven Tyler brought it.

U2, Prince, Beyonce, The Rolling Stones, Lady Gaga, and, of course Janet Jackson also gave brilliant — if occasionally infamous — performances that have yet to be matched.

Which brings us to Maroon 5, who delivered what may well be the most low-energy, yawn-inducing halftime performance in the game's modern history. While they weren't exactly terrible, they fell far from the heights of greatness to which their predecessors should have inspired them. While incredibly talented, Adam Levine, lead singer, didn't seem pumped to be there. Jamming out to Maroon 5 on your way to work or while you're sitting at the beach catching some rays is never a bad idea, but they showed neither the stage presence nor the spectacle they needed to bring to the table to prove that they belonged on the country's biggest stage Sunday night.

Cheers once again to a great win for the Patriots, though, and we hope to see the halftime stage next year with a bit more of a pulse.

OPINION

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

Plan to plant helpful herbs



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**KAREN
TRAINOR**

Although there's still snow on the ground, one way to hurry spring along is to plan your garden! Few outdoor plantings are as charming as the humble herb garden. Whether lush and willowy or lofty and spiked, herbs are not only easy to grow, they offer the promise of medicinal magic.

As our modern culture rediscovers the attributes of "yesterday's miracle drugs," more and more people are adding herbs to their backyard garden plot. The good news is, it is easier than ever to enjoy the benefits of common herbs picked straight from the ground or from a windowsill pot! Read on for some tips on growing the most practical of medicinal herbs.

Note: Information culled from several sources, including "Natural Healing" by Mark Bricklin, Rodale Press, **

Chamomile is a versatile herb that can be brewed into a tea to soothe such maladies as an upset stomach, indigestion, anxiety and sleeplessness. The fragrant herb has even been touted as a nightmare deterrent! The hardy, low-growing plant is easy to grow in a backyard garden. Chamomile, dubbed the "herb of humility" because it seemed to thrive when walked on, and in England has actually been planted as a fragrant lawn! For best results, author Mark Bricklin suggests buying mature doubleflowered Anthemis (This variety of Chamomile is the Roman version and the perennial plants are available at garden nurseries).

The herb should be planted in rows about two and a half feet apart, leaving 18 inches between plants. While Chamomile doesn't require very fertile soil, some dried cow manure will ensure an adequate supply of nitrogen. When plants bloom, pick and dry the flowers away from direct sunlight. Spreading them on an old window screen will allow air to circulate and speed up the process.

To brew, bring a cup of water to boil, remove from heat and drop in about two teaspoons of the dried flowers. Allow to steep for about ten minutes (keep lid on tight). Strain off flowers and sip slowly. **

Peppermint, the source of menthol, has long been utilized by households that always had a growing plant of peppermint, whether it be in the yard or on the windowsill. Its claim to fame is that peppermint relieves a tummy ache, alleviates the chills, and lessens symptoms of fever and the flu. A few strong cups of peppermint tea has even been credited with curing a headache.

In the garden peppermint likes moist, rich soil, but is easy to grow. Keep in

mind it is a vigorous grower, so you might want to plant it alone. Start peppermint by dividing a purchased plant and replanting in a bed about two feet apart. Peppermint is ready to harvest when the lower leaves begin to yellow. Clip entire plant one inch from the ground. To dry peppermint, strip leaves from stems and let dry. Crumble dried leaves and store in tightly covered jars. Tea can be prepared from either fresh or dried leaves. Add a squeeze of lemon to taste. **

While herbalists recommend catnip tea for upset stomach, nervous headache and promoting perspiration to cool a fever, it might be fun to grow catnip purely for your pet's pleasure! What could be more enjoyable to your furry feline than to have a windowsill garden to mosey up to and nibble on to its heart's content? Catnip is very easy to grow, and the hardy perennial requires practically no attention! Plant in light soil, expose to ample sunshine, keep moist and the plant will thrive. Either start from seed or divide roots of an established plant into new plants. New divisions should be planted immediately, about 18 inches apart. Seedlings should be thinned to 12inch intervals. Hint: Enthusiastic cats can easily damage growing transplants; sown from seed, however, the herb won't attract cats unless the plant is bruised.

Catnip grows fast and can be harvested any time after the plant matures and blooms, but before any yellowing begins. Strip leaves off plant and let dry thoroughly (don't dry in sun, or volatile oils will be lost). When dry (up to a week) crumble leaves into pieces but not a powder. Pack in tight containers.

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

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

Love is so strong: thoughts for Valentine's Day

When I was little, Valentine's Day meant me dancing around the house in a cupid costume. I had a halo, fluffy white wings, and a toy bow and arrow that shot to an impressive distance of about six inches. My parents would split the holiday so I could spend time with both of them, and my mom would give me heart-shaped chocolate, my dad would give me Smarties, and they would both give me even more hugs than usual.

As I grew up, Valentine's Day changed a little. All of a sudden, it became me and my first real boyfriend eating pizza and watching Modern Family in the finished basement of the house I grew up in. Then it became disappointment when a boy I really liked asked me out to dinner and cancelled an hour before we were supposed to go. I eventually grew to dislike it, watching what seemed like every single couple expressing their love in cheesy, unoriginal ways by purchasing Hallmark cards and flowers and trying to make sure their significant other would have something to brag to their coworkers about on Feb. 15.

Once again, Valentine's Day means something different to me this year. A couple weeks ago, my therapist said to me, "We choose to hate, just as we choose to love." Throughout my 22 years of life, I've always made it a point to never hate anyone even though I



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GIRL
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SANDOLI**

make dislike them, but it reminded me that we could all use the reminder to love a little stronger and a little more often. Valentine's Day shouldn't be the only day we choose to love, but maybe it could be a reminder to try harder and to love more people more often.

Every day, we make choices that may seem so small, but matter so much in the long run. We alone decide whether to we stare blankly at a stranger or smile at them, judge others or appreciate their uniqueness, criticize those who are struggling or compliment them for their strength, tear someone down out of envy or lift them up out of selflessness, act with only our own best interest in mind or consider the feelings of the people who surround us, yell at and talk over our lovers or remain calm and really listen to their side of things, and help those who need it or ignore them with the assumption that it isn't our problem.

Several months ago, I was at Nu Kitchen trying to write, but was going through a really tough time and started crying pretty hard. The person sitting next to me could have reacted in so many different ways, but he asked me if I was okay. When I said I was, he smiled at me and told me everything would be alright. On his way out the door, he gave

Market outlook for 2019: Uncertainty is certain



FINANCIAL
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To say the financial markets were a bit bumpy in 2018 may be an understatement. The S&P 500 was down 6.2 percent for the year, the first time this key index fell since 2008, during the financial crisis. So, what can you anticipate in 2019? And what investment moves should you make?

Let's review the causes for last year's market volatility. Generally speaking, uncertainty was a major culprit. Uncertainty about tariffs, uncertainty about the continued trade dispute with China, uncertainty about Brexit — they all combined to make the markets nervous. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates four times, and even though rates remain low by historical standards, the increases caused some concern, as higher borrowing costs can eventually crimp the growth prospects for businesses.

And now that we're into 2019, these same uncertainties remain, so markets are likely to remain volatile. Although the Fed has indicated it may be more cautious with regard to new rate hikes, there are indications of slower growth ahead, particularly in China, the world's second-largest economy. And after strong 2018 earnings growth, helped by the corporate tax cuts, corporate earnings may grow more slowly — and, as always, earnings are a key driver of stock prices.

Nonetheless, the U.S. economy is showing enough strength that a recession does not appear to be on the horizon, which is also likely to be the case globally — and that should be good news, because an extended "bear" market typically does need to be fueled by a recession. Ultimately, the projected continued growth of the U.S. economy and the possible resolution of some uncertainties could help markets rebound.

As investors, we cannot control the everyday ups and downs in the markets, but we can control our decisions, look for opportunities and keep a long-term perspective within our investment portfolios. Consider these actions for 2019:

Be prepared for volatility. As mentioned, many of the same factors that led to the market upheavals of 2018 are still with us, along with the impact of the partial government shutdown — so don't be surprised to see continued volatility. The more you're prepared for market turbulence, the less startled you'll be when it arrives.

Stay diversified. At any given time, different financial assets may move in different directions: stocks up, bonds down, or vice versa. To help dilute risk and take advantage of different opportunities, you should maintain a broadly diversified portfolio containing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and so on. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain an appropriate proportion of each asset class, based on your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

Take a long-term perspective. It can be disconcerting to see several-hundred point drops in the stock market. But you can look past short-term events, especially if your most important financial target — a comfortable retirement — is still years or decades away. By keeping your focus on the long term, you can make investment decisions based on your objectives — not your emotions.

If 2019 continues to be volatile, you'll need to stay prepared and make the right moves — so you can be confident that you did everything you could to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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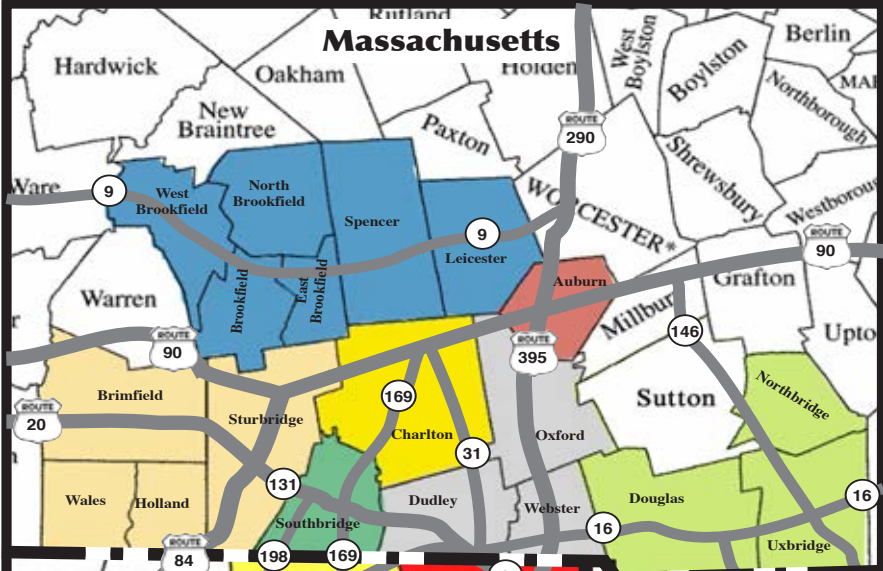
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CALENDAR

Friday, February 15

MOVIE DAY — “THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS”: 11 a.m., Brimfield Senior Center. Klara is sent to a magical world via a key from her late mother. There she meets a soldier named Phillip who offers to help her retrieve her key, fight against a wicked regime overseeing the four realms, and hopefully restore peace and balance to this parallel universe. Actors:

Keira Knightley, Mackenzie Foy, Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren, Matthew Macfadyen, Miranda Hart, Eugenio Derbez, Richard E. Grant, Tom Sweet, Meera Syal

\$2.00 suggested donation for movie; popcorn and beverages. The Brimfield Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St.

Saturday, February 16

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Overlook Hospice Services is seeking volunteers to provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families. Volunteer activities include reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing meals, running errands, providing short term respite and offering support to caregivers. No special skills are required other than an open heart and three or four hours/week. In addition to general patient care volunteers, we are seeking veterans to visit our veteran patients, musicians, dog therapy teams and those interested in providing bereavement support to our families. Our next 12 hour training begins on Saturday, Feb. 16. For more information please contact Susan Fuller, Volunteer Coordinator, at 508-434-2200.

Monday-Friday, February 18-22

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

Thursday, February 21

AN EVENING WITH PSYCHIC MEDIUM GARY MCKINSTRY: Live at Old Sturbridge Village. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 p.m., and tickets are available for either or both. This event is a fundraiser for the students of Old Sturbridge Academy. Throughout New England & beyond, Gary McKinstry is legendary for giving peace, comfort, and perhaps closure to grieving loved ones. Talking to people about their everyday lives, as well as those that have crossed to the Other Side. Understanding that we are never really alone, and how we're all “Connected” through spirit and love. Snow date: Feb. 24.

Friday, February 22

WINTERFEST PARTY: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Brimfield Senior Center. February blues got you down? Come join us for our annual Winterfest Party with great tunes from local vocalist Duane Carlson. For your starter, enjoy Eva's

cream cheese spread with herbs, sundried tomatoes and crackers. Your main meal is Eva's fantastic homemade lasagna layered with seasoned sauce & meat, creamy ricotta and gooey mozzarella. On the side enjoy warm Italian bread and garden salad tossed with freshly made Italian dressing. February birthdays will be celebrated with cake and song. There is a \$5.00 suggested donation for this party. Reserve early as space is limited. The Brimfield Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St. 413-245-7253

Sunday, February 24

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

Friday, March 15

SARAH THE FIDDLER TRIO is coming to the Brimfield Town Hall, 21 Main St. (Route 20), Brimfield on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Combining her influence of old-time Irish, world, and classical music, Sarah takes her audiences on a musical journey from old time sing-a-longs to lively polkas and rousing reels. Sarah will be performing with her husband Keith DaSilva on drums and Joe Dziok on piano and accordion. This promises to be a high energy show loved by audiences of all ages. This is a fundraiser for the Brimfield Senior Center and will offer complimentary food and beverages as well as door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Advance tickets are at 12, available at the Senior Center located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., or email at sking10@comcast.net. Tickets are \$15 at the door and parking is free. For more information call 413-245-7253.

Sunday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 28

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ONGOING

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

“A CARING PLACE” **MEMORY CAFÉ:** A Memory Café is a place where people living with a cognitive related illness or injury such as; Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, PTSD, autism and any other related illness or injury can go with their loved ones (often their caregivers), and spend quality time together away from the negativity and stigma that often accompanies this. A Memory Café is a safe, judge free

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

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to

share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday

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STATUE

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mined that the extent of the damage done to Thunder had compromised the structural integrity of the statue and therefore could be a safety risk for the community. As soon as we are able, we will have a professional do a further inspection and help determine if he can be repaired or not,” Boggio said.

Thunder was first added to the campus in 2013 and has become a well known landmark ever since. Boggio implied that the damage was “intentional” as part of a celebration of the Patriots record-tying sixth Super Bowl

title. It has become a tradition to take pictures with Thunder during highlight moments in campus however this is the first and only time such actions have caused damage to the statue leading Biggio to call the act “malicious.”

The vandalism has sparked outrage among students, many taking to social media to denounce the act and to pay tribute to the statue and its place in the culture of Nichols College. Numerous hashtags including “#JusticeForThunder,” along with the traditional Bison Pride hashtags that are used to celebrate Nichols College and its campus community have accompanied pictures and videos of the statue

on Facebook and Twitter. Other posts have commented on the importance of tradition and how future generations could be relinquished of an iconic symbol of the campus thanks to the acts of a few. The college has revealed that the culprits have been identified but were not charged, and their names have not been released as part of privacy regulations.

In his statement, Dean Boggio thanks the college community for their support and said that the outcry against the actions is proof of the true nature of the Nichols College community.

“Despite the reckless acts of a few, our community is strong and our traditions

matter. That there is a very real feeling of connection and belonging and ‘home’ to our little Nichols College campus on this hill. Be well, make good choices, and let your common sense prevail and your voices – when it’s time – be heard,” Boggio said.

SANDOLI

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me his stamp card for a free smoothie and told me to try to have a good day. He chose to be kind, he chose to be human, he chose to try to make me feel better even though he could have easily left without saying a word, and as simple as his actions may seem, I haven't forgotten about them.

Choosing to love applies to so much more than just your boyfriend or girlfriend, husband or wife. It means to dedicate time and affection to all your human relationships, even the difficult ones, and love others regardless of race, gender, religion, class, identity, appearance, political party, way of life, and level of education. In a divided country, a divided world, love is the thing that binds us together and is stronger than anything that has been created to separate us.

This Valentine's Day and throughout the year, I'm going to keep reminding myself to choose to love—to smile at that stranger, appreciate uniqueness, compliment strength, lift people up, be considerate, listen calmly, and help others. I hope you will join me, because there is so much to love in this world and every single one of us has so much love to choose to give.

SPECIAL ED

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“It's not just my plan. I have the entire administration behind me. The past six months, we've been talking about things. I've had the privilege to talk to parents. I've had the chance to talk to classroom teachers and the team chairs. I feel like I've really tried to listen to the voices and the concerns that our out there but also different people's ideas,” Allen told the school committee.

She laid out the goal for the plan as providing “equity and excellence” to every child every day.

“What that means to me is we need to be doing everything we can to move every student forward to full independence by adult hood, whatever that mean for that child,” Allen said. “Years ago, the special education law was just about access and throughout the years it's changed and is no longer just about

access. With No Child Left Behind it became about proficiency against the standards. We want to provide them, rigor and opportunities as well.”

Over the past year, several special education programs were reviewed in the district, specifically those at Shepherd Hill Regional High School and several elementary programs, and one of the highlights of those reviews was inequity in numerous classrooms at the secondary level. The review hinted at the need for a reevaluation of program models and approaches to help enhance special education services which assisted in formulating the three-year plan.

Among the specifics in the plan are embracing more inclusive practices, co-teaching training, adding at least one new special education teacher per school and observations, evaluations and possible enhancements of substantially separate classrooms in the district as well as a definition of that program. The plan includes restruc-

turing positions in numerous areas, enhancing emotional and behavioral support programs, enhancing academic support programs through an established curriculum, evaluating speech and language services and a slew of other initiatives all meant to enhance and update the district's special education offerings and practices. Allen acknowledged it won't be easy or an overnight fix by any means, but she feels her office has the support of everyone in the district to help implement the plan effectively.

“I think it's reallocating funds and doing some restructuring so that we can look at efficiency of services and effectiveness. So that's our goal. Our administration team is fully on board for doing what we need to do to provide kids the best,” Allen said.

The school committee voted unanimously to back the plan with members calling it a long overdue initiative.



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SPORTS

Minutemen remain resilient, eventually take down Parker Charter



Bay Path's Jamie Rodriguez catches a pass in the paint and motions toward the hoop.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — No matter what the Bay Path Regional boys' varsity basketball team did, they couldn't put away Parker Charter in a game played Thursday, Feb. 7. In the first quarter the Minutemen employed a full-court press that worked wonders, only for the Panthers to rally and lead, 22-18, at the end of the frame. Bay Path then scored the first eight points of the second quarter, but Parker battled back to go ahead, 42-40, at the break. And, after three quarters, the Minutemen had the lead, 55-52, but it was still anyone's game. Bay Path finally figured it out in the fourth when leading scorer Cory Cotton poured in 18 of his game-high 33 points as the Minutemen won, 79-69. "That's what we expect out of Cory being a senior," said Bay Path head coach Al Greenough. "This is the time we need him

to step forward, and he did. He was overly aggressive wanting the basketball and carrying our team offensively." "I'm just the type of player that takes the game in his hands and puts the team on his back," added Cotton. With the Minutemen leading, 59-52, Cotton added another two points and, with 4:35 to play, Bay Path finally grabbed a 10-point lead (at 65-55) when Cotton finished off a layup. Pesky Parker did cut the deficit down to four points (71-67) as the clock continued to wind down, but Cotton all but ended it with a 3-pointer. "I give that team a lot of credit, they've come a long way this season," Greenough said of the now 9-9 Panthers, who lost to Bay Path by 28 points in the first meeting back on Jan. 7. "When we played them earlier in the year they weren't able to do that [battle]. They put their heads down and we beat them

by a pretty big margin." "This time they were more scrappy, more developed and tougher competition," added Cotton. When Cotton was "limited" to 15 points through the first three quarters, other Minutemen stepped up. Cam Hafner, a freshman, scored all 10 of his points in the second quarter and Jamie Rodriguez had an all-around strong effort with 16 points and 9 rebounds. "We really relied heavily on Cory in the beginning of the season, but now teams know that he's our scorer and they've been doing a much better job of locking down on him. We've had some really, really good contributions from other guys stepping it up as the year goes on," said Greenough. "We're a much more well-rounded team."

Cotton loves how his court-mates are contributing at a high rate to help both him and the team. "It's a big help because there's nights that I'm not scoring," he said, referencing a game versus Blackstone Valley Tech where he scored just nine points but the Minutemen still won. "When I have role players that can shoot, that helps."

The one aspect of the game that concerned Greenough was Bay Path's defense, or lack thereof, in the first half. "We played a good offensive game, that wasn't our kind of defense at times in this game," he said. "That's something we need to work on and shore up going into our next couple of games." Greenough did appreciate the way his team buckled down defensively in the second half, though, when Parker scored just 27 points. "I like the way they came out in the third quarter and they played good defense," he said. The Minutemen are now 14-4 and will have a high seed in the upcoming Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament following their 20-game regular season. Cotton hopes that they can make a nice run and go deep into Districts. "Senior year, it would be nice to go to WPI," said Cotton of the tournament's Final Four location.



Ben LaPointe of Bay Path soars past Parker Charter's Tom Heer and toward the basket.



Bay Path's Cory Cotton plays a tight defense on Parker Charter's Pat Kennedy.

Total team effort helps Beavers defeat Bay Path



Bay Path's Alexxus Afriyie steps into a jump shot from the elbow.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UPTON — The phrase "speed kills" fit perfectly when the Blackstone Valley Tech girls' varsity basketball team took on Bay Path Regional on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Competition Center. The Beavers displayed good defense and transitioned that into fast-break offense, which the Minutemen couldn't keep up with. The final result was a 52-36 victory for BVT. "Their speed, they just ran us out of the building," said Bay Path head coach John Selen. "They're a quick defensive team and they out-hustled us."

Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Britt Kahler added that for her team to be as successful as possible, speedy play is a necessity. "We do so much better when we're pushing the ball," she said. "If we're running, we do a much better job scoring. If we're in the half-court, sometimes we have trouble because we're so young." With the first half of the first quarter taking some time to get things going — the Beavers and Minutemen were tied, 2-2, through four minutes — things turned speedy for BVT after that. They embarked on a 12-1 run to lead, 14-3, following the initial eight-minute frame.

Both sides then played evenly in the second quarter — Valley Tech won the period, 11-9 — as it was a 13-point, 25-12 game at intermission. Bay Path's Madison Paulhus kept her team as close as possible by scoring 9 of the Minutemen's 12 first half points. She finished with a game-high 19 points, good for 53 percent of her team's scoring, but it was in part because her teammates weren't producing as well as they normally do. "Maddie played well," said Selen. "Maddie had her head in the game, she always does. Everyone [else] was looking to play one-on-one; we weren't really setting screens on the ball and helping each other to get better." Despite the offensive woes, the Minutemen cut the deficit down to single digits, 29-20, nearing the end of the third quarter. But BVT scored the frame's final eight points to lead, 37-20, as Riley Webster hit a free throw, Mackenzie Vollmer made a basket, Brianna Carroll buried a 3-pointer and Madison Deppe finished off a layup. As that scoring surge suggests, it was a total team effort for the Beavers. "I have 12 kids on this team and all 12 played good minutes tonight. All 12 did so well," said Kahler. "Victoria Russian scored 33 against Monty Tech, but the next night somebody else



Madison Paulhus of Bay Path bounces a pass past Blackstone Valley Tech defender Victoria Russian.

stepped up and then after that somebody else." After Bay Path won fourth quarter scoring, 16-15, to account for the 52-36 final, 11 of Valley Tech's 12 players found the score sheet. Russian and Gabrielle Muscatell tied for the team lead with 8 points, while Deppe pulled down a team-best 8 rebounds. The Beavers improved to an impressive 12-3 following the win. "We're just honestly happy to be where we

are; I lost almost everybody last year. I only have four returning," said Kahler of a Valley Tech team that reached the finals of both the State Vocational Large Schools Championship and the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament last winter. Bay Path, meanwhile, still sports an impressive record of 13-4 as they will also partake in the Central Mass. D4 Tournament. "We're by no means running into Districts,"

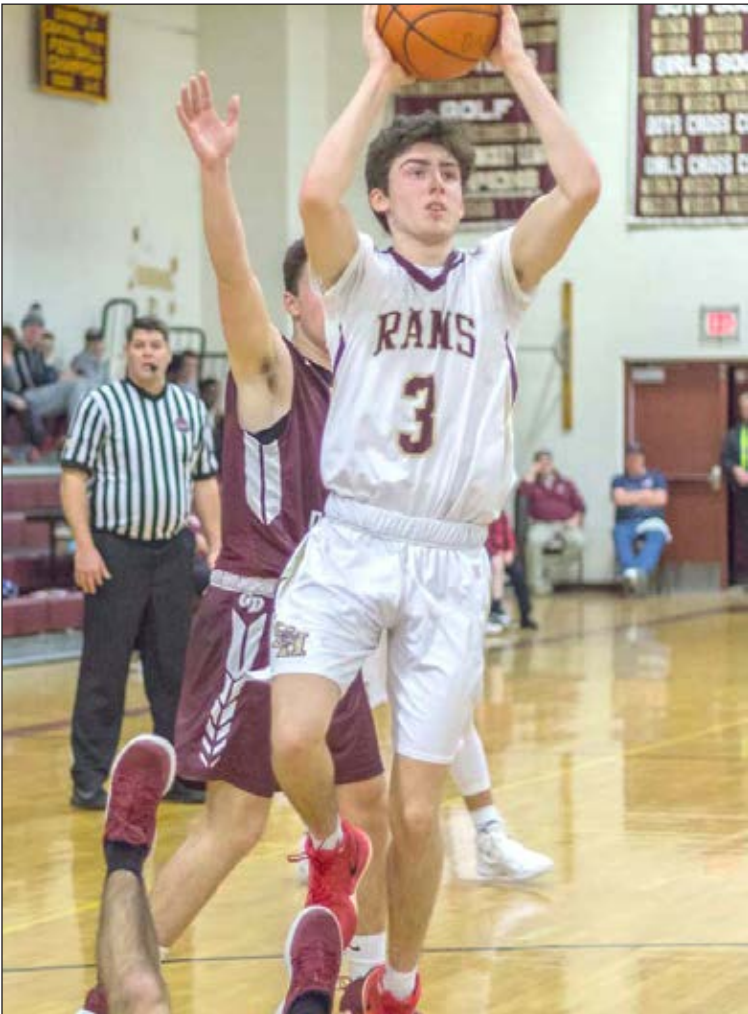
warned Selen following what he called a "disappointing" loss. "We thought it'd be a measuring stick, but we just didn't have our heads in the game today," he said. This is a team we thought we could be competitive with, more competitive than we were. "We have a lot of work to do left. We need more gym time and more practice time," added Selen. Kiara Coates corralled a game-high 10 rebounds for the Minutemen.

SPORTS

Crusaders use size mismatch to dethrone Shepherd Hill



Shepherd Hill's Cody Adams goes in for a layup while being guarded by a Groton-Dunstable defender.



Jack Rynne of Shepherd Hill elevates toward the basket after blowing by his opponent.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — The Groton-Dunstable Regional boys' varsity basketball team avenged its loss in the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament last year to Shepherd Hill Regional

by thrashing the Rams, 79-51, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Shepherd Hill, who wound up winning the District Tournament, defeated the Crusaders, 61-51, in the quarter-final round last year. The Rams (4-12) will not get a chance to

defend their title in the upcoming playoffs however, having been eliminated from playoff consideration. After trailing in the early going by as many as six points (9-3 with 3:13 left in the first quarter) Shepherd Hill rallied to lead by a point, 12-11, at the end of the period. The game remained close in the first four minutes of the second quarter, and the Rams were ahead, 23-21, with 3:24 to play before halftime following a Jack Rynne (eight points) drive and layup. The two-point advantage was Shepherd Hill's last lead of the game. At that point Groton-Dunstable head coach Greg Gillette called time out to re-focus his team, reminding his Crusaders of the considerable size advantage they had over the Rams. It's a size advantage that features the play of 6-foot-6 senior forwards Connor Keegan and Jacob Gavel, and their 6-1 classmate, guard Evan Cook. Gillette's players listened well during that timeout, finished the second quarter with an 11-2 run and led, 32-25, at halftime. During the run to close the first half Cook (23 points) scored seven points while Keegan (23 points) and Gavel (four points) each added a bucket. "They just started breaking down our zone at that point and picking us apart," Shepherd Hill head coach Mike Byrnes said. "They have so much size we couldn't really guard them inside. Their size opens up everything else for them." Groton-Dunstable (13-3) picked up in the third quarter where it left off in the second, a 17-5 run in the first five minutes of the period pushing the Crusaders' lead to 50-35. The Crusaders still led, 60-42, as play moved to the fourth quarter. A 14-3 run to start the final period left Groton-Dunstable with a 74-45 lead with 2:53 remaining in the game. "From late in the second quarter on they were dumping the ball inside, and then kicking it back outside, and they were doing a good job of reversing the ball, too," Byrnes said. "They were playing great basketball. "They were moving the ball and moving without the ball very well the entire second half," Byrnes continued. "All of that movement caused our zone defense to shift to try and guard them and then when they kicked it outside we were



Ravi Patel of Shepherd Hill bumps into a Groton-Dunstable defender while driving to the hoop.

a step late getting out to cover their perimeter guys. Because they're good shooters, the time it took for the zone to recover was all the time they needed to get a good shot off from the outside." At one point in the second half the Crusaders scored on 10 straight possessions. "They demolished our zone defense," Byrnes said. "We played four different defenses during that run and we couldn't even slow them down, never mind stop them." Prior to the game Byrnes and the rest of the Rams' coaching staff, and the athletic department took a moment to honor

the seven seniors on the team — Rynne, Chris Nellis, Ravi Patel, Cody Adams, Mina Roufail, Eric Lehmann and David Bilis — who were playing their final home game for the Shepherd Hill basketball program. Lehmann (11 points) led the Rams in scoring against Groton-Dunstable. Nellis and Adams added nine points each, and sophomore Cam Hackett added seven. Shepherd Hill hit seven shots from beyond the 3-point arc in the game; three by Adams, and one each by Rynne, Lehmann, Hackett and sophomore Danny Brooks.



Shepherd Hill's Eric Lehmann prepares to shoot a free throw after being fouled.



Shepherd Hill's Brandon Dejesus looks up at the basket while going in for a layup.



Chris Nellis of Shepherd Hill tries to dribble his way down the court while two Groton-Dunstable defenders attempt to block him.


SPORTS BRIEF



Charlton Softball accepting registrations for Spring 2019 season

Charlton Softball Association, the town's youth recreational softball league, has opened up registration for the upcoming spring season. Visit <http://charltonsoftball.org> to register. All girls, ages 4-16, are encouraged to play regardless of experience or skill. Charlton Softball will teach new players the fun-

damentals of the game, the value of teamwork and good sportsmanship, and develop a love for the game. For more experienced players, the league provides a competitive, yet fun atmosphere to further develop their skills and passion for the game of softball. The cost is \$95 (\$70 for t-ball) and a \$20 sibling discount is available to families registering more than one child. Visit <http://charltonsoftball.org> to register your daughter, and make sure to follow CharltonMASoftball on Facebook for the latest news and information.



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He leaves his wife of 25 years, Elaine C. (Alexander) Derry- Neely. They were married October 9, 1993.

He leaves 6 children Michael J. Neely, Jr. and his significant other Carol of Brimfield, James O. Derry and his wife Sarah of Dudley, Scott E. Neely and his wife Jennifer of Southbridge, Shaleena Duval and her husband Ernest of Poplarville, MS, Jill Derry of Moosup, CT, and Christina Thrasher and her husband James of Jacksonville, FL, and 16 grandchildren, and 4 great-granchildren.. He also leaves a brother Randy Neely and his wife Ann of Seattle, WA, and sisters Laurie Hughey and her husband Frank of Colorado Springs, CO, Terry Pottinger and her husband Jeff of Virginia Beach, VA, and Patricia Neely of Gainesville, GA, and many nieces and nephews

Michael was born in San Diego, son of Edgar R. and Anne L. (Frank) Neely, Jr., and has lived here for many years. He was a proud US Army veteran. He was employed as a foreman for NED Manufacturer for many years. He enjoyed being a “jack of all trades” being able to fix and repair most things, but most loved spending time with his family.

Calling hours will be Monday, February 18, 2019, from 5-7PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge. Burial with Military Honors will be Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 9 AM at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Barbara M. Kupiec, 91

BUCKEYE, AZ/ CHARLTON- Barbara M. (Pokraka) Kupiec, 91, formerly of Blood Rd., Charlton, passed away on Monday, February 4th, at Pathways Assisted Living and Memory Care Home in Goodyear, AZ after battling Dementia for the last 12 years.

Her beloved husband of 68 years, Joseph L. Kupiec, died in 2017. Barbara leaves her sister Dorothy Cozzens of Webster; her two daughters, Karen Seelig of Oak Island, NC and Karla Endicott and husband Bill of Buckeye, AZ; five grandchildren, Beth Woodard, Derek Plourde, Jan Zukowski, Jeff Zukowski and Stefan Zukowski; and seven great-grandchildren, Kaila Woodard, Kash Plourde, Jack Zukowski, Ellery Zukowski, Cole Zukowski, Amelia Zukowski and Thomas Zukowski; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Phyllis Naramore and

her brother, Donnie Pokraka. She was born in Webster the daughter of Valley Pokraka and Stella Lisnieski.

Barbara was employed at American Optical Company in Southbridge and Briley Lombard in Auburn for many years. She loved playing Bingo and playing cribbage. She had the best green thumb and would always share with her friends. She had a passion for cooking and would feed a house full of friends every Sunday evening. In her younger days, she loved to bowl and had many trophy’s to show her skill. She also loved dancing and swimming. But, most of all, she loved each and every one of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren like crazy! She was the most loving and giving person and will be missed by everyone who was lucky enough to have known her.

Barbara’s Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Southbridge, MA.

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

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

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

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tions are welcome. 9-11:30 a.m. Contact Hitchcock at (413) 245-9977 for more information.

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FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Music & Movement. This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. 9-10 a.m. every Wednesday when school is in session until May at Hitchcock Academy. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 867-2232 or e-mailing union61cfce@tantasqua.org.

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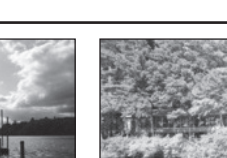
SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplaced Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 24 Master w/Tile Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**



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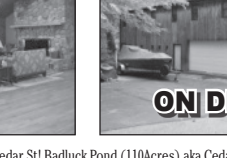
WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6-Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Flr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



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



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WEBSTER LAKE - 412 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW! 1280' 5 Rm Townhouse! End Corner Unit! Lake Views! Applianced Kit! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Master w/Hrdwds, Custom Bath & Closet w/Skylight! 2nd Bdrm w/Hrdwds! 2.5 Remodeled Baths! C/Air! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$294,000.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemporary! Built 2015! Like New! Open Flr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Growing Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Island, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm! Bath & Linen Closet! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemporary Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home, Like New! Open Flr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Growing Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Island, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm! Bath & Linen Closet! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 704 Treasure Island! 1874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Cherry & Granite Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$344,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Flr Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19x19 Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huge Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Full Hall Bath! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$629,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 37 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! As a Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home - Have Possible Plans! 4+ Rooms! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/ Panoramic Lake Views! **\$399,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! 2nd C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 905 Treasure Island! WATERFRONT! Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Cherry & Granite Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplcd Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$449,000.00**



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THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE



NEW PRICE! Roomy 1300 sq.ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! **\$259,000**

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THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD



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

HOLLAND - 299 STAFFORD RD



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2-14 Acres with a young 2200+- sf Colonial Farmers porch! Open concept floor plan with Ceramic & Hardwoods! 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 8 rooms total! 2 car garage. Central Vac, Central Air! Oil heat - HWBB. assisted sale **\$289,000**

CHARLTON - 54 BLOOD RD, LOT 3



SORRY, SOLD!

New Construction! 2000+ SF Craftsman style Ranch. Custom Built - Open Floor Plan! 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Fireplace, Tray ceiling, Granite, hardwoods, 2 car garage. So much more!! assisted sale **\$430,000**

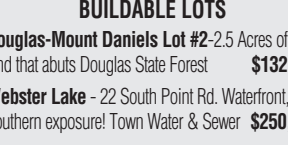
WEBSTER - 90 UPLAND AVE



SORRY, SOLD!

Excellent home for 1st time home buyers! Cape that has 3 large bedrooms, 2 on the main level and one on the 2nd floor. 1 bath on the main level, 1/2 bath in the basement. Heated by oil - forced hot water baseboard! 1 car garage under **\$134,900.**

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Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900**
Killingly - 37 Katherine Ave River Frontage 2/3rds acre. Town Water & Sewer **\$55,000**

WEBSTER - 89-91 SLATER ST



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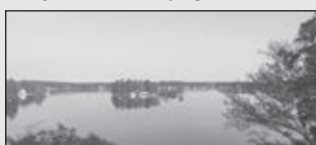
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New Word

TWEET

the chirp of a small bird

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Wing
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FRENCH: Aile
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ANSWER: CARDINAL

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = e)

A. 6 12 23 6 2 22 9 8 11
Clue: Move around

B. 19 11 1 1 11 22 1
Clue: Hollow containers

C. 5 22 3 3 17
Clue: Fuels the body

D. 5 11 9 8
Clue: Pulsate

Answers: A. circulate B. vessels C. blood D. beat

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

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