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Former selectman calls for return to ranked voting

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - A former Charlton Selectman has made her opinions heard that she believes the town should revert back to a previously utilized election format, and ditch the district format currently employed.

The current Charlton bylaws split the town's

election into different seats, with each open seat acting as its own election within an election. Previously, Charlton had given the open seats on the select board to the highest vote getters, which is a format Board of Health member and former selectman Kathleen Walker would like to see revisited. "This got changed when I was on the board, and I don't think it's worked out that well. I've seen (candidates) that were very good not get on the board even though they got more votes than another person," Walker told selectmen during a Feb. 11 meeting. "I think, from my perspective, the people that get the

most votes should get on the board. So that would mean you just have one seat and the two highest vote getters would get on the board instead of separating it out."

The change would not be possible for the upcoming election. However, Walker feels that the Board of Selectmen should at least consider the option for the 2021 election cycle. While she didn't dismiss the merits of the current election format, she stood strong in her belief that the former approach to electing members of the town's leading board was a superior method.

"I think there are good reasons for keeping it separate, but for me, the balance is to get the two highest vote getters," Walker side.

Selectman Deborah Noble compared the concept to Ranked-Choice Voting, a method of voting that allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. Similar

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GO WILDCATS!

Courtesy Photo

Congratulations to the sixth grade Charlton Wildcats for winning the All Saints Academy Basketball Tournament. Eight teams from Central Massachusetts competed in this invitational tournament over the recent February school vacation week. The Charlton Wildcats are: Jacoby Buniowski, Lucien Garry, Caden Green, Joseph Kustigian, Landen Palacios, Jacob Ramsey, Devin Rowden, Luke Smolski, Aiden Tyler and Michael Woodson.

Timeline taking shape for safety building process

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A timeline is starting to take shape concerning the Charlton Public Safety Building project which is slated to go before the voters once again some time in 2020.

The project, which had the funding mechanism approved last year but was voted down by citizens during a Proposition 2 ½ override election in August, has seen steady updates during the first Board of Selectmen meetings of the new year and the board's Feb. 11 meeting was no different. Selectman John McGrath provided updated information from the Public Safety Building Committee's meeting in early February where members came together to discuss and agree on the footprint that would be brought forward for consideration later this year.

"We're moving forward. We have a timeline on a Gantt chart (a project schedule document) that tells us where we have to be and when we have to be there," McGrath told selectmen. "The initial discussion was about making sure we all agreed on the footprint. Because of the tightness of the schedule, we can't afford to have somebody come back and say they don't agree with the footprint and they want to add this and change that." The committee meeting featured renderings of the footprint which received support from members including the engineers and project manager. While the chiefs of the police and fire departments were not present for the meeting McGrath assured selectmen that surrogates were on hand and also agreed to the footprint. While there are still important discussions still to be had it seems that a timeline for the proposal is nearly set in stone. However, if the town plans to include the project on the 2020 Presidential Election ballot, which traditionally sees the highest voter turnouts for any election, they will have to move with diligence through the process. Selectman Bill Borowski stated that the committee and the selectmen need to work carefully but stay on track if they want to mee the deadline for adding the project to the November ballot. "Because this is a presidential year, assuming we are going to put this on the ballot – we have to vote on the language by Aug. 5, so we can't miss that date," Borowski said.

Hands-free law now in effect

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION – With a new law recently taking effect, local police are reminding drivers to stay handsfree behind the wheel.

The state's hands-free law went into effect on Feb. 23. The law prohibits drivers from using any electronic device, including cell phones, unless the device is used in hands-free mode.

"Drivers who are 18 and over can only use electronic devices and mobile phones in hands-free mode, and are only permitted to touch devices to activate hands-free mode," read a reminder posted by area police departments on social media pages.

The penalty for violators is a \$100 fine for the first offense and a \$250

fine for a second offense, plus mandatory completion of a distracted driving educational program. Third and subsequent offenses will each carry a \$500 fine, plus an insurance surcharge and mandatory re-entry into the distracted driving educational program.

Police throughout the state will be cracking down over the next few weeks. They remind drivers that electronic devices cannot be handled at any time while on the roadway, even while stopped at signal lights and stop signs. The only permissible contact with a device is to activate the hands-free mode, and devices must be properly mounted to the windshield, dashboard, or center console in a manner that does not impede the operation of the vehicle.

Activation of GPS navigation

is permitted when the device is installed or properly mounted. Moreover, handheld use of a device is allowed if the vehicle is both stationary and not located in a public travel lane or a bicycle lane.

Drivers who are under 18 are not allowed to use any electronic devices. All phone use while driving is illegal for minors, including use in hands-free mode.

All operators may use a cell phone to call 911 to report an emergency. If possible, safely pull over and stop before calling 911.

Police and legislators hope the new law will reduce accidents caused by distracted driving. Recognizing that many drivers will need to quickly adjust after years of handling their devices behind

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John Paire Tournament returns to Shepherd Hill

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Shepherd Hill Regional High School will play host to a special three-on-three basketball tournament fundraiser for the third time this March in memory of former district administrator John Paire.

Paire passed away two-and-a-half years ago leaving behind a loving family and a legacy of dedication to Shepherd Hill Regional High School and the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. In his honor, his family started a fund, the John Paire Student Support Fund, and put together the "Be Better" Basketball Tournament embracing Paire's love for pickup basketball to benefit students in the district by paying for cloths, resources, and even sports equipment as needed. John's wife Renee Paire organizes the tournament each year which in 2019 brought in over 35 teams to compete. She said the tournament is not only a way to keep her husband's memory alive, but also give back to a school community he loved through a game he always enjoyed.

"He wanted to give back to the district some how so we created this nonprofit and we give back to students in the Dudley-Charlton School District that can't necessarily afford everyday things or school and sports fees. We wanted to do an annual thing and John used to play pickup games with his friends on the weekends for years. We decided on a three-on-three tournament," said Renee Paire.

The event includes adult teams, high school teams, co-ed teams, and middle school teams who all compete for the overall win. The tournament is open to any team who wants to participate costing \$150 per team plus \$40 for any additional players. All the money raised is used to help students and student athletes reach their full potential even if they have financial limitations at home.

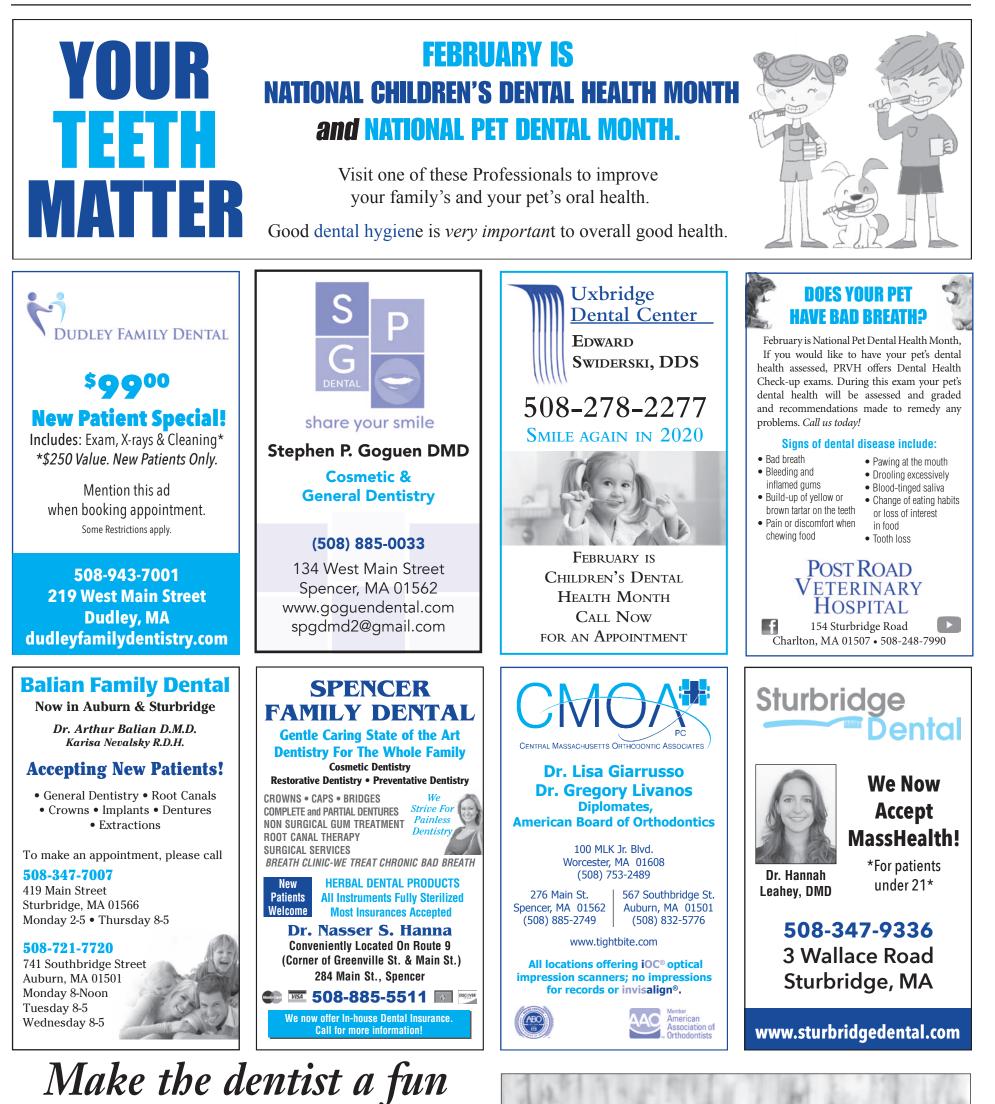
"We wanted to show these kids that there are people out there that will support them and that they can succeed. We're here to help and give them what they need whether it's new track shoes, that chrome book so they can get better grades, sports goggles, even basic school supplies or clothing if they're family is going through a hard time," Renee Paire said. "It makes me happy giving back to the students, and I hope that they can give back when they're older. In the year 2019 we gave out over \$13,000 to



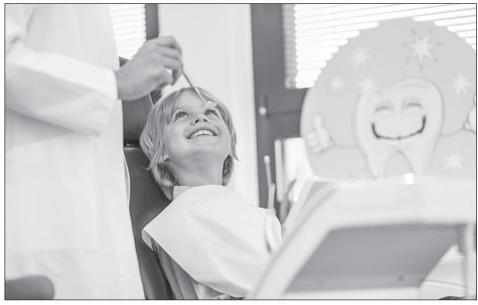


Courtesy Photo

Teams compete in the 2019 edition of the John Paire "Be Better" Basketball Tournament.



experience for kids



Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body. Many people are

unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later age two or three — to take kids to the dentist, offers Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

Lead by example

Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

Focus on the good aspects

Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

Get a tour of the office

Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved. The dentist may be able to also give a test ride on the exam chair, moving it up and down, as well as showing off the water fountain and oral irrigator.

Avoid giving false hope

Do not tell a child that "everything will be OK" at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled, according to Joel H. Berg, D.D.S., M.S., Director of the Department of Dentistry at Seattle Children's Hospital. Avoid words like "shots," "pain," "hurt," or even "cavities." Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



Brush up on oral hygiene for pets

It is not just what a pet puts inside his or her mouth that can make a difference in comfort and health, but the way pet owners take care of pets' teeth, gums and more. Oral hygiene, this oft-overlooked component of pet care, can mean the difference between a happy, healthy pet and one that may be suffering in silence.

The American Veterinary Dental College says brushing an animal's teeth is the single most effective means to maintain oral health between professional vet examinations. Bacteria that forms naturally in an animal's mouth will contribute to the formation of plaque which, left untreated, can lead to periodontal disease. By brushing away the precursors to plaque, pet owners can achieve optimal dental health for their pets.

Oral hygiene doesn't begin and end with regular brushing. The American Veterinary Medical Association also suggests pet lovers work with a veterinary dentist to evaluate the health of teeth, the jaws and the roots below the gum line. These professionals are invested in all aspects of oral healthcare and can be called on for routine cleaning, filing, extraction, or tooth repairs if need be.

The AVMA says that periodontal disease is the most common dental condition in dogs and cats, and by the time the animal reaches three years of age, it may have some early evidence of periodontal disease, which can only worsen if preventative measures are not taken.

Pet dental problems are similar to those that occur in people. While dental caries (cavities) are less likely, abscesses, infections, broken teeth, and palate defects can occur. Signs of potential oral problems include bad breath, abnormal chewing, disinterest in eating, swelling in the gums, tenderness when the mouth is touched, or bleeding. Pets may become irritable if their mouths are bothering them, so if behavior changes are observed, dogs or cats should be seen by a veterinarian to find out if a dental issue is at the root of the problem.

Some pet owners are reticent to handle oral healthcare for their companion animals because they fear the pet may bite if uncomfortable. Although this is always a possibility, dogs and cats can grow accustomed to teeth being brushed or wiped with patience, says AVDC. Oral rinses and special chews also can reduce plaque formation.

Dental health is an important component of responsible pet ownership. Home oral hygiene and professional cleanings and examinations can help pets remain healthy.

Bay State Savings Bank awards Linda G. Collet and Zach E. Gobi



Zach Gobi



Linda Collet

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank recently awarded two employees at its staff meeting on Feb. 5. Linda Collet received the President's Award for performing 200 hours of community service, the most hours among all non-officer Bank employees in 2019. Zach E. Gobi received the Employee of the Year Award, now named the MaryAnn Ford Award in honor of an exemplary employee who served the Bank for 15 years and passed in January.

Ms. Collet serves as Commercial Loan Assistant and bears 35 years of banking experience. Before joining Bay State Savings Bank in 2019, she served at DCU in Marlborough for 18 years. Ms. Collet volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul in Gardner. At this site, she works with the non-profit organization's food pantry which provides meals to families in need. She also volunteers with her church Annunciation Parish in Gardner. She currently resides in Gardner.



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Mr. Gobi serves as Information Technology Specialist. Previously, Mr. Gobi served as Help Desk Technician upon joining the Bank in 2018. He was promoted to IT Specialist in February 2020. Mr. Gobi holds a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology from Umass Lowell. He was awarded Employee of the Year for demonstrating an above and beyond performance in the workplace and for his participation in the Bank's Employee Appreciation Committee and Millennial Customer Acquisition Program.

Cornerstone Bank makes \$2,000 donation to Tri-Community Exchange Club

WORCESTER Cornerstone Bank recently made a \$2,000 donation to the Tri-Community Exchange Club. This donation will benefit the Exchange Club's many programs of service that support local children and families in need.

Tri-Community The Exchange Club is a local service club that gives back to the communities of Charlton, Sturbridge, and Southbridge. The Exchange Club's programs include the ACE Program (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) recognizing high school seniors that have overcome obstacles, Young Citizenship Awards Program recognizing sixth grade stuneed during the holiday season



dents who give back to their Pictured here, L to R: Tri-Community Exchange Club Board Member Brenda Lacaire; Cornerstone Bank AVP/Senior community, and a Holiday Business Development Sales Manager and Exchange Club President Sheri A. Bibinski; Cornerstone Bank President Program that provides gifts to & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman; Exchange Club Board local children and families in Members Russ Penney and Miguel Cepeda; and Exchange Club Secretary Susan Cepeda.

"The **Tri-Community** Exchange Club gives back to our local communities in many ways," stated Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. "We are pleased to support their mission and help fund their programs of service.'

The Exchange Club's largest fundraising event, their 11th annual Chowder Fest, will take place on Sunday, Feb. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. All proceeds will benefit families in need living in Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge. For more details, please contact Tri-Community Exchange Club President Sheri Bibinski SBibinski@cornerstoneat bank.com.

Local students named to Curry College Fall 2019 Dean's List

MILTON — Roughly 1,000 students were named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Curry College. The following local students made the list:

Devin Gatto, of Uxbridge, a Criminal Justice major and member of the Class of 2021

Liam Perry, of Charlton, a Criminal Justice major and member of the Class of 2020.

To earn a place on the list, fulltime undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing eduMass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 75% of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program. Visit us on the web at www. curry.edu

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"Powerful Tools for Caregivers" course offered at library

STURBRIDGE — The Caregiver Program at Tri-Valley, Inc. and the Sturbridge Senior Center is sponsoring Powerful Tools for Caregivers at the Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main St., Sturbridge, MA. The program is free for caregivers and will run on Wednesdays for six weeks, April 8 -May 6, from 1-3 p.m.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a program designed to help you take care of yourself while caring for an older adult. Get the tools you need to: reduce stress; communicate effectively, reduce guilt, anger, and depression; make tough decisions; set goals and problem-solve.

If you are interested in finding out

more about this class please contact Laura Black Silver, LICSW, Caregiver Specialist at Tri-Valley, Inc. 508-949-6640, ext. 3079, lblack@tves.org or Lisa Wong, Sturbridge Senior Center at 508-347-7575 lwong@town.sturbridge.ma.us.

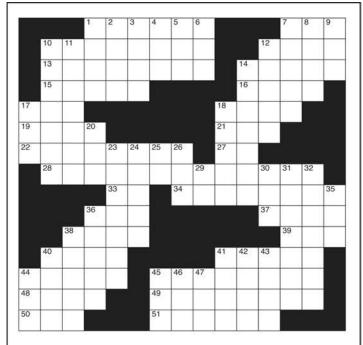
Tri-Valley is a private, non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established.





Practical Nursing student completes Clinical Education workshop

WORCESTER — Chelsea Still of Plainfield, Conn. recently completed the Home Base Invisible Wounds of War Training for Health Care Professionals



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- 1. Stain one's hands 28. Hollywood tough guy 33. Chinese drums
- 7. Subdivision
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- 12. Invests in little enterprises 13. Medians
- 14. Member of the giraffe family
- 15. Makes official
- 16. Choose in an election 17. Hill or rocky peak
- 18. Member of an ancient Iranian 44. Marks left from wounds
- people
- 19. Crest of a hill
- 21. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cultivated from crops that
- vield oil
- 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mental object
- 2. Blackbird
- 3. Undergarments
- 4. Old cloth
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 7. Become less intense
- 8. Developed to readiness
- 9. Defunct phone company
- 10. About Freemason
- 11. Taking everything into account 40. Breezed through
- 12. Famed Czech engineer
- 14. Impress into silence
- 17. Boxing term
- 18. Marketplaces
- 20. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Locomotives

at the DCU Center in this city.

Home Base is a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) program "dedicated to heal-

invisithe ing wounds for ble Veterans of all eras, service members, Military families and families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education and research." (www. homebase.org) All service members include the Army (Soldiers), Navy (Sailors), Marine (Marine), Air Force (Airman), and Coast Guard (Coast Guardsmen). attended Still

the Clinical Education Workshop representing Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2020 where she is an officer of the UNICEF Club. In charge of training on "How to better serve those who have served in your Community," were Dr. Louis Chow and Dr. Lauren Richards-Donegan. Still said she found the training helpful and informative not only because she is a practical nursing student but also because she has veterans in her life.

"Working with invisible wounds is a challenge," said Still, "I found the training beneficial.'

Still received the CME Certificate of participation and successful completion from the Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry Academy signed by Dr. David H. Rubin, Director, Postgraduate Medical Education, MGH. The program meets the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing at (244 CMR 5.00) for 2.00 contact hours of nursing continuing education credit.



Chelsea Still

Worcester Academy proudly announces Semester 1 Honor Roll And Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

- Among the students are:
- Camden Blum of Charlton, Class of 2023, Headmaster's List.
- Owen Hughes of Charlton, Class of 2021, First Honors.

Isabella Nascimento of Charlton, Class of 2021, Headmaster's List.

Jefferson Upton of Charlton, Class of 2024, Honor Roll

About Worcester Academy

Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educa-

tional independent school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to "Achieve the Honorable" as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond.

For information, contact Neil Isakson, director of external communications, at 508-459-6918 or email neil.isakson@worcesteracademy.org.

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the wheel, police will be out in full force targeting distracted driving.

"Our administration is committed to keeping Massachusetts roads safe, and we urge all drivers to pay attention when they are behind the wheel," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "This law holds drivers accountable for keeping their focus on the road while being aware of the vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists around them."

Several police departments have posted reminders to their social media pages. Others are using roadside message boards to serve notice that the law has taken effect. State Police will also be placing an emphasis on distracted driving, and state offi-

gers, and everyone on the road around you," said Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco. "Even when you're stopped at a traffic light, you need to put your device away and focus on the road."

48. They resist authority (slang) 49. Formats

36. Indicates center

38. Mentally fit

40. Wings

39. BBQ favorite

41. Female parents

37. Increases motor speed

50. Many subconsciousnesses

45. Soften by soaking in liquid

24. Short musical composition

25. Football position (abbr.)

29. Denotes particular region

35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

42. "Rule, Britannia" composer

36. Broad, shallow craters

26. Heavyhearted

30. Famed NHLer

32. Formulates

38. Thick cuts

41. Breakfast is one

45. More (Spanish)

47. A loud utterance

46. Creation

43. Periodicals (slang)

44. Indian title of respect

31. Ingested too much

51. Vogues

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clais are already reminding residents that the educational period for the law has passed. Fines will be assessed right away for offenders.

"Nothing you text, watch, or search for on your device is more important than your safety, the safety of your passen-

Added State Police Superintendent Christopher Mason, "The State Police and local police departments will roll extra patrols to kick off enforcement of the Hands-Free Law. There is nothing on your screen that is worth your life or the life of another."

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students in the district for these types of things so it goes beyond anything I could have ever imagined. People in this district are very generous and I know John would be happy doing thing."

While the initial cutoff day for team registration was advertised at March 1, the deadline has been extended to March 7 to allow youth teams taking part in state tournaments the opportunity to organize and get involved if they wish. The tournament itself will take place on Saturday, March

21 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and a 9 a.m. tip off for the first games of the day.

Those seeking information for registration can contact Renee Paire at johnpaire3on3@gmail. com or visit the John Paire Student Support Fund Facebook page.



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approaches to filling vacancies with differing variations are employed throughout the Commonwealth. Noble said she felt it was a "very fair" way of doing things in other towns and that she is "surprised" it is not still a part of Charlton's system. However, Selectman David Singer said a consequence to Ranked-Choice Voting and other similar voting formats is that it's easier for candidates to "game" the system.

"A lot of games have been played to, let's just say, affect the outcome of the vote. I'm actually being contacted by other towns because they actually want to move away from that system," Singer said.

Selectmen made no motion on the idea; however, they did acknowledge that the concept of reverting back to the previous system is one worth discussion in the future.

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He added that he feels selectmen should vote on the language by the end of July at the latest. It had been recommended by the town's finance director that the price tag and related funding measures be included in the language of the impending ballot question.

Celebrate World Spay Day at "Spay" ghetti Supper

BRIMFIELD — World Spay Day is traditionally celebrated on the last Tuesday of February, but this year, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, HTAT, is celebrating this Sunday, March 1, with our "Spay"ghetti Supper and everyone's invited!

World Spay Day is an international day of action to promote the sterilization of pets, community cats, and street dogs as a way to save animals' lives. It's a time for animal lovers to join together to shine a spotlight on spay/neuter as the most effective and humane means of decreasing the number of homeless and shelter animals.

Join HTAT for a night of food, family, fun, and raffles to raise money for cats and kittens in our community at our "Spay" ghetti Supper in the First Congregational Church of Brimfield Sunday, March The first seating is 4:30-6 1. p.m. The second is 6:30-7 p.m. Advance prices are \$10 for Adults \$5 for Seniors & Kids.

Executive Director, Rachael Max, said, "The Spaygetti supper is one of our most anticipated events of the year! The food is prepared by a professional chef, who just happens to be one of our best fosters, and there is no easier way to help the animals right here in our community than by enjoying a delicious meal with friends

and family. And hey, you can't beat the price!"

To purchase advance tickets at a discounted price please visit www.heretodaysanctuary.org or call 413 324-8224.

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About Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, HTAT, was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn and Rachael Max. HTAT is a volunteer driven group focused on reducing the number of homeless animals in our community through prevention and adoption services. In 2012 we opened our no kill, cageless cat adoption center for adult cats and kittens in Brimfield. Our ultimate goal is to decrease the number of animals entering the shelter system. It is deeply important to us that every resident's stay at HTAT is comfortable and healthy, making for well-adjusted, happy animals.

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Antiques that got away



Long time fishermen like to share stories about the ones that got away. We've been fortunate enough to auction some incredible items like Eliot Ness's credentials, the memorabilia from Boston's Durgin Park restaurant, and a coat Admiral Byrd wore on one of his expeditions. However, there are always things we wish we had gotten the opportunity to sell that slipped through our fingers.

When I first started to sell antiques, I bought a copy of the "Want Advertiser" every week, the morning it was dis-

tributed. The Want Ad was based in Sudbury, and magazines were distributed to most of the local convenience stores. The Want Ad listed a broad range of classified ad categories including cars, pets and antiques.

One week I saw that someone in Worcester advertised a photograph of Abraham Lincoln's assassins at the gallows. I met with the seller but the \$550 asking price seemed like a big expense when I was new to the business and only running my antique business part time. I thought about it more and decided I should buy it. I called the seller back a couple of days later and it had already sold. As a side note, after operating for 50 years in business, The Want Advertiser closed in 2006. Online classified ads like Craigslist eliminated the need for a print magazine.

I've seen some great items at appraisal events. Most people just want to know what their items are worth, but some want to auction their pieces. At an appraisal event at the Worcester Senior Center, someone brought in a collection of Victorian lithographed games to be evaluated. They were in pristine condition and I appraised them in the mid-thousands. The owner already had a handshake agreement with another auction house to sell them when I met with him. He honored his agreement and sold them with the other auctioneer. At another appraisal event in Barre we had some slack time and I informed the group about what type of items were selling well. When I told them that older baseball cards were very desirable, one of the attendees said he had many unopened packages of 1950's era baseball cards in the original store display box. I was hoping to discuss auctioning them with him while attendees were still asking questions. There's probably still a box of baseball cards worth tens of thousands sitting in a closet somewhere in Central Massachusetts.

Ι enjoyed meeting with the members of the Southbridge



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES

& ESTATES

Women's Club and appraising their items last week. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will take place on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School. I'll be appraising items at E.N. Jenckes Store Museum for the Douglas Historical Society on May 3. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale to screen "Jonah the Musical"

STURBRIDGE — The Faith Formation Ministry of the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale has scheduled a free family film night on Friday,

Jonah is a prophet – and a man on the run. From who? From God! After a series of wild adventures involving a seaport terrible storm, Jonah finds him

runs 116 minutes long, and is being shown free of charge by special arrangement with Outreach Films. Sturbridge called Joppa, a huge boat and a Federated Church is located at 8 Maple Street, Sturbridge, between the Sturbridge Town Hall and the Joshua Hyde Public Library. Popcorn will be available.

Marcn 20 Fellowship Hall.

Get ready for a jaw-dropping adventure for the whole family as one of the Bible's biggest stories comes to life in Sight & Sound Theatres' hit musical, "Jonah: On Stage," which was recorded on stage in front of a live audience!

self in the belly of a giant fish. But this isn't the end. It's here that God teaches Jonah how to receive grace and extend mercy, even to his archenemy: Nineveh. Take your family deep into this Bible story as it springs to life on screen in jaw-dropping scale by an exceptional cast, spectacular special effects, and live animals. Suitable for all ages, the film

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Karni Murray named to Deans' List at Bryant University

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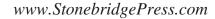


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Susi has treated many patients of all ages (pediatrics to geriatrics) and many different complexities (simple to complex). She brings a diverse manual therapy treatment approach with the recent addition of BioSynchronistics, the training and education approach of Quality Physical Therapy. Susi joined our staff as a manual therapist in January 2020.

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Editorial

President's Day is about more than sales

For many years — in fact, for more than two centuries — we've had cause to celebrate the office of the President of the United States. President Richard Nixon, in the late 1960's, made an executive order aptly titled "The Uniform Monday Holiday Act."

Prior to Congress passing the bill (thanks in large part to influence from labor unions and the retail industry), there was Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22 and Lincoln's on Feb. 12, but alas, now the third Monday in February added the likes of every Commander in Chief in this country. As we look at history, we find that both William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan were born in February; however, we are not merely celebrating birthdays anymore.

We can't help but wonder what Lincoln would think if he knew citizens of the United States were getting 25 percent off that new mattress because of his time in office, or in celebration of his part in abolishing slavery. Would Washington be pleased that we can get a \$3,000 cash rebate on that Jeep Cherokee we've had our eye on for thanks to his daring efforts in leading the American Revolutionary troops across the Delaware River? Perhaps for George, 10 percent off a Functional Whitehall Dinghy on Overstock.com for \$17,794.49 would be more fitting on this day. Even more bizarre to ponder is that decades on from today, our progeny will likely find a discount on anything from Ivanka Trump's clothing and women's fragrance lines. The highest service in our country is often a thankless job, and these great men (and hopefully some day, dare we say, a woman?) make many sacrifices. Our personal histories are entrenched in every term of our forefathers, and to reflect and give thanks should be celebrated with bright eyes on the future and all the leaders of our great nation, past, present, and future.

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

When difficult times come, don't miss the dance

We have all been challenged and will be again. Whether it's being denied a raise at work or being fired. You might have been turned down for a date or your spouse has left you. Or maybe you broke your leg playing softball or have been diagnosed with

cancer, heart disease or some other life-threatening affliction. Regardless of the hardships we face, we often look back at the worst of times and find the best. It's always hardest to find the blessing in the moment of despair, but with the benefit of time, I surprisingly hear often that the life destroying problem ends up being the life changing blessing.

No matter what the challenge is, if we open our mind and heart to the lessons that we find embedded in tragedy, we can experience bursts of personal growth and wisdom often impossible to experience at any other time.

As you know, I'm experiencing one of these opportunities. For those not aware, I've been diagnosed with a rare disease called Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs). There are as few as 200,000 diagnoses worldwide each year and it's the disease that killed both Steve Jobs and Aretha Franklin. I've been encountering health difficulties for over a year and was unable to find the cause. It was found during a routine exam that I had a colon blockage, but a few days later, my surgeon removed thirty inches of my colon along with three large tumors.

I thought, "blockage removed, so all is well," until I was laying in my hospital bed and the hospital lab accidentally sent me an email via "My Chart" that was intended for my doctors. I opened the email and was stunned and frightened. The idea that there was a benefit for self-growth never entered my mind. All I wanted to know was how long did I have to live, and I felt an overwhelming rush of self-pity.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING By Gary W.

MOORE

outcome will largely be determined by my optimism and attitude, which will drive my cooperation with my healthcare providers and treatment. No, I do not believe attitude alone will cure me, but I know that my optimism and attitude will be a great asset as

I navigate my path back to good health.

I've adapted a descriptive statement to my outlook on this health challenge. "I'm going to die of something someday, but it's not going to be this."

I'm experiencing an outpouring of love that I find surprisingly beautiful. I knew I had friends, but the love from my church, my church small group and other friends has been truly heartwarming. Without this diagnosis, I would not have recognized the depth of my friendships.

I've begun a journey of soul-searching that has encouraged me to examine my life in ways that would otherwise not have happened. This has caused me to reach out to friends I haven't seen in years, talk about old times and in a few occasions, given me the opportunity to apologize where needed.

I've experienced a renewed depth of family relations that I'm finding to be one of the most beautiful and cleansing experiences of my life. There is too much here to go into detail but will in future columns. Arlene and our children have been wonderful, as have been my sisters and their husbands.

And I'm experiencing a renewal of faith and reliance on God that I cannot describe in a few short words. All I can say is that it is a joyful experience.

Believe it or not, I have found the positive impact of my negative diagnosis to be a profoundly beautiful experience in ways I never could have anticipated or predicted.

Garth Brooks mega-hit song, "The Dance," addresses it best. He sings of a tragedy in his life and how if he'd known in advance, he might have avoided the pain by changing his course. But as the benefit of time often teaches us, avoiding the pain may deprive us of some of our greatest life experiences. The song teaches us ...

Avoid these estate planning mistakes



You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a

comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you'll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you'll want to avoid:

• Not writing a will – If you were to die "intestate" – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state's decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.

• Not going beyond a will – While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it's often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

• Choosing the wrong executor – An executor is responsible for distrib-

I closed my eyes and prayed. Surprisingly, you, the reader of this column, came to mind. I write a column called "Positively Speaking." I've travelled all over the world as a speaker, extolling the benefits of optimism and positive thinking. I realized that this was an opportunity to model the behavior I've written and spoken about for years ... and this is a perfect moment to prove the model.

It's now six weeks later and here is what I've experienced and learned.

I have a rare form of cancer and the

"Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd have had to miss the dance."

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com uting property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It's certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much better.

• Not naming proper beneficiaries – Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on – require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It's easy to do – but it's also easy to overlook.

• Not updating ownership of assets – A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here's perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what's in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.

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Readers Reveal their Favorite Tips and Tricks

As winter winds down, readers are gearing up for a season of making life a little easier! From getting a head start on gardening, to popping a bowl of perfect corn, read on for the latest roundup of readers' helpful hints and helpful tips:

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Recycling plastic while boosting seed sprouting is a win win!

With seeding season quickly approaching, start saving the clamshell-type containers that strawberries and other berries may be packaged in. Fill the containers with growing medium, plant seeds (for example tomatoes), water and close the lid. When the seeds sprout, open the container, allow to grow until ready to transplant. The "clam shell" creates a mini greenhouse to help seeds germinate quickly.

Jim Reynolds Charlton, MA **

This reader's reminder to clean common surfaces keeps flu bugs at bay:

During cold and flu season I use hand sanitizer to clean my TV remotes,



phone, door knobs and light switches too. Terry Mariorana Ashford, CT **

This thrifty kitchen trick is not only classic, but foolproof!

One piece of bread

softens everything from brown sugar to cookies. Whether you cook or bake often, you definitely have some brown sugar hardening up in a plastic bag somewhere in your pantry. Over the years I've learned that a piece of bread in a jar of brown sugar or stuck into a plastic bag of dry cookies adds just the right amount of moisture! Of course the bread will be hard as a rock, but that just means it worked

Bob Bourdeau Fiskdale, MA

This reader's salt shaker extends way beyond the dinner table!

Instead of using harmful chemicals for cleaning, table salt can be used for a variety of things at a fraction of the cost.

1. Removes tea and coffee stains from mugs in a matter of seconds. Dampen cup or mug. Sprinkle salt and remove

phone, door knobs and with a damp cloth.

2. Sprinkle salt on the back of pots and pans to remove majority of blackness. Dampen pot. Sprinkle salt. Let it sit for a minute. Remove with wire scrubber.

3. Sprinkle salt on icy porch steps. Cheaper than ice melt.

5. Sprinkle salt in hot bath with a few lavender drops. It's an inexpensive detox.

Sandy MacDonald

Uxbridge, MA

Perfect popcorn, step by step:

I enjoyed your popcorn article.. I use a 3 qt Italian cookware pot that has a clear glass cover with vent hole in it. I use olive oil (which I believe adds delicious flavor to the cooked popcorn as it pops). I cover the bottom of the pot with the oil, wait a while for the oil to heat up then I add enough popcorn to nearly cover the bottom. This process usually provides 98-100% of all kernels popped. I have also added a teaspoon of brown sugar to the oil. This also adds to popcorn flavor. J o e S c o l a r o

Webster, MA

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Riofrancos advocates Green New Deal



Thea Riofrancos

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — To Providence College Professor Thea "there's Riofrancos, about a billion terrible things facing the world." with climate change and inequality connecting most of them. Fortunately, she feels, there's a way to address them that brings the issues, advocacy groups, science and politics together – the Green New Deal.

"Climate crisis is already happening," she noted, dubbing it a "yesterday problem," with climate models "getting

more apocalyptic and dramatic in their conclusions." Among the things we already see are erratic temperatures, more extreme storms, ocean acidification, deforestation and desertification in some places, and the unfolding Sixth Extinction. While handling those issues is "a really big task," she argues it's still one that can be done by rearranging "the way our society is structured."

She spoke last week at College of the Holy Cross. At the top of the pile of issues, Riofrancos said, is the fact that carbon emissions are "deeply

unequal," with the most developed 10 percent of the world's population responsible for half of the emissions. Yes, she notes, China has the highest overall total, but the US has the top per capita rate, with twice China's. Meanwhile, the most vulnerable to the impacts are those who are "the least well-off" and "have the fewest resources to deal with it," often at least partly due to "legacies of imperialism and colonialism."

"We need to attack them [inequality and climate change] at the same time," by making society more egalitarian, reigning in corporate power, promoting closer communities, changing rec-reation from shopping to outdoors activities, and otherwise making the Western lifestyle less stressful, she said.

A big part of that is restructuring our "built environment" to promote public transit and far fewer cars, locally self-sufficient economies, local energy sources and food supplies, and other changes.

"Many aspects of our lives are pretty destructive" to Nature, with many aspects of our culture that are designed to be fossil-fuel-dependent, Riofrancos said. Fixing them will require changes of all kinds, but she doesn't think we can wait for individuals or the private sector to do it because "there's zero,

zero, zero, negative evidence they're up to the task.'

"We need government to step in and take a large role," she added. That doesn't necessari-

ly mean government ownership, but "direct public investment, and hopefully [that will] incentivize private investment," she said.

She's under no illusions that'll be easy, because so many people today "have low faith in government." But she sees the Green New Deal as being a way to overcome such distrust, since it calls for building coalitions within communities to get things done that in turn become 'mass coalitions.'

"Climate policy is really hard to get people interested in" because it's traditionally depicted in "arcane, technocratic and difficult" ways. That can, and has, led to bad policy choices; she points to the Yellow Vest protests in France as an example.

There, many thousand citizens have filled the streets of Paris every week for nearly a year, objecting to a host of government proposals and economic inequality but getting almost no publicity here in the US. It began with President Macron's announcement of a hike in the gas tax, ostensibly to help reduce carbon emissions. But that hit poorer people, particularly those in rural

areas, harder than urban dwellers who had access to public transit.

In effect, she noted, he was "punishing them for just attempting to make a living" without giving them an alternative. Later, in response to a question, she noted President Carter did something similar. Although he recognized the legitimacy of the problem, causing austerity and inequality "is not a winning strategy." Public policy needs to put supportive community services, energy efficiency and affordable housing in place before carbon taxes and restrictions, she argued

One audience member later argued a good method would be a "fee and dividend" law. Gene Fry of Brookfield has been advocating for such a change for a few years now as an organizer for the Citizens' Climate Lobby. He said that would give all citizens a rebate for gas consumption which would benefit those who use less and encourage the higher-users to reduce.

Regarding housing, Riofrancos said buildings cause 20-40 percent of all emissions, so enabling "green retrofits" is crucial. Europe and Canada are already implementing "green social housing" that combines services, affordability, efficiency, access to transit and other features aimed at reducing overall consumption while providing places people can live a decent life. Today, many US homes "are leaking heat" because of age, bad insulation and design issues; she admits hers in Providence is one of them. She feels a green retrofit program would address that at the same time it provides good jobs, reduces homelessness by cutting costs and reusing now-vacant homes, and reduces carbon emissions.

Regarding a question on presidential candidates' various climate proposals, Riofranco said she's hopeful in part because this year's the first time climate has been "a major issue." Personally, she favors two of them: those proposed by Bernie Sanders and Jay Inslee (who's no longer in the race). Inslee's was detailed but "not quite comprehensive enough," and large-ly adopted by Elizabeth Warren. Sanders' plan is expensive because of its comprehensiveness, she argued.

By contrast, she's very skeptical of any plan that calls for natural gas as "a bridge fuel," because research increasinglv documents methane leaks throughout the gas production and distribution system.

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



Bay State Savings Bank appoints new Retail Loan Servicing and Collections Manager

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce Emiljano Beqo has been appointed Retail Loan Servicing & Collections Manager at the Bank's 28 Franklin Street location in Worcester, MA. In this role, Mr. Beqo will oversee retail loan servicing operations.

Mr. Beqo bears more than 10 years of banking experience and holds an Associate's degree in Computer Science. He joined Bay State Savings Bank in 2009, serving as a Teller at the Bank's 799 Grafton Street branch in Worcester. In 2011, Mr. Beqo was promoted to Head Teller,

before leaving in 2013. Most recently, he has served as Retail Lending and Secondary Market Manager at Millbury Savings Bank.

Mr. Beqo currently resides in Worcester with his wife Ina.

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Birds of prey make a comeback





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Red tailed hawks are protected birds, and cannot be shot or trapped in any way. This week's photo was taken of a Red Tail Hawk a number of years ago at a local Rod & Gun Club. The hawk became

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years ago. The huge bird found his way into the pen through a hole in the net, and managed to kill a number of birds before he was noticed by a club member. Again, the M.D.F.W. was called to remove the big bird. We have had numerous animals like the Fisher Cat and Fox that manage to kill a few birds every year. They often wait for a bird to come close to the fence, and attack them from the outside. Hawks, Osprey & owls also raise havoc with our trout pond, killing many trout annually. Otter populations are on the rise also, and they can sense the recently stocked

trout pond, dining on them daily. The cost of live trout has been rising annually with the average cost of \$8 & \$9 a pound the norm. Fortunately, raising club birds and stocking trout is still worth the effort of many clubs in the area. We have learned to share with wildlife.

Wild turkey populations have explodthroughout ed Massachusetts & neighboring states. Some of these birds need to see a psychiatrist by the way they have been acting lately, especially those in cities and towns. Chasing and attacking people, are just a few of their nutty tactics. If someone calls you a turkey I would not take it lightly. They have also became a nuisance for farmers by walking straight into the barns and feeding and contaminating the food source. Destruction to recently planted corn just sprouting through the soil

every year, have became somewhat of a pain in the neck for farmers. have Most farmers

learned to tolerate the huge birds that bring so much excitement to bird hunters. This year, M.F. & W. have increased the daily spring bag limit to two, starting this year and still allow a turkey hunter to harvest a bird in the fall. It may not be enough to slow the population growth of these birds. This year, Mother Nature has given all wildlife an easy winter to feed and survive in the woods and backyards of Massachusetts residents. Deer & Wild Turkey populations are going to

be huge this year, along with many other species of wild animals.

Trout fishing has been slow this year especially for ice fishermen. Many local anglers have headed North to get some ice fishing in before spring moves in. It is still looking good for an early spring and may have M. F. & W. stocking trout early this year. The good thing about early ice out, has ponds and lakes becoming suitable for stocking trout. Open water allows the lakes and ponds to become oxygenated by wind & waves, making it suitable for stocking trout. Anglers reminded are that

Wallum Lake in Douglas closes this Saturday, Feb. 29. as the interstate body of water is governed by Rhode island regulations. Wallum Lake will reopen on the second Saturday of April. This year's opening date is



entangled in a net that covering pheaswas ant. The bird was spotted one early morning hanging upside down. Fish & Wildlife was called about the problem, and they sent a couple of personnel to the site to untangle the bird and send it on his way.

Hawks are not the only bird of prey to raise havoc with pheasant pens. Owls often try to get a free meal of pheasant, and they too April 11.

This week's second picture shows a fisher cat that is nearing there breeding time. Close encounters with this killer should be avoided, especially residents with cats and small dogs.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

TRAINOR

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To remove brown iron stains from your sinks, toilets, and even fiberglass showers, use Barkeepers Friend. I've tried everything, scrubbing with pumice (porcelain only), leaving on baking soda, Magic Eraser, etc etc., and nothing took out the stains in my sink or shower. The pumice works, but it is not easy or pleasant. This worked like magic and I only used a toothbrush and a non-scratch pad. No scrubbing!

(PS: their website says this, but who knew? I bought it to clean my copper pans.)

JD

Holland MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Joe Scolaro of Webster whose name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House. He submitted the popcorn cooking method above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you

readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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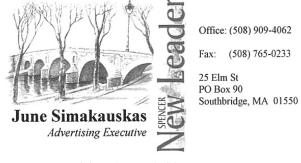
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Rams grab season-ending victory from District-bound Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos Shepherd Hill's Emma Lanpher tries to throw a pass past Tantasqua defender Emerson Cherry





Grace Nellis of Shepherd Hill drives toward the basket against Tantasqua's defense.



Shepherd Hill's Paula Barbale releases a jump shot from the left-side corner.

Shepherd Hill's Paula Barbale leads the Rams' charge with a fast-break drive.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WESTBOROUGH — The way the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' varsity basketball team was competing versus Tantasqua Regional in a consolation round game of the 18th annual Westborough Invitational Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 18, one would think that the sixth seeded Rams would have 10-plus wins and be preparing for the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament.

But Shepherd Hill was actually just a three-win team heading into their tilt with the Warriors. Behind a gritty effort, the Rams finished their season at 4-16 by upsetting Tantasqua, the tournament's No. 2 seed, 57-51.

"I think we don't look like a 3-16 team," said Shepherd Hill head coach Maura Hackenson. "We play a really tough schedule and we've had a lot of close games."

One of those losses although not too close of a game was a 58-42 setback to the Warriors back on Dec. 23. The two months between games certainly showed Shepherd Hill's improvements.

Tantasqua held a modest lead of 11-7 after the initial eight minutes, but the Rams rebounded in the second quarter, winning the frame by a 17-12 count, to take a 24-23 lead into halftime. Shepherd Hill had the lead as sophomore Amanda Adamuska beat the buzzer with a layup, got fouled on the attempt, and sank the free throw for a traditional three-point play.

The score was knotted up at 37-37 through three quarters as Warriors' senior Lydia Boland — a recent 1,000-point scorer got going with 10 points in the frame.

And Boland scored the first basket of the fourth quarter, but the Rams responded with a 3-pointer from freshman Emery Mullen, and they never lost the lead from there.

Mullen drained another 3-pointer to extend the lead to 43-39, and senior Grace Nellis and Mullen followed with floaters to up the advantage to 47-39.

Boland gave Tantasqua life with four straight points to cut the deficit down to 47-43, but from there The Hill went to work at the free throw line. As a team they went 10-for-10 in the quarter, including a 6-for-6 effort from junior Emma Lanpher, to ice the game.

"It's a little scary, but at the end of the day we practice so many free throws that we should get them in," said Lanpher, who added that the team shoots foul shots multiple times each practice.

Lanpher, who finished with a team-high total of 16 points, was glad to give Nellis and fellow seniors Paula Barbale and Kerry Greenough (who was unable to play due to injury) a justified goodbye.

"We definitely wanted to win for our seniors because it was their last game," said Lanpher. "It's also a building point [for next yearl."

Lanpher, who can play either guard position, Mullen (13 points, three 3-pointers), an athletic shooter, sophomore Triniti Sughrue (13 points, 9 rebounds), a strong post

presence, sophomore Sydney Fitzgerald, a defensive standout, and Adamuska, who can fill any role needed, will help the Rams' development in the 2020-2021 season.

"We're going to miss the seniors tremendously, but I'm happy that they got to end the season on a high note and we have a promising future to come," said Hackenson. "We're looking forward to next season for sure. If they work hard in the offseason we'll be OK."

And beating Tantasqua the second time around proves that.

"This was a very crucial game for us. Going forward next year, this just proves that we can beat teams that are 15-5," Hackenson noted. "These girls have really worked hard and I've asked a lot of them, very demanding, but they came through today.

Despite the loss to Shepherd Hill, the Warriors finished their regular season at 15-5.

"Westborough and Shepherd Hill really came to play," Tantasqua head coach Tom Goyette said of his team's two

Westborough Tournament losses. "This was their Districts. They kind of took it to us."

When asked if the losses were a concern heading into the Western Mass. Division 2 Tournament, Goyette said, "It is a little concerning at this point. We want to get better and better each game and right now we've kind of plateaued a little bit. We need to regroup and refocus and work on some things.'

Goyette can look to Boland (game-high 18 points) and juniors Madison Varney (14 points) and Ainsely Way (10 points), all multi-year starters, for team leadership and guidance.

"They are experienced players and our captains. They're great leaders and they'll do a good job of leading this group," he said.

Tantasqua learned its playoff fate on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Warriors earned the tournament's No. 5 seed and will play at No. 4 East Longmeadow High (13-7) on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

SPORTS

Rockets come up short in season-finale versus Groton-Dunstable

GROTON — Wednesday, Feb. 19 brought about the end of the season for the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team, where they had to travel to the Groton School to take on Groton-Dunstable Regional. There, the Rockets lost a 5-2 decision to finish up 7-11-2. Auburn finished just four points shy of qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. The Crusaders also narrowly missed out on postseason play.



Auburn's Tommy Rembiszewski carries the puck down the ice.



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com

Joel Miller of Auburn circles the puck around the net and a Groton-Dunstable defender.





Cooper C'Miel of Auburn does battle with his opponent from Groton-Dunstable for possession Auburn's Alec LeDuc tries to intercept a D-to-D pass made by Groton-Dunstable. of the puck.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Charlton Youth Basketball to sponsor college scholarship

Charlton Youth Basketball proudly sponsors a scholarship program for four Charlton high school seniors accepted for enrollment at a university or college for the 2020-2021 academic year. The applicant for this scholarship must be a Charlton graduating senior who has participated in Charlton Youth Basketball for a minimum of two vears and completed the application and typed an essay (250-word minimum) describing how playing Charlton Youth Basketball has had a positive impact on my youth. The due date is May 1, and four \$500 scholarships will be presented by Charlton Youth Basketball upon review of all applications.

Along with the essay, please provide your name, address, telephone, email, number of years playing Charlton Youth Basketball, grades participated, additional involvement (coaching, refereeing, volunteering, etc.), names of coaches from your experience, high school, college/university attending, and a signature. Please mail to: Charlton Youth Basketball, PO Box 811, Charlton, MA 01507.

Dudley Charlton Women's Basketball to hold pickup games

On Monday evenings at the Heritage School from 7-9 p.m., you will find women playing pickup basketball. We play every Monday from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams or fees. Ages 18 and older are welcome. Come for some fun exercise. Contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 for more information.



Auburn's Dillon Winkelmann catches up to a loose puck.



Shawn Bradway of Auburn maneuvers the puck around a slipping Groton-Dunstable defender.



Increase indoor garden success with proper watering



Melinda Myers Photo

Set plants on saucers filled with pebbles to eliminate the need to empty the water that collects in the saucer

Too much of a good thing can mean death for indoor plants. Overwatering is a good example of this and a common problem for indoor gardeners. For others it's the opposite extreme, allowing plants to go too dry. Knowing when to water your indoor plants can increase gardening success and eliminate the stress of uncertainty.

The first step is to throw away your watering schedule. Start watering plants based on their individual need not the date on the calendar. Consider the type of plant, container material and size as well as other growing conditions.

Get to know your plants by checking the plant tag, online resources and books. Those native to tropical climates or wet soils such as peace lily, baby tears and papyrus prefer moist soil. Plants from drier locations like cacti, succulents, Chinese evergreens, ponytail palm and snake plants do best when the soil dries between watering.

Evaluate the indoor growing conditions. Plants located in bright light and warm homes where the humidity is low lose moisture faster and need more frequent watering. Cooler homes, higher humidity and lower light conditions mean longer stretches between watering plants.

Adjust watering as the seasons change. Shorter, often gray days of winter mean plants dry out more slowly. When the heat and air conditioner are turned on, the humidity level drops and plants dry out more quickly. Plus, many plants rest in winter and prefer drier soil.

Check plants growing in small pots, breathable terra cotta containers and fast draining growing mixes more often and water as needed. Plants growing in larger containers and those made of plastic, glazed ceramic and similar materials dry out more slowly.

Use your finger to determine when plants need to be watered. Stick your finger an inch or so below the soil surface of small pots. You'll need to go a finger length deep for larger containers. And for succulents and cacti feel the soil through the drainage holes on the bottom of the pot. Water thoroughly until the excess runs out the drainage holes as needed.

Extend the time between watering with self-watering pots and watering aids. These have reservoirs that slowly provide water to plants over time. Or amend the soil with a moisture-retaining product like wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). This organic and sustainable product holds 20 percent of its weight in water and slowly releases it into the soil when needed. The wetting agents in most potting mixes lose effectiveness after a month or two. These pellets continue working long after this, so you'll be watering less often.

Make watering easy, so it feels like an opportunity to enjoy each individual plant instead of a chore. Use a watering can with a long narrow



MELINDA MYERS spout, making it easy to apply water over the entire soil sur-

spoul, making it easy to apply water over the entire soil surface and under the leaves and crown of the plant. This reduces the risk of disease that can occur when the top growth remains wet.

Set plants on saucers or trays filled with pebbles. The excess water collects in the tray and the pebbles elevate the container above the water. This eliminates the need to empty the water that collects and remains in the saucer for more than thirty minutes.

With more experience watering indoor plants, it will become second nature. That means you'll have more time and opportunity to enjoy and even expand your indoor garden.

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

CALENDAR

Saturday, Febraury 29

TASTE OF THE TOWNS: 6-8 p.m., St. Joseph's Church Hall, 10 H Putnam Road Ext., Charlton. An opportunity to sample the delicious food and beverages offered at local restaurants with your friends and neighbors presented by the Charlton REAS Foundation. For more information or tickets, please call (508) 868-5289 or visit reascharlton.org. you for your continued support!

Sunday, March 8

EASY FULL MOON WALK ON BUFFUMVILLE DAM: 6:30 p.m., Buffumville Lake, 48 Old Oxford Rd., working mothers. Membership is open to moms in Charlton, Dudley, Webster and Southbridge. For additional information about the Mom Prom or the club, please email charltonmomsclub@ gmail.com, or purchase tickets at http:// bit.ly/MOMPROM2020. The Mom Prom name and logo are registered trademarks of founder Elizabeth Crapps and

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

Sunday, March 1

HERE TODAY ADOPTED TOMORROW ANIMAL SANCTUARY "SPAY"GHETTI SUPPER: 4:30-6 AND 6:30-7:30 p.m., Brimfield Congregational Church, Route 20. Tickets are available online or by calling the shelter. Menu includes spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Gluten free options available. Take-out available. Tons of raffles too! Please visit our Web site at www.heretodaysanctuary.org for more information or call (413) 324-8224.

Saturday and Sunday, March 7 & 8

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

Saturday, March 7

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

Charlton. Bring the whole family for a leisurely one-mile roundtrip walking tour of Buffumville Dam. If the weather is 75 percent or more cloudy, snowing or raining, we'll do a tour inside the dam instead. Dress for the weather.

Friday, March 13

SECOND ANNUAL BAKED POTATO BUFFET: 4:30-6:30 p.m., Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, Fellowship Hall, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. The buffet includes a baked potato with a variety of toppings, coffee, tea, or juice. Assorted desserts are also for sale. Advance tickets available from church members or at the church office, (508) 347-3915. Tickets are \$6 per person; children six and under \$4. Take-out orders are available.

Friday, March 20

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

Saturday, April 4

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

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Charlton. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild. Six meat tables, one ham and one lobster table! Early birds arriving prior to 6 p.m. receive three free tickets to be used on the meat table of their choice. Selected "homemade" food purchases will be available for dinner, as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, etc.

ONGOING

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

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@ gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370. Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

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

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

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor – National Association of Canine Scent Work.

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

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

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OBITUARIES

Glen D. Goudreau, 65



SOUTHBRIDGE-Glen D. Goudreau, 65, a former longtime resident of Sturbridge, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Southbridge, after a

long illness.

He leaves his three children, Grant Goudreau of Sturbridge, Olivia Goudreau of Sturbridge and Gabrielle Goudreau of New Hampshire; his longtime companion, Deborah Ceccarini of Charlton; his sister, Gale Wightman and her husband Bennett of Holland; his niece, Vanessa DeLuca of Shrewsbury and his nephew, Sebastian Vallee of Northbridge. He was born in Southbridge the son of the late Donald R. and Natalie J. (Becia) Goudreau.

Glen worked in appliance sales and worked for Natick Appliance before retiring. He previously worked for Jarvis Appliance in Wellesley. Before appliance sales Glen joined his father as

the 3rd generation operator of the family business, M.J. Goudreau & Son painters and carpentry. Glen, an avid motorcvcle enthusiast was very involved with the Worcester County Motorcyclists' Survivors Fund, a charity helping survivors of motorcycle accidents. He was an avid golfer and also an avid hockey fan. Most of all his greatest joy and purpose in his life was being a great dad to his children.

Calling hours for Glen will be held on Friday, Feb. 28th, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a service to follow at 6:00pm in the funeral home. Burial in Old Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oakes Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or to the Worcester County Motorcyclists' Survivors Fund Inc., P.O. Box 536, North Uxbridge, MA 01538 or online at wcmsfund.org/donate.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



21, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, MA. She was the daughter of John and Yvonne (Brunette) Gomes. She is survived by:

Dolores Lavigne, age

her son Ronald Pelletier, and his wife Suzanne, of Charlton, MA, her daughter Jeanne Pelletier, and Jeanne's husband Andres, of Mountain View, CA; two sisters, Theresa Evans of Thompson, CT, and Janet Peckham of Thompson, CT; and one brother, Arthur Gomes of Dudley, MA. Dolores is also survived by her grandson Ronald J. Pelletier of

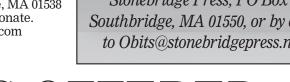
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Dolores Lavigne, 87

Charlton, MA, granddaughter Melissa Pelletier-Brink of Webster, MA, five great-grandchildren, and her first husband Emile Pelletier.

Dolores is predeceased by her second husband Walter Lavigne, her brother Albert Gomes, two sisters Albertine Larose and Rita Gomes, and an infant daughter Irene Pelletier.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 am on Monday, March 2nd at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster, MA. She will be laid to rest in the columbarium at St. Joseph's Garden of Peace Cemetery in Webster. Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Avenue, is directing arrangements (wwwbartelfuneralhome.com).



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May 19 — CAROLE KING TRIBUTE \$94 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 4/17)

July 28 — GLOUCESTER HARBOR CRUISE LOBSTERBAKE \$135 transportation, Beauport includes Princess Cruise, Lobsterbake buffet, Entertainment & Dancing. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 6/25)

 $\mathbf{2}$ September LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE & CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS \$129 includes transportation, Lake Cruise, Luncheon, Visit to Castle in the Clouds. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 7/30)

November 17 — YESTERDAY ONCE MORE w/The Carpenters, ABBA, 5th Dimension, The Mamas & The Papas all in one show! \$92 includes transportation, Luncheon, meal tax w/gratuity and Show ticket. Driver gratuity not included. Make checks payable to: Best of Times (payment due 10/15)

Dec 4-7 — A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN NASHVILLE, TN. Gaylord Oprey Hotel! 4 days/3 nights. Call for more info

trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE **SENIORS**

The Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors are happy to offer the following 2020 Trips to the General Public. Beginning on Thursday March 12th, join us as we travel by Deluxe Motorcoach on an appproximately 60 minute ride to the Fabulous Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma. To see Ireland's Most Exciting Young Tenor, Emmet Cahill. Emmet is the Star of PBS Phenomenon Celtic Thunder. Hear Emmet perform many of the Irish Classics as well as some of your Favorite Broadway Hits. He will be joined by the Emerald String Quartet, who are four young Ladies creating the Sweetest Sounds from their String Instruments. And let's add the All Male Dublin City Dancers who will shake up the Audience with their high stepping dance numbers. For 92.00 everyone will have a Plated Lunch of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Baked Haddock, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minstrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea, Bus Transportation and this Fabulous Show. On Thursday, July 16, come with us for a Lobster Bake at Foster's Clambake in York, Me. For 99.00 enjoy a 1 1/4 Boiled Lobster, Clam Chowder, Steamed Mussels, Fresh Steamed Maine Clams, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes and Onions, Blueberry Cake and a Beverage. Also available is 1/2 Barbecued Chicken in place of the Lobster. Now let us add the Turn To TRIPS page A14

3 Days/2 Nights August 21 - 23, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights hotel lodging, breakfast at hotel, lower reserved seating to 2 ballgames, The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Guinness Brewery & More

\$549pp Double Occ. -\$679pp Single Occ. - \$539pp Triple Occ. - \$539pp Quad Occ.

For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact

Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

September 11th Museum & Memorial in NY City and West Point Academy

2 Days/1 Night May 14-15, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, hotel lodging, two (2) meals (1 breakfast & dinner theatre show), touring the Hudson River Valley & dinner theatre show and so much more!

\$399 pp Double Occ. - \$499 pp Single Occ.

For a brochure and complete itinerary please contact

Lori Douthwright 508-248-5971 X1715

Penn Dutch Country with the New Hit Show Queen Esther

3 Days/2 Nights September 23-25, 2020

What's Included: Roundtrip motor coach, 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, ticket to "Queen Ester", touring and More!

\$499pp Double Occ. - \$599 pp Single Occ.

For a brochure and complete itiner-

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

TRIPS w/Charlton Senior Center 2020

Our new Trip Coordinator is Mary Lou Lepko.

A few things to know:

Sign up at the center, or call 508-248-2231, or email: charltontrips@yahoo. com

Please put your full name and phone number on sign-up sheets

Trips are open to the public

Flyers available at the center or online at www.townofcharlton.net. Click on Government, then Council on Aging/Senior Center

Mail payments to: Charlton Senior Center Trips, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507 or bring into center and give to Elaine or Katherine. Please be sure to make checks payable to the company stated below.

You will be notified of pick up time & location

Bus pick up will usually be at St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext. in Charlton

April 17— FOXWOODS \$34 includes transportation, buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Make checks payable to: Fox Tours (payment due

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

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

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity

to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the



the deadline is Friday noon for the following week.

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

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





You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@ charter.net or visit oa.org.

MASSASSOIT ART GUILD

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

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Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat?

Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life?

Traveling with pets is more popular than ever



Today's pets are increasingly on the go. Individuals and families planning to travel are increasingly choosing to take their pets along with them.

A survey by the American Pet Products Association found people spent \$69.51 billion on pets in 2017. A large chunk of spending — around \$6 billion — was directed toward pet accommodations and boarding. Statistics Canada says that Canadians spent more than \$8 billion on pet-related items in 2017, and about half of that spending was on veterinary and other pet services.

Pet owners have options regarding pet care when leaving home for business or pleasure. Pet owners can hire pet sitters, leave the pet with a friend or family member, arrange for board-

ing, or bring their pets along with them.

Nowadays, millions of pet owners are taking their pets with them when they travel. To meet the demand, everything from hotels to Airbnb accommodations to airlines are enabling people to bring companion animals along. Some major airports offer pet-relief areas and even Amtrak rail service recently started letting small pets on board.

Certain facilities charge fees to bring pets along. Such fees typically range between \$100 and \$200. Some pet-friendly places even offer special perks, such as staff that takes the pets for walks when the owners are away from their rooms. The Kimpton hotel chain does not charge pet fees and also offers free pet beds, water bowls and treats, making it easy for customers to travel with their companion animals.

If pets are coming along for the ride, flight or stay, pet owners should brush up on these pet travel tips.

• Obtain a health certificate. Schedule a visit to the vet and have them offer a health certificate listing immunizations and the state of the pet's health. Many airlines, hotels, pet care centers, and border crossing authorities will require such proof of pet wellness.

• Research local vets. Find a vet or animal hospital near the hotel or city where you will be staying. In the event of an emergency, you'll know where to go.

• Plan for pit stops. Give pets time to stretch their legs and take bathroom breaks. Try to take breaks every two to three hours.

• Vet the transportation service. Check the train or plane policy for bringing pets along. In addition, look into the history of transporting pets, keeping an eye out for any incidents of pets being lost or injured.

• Bring a crate or carrier along. Many pets feel safe and secure in crates, and hotels or airlines may require pets be contained when unattended. So be sure to bring a crate when traveling with a pet.

• Contact the tourism board. Ask a local tourism board about local pet-friendly accommodations and restaurants.

Traveling with pets allows the entire family to enjoy time away from home.

TRIPS

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Ultimate Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show featuring Jimmy and the Parrots. They are the most requested Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band in the Country and they were also nominated as Band of the Year by Trop Rock Entertainer. Hear them play the favorite songs of Jimmy Buffett as well as songs by The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, Harry Belafonte, Bob Marley and many others. Included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Lunch and the Show.

On Tuesday August 18 to Friday August 21st, have your Passport ready for a Spectacular 4 Day/3 Night Motor Coach Roundtrip visit to Beautiful Montreal and Quebec Canada. For 849.00 pp Double or 1159.00 pp Single Occupancy. Included are 3 Nights Hotel Lodgings, 4 Meals, touring as described in your travel Brochgure, Best of Times Travel Tour Director and all gratuities except Motorcoach Driver. gratuity are included. In Montreal take in a guided visit of Norte-Dame Basilica, the Botanical Gardens, the Biodome, enjoy time at Montreal Casino plus even more. In Quebec, visit the Basilica of Saint-Anne de Beaupre. Montgomerv Falls, guided Tour of the beautiful Citadelle featuring the Changing of the Guard, the Royal Regimemnt Museum plus some Free Time to enjoy Quebec on your own. On Thursday August 20th, get ready for the 10th Anniversary Tour of The Texas Tenors. These 3 very Handsome, Classically Trained Men have performed over 1300 Concerts with Headliner Shows in Las Vegas, China, the United Kingdom and accumulated 3 EMMY AWARDS. The Texas Tenors will sing many of the Broadway Show Classics as well as many of your favorite Pop Songs. They were honored to be included among the Top 50 Acts in the World. This could be the Best Concert that you will see this year. We are traveling approximately 60 minutes to the Venus DeMilo in Swansea, Ma.. For 99.00 included is Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Plated Lunch of either Chicken Parmesan or Baked Scrod, Venus DeMilo's Famous Minnestrone Soup, Vegetables, Breads, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. We had 34 people travel to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country 3 Day/2Night Trip this past December and they had such a Great Time that many of them asked to go back again this September 23-25th. We will see the New Show "Queen Esther". One of the very most riveting Bible Stories of the Old Testament that comes to life in the Magnificent Sight and Sound Theater which incorporates Live Animals, Secial Effects and Jaw Opening Stage Sets. Ask anyone who has seen a Show at the Millenium Sight and Sound Theater and they will tell you this is a Must See. in your lifetime. Now let's add a 2nd Show called "Saturday Nigh Fever" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, a Backcountry Tour of the Dutch County Farmlands, enjoy your luck at the Sands Casino and more. Prices are 499.00 pp Double and 599.00 Single Occupancy and include 2 Nights Lodging, 4 Meals, Tickets to the 2 Shows,

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

For additional information on these Wonderful Trips, please contact Linda Fortier at 508 347 1452 or by email at bestoftimes2020@aol.com This is a wonderful trip and we sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

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

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

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

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

Have you ever thought about

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

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

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

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

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

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

We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich.

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included.

Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAYMENTS DUE AT SIGN UP

Trips are open to the public!

Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association.

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon senior center Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM or call 774 922 4049, or e-mail me jimtrips@yahoo.com The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2020 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

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

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly Gardens and Yankee Candle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$71. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list)- \$459. May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91. May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours -\$115. June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 26 - July 3 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 3 seats left - \$1899. Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329. Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag harbor, etc. - \$579. Oct. 6 --Green Mt. Railroad w/Fox Tours \$101. Nov. 19 Newport Playhouse Tours \$101. w/Fox Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway Tours. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc. \$379.

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

My puppy has worms; now what?

an exciting time that's full of challenges. Change also is part of welcoming a new puppy into the family.

Puppies rely on their owners to meet all of their needs, and it can take weeks for a pup to acclimate to a new home and adapt to a routine.

New puppy parents may be surprised to learn their puppy — particularly one rescued from a shelter — has parasitic worms. This is a common occurrence. According to a report published in the journal Animals, the prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in shelter dogs is typically higher than in owned

Bringing a new puppy home can be dogs. This is due to the combination of daily admissions of dogs from diverse backgrounds and the difficulty of preventing environmental contamination with infectious parasitic developmental stages. Shelters provide favorable conditions for the establishment and spread of GI parasitic infections.

> Worms are transmitted in various ways, and many result from pups walking through the infected waste of other dogs. Some dogs ingest contaminated feces or develop infections after being in an environment where there is a buildup of waste and poor sanitation. The American Kennel Club

says worms also can be passed from an infected mother to her unborn puppies in-utero or through nursing.

By and large, worms are not something that should be terribly concerning. With the right treatment and preventative care, most parasitic worms, like roundworms, hookworms, heartworms, and whipworms, can be treated effectively. However, if left untreated, worms can compromise the health of a puppy, potentially contributing to anemia, low weight/poor growth, diarrhea, and inflammation.

Some symptoms of worms include: • pot belly appearance

- vomiting
- coughing
- weight loss
- diarrhea
- abdominal pain

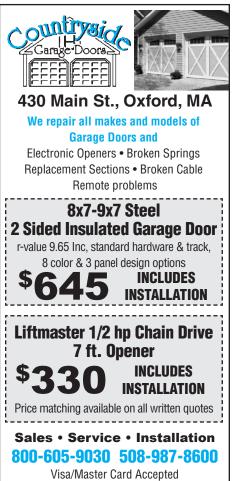
• visual confirmation of worms in stool

A veterinarian can walk new pet parents through deworming their young dogs. Medications produce results in a matter of hours and will immobilize worms in the digestive tract before they're soon expelled. It may take a few treatments to get a handle on the problem. In addition, vets will likely want to examine stool samples on an ongoing basis to ensure all immature and fully formed worms are gone.

To prevent future outbreaks, clean up pet waste in the yard frequently and administer a monthly heartworm medication with a generalized deworming agent for other parasites.

Learn more about worms and new puppy care at www.akc.org.







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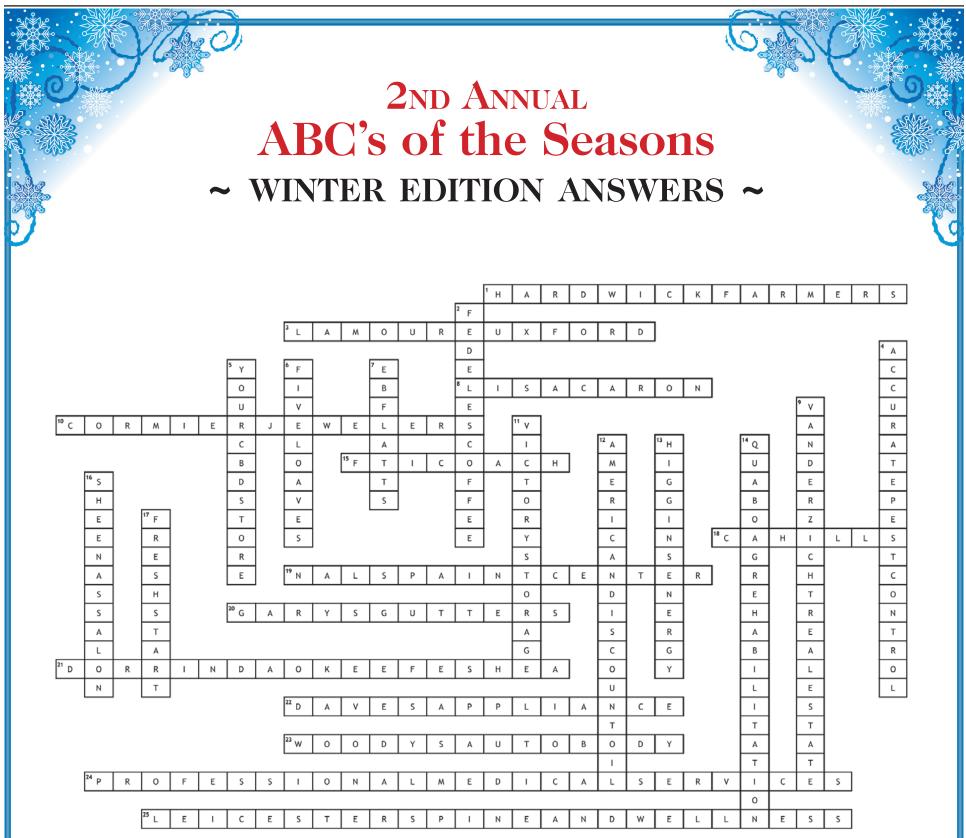
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Kathy C. of Spencer

Please continue to support these and all of your local businesses. Our next ABC's of the Seasons will be our Spring Edition, coming out on April 24.

Thank you to all the ABC businesses and to those who completed our puzzle! If you would like a letter for spring, please contact your sales representative to see what is available.

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Public Hearing Notice

The Charlton Water and Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:40 pm in the Selectmen's meeting room, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA to discuss and consider increasing the Sewer Rate Surcharges.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear on the date and time specified or submit concerns in writing to Sue Guerin at Sewer Plant Office located at 8A Worcester Rd., Charlton or email at susan.guerin@townofcharlton. net.

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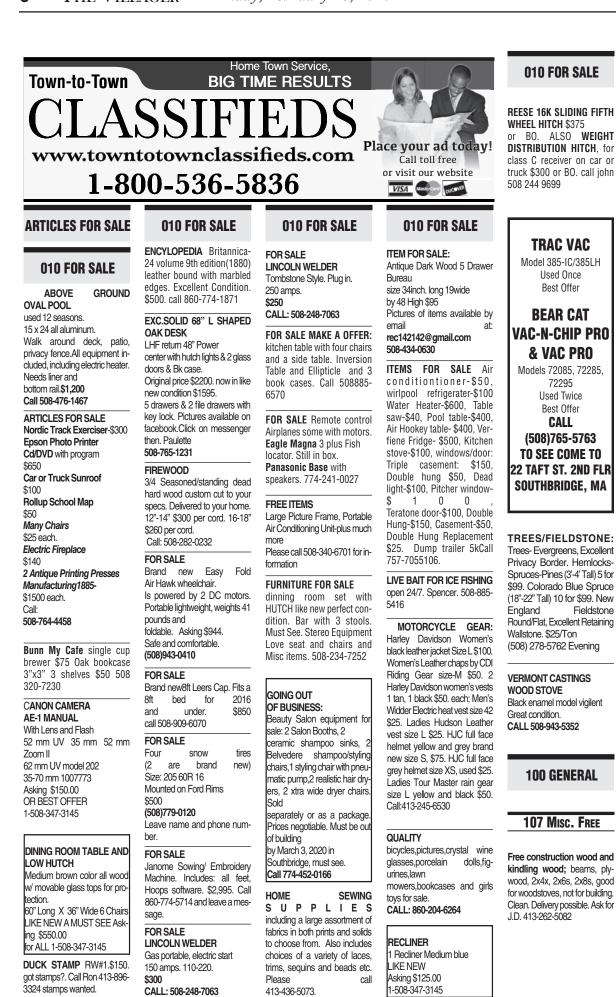
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Temporary Cemetery Maintenance Worker

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a Maintenance Worker position for the Cemetery Department. Under the direction of the Cemetery Superintendent, the Maintenance Worker will help in maintaining the Town owned Cemeteries. This position will assist in all cemetery operations including setting up for graveside services. This is a temporary part-time position, during the months of April-November with an average of 32 hours per week. All applicants must be 18 yrs. or older, possess a valid driver's license, and be able to lift 75 pounds. It is preferred that candidates have outdoor landscaping skills. Salary:\$15.00/hr. Applications can be found at www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources. Applications are also available and will be accepted via walk-in or mail at: Town Hall, Human Resources Department, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507. This position will be open until filled.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

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

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

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

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -

East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Parade & Fireworks Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

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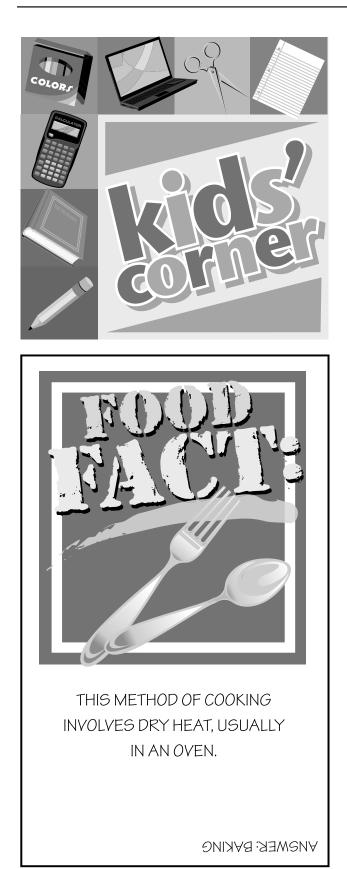


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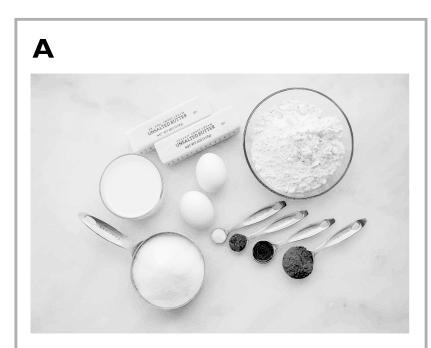






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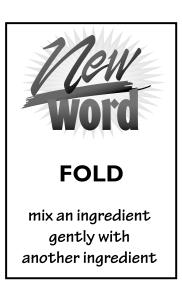
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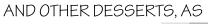






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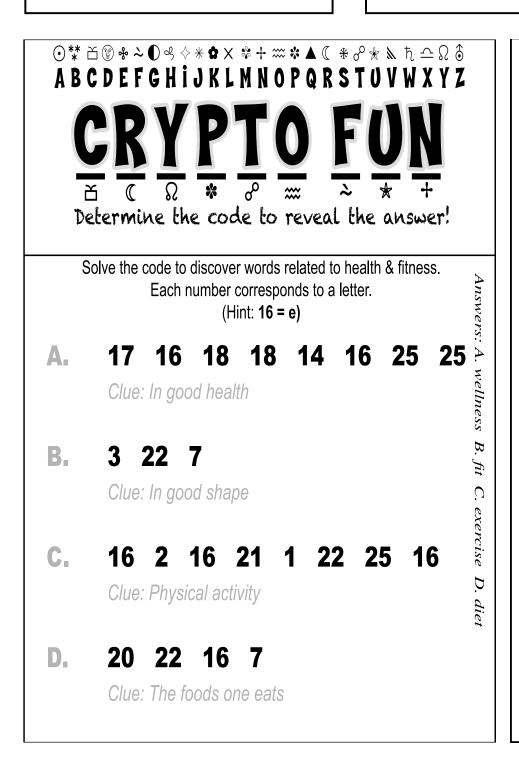
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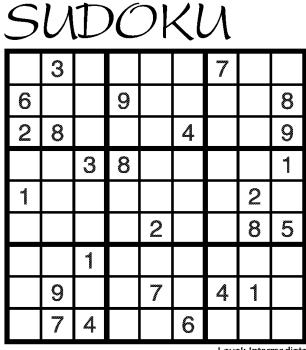
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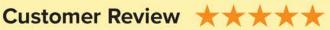


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