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Local dancers to appear in Hanover Theatre’s “Nutcracker”

REGION — The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts’ annual production of “The Nutcracker” is undergoing a major design transformation this year. Audiences will be the first to experience all-new scenic and lighting designs by Broadway’s Christine Peters and Paul Miller, made possible by a gift of \$202,000 from Mary C. DeFeudis, honorary

director of the theatre’s board of directors and an original founding member from the theatre’s 2008 opening.

“Children and adults alike will be transported into Clara’s magical world to take part in her voyage while experiencing their own special journey through this timeless story,” said Jennifer Agbay, director of dance.

More than 200 students auditioned for the production this year, a number that continues to grow as the show gets bigger. In addition to professional dancers from Orlando Ballet and Ellison Ballet Company, “The Nutcracker” will feature more than 100 students from across Central Massachusetts. Local dancers from the Southbridge area include (list...

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Explore the history of the State Police with Sturbridge Historical Society

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Publick House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Stephen Byron will be our guest speaker on the history of The Massachusetts State Police.

Stephen’s program on the history of the Massachusetts State Police starts in 1865, when they were called Massachusetts Constables, and in 1870, it included State Detectives. In 1879, it then became Massachusetts District Police. In 1921, The Department of Public Safety; with a division of State Police and with a merger in 1992, became The Department of State Police.

From the start as constables on horseback to all of the state vehicles of today. Come hear why it was started and what their duties were then and now throughout its history.

Stephen was with the Massachusetts State Police for 26 years as a law enforcement

officer including 18 years as a patrol officer, conducting motor vehicle and criminal investigations. Stephen currently works part time for both a Boston and Tewksbury based company as a senior investigator. Stephen graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and currently is President of The Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center.

Historical meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper.

Society Annual Dues are \$10 which help support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November’s meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

A VISION OF PEACE

The Sturbridge Lions Club congratulates eighth grader Sean Sweeney for winning their Peace Poster contest recently. The contest, sponsored annually by Lions Clubs across the country, encourages young people everywhere to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

Conference promotes regenerative agriculture

BY GUS STEEVES
 CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — We often hear about the need to “save the world.” But to veteran journalist and ecological activist John Liu, that’s all wrong.

The world will go on just fine. What we need to save is human civilization by rebuilding the ecosystem we depend on.

“If our intention is to do this, it’s actually not that hard,” he told several dozen people attending the Soil & Nutrition Conference at the Southbridge Hotel Sunday. “But if our intention is to go shopping, we’re supporting another system.”

The core difference, as he sees it, is making “the intention of human civilization be to restore degraded ecosystems” rather than continuing to harm Nature through consumption and competition over resources. Ecological health, he noted, “is clearly more valuable than commodities.”

“If we declare it a security issue, we already have the budget,” he added. “It’s budgeted to the militaries of the world. That’s way more money than we need.”

Liu, who helped establish CBS News in China back in the 1980s, became a huge fan of ecological restoration

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Enjoy Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE — Christmas by Candlelight returns to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) this December, a celebration of the season and New England Christmas traditions of the 19th century and today. On select dates in December from 3 to 8 p.m., the village opens special for guests to take in the holiday cheer. Tickets are on sale now.

New to Christmas by Candlelight this year, visitors are invited to stroll the Christmas Tree Trail - featuring 50 sparkling trees. Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the Common, the trail welcomes wanderers in with a roaring bonfire, cocoa and cookies, music, and

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Hitchcock Happenings

BRIMFIELD — Following is the schedule of events and activities planned next week at Hitchcock Academy.

Monday, November 25
REMINDER: You can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: hitchcockacademy.org. Please remember to like us on Facebook.
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9-11 AM; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org
WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings. Weigh-in/

Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM
Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.
SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM This is the last free session. If you are thinking of trying Judo, today is the day to do it. It runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.
YOGA: 7:15-8:45 PM This 90 minute Hatha Yoga practice will relax and rejuvenate you with guided meditations. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed. Certified 500 hour Kripalu Yoga

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Tuesday, November 26
ART GROUP: 9 – 11:30 AM Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.
PILATES: 5:15 – 6:15 PM A perfect class for those who wish to unwind right after work. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen
PILATES: 6:15 – 7:15 PM A great way to start your evening. A mat floor exercise targeting the core muscles, Pilates improves flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Instructor: Karen Larsen
Wednesday, November 27
WATERCOLOR: 9:30 – Noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413.245.3295
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 – 10 AM
BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 – 7:30 PM (6 classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are

welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work
Thursday, November 28
Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Friday, November 29
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 30
K9 NOSEWORK® 9 – 1:30 PM This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MEd, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

Wings of Song presents “An American Christmas”

FIKSDALE — This December, Wings of Song—formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers—inaugurates its new name with a program of American Christmas favorites from colonial times to the present. The chorus's concerts will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), just up from where Routes 20 and 148 meet; and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Elm Street Congregational Church, just outside the center of Southbridge. A freewill offering will be collected at both concerts; and, as always, the music will be followed by tons of yummy refreshments. Both venues are handicap accessi-

ble.
A huge variety of Christmas music will be on the chorus's program—everything from 18th-century “fuging tune” settings of “While shepherds watched their flocks by night” to the original version of “Jingle Bells” (with a very different refrain from the one we're used to) to an irresistibly jazzy “Sleigh Ride” to choral works for the season by three Wings of Songs members (Ted Bradley and Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Conn., and Nym Cooke of Petersham, Mass.). Of course there will also be audience sing-alongs, and stellar keyboardist Brooks Milgate will surely be persuaded to tickle the ivories during

intermission.
Music Director Cooke is excited about the level his chorus is reaching.
“They’ve never sounded better,” he says, and adds, “They’re learning pieces faster and more solidly than ever. The musicianship of this group is steadily increasing. It helps that we have some high-caliber musicians in our ranks—professionals like Ted Bradley and Sarah Jo Burke and Terry McGinty. I know of at least five Wingers who write songs or compose choral music. That says something about where the chorus is at these days. And of course, we draw.”

Cooke is also interested in attracting more young singers to the chorus; three teen-aged girls now sing with Wings of Song, and he'd like to see some boys sign on as well. Homeschooled kids without access to school ensembles might especially want to consider joining. Any musical individual who can sing in tune is welcome, from age 10 up.
Don't miss this dynamic 55-member chorus in its early December performances! Because the chorus tends to sing to packed houses these days, plan to arrive early to be sure of a good seat. You'll leave thoroughly imbued with the

Christmas spirit—“maybe five different Christmas spirits,” Nym Cooke comments — “the devotional spirit, the cozy spirit, the jolly spirit, the humorous spirit, and the meditative spirit.” All these will, indeed, be part of the show.
For more information on the concerts, or on joining Wings of Song (note that a special program about climate change, with projections, readings, and rock-band accompaniment, is planned for Spring 2020), contact Nym or WoS President KT Therrien (Nym is at nym-cooke@gmail.com or 978-724-3438; KT is at kt2nc@aol.com or 508-410-8575).

St. Christopher’s Parish hosting craft fair Saturday

BRIMFIELD — St. Christopher's Parish, Route 20, Brimfield, will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The kitchen opens at 8 am for breakfast.
The craft fair offers a great opportunity to find unique gifts for your home or anyone on your shopping list. Everything from primitives, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, pet gifts, soaps, jams, honey, quilted, knitted & crochet items, nail thread art to wood crafts and so much more. The kitchen is open throughout the day serving delicious breakfast, sandwiches, homemade soups and desserts. Santa will be here visiting from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. both days. He will also be available for photos. A strolling caroler on Saturday will help bring the Christmas spirit.

Both afternoons will include free crafts for kids. There will be raffles with donations from local businesses with items such as ski passes, restaurant & other gift cards, hockey tickets, and gift baskets. There is also raffle comprised of unique gifts from the crafters and a lottery tree raffle. Also not to be missed is the popular cookie walk held on Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon.
Brimfield Boy Scout troop #7 will be selling live wreaths. Winter boxes will be available for decorating your home or cemetery. They will also be available in the following weeks at the parish. We will also be accepting donations for the Tri-Town Food Pantry.
Club President Sheila Fortier said, “Each year we try to make this a great community event. We have

many returning crafters and a variety of new ones mixing up our offerings. We also commit funds to parish needs. This year funds will go towards painting our rectory building.”
“The women's club works hard to make a positive impact in the parish,” said Father Brennan. “They are making a difference and both I and the parish appreciate their efforts. Stop in and see us not just at the fair, but anytime, our door is open.”
Admission to the craft fair is free. For more information contact the parish at 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com or check it out on the church's Facebook page.

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“A New England Thanksgiving” shares holiday traditions at OSV



STURBRIDGE — In early New England, Thanksgiving was considered the biggest holiday of the year. Head to Old Sturbridge Village in November and you can celebrate the traditions of the holiday season with “A New England Thanksgiving,” taking place on Nov. 16, 17, 23, 24 & 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Step into the lives of early 19th century families to learn how they prepare for the feast. Take in the scent of fresh pies warming by the fire and roasted turkey - birds much smaller than the “butterball” turkeys found at today’s holiday dinners. Learn 1830s dining etiquette and about the cooking preferences of the day. Turkey was often substituted for other items due to it being a labor-intensive dish, while vegetables - not typically peeled for everyday cooking - were prepared special for the holiday.

As Christmas was not celebrated by the Puritans who settled the region, Thanksgiving was a significant day in both size and tradition. Visit during “A New England Thanksgiving” and hear the minister talk about the true meaning of Thanksgiving in the Village’s historic Center Meetinghouse.

On the weekends, watch the men of the Village compete in a post-dinner target shoot and learn the role of tur-



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key “drovers” who would herd and march turkeys on foot from central Massachusetts to Boston for wealthy city-dwellers to enjoy.

During select dates, “A New England Thanksgiving” is included with the purchase of Standard Daytime Admission tickets, a season pass, or membership to Old Sturbridge Village. Save \$2.50 per adult, senior, or youth ticket when you purchase online instead of at the door. Purchase tickets by visiting: <https://www.osv.org/visit/purchase-one-day-tickets-online/>.

More information on “A New England Thanksgiving” and details on the historic holiday traditions can be found online at: <https://www.osv.org/event/a-new-england-thanksgiving/>.

Hannaford donates more than \$12,000 to Food Bank

SHREWSBURY — Hannaford Supermarkets today announced a \$12,800 donation to the Worcester County Food Bank, which will allow the non-profit organization to establish food pantries in partnership with the Athol-Royalston Regional School District and other community partners.

Designed to serve as a vital and convenient resource to students and families in need while also increasing access to healthy and nutritious food, the in-school pantries are dedicated spaces where students and their families can select food they enjoy based on their preferences and cooking abilities to provide nourishment both during and after the school day.

The donation is one component of an overall \$1 million commitment from Hannaford Supermarkets through its new “Fuel Kids at School” program, which is designed to directly address food insecurity and improve access to fresh and healthy food in schools in New York and New England.

“At Hannaford, we strongly believe that our business goes far beyond selling products and that a key component of being ‘greater than groceries’ is investing into the communities we serve. As a community contributor,

we have a longstanding commitment to aiding hunger relief in our neighborhoods. This effort often begins at school, where hunger directly impacts a student’s ability to learn, grow and succeed,” said Hannaford Supermarkets Vice President of Retail Operations Todd Bullen. “These food pantries will fulfill a critical need for students and their families. All of us at Hannaford are honored to support the Worcester County Food Bank’s efforts through this donation as we reaffirm our commitment to nourishing our communities, one child at a time.”

“Worcester County Food Bank believes strongly that people should have access to food in their communities and that barriers to that food should be removed whenever possible. This grant from Hannaford allows us to support schools and organizations in Worcester County in a way that brings healthy, nutritious food to students and their families. Access to healthy food reduces stress on students and has been shown to increase school attendance and success. This partnership helps to build healthy students, families, communities and a healthy future,” said Worcester County Food Bank Agency Relations Manager Seana Weaver.

“Athol-Royalston Regional School District is excited to partner with the Worcester County Food Bank to explore placing a food pantry at our high school. Many families across the community are in need of food resources. Our district knows to teach a student; we must first ensure that basic needs are being met, food, clothing, and shelter,” said Athol-Royalston Regional School District Superintendent Darcy Fernandes.

Hannaford Supermarkets has a longstanding commitment to supporting hunger relief in its communities. In 2018, Hannaford donated nearly 26 million pounds of food throughout the Northeast, including 881,000 pounds in Massachusetts; and raised \$1.1 million in partnership with its shoppers to feed individuals in need through the annual Hannaford Helps

Fight Hunger program. Earlier this month, Hannaford announced that it has donated more than \$1 million to non-profits throughout New York and New England as a result of its reusable bag program, a portion of which is dedicated to hunger relief organizations and has funded more than 1.8 million meals to date.

Kevin Riel inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD — Kevin Riel from Brimfield was among 62 Arts and Science students welcomed into Western New England University’s chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society on November 1 in Rivers Memorial Hall on the University campus.

Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society for first year students that encourages and recognizes superior academic achievement. Alpha Lambda Delta seeks to promote intelligent living, a continued high standard of learning, and encourages students to recognize and develop meaningful goals for their roles in society. Members pledge to use their education to benefit the community, the college, the nation, and the world. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade point average of 3.50 in their first semester of study or a 3.50 cumulative average at the end of the first year.

Riel is majoring in Pre-Pharmacy. Celebrating its Centennial in the year 2019, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,974 students, including 2,629 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

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Bay Path honor roll omission

CHARLTON — Due to an unintentional oversight on the school’s part, a student’s name was omitted from the honor roll submitted for publication in last week’s edition by Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Brian Bonnette’s name should have been listed under the Grade 10 Honors list.

Charlton American Legion News

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion, Post 391, will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

for its regular monthly meeting in the lower Grange Hall at #10 Main St. in the town of

Charlton. We encourage all veterans from the community to join us. Discussion and review of unfinished and new business will take place.

Gobi discusses farm bills

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – The town of Dudley hosted a special guest on Tuesday, Nov. 2 as Sen. Anne Gobi stopped by to discuss issues pertaining to agriculture and farming in the region. Gobi serves as Chair of Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee in Boston and was invited to the Dudley Town

Hall by the Dudley Grange to hear concerns from local farmers and discuss matters being taken up in Boston that pertain to agriculture businesses and farm bills. The forum lasted over an hour and saw questions and concerns voiced by several citizens in regard to several different issues on both the local and state level. Among the biggest issues brought to the table were the use of pesticides, the state's

lack of support for hemp producers, and food waste. Gobi also took the time to delve into some issues she has heard from across the state. These include the healthy initiative program geared towards promoting farmers markets and fresh produce to those with food stamps or in need of food assistance and the House Bill that passed this year enacting limitations for gestation housing. There has also been discussion on the state level about Massachusetts joining Connecticut in banning plastic bags from shopping areas although Gobi said there is debate about whether this should be a state mandate or if towns should handle this matter on their own.

Gobi said she found the back and forth to be productive and insightful, especially in terms of the passion that some citizens had for the issues that concern them. She felt it was a good opportunity for her to connect with constituents and even some who aren't represented by her at the state level.

"Even though a lot of people aren't necessarily my direct constituents it's absolutely important for me to hear from anyone who is involved in agriculture about their issues and problems," Gobi said after the forum. "We deal with them in committee and we really need to know what people are thinking. This is the best way to do things, through one-on-one and having this direct contact."

Gobi said she will take several things back to Boston with her for consideration, including the passion for supporting hemp production and even a new idea one citizen provided on how to manage food waste which would involve a large-scale composting practice.

Linda Brink, a spokesperson for the Dudley Grange who sponsored Senator Gobi's visit, said she was happy and grateful for the outcome and was glad that the Senator took the time to hear input from local farmers and producers.

"Anne spoke at the state grange convention last year so it was just us seeing if she could keep it up and tell us what's going on from a year

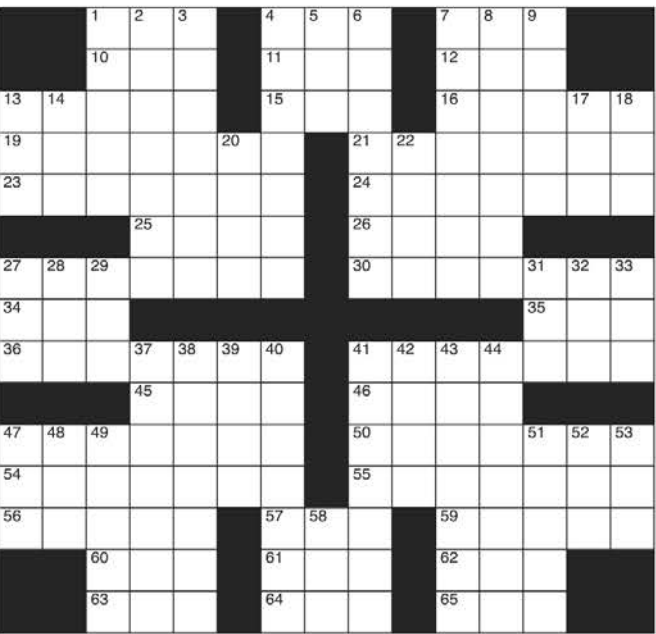
ago. That was part of the motivation," Brink said. "I think everybody was enthused about her taking the time to hear what we had to say. There's an inner structure to the grange. We're not just on the local level

– There's areas in each grange and levels that we can push to have our opinions expressed. We'd like to keep getting the farmers involved."



Jason Bleau Photo

Sen. Anne Gobi paid a visit to Dudley on Nov. 2 to talk about farm bills and issues involving agriculture in the commonwealth

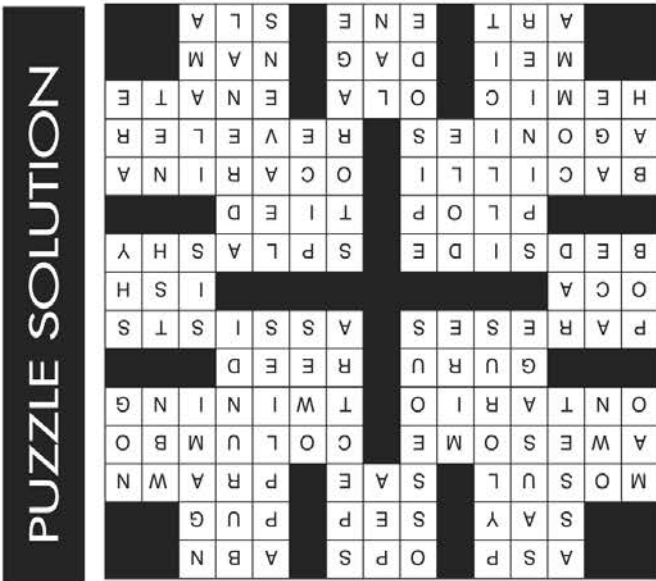


CLUES ACROSS

1. Small viper
4. Some are covert
7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
10. Speak out
11. Retirement plan
12. Small dog
13. City in Iraq
15. Car mechanics group
16. Shrimp-like creature
19. Majestic
21. TV detective
23. Central Canadian province
24. Causing to wind around
25. Wise man
26. Knicks legend Willis
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. John Stockton compiled them
34. South American plant
35. To some extent
36. Where manners are displayed
41. Showy
45. Fall down
46. Shoelaces are often this
47. Disease-causing bacterium
50. Egg-shaped wind instrument
54. Sufferings
55. One who noisily enjoys
56. About blood
57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)
59. Related through female family members
60. Low velocity grenade
61. "In Living Color" comedian
62. Veterans battleground
63. Expression of creative skill
64. Midway between northeast and east
65. Patti Hearst's captors

CLUES DOWN

1. Something useful
2. It goes great with peppers and onions
3. Orifice
4. Turned into bone
5. The Princess could detect it
6. Bands of colors
7. Makes use of
8. Central African country
9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
13. He was a "Chairman"
14. Legally possess
17. One point north of due west
18. Small peg of wood
20. Stretch of swampy ground
22. Is indebted to
27. Where you were born (abbr.)
28. A team's best pitcher
29. Cool!
31. Female sibling
32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)
33. Reserved
37. More prickled
38. Forbidden by law
39. One-time presidential candidate
40. A TV show has more than one
41. A place to stash things
42. Defunct currency in India
43. Causes to ferment
44. A type of gland
47. __ Humbug!
48. Everyone has one
49. Punctuation
51. Central American fruit
52. Brooklyn hoopster
53. 100 square meters
58. Local area network



Western NE University students inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD — The Western New England University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society welcomed 32 College of Engineering students at the annual induction ceremony, which took place on November 1 in Rivers Memorial Hall on the University campus. Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society for first year students that encourages and recognizes superior academic achievement. Alpha Lambda Delta seeks to promote intelligent living, a continued high standard of learning, and encourages students to recog-

nize and develop meaningful goals for their roles in society. Members pledge to use their education to benefit the community, the college, the nation, and the world. Acceptance is based on attaining a minimum grade point average of 3.50 in their first semester of study or a 3.50 cumulative average at the end of the first year. The following College of Engineering students were inducted: Joshua Bolte, majoring in Electrical Engineering, from Brimfield. Joseph Gonzalez, majoring in Electrical Engineering, from Holland.

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UNICEF Club officers elected

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy held its election of the 2019-2020 UNICEF Club officers. The UNICEF Club members were welcomed by UNICEF Club Advisor, Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN, RN. The election and installation of officers was conducted in conjunction with the PN Class of 2020 Constitution Day. The 2019-20 officers are Sikorria Seguin of Dudley as Chair; Fjolla Shehu of Worcester as Co-Chair; Chelsea Still of Plainfield, CT as Secretary; Kristin Bates of Charlton as Treasurer; and Hannah Abubakar of Fiskdale as Public Relations Officer.

New members were immediately busy with fundraising activities such as the Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

According to Abubakar, “the Trick or Treat Fundraiser was a good way

to raise money and awareness while spending the holidays with children and family.” The UNICEF Club raised over \$100 for this fundraiser alone.

Additionally, Abubakar stated “The Trick or Treat Fundraiser was an effective way for some club members to teach their children what its like to give back.”

In closing, Abubakar shared that the UNICEF Club is looking forward to more fundraisers and have a lot in store!”

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club meets after school hours. A summary of the past year’s achievements was reviewed, and goals were set for the new academic year. Meetings are held after class hours at Bay Path.



Bay Path nursing students attend MassHire Medical Job Fair



WORCESTER — MassHire Worcester Career Center maintained its strong support for the Practical Nursing Students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton for the fourth year, serving as a resource center.

Practical Nursing students on the rigorous program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy benefit from assistance offered by MassHire. The Practical Nursing students are academically qualified students who, despite other circumstances such as financial or social, have persevered and remained dedicated to their nursing journey and future success.

“Our Practical Nursing faculty, staff & team looks forward to being part of MassHire’s programs,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “MassHire has helped and prepared many of our students and graduates since 2016, with job readiness techniques and tuition grants as they pursue their nursing career and navigate the healthcare system. MassHire gives our practical nursing students a chance to

Courtesy Photo

Pictured, from left: G. Bolandrina of Douglas, Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury, James Chabot of MassHire and Robin Peters of Douglas.

master their expertise in nursing skills and help make a difference in their lives as they start their nursing career.”

Receiving a huge “thank you” from practical nursing students Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury and Robin Peters of Douglas is Mr. James Chabot of MassHire Worcester Career Center.

“He helps prepare practical nursing students with the job readiness techniques” added Bolandrina.

Career readiness is a significant focus for MassHire. For the academic year 2019-2020, eight practical nursing students received \$5,000 tuition grants.

In addition to providing support, online and hands-on assistance is available. MassHire also works closely with practical nursing students when they graduate providing support and assistance with NCLEX-PN preparation and the actual exam. Added work includes coaching graduates in resume-writing techniques, job interviewing best practices and other skills that not only help during a job search but are also relevant once they’re in the workforce.

MassHire Worcester Career Center is located at 340 Main St., Suite 400, Worcester, MA 01608; www.MassHireCentralCC.com.

Company penalized for violating asbestos regulations

SOUTHBIDGE—TheMassachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has assessed SMBG, LLC (SMBG) of Framingham a \$49,937 penalty for violations of asbestos regulations that occurred during emergency restoration services at a damaged multi-unit residential building in Southbridge.

MassDEP states in a consent order with the company that SMBG personnel removed asbestos-containing waste materials from a damaged multi-unit residential building at 71-75 West St. in Southbridge and brought several black plastic trash bags of the asbestos waste to a facility in Walpole, operated by a licensed asbestos contractor affiliated with SMBG. SMBG conducted the asbestos abatement activity without negative air filtration, leak-tight containment, or prior notification to MassDEP.

As part of the settlement, MassDEP required SMBG to retain a licensed asbestos contractor to clean and decontaminate all affected areas of the apartment building and to remove and dispose of all asbestos-containing waste materials in compliance with the regulations. The company must also pay \$12,730 of the penalty, with the remaining amount suspended as long as there are no further asbestos violations for a year.

MassDEP regulations require areas where asbestos removal will occur to be sealed off and air filtration equipment must be operated during the abatement work. These requirements are designed

to prevent a release of asbestos fibers to the environment, to protect building occupants and the general public from exposure to asbestos fibers, and to prevent other parts of the building from becoming contaminated. Notification is required to MassDEP 10 working days before beginning any asbestos removal work so that the Department is aware of the removal work and has the opportunity to conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the regulations.

“Asbestos is a known carcinogen, and following required work practices is imperative to protect workers, as well as the general public,” said Mary Jude Pigsley, director of MassDEP’s Central Regional Office in Worcester. “Failure to do so will result in penalties, as well as escalated clean-up, decontamination and monitoring costs.”

Property owners or contractors with questions about asbestos-containing materials; notification requirements;

proper removal, handling, packaging, storage and disposal procedures; or the Asbestos Regulations are encouraged to contact the appropriate MassDEP Regional Office for assistance.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

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Soda fountain memorabilia

Soda fountains were once a fixture in drugstores. Now it's rare to find one. Hallet's Store in Yarmouth Port, Mas. and Shady Glen in Manchester, Conn. are two establishments in our area that still have soda fountains. Many people that visited them have fond memories of soda fountains and the memorabilia still appeals to collectors.

There was a long history before soda began being served at fountains in the 20th century. A 1962 American Heritage article notes that water had been "bubbling up out of springs and spas since the dawn of history."

Joseph Priestley developed a process for artificially carbonating water according to a University of Southern California article. According to a McGill University article, he lived near a brewery and became interested in the "airs" (gas bubbles) that produced bubbles in beer. In 1767, he hung a vessel over a beer fermentation vat creating carbonated water. Much later in 1832 John Matthews left England for America where he manufactured carbonating machinery and started selling soda water to retailers. Matthews added flavors to the soda water and licensed soda water equipment. The USC article notes that "by the time he died, Matthews owned over 500 soda fountains. He was known as the 'Soda Fountain King.'"



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Our area also played a part in the development of soda fountains. A Lowell Sun article notes that Gustavus D. Dows patented the first marble soda fountain in 1861. He installed a marble soda fountain in a Central Street pharmacy in Lowell. Ice cream later became a top seller at soda fountains.

Encyclopedia.com lists the heyday of soda fountains as running from 1890 to 1940. They describe "classic American soda fountain(s)" as light, cool, and airy places furnished with marble-topped counters and tables, shining mirrors, and sparkling glass and chrome serving dishes.

Soda fountains used advertising signs to advertise their specials. National companies also advertised their brands on signs, syrup and soda dispensers, trays, clocks, glasses and anywhere else they could. These items that were given to the soda fountain to promote manufacturers can be very valuable now.

A 12-piece Three Millers soda fountain sign sold for \$2,600 at auction last year. A Moxie soda fountain sign went for \$2,750 in a 2015 auction. A 1902 celuloid Coca Cola sign fetched \$8,000 at a 2012 auction. At a 2016 auction, a rare Allens Red Tame Cherry tin embossed sign reached \$10,250.

Dispensers can also bring strong results. A Coca Cola porcelain brought \$10,000 in a 2018 auction. A Jim Dandy Orangeade dispenser went for \$28,000 in



2010. An Earl Hires 3-piece dispensing bowl with platter sold at auction in 2015. It was made by Mettlach who also made quality German steins. Despite having some restoration, it went for \$74,000.

A complete marble and alabaster soda fountain that was over 21 feet long was auctioned in 2012. It was created by the Liquid Carbonic Co. for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. It bubbled well over the top of the \$75,000 - \$125,000 estimate when it reached \$4,475,000.

We have our next major auction on

Jan. 30 in Worcester. We will be offering a Cherry Smash and a Ward's Orange Crush syrup dispenser. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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Now's the time to force a few spring flowering bulbs



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In just 15 minutes, you can plant a beautiful garden guaranteed to brighten your spirits and indoor décor this winter. All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix and some tulips, daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. Once you have gathered the needed materials, you can get started planting.

Select bulbs labeled for forcing, shorter varieties that are less likely to flop or bulbs that didn't make it into the garden this fall. Plant a container of one type of bulb or use a combination for added color, texture, form and a longer bloom time. Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are most common, but you may want to add another layer of color with shorter bulbs like crocus, squills, and grape hyacinths.

Select a container with drainage holes and cover the bottom with an inch or two of well-drained potting mix. Set the bulbs on the potting mix with the pointed side, if it has one, up and root side down. Place the flat side of the tulip bulb toward the outside of the pot for a better display. Pack the container full of bulbs for an impressive display. Cover the bulbs with soil and water thoroughly.

Or create a garden of spring



Melinda Myers Photo

When forcing bulbs, select combinations that will provide plenty of color, texture and form.

flowers in a pot using a variety of large and small bulbs. Place the largest bulbs on the lowest level of a large container. Cover with soil and add the medium sized bulbs. Cover these and add the smallest bulbs. Then cover with several inches of potting mix and water thoroughly.

Move potted bulbs to a cold location with temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees for 15 weeks to initiate flowering. This is often the most challenging part of the process. Place the potted bulbs in a spare refrigerator where you do not store fruits and vegetables that produce ethylene

that can interfere with flowering. Otherwise, sink the pot in the ground, or set it in an unheated garage away from the door with a bit of insulation around the pot. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is dry.

Start removing the pots from cold storage after fifteen

weeks of chilling. Extend your enjoyment by removing the pots at one- or two-week intervals.

Move the chilled container of bulbs to a cool location with indirect light for two weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist. Move them to a bright sunny window when the leaves are about four to six inches tall. Bright sunlight and temperatures around 65 degrees Fahrenheit will give you the best results. You'll be enjoying flowers in about three to four weeks after removing them from storage.

Use pots of forced bulbs as centerpieces or flowering accents indoors. Save a few to use outdoors on your balcony, deck or front steps for added color in your spring landscape. Dress up your display by placing the pots in window boxes or planters and cover with mulch or moss.

Planting and forcing bulbs will help keep you gardening as the days grow shorter and colder. And when you've had just about all the winter you can stand, it will be time to break out the forced bulbs for a bit of spring color.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow AnythingDVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments. Myers' Web site, www.MelindaMyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gardening checklists.

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Support your local hospital at lobby sale

SOUTHBRIDGE — Attention all shoppers, here's your chance to shop local, score some great buys on unique gifts and support your local community hospital at the same time.

The Harrington Hospital Gift Shop, which is run by the Harrington Auxiliary, will hold its annual Lobby Sale on Friday, Nov. 22 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The sale features all holiday items, including home decorations, wreaths and centerpieces. Additionally, shoppers will find beautiful jewelry, sports paraphernalia from your favorite New England teams, floral pieces, exquisite fashions and much more.

Why travel out of town when you can find exceptional gifts in your local neighborhood? Come to the Harrington Hospital lobby and check out the selection of distinctive and beautiful gift items.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support the Harrington Auxiliary's mission "...to provide equipment and programs that benefit the health and well-being of members of the communities served by the Harrington HealthCare System."

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Some hints for harvesting deer



Numerous 200-pound deer were harvested again this past week in the valley by bow hunters, along with other large deer sporting some very impressive antlers. Ground scrapes and tree rubs by bucks were common place this past week. Reports of lost deer because of bad shots were reported this past week, which only supports the passing of a crossbow bill in Massachusetts. Sportsmen and women should contact their State Representatives and State Senators, asking them to support the bill, which will soon be coming up for a vote.

Deer hunters that harvest a deer, and are planning to have the deer mounted for that special room in the house, need to make sure the hide is properly removed from the animal. Too often,

deer hunters do not take the necessary steps to skin the deer, and find out too late that the deer was not properly skinned for the taxidermist to mount to their specifications. Taking the time to find a good taxidermist to mount your deer head is very important. Be sure to get the cost of mounting the deer and when you can expect to get your deer back in writing.

Field dressing a deer in the woods is another important task to ensure a good tasting deer. Too often, deer hunters fail to dress the deer properly in the woods. When the deer is prepared on the grill or stove, they find out very quickly that they did something wrong. I often hear someone say they do not like venison, and it is because the deer was not properly dressed in the field, or the deer



was not properly processed. Freezer burned venison is also another reason the venison did not taste good.

Packaging your deer meat with a good vacuum packing machine will ensure the meat is as good in a few months, or even a year, if it is done correctly. Hiring a professional butcher to process your deer can cost you \$150 or more, but is well worth the price if you are not experienced in processing your deer. Cutting the deer into steaks, roast, hamburger, or sausage can make some great eating throughout the year. Do not forget to share your venison with the farmer or property owner if you are hunting private property. It will go a long way when you return to hunt on their property next year.



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This week's second picture shows an impressive deer harvested a few years ago in Douglas. This massive 14-point deer has left some of his genes behind, and hunters continues to harvest massive deer in the Douglas State forest and surrounding areas.

Pheasant hunting remains strong in the valley, but the season is winding down very fast. Stocking of birds will end next week by Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife crews.

Ice fishing is looking good so far this year, and if we can keep the temperatures low in the coming days, some local ice fishing could be done during the holiday week-end. Only experienced ice fishing anglers should attempt to walk on first ice. I always felt that two inches of good black ice was safe for a single angler. Constant monitoring of ice thickness needs to be practiced. Ice skating is not recommended until the ice thickness is 4 inches or better.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them rods Bending!

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heart-warming holiday memories. At the end of the trail, find the Christmas Wish Bridge, where guests are invited to write their special wish for the holiday season.

At this annual event, visitors can enjoy live musical performances in the Center Meetinghouse by guest bands and choirs or join in with Victorian carolers as they sing classic and fun carols cherished across the centuries. Settle in for readings of classic stories, like "The Night Before Christmas" and "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." Step into the Salem Towne House for a showing of Christmas décor from the 1830s, 1850s and 1870s, or see the Parsonage decorations inspired by "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Enjoy demonstrations of cherished holiday traditions like roasting chestnuts, catch the nightly tree lighting ceremony and visit the miniature nativity set inside the Friends Meeting House - featuring more than 500 individual pieces of carved and painted Styrofoam.

For the little ones, a North Pole Village can be found at Gallery Row, giving families the chance to meet with Santa and his elves. Sleigh rides (weather permitting) or carriage rides will run around the Common throughout the evening, which is decorated in a picture

esque nod to Christmas' past.

Get into the Christmas spirit prior to the event by signing up for Old Sturbridge Village's annual Gingerbread House Contest. Register your gingerbread house in one of four categories (adult non-professional, adult professional, youth or family) to be viewed and judged at Christmas by Candlelight. One cookie creation from each category will be voted "Best in Show" by visitors at the event. Each entry into the contest receives two tickets to Christmas by Candlelight and winners get a gift certificate to Old Sturbridge Village.

Christmas by Candlelight is an evening of magic, memories, and holiday cheer at Old Sturbridge Village, with families and visitors returning year after year to enjoy the experience. Tickets are on sale now to the public at \$28 for adults, \$14 for youth (ages 4-17) and free for children ages three and under. Members of the village who purchase before Thanksgiving on Nov. 28 will receive 25% off Standard Christmas by Candlelight tickets and non-members will receive 15 percent off Standard tickets. Discount does not apply to Prime Christmas by Candlelight event dates, on all Saturdays and on Monday, Dec. 23.

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Legally free for adoption, Aleenah is in need of a family that can provide a structured, loving home. She would do best with a single mother or a two-parent family with or without other children. Interested families should be comfortable maintaining contact with Aleenah's siblings, and her birth mother whom she visits with twice per year.


Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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Put a little love in your heart

Alongside the bright red ribbons, boughs of holly, and countless images of Jolly old Saint Nick that seem to greet us everywhere we go during the holidays, those of you who have braved the malls or, better yet, stayed closer to home and browsed the shops in your own community this season have likely encountered another iconic holiday image in your travels — the dedicated volunteers who bundle up and brave the chilly air with jingling bells in hand to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

These hearty souls can be seen everywhere, from their outposts on Main Street to the entrance of your local Wal-Mart. Always seeming to be ready with a cheerful greeting and a warm smile for the crowds of shoppers who file past them every day, their presence serves as an important re-minder to all of us that now, more than any other time of year, is the time to turn our thoughts toward the less fortunate among us ... and that sometimes, the greatest gift of all can be a helping hand in a time of need.

With many of us tightening our belts more than usual when it comes to our holiday shopping in recent years, and the stress of dealing with family dysfunction or traveling away from home for the holidays occupying our thoughts, it can be all too easy to forget that times are that much harder for those at the bottom of the economic ladder. Right here in our own backyard, there are a great many families who have fallen on hard times, often through no fault of their own, and who have nowhere left to turn for help but the generosity of strangers.

Fortunately, there are no shortage of charitable organizations throughout the area that are prepared to meet the growing demand for assistance, but only with the support of their respective communities. So as they rush around in these last few weeks before Christmas grabbing those last-minute stocking stuffers or that much sought-after game system, we encourage our readers to think of their fellow man and put a little love in their hearts (as Jackie DeShannon once sang), and remind themselves of the true meaning of the season by offering a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it be through a donation of canned goods to your local food pantry, a monetary gift or a donation of used clothing to your church's relief efforts, or simply by slipping a handful of bills into one of the bright red Salvation Army coffers manned by those spirited, bell-ringing volunteers, remember that it may only take a small amount of effort to make the season bright for a neighbor in need.

OPINION

Views and commentary from Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

Timely Tips to Cut Home Energy Costs

With cold weather here and fuel prices on the rise, it's time to take a proactive role to cut costs down to size. From making your house cozy warm to reducing household hot water use, the following tips are geared toward efficient fuel usage, which can translate into impressive savings!

Numbers game: It's no secret setting the thermostat lower can reduce home heating fuel use. Here are the numbers. According to the Dept of Energy: For every degree you lower the dial, expect to save from 1% to 3% of your heating bill. Better yet, lowering it five degrees for four hours a day can add up to a ten percent savings!

Rising temperatures: While you're turning down the thermostat, why not turn up your internal thermostat to multiply the savings effect? Donning a lightweight, long sleeved shirt averages two degrees of warmth, while putting on a heavy or wool sweater can propel your warmth quota four degrees!

In hot water: Families typically use more hot water in winter months and heating up the water can account for nearly 15 percent of total household energy costs. Lowering the temperature on the hot water heater to 120 degrees can add up to substantial savings throughout the winter. Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees, while most households only require 120 degrees. According to the U.S. Dept of Energy, each 10 degree reduction in water temperature, you can save between 3 to 5 percent in energy costs. Another benefit? Reducing your water temperature to 120 degrees also slows mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes - helping the water heater operate at its maximum efficiency to last longer.

Unplugged: The average family has 40 "phantom" or "standby" electronics that sap energy 24/7 as long as they are plugged in. Unplugging these phantom energy users or connecting them to a power strip that can easily be turned off when not in use, saves 10% of a typical family's electricity use.

Most moisture: Did you know a humidifier can boost the effect of heating? Moist air retains heat better than dryer air, which translates into lower fuel costs!

Laundry list: Doing laundry takes its toll on water usage and hot and warm water cycles use more fuel than you might think. Save money by buying a cold water detergent and doing all your laundry in cold water. Typical savings realized by a family of five is up to \$250 annually.

Shower switch: Switch out a hot bath for a shower. While a long, hot bath is tempting, remember, it will almost triple your cost over a shower as more water is used and must be heated. To save even more on hot water costs, replace shower heads with low flow



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models. ***
Duct work: Studies show if you have non insulated ducts that run through attics, cellars or other unheated spaces, heated air can be reduced by 60% before it reaches the room to be

heated! Insulating duct is a cost effective fix. Small leaks in the ducts also allow heated air to escape. The remedy is as simple as applying metallic duct tape or a spray sealant.

Free inspections: It costs nothing to do a vent check, but it can lower heating costs. If you have baseboards, make sure they are fully open and operable. Move any furniture or drapes that could be blocking warm air flow. Vents or baseboards that are even partially blocked result in an unnecessary hike in heating costs.

Shut it up: Did you know leaving your chimney flue open when not in use is the same thing as opening your window several inches? You should also make sure your dryer vent closes properly to keep cold air from coming in.

Air flow: According to the US Dept of Energy, the inexpensive task of changing your furnace air filter monthly or whenever it's dirty permits a better flow of air through your heating system. A clogged filter greatly decreases the furnace's efficiency and makes it work harder.

In addition, a clean filter reduces the strain on your furnace, which can extend its life.

Fan folly: During the winter months, use your stove and bathroom fans sparingly, as they remove precious warm air from the room. Obviously, you'll want to use a vent to dispel moisture in the bathroom, but there's usually no need to switch on the vent fan every time you put on the bathroom light. Ditto for a kitchen fan vent. Use it periodically while cooking; do not leave it on constantly unless smoke is an issue.

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of 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 email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Share your bounty with family

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of the holiday –Native Americans and pilgrims sharing their bounty of food with each other.



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think of ways to share not only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of your children:

Make appropriate gifts. If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from year to year. But you can go even further by starting to fund an education savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. This account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.

Develop – and communicate – your estate plans. While you may want to be as generous as possible to your loved ones during your lifetime, you may desire to leave something behind as part of your legacy. And that means you will need to develop a comprehensive estate plan. Such a plan will allow you to express your wishes about where you want your assets to go, who will take care of your children if something happens to you, how you want to be treated should you become incapacitated, and other important issues. Your estate plan will need to include the appropriate documents and arrangements – last will and testament, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. To create such a plan, you may need to work with a team of professionals, including your financial, tax and legal advisors. And it's essential that you communicate the existence and details of your estate plan to your loved ones. By doing so, you can help them know what to expect and what's expected of them to help avoid unpleasant surprises and familial squabbles when it's time to settle your estate.

Solicit suggestions for charitable giving. Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirit of Thanksgiving. And you can make it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money – in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to society.

By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative – and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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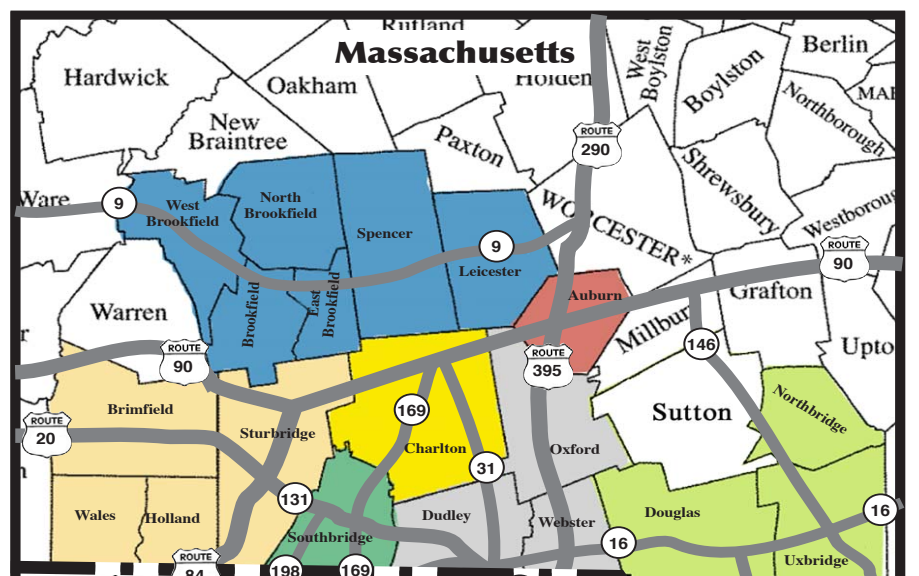
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NUTCRACKER

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ed as pictured, left to right)
Colin Marquis, age 10, of Brimfield Elementary School as a party boy
Nia Phommachanh, age 8, of Old Sturbridge Academy as a sheep

“ ‘The Nutcracker’ is a signature show for the theatre,” DeFeudis said. “It inspires our young performers to reach for their dreams. I am happy to enhance our annual production of this timeless show and to encourage our talented teachers and students.”

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world where the Nutcracker and other characters come to life. This year’s production features professional dancers from Orlando Ballet and Ellison Ballet out of New York City. The magical holiday tradition returns to Worcester Friday, Nov. 29 – Sunday, Dec. 1, generously sponsored by Commerce Bank, a division of Berkshire Bank.

Tickets to “The Nutcracker” start at \$32, with discounts available for theatre members and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online at TheHanoverTheatre.org, by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge St. in downtown Worcester.

About the designers

Christine Peters is an accomplished scenic designer most well-known for her work on the “ELF the Musical” tour, although she has also worked on numerous other Broadway shows including “Miss Saigon,” “The Book

of Mormon,” “Newsies,” “The Addams Family” and “Bonnie and Clyde.” Her national tour credits include “Aladdin,” “Dirty Dancing,” Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Wizard of Oz,” “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Mary Poppins,” “Les Misérables” and “Beauty and the Beast.”

Paul Miller’s Broadway work includes “Amazing Grace,” “The Illusionists,” “Legally Blonde,” “Freshly Squeezed,” “Laughing Room Only” and other Off-Broadway and national touring productions. He also collaborated with Peters on the national tour of “ELF the Musical.” Miller’s lighting projects include every internationally televised live performance during the New Year’s Eve celebration in New York’s Times Square for the last 17 years.

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while covering China’s effort to re-green the Loess Plateau. For a long time, that region was “a moon-like desert landscape” due to millennia of overfarming and overgrazing, a place where sand dunes have flowed over ancient ruins marking it as the birthplace of Chinese civilization. In recent decades, it has begun to recover (and still has a long way to go), thanks largely to a massive project in which the government declared various common practices illegal and trained the residents to do things differently.

He said the project has three main parts: planting the highlands with trees, terracing the slopes to be a mixed zone of farming and nature, and farming the valleys. Counter-intuitively, they’ve seen agricultural productivity rise by farming less of the land, because they’re leaving parts of it to Nature’s own processes, he said.

That, and many similar projects of various sizes worldwide, could be the nucleus of major change that protects humanity’s survival. As one conference-goer who did not give his name observed, “There’s a huge need and opportunity,” but “it cannot be just some exotic projects in exotic places. It has to be done everywhere.”

Liu said the issue is not a recent one – the human aspect of the damage began millennia ago, with the rise of agriculture. In many places, agrarian societies became well-established, thrived for a while, and collapsed as they overburdened their ecosystems. We can see the results in places like the Middle East, where once fertile Mesopotamia (famously termed the “Fertile Crescent”) is now almost entirely desert; in the US Southwest, where Anasazi and Hohokam cultures once thrived, but left behind ruins; in the Yucatan, where the Maya did likewise. All of them had various factors



Conference attendees check out the seed swap and sale in one of the hotel’s side rooms.

in their fall, but overburdening their ecosystem was one of them.

Today, though, the issue is not regional, but global, and needs to be addressed globally through many local projects that share ideas, Liu said.

“Everything we know about agriculture is wrong,” he said. “Neolithic agriculture is devastating, and industrial agriculture is Neolithic agriculture on steroids. ... I realized I was looking at ecological collapse.”

From a biological point of view, that’s partly because agriculture greatly reduces the number of species that live on any land that’s farmed or grazed, and planting the same crops over many years depletes the soil of nutrients. It becomes unable to support much life, dries out and gets hotter and

more saline, and that changes the rain patterns. With modern technology (particularly fossil-fueled well pumps, water transport systems and fertilizers), we’ve forced such landscapes to be farmable longer than in past eras, at the cost of drawing down or polluting the land and subterranean aquifers that are sometimes irreplaceable in anything short of thousands of years.

But those can be reversed, too, by using Nature’s own processes and recognizing that the land “is also a community.” In many cases, that will mean starting with plants that aren’t native to the region but serve the necessary ecological function (for example, selecting plants that can grow in salty or polluted areas). Once they get established and the ecosystem



Dan TerAvest of OurSci talks about the Real Food Campaign as a visitor signs up for information.

begins changing, native plants will take over; often, the soil holds viable seeds for a very long time.

Liu cited a Dutch organization called Commonland, which promotes restoration using the concept of “four returns.” All projects must return natural capital (biodiversity and soil health), social capital (jobs and community security), financial capital (long-term sustainable profit) and inspiration (“the return of meaningfulness in people themselves”), Liu said. A key part of that is ensuring the people who live there can provide their own food.

Current cultural institutions “are not going to lead us to transformation because they’re there to protect the status quo,” he observed.

In its ninth year (third in Southbridge), the conference itself was organized by the Bionutrient Food Association, a Barre-based group. Among other things, it featured talks on micronutrients, nutrient

density, financing, herbal medicine, wireless radiation, fungi, using animals and plants, and other topics. Tables in the lobby promoted various issues on organic farming and fertilizing, books from Chelsea Green Publishing, and a citizen science effort to study nutrient density (called the Real Food Campaign), among other things.

Dan TerAvest said the RFC is seeking people around the country to collect samples of and taste-test six specific crops from farms, farmers’ markets and stores, plus printed nutrient labels and other details, and send them to its two labs for nutrient testing. The project publishes the results in “a big open library [online database] that’s searchable by people,” he said.

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SPORTS

Tantasqua runs roughshod over Red Raiders to claim Central Mass. Division 4 Championship



Nick Ethier photos

The Tantasqua co-captains, as well as head coach Jon Hargis, pose with the Central Mass. Division 4 championship trophy following the Warriors' 26-14 victory over Fitchburg.



Quarterback Dante Reno of Tantasqua airs out a pass down the field versus Fitchburg.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — To win the Central Mass. Division 4 Championship from No. 1 Fitchburg High, the Tantasqua Regional varsity football team, seeded second in the bracket, had to rely on its bread and butter: the one-two running punch of Ryan Sears and Liam Gore. And the Warriors did just that when taking on the Red Raiders at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 16. Sears and Gore combined for 44 carries, 252 yards and four touchdowns as they simply could not be stopped. Tantasqua never trailed and ultimately won the contest, 26-14.

"Sears and Gore...two senior captains," said head coach Jon Hargis. "They work their tails off. They want the ball in crunch time and they wanted to win it for the team."

Sears and Gore were, predictably, thrilled with their performances and for each other.

"Me and Gore have been



Ryan Sears of Tantasqua is all fired up after the Warriors claimed the Central Mass. Division 4 championship.

starting varsity running backs since sophomore year and we have that connection. On and off the field, he's my best friend. He knows that I have his back, and he has mine," said Sears.

"I know Ryan's going to run the ball, and I know I'm going to run with him. I'm always going to give him blocks and I can always trust him to run as hard as he possibly can every single play," added Gore.

The Warriors opened the game by collecting a turnover. Fitchburg received the opening kickoff, but Tantasqua's Casey Robidoux pounced on the loose ball as it was fumbled away.

It then took the Warriors six plays to find pay dirt. Gore (16 carries, 99 yards) barreling in from 5 yards out. Jarod Spratt booted the extra point, and it was 7-0 with just minutes gone.

Fitchburg then had to punt the ball away on its first official possession, and Tantasqua proceeded to drive 80 yards in eight plays to take a 14-0 lead. Aside from Sears and Gore, Dominic Brown is the third member of the Warriors' triple-headed offensive attack. Brown, more of an elusive skilled runner compared to the ground-and-pound tactics of Sears and Gore, had a highlight run of 50 yards to get the drive going. Gore then finished it off with a 9-yard scoring run, and Spratt made another PAT.

The Red Raiders did rally next, though, and scored early in the second quarter to make it a one-score game at 14-7. Quarterback Monty Graham hit Donnovan DeLeon with a 12-yard TD pass, and Justin Comesana kicked the extra point.

Tantasqua then responded immediately, taking just four plays to go 70 yards for the TD. It was all Sears on this drive, as he busted off runs of 44, 5, 12 and, finally, 9 yards, as the Warriors grabbed a 20-7 lead —

the halftime score.

Hargis knew that Fitchburg wouldn't go down without a fight, and he was right.

"We got on top of them early, but they've come back from Nashoba 15-0 and beat them 16-15," he said.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Red Raiders scored with 11:31 to go. There, Devon Barisano rumbled into the end zone from 2 yards, and Comesana made another point-after kick.

Again, though, Sears and Gore wouldn't be stopped. Tantasqua's ensuing drive featured 11 plays — seven rushes by Gore, four more by Sears — and finished with a Sears (28 carries, 153 yards) 3-yard TD run. On the play Sears bounced out to his left and lowered his shoulder into a pair of would-be Fitchburg tacklers on his way to the score.

"I have a nose for the end zone," said Sears. "That's the only thing I want. I want seven points on the board."

Fitchburg (7-3) went to the air on its next drive, but Sears extinguished that by picking off Graham (3 of 11, 41 yards) with 3:26 to play — all but ending the contest.

"We were in a coverage where that's my zone," explained Sears. "I just read it, saw him release the ball, and I was there. I've never felt this happy before. It's insane."

Hargis was pleased with his defense as a whole, a group that only surrendered 201 yards.

"We challenged our defense not to give up the big play," said Hargis, as Fitchburg's longest play was a mere 22 yards.

The Warriors exacted some revenge from a year ago, when they lost in this very title game, 28-0, to Nashoba Regional.

"It's a revenge run. We knew what we needed to do. We knew we'd be right back here with a different outcome this year," said Sears.

"We had a bad taste in our mouth from last year and we wanted nothing more than to come back to this same exact spot and win, and that's exactly what we did," added Gore.

Tantasqua (8-2) will next play Plymouth-South High (9-1) for the right to play for the Division 4 State Championship. The contest will be held at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m.

"We have to go through Plymouth-South next week. They're a tough-nosed team — fast and physical — and it should be a good game," said Hargis.

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TORPEDOES-NE SWIM RESULTS

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the local Torpedoes-NE swim team of the Tri-Community YMCA took part in the Worcester County Swim League Championships, which were held at Tantasqua Regional.

The results of the Torpedoes-NE swimmers that placed inside the top-10 in their events are as follows:

- Girls 13-14 400 Yard IM
2. Zoey Zhu, 5:44.89
Boys 11-12 400 Yard IM
3. Ethan Zhu, 6:37.93
Girls 8 & Under 500 Yard Freestyle
1. Brynn Boucher, 7:45.16
Girls 9-10 500 Yard Freestyle
2. Kylie Formigal, 7:31.16
3. Katelyn Spillane, 7:33.67
Girls 13-14 500 Yard Freestyle
3. Abigail Morse, 6:38.70
5. Emily Owens, 6:48.80
Girls 15-18 500 Yard Freestyle
3. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 6:10.97
Boys 13-14 500 Yard Freestyle
1. Max Sullivan, 6:11.15
2. Eben Mazieka, 6:29.95
Boys 15-18 500 Yard Freestyle
2. Thomas Morrison, 5:50.30
4. Andrew Wade, 6:10.17
5. Daniel Durda, 6:22.09
6. Daniel Sickenberger, 6:29.03
Girls 8 & Under 50 Yard Freestyle
1. Brynn Boucher, 35.93
2. Hailey Mathurin, 46.18
4. Neave Bilodeau, 51.15
7. Kyrach Gingo, 56.84
Girls 9-10 100 Yard Freestyle
4. Kylie Formigal, 1:17.86
5. Katelyn Spillane, 1:18.16
9. Hannah Cardenas, 1:35.01
Boys 9-10 100 Yard Freestyle
2. Keenan Scherer, 1:28.40
4. Miles Oprica, 1:53.28
6. Joseph Afton, 2:15.45
Girls 8 U Under 25 Yard Breaststroke
3. Neave Bilodeau, 30.74
Girls 9-10 50 Yard Breaststroke
4. Abbey Korenda, 43.87
6. Ava Serrano, 49.50
Boys 9-10 50 Yard Breaststroke
1. Keenan Scherer, 49.88
Girls 8 & Under 50 Yard Backstroke
1. Brynn Boucher, 41.64
3. Hailey Mathurin, 53.78
4. Kyrach Gingo, 55.65
Girls 9-10 100 Yard Backstroke
3. Abbey Korenda, 1:33.00
4. Katelyn Spillane, 1:33.86
7. Ava Serrano, 1:39.94
9. Hannah Cardenas, 1:47.91
Boys 9-10 100 Yard Backstroke
1. Dominik Ignatovich, 1:25.99
3. Miles Oprica, 2:01.62
Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Butterfly
1. Neave Bilodeau, 25.72
Girls 9-10 50 Yard Butterfly
2. Kylie Formigal, 42.71
5. Katelyn Spillane, 47.14
7. Ava Serrano, 48.17
Boys 9-10 50 Yard Butterfly
1. Dominik Ignatovich, 42.15
3. Jack Sullivan, 58.50
4. Miles Oprica, 1:02.53
Girls 8 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle
3. Hailey Mathurin, 1:47.90
5. Neave Bilodeau, 1:55.40
6. Kyrach Gingo, 2:07.03
Girls 9-10 200 Yard Freestyle
5. Kylie Formigal, 2:49.45
10. Hannah Cardenas, 3:32.47
Boys 9-10 200 Yard Freestyle
1. Keenan Scherer, 3:11.06
Girls 9-10 100 Yard Breaststroke
4. Abbey Korenda, 1:39.45
Boys 9-10 100 Yard Breaststroke
1. Keenan Scherer, 1:48.72
Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Backstroke
1. Brynn Boucher, 18.41
5. Hailey Mathurin, 23.68
6. Kyrach Gingo, 24.76
Girls 9-10 50 Yard Backstroke
4. Abbey Korenda, 42.71
5. Katelyn Spillane, 43.26
7. Ava Serrano, 45.84
Boys 9-10 50 Yard Backstroke

1. Dominik Ignatovich, 41.94
3. Miles Oprica, 55.67
Girls 9-10 100 Yard Butterfly
2. Kylie Formigal, 1:38.11
3. Ava Serrano, 1:40.68
Boys 9-10 100 Yard Butterfly
1. Dominik Ignatovich, 1:42.87
3. Jack Sullivan, 2:19.63
Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Freestyle
1. Brynn Boucher, 15.94
3. Hailey Mathurin, 21.06
5. Neave Bilodeau, 22.62
8. Kyrach Gingo, 26.87
Girls 9-10 50 Yard Freestyle
6. Abbey Korenda, 37.60
10. Hannah Cardenas, 43.85
Boys 9-10 50 Yard Freestyle
1. Dominik Ignatovich, 34.00
2. Keenan Scherer, 37.64
5. Miles Oprica, 49.76
6. Joseph Afton, 53.64
Girls 11-12 100 Yard Freestyle
5. Abigale Houle, 1:13.94
6. Amara Johnson, 1:15.27
9. Tori Stendrup, 1:18.23
10. Riley Bowes, 1:19.85
Boys 11-12 100 Yard Freestyle
3. Quinn Sullivan, 1:09.20
4. Sunday Voraraj, 1:14.98
6. Sam Merchant, 1:16.53
7. Wyatt Owens, 1:22.51
10. Nathaniel Grant, 1:26.07
Girls 13-14 100 Yard Freestyle
2. Zoey Zhu, 1:03.55
3. Kira Dambly, 1:05.49
4. Emily Owens, 1:06.54
6. Jade Desmond, 1:11.51
8. Molly Bilodeau, 1:13.74
Boys 13-14 100 Yard Freestyle
1. Max Sullivan, 59.18
2. Eben Mazieka, 1:03.07
4. Reed Magnan, 1:06.33
5. Brad Piekarczyk, 1:07.64
10. Lucas Lawendowski, 1:29.72
Girls 15-18 100 Yard Freestyle
2. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 1:01.24
4. Maria Piekarczyk, 1:01.52
7. Rebecca Turley, 1:07.49
8. Julia Obrycki, 1:13.72
Boys 15-18 100 Yard Freestyle
2. Ryan McKenzie, 54.27
5. Andrew Wade, 57.01
6. Jack Davis, 58.50
7. Daniel Durda, 1:02.59
Girls 11-12 100 Yard Backstroke
3. Sonia Ganski, 1:20.60
4. Abigale Houle, 1:25.05
9. Tori Stendrup, 1:34.22
Boys 11-12 100 Yard Backstroke
2. Evan Dambly, 1:15.50
3. Quinn Sullivan, 1:18.77
5. Jonah Scherer, 1:31.27
Girls 13-14 200 Yard Backstroke
1. Zoey Zhu, 2:37.74
2. Kira Dambly, 2:37.90
4. Abigail Morse, 2:48.83
6. Julianna LaForce, 2:54.99
7. Nicole Apicelli, 2:55.66
10. Kira J. Petrik, 3:07.69
Boys 13-14 200 Yard Backstroke
1. Akshat Viswanath, 2:31.68
3. Nathaniel Chute, 2:54.29
4. Brad Piekarczyk, 2:54.56
6. Reed Magnan, 3:03.15
Girls 15-18 200 Yard Backstroke
4. Maria Piekarczyk, 2:38.69
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Breaststroke
3. Sonia Ganski, 42.90
4. Riley Bowes, 44.70
10. Sasha Hidalgo, 48.83
Boys 11-12 50 Yard Breaststroke
1. Sunday Voraraj, 38.61
3. Sam Merchant, 45.52
4. Wyatt Owens, 46.65
5. Nathaniel Grant, 1:09.33
Girls 13-14 100 Yard Breaststroke
2. Emily Owens, 1:22.38
5. Nicole Apicelli, 1:31.65
7. Julianna LaForce, 1:39.01
8. Kira J. Petrik, 1:45.41
9. Bianca Ganski, 1:46.66
Boys 13-14 100 Yard Breaststroke
2. Ethan Korenda, 1:19.58
4. Brad Piekarczyk, 1:30.90
6. Lucas Lawendowski, 1:49.45

- Girls 15-18 100 Yard Breaststroke
5. Rebecca Turley, 1:27.22
8. Julia Obrycki, 1:31.70
Boys 15-18 100 Yard Breaststroke
4. Jack Davis, 1:13.53
5. Adam Mazieka, 1:28.03
Girls 11-12 100 Yard Butterfly
4. Sonia Ganski, 1:32.48
5. Riley Bowes, 1:41.52
Boys 11-12 100 Yard Butterfly
2. Ethan Zhu, 1:24.65
3. Quinn Sullivan, 1:30.72
Girls 13-14 200 Yard Butterfly
3. Jade Desmond, 3:03.95
5. Molly Bilodeau, 3:29.22
Boys 13-14 200 Yard Butterfly
1. Akshat Viswanath, 2:46.87
2. Eben Mazieka, 2:58.04
Girls 15-18 200 Yard Butterfly
1. Maria Piekarczyk, 2:43.87
Boys 15-18 200 Yard Butterfly
1. Adrian Ignatovich, 2:19.38
3. Jack Davis, 2:36.77
4. Adam Mazieka, 3:18.58
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Freestyle
5. Amara Johnson, 32.49
Boys 11-12 50 Yard Freestyle
3. Evan Dambly, 30.25
4. Sunday Voraraj, 33.05
6. Sam Merchant, 35.04
9. Wyatt Owens, 37.28
10. Nathaniel Grant, 38.52
Girls 13-14 50 Yard Freestyle
2. Zoey Zhu, 29.64
3. Emily Owens, 29.66
4. Nicole Apicelli, 30.57
5. Abigail Morse, 30.89
7. Jade Desmond, 31.83
9. Julianna LaForce, 33.43
Boys 13-14 50 Yard Freestyle
1. Max Sullivan, 26.76
2. Ethan Korenda, 27.17
3. Axel Soderquist, 28.35
4. Eben Mazieka, 29.47
6. Reed Magnan, 30.05
10. Lucas Lawendowski, 38.66
Girls 15-18 50 Yard Freestyle
3. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 28.05
4. Maria Piekarczyk, 28.41
7. Rebecca Turley, 31.22
9. Julia Obrycki, 33.08
Boys 15-18 50 Yard Freestyle
2. Ryan McKenzie, 24.08
3. Adrian Ignatovich, 24.79
4. Andrew Wade, 25.52
5. Jack Davis, 26.44
7. Daniel Durda, 28.76
Boys 11-12 100 Yard Breaststroke
2. Sunday Voraraj, 1:32.52
3. Jonah Scherer, 1:37.74
4. Ethan Zhu, 1:37.92
5. Sam Merchant, 1:41.60
6. Wyatt Owens, 1:45.55
Girls 13-14 200 Yard Breaststroke
1. Emily Owens, 3:00.93
4. Nicole Apicelli, 3:23.09
6. Kira J. Petrik, 3:41.63
7. Bianca Ganski, 3:50.68
Boys 13-14 200 Yard Breaststroke
2. Max Sullivan, 2:50.57
3. Ethan Korenda, 3:03.01
4. Brad Piekarczyk, 3:16.54
7. Lucas Lawendowski, 4:01.90
Girls 15-18 200 Yard Breaststroke
5. Julia Obrycki, 3:20.94
Boys 15-18 200 Yard Breaststroke
4. Andrew Wade, 2:39.65
5. Adrian Ignatovich, 2:45.47
6. Adam Mazieka, 3:16.74
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Backstroke
3. Sonia Ganski, 38.20
4. Abigale Houle, 41.39
5. Tori Stendrup, 42.87
6. Amara Johnson, 43.02
Boys 11-12 50 Yard Backstroke
2. Evan Dambly, 36.51
3. Ethan Zhu, 39.97
Girls 13-14 100 Yard Backstroke
1. Kira Dambly, 1:11.59
2. Zoey Zhu, 1:12.21
4. Abigail Morse, 1:20.67
5. Jade Desmond, 1:21.48
6. Julianna LaForce, 1:23.37
Boys 13-14 100 Yard Backstroke
1. Akshat Viswanath, 1:10.60

2. Ethan Korenda, 1:14.08
4. Nathaniel Chute, 1:21.24
5. Brad Piekarczyk, 1:24.45
6. Reed Magnan, 1:26.28
Girls 15-18 100 Yard Backstroke
4. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 1:14.39
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2. Ryan McKenzie, 1:03.07
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5. Amara Johnson, 2:45.15
9. Tori Stendrup, 3:08.23
Boys 11-12 200 Yard Freestyle
2. Evan Dambly, 2:29.93
3. Quinn Sullivan, 2:38.43
4. Sam Merchant, 2:44.39
6. Jonah Scherer, 3:00.92
7. Nathaniel Grant, 3:21.29
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3. Abigail Morse, 2:28.67
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2. Axel Soderquist, 2:26.00
5. Reed Magnan, 2:35.07
7. Lucas Lawendowski, 3:21.47
Girls 15-18 200 Yard Freestyle
4. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 2:25.88
6. Rebecca Turley, 2:33.55
7. Julia Obrycki, 2:51.68
Boys 15-18 200 Yard Freestyle
5. Daniel Durda, 2:20.06
Girls 11-12 50 Yard Butterfly
2. Sonia Ganski, 35.85
7. Abigale Houle, 42.82
8. Riley Bowes, 43.41
Boys 11-12 50 Yard Butterfly
3. Ethan Zhu, 37.44
4. Quinn Sullivan, 37.59
5. Jonah Scherer, 44.34
Girls 13-14 100 Yard Butterfly
2. Jade Desmond, 1:18.48
3. Kira Dambly, 1:18.72
7. Nicole Apicelli, 1:27.76
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Girls 15-18 200 Yard IM
8. Rebecca Jarvis, 3:22.76
Boys 15-18 200 Yard IM
3. Adrian Ignatovich, 2:20.92
5. Ryan McKenzie, 2:22.77
7. Daniel Durda, 2:42.76
8. Adam Mazieka, 2:48.20
Additionally, the following were named All-Stars: Molly Bilodeau, Neave, Bilodeau, Brynn Boucher, Nathaniel Chute, Evan Dambly, Kira Dambly, Jack Davis, Jade Desmond, Kylie Formigal, Sonia Ganski, Adrian Ignatovich, Dominik Ignatovich, Sarah Kersting-Mumm, Abbey Korenda, Ethan Korenda, Hailey Mathurin, Eben Mazieka, Ryan McKenzie, Sam Merchant, Thomas Morrison, Abigail Morse, Miles Oprica, Emily Owens, Maria Piekarczyk, Jonah Scherer, Keenan Scherer, Ava Serrano, Axel Soderquist, Katelyn Spillane, Jack Sullivan, Max Sullivan, Quinn Sullivan, Akshat Viswanath, Sunday Voraraj, Andrew Wade, Ethan Zhu and Zoey Zhu.

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

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday, Dec. 5 Overnight Trip 3 Days/2Nights. Prices are \$459 for Double Occupancy and \$559 for Single Occupancy. On Wednesday see the Spectacular Awe Inspiring Special Effects and complete with Live Animals "Miracle of Christmas Show" at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show production of Irving Berlin's Musical "Holiday Inn" featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin's Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve "DAY" at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let's Celebrate the New Year during the "DAYTIME". Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballroom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89, enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let's not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Available upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

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.

*Japan: March 26 to April 9, 2020 *Japan with China extension: March 26 to April 22, 2020

*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

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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

Trips are open to the public! Make

checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE
OPEN TO PUBLIC
PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

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STURBRIDGE RECREATION

New York City Holiday bus trip: Saturday, Dec. 14; depart from Burgess Elementary School at 7 a.m. on our Lizak charter. Arrive approximately 10:30 a.m. (a rest stop will be made along the way) for a day to do as you please in the wonderful Big Apple! Ice skate at Rockefeller Center, take in a show on Broadway, do some Christmas shopping, marvel at the light displays, and more! Drop off will be as close to Rockefeller Center as possible. Depart from the city at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a peaceful ride home. Arrive back home in Sturbridge by 10 p.m. Cost: \$50 per person. Contact the Sturbridge Recreation Departmetn at (508) 347-2041 or recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us for more information.

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

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

2019

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

Dec. 14 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

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

Nov. 21-22~2 day Boothbay Harbor w/lunch at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. ~ 2 days w/"Gardens Aglow" (beautiful light show at the botanical garden) at the Boothbay Harbor Botanical Gardens. 1 lunch, 1 breakfast. \$199. double occupancy, \$259. single.

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

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 - \$81. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list) 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 -TBA June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim

Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 29 - July 6 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 8 seats left August 9 - Pops by the Sea, Conway Tours - TBA 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 Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox Dec.7 &8-- Equinox Resort and Hildene, VT w/Conway. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc.

There is also still space for the Newport Playhouse trip on Dec. 18, 2019. For \$79 experience the play "A Christmas Cactus" along with a full buffet lunch and a Christmas Carbare.

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

Most trips leave from Whitinsville WalMart, 100 Valley Pkway and Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St Westboro.

Newport Playhouse and some others will leave from the Millbury Park and Ride as well as the Whitinsville WalMart. Please always include entree choice, phone number (especially cell) and an emergency number.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to reserve.

The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center invites you to join them on a couple of Christmas trips.

There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we'll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flag-ship L.L. Bean Store, and local boutiques housed in historic brick buildings; then enjoy an included late lunch buffet at the Harraseeket Inn. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor in the late afternoon and check in to the Flagship Inn. This evening we'll experience Gardens Aglow; walk through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' dazzling, outdoor display of 650,000 lights illuminating their meticulously cared for gardens. You'll also have a chance to peruse the visitor's center & gift shop and get a bite to eat. We will stop in the village of Boothbay Harbor afterwards to experience "The Festival of Lights." After breakfast we will head home with a stop in Kennebunkport for lunch and shopping. *Please note this tour includes periods of outdoor walking on dimly lit, potentially uneven surfaces, and overnight accommodations that require walking up and down stairs.

On December 5 and 6th there is a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and it includes one dinner and one breakfast both at the lodge, glassblowing at Simon Pearce Company, a meeting with a member of the Von Trapp family, a stop in Montpelier, and of course the luxury of being at the Trapp family Lodge! It is \$379 for the double occupancy per person and \$499 per person for a single.

Capture the Christmas spirit as we enjoy a little of Austria and a lot of Vermont on this memorable getaway. Situated on 2,500 acres in Stowe, Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge serves as our magnificent home away from home. Enjoy great shopping, superb dining and exceptional hospitality on this great Christmas holiday tour.

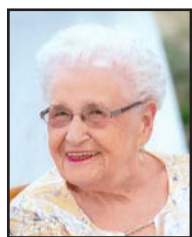
On Wed, Dec. 18 we will travel to the Newport Playhouse to see "A Christmas Cactus" For \$79, you will enjoy a great play, a bountiful buffet and the Christmas Cabaret.

Show Synopsis: Christmas Eve is tough for private investigator Cactus O'Riley, a white-hot redhead with the holiday blues. She is trying to lure her secretary Fred away from his protective mother, dodging the affections of Deputy D.A. Windsor, and considering closing her business. She doesn't need the added aggravation of two fugitives who burst into her office looking for justice and a dead detective named Jake Marley. Cactus also doesn't need Fred's mother, who arrives to take Fred home but decides to stay because she thinks this is the Christmas murder mystery party she has always dreamed of attending. Christmas turns into a Dickens of a holiday for Cactus as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles and takes a second chance on love and sleuthing.

All trips leave from the Whitinsville WalMart. Call Sue at 509-476-5820 for more information.

OBITUARIES

Yvette R. LeBlanc, 88



SOUTHBRIDGE-Yvette R. (Boudreau) LeBlanc, 88, of Charlton St., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Heaven gained another angel after a long and wonderful life.

Her husband, Roger V. "Slim" LeBlanc, passed away in 2003. She leaves her daughter, Judy A. Laroche of Dudley; her three sons, Russell LeBlanc and his wife Wendie of Sturbridge, John D. LeBlanc and his wife Kathy of Woodstock and James G. LeBlanc and his wife Melissa of Southbridge; her two sisters and her best friends, Doris Conti of Webster and Jeannette Pikul of Dudley; her seven grandchildren Michael Caouette, Timothy Caouette, Jamie Cornell, Ryan LeBlanc, Stephanie Laroche, Daniel Laroche and Casey LeBlanc; 8 great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Aldei and Emma (Laroche) Boudreau.

Yvette worked as the office manager for Rom's Restaurant in Sturbridge for 30 years and also worked as the office manager for her husband's business, Slim's Sewer Service in Southbridge

for over 40 years. In recent years she was the office manager for her son John's business, JD LeBlanc Electric in Sturbridge, retiring recently due to illness. Yvette was a member of St. John Paul II Parish and its Ladies of St. Anne Sodality and formerly a member of Sacred Heart Parish and its Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. She was a longtime faithful member of Al-Anon.

In their younger years Yvette and Slim were accomplished Ballroom dancers. She enjoyed going to the casino with her two sisters and also enjoyed wintering in Florida with her sisters. Her greatest joy in life was her family. Yvette was the rock of her family and she will be missed beyond words.

Her funeral was held on Friday, Nov. 15th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Thursday, Nov. 14th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Worcester County Food Bank, 474 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Kathleen A. Gaboury, 68



STURBRIDGE-Kathleen A. (Arsenault) Gaboury, 68, of Shepard Rd., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16th, in her home after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 50 years, Robert L. Gaboury; her son, Leo D. Gaboury and his wife Annette of Southbridge; her daughter, Amy Jordan and her companion Brian Malz of Ludlow; her three brothers, Daniel Arsenault of Maine, Kenneth Arsenault of Southbridge and John Baylies of Charlton; her two sisters, Marie Jaccheo of Danielson, CT and Bernadette Coughlin of Danielson, CT; her three grandchildren, Leo Gaboury Jr., Alexander Gaboury and Bryce Gaboury; and nieces and nephews. Kathleen also leaves her granddogs, Skylar, Zander, Nala, Bronco and Brutus. She was predeceased by her brother David Arsenault. Kathleen was born in Webster the daughter of

the late Leo and Helen (Donnellan) Gaboury.

Kathleen was an avid cook and especially loved to bake. She loved going to the casino and loved to shop. One of her favorite places to visit was Old Orchard Beach, ME. She also enjoyed traveling to Orlando, FL and Disney World with her family. She loved the holidays and most of all Christmas. Kathleen's greatest joy and purpose was taking care of her grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass for Kathleen was held on Thursday, Nov. 21st, at 10:00am in St. Anne's Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, 199 Rosewood Dr., Suite 180, Danvers, MA 01923 or online at www.vnacare.org/donors.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail
to Obits@stonebridgepress.news*



CALENDAR

Saturday, November 23

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR: St. Christopher's Parish Rt. 20, Brimfield will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Santa will be visiting both days from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Just visit with him or take a photo. Over 35 vendors offering anything from hand-crafted jewelry, primitives, blankets, quilts, scarfs, Christmas decorations and ornaments, organic lotions and soaps, knitted goods, pet gifts, wood art and burning and so much more! Winter boxes will be available for holiday decorating at your home or cemetery. We will accept donations on behalf of the Tri-Town Food Pantry. There will be raffles offering great prizes too. The kitchen opens at 8 a.m., and will be serving delicious food throughout the fair. Admission to the craft fair is free. For more information contact the parish at 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@gmail.com or check it out on the church's Facebook page.

Wednesday, November 27

TURKEY DAY TALES, Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Family is here for the holiday! All are welcome to join us for Thanksgiving stories and a fun craft activity. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Pre-register, please.

Friday, November 29

ART WITH AVA, 2 p.m., Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Ava, a young inspiring artist, will guide children ages 4-9 years in basic drawing skills. Participants will leave with two sketches that they create. Materials will be provided. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Free.

Saturday, December 7

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Christmas items, raffles, handmade items, holiday items, baked goods, white elephant items, homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more.

SANTA CLAUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Bay Path Education Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast will be held at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Families are provided with a free five-by-seven-inch photograph with Santa donated by Casson-Foster Photographers. There will also be a raffle and free face painting. Tickets are \$5 each, with children under five admitted free of charge. All funds raised are used for student scholarships and classroom mini-grants.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton. Hosted by the Charlton Helping Hand Society. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the the Charlton community. Offerings

include our popular "Gramma's Attic," Bake and Cookie by the Pound table, raffle tickets, Chinese auction, etc. Introducing a 'Bag Lunch to Go.' You won't have to stop for lunch — take it with you as you visit the other fairs in the area! All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains, and especially to "Help Us Help Others."

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. We will have various raffles available that day, and our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, please call the library at (508) 248-0452.

GINGERBREAD FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find unique gifts for everyone. Handcrafts, jewelry, plants, Grandma's Attic, baked goods and cookie table, a silent auction, gourmet delights and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9 – 11 a.m., followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Charlton City UMC, 74 Stafford St., Charlton. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available.

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Hosted by the Friends of the Library. We will have various raffles available that day, and our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library.

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 interest-

ed in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

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Christmas in Heaven Memorials

In the December 20th issue, we invite you to place a memorial for your loved ones not with us this Christmas in this newspaper

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Sample Ad:

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Deadline Friday, Dec. 13th @3pm

Please email to June at jsima@stonebridgepress.news,

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Friday Dec. 13th to

*June Simakauskas
25 Elm Street, PO Box 90,
Southbridge, MA 01550.*



**To place a Card of Thanks
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**the deadline is Friday noon
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(Memoriams will run on the Obituary pages)

Ad prices are \$15 for a 2x3 (actual size 2.4" x 3")
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You can add a photo at no additional cost.

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

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**For more information,
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Cornerstone Bank's Susan Gunnell to retire



Susan Gunnell

WORCESTER — After many years of dedicated service, Susan Gunnell will retire from her role as Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer. She will remain with the bank through April 2020 and help coordinate an effective transition for the executive team.

Ms. Gunnell began her lengthy career at Southbridge Savings Bank in 1980 as a teller and steadily made her way through the ranks to ultimately become that institution's second-in-command. Her various positions there included assistant bookkeeper, accounting manager, human resources manager, and SVP of retail banking.

Gunnell received well-deserved recognition throughout her professional life—not only at Southbridge Savings Bank, but also after it merged with SpencerBANK to become Cornerstone Bank. Ms. Gunnell helped to expand the Bank's training program and participated in community work that received acknowledgement from the United Way as well as many other associations. She has been actively involved in the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee decision-making for numerous local nonprofits, and worked with the Bank to promote drives for school supplies, local food banks, and local heating assistance programs.

In addition, Sue was a Worcester Business Journal "Outstanding Women in Business" award recipient in 2015.

"To say we'll miss Sue doesn't even begin to express our heartfelt feelings," said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "She is as dedicated today to helping others as when she first started. We will miss her beyond words and wish her much happiness."

"Sue's contributions over almost four decades have been exemplary, enabling us to continually grow, while still maintaining our focus on the communities we serve," stated Cornerstone Bank Chairman & CEO K. Michael Robbins. "Sue has never lost her enthusiasm or passion for her work here. We wish her all the best."

About Cornerstone Bank
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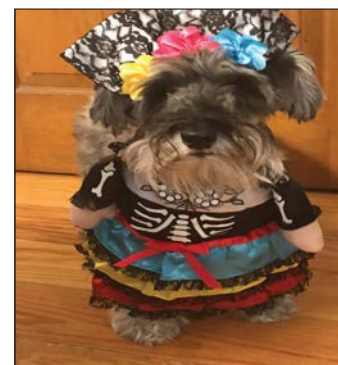
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WOODSTOCK, CT - 64 LYON HILL RD



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

DUDLEY - 71 EAGLE DRIVE



Wow! Young 8 room Center Hall Colonial! Better than new! 3 bedroom, 3 full baths! 23' X 23' Cathedral ceiling Family Room! Hardwood & Ceramics throughout. Heat by forced hot air/oil, Central air! 2680 Sq Ft of living area. In one of Dudley's finest developments with underground utilities! **\$420,000.**

WEBSTER - 16 WEST AVE



Spacious ranch 3-4 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, 1 car attached garage. Newly remodeled kitchen. Partially finished basement just waiting for carpet or laminate flooring. Hardwood & Tile throughout 1st floor. Flat level lot. Town water & sewer. Potential to finish a studio above garage **\$267,000.**

POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$249,500**

WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully Rented. **\$369,900.**

WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood floors, gas fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included. 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Water & Sewer, City Gas **\$219,900.**

DUDLEY - 188 WEST MAIN ST



COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS LOCATION IN THE HEART OF DUDLEY! THIS 3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 BATH RANCH HAS A UNIQUE OPEN FLOOR PLAN AND IS LARGER THAN IT APPEARS! 19,582 +/- sq ft Lot. Natural Gas Heat! Hard wood floors! BRING YOUR IMAGINATION AND VISION AND THIS DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH COULD BE THE HOUSE OF YOUR DREAMS! LARGE FLAT YARD GIVES YOU PLENTY OF ROOM AND ALSO GREAT PARKING AREA IF YOU HAD A SMALL BUSINESS FROM HOME! CONTRACTORS DREAM! **\$178,500.**

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Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
Douglas - Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$109,900**

WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A



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WEBSTER LAND - COOPER RD



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SOUTHBRIDGE: Antique Colonial with 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 Baths. Hardwood floors. Economic gas heat. Newer roof, boiler, & HW heater. Front & rear stairways to go upstairs. Fireplace. Needs some paint & updating but well worth it! Garage **\$149,900.**

SOUTHBRIDGE: Immaculate, spacious and updated Colonial with 8 rooms 3 bedrooms 3 1/2 Upgraded kitchen with granite, SS appliances, eat-in bar, and radiant heat in tile flooring. Pantry closet with washer & dryer. Wonderful 3 season room with sliders to deck. Huge master bedroom & bath! First floor family room. Dining room with new flooring & radiant heat in floor. 4 zone hyper heat & Air system. 1.22 acres with Barn! **\$299,900.**

SOUTHBRIDGE: Move in Ready older Colonial! 5 rooms 2-3 bedrooms. Home has been updated with vinyl siding, newer furnace, and electric. Newer flooring, freshly painted. Porch. **\$114,900.**

SOUTHBRIDGE: Large 2 family on corner lot! 5 rooms 3 bedrooms each unit. Electrical & Plumbing updated and interior work all done in 2008. Newer roof, siding, and 2nd egress added. Separate utilities. Fully rented. Level yard. **\$179,900.**

ACTIVELY SEEKING LISTINGS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: SOUTHBRIDGE, STURBRIDGE, DUDLEY, CHARLTON, WEBSTER, HOLLAND. PLEASE CONTACT US!

A Place To Call Home...

JUST LISTED

THOMPSON MULTI FAMILY: Fully rented with established tenants, this duplex style 2 family home is located on Route 12 within a few minute's walk of town hall, banking, convenience stores, restaurants and library. Each unit has 3 bedrooms, though 2 of the bedrooms have no closets. Unit A has 1 full bath while Unit B has an additional 1/2 bath and a mudroom/office/playroom. Separate utilities for each unit which is the responsibility of the tenant with the exception of water/sewer. Exterior is vinyl sided, driveway easement in place. **\$154,000**

JUST LISTED

WOODSTOCK: Simple, easy condo living in an established condo community. Main living area offers an open living/dining area with a wood burning fireplace and vaulted ceilings. There are sliders from the living area onto a deck. The fully appliance galley style kitchen offers sufficient counter space and a good amount of cabinets. The master bedroom and bath are also located on this level. The walk-out basement is mostly finished with additional bedroom space (or family room) as well as another full bath. The laundry is located on this level as is a storage area. There is a detached 1 car garage. **\$174,000**

WOODSTOCK: 1,900+ sq. Raised Ranch featuring a remodeled new kitchen with new cabinets w/ pantry, granite counters, farmers sink, new stainless steel appliances & vinyl plank floors. Dining room with slider to back deck and a granite breakfast bar with pass thru to living room which offers laminate flooring and fireplace. Full bath and 2 bedrooms finishes off the 1st floor. Finished basement with vinyl plank flooring throughout, family room with dry bar, windows and walkout, plus bonus room with egress sliding window, 2 closets and 1/2 bath to use how you see fit. Shed with new roof shingles and large 16x12 wood deck. **\$234,000**

KILLINGLY: With approximately 50 feet of frontage on beautiful Alexander's Lake, this year-round home boasts of a spacious glass-lined open living, dining, kitchen area overlooking gorgeous views. There are 3 generous sized bedrooms along with one and a half modern bathrooms. The washer and dryer are preately tucked into a back hallway. This home underwent extensive renovations to include a fully appliance kitchen with granite countertops and center island, new walls and flooring, updated bathrooms, windows, insulation, new drilled well and a Buderis boiler. Just an hour from Hartford, Boston or Providence, Alexander's Lake has been recognized as one of the cleanest lakes in the state. **\$389,000**

THOMPSON: Four bedroom, 2 bath Colonial home situated on 2 acres of beautiful open land. Large kitchen with soapstone counters, living room with wood flooring, first floor bedroom with bath. Storage shed, chicken coop & dog pen. **\$259,000**

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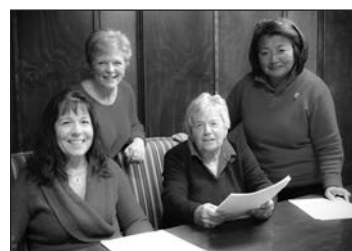
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DUDLEY: 3 bedroom, Modern kitchen & bath, Level lot, Recent furnace, updated roof, electric, Ideal for VA or FHA buyers, gas heat,
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Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the applica-

tion can contact the Brimfield Planning Board or appear at the time and place designated above. A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Board Office in the Town Hall, please call 413-245-4100 x153 or email planning@brimfieldma.org.

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