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# SOUTHBRIDGE NEWS

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## Make-A-Wish grants Southbridge girl's wish for "Mock Search and Rescue" experience

**SOUTHBRIDGE**—This past Sunday, on a chilly afternoon, nine-year-old Alexandra Holt of Southbridge completed the final part of her camping adventure in the forest wish through Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Alex, who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening heart condition, participated in a "mock search and rescue" for a missing hiker run by 10 members of the Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue team.

An official missing hiker form was completed for 33-year-old nurse "Stephanie Starship," and Alex lead the search through a series of clues placed along a designated area in the October Mountain State Forest in the Berkshires. She was joined by her parents Danielle and Jason Holt and 14-year-old brother Aidan.

She took her role seriously, commanded the field of volunteers, identified all the clues, and finally found the lost hiker trapped under a large branch. At the end of the event, Alex was presented with a certificate of honor from the search-and-rescue team, "For her bravery, her dedication and her commitment to helping others with the Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue Team as a junior volunteer."

The experience left Alex smiling and happy.

"I would love to do this again!" she said.

"Alex, thank you for wishing for this because I think not only is it a

great day for you, but I don't know anybody who doesn't want to be a part of helping to make a child's wish come true. So you also gave all of these people an opportunity to bring some joy," said Peg Wheble, Western Massachusetts Regional Director for Make-A-Wish.

Berkshire Mountain Search and Rescue is an all volunteer, not-for-profit Search and Rescue Team as well as a Community Emergency Response Team, based in Pittsfield.

To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island and find out how you can get involved, visit [massri.wish.org](http://massri.wish.org)

Photos and videos from the event can be accessed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rps16x8b8qcxtd/AACPUzPvO-0jC88GeSsgsRN5a?dl=0>

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## Trinity Catholic Academy celebrates Giving Tuesday

**SOUTHBRIDGE**—Trinity Catholic Academy will join millions around the world participating in this global generosity movement.

Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, Trinity Catholic Academy is responding to meet the needs of our thriving students with additional Chromebooks to further enhance our commitment of consistent education options for each of our students.

This GivingTuesday through iGive Catholic TCA hopes to inspire generosity by initiating our first ONLINE Giving Campaign to make it easier for all to participate. This global movement will kick off the season of generosity by inspiring people to give back Nov. 16 – Dec. 1, and throughout the year. (Volunteerism, Kindness, monetary & more.)

The current pandemic has made regular fundraising activity quite limited. The extra tools to support

our students at this time are vital. As many are aware, Southbridge Catholic Education has been changing lives and forming Catholic values for several generations. We want to keep this tradition alive for generations to come. TCA is so happy to have students from all area towns attending and want to supply the technology to support all our students, in addition to required PPE etc. for the safety of all at TCA.

Our goal is to be able to purchase 20 Chromebooks along with insurance and services needed for these new tools during this short movement. This online campaign is becoming a reality through the National Catholic Educational Association along with the TCA Advisory Board, Endowment Board, Local Giving Partners and faithful supporters. We are working to "incentivize" along the way to inspire

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## Bay Path welcomes new faculty members

**CHARLTON** — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is pleased to welcome three newly appointed faculty members as adjunct faculty: Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA Health Care Systems, RN; Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN; Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN

Sarah Grant, MSN, MBA, RN of Charlton, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Jan. 15. Grant is an experienced case manager, nursing supervisor, and Director of Nursing Services. This year she completed her dual degree Master of



Sarah Grant



Silvia Medina



Leslie Taylor

her Bachelor of Science in Nursing also at WGU in 2010, and was a Dean's lister at the Atlantic Union College in 2007 where she earned her Associates Degree in Nursing. Her experience also includes rehabilitation nursing and acute care at Kindred Hospital where she precepted newly hired nurses.

Leslie Taylor, BSN, RN of Spencer, has been named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on March 6. Taylor is a candidate for Master of Science in Forensic Nursing at Fitchburg State University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017, Magna Cum Laude. She is enrolled in Certification in

Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration : Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems at Grand Canyon University where she also obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 2017. Her academic progression in nursing start-

ed at MassBay Community College for Practical Nursing in 2007 and Quinsigamond Community College for her Associates Degree in Nursing (2015).

Silvia Medina, MSN Ed, RN of Blackstone, has been

named adjunct faculty, a role she assumed on Sept. 1. Medina is an experienced home care nurse who is fluent in English, Creole, and Portuguese. She completed her Master of Science in Nursing Education this year at Western Governors University (WGU),

## Candidates show camaraderie on Election Day



Photos Gus Steeves

Toward the end of the day, a few vocal Trump supporters arrived with flags, often repeating "Praise Jesus" and "Four more years."

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

**SOUTHBRIDGE**—Despite the acrimony that has marred the whole election season in the eyes of the major media, Election Day at Southbridge polls was an entirely friendly affair, as it usually is.

Perhaps resident Paul Zotos summed it up best by relating a story from a few days earlier. On his way home from a library event at night, he said, he saw several Trump supporters in the Rotary. As a Democrat, Zotos said he was concerned they might damage the Biden sign that's there, but was afraid to approach them because they had a sledhammer and a big dog.

Instead, he snuck from bush to bush, intending them to see him. They did. After a while, they left, leaving their Trump sign behind and the Biden sign intact. (By the weekend, someone had put several small Trump stickers on it, but it was still legible.) Zotos continued home, but noticed the Trump sign was gone in the morning.

The following day, about 20 pro-Trump people rallied there. This time, Zotos approached them, asking if some were the ones from the previous night. They said they were, and he noted he knew several of them and laughed about it.

"We all just scared each other over nothing," he said. "They thought I was going to destroy their sign, and I thought they were going to destroy mine."

At the polls, more left-leaning folks congregated on one side of Chestnut Street while more right-leaning folks set up shop on the other. But people routinely crossed to talk at some length with their fellow citizens, putting

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**FALL / WINTER**

# Auto Sales & Service

## 4 factors to consider to maintain winter safety

Many changes are to be expected as fall gives way to winter. Temperatures drop for much of the country, and depending on where one lives, snow, wind and ice are to be expected.

As beautiful as snow-covered landscapes can be, winter presents unique hazards, notably slippery roads and surfaces. Chilly temperatures also can put people at risk if they spend prolonged periods outdoors unprotected.

According to the insurance company Carsurance, more than 156,000 crashes occur annually due to icy roads. Roughly 17 percent of all vehicle crashes happen in winter conditions. Winter hazards are not exclusive to driving, however. That means winter safety involves a consideration of a host of factors.

### 1. CHANGING VISIBILITY

While slippery surfaces may contribute to some accidents, visibility can quickly change with winter weather. Blowing snow can contribute to whiteout conditions. In addition, fog can be hazardous to drivers, aviators and mariners and contributes to thousands of travel accidents every year, advises the National Weather Service. It's important to slow down, leave plenty of distance, use your low-beam headlights, and recognize when it may be safest to pull over, such as when visibility is significantly compromised.

### 2. SNOW REMOVAL

Shoveling snow or using a snowblower are common wintertime activities. Yet strenuous levels of activity in cold temperatures could put people at risk of heart attack, particularly if they are not acclimated to physical activity. Always warm up prior

to shoveling snow to prepare the body for exercise. Go slowly and take frequent breaks. Avoid twisting and tossing snow over your shoulder, which can contribute to back injuries.

### 3. CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Winter weather means turning up the heat or doing more indoor cooking. Carbon monoxide is produced through the burning of fuel in various forms, including stoves, engines, gas ranges, portable generators, and grills. The National Safety Council says carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can go undetected as it builds up in enclosed spaces. Never warm up the car inside of a contained garage. Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors, and have furnaces, water heaters and other fuel-burning appliances checked and serviced by a qualified

technician annually. Be sure that carbon monoxide alarms are on every floor of the home, and take it seriously if the alarm goes off.

### 4. BLACK ICE

Black ice is a common winter foe. Black ice forms when temperatures rise above freezing during the day, melting any snow on

the ground and causing surfaces to become wet. If the temperature drops once more while the ground is wet, a thin, transparent sheet of ice can form. Black ice also may occur if moisture in the air condenses and forms dew or fog, and then the temperature drops below freezing, says the National Weather Service. Black ice gets its name because it looks black on asphalt

roads. However, it also can form on sidewalks and overpasses, or spots shaded by trees or other objects. Slowing down and exercising extreme caution are essential.

Winter is a beautiful season. But it can be just as hazardous as it is awe-inspiring. Taking steps to stay safe in unpredictable conditions is a necessity each winter.



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# American Optical workers diagnosed with cancer secure benefits

SOUTHBIDGE — Plant workers employed before 1981 diagnosed with various cancers are entitled to special benefits. Lung cancer, esophageal cancer, laryngeal cancer, pharyngeal cancer, stomach cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, and mesothelioma are frequently caused by asbestos expo-

sure. Asbestos-laced products were used for decades at American Optical. Neither employees nor management were aware of the asbestos risk.

Asbestos is a mineral that in its natural state is harmless. It becomes harmful when it is pulled apart or ground up into flexible fibers. Then,

when inhaled or swallowed, microscopic asbestos fibers may be permanently affixed to body tissue. Over many years, these fibers may cause genetic changes that can lead to cancer. According to the National Cancer Institute, "It can take from 10 to 40 years or more for asbestos-related cancers to appear."

To compensate cancer victims and the families of deceased cancer victims, Federal Bankruptcy Courts have required asbestos manufacturers to set aside hundreds of millions of dollars in private trusts. Through these trusts, cancer victims can receive money damages by the filing of timely, detailed, and accurate claims.

Norris Injury Lawyers has announced a specific initiative to assist American Optical employees in recovering money set aside for them in these asbestos trusts. Cancer victims or the families of deceased victims who worked at the plant before 1981 may call 800-478-9578 for a free evaluation of their claim. Additional information is available at [getnorris.com/asb](http://getnorris.com/asb).

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\$395,000, 520 Lebanon Hill Rd, Blanchard, Steven A, and Blanchard, Kristin M, to Powell, Arthur D, and Powell, Jennifer M.

\$298,000, 196 Cournoyer Blvd, SCKD RT, and Cournoyer, Donald C, to Aponte, Jose G.

\$277,500, 500 Charlton St, Prymak, Steven A, and Prymak, Denise A, to Francis, Jessica L.

\$255,000, 10 Hill Top Dr, Khan, Abdul W, and Qadri-Khan, Syeda T, to Ortiz, Alex J, and Zavaleta, Maria G.

\$255,000, 16 Wardwell Ct, Leahy, Karen A, and Leahy, Hugh J, to Daou, Joseph.

\$246,000, 5 Riverview Dr, Billis Spiro Est, and Gellos, Chrisanthe, to Vazquez, Kelvin J.

\$245,000, 332 Whitetail Cir, Gomez, Emmanuel, to Jewell, Garrett M, and Ernst, Devin D.

\$194,000, 642 Charlton St #642, Deliz, Desiree M, to Roux, Leanza C.

\$1,285,000, 80 Marcy St, Southbridge Town Of, to Wells School LP.

\$450,000, 543 Main St, Muratore Realty LLC, to Sai 2020 RT, and Patel, Krishna.

\$450,000, 551 Main St, Muratore Realty LLC, to Sai 2020 RT, and Patel, Krishna.

\$280,000, 63 Briarwood Ave, Bruneau 2008 Home T, and Bruneau, Robert L, to Danna, Joseph.

\$264,000, 59 Winter St, Mile Road RT, and Ciukaj, Christopher, to Rojas-Colon, Jomar.

\$248,000, 78 Wall St, Bruneau, Robert L, to McCarthy, Jordan.

\$228,000, 884 Worcester St, Pion, Michael, to My 6 Grandchildren LLC.

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## FACULTY

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Simulation at St. Anselm College. She obtained her Associates Degree in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College in 2002. Taylor is a Peri anesthesia nurse at UMass Memorial Hospital. She provided clinical instruction to senior nursing students at Anna Maria College in Paxton and at Becker College in Worcester. Since 2009, she has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: Consultant.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

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## Friday's Child



Isabella  
Age 15

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Isabella is a sweet, caring, and bubbly teenage girl who loves animals. She is a great conversationalist and enjoys speaking to and learning about new people. Isabella is always open to trying new activities and is a talented artist. She also likes to play soccer and is currently taking a cooking class once a week after school. Isabella's greatest wish is to have a family of her own where she can have a pet.

Isabella likes going to school and she reports that she has many friends this year that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite class is chorus and she does well in school with extra supports.

Isabella really wants to be a part of a family and loves participating in all kinds of family gatherings. Isabella will do best in a patient family that can give her a lot of individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring families that consist of a single mother, two mothers, or a mother and a father. She will do best as an only child or with an older sister in the home. Isabella is legally freed for adoption.

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# Debt exclusion article goes down to defeat

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Charlton citizens turned out in droves on Election Day 2020 to the tune of 8,137 ballots cast, with the majority of voters putting their support behind incumbent presidential candidate Donald Trump and voting down a proposed debt exclusion to fund a new public safety building.

In a vote of 4,042 to 3,708, Charlton voters shot down the debt exclusion question for a second time which would have allowed for a funding mechanism to build a new multi-use public safety complex on Masonic Home Road that would serve as home to the fire and police departments. A significant public campaign touting the need for the facility to replace the 62-year-old fire departments and 29-year-old police department has been active for much of 2020 including a capital campaign that, as of writing, had raised \$367,500 to offset the cost of the facility. A "yes" vote would have added the \$25.1 million price tag to the tax base as a temporary expense but now town officials and the building committee must regroup

to decide how to approach the project without the debt exclusion.

The vote is actually the second time Charlton has decided against the debt exclusion. While voters supported the project during the May 2019 annual Town Meeting, the original request for a debt exclusion was defeated in a special election in August of that year. In July of 2020, the Board of Selectmen unanimously placed the debt exclusion on the presidential ballot after the building committee had come forward with more precise presentations, square footage and a reduced price tag as well as the news of the capital campaign. The goal of putting the question before voters for a second time was to get a larger sample size to voice their opinions on the matter during one of the most active presidential elections of our time. The results showed only a noticeable increase in voter percentage in favor of the project, but not enough to approve the question. Compared to the 1,351 registered voters that turned out in August where the 890 to 491 decision saw on 36 percent support the project, the Election Day vote was much closer where 8,137 vot-

ers cast their ballot and 45 percent supported the question. In the months and weeks leading up to Election Day the project did receive open public opposition from groups of citizens who felt it would be too cumbersome of the tax base while others felt it would be more acceptable on a smaller scale.

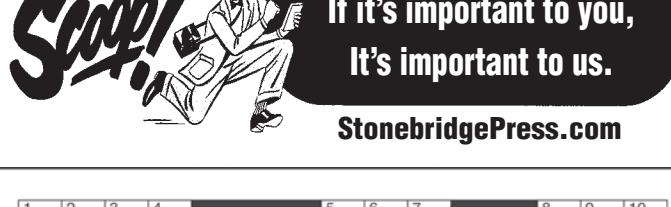
Looking at the rest of the ballot, Charlton voters showed support for incumbent President Donald Trump with 4,107 votes cast in favor of his reelection while 3,749 voters supported Democratic challenger and former Vice President Joe Biden. Biden eventually went on to declare victory days later. Third party candidates floundered in with Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins taking on 45 votes and Libertarian candidate Jo Jorgensen securing 156 votes. Charlton voters also went Republican for the State Senate seat voting 4,209 to 3,638 to support GOP challenger Kevin O'Conner over Democratic incumbent Edward Markey, who retained his seat after all the votes were tallied. The result isn't necessarily a surprise as Markey lost Charlton in both the 2020 primaries and the 2013 elec-

tion. Representative Richard Neal also won reelection as an unopposed incumbent earning 5,380 votes in Charlton where 274 votes went to write-in opponents.

On the state level, incumbent Democratic Senator Anne Gobi failed to earn the support of Charlton voters barely losing to Republican Steven Hall in a 3,952 to 3,765 vote. Gobi claimed victory over Hall in the election late into the night earning an estimated 52 percent of the votes in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, & Middlesex District. Unsurprisingly, Charlton voters backed Republican incumbents for the State House of Representatives. Rep. Peter Durant was unchallenged in his bid for reelection earning 4,806 votes from Charlton while Rep. Paul Frost earned 1,108 votes in the town compared to his challenger Terry Burke Dotson's 667 votes. Frost eventually took the victory over Dotson who he had previously defeated on the campaign trail in 2014, 2016, and 2018. Charlton also supported Register of Probate Stephanie Fattman for reelection in a 4,781 to 2,440 decision over her Democratic challenge

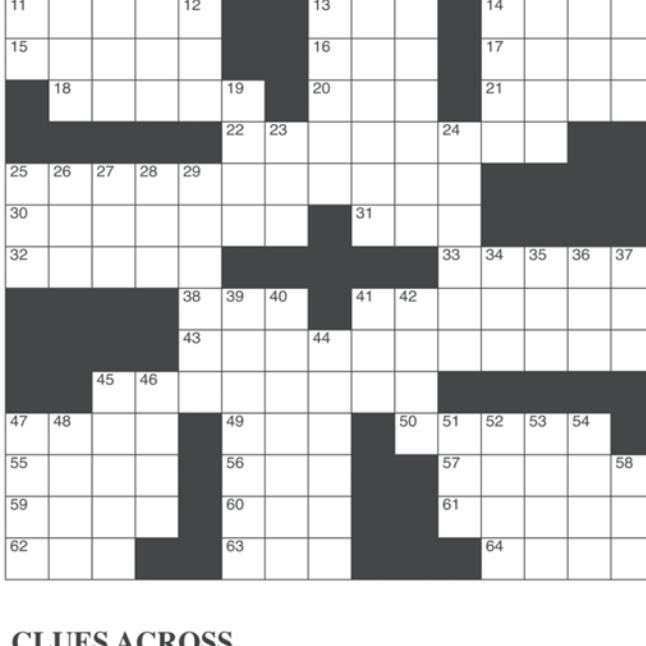
John Dolan. Fattman took the win by the end of Election Day. Paul M. DePalo won for Councillor as an unchallenged candidate.

Finally, Charlton voters had two state questions on the ballot in addition to the debt exclusion. Question 1 asked voters whether or not they supported allowing, with vehicle owner authorization, for independent repair facilities not affiliated with a manufacturer and independent dealerships to be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing. The question had heavy support from repair shop owners across the state and earned a positive vote from Charlton voters with a 5,921 "yes" vote to 1,993 votes against the question. The question eventually passed after the statewide tally. Question 2 on the other hand, which sought to implement ranked-choice voting, was overwhelmingly shot down in Charlton by a vote of 5,427 "no" and 2,445 in favor. The question failed once all the votes statewide were tallied.



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## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dutch word for "language"
- 5. Popular music style
- 8. Body part
- 11. Largely dry valleys
- 13. Brew
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Where rockers play
- 16. Human gene
- 17. One point east of northeast
- 18. Adversary
- 20. Small cask or barrel
- 21. About ear
- 22. Benign tumors
- 25. In a different way
- 30. One charged with a crime
- 31. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 32. Long, narrow straps
- 33. Passover
- 38. Ottoman military commander
- 41. One who does not succeed
- 43. Data
- 45. 3D image
- 47. Whale ship captain
- 49. Japanese title
- 50. Made of wood
- 55. Yokel
- 56. Exercise system \_\_-bo
- 57. Supreme being
- 59. Playing card with three spots
- 60. Hostelry
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Single lens reflex
- 63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.
- 64. Thomas \_\_\_, American cartoonist

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Shuttered airline
- 2. Swiss river
- 3. Port city in Yemen
- 4. It can be straight
- 5. Tennis player's tool
- 6. Estranged
- 7. Garden archway
- 8. Assists
- 9. Grain crop
- 10. Millisecond
- 12. U.S. Founding Father Adams
- 14. Small, deerlike buffalo
- 19. Easily manageable
- 23. Male parent
- 24. Nearsightedness
- 25. Patriotic women
- 26. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 27. \_\_ fi (slang)
- 28. A joke rooted in wordplay
- 29. Attack violently
- 34. Keyboard key
- 35. \_\_ juris: independent
- 36. Corporate executive (abbr.)
- 37. Adult female bird
- 39. Pertains to knowledge
- 40. Pashtoos
- 41. Prefixed title for Italian monks
- 42. To be fired from a gun
- 44. A way to position
- 45. \_\_ process: produces ammonia
- 46. Follow instructions
- 47. Humanistic discipline
- 48. Throw
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. American hate group
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Seizes
- 58. Baseball stat



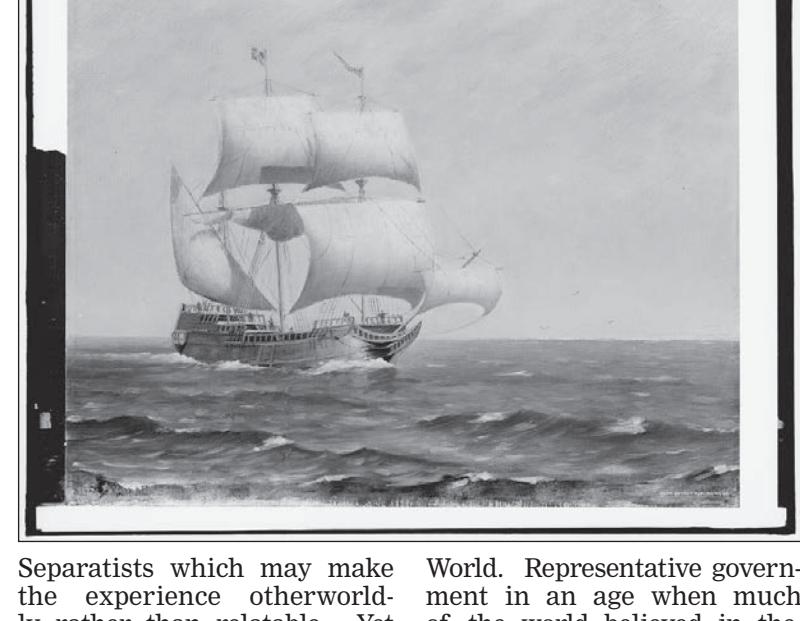
PUZZLE SOLUTION

# Hitchcock Academy invites you to revisit the Mayflower

BRIMFIELD — Nov. 9 will mark the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower on Cape Cod. It wasn't supposed to be there. On Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., genealogist and historian Dave Robison will conduct an online class through Hitchcock Academy, which will revisit the journey, discuss the conditions faced by its participants and consider the important legacy of that long ago voyage. After four centuries there is still a great deal to learn about what transpired on that ship.

The Mayflower was not the 17th century version of a cruise liner. It was a cargo ship and originally it was only supposed to carry half of the 102 settlers who left Portsmouth England for the New World. Due to the leaky nature of its sister ship, the Speedwell, all the voyagers were crowded onto the Mayflower, a ship estimated to be 80 feet long and 24 feet wide. Robison's class will examine the repercussions the leaky Speedwell had on the later departure of the Mayflower, which included traversing the Atlantic during hurricane season and arriving in the wrong place after 66 days at sea.

Amateur historians and Mayflower descendants may sign up for the class by visiting [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org). Participants will be sent an online meeting invitation containing a secure link for the presentation. History labels the Mayflower voyagers as Puritans, Pilgrims or



Separatists which may make the experience otherworldly rather than relatable. Yet COVID 19 has left too many of us with the experience of being limited by space for long stretches of time. Compound that with being seasick and cold and forced by circumstances to eat the same food every day for over two months. Food, which is not served hot or even cooked as rocky seas made it too risky for cooking fires.

Robison's class will also take a new look at the Mayflower Compact. Landing in the wrong place meant the Mayflower passengers had to develop a whole new set of laws. The Compact they formulated and signed formed the basis for representative government in the New

# Charlton begins updating Building Commission bylaws

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Town of Charlton has begun the process of reassessing its Building Commission Bylaws in an effort to bring the job within the guidelines of the state.

During a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Oct. 27, Town Administrator Andrew Golas informed selectmen that following discussions at a recent annual town meeting he had begun working with the Building Commissioner and Legal Counsel Jim Cosgrove to revamp and update the bylaws pertaining to the building commission to incorporate

approved changes and bring the document more in line with state regulations. Golas stated that the process will be ongoing in the weeks and months to come with the goal to provide a final copy to selectmen at a future meeting. A draft was provided for selectmen for their consideration and review that night although no motions were expected or made during the meeting.

"We're still kind of working through this to figure out what changes need to be made," Golas said. "(Attorney Cosgrove) pointed out some of the appointment pieces of it where if you look under Mass

and for years to come.

Those interested in knowing more about Trinity Catholic Academy's GivingTuesday iGiveCatholic initiative in any capacity are invited to visit <https://ncea.igivecatholic.org/organizations/trinity-catholic-academy>.

General Law it prescribes the chief administrative official as the appointing authority where our bylaw states the chief executive official which is the board of selectmen."

Selectmen provided few comments during the meeting as they wanted to review the documents presented to them before discussing the proposed changes in full. Golas made it clear his intent wasn't to finalize anything during the October meeting but rather to start the conversation and see if Selectmen had any recommendations they would like to be considered during the process of reworking the bylaws.

The GivingTuesday movement can be followed <https://www.facebook.com/TCABobcats>. We'd love to offer the opportunity for all to share their giving experiences during the GivingTuesday Season. Questions: [sbdgecathalum@tca11.com](mailto:sbdgecathalum@tca11.com)

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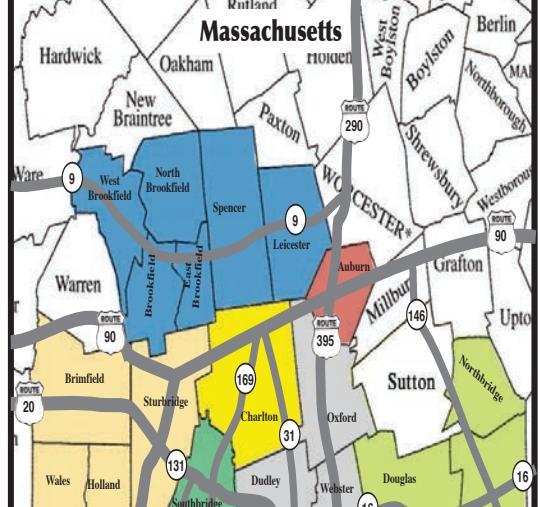
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**EDITORIAL****The passing of a legend**

"This is 'Jeopardy!'" will never sound quite the same again after the passing of longtime host of America's favorite game show, Alex Trebek, on Sunday at the age of 80. He served as the show's host for an impressive 37 years. In the spring of 2019, Trebek was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Since 1984, Trebek has been a fixture in households during the dinner time hour when families across America would shout answers at their television sets. Many of the show's questions, made us wonder if we ever picked up a book.

In every episode, Trebek always remained, calm, cool, collected and was the perfect gentleman. Throughout the years, many have tried to stump the famous host with various trivia questions, to which Trebek would always respond by saying "What is...?" first.

Trebek was born George Alexander Trebek in Canada on July 22, 1940. Apart from "Jeopardy!" for which he is most known for, the famous TV personality hosted other shows such as Nickelodeon's "Double Dare," "Classic Concentration," "The Wizard of Odds," and "Battlestars," to name a few.

The man, famous for his mustache, received a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Game Show Host seven times through his tenure. In addition, he has received several awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award and was given the key to the City of Ottawa.

Many fans don't know that Trebek's father emigrated from Ukraine and that he grew up in a bi-lingual household. His first job at the age of 13 was serving as a bell hop at the hotel his father, a chef, was employed with.

He graduated with a degree in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in 1961. Before graduation, he dipped his toes into the broadcasting world with a job working for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

In one interview, he said, "I went to school in the mornings and worked at nights, I did everything, at one time replacing every announcer in every possible job".

While employed with the CBC, Trebek hosted various news shows and sporting events.

The well loved host made a move to the states in 1973, when he began working for NBC. His first gig, with them, was hosting "The Wizard of Odds."

Art Fleming was slated to be the host for Jeopardy but failed to return citing creative differences. Trebek slid into the spot in 1984, and it was game on ever since.

Trebek was married with two children. Apart from his role as host, husband and father, he was a long-time philanthropist and activist on the behalf of children worldwide.

Trebek has a star on both the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Canada's Walk of Fame.

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**Thanksgiving Trivia, Tales and Turkey Talk**

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, this week's column will highlight some interesting trivia and fun facts about the beloved holiday:

**Turkey Dinner:** Believe it or not, Thanksgiving, along with our country's appetite (or lack thereof) of turkey, spawned a billion dollar industry - the TV Dinner.

According to the Smithsonian Institute, in 1953 Swanson found itself with 26 tons of leftover frozen turkeys when the company underestimated sales for the holiday. Back in the "waste not want not" era, the solution fell to savvy Swanson



personnel - who came up with an ingenious way to package and market the surplus turkey: Cut the turkey into slices, add stuffing, along with a couple of sides, freeze it in a tin tray and voila - the TV dinner is born!

The Smithsonian reports that's exactly what Swanson salesman Gerry Thomas did when he found himself with a refrigerated railroad car filled to the brim with unsold turkeys. Inspired by prepared foods served in trays on airlines, Thomas filled the partitioned

tin trays with the first Swanson turkey dinners, which included sliced turkey, corn bread dressing with gravy, sweet potatoes and peas. Capitalizing on the popularity of television and American's new habit of eating supper on a TV tray in front of the tube,

Swanson dubbed the convenient meals, TV dinners and sold them for 98 cents each. To the company's surprise (and relief), the frozen meals were a hit, and in 1954 ten million turkey TV dinners were sold.

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**From Greek God to Thanksgiving Table:** For generations, a symbol of harvest has been the cornucopia basket overflowing with the fruit (and vegetables) of the season. The cornucopia, a.k.a. horn o plenty, has a history dating back to ancient Greece.

According to legend, when the young Zeus was playing with Amalthea, the goat who had nursed him in a cave on the island of Crete, he accidentally broke off one of her horns. To make amends, Zeus promised that from that day forward, the horn would always be filled with whatever fruit she desired.

The Cornucopia came to symbolize a plentiful bounty, a tradition that has carried over to the harvest season and onto the Thanksgiving table.

A horn shaped basket filled with autumn fruits and vegetables has long served as a harvest centerpiece. Generations of families continue the tradition by displaying a cornucopia on a mantle or dinner table. The colorful leaves, acorns and pinecones of New England provide the perfect backdrop for a horn o plenty overfilled with garden delights.

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**Thanksgiving Day Myths:** If your thoughts of the first Thanksgiving conjure up elementary school images of Pilgrims and Indians sharing a feast of stuffed turkey and pumpkin pie - think again. While the first Thanksgiving did bring the colonists of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Indians together in the autumn of 1621, the details were not recorded.

The best record of the day is a brief written account of Governor Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony who reported the Pilgrims met with Chief Massasoit and 90 of his men for a four day feast, which came to be known as the "first Thanksgiving."

Another popular myth of Thanksgiving is that the meal was a formal affair, with Pilgrims dressed in black and white and Indians in full feathered garb sitting down at a large table to dine on turkey and the trimmings.

Truth is, according to Gov. Winslow, protein offerings were limited to venison and wild fowl with the Native Americans bringing "five deer" to the feast. In addition, it is unlikely the diners gathered around a table. A more feasible scenario includes informal dining, sans the silverware and tabletop.

According to historians, the dishes at the Thanksgiving feast were likely prepared with Native American spices

and cooked over an open fire. With virtually no sugar available, pumpkin pie and other popular modern Thanksgiving desserts were nonexistent at the first feast.

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**Global Thanksgiving Traditions**

Families across the globe come together to give thanks each year, and while

international traditions differ, the premise of being thankful for harvest blessings are the same. The following sampling of "global Thanksgiving" festivals offers a peek into other cultures' annual celebrations.

**China:** The Chinese holiday that most resembles the Thanksgiving feast is the country's mid autumn festival, Chung Ch'u, which is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month to mark the harvest season.

Like Thanksgiving, Chinese families gather on this holiday to give thanks and feast on various foods.

Moon cakes are the traditional food which is eaten under the bright moon.

The festival includes burning incense and fire dragon dancing under lanterns.

**Vietnam:** Also held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month is the Vietnamese mid autumn festival of Têt-Trung-Thu.

One of the country's favored holidays, the day is centered around the children and in fact, is referred to as the "children's festival."

Lighting lanterns, dancing in masks and candlelit processions are some popular activities of the day.

**Korea:** Another Thanksgiving type holiday held 15th day of the 8th

lunar month is Chusok, celebrated in Korea during harvest time in mid August.

Festivities include children dressed in traditional clothing and dancing under a bright moon.

Rice cakes comprised of beans, chestnuts and sesame seeds are served during the celebration, which can extend for up to three days.

Fruit and rice are offered to Korean ancestors and thanks is given for the season's bounty.

**India:** South India's holiday closest to our Thanksgiving is the harvest celebration "Pongal," a three day festival held on January 14.

Named for a rice dish, the celebration is focused on giving thanks to the moon and the rain gods for a successful harvest.

On the last day cows are honored for their hard work in plowing fields for crops.

**Germany:** Erntedankfest, the festival honoring the harvest is Germany's version of America's Thanksgiving.

The religious celebration held in late September includes music, dance and church services followed by a parade, fireworks, and great festivities.

**Africa:** At the end of August, people in Nigeria and Ghana host a Yam Festival, to give thanks to the gods for the mainstay food.

Yams, which are a prominent harvest crop, are a vital to feeding the country's people.

The vegetables are offered to the gods at the festival and also passed out and shared with family and village residents.

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Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution – and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps – stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid "over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes.

You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.

Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information – usernames, passwords and account numbers – by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

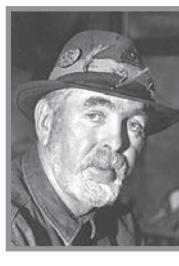
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What fantastic weather we experienced in New England this past seven days. It had many anglers fishing some of the many recently stocked trout ponds in the valley, and members of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club enjoyed some great trout fishing in their club pond that was recently stocked with some real impressive rainbow and brown trout.

Many clubs in and around the valley have had to pull back from their annual fall stocking because of dwindling revenue, caused by Covid-19. Members of local clubs are asked to attend work parties to get the club and grounds ready for winter. This is your club!

Deer hunting for archers has been good, and the rut is now in full swing. Numerous archers reported watching bucks chasing does last week, and were unable to get a shot because of their fast pace, as they ran under and around the tree stand, failing to stop for a decent shot. Car deer collisions are also on the increase which is a sure sign the rut is on.

Early morning or early evening are the most dangerous time for motorist to encounter a deer crossing their path, so drivers should be aware of the danger for the next few weeks. Shotgun deer season is scheduled to open on Nov. 30 in the Central District.

Sighting in shotguns at your local Rod & Gun Club should not be left to the last minute. You should also locate some deer slugs as soon as possible, as most shops have very little in their inventory. Sighting in your gun with the same brand of deer slugs that you plan to hunt with is also important. It does make a difference, as they do not all act the same when it comes to accuracy.

Many deer hunters also equip their shotguns with a scope. Learning how to

# Fine weather for fishing

use a scope and purchasing the correct scope is also important. You should go to a good gun shop in your area, and get a good idea of the best scope for you buy. Having gun mounts that will properly hold your scope should also allow you to use the open sites when it becomes necessary to shoot at a running deer. Trying to use your scope to shoot at running deer requires a lot of experience, and although many deer hunters can shoot well at a running deer with a scope, it takes a lot of practice and good marksmanship.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will start holding their trap shoots on the club grounds starting this Saturday afternoon. The shoots are open to the public, so get out and enjoy some great shooting events prior to winter setting in. Need help shooting? Just ask, and someone will assist you at the range.

This past week, young Tylor Conroy harvested his first deer of the season with his bow. This week's picture shows Tyler with his spike horn buck! His dad has mentored the young hunter from a very young age, and is now enjoying every minute hunting birds and big game. Nice job, Tyler!

This week's second picture shows Steve Briggs with his young son Dexter out hunting pheasant at a local club! They also managed to catch a couple of trout at the club's pond! Working and baby-sitting does not hold back the Briggs family from enjoying the great outdoors. There is nothing like starting them young. The young hunter was enjoying every minute of his early hunting and fishing experience, and is sure to become another great hunter in the coming years.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters, and anglers are noticing some much larger fish being caught. There is still time to catch some of these hard fighting fish.

*Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*



Photos Courtesy

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## Can it begin with us?



POSITIVELY  
SPEAKING

GARY W.  
MOORE

I always find it fascinating what triggers us. As an author and a columnist, I've learned to thicken my skin and brace myself for criticism. Anytime any of us put ourselves out there, whether we run for office, create something, or perform publicly, you must expect and accept criticism. It's not always easy. The biggest surprise for me is often that things I write and say that I'm convinced will trigger a reaction,

do not. Other times, I'll say something innocent and quite passive and a few will bury me in angry email.

Lest week, I wrote a column about my love of iceberg lettuce. It was true, but largely tongue-in-cheek. I thought we all needed a break from the stress and vitriol of a brutal election season, so I wrote to change the subject, express my feelings, and hopefully get a laugh. Wow ... a few people were terribly upset that I prefer iceberg lettuce over other types of greens. It didn't upset me. I found it hilarious at the range

and volume of the response. I was called mildly as being ill-informed and nutritionally ignorant all the way up to being a liar and spreading damaging untruths! I may be ignorant but my feelings about my personal tastes are not untrue ... it's how I feel!

Last year, I spoke of the joy I get from chopping wood. Once again, I was attacked at being environmentally irresponsible, even though the only wood we chopped was from already fallen trees. I once wrote a column about losing one sock from every pair in my drawer

... again, I was labeled by a few as stupid and incompetent at keeping a pair of socks together.

I'm not complaining. I love hearing from readers and always use it to make me a better writer, but some of it would be laughable if it weren't so mean-spirited.

Now, most of the correspondence is positive and encouraging. I appreciate both, so keep it coming. So, why am I sharing this?

I worry about the intensity of the dialogue and actions of so many in our country today.

For those who are triggered over my choice of salad, I want you to step back and ask yourself what has really caused you to be so angry. Think long and hard about it. These types of anger triggers are often a result of an unresolved personal issue. Blaming others is useless. No one can make you act angrily at others without your permission. But some allow it to happen anyway. It's not uncommon to read about a minor dispute over a parking space that turns into some-

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# Proper storage extends the life of leftover seeds



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As you pack away the garden hose, tools and other supplies or transition to your winter garden, do not overlook those leftover seeds. Proper storage can extend their life so you will need to buy fewer seeds next season. With another shortage of garden seeds predicted for 2021 you will be glad you did.

Leave the seeds in their original packet whenever possible. It contains all the information you need to make planting easier and increase your success next season.

Place the seed packets in an airtight container such as a recycled jar or plastic storage container. If you have lots of seeds, consider organizing them as you pack them away for winter.

Arrange them alphabetically from A to Z using dividers

for each letter of the alphabet or organize them by planting season. Group seeds to be started indoors together and those that go directly in the garden by the month they should be planted.

Seal the lid on the container and place in a cool, dark location. The refrigerator is perfect, providing consistently cool temperature that increases seed storage success.

The longevity of a seed not only depends on proper storage, but also varies with the type of seed.

Eggplant, muskmelon, and Brussels sprouts will last five years or more while onions and parsnips may only last a year. Give leftover flower seeds the same care. Heliotrope, verbena, sweet William, geraniums, and Shasta daisies typically last one or two years.

Impatiens, Geums and Tithonia (Mexican sunflower) usually maintain viability for two years while ageratum, alyssum, amaranth and yarrow can last four years or more.

Take an inventory of your seeds as you pack them away in storage. Reference this list as you begin planning next

year's garden. You will be able to see what seeds you already have and focus on those you need.

If you have extras or seeds you do not plan to use, consider sharing some with a friend. Most of us do not need to plant all 20, 30 or more seeds in a packet. Sharing and trading with friends or donating to schools, community gardens, master gardeners, or other groups that may lack the resources to buy their own seeds is a great way to make a difference. Everyone will save money while growing beautiful and productive gardens.

Do not discard older seeds. They often outlast the average and continue to sprout at an acceptable level. You can test the seeds prior to planting. Just take ten seeds and wrap them in a damp paper towel. Then place in a plastic bag and wait to check for sprouting in a week or two. If all the seeds sprout, you can plant according to the packet. If only half sprout, you need to seed twice as thick.

And if you find some of your old seeds are no longer viable, use them to create seed recent presidential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really? Are we honestly unable to forgive those who think differently? Have we come to the breaking point where we now refuse to love our neighbor if they do not agree?

We cannot control the actions or feelings of others. We can control ours. We cannot stop anyone from hurting others, but we can make sure we never raise a fist or a weapon in anger. Violence usually begins with angry rhetoric.



Photo Melinda Myers

Leave leftover seeds in their original packet whenever possible and store in an airtight container for next season.

art and other projects. It is a fun way to repurpose these seeds.

Be sure to add packing up leftover seeds to your fall to-do list. You will be glad you did when it is time to plan and plant next year's garden.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small*

*Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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one pulling a gun and killing another human being. I worry about the level of anxiety that allows a person to be triggered so easily over something that really doesn't matter. This weekend alone, five people were murdered, and thirty-two others wounded in Chicago. Look at this headline from the weekend, "Dog, Eight People Shot in Nashville Over Canine Dispute." Really?

Then ... there's the election. I'm saddened about the vitriol from both sides and the level

of anger it has caused. Millions ... maybe a billion dollars in damage nationwide in burning and looting, while in the process, lives have been needlessly taken. We have a national epidemic of anger that is not worth the consequences of the actions triggered. And please. Spare me. Do not blame bad behavior on other bad behavior. Do not blame any politician.

I have a friend. She's a single parent who is an outstanding mom and community member. I respect her and love her teenage children. I was shocked this week to read her angry, gloating diatribe about the

recent presidential election. I was deeply saddened to read the words she posted on social media. I read others who say they can never forgive those who voted differently. Really?

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Can we begin by examining and tempering the words coming out of our mouths?

Let it start with me ... you ... everyone who is reading this column. I believe anger within us triggers anger in others. Likewise, kindness and love calm the human soul. We have reached a dangerous boiling point across our nation and it can only be reduced by cooler heads with love and kindness.

I still believe in the human spirit. I believe we are endowed by our Creator with the seeds of compassion and kindness. If nurtured, these seeds can grow within us and change the course of our nation regardless

of who is President or whether your socks match.

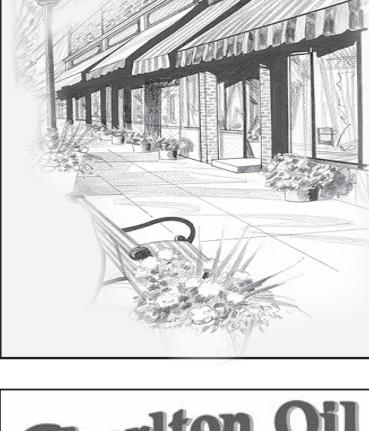
Can we love thy neighbor regardless of what type of lettuce they eat, or who they vote for?

I am optimistic. We are better than this.

Can it begin with us?

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# OBITUARIES



With sorrowful hearts, we mourn the passing of our beautiful Mother, Joan Miriam (Hill) Langevin on Nov 5th at Agawam Healthcare after a brief illness. She was married to the late Richard P. Langevin who died August 11, 2011.

Joan is survived by four children:

Clarice (Langevin) Cecchi and her husband Robert of Feeding Hills, MA., Karl Langevin and his wife Claire of Southbridge, MA., Michael Langevin and his wife Kim of North Syracuse, NY., and Karen Langevin of West Warren, MA.. She also leaves a sister, Virginia DiGregorio, a brother Edward Mondor; 8 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sons,

Paul Langevin of Southbridge, MA and Steven Langevin of Wilmington, VT, and a grandson, Josiah Langevin.

She was born in Southbridge, the daughter of Harry and Marguerite (Mondor) Hill. She enjoyed working for 35 years as a nurse at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge. Once retired, she spent many years fulfilling her love of baking and knitting by selling her pastries and knit-

ted goods at the Wilmington, VT Flea Market during the May to October season. She later moved to Readsboro Vermont and enjoyed the company of her new community of friends.

Private funeral services led by her grandson, Father Peter Langevin, will be held in May, followed by burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Southbridge, MA.

## LEGALS

### CHARLTON CONSERVATION COM-MISSION

#### Public Hearing Notice

A Public Hearing will be held remotely via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 876 3807 9465 and password 135298 at 7:25 PM on 11/18/2020 to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability for Enrique Yaptenco for the property Located at: 17A Oak Ridge Drive, Charlton, MA

For the removal of dead/dying trees within the 100ft buffer of Prindle Lake

This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Town of Charlton website – Conservation Commission November 12, 2020

### CHARLTON CONSERVATION COM-MISSION

#### Public Hearing Notice

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Amendment for Order of Conditions for Landreau Realty LLC for the property Located at: 129 Sturbridge Rd, Charlton, MA

For the construction of a proposed 6,000s.f. equipment storage building.

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### CHARLTON CONSERVATION COM-MISSION

#### Public Hearing Notice

A Public Hearing will be held remotely via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 876 3807 9465 and password 135298 at 7:10 PM on 11/18/2020 to

consider a Notice of Intent for John Walker Jr. for the property

Located at: Boucher Drive, Lot 10 Charlton, MA

For paving an existing driveway to service a single family home

This is a Public Hearing under the requirements of G.L. CH. 131 §40, as amended. Plans are available at the Town of Charlton website – Conservation Commission November 12, 2020

#### Town of Holland Public Hearing

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, a public hearing will be held by the Holland Conservation Commission for review of a Notice of Intent filed by Green Hill Engineering on behalf of Raymond & Joan Boire for the project located at 8 Shore Lane, Holland, MA for repair of a septic system.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 27 Sturbridge Road. Holland Conservation Commission November 12, 2020

### CHARLTON CONSERVATION COM-MISSION

#### Public Hearing Notice

A Public Hearing will be held remotely via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 876 3807 9465 and password 135298 at 7:05 PM on 11/18/2020 to consider a

Notice of Intent for Peter Boria for the property

Located at: Gale Road, Charlton, MA

For the installation of an access road to a future well field with associated site grading and stormwater improvements

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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#### Worcester Probate and Family Court

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Docket No. WO20P2984EA

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

David George Rhodes

Date of Death: 06/09/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Diane M Rhodes Gregoire of Holland MA

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The Petitioner requests that Diane M

Rhodes Gregoire of Holland MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/24/2020.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 23, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate  
November 12, 2020

### TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING TAX CLASSIFICATION

A public hearing will be held by the Town Council on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. by Remote Access only. Please refer to the Town's website page for remote participation information and log in.

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# LEGALS

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### **EXHIBIT "A"**

The land in Southbridge, situated on the easterly side of Cole Avenue Extension, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof, at an iron pin on the easterly line of Cole Avenue Extension, at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Ernest A. Descrosier et ux; Thence S. 36 degrees 45' W. by the easterly line of Cole Avenue Extension, 249.1 feet to a stone bound;

Thence S. 56 degrees 57' E. by land of Stanislas L. Poirier et ux. 141.2 feet to a stake in the ground;

Thence N. 50 degrees 30' E. by land of grantor 83.4 feet to a drill hole in ledge; Thence N. 33 degrees 32' E. by land of grantor 74.92 feet to a drill hole in ledge;

Thence Northerly about 31 feet to an iron pin at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Maurice Goodwin et ux;

Thence N. 16 degrees 49' E. by said Goodwin land 75 feet to a stone bound at the southwesterly corner of land of Maurice S. Arel et ux; formerly of Wilson Fletcher Chatfield et ux.;

Thence westerly by said Desrosier land 122.3 feet to the point of beginning.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to me by said trust deed of Ellen J. Bartholomew. Being all and the same premises conveyed in Book 3349 and Page 299.

Subject to any conditions, covenants, easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

### **PROPERTY ADDRESS:**

85 COLE AVENUE EXTENSION

SOUTHBIDGE, MA 01550

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated, and recorded in Book 3349 at Page 299 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC

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Farmington, CT 06032

Attorney for Bank of New York Mellon

Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series

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Present Holder of the Mortgage

(860) 677-2868

October 29, 2020

November 5, 2020

November 12, 2020

## **MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Christopher J. Rovezzi to CA Investments LLC dated July 9, 2018 recorded in the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59093, Page 29, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction on December 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM on the mortgaged premises in Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, and having an address of 2 Brookfield Road a/k/a 2 School Street and 602 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA. The auction will be held on the mortgaged premises as 2 Brookfield Road a/k/a 2 School Street, Sturbridge, MA.

To wit:

### **PARCEL 1:**

The land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of Sturbridge, known as Fiskdale, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone bound in the ground on the northerly side of Main Street; said stone bound marking the intersection of the Northerly line of Main Street and the Westerly line of School Street;

THENCE running N. 77 degrees W. along the Northerly sideline of Main Street, 58.0 feet to an iron pipe in the ground;

THENCE running N. 12 degrees 50' E., 94.88 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE running N. 78 degrees 18' W., 46.8 feet to an iron pipe in the ground;

THENCE running N. 13 degrees 27' E., 78.4 feet to an iron pipe in the ground; THENCE running S. 71 degrees 12' E., along land of Town of Sturbridge (School Lot), 114.68 feet to an iron pipe in the ground on the Westerly sideline of School Street;

THENCE running S. 16 degrees 13' W., along the Westerly sideline of School Street, 161.04 feet to the stone bound in the ground at the point of beginning.

### **PARCEL 2:**

The land in the Village of Fiskdale, Town of Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the northerly side of Main Street being the road leading from Fiskdale to Springfield, at the intersection of said street line with the easterly line of School Street, which point is marked by an iron pin;

THENCE South 82 degrees 58' East by said line of Main Street and partly by a stone wall seventy-two and eighty-five hundredths (72.85) feet to a point at the corner of said wall;

THENCE continuing easterly by said line of Main Street, thirty-four and forty hundredths (34.40) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of one Eno;

THENCE northerly by said Eno land, one hundred thirty-four and ninety hundredths (134.90) feet to an iron pin;

THENCE North 86 degrees 10' West by the southerly line of Lot 9 on plan herein after referred to, ninety-five and sixty hundredths (95.60) feet to an iron pin in said easterly line of School Street;

THENCE South 14 degrees 18' West by said line of School Street one hundred thirty-three and eighty-five hundredths (133.85) feet to the point of beginning.

Said premises being Lot 7 on a Corrected Plan of Division of Property of Fiskdale Finishing Company drawn by Plimpton & Snell, September 1926, recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 47, Page 44, however the same be otherwise bounded and described.

Said premises are conveyed together with and subject to all rights of way appurtenant thereto.

BEING THE SAME PREMISES conveyed to Christopher J. Rovezzi by Deed of James M. Porter and Bonita R. Porter dated October 31, 2002 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 28009, Page 106.

The above premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and/or together with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, covenants, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, public assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, covenants, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Said premises shall also be sold and conveyed subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over the mortgage, if any, to tenancies or occupa-

tions by persons on the premises now or at the time of the auction which tenancies or occupations are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

No representations express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as is".

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described premises according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale of Real Estate and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale to be executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLP, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder, and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within seven (7) days of said written notice upon payment of the balance of the second highest bid amount.

### **Terms of Sale:**

The high bidder shall be required to pay a deposit in cash, certified check or bank cashier's check in the amount of Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars as earnest money at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in full in cash, certified check, bank cashier's check or wired funds within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLP, 1500 Main Street, Suite 2700, Springfield, Massachusetts 01115. The deed will be delivered contemporaneously therewith and will be provided to the purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. A five percent (5.00%) buyer's premium will be charged to the successful bidder. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts documentary tax stamps, and all recording fees. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in the mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: October 23, 2020

CA Investments LLC

The Present Holder of Said Mortgag

By:

Daniel M. Rothschild, Esq.

Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLP

1500 Main Street, Suite 2700

P.O. Box 15507

Springfield, MA 01115-5507

(413) 781-2820

Attorneys for the Mortgagee

October 29, 2020

November 5, 2020

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November 19, 2020

## **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert N. Ohlund, Susan Ohlund to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated August 2, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37010, Page 281, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated April 17, 2014, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52425, Page 342 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Southwest, N.A. f/k/a Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B. f/k/a World Savings Bank, F.S.B. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, recorded on October 3, 2019, in Book No. 61174, at Page 64 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 4, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 51 Fiske Hill Road, Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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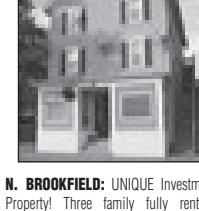
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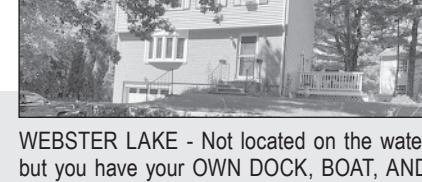
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**ELECTION**

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into action the idea that disagreeing does not have to make people opponents. In fact, it was not uncommon to hear conversations discovering common ground even though the participants had partisan differences.

Although there was pre-election concern about the potential for protests and violence nationally – to the point of businesses boarding windows in some cities and some states calling out the National Guard – a post-election internet search found no reports of significant violence as of Thursday. There had been several protests by then, including a large one in Minneapolis that resulted in 600 arrests, one in Detroit, and one in Arizona. There were also couple reports of individuals being investigated or arrested in connection with politics-related threats.

None of those were local. In Southbridge, things stayed peaceful and police were out in force Election Day. Although they had the same number (14) on polling-place duty as in 2016, cruisers were in unusual locations. Two flanked the main entrance to the Community Center lot for much of the day, and an unoccupied SUV slowed traffic at the end of Armory Lane.

Turnout was high in town – 7,304, or 61 percent. Most of them (4204) cast ballots either by mail or in person during the two early voting weeks. But the traffic at the polls on Nov. 3 was consistent and often quite busy, with 3081 people voting that way. The remaining 19 were ballots from citizens overseas, mostly military people.

The way the votes split in all four contested races showed a pattern. Early and overseas votes were overwhelmingly for Democrats, while Republicans tended to dominate ballots cast at the polls.

In one race, that made all the difference (at least in Southbridge) – the state senate contest between incumbent Republican Ryan Fattman and challenger Democrat Christine Crean. Going into Nov 3, Crean had a 531-vote lead in Southbridge, but Fattman outran her by 621 votes at the polls to win the town by just 76 votes, 3482 to 3406. (The difference came from overseas votes.)

It was the closest Crean came to taking any town, even her hometown of Milford. There, Fattman won by 117 votes, although the vote percentage in Milford was marginally closer because turnout was higher. Overall, the district's voters returned Fattman to the Senate by a tally of 54,139 to 35,323.

For the other three contests, Republicans' strong election day showing was unable to surmount the Democrats' early vote lead in town. For President, Joe Biden bested Donald Trump 4074 to 3022, while Green Howie Hawkins got 51 and Libertarian Jo Jorgenson got 79. Statewide, Biden won, while neither third party collected the 3 percent necessary to maintain



Across the street, Democrats and Greens hung out for most of the day.

their ballot status for the next two years. The Greens got just 0.5 percent (18,122 votes), while the Libertarians got 1.3 percent (45,830 votes).

It took until Saturday afternoon for the major networks to start calling the race for Biden nationally, after his lead in Pennsylvania and Nevada became too large for Trump to make up the difference. As of Sunday, counts in Georgia, North Carolina and Alaska were still unsettled, but the Associated Press tally gave Biden 290 electoral votes and 75.2 million popular votes to Trump's 214 EV and 70.8 million PV.

If those three states go as they seem to be heading, the electoral total will be 306-233, and Trump has vowed to take the results to court in several states. As of Sunday, he has refused to concede, but nothing in the Constitution requires that he do so. The next presidential term begins Jan 20, 2021.

For US Senate, Ed Markey fended off Kevin O'Connor in Southbridge 4,197 to 2792. The Democrat also went on to win the state as a whole.

For the Worcester County Register of Probate race, though, Southbridge results did not reflect the overall outcome. Democrat John Dolan ran away with Southbridge, besting incumbent Republican Stephanie Fattman 3094 to 1762. But Fattman won the county as a whole by almost 10 percent, or 33,050 votes.

Regarding the two ballot questions, Southbridge's outcome mirrored the statewide results. Question 1 (Right to Repair) passed overwhelmingly in town 5012 to 1951 and generally. Question 2 (Ranked Choice Voting) did worse in Southbridge percentage wise – 62.4 percent 'no' – than it did statewide, where 54.7 percent said 'no,' but the effect was the same.

All statewide and out-of-town data for this story came from the AP at <https://elections.ap.org/masslive/results/2020-11-03/state/MA>.

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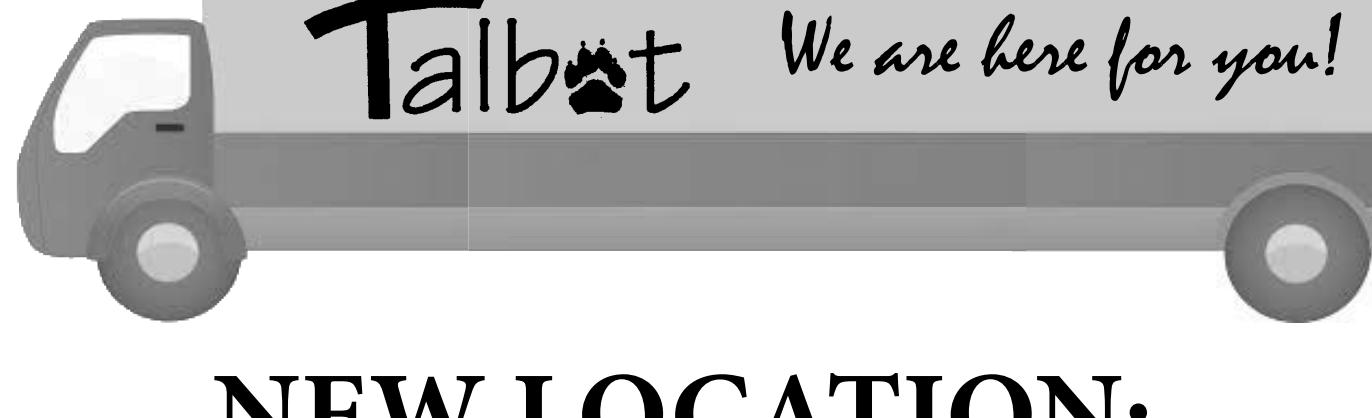
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