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Friday, November 16, 2018

Charlton voters support challengers in Senate races

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

Election day saw quite the turnout for the town of Charlton in 2018 with 5,825 voters casting their ballots over the course of the day. That total amounts to 61.5 percent of the registered voters in the town but it's a far cry from he reported 7,123 voters that turned in ballots for the presidential election two years ago, when Charlton supported eventual winner Donald Trump for the presidency.

Charlton didn't completely vote with the majority of towns on election day but did fall in line with other communities when looking at the three ballot questions. First the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts voted on a much-discussed proposal to limit nurse-to-patient ratios. The majority of voters overwhelmingly turned down the proposal with 4,173 placing a "no" vote for the question in Charlton.

Question Two was a proposal that would have created a citizens' commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated. Again, the Commonwealth voted overwhelmingly but this time in support of

the proposal. Charlton was in the majority once again voting in favor of the question in a 3,626 to 1,993 decision.

Finally, the third question on the ballot asked voters whether or not to uphold the gender identity rights Senate Bill 2407 that prevents discrimination based on gender identity. Charlton voters supported upholding the bill, again in keeping with the majority of the rest of the state.

Looking at state and national elections concerning the Commonwealth, Charlton voted with the majority in some cases but chose to go a different route in others. For the

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Courtesy Photos

The 2018 Tai Chi World Cup Men's Open Weapons World Champion Anthony Casella of Charlton

Charlton resident becomes Tai Chi world champion

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town and the entire region was well represented on the world stage in October at the Tai Chi World Cup, an international competition in Taipei, Taiwan featuring around 10,000 competitors from all over the world.

Anthony Casella, a Charlton resident and Bay Path graduate, was one of four local competitors as part of a team from Full Circle Tai Chi and Qigong in Auburn who traveled to the World Cup with Master Fang Chih Lee from the Asian Crane Tai Chi School. The team included Casella,

teammates Nicole Tagdell and Danielle Whitestone and their teacher Karim Saunders. Casella walked away with a silver medal and several gold medals to his credit but, most impressive of all, he became the Open Weapons World

Please Read **TAI CHI**, page **A17**

SCARY SCARECROW STORY HOUR

Submitted photo

Joshua Hyde Library had a scarecrow story time! Children at the Joshua Hyde Library story time created silly, scary scarecrows!

Gobi ready to serve once more

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Senator Anne Gobi staved off a challenge from Republican Steven Hall last week to earn re-election to her third term.

Gobi once again successfully held the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District, capturing 55 percent of the votes. Despite her accomplishments and popularity in the district, Gobi

focused on not taking any votes for granted this election season. After a busy campaign season, the hard work paid off at the Nov. 6 general election.

"Serving as state senator is an honor, and I look forward to continuing partnerships and forming new partnerships to build on the successes and attain even more for our region," said Gobi, who lives in Spencer.

Gobi's campaign

focused on continued momentum to combat the opioid crisis; support for high-speed east-west rail opportunities from Springfield to Boston; additional assistance for schools; promoting small businesses; and enhanced clean water infrastructure.

Gobi was thrilled to see many longtime supporters on the campaign trail and also new vot-

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RMV cautions customers to be aware of unofficial websites

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is cautioning customers to make sure that they are using the official MassDOT RMV website Mass.gov/RMV when they are trying to renew a license or registration, schedule a road test, or process any transaction online. Customers may inadvertently come across unofficial third-party websites or "mimic sites" that advertise similar services but have no affiliation with the RMV.

Customers can use the helpful hints listed below to determine whether the website they are using

is the official site for the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Massachusetts uses the abbreviation "RMV." Any website using the phrase "Department of Motor Vehicles" or "DMV" should be avoided.

Make sure the Commonwealth's seal is located somewhere on the page. This will help ensure that it is an official government website. If it cannot be found, customers should leave the site immediately.

The Registry will never charge a customer to check the status of a license, registration, or title. If the site requires

payment to access this information, it is an unsecured mimic site.

At Mass.gov/RMV, a customer will never be charged to access Registry forms and information, but unofficial third-party sites may charge for this service. Their information is also not guaranteed to be accurate.

The Registry never charges for address changes. If a customer uses a mimic site, the change cannot be guaranteed to have actually gone through.

Any information on these third-party web-

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Make a Winter Emergency Kit

If by some circumstance you get stuck in the snow, we can't stress enough that you have a devoted winter safety kit in your car at all times. We recommend the following if you find yourself in a stressful situation:

- Flashlight
- Blanket, gloves, hat, etc. To keep yourself warm
- Ice scraper, brush, and shovel
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CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular "Gamma's Attic" will be offered and will be brimming with donations/bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing "chapel" sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to..."HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

LIBRARY FAIR

The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 19 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library.

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR

The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of "Angels" from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma's Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies 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. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

SPRINGFIELD — Emily Cofsky of Charlton was welcomed into Western New England University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society on October 19 in Rivers Memorial Hall. Cofsky is working toward a pre-pharmacy.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DROP OFF

Stop by Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Charlton Police Department when we will kick off the drive with the Fill A Cruiser campaign.

Running for more than two decades, Charlton Helping Its People In Need (Chip In) Food Pantry is a non-profit, multipurpose human service organization that has been providing more than just food for local families in need. The Charlton Police Department, along with our Police Explorer program, will be graciously accepting Legos, family games, dolls (action figures for boys), toy trucks, bikes, sports equipment, video games, etc...for children from toddlers to teens who may not be as fortunate this holiday season.

Something as simple as a toy can stir a child's imagination and bring joy to youth in need. Please give generously to make the holidays brighter for our children.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the Charlton Police Department's lobby from now until December 21st. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to "Chip In." Together we can help a child have a joyful holiday!

RMV

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sites may not be accurate, and any details or payments that customers submit may not be secure. The RMV is not responsible for the content or actions taken by these sites. For more information on the dangers of third-party

services, visit the Mass.gov/RMV. If you have additional questions, contact the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation by calling the Consumer Hotline at (617) 973-8787, or toll-free in Massachusetts at (888) 283-3757 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m.

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CMS Chamber to offer business planning & structure seminar



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Get assistance from experts at the Chamber’s Business Planning & Structure seminar. (From left to right) Moderator Rita Schiano, Attorney Padgett D. Berthiaume, Brenda Bianculli, CPA, Richard Cheney, Regional Director of the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, and Dennis McCurdy, author and insurance broker.

CHAMBER

of central mass south

amber of Central Mass South means business and on November 28 the organization will offer a seminar designed to help those with startup businesses and existing businesses that may be growing or expanding. Moderated by resilience strategist and coach Rita Schiano with an expert panel, the seminar is open to all and takes place at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 per person for CMS Chamber members and affiliates of the Worcester Chamber

and \$25 for non-members. Call 508-347-2761 to reserve your seat by noon on Monday, Nov. 26.

If you are thinking of starting a new business, have a business that is growing or need to know if your business structure is best positioned to protect your assets and interests, this session is for you. Our experts will tackle the critical issues facing current and prospective business owners such as: the fundamentals of starting a business in Massachusetts, the importance of a business plan, accessing capital and lines of credit, business structure options and liability and tax risks for each one, filing with the state and corporate dissolutions, handling payroll and retirement plans, new tax law, business and general liability, cyber security, and more.

The panel consists of four professionals with vast experience in their applicable fields. Attorney at Law Padgett D. Berthiaume represents buyers, sell-

ers, and lenders in the purchase and sale of real estate, refinance transactions, and second mortgages or lines of credit and commercial law. Certified Public Accountant Brenda M. Bianculli has handled complex tax and business issues for a variety of clients for more than 25 years.

Richard S. Cheney is the regional director of the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center (MSBDC) at Clark University. Since 1980, the MSBDC at Clark has worked with over 25,000 entrepreneurs and has assisted them in raising over \$325 million in financing. Author and insurance broker Dennis A. McCurdy understands the fine points of business and asset protection and has been providing insurance to small to mid-sized businesses, and families since 1975.

Light refreshments and a cash bar are included. Feel free to contact the Chamber of Central Mass South for more information or to reserve.

ACCURACY WATCH

The Charlton Villager is committed to accuracy in all its news reports. Although numerous safeguards are in place to ensure accurate reporting, mistakes can occur.

Confirmed fact errors will be corrected at the top right hand corner of page 3 in a timely manner.

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The AARP Fraud Watch Network is:

An Educator: Get real-time alerts about the latest scams, tips on how to spot them, and the inside scoop on how con artists think so you can outsmart them before they strike.

A Watchdog: Our nationwide scam tracking map gives you access to a network of people who’ve spotted scams and the opportunity to pass along your own experiences, so together we can beat con artists at their own game.

A Resource: Get connected to a real live person trained in how to avoid fraud and advise you if you or a loved one has been scammed by calling our fraud hotline or attending a forum in your community.

Free for Everyone: Anyone, of any age, can access our resources at no cost.

SCAM ALERT #1:

Every November we celebrate Veterans Day and this year is especially meaningful as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. In a shameful twist, scammers see honoring veterans as a perfect time to call across the country pretending to represent charities benefiting our nation’s heroes. Scammers often use sound-alike names (or invent authentic “organizations”) to solicit funds. Before donating, verify each charity by checking their names and reputations at give.org or www.charitynavigator.org. This Veteran’s Day, we should be honoring our veterans, not lining the pockets of scammers who use their name so disrespectfully.

SCAM ALERT #2:

Medicare Open Enrollment runs through Dec. 7th, and it’s a banner time for Medicare fraud. Beware of ads that promise medical equipment covered 100% by Medicare. You may see one in the newspaper offering a free power chair, or a TV infomercial claiming you can get anything to ease your pain with no money out of pocket.

Medicare only covers durable medical equipment that is medically necessary with a doctor’s prescription. If you have any questions about what is or is not covered, call 1-800-MEDICARE. Your local Area Agency on Aging can also review available Medicare plans during Open Enrollment to see what will work best for you and help you sign up.

SCAM ALERT #3:

Even though we are still several weeks away from tax season, scammers are hard at work trying to scare you into paying back taxes and other IRS “penalties” all year round. If you receive a call saying something like “Urgent! We found that fraud was committed on your last tax filing which you are hiding from the Federal Government,” please hang up. Scammers are very good at making you feel you did something wrong, especially when they pretend to be from the IRS! Remember to STOP and VERIFY. Call the IRS yourself at 1-800-829-1040 and you will soon see that the call you received is a scam. To report an IRS impersonations scam, visit this IRS site.

SCAM ALERT #4:

With holiday season upon us, scammers have plenty of inroads to steal our money and event he gifts we send. Here are some way to protect yourself: When shopping online, use well-known sites and type in the web address yourself, instead of clicking on a link. Buy gift cards online from the retailer or from the cashier, to avoid compromised cards that may be sitting on gift card racks. Require a delivery signature for packages to avoid the possibility of holiday packages being stolen from the recipient’s doorstep. Visit aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork for more tips on enjoying a scam-free holiday season.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

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Melissa Fairbanks of Charlton: Identity Fraud

Shane Malvey of Charlton: Failure to keep right; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; leaving the scene of a property damage accident

Anthony Mejias of Charlton: Warrant

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November Real Estate Market Update

According to Bankrate.com as of 10/22/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.82%. Which has continued to rise every month. The market still appears to be stabilizing which can be caused by interest rate changes as well as the rising inventory.

Today we have 2066 single family homes for sale in Worcester County which down from over 2200 just a few weeks ago but still higher compared to 6 months ago where we had 1534 single homes for sale. 12 months ago we had 1815 homes for sale which shows a more than 13.8% increase in inventory compared to the same day 12 months ago. Which is a lower increase than last month which tells me we that our rise in inventory has not really continued since my last report but

still much higher than last year. The average days on market is currently 104 days which is slightly higher again this month from last month. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is a small increase in sales of 0.4% compared to 2.0% last month and a 6.2% increase in average sales price while it is taking 15.2% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. Just like the last couple months we still don't see the changed in the market showing



REALTOR'S
REPORT

JAMES
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up in the data besides the lower increase in amount of sales year over year. As always, hire a professional that truly understands the economics of Real Estate and can guide you price your home correctly and market it properly to get the most money in the shortest amount of time. Since the market has been so hot for several years the need for that professional has not been as high as it is today. If you hire the right agent then you should net more money on your home than if you sold it without an agent. So make sure to do your due diligence and ask great questions when interviewing agents to sell your home.

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AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16

HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE: On Friday, Nov. 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m., the annual Holiday Craft & Bake Sale sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary American Legion Post 41, 163 N Main Street (behind Subway), North Brookfield is scheduled. Homemade baked goods, local vendors, handcrafted items and a ticket auction.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

CRAFT FAIR: Saturday, Nov. 17 a Christmas Bazaar at Holy Trinity Church, 68 Lake St., Webster 9 am-2:00 pm, \$20 per table. To reserve a table call 508-943-0608 and leave a message or call Rita at 774-314-0927.

FUNDRAISING FAIR: Douglas Senior class of 2019 is holding Celebration Graduation and this includes a Holiday Marketplace Vendor Fair Nov. 17 at the Sokol Hall, 405 Main St., Douglas from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 59 Mill St., Southbridge will hold its annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 noon to 5 p.m. Vendors are being sought now: cost is \$15 per eight foot table plus one item donated for raffle. Contact Lynne Bertrand at (774) 230-1465 to secure your space.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Golden Age Club of Charlton holds its Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas items, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, and a white elephant sale. Luncheon includes homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular "Gramma's Attic" will be offered and will be brimming with donations/bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and

so much more. We will be introducing "chapel" sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to..."**HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."**

LIBRARY FAIR: The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR: The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of "Angels" from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma's Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies 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. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL: The 5th annual Winter Festival at East Brookfield Elementary, 410 E. Main St. is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 AM-2PM. Pix with Santa \$20 for a package; food for purchase and Kid's Activity Room.

PEPPERMINT CHRISTMAS FAIR: Quaboag Valley Baptist Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield is holding its 8th annual Peppermint Christmas Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 9 am until 2:30 pm. Lots of vendors, handcrafted gifts, baked goods, food, raffles, Christmas photos & more! 100% of proceeds to benefit Global One80.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 10 AM and 4 PM. The fair will include Selfies with Santa, crafters & vendors, LBS Christmas and Gift Shop, handmade quilt drawing, Basket Drawings, baked goods table, Café and live entertainment. The building is handicap accessible. For more information visit our website-events at www.uccdudley.org.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: The annual Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church, Oxford will be Saturday, Dec. 1. Doors open for tea & sweets at 9:30 am; luncheon selections served 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Fair featuring gift baskets, baked goods, Granny's Attic - Gently Used Treasures; Raffle Room; Book Nook; door prizes. Food selections include soup, entrée, desserts cart, specialty teas, coffee & hot chocolate

SANTA BREAKFAST & FAIR: Operation Graduation 2019 will be holding its annual breakfast and vendor fair at Oxford High School Saturday Dec. 1 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children \$3 (3-12), children under 3 free. Pictures with Santa \$5 donation. Pancakes and sausage will be served, raffles, face painting, activities and goodies for the children. Vendor tables available \$25 per six foot table; \$5 per additional table. Email jbrescia@oxps.org for more info.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 59 Mill St., Southbridge will hold its annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 noon to 5 p.m. Vendors are being sought now: cost is \$15 per eight foot table plus one item donated for raffle. Contact Lynne Bertrand at (774) 230-1465 to secure your space.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn's Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

CRAFT FAIR: Need unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards, Christmas ornaments, and other surprises. Come! Enjoy hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5" x 7" photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

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Seniors at Shepherd Hill begin daunting application process

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SHEPHERD HILL — Now that it is November, most seniors at Shepherd Hill Regional High School have either applied to college or begun the process. The early action and early decision deadlines for most schools have already passed, while some had until Nov. 15. With pressure from teachers, parents, and peers, coupled with the recent completion of the first marking term, many seniors have become overwhelmed with stress.

It appears one of the largest issues facing students is that the decision of where to go and why can be scary. Taking this step in life sets high school student up for their future careers. Thus, choosing the right fit is extremely important. Some students factor in location of the school, proximity to home, food quality, sports, academics, dorm rooms, price, and even size. Another crucial factor is deciding whether they are going to apply early action or early decision. Both have an earlier deadline than regular decision, which in turn leads to an earlier acceptance decision. However, if you choose to apply early decision and

are accepted, you are required to attend that school no matter the financial aid package you are given. This can be very scary to commit to such a binding agreement, which is why a bountiful of students choose to apply early action. Early action comes with all the perks of early decision, except it is not a binding commitment.

Waiting to hear back from schools that you have applied to can also be stress inducing. 13 senior students participated in “Decision Day” on Oct. 23 and all 13 of were accepted into Becker College and/or Nichols College respectively. “Decision Day” is an opportunity for an on-the-spot acceptance decision and scholarship package from various institutions. Shepherd Hill has established a sound level of communication with both of the aforementioned institutions and these have proved largely advantageous to those students who are eager to begin the process. Seniors Bailey Bowes, Hailey Ingles, Alissa Lomax, Alyssa Wilson, and Gina Yu were all accepted into Becker College. Similarly, Alex Benoit, Ben Carpenter, Vanessa Corriveau, Kyle Delude, Ashlyn Kelly, and Seth Livernois were all accepted

into Nichols College. Both Lauren Fox and Morgan LeDuc were both accepted to both Nichols and Becker. In addition to those who participated in Decision Day, Shepherd Hill seniors Jillian Duhamel, Abby Karalus, Kevin Baer, Bradley Mayotte, and Jake Marrier have all also been accepted into Nichols College.

Presently, several other seniors have been accepted into various institutions of higher education. Paige Samia and Christopher Montville have both received letters of acceptance into the University of New Haven; Paige has also been admitted into Franklin Pierce University, along with classmate Morgan Leduc. Reese Hammond was admitted into New England College and Northern Vermont University. As the aforementioned early acceptances would illustrate, the students in the Class of 2019 can accept a watershed of positivity through their higher education aspirations.

Still, what most of the aforementioned students did attest was their pride in acceptance cannot be overshadowed by the dedication and time that goes into the application process. When

asked about how they each dealt with the stress, all students explained they began the application process as soon as possible rather than waiting until the last second to apply. For any students who are looking into nursing programs, Troy Hogan, who was accepted into the Arizona State Nursing Program, explained, “[He] was stressed at first because [his] major is very competitive but then [he] realized [he] just had to apply and see what happens.”

While Shepherd Hill students may only illustrate a smattering of the thousands nationwide who are currently applying to college, it appears the most advantageous approach is to be organized and time-efficient. An enormous congratulations is owed to all those students who have been accepted into college as of today. However, with the level of integrity and commitment that Shepherd Hill students exude, I am certain the laudatory results will continue to roll in.

Tantasqua Class of 1998 to hold twentieth high school reunion

The Tantasqua Class of 1998 will hold its twentieth high school reunion on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Altruist Brewing Company at 559 Main Street in Sturbridge. Everyone who was a part of the class of '98 is invited, and guests are welcome. Tickets are available for \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door (ticket includes food from the Burrito Hut). Please email tantasqua98@gmail.com for info on purchasing tickets or with any questions.

Shepherd Hill journalism students learn from successful alum

SUBMITTED BY HANNAH FLAYHAN
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SHEPHERD HILL — On Oct. 26, associate editor for the Boston Magazine and Shepherd Hill alum Madeline Billis came to Shepherd Hill to talk to communications certificate students. Billis provided students with an inside look as to what the real world of journalism is really like, as well as offered them knowledge of the many obstacles they may face in the current, professional realm of writing.

After graduating from Shepherd Hill in 2012, Billis studied journalism at Emerson College in Boston, her dream school, where she won the Victoria Snelgrove Award for Journalism Ethics, an award given to a graduating senior who “set high standards for ethical journalism.” She then became a news intern at the Telegram & Gazette, and afterwards became a digital editorial intern at Boston Magazine, a position that would eventually lead to a full-time job at Boston Magazine.

At Boston Magazine, she does photography and focuses her writing on design, real estate, the arts, and travel. Additionally, Billis also codes and designs websites.

During her discussion, Billis showed the journalism and communications certificate students some of her published work from the Boston Magazine, and answered all the student’s questions. One of her most interesting articles was “Confessions of a Boston Realtor,” in which she interviewed realtors about their oddest experiences in the workforce. This article was especially eye-opening as it offered the students a deeper understanding of investigative journalism, an area the introduction to journalism students have begun to explore.

Journalism and communications certificate student Abigail Holden said she found the presentation, “helpful because it gave further insight on the career path that [she has] been looking much into for the last year.”

Senior Gianna Cravedi also added

that she “related to her love for writing and her talk with us caused [her] to think more seriously about potentially going into journalism.”

The next steps for the journalism students are to potentially venture out on a field trip to Boston Magazine headquarters. This would prove to be an amazing experience for students interested in the field of Journalism, as it provides a behind-the-scenes look at a real-life news room. However, what students have learned most is that finding contacts and seizing every opportunity you have is imperative if one wishes to succeed in the world of Journalism, as Ms. Bilis has.

Holiday play planned at Gateway

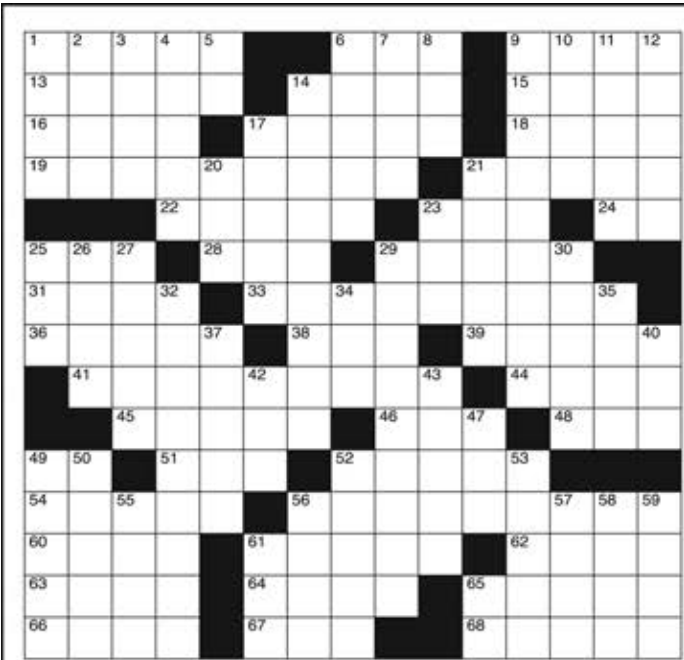
Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. will present “It’s a Wonderful Life, a live radio play” by Joe Landry on Friday Nov. 30, Saturday Dec. 1 and Sunday Dec. 2. Performances will be at Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 pm, the Sunday performance is at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for under 18 and over 60. Tickets are available by calling 508-764-4531 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. The 14 member cast will act out multiple roles. There will even be some interesting commercials and sound effects. The cast includes Billy Bolster, Helen Churchill, Jeff Coggins, Ryan Drago, Courtney Gallipeau, Andy Grinnan, Madeline Grinnan, Angie Grove, Stephen Jean, John Kennedy, Gwen O’Brien, Joe Sawyer, Michael Swanson and Samson Zilic.

Mary Gahagan is directing, with Barbara Day as producer and Erin Morin as stage manager. Pam Soper is responsible for costumes and Cynthia Keane will do set and lights. David Corkum is light designer and photographer, with Chris McTigue responsible for house refreshments.

This timeless story is a reminder of the power of hope, love and family and is especially meaningful at this time of year. As we plunge into the bustling holiday season, take the time to join our “radio studio” audience for a fun and meaningful time.

This production will conclude Gateway’s 43 season.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of toast

6. Peter Griffin’s daughter

9. A group

13. Ancient Greek unit of weight

14. Small amounts

15. Ready and ____

16. Right

17. Asian antelope

18. Cambodian monetary unit

19. Type of leather

21. Secret clique

22. Cabbage and cole are two

23. Burmese ethnic group

24. Empire State

25. Be in debt

28. Italian monk’s title

29. Asian plants

31. Everyone has one

33. One who can’t sleep

36. “Glengarry, Glen Ross” playwright
38. Shock therapy

39. Cavalry sword

41. A must-have

44. Type of fabric

45. French composer

46. A type of pen

48. Snout

49. One of the six noble gases

51. Married woman

52. Register formally (Brit.)

54. Greek sorceress

56. Depository library

60. A tightknit group

61. Ancient units of measurement

62. He was Batman

63. Dry or withered

64. Margosa tree

65. Tables (Span.)

66. Large jug

67. Make a mistake

68. Puerto Rican genre of music “La ____”

CLUES DOWN

1. Insect drawn to flame

2. A Spanish river

3. Reduce (Brit. sp.)

4. Wish well

5. Robots are an example

6. Young women

7. The tip

8. Young women’s association

9. One who is suspicious

10. A child’s apron

11. Not dirty

12. Fightin’ Irish football coach

14. People from Taiwan

17. Harry Belafonte’s daughter

20. Santa’s helper

21. Cereal plants

23. Respectful address

25. Unit of electrical resistance

26. Used to managing without

27. Type of chair

29. London footballers
30. Vaccine developer

32. 10 meters

34. Type of story: ____ fi

35. Covering on birds’ beaks

37. Small freshwater fish

40. Confederate soldier

42. Female sibling

43. Belgian city

47. An electrically charged atom

49. A way to entertain

50. Regenerate

52. Highly flammable liquid

53. Mark

55. Not good

56. Eloquent Roman orator

57. Absence of difficulty

58. Kazakhstan district

59. Plateau

61. Midway between northeast and east

65. Military policeman



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LEARNING

New student reps at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy!



David Macharia and Kindra Gould

CHARLTON — Practical nursing students Kindra Gould of Oxford and David Macharia of Worcester were voted as student representatives for the PN class of 2019. The student representatives are an important part of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Faculty Organization. Their main responsibility is to be a link between practical nursing faculty, staff, and the students, and to contribute to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy activities and projects.

Gould and Macharia represent the students of PN Class of 2019 on the advisory board and steering committee. PNFO meets every second Tuesday of the month and the advisory board meets twice a year in March and September.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit us on online at www.bay-path.net

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UNICEF Club: promoting mental health awareness



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Members of the 2018 UNICEF Club.

CHARLTON — On Oct. 2 the UNICEF Club at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy held their monthly meeting with activities coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Week (Oct. 7-13). UNICEF Club Chair Alicia Kerr of Charlton led the discussion on the ongoing mental health problems and raising awareness that UNICEF is now providing mental health services in the communities. According to the website, “UNICEF, with the support of partners, is working to fill this crucial data gap by developing a methodological framework for the development of tools for data collection on adolescent’s mental health, well-being, risk factors and access to mental health support or treatment among adolescent.”

While relatively new and a work in progress, raising awareness is a helpful way to assist programs get off the ground.

During Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s UNICEF Club meeting, Kerr presented the video “She Writes on Herself with Love” to the PN Class of 2019. The video educates on the program that the protagonist now runs to help those battling mental health, addiction and self-harm.

Kerr stated, “I was happy to educate my classmates regarding Mental Health Awareness Day. I feel it is an important topic that is sometimes kept quiet because of the stigma a mental health diagnosis carries. I believe it was viewed by my fellow classmates as a topic they may use in their up and coming nursing career.”

Ashley Rivera of Webster, UNICEF Club co-chair added, “I am grateful to be part of such an amazing group with significant goals for a very important cause. I look forward to many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people we support.”

Bay Path nursing announces faculty

Superintendent Director John Lafleche, is pleased to announce two new hires to the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty. Lindsay Guertin, BSN, RN as full-time faculty and Amy Grniet, MSN, RN as part-time faculty.

Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN academy director, welcomed the two new faculty members at the start of the current academic year, bringing with them fresh viewpoints and new expertise in nursing education. Below are mini-bios of each faculty member listing their “vitals” including degrees, work experience, and other noteworthy factoids.

Guertin of Spencer comes to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy from Overlook Masonic Health Center, and she previously taught at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, where she was in the long-term care, Alzheimer’s, and rehabilitation units continuing education since 2010. Guertin earned her bachelor’s degree, major in nursing at the Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and an Associate in Science degree, also major in nursing at Becker College in Worcester.

Guertin worked with Night Nurse, Inc. in Framingham as a pediatric triage nurse.



When asked what excites you about the learning environment at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Guertin said the learning environment at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy provides a positive atmosphere for the students and the instructors. The instructors are readily available and approachable. The facilities offer everything you need to teach/learn effectively about nursing. It’s a great program that I am happy to be a part of!

Grniet of North Oxford comes to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy from Oxford public schools as health educator in alcohol/drug abuse, nutrition, mental health, safety/injury prevention, high risk behaviors, crisis/emergency preparedness, EpiPen administration and with the Barton Center for Diabetes as a diabetes nurse educator and intake.

Grniet earned her Master of Science in nursing – nurse educator from Worcester State University, graduating with Honors and inducted to the Sigma Theta Tau. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing at Fitchburg State University and her Associates degree in nursing from Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

Other than her professional licensure as a nurse, Grniet holds professional licensure with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. She was a volunteer CCD teacher from 2007 to 2016 for the Catholic Diocese, Worcester County.

When asked what excites you about the learning environment at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Grniet said, “I’m so excited to be a member of the learning environment at Bay Path PN Academy. The atmosphere is challenging, yet nurturing, as the staff strives to build trust and develop confident nurses of the future. It is such an honor to be involved in a student’s journey to becoming a nurse and I’m thrilled to be a part of it.”



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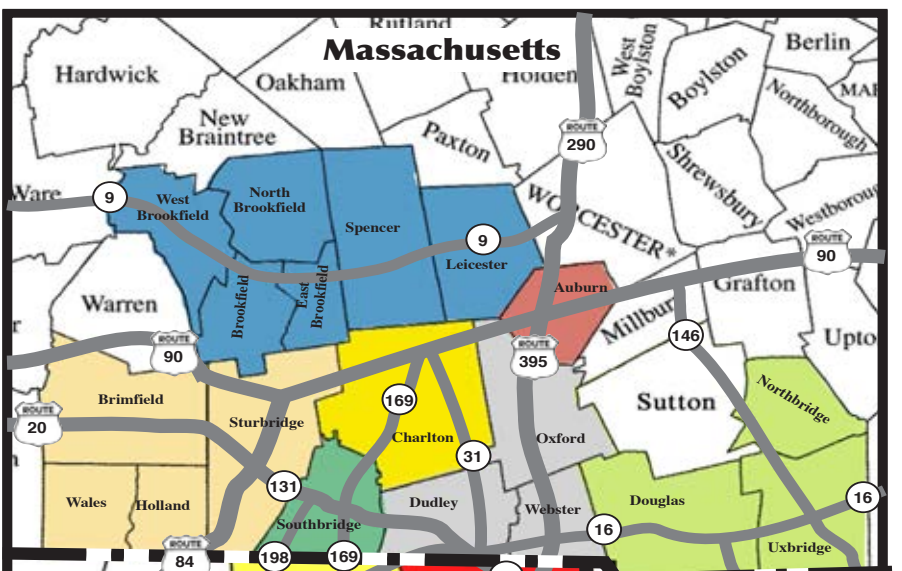
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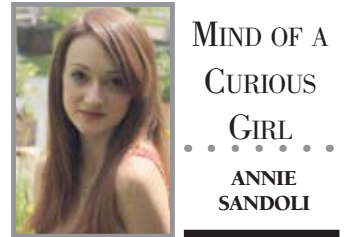
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It was a feeling of heartache like I had never felt before. I was so distressed, worried, and exhausted that I was floating around in my own dark universe, like how a star must feel right before it dies and turns into a mass of nothingness. I knew that in an instant, everything I knew and loved could be gone.

It was nice that some of my family members came to the hospital, but their presence wouldn't make her better. It was thoughtful of the nurses to bring us coffee and breakfast, but their hospitality wouldn't take the tumor out of her brain. It was considerate of the doctors to keep me updated, but their kindness wouldn't take away my nausea and intense feeling of complete and utter heartache.

After eight hours of anger, sadness, and frustration, I was allowed to see her. She looked weak, with some of her blonde hair missing on one side and stitches across her skull. I held back tears, she didn't deserve any of this and I wanted to take it all away from her.

"I think I can go home tomorrow," she slurred.

"We'll see, Mommy. You look beautiful."

She did. She always does. She's as pretty as the stars, as bright as the sun, and as strong as the wind.

I called the hospital over and over that night until they knew me by name.

"Hi, I want to check on my mom, Marie Sandoli. She had brain surgery earlier today."

"Of course, she's stable," said the anonymous voice on the other end of the line.

"Thank-you."

click

I would let no more or less

than an hour pass before I tried again, simultaneously wanting to ease my own mind and avoid annoying the nurses.

"Hi, I want to check on my mom again—"

"She's doing fine, Annie. It's ok, don't worry and get some sleep."

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I really tried to fall asleep. My eyes rolled in the back of my head, but I was still conscious the whole time, thinking about how quickly it all happened.

Only a week earlier, everything seemed normal, except for the fact that Mommy wasn't responding to the multiple calls I made to her office. I heard her voicemail message over and over, thinking that maybe the number of times I called would somehow affect the outcome.

"Hi, you have reached the office of Dr. Marie Sandoli at Auburn Youth and Family Services. I am unable to take your call at this time, but leave a message and I will get back to you shortly. Thank you."

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She always calls me back within an hour, but this day was different and I instantly knew something was wrong. Panicking, I kept saying to myself, "She never waits this long to return my calls, and I know she went to work today."

I called her husband, who told me that a few hours earlier she couldn't talk and the doctors were trying to figure out why. The most likely cause was a tumor, but they weren't sure yet.

I remember instantly sobbing hysterically, like someone had hit a switch in my mind that turned me insane. Thinking about my healthy, strong, intelligent mother with a tumor trespassing in the territory of her beautiful mind was too much for me to handle.

Mommy has always been my everything. My best friend, role model, support system, teacher, and favorite human. Thinking about losing her only made me more hysterical

and nauseas. I called my best friends, they listened to me cry and they cried too. I called my dad, who got on a train to Boston to calm me down and take care of me because I was stuck in my tiny Cambridge apartment with the flu and pink eye.

I told myself, "If she dies, I want to die too," and I meant it.

When she called me later that day, I swore her voice was the best sound I had ever heard.

"Mommy," I answered.

"What's going on?"

"Hi, Baby Love, I'm fine. It's just a little tumor thing, they'll just take it out and I'll be fine."

That's her, downplaying her pain to make sure no one has to worry about her. It didn't work on me at all. When she hung up, I felt just as scared as before. Because they were keeping her overnight, I knew it was worse than she said. She had probably had a seizure, and whether or not the tumor was cancerous was still unknown.

Well, turns out it was.

The doctors weren't confident that they could remove the entire tumor because it was wrapped around the speech center of her brain. Mommy has one of those voices that should always be heard because it has made a difference since the day she was born, and no tumor had the right to take that away from the world.

They scheduled her surgery right away, knowing that it was a life or death situation.

"I haven't told her that I love her enough," I thought. "I haven't been the best daughter. I've been impatient. I haven't done everything I possibly could for her."

The day of her surgery, I woke up with a knot in my stomach. My aunt told me not show her how sad and scared I felt, so I held it all in as best I could. She cried when we got to the hospital, clutching her prayer shawl, and I so badly wanted to cry too.

Mommy spent the first hour of surgery preparation arguing

with the nurses, desperately trying to gain control of a situation that was out of her control, out of my control, and out of my family's control. I held back sobs and tears as I hugged her for the last time before her surgery, but as they wheeled her away it all came out.

Days of fear and sadness hit the hospital floor in the form of my salty tears. One of the nurses hugged me for a while, then passed me to my aunt's arms so she could go back to work. No one in my family knew what to say to me. Nothing could be said.

It was the longest eight hours of my life followed by the longest night of my life. I've never felt so protective of another human, maybe because another human has never been so protective of me.

The day after her surgery, I went to visit her as early as I could. Her head was wrapped in gauze and there was blood in her hair and around her stitches. My aunt tried to wash it off with a damp cloth so she wouldn't see it.

Mommy spoke slowly. Her voice sounded like an echo in a deep cave, with me on one side and her on the other.

"I'm coming home tomorrow," she insisted, again without the nurse's approval.

"We'll see how you're doing."

I only understand her stubbornness so easily because I inherited it. I hugged her, I held her hand, I watched her try to eat and drink, but I couldn't reach her. It took a while until I could.

It has been almost two years since the day Mommy wasn't answering my calls, the day the nurses wheeled her off into the operating room, and the day she spoke warily as my aunt washed her head. She has been through six months of radiation, a year of chemotherapy, and hundreds of moments of frustration with her own mind as she gains complete control of it again.

But not even two years after the doctors were panicking



Courtesy photo
Marie Sandoli and Annie Sandoli

because the brain tumor took up so much space in her beautiful head, they can barely see it.

Mommy will never be cancer free, but she is herself again, working more hours a week than any human ever should and touching more lives than an entire city of people ever could. Her life expectancy hasn't changed, her memory is miraculously intact, and her intelligence is as strong as ever.

My hope is that every person who reads this takes a step back and puts life's small inconveniences into perspective, because in the blink of an eye, they can become so overwhelmingly trivial. What matters to me most, this Thanksgiving and every other day of the year, is that I have her beside me, something I will never take for granted. She is my stars, my sun, my wind, and what I will always be most thankful for.

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SPORTS

Locals shine at Central Mass. Cross-Country Championships



With Rebekah James (294) leading the way en route to a second place finish, Shepherd Hill's girls' cross-country team won back-to-back Central Mass. Division 1 titles. Also pictured is Rams' teammate Christina Gunsalus, who placed eighth.

WESTFIELD — Although run on a Western Mass. course due to poor ground conditions, the Central Mass. Division 1 and 2 Cross-Country Championships found a home this year at Stanley Park. On Saturday, Nov. 10, the Division 2 athletes raced, and the Division 1 runners competed the following day.

First up was the Division 2 girls' race, and leading the charge among local Stonebridge Press affiliated schools was Whitinsville Christian freshman Molly Lashley. She traversed the 5k course in 19:01, losing only to the Littleton High twins of Sarah and Kaitlyn Roffman. Although Littleton,

Parker Charter and the Bromfield School were the three teams advancing to the All-State meet, the top-10 individuals outside of those teams also moved on. That included Lashley and the Douglas High duo of Keely Mungeam (15th place overall, 19:55) and Emma Wall (16th place, 20:03). Narrowly missing out on qualifying individually were Blackstone Valley Tech's Lauren Flynn (18th, 20:04), Leicester High's Emily Moughan (20th, 20:16), Whitinsville Christian's Hadley Koeman (22nd, 20:27) and Valley Tech's Madison Gannon (26th, 20:45).

Blackstone Valley Tech finished in eighth place as a team, followed by Uxbridge High (ninth), Whitinsville



Brian Belmonte of Shepherd Hill advanced to the All-State meet thanks to a third place finish in the Central Mass. Division 1 race.



Shepherd Hill's Henry Weiland outkicks Algonquin's William Lamburn for an eighth place finish in the Central Mass. Division 1 meet, advancing to All-States in the process.

Christian (12th), Douglas (13th), Leicester (20th) and Bartlett High (26th).

Whitinsville Christian continued to impress in the Division 2 boys' race, as sophomore Joseph Thumann took home the crown. He won the meet in a time of 16:03.

"Those kids work very, very hard in the offseason and they're both very committed," Crusaders' head coach Chris Vander Baan said of both Lashley and Thumann. "They both have great teammates and push them every day in practice."

Due to the All-States date being listed as Sunday, Nov. 18 back at Stanley Park — as of press time — the Whitinsville Christian duo of Lashley and Thumann won't be able to compete due to school rules.

Uxbridge slipped into third place in the team standings, so they have all qualified for All-States. Contributing runners included Colin Caso (15th place, 17:14), Ryan Semle (16th, 17:16), Stephen Sanches (23rd, 17:35), Aidan Ross (36th, 17:56) and Thomas Burke (51st, 18:12).

"It was our first time for the boys to ever qualify to go to All-State in the school's history," said Spartans' head coach Walter Berkowicz. "In '05 when I was coaching the boys finished fourth, so we were one slot out. From the inside looking out I knew if everyone had a great day we had a shot."

Whitinsville Christian followed with a fifth place team finish, and after that was Blackstone Valley Tech (seventh), Bartlett (27th), Quaboag Regional (28th), Auburn High (29th) and Leicester (31st).

The Division 1 girls' meet opened up the day on Nov. 11 and Shepherd Hill Regional made it look easy in winning the team title for the second straight year. Rebekah James (second place, 18:26), Emma Sullivan (sixth, 19:41), Christina Gunsalus (eighth, 19:50), Emma Whitehead (20th, 20:43) and Sam Zannotti (21st, 20:44) were the contributors.

"That was the goal — the goal to win districts and run well at states," Rams' head coach Nicole Fossas said of checking the first goal off the list. "This is the first time we've ever won it back-to-back."

All five contributing runners finishing so tight in the standings made all the difference in the world for Fossas, as well as the performance of her sixth finisher, Anna Thomas, who placed 23rd in 20:49.

"My four, five and six were all right together and my sixth girl — she's a freshman — closed that gap with four and five, so that was huge."

James nearly won the race, but was edged by Algonquin Regional's in under a second.

"Tess is a great runner, they've been running neck-and-neck all year," Fossas explained, as Reyes won at the Twilight meet, while James won at the League Meet.

Tantasqua Regional finished 14th as a team, with Jordan Lapierre leading the way in 73rd place (24:09).

The Division 1 boys' race closed out the weekend, and Shepherd Hill's Brian Belmonte advanced to All-States with a third place finish, clocking in at 16:34. Teammate Henry Weiland also advanced to All-States with an eighth place finish (16:43). The Rams finished fifth as a team and Tantasqua Regional, led by Armando Chung's 67th place finish (18:50), took 13th.

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SPORTS

Westborough outlasts Rams in pouring rain, 10-7



Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Tyler Brassard (17 carries, 54 yards) cuts inward toward the center of the field on a carry.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WESTBOROUGH — It was another hard-fought game and, unfortunately, another tough loss for the Shepherd Hill Regional varsity football team. Playing in a relentless, steady rain, the Rams lost to Westborough High, 10-7, on Friday, Nov. 9 at Joe Mewhiney Field.

“It was a good quality football game; both defenses played well,” Shepherd Hill head coach Ryan Dugan said. “Our kids played their hearts out. It was a fun game. It was a good, tough, physical football game. Unfortunately somebody had to win and somebody had to lose.

“Looking back it was a game

we’d like to have won, obviously,” Dugan continued, “but I think there are a lot of lessons we can learn and improvements that can be made off of the way we played against Westborough.”

After trailing, 3-0, at the half, Shepherd Hill (4-6) took a 7-3 lead early in the third quarter on a six-yard touchdown run by junior Anthony Oriente (7 carries, 26 yards) and an extra point off the foot of Oriente’s classmate, Brock Dubey.

The Rangers (4-6) reclaimed the lead, 10-7, later in the quarter on a 60-yard scoring scamper by junior quarterback Luke Lentine and an extra point by senior Maclaren Bradley.

“[Lentine] scored off an option play to put Westborough ahead, 10-7, and then it was just

back and forth from there,” Dugan said. “In the second half we were just stuck behind the eight-ball, field-position wise. Westborough did a good job on special teams.

“In the second half they pinned us deep on a kickoff and they pinned us deep a couple of times on punts. I’ve got to give them credit; their special teams were very good all game,” Dugan added. “They made it so we had to go a long way, especially in the second half, to get into any kind of scoring position. When you’re starting deep in your own territory, inside the 20- and the 30-yard line multiple times, in a game where scoring is such a premium, it’s tough. They did a nice job.”

Westborough led at halftime

thanks to a 22-yard field goal by Bradley, which split the uprights just as the horn signifying the end of the first half sounded.

“We made a really nice goal-line stand there,” Dugan said. “They were on the five-yard line trying to punch it in and we stuffed them three times in a row, and then they kicked the field goal on fourth down to grab the lead.”

It was a game that featured two teams that expected to be better than their records would indicate heading into the final game of the season. On Thanksgiving Shepherd Hill will play Tantasqua Regional, while Westborough will face Algonquin Regional.

“Both teams are very similar. Both teams had some good wins against good opponents but have also had some losses against some pretty strong teams, too,” Dugan said. “They play a very competitive schedule, and we do as well. So we went in knowing it was going to be a quality game, despite the records.

“You watch Westborough on film you can see that they are not a three-win football team. They’ve got good players and they run a good scheme and their kids play hard and fast,” Dugan continued. “But they’re in the same position as us; they’re a mid-sized school playing some of the giant schools like Wachusett, Shrewsbury and Leominster. Those are three of the top programs in the area. Then, you sprinkle in Nashoba and Marlborough and

that’s a really tough schedule.”

Sonow,withtheWestborough game in the rearview mirror, all that remains on the 2018 schedule for the Rams are the archrival Warriors.

“Tantasqua is having a great year. They’re very good,” Dugan said of the Warriors, who lost, 28-0, to Nashoba in the Central Mass. Division 4 Championship Game on Nov. 10. “With them getting us last year, there is certainly some unfinished business for us against them. We’ve never been in the role of the underdog in this game so it’s going to be fun. They’ve got a great record [7-3] and they’ve had some nice wins. Even in their losses, they were very competitive. They were very competitive against Doherty [a 14-0 loss back on Sept. 21], who, in my mind, is one of the better teams in the area.”

Dugan said he has looked for a long time at Tantasqua as a team with unlimited gridiron potential.

“The Tantasqua program has always been a sleeping giant in my opinion and now they’ve got some quality coaching there and the kids are buying in,” Dugan said. “They’ve got a great coaching staff over there: Al Dhembe, whose record speaks for itself; Tony Salvaggio; and Nate Orzech, who is a great defensive coach. And, then there’s the head coach, Jon Hargis, who has done a great job managing that team and improving that program.”

America is on the brink of a nervous breakdown

“As nightfall does not come at once, neither does oppression. In both instances, there is a twilight when everything remains seemingly unchanged. And it is in such twilight that we all must be most aware of change in the air – however slight – lest we become unwitting victims of the darkness.” Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas

Yet another shooting. Yet another smear of ugliness, hatred and violence.

Yet another ratcheting up of the calls for the government to clamp down on the citizenry by imposing more costly security measures without any real benefit, more militarized police, more surveillance, more widespread mental health screening of the general population, more threat assessments and behavioral sensing warnings, more gun control measures, more surveillance cameras with facial recognition capabilities, more “See Something, Say Something” programs aimed at turning Americans into snitches and spies, more metal detectors and whole-body imaging devices at so-called soft targets, more roaming squads of militarized police empowered to do more stop-and-frisk searches, more fusion centers to centralize and disseminate information to law enforcement agencies, and more government monitoring of what Americans say and do, where they go, what they buy and how they spend their time.

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

All of these measures add up to more government power, less real security and far less freedom.

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

Things are falling apart. When things start to fall apart or implode, ask yourself: who stands to benefit?

In most cases, it’s the government that stands to benefit by amassing greater powers at the citizenry’s expense.

Unfortunately, the government’s answer to civil unrest and societal violence, as always, will lead us further down the road we’ve travelled since 9/11 towards totalitarianism and away from freedom.

With alarming regularity, the nation is being subjected to a spate of violence that not only terrorizes the public but also destabilizes the country’s fragile ecosystem, and gives the government greater justifications to crack down, lock down, and institute even more authoritarian policies for the so-called sake of national security without many objections from the citizenry.

Clearly, America is being pushed to the brink of a national nervous breakdown.

This breakdown—triggered by polarizing circus politics, media-fed mass hysteria, racism, classism, xenophobia, militarization and militainment (the selling of war and violence as entertainment), a sense of hopelessness and powerlessness in the face of growing government corruption and brutality, and a growing economic divide that has much of the population struggling to get by—is manifesting itself in madness, mayhem and an utter disregard for the very principles and liberties that have kept us out of the clutches of totalitarianism for so long.

Yet there is a method to this madness.

Remember, authoritarian regimes begin with incremental steps. Overcriminalization, surveillance of innocent citizens, imprisonment for nonviolent — victimless — crimes, etc. Bit by bit, the citizenry finds its freedoms being curtailed and undermined for the sake of national security. And slowly the populace begins to submit.

No one speaks up for those being targeted.

No one resists these minor acts of oppression.

No one recognizes the indoctrination into tyranny for what it is.

Historically this failure to speak truth to power has resulted in whole populations being conditioned to tolerate unspoken cruelty toward their fellow human beings, a bystander syndrome in which people remain silent and disengaged — mere onlookers — in the face of abject horrors and injustice.

Time has insulated us from the violence perpetrated by past regimes in their pursuit of power: the crucifixion and slaughter of innocents by the Romans, the torture of the Inquisition, the atrocities of the Nazis, the butchery of the Fascists, the bloodshed by the Communists, and the cold-blooded war machines run by the military industrial complex.

We can disassociate from such violence.

We can convince ourselves that we are somehow different from the victims of government abuse.

We can continue to spout empty campaign rhetoric about how great America is, despite the evidence to the contrary.

We can avoid responsibility for holding the government accountable.

We can zip our lips and bind our hands and shut our eyes.

In other words, we can continue to exist in a state of denial.

Whatever we do or don’t do, it won’t change the facts: the nation is imploding, and our republic is being pushed ever closer to martial law.

As Vann R. Newkirk II writes for the Atlantic:

Trumpism demands that violence be solved by local militarization: increased security at schools, the arming of teachers, and now, the adoption of guns in places intended quite literally to be sanctuaries from the scourges of the world. Taken altogether, what Trumpism seems to intend is the creation—or perhaps the expansion — of the machinery of a police state...

In facing what appears to be a rising tide of violence — a tide that Trump himself elevates and encourages — the prescription of arms merely capitulates to the demands of that bloodshed. The purpose of political violence and terrorism is not necessarily to eliminate or even always to create body counts, but to disempower people, to spread the contagion of fear, to splinter communities into self-preserved bunkers, and to invalidate the very idea that a common destiny is even possible. Mandates to arm people accelerate this process. They inherently promote the idea that society cannot reduce the global level of harm, and promote the authoritarian impulses of people seeking order.

Where Newkirk misses the point is by placing the blame squarely on the Trump Administration.

This shift towards totalitarianism and



FREEDOM WATCH

JOHN WHITEHEAD

recognized years ago, “Adolf Hitler is alive and well in the United States, and he is fast rising to power.”

Roberts was not comparing Trump to Hitler, as so many today are wont to do.

Rather, he was comparing the American Police State to the Nazi Third Reich, which is a far more apt comparison.

After all, U.S. government agencies — the FBI, CIA and the military — have fully embraced many of the Nazi’s well-honed policing tactics and have used them repeatedly against American citizens for years now.

Indeed, with every passing day, the United States government borrows yet another leaf from Nazi Germany’s playbook: Secret police. Secret courts. Secret government agencies. Surveillance. Censorship. Intimidation. Harassment. Torture. Brutality. Widespread corruption. Entrapment. Indoctrination. Indefinite detention.

These are not tactics used by constitutional republics, where the rule of law and the rights of the citizenry reign supreme. Rather, they are the hallmarks of authoritarian regimes, where the only law that counts comes in the form of heavy-handed, unilateral dictates from a supreme ruler who uses a secret police to control the populace.

The empowerment of the Gestapo, Germany’s secret police, tracked with the rise of the Nazi regime in much the same way that the rise of the American police state corresponds to the decline of freedom in America.

How did the Gestapo become the terror of the Third Reich?

It did so by creating a sophisticated surveillance and law enforcement system that relied for its success on the cooperation of the military, the police, the intelligence community, neighborhood watchdogs, government workers for the post office and railroads, ordinary civil servants, and a nation of snitches inclined to report “rumors, deviant behavior, or even just loose talk.”

In other words, ordinary citizens working with government agents helped create the monster that became Nazi Germany. Writing for the New York Times, Barry Ewen paints a particularly chilling portrait of how an entire nation becomes complicit in its own downfall by looking the other way.

In what may be his most provocative statement, [author Eric A.] Johnson says that “most Germans may not even have realized until very late in the war, if ever, that they were living in a vile dictatorship.” This is not to say that they were unaware of the Holocaust; Johnson demonstrates that millions of Germans must have known at least some of the truth. But, he concludes, “a tacit Faustian bargain was struck between the regime and the citizenry.” The government looked the other way when petty crimes were being committed. Ordinary Germans looked the other way when Jews were being rounded up and murdered; they abetted one of the greatest crimes of the 20th century

not through active collaboration but through passivity, denial and indifference.

Much like the German people, “we the people” have become passive, polarized, gullible, easily manipulated, and lacking in critical thinking skills. Distracted by entertainment spectacles, politics and screen devices, we too are complicit, silent partners in creating a police state similar to the terror practiced by former regimes.

Can the Fourth Reich happen here?

It’s already happening right under our noses. Much like the German people, “we the people” are all too inclined to “look the other way.”

In our state of passivity, denial and indifference, here are some of the looming problems we’re ignoring:

Our government is massively in debt. Currently, the national debt is somewhere in the vicinity of \$21 trillion. Approximately half of our debt is owned by foreign countries, namely China, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

Our education system is abysmal. Despite the fact that we spend more than most of the world on education, we rank 36th in the world when it comes to math, reading and science, far below most of our Asian counterparts. Even so, we continue to insist on standardized programs such as Common Core, which teach students to be test-takers rather than thinkers.

Our homes provide little protection against government intrusions. Police agencies, already empowered to crash through your door if they suspect you’re up to no good, now have radar devices that allow them to “see” through the walls of our homes.

Our prisons, housing the largest number of inmates in the world and still growing, have become money-making enterprises for private corporations that rely on the inmates for cheap labor.

We are no longer a representative republic. The U.S. has become a corporate oligarchy. As a recent academic survey indicates, our elected officials, especially those in the nation’s capital, represent the interests of the rich and powerful rather than the average citizen.

We’ve got the most expensive, least effective health care system in the world compared to other western, industrialized nations.

The air pollution levels are dangerously high for almost half of the U.S. population, putting Americans at greater risk of premature death, aggravated asthma, difficulty breathing and future cardiovascular problems.

Despite outlandish amounts of money being spent on the nation’s “infrastructure,” there are more than 63,000 bridges — one out of every 10 bridges in the country — in urgent need of repair. Some of these bridges are used 250 million times a day by trucks, school buses, passenger cars and other vehicles.

Americans know little to nothing about their rights or how the government is supposed to operate. This includes educators and politicians. For example, 27 percent of elected officials cannot name even one right or freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment, while 54 percent do not know the Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war.

Nearly one out of every three American children live in poverty, ranking us among the worst in the developed world.

OBITUARIES

Gaylord “Gary” J. Rheume, 78



SOUTHBRIDGE- Gaylord “Gary” J. Rheume, 78, of Main St., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, in the Baystate Wing Hospital, Palmer, after an illness. He leaves his beloved wife of 28 years, Bernice P. (Mominee) Rheume; his son, Armond Rheume of Southbridge; a daughter, Becky Savoie of Charlton; a step son, Robert Manthorne and his wife Luanne of Woodstock, CT; three step daughters, Corrina Tiberii of Brimfield, Robin Frazier of Southbridge and Becky Hoffee and her husband James of Brookfield; a sister, Marie Juiliano of Texas; twelve grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Gary was predeceased by two brothers, Armond Rheume and Timothy Rheume; and three sisters, Beverly Offit, Janet Vaillancourt and Laurie Johnston.

He was born in Malone, NY the son

of John and Ernestine (Lamitie) Rheume. Gary served honorably in the United States Marines. He worked for 40 years as a lens maker for the American Optical Co., in Southbridge retiring many years ago. Gary was a member of St. Mary’s church. He was an avid reader and loved movies. Gary enjoyed vacationing with his wife in Newport, RI as well as long walks. His true love was his family and he cherished getting together and spending time with all of them.

Calling hours for Gary were held on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge with a funeral service in the funeral home at 7:00pm. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Eva J. Domijan, 93

STURBRIDGE- Eva J. (Metras) Domijan, 93, of Glen Ridge Rd., passed away on Monday, Nov. 5th, in the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, West Brookfield, after a brief illness.

Her husband, Paul F. Domijan died in 2003. She leaves her daughter, Nancy P. Cottin and her husband Xavier of Southbridge; her Son in law, Andy Ciesla; five sisters, Anna J. Nichols of Charlton, Jeanne Fortin of Hartford, CT, , Lucie Metras of New Port, VT, Rita Lantagne of New Port, VT and Alice Metras of New Port, VT; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Eva was predeceased by a daughter, Marie E. Ciesla in 2013; a brother, Moise Metras; and three sisters, Madeline Goodsell, Cecile Gabriault and Theresa Metras.

She was born in Quebec, Canada the daughter of Dalma and Marie (Moguin)

Metras.

Eva worked for 30 years for the American Optical Company in Southbridge as a Polisher before retiring many years ago. She was a member of St. Hedwig’s Church, in Southbridge.

She enjoyed sewing, flower and vegetable gardening, refinishing furniture, fishing and loved to take long walks throughout the neighborhood. She was a member of the Holy Rosary Choir at St. Hedwig’s Church as well as a member of the Senior Center in Sturbridge.

Services and burial for Eva will be private. There are no calling hours.

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

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

A. “Wally” Nelson, 57



SOUTHBRIDGE- Walter A. “Wally” Nelson, 57, passed away unexpectedly on November 7, 2018.

Family and friends are invited to remember Wally from 5-7PM on Friday, November 16, 2018, at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA, with a Celebration of Life service at 6:30PM.

Wally was born in Whitinsville, MA to Gloria J. (St.Martin) Pallis and the late A. Walter Nelson. He graduated from Northbridge High School in 1979. He moved to Florida in 1981, and worked for a number of years as a mechanic which grew to his own business (East Coast Auto) in Palm Bay, FL.

He enjoyed friends, loved to fish, and had a sense of humor that carried through all of his conversations.

Wally leaves his siblings, Jo Ann Weldon and her husband Robert of Oxford, Wendy Lennon and her husband Gregory of Sturbridge; Jennifer Beebe and her husband Darren of Littleton, ME, Rick Nelson of Whitinsville; and Melanie Johnson of Charlton; his nephews, Anthony Tomanini and Nathan Lennon and a niece, Sophie Lennon. He also leaves aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Wally was preceded in death by his step-father, George Pallis and his former wife Elizabeth (Ray) Nelson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice in Wally’s memory. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

June I. Pikul, 92



CHARLTON / OXFORD – June I. (White) Pikul, 92, of Lovett Road, died peacefully on Friday, November 9, 2018, in her home. She was predeceased by her husband of 64 years, Joseph S. Pikul Jr.

She is survived by two children, David J. Pikul of Charlton and Susan L. LeBlanc and her husband Norman of Oxford; her brother, Frederick White and his wife Nancy of Brooklyn, CT; two sisters, Frances Coughlin and her husband Bill of Griswold, CT, and Lavonnie Tetreault of Rogers, CT; her sister-in-law, Irene White of Dayville, CT; her granddaughter, Emmy Monticelli and her husband Michael of Oxford; two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Gianna Monticelli; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by nine brothers and sisters, Fernie White, Donald White, John White, Josephine Bacca, Dorothy Davis, Richard White, Raymond White, Robert White, and George White. She was born in Uxbridge, daughter of the late Fernie and Edith (Trainer) White and lived most of her life in Oxford and Charlton.

Send all obituary notices to
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Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail
to jean@stonebridgepress.news

June had a zest for life, a fun-loving personality and made friends wherever she went. A devoted wife, “Juney” spent many years working alongside her husband at their family business, Charlton Furniture.

Most of her life was spent caring for her home and family through decorating, cooking, flower gardening, and keeping a warm home for her family. One of her favorite past times was watching the New England Patriots, especially Tom Brady. However, what meant the most to June was her family. She was an extremely generous and nurturing woman who will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank all of Miss June’s dedicated care-takers including: Norma Mailloux, Cheryl Sauriol, Judy Krupinski, Kathleen Halloran and Anna Lach and the Overlook VNA nurses.

A private graveside service will be held at Westridge Cemetery in Charlton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Fire Department, 181 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com



CALENDAR

Sunday November 18

“Advanced Level” Hayloft Steppers dance on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 2:00-4:30 pm (No Rounds). The caller will be Kevin Bersing. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net.

Wednesday November 21

20TH REUNION: The Tantasqua Class of 1998 will hold its twentieth high school reunion on Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Altruist Brewing Company at 559 Main St. in Sturbridge. Everyone who was a part of the class of '98 is invited, and guests are welcome. Tickets are available for \$15 now, or \$20 at the door (ticket includes food from the Burrito Hut). Please email tantasqua98@gmail.com for info on purchasing tickets or with any questions.

Saturday November 24

“Pie Night” Hayloft Steppers dance on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 8:00-10:30 pm (early Rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Darrell Sprague and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$9 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430.

Sunday November 25

“Special Fund Raiser” Hayloft Steppers Mainstream/Plus dance on Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2:30-5:00 pm. (early rounds at 2:00) Various callers from OCCA and the cuer will be Roy Williams. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information please contact: Moe Bracken (508) 344-3430, brackenmaurice@gmail.com or Deanna Randall (413)436-7849, drandall444@comcast.net.

Saturday December 1

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Golden Age Club of Charlton holds its Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas items, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, and a white elephant sale. Luncheon includes homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton

Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group’s charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular “Gramma’s Attic” will be offered and will be brimming with donations/bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing “chapel” sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to...”HELP US TO HELP OTHERS.”

LIBRARY FAIR: The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR: The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of “Angels” from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma’s Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies 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. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

CRAFT FAIR: Need unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards, Christmas ornaments, and other surprises. Come! Enjoy hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

Tuesday December 4

FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE SENIORS: On Tuesday December 4 host a bus trip to see The Sicilian Tenors following a sell out concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City, are ready to bring the joy of all of our favorite Christmas Songs to you. Enjoy a delicious Luncheon that includes choice of entrees, salad, potato, vegetables, breads, dessert, coffee or tea. Trips are open to the Public. Comfortable motor coach transportation is included or it can be optional. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Saturday December 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5” x 7” photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

CRAFT FAIR: Holland Community Center is having their first annual Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. They are located at 40 Brimfield Road, Holland. In addition to homemade items and crafts, we will have vendors representing Thirty One bags, LuLaRoe clothing, and Paparazzi Jewelry. There will also be a ticket raffle. If you are interested in having a booth (\$25), please call Deb at the Center at 413-245-3163 or email hccevenings@gmail.com.

ONGOING

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk

through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508)434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer’s Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

Halloween isn't just for kids

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The senior centers of Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge came together for a Halloween event at the Casaubon Senior Center in Southbridge on Halloween. The Halloween Harvest Festival was put on by the S.A.L.T. Council, which is a group of senior citizens and police officers from the tri-community area of Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge. Costumes were optional at this event, but most of the attendees showed up in costume. They didn't disappoint either; they made the most of the celebration with inventive and elaborate costumes. Some who dressed up as zombies or other Halloween classics stayed in character for a parade around the gymnasium where the event was held. Maggie the Clown provided entertainment. Representative Peter Durant stopped by to enjoy the fun as well.



Rep. Peter Durant joined the fun. Pictured with Elaine Materas, director of the Charlton Senior Center.



The Cowardly Lion from The Wizard of Oz (Cedric Flowers)

Sarah Champagne photos



Maggie the Clown entertains the crowd.



Dorothy of Oz and her little dog too (Yvonne Roberts, Peanut the dog)



A mummy wandered the Halloween event (Karen Fierro)



A wandering zombie approaches the living (Gail Stokes, Gary Showers)



Minnie Mouse has fun at the event (Shirley Gaulin)



"A Disco Zombie" (Irene Danko)



A sparkly character dressed up to celebrate. (Donna LaPierre)



A zombie and other characters were featured in a parade around the gym set to spooky music



Toto from Wizard of Oz in Dorothy's basket (A real dog named Peanut)

Catching late season browns...and watch out for deer



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Jeff Peck and his two sons Hunter and Logan recently returned from an awesome fishing trip on Lake Ontario. They were fishing close to the famous Salmon River. The trio landed 24 fish, and this huge brown trout as shown in this week's picture. The huge male brown trout with a hooked jaw, was a great fish to catch for the Peck family. Any angler would be proud of catching a huge fish like that!!! It is still not too late to plan a fishing trip to Lake Ontario.

A number of years ago this writer and a couple of buddies caught similar brown trout at Lake Ontario in the Sodus Bay area. The largest was 21 pounds. Brown trout and steelhead are caught throughout the winter months on the Salmon River.

Local deer hunters are starting to harvest some impressive deer, and the next two weeks should see a lot of hunters bringing home venison. Local drivers are warned about the possibility of having a car deer collision during early morning and evening hours. As the rutting season becomes more active, bucks will be chasing does to breed, which will often have them crossing back roads and highways. Car deer collisions will spike during the next two weeks! Stay alert and drive safe!! Local deer hunter Noel Rabidor harvested a nice four point buck this past week with his compound bow. Nice job!!

If you own a boat and motor, for many it is time to put it into storage for the winter months. Proper care in winterizing your outboard motor requires very little effort and can save you a big chunk of change in the spring. Fogging the cylinders of the motor can be done by simply removing the spark plugs



Tautog caught by the champ, the late Steve Mercure.

and spraying a liberal amount of fogging oil into each cylinder. Replace the sparkplugs and wires. I like to start the motor for a few seconds and then shut it down. I spray a light coating of W-D40 on the electrical wires.

Draining your lower unit and replacing new oil is another easy task. New this year is a product called "Shake Away" that will deter mice from building nest in your motor. It is made for keeping mice from your home, so it should work on your outboard motor and lawn mowers. Using poisons around your home is dangerous if you have pets, as mice like to store food in



Jeff Peck and his sons landed this very large brown trout during a recent trip.

Courtesy photos

many places. Covering your boat with a good tarp is very important, keeping ice out of your boat for the winter months.

I like to build a wooden frame and then cover the boat. It is a lot cheaper than having it shrink wrapped every year. Be sure to grease all of the trailer wheels and spray a good amount of penetrating oil on all of the wheel nuts.

Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold their famous Roast Beef Dinner on Nov. 17 at the club house on White Court in Douglas. The tickets sell out fast so it would be wise to call the club to reserve your tickets.

This past week a good friend of mine passed away, and will be missed by all that knew him. Steve Mercure of Uxbridge was a great angler that caught many species of fish in his life time. He loved fishing at Lake Ontario with his

friends, and had made his last trip to New York with some of his friends last year, although he had failing health.

Steve and this writer fished together many times over the years, and he was considered the Tautog Champ of salt-water by all that knew him. His secret was using circle hooks when fishing for the hard fighting fish. Steve loved his family and often went fishing with his wife and family. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and many friends. He will be sadly missed!

This week's second picture shows Steve with a tautog he caught this past spring while fishing with this writer. We all have great memories of our time together. Rest in Peace.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

TRAINOR

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Laugh and Live Longer: Did you ever wonder why you feel so good after a belly laugh? Laughing stimulates the production of serotonin, a natural antidepressant. Laughing also improves lung capacity and oxygen levels in the blood. And medical researchers report laughter boosts the immune system.

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Big Chill: Have a warm bottle of wine you want to serve right away but it should be cold? Mix water, ice and about a third of a cup of ordinary table salt in an ice bucket. In a little more than five minutes, the wine will be perfectly chilled and table ready!

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Kitchen Subs: These savvy substitutes can rescue your holiday baking! No cream for a recipe? Use one cup plus two ounces melted butter for a half pint substitute. Out of baking powder? Mix one part baking soda to two parts creme of tarter. Need brown sugar? Mix one cup of regular white sugar with two tablespoons molasses!

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Water Ways: Dry, winter skin needs to be watered, and despite what you've heard about drinking lots of water to hydrate skin, experts say the best way to get water into the skin is by soaking in warm, not hot water. Try a 15 minute

soak in lukewarm water to re hydrate dry flaky skin fast!

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Low Flow: Did you know if you attach a low flow Faucet Aerator to your faucet you can reduce faucet water usage by about half? Aerators can save energy too, since they use less hot water. A family of four can expect to save about 280 gallons of water a month!

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

GOBI

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ers. It was encouraging for her to see young people heading to the polls in strong numbers on Election Day, and her hometown of Spencer once again helped propel her to victory.

In Spencer, Gobi topped Hall by a count of 2,670-1,819. She won all four precincts in town by at least 150 votes.

"No election is won without support. I am very grateful for the continued support I have received from the fantastic group of people who volunteer to help with campaign efforts," added Gobi, who first became a state senator in 2014.

Hall, a Sturbridge resident who leads skilled nursing facilities, mounted a strong campaign against a veteran senator but fell short in several Route 9 towns.

"This has been an amazing experience, but unfortunately we did not pull off a win," Hall wrote on his Facebook campaign page following the election. "I want to thank everyone who stood by me and supported me throughout this journey."

Looking ahead, a major focus for Gobi is continuing to support the region's small businesses. Among other projects, she will place an emphasis on mill revitalization, promoting local manufacturers, assisting with closing the skills gap,

and workforce training.

She will also work to continue fighting the opioid crisis. As a member of a Senate task force, she has met multiple people who have struggled with addiction or endured the losses of friends and loved ones. Gobi hopes to help strengthen consumer protection laws to hold corporations responsible for their role in the opioid epidemic. She and other local legislators will also strive to provide continued resources to first responders and increase treatment beds.

Like State Representative Donald Berthiaume and other area legislators, Gobi recognizes the need for all community leaders to do more to help seniors. Many local seniors have told her about their struggles, and she is determined to provide help.

"We can always do more to assist seniors," Gobi said during the New Leader's pre-election profile series. "They are the backbone of our towns, and within a short time all of our towns will have more people over 60 than under. I am so grateful for the work and assistance given at our senior centers."

The Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District includes the following towns: Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Holland, North Brookfield, Spencer, Sturbridge, Wales, West Brookfield, and Winchendon, among several others.



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TAI CHI
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Champion, doing Charlton and southern Worcester County proud by being named the best in the world in his division.

Casella called the experience a true honor after training six years in the art of Tai Chi, almost three of those years dedicated specifically to preparation for the World Cup.

“It was a pretty amazing experience going over there. I didn’t know what to expect especially having begun this training almost three years ago. I knew this was going to be my biggest event and I just wanted to put all I had into it,” Casella said. “Even besides the competition just seeing a whole new country and it being my first time out of the states it was just an all-around awesome experience.”

Couch Karim Saunders, who has taught Tai Chi for over 30 years, said he was proud of his students who all placed in the top five in their divisions.

“I felt confident in the whole team. We did a lot of training and we wanted to go over there and do well no matter what,” Saunders said. “I’m very proud. These were my first athletes to compete on the world stage and they all did well. I enjoyed it tremendously especially after watching everyone train so hard. It’s was an absolute great feeling.”

Training for the event included a steady diet and a regimen that included four or five days of solid training in the art of Tai Chi every week. Saunders said that preparation not only helped students perfect the art, but also find a mental balance that helps them succeed beyond the world of Tai Chi.

“We started with changing our diets. Once we got that corrected, we trained a lot. The training was intense at some points, but we all worked hard. It’s long hours, patience and putting on our game faces every day. One thing too it to keep our nerves at bay. You’re training for a purpose and you know what that purpose is,”

Saunders said.

For Casella coming home was a surreal experience as well. He became somewhat of a local celebrity as a World Champion and said the attention was unexpected, but it only adds to the pride of being able to represent the region on the world stage.

“I didn’t know so many people would know. Facebook I guess has a lot to do with that. I haven’t really gotten used to it yet,” Casella said. “When you go over there you’re obviously a little nervous just as a competitor, but everyone is so friendly and welcoming. When you’re out there everyone’s looking to compete, but you make friends with everyone. It was a great experience.”

Looking to the future Casella, Saunders and the entire Full Circle team are focused on repeating their success in 2020. They will take the remainder of 2018 to appreciate their accomplishment but come 2019 training begins to once again represent the region at the next World Cup.



From Left) Anthony Casella, Nicole Tagdell, teacher Karim Saunders, and Danielle Whitestone represented Southern Worcester County at the Tai Chi World Cup.

FREEDOM WATCH
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Patrolled by police, our schools have become little more than quasi-prisons in which kids as young as age 4 are being handcuffed for “acting up,” subjected to body searches and lockdowns, and suspended for childish behavior.

We’re no longer innocent until proven guilty. In our present surveillance state, that burden of proof has now been shifted so that we are all suspects to be spied on, searched, scanned, frisked, monitored, tracked and treated as if we’re potentially guilty of some wrongdoing.

Parents, no longer viewed as having an inherent right to raise their children as they see fit, are increasingly being arrested for letting their kids walk to the playground alone, or play outside alone. Similarly, parents who challenge a doctor’s finding or request a second opinion regarding their children’s health care needs are being charged with medical child abuse and, in a growing number of cases, losing custody of their children to the government.

Private property means little at a time when SWAT teams and other government agents can invade your home, break down your doors, kill your dog, wound or kill you, damage your furnishings and terrorize your family. Likewise, if government officials can fine and arrest you for growing vegetables in your front yard, praying with friends in your living room, installing solar panels on your roof, and raising chickens in your backyard, you’re no longer the owner of your property.

Court rulings undermining the Fourth Amendment and justifying invasive strip searches have left us powerless against police empowered to forcefully draw our blood, forcibly take our DNA, strip search us, and probe us intimately. Accounts are on the rise of individuals — men and women alike —

being subjected to what is essentially government-sanctioned rape by police in the course of “routine” traffic stops.

Americans can no longer rely on the courts to mete out justice. The courts were established to intervene and protect the people against the government and its agents when they overstep their bounds. Yet the courts increasingly march in lockstep with the police state, while concerning themselves primarily with advancing the government’s agenda, no matter how unjust or unconstitutional.

Americans have no protection against police abuse. It is no longer unusual to hear about incidents in which police shoot unarmed individuals first and ask questions later. What is increasingly common, however, is the news that the officers involved in these incidents get off with little more than a slap on the hands.

If there is any absolute maxim by which the federal government seems to operate, it is that the American taxpayer always gets ripped off. This is true, whether you’re talking about taxpayers being forced to fund high-priced weaponry that will be used against us, endless wars that do little for our safety or our freedoms, or bloated government agencies such as the National Security Agency with its secret budgets, covert agendas and clandestine activities. Rubbing salt in the wound, even monetary awards in lawsuits against government officials who are found guilty of wrongdoing are paid with taxpayer funds.

Americans are powerless in the face of militarized police. In early America, government agents were not permitted to enter one’s home without permission or in a deceitful manner. And citizens could resist arrest when a police officer tried to restrain them without proper justification or a warrant. Daring to dispute a warrant with a police official today who is armed with high-tech

military weapons would be nothing short of suicidal. Moreover, as police forces across the country continue to be transformed into extensions of the military, Americans are finding their once-peaceful communities transformed into military outposts, complete with tanks, weaponry, and other equipment designed for the battlefield.

Now these are not problems that you can just throw money at, as most politicians are inclined to do.

These are problems that will continue to plague our nation — and be conveniently ignored by politicians — unless and until Americans wake up to the fact that we’re the only ones who can change things.

We’re caught in a vicious cycle right now between terror and fear and distraction and hate and partisan politics and an inescapable longing for a time when life was simpler and people were kinder and the government was less of a monster.

Our prolonged exposure to the American police state is not helping.

As always, the solution to most problems must start locally, in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our communities.

We’ve got to refrain from the toxic us vs. them rhetoric that is consuming the nation.

We’ve got to work harder to build bridges, instead of burning them to the ground.

We’ve got to learn to stop bottling up dissent and disagreeable ideas and learn how to work through our disagreements without violence.

We’ve got to de-militarize our police and lower the levels of violence here and abroad, whether it’s violence we export to other countries, violence we glorify in entertainment, or violence we revel in when it’s leveled at our so-called enemies, politically or otherwise.

For starters, we’ll need to actually pay attention to what’s going on around

us, and I don’t mean by turning on the TV news. That will get you nowhere. It’s a mere distraction from what is really going on. In other words, if you’re watching, that means you’re not doing. It’s time to get active.

Pay attention to what your local city councils are enacting.

Pay attention to what your school officials are teaching and not teaching.

Pay attention to whom your elected officials are giving access and currying favor.

Most of all, stop acting like it really matters whether you vote for a Republican or Democrat, because in the grand scheme of things, it really doesn’t.

While you’re at it, start acting like citizens who expect the government to work for them, rather than the other way around. While that bloated beast called the federal government may not listen to you without a great deal of activism and effort brought to bear, you can have a great — and more immediate — impact on your local governing bodies.

This will mean gathering together with your friends and neighbors and, for example, forcing your local city council to start opposing state and federal programs that are ripping you off. And if need be, your local city council can refuse to abide by the dictates that continue to flow from Washington, DC. In other words, nullify everything the government does that is illegitimate, egregious or blatantly unconstitutional.

Finally, remember that when you strip away all of the things that serve to divide us, we’re no different underneath: we all bleed red, and we all suffer when violence becomes the government’s calling card.

Unless we can learn to live together as brothers and sisters and fellow citizens, we will perish as tools and prisoners of the American police state.

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CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

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.

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Call Elaine or Debra for more info at (508) 248-2231 ~ Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center. Flyers are available on webpage www.town-of-charlton.net: click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center. Pick up is generally from St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H Putnam Road Extension, Charlton.

March 12: Celtic Angels of Ireland & Celtic Knight Dancers at Venus De Milo.

Be transported to Ireland with some of the sweetest voices under heaven! The Celtic Angels: Victoria Kenny, Emily Carroll, Tammy Browne, Amy Penston and Ellie Mullane are Irish to the core and seasoned entertainer all.

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Also next year, Sept.13-21, we will be going to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Included is transportation, lodging, 14 meals, guided tours of Acadia National park, Halifax, Peggy’s Cove, Lunenburg, Prince Edward Island including Anne of Green Gables’ home, admission to King’s Landing Historical Settlement, admission to Hopewell Rocks, and a visit to St. John. Tips for driver and step-on guides are included. Games, drinks and snacks will be provided on travel days. Cost is \$1065 pp/ double occupancy. Call Evelyn Grovesteen for info at (508) 764-8254

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Friday, January 18: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

Friday, February 15: Trip to Foxwoods Casino. Bus leaves at 8 a.m.; cost is \$30. Free buffet and \$10 in free slot play.

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019: Foxwoods \$25 8 a.m. bus.
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Tuesday, April 30-Thursday, May 2, 2019: Atlantic City
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Sunday, May 19, 2019: Newport rail tour.
Tour ocean drive: board the excursion scenic dinning car for a 90 minute tour along Narragansett bay. Enjoy a full course lunch on the train when you book give choice of meal - chicken Marcella or Atlantic cod. For details call Jan at 508 887 2215

Sunday, June 16, 2019: Gloucester Beaufort Princess cruise.
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Tuesday, July 23, 2019: Mohegan Sun \$25 10 a.m. bus
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Southbridge Rotary meet four RYLAN students



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From left to right): RYLANs William Carlson, Brian Lavoie, Rotary Chair Lynne Merceri, Mary Rutter and Bernard Amponsah.

Southbridge Rotary welcomed four RYLANs and their report on the activities they participated in this summer at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend. The Southbridge Rotary Club sponsored six students to RYLA.

RYLA encourages servant leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11 grade students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an “award” for their past and present leadership and service activities. These select young people attend an all-expense-paid camp where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve.

Lynne Merceri, RYLA chair for the Southbridge Rotary Club, asked the RYLANs to recall and share an activity from the weekend. Bernard Amponsah described the “Silent Bridge” where his group had to construct a bridge without being able to talk with one another.

Mary Rutter participated in a “Culture Walk,” where questions were discussed about helping others that went beyond superficial answers.

Brian Lavoie’s exercise was a simulated plane crash with group members assigned different injuries and had to overcome an obstacle course to be rescued.

William Carlson related how they all learned real leadership was more than giving directions but working with others to accomplish shared goals.

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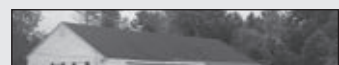
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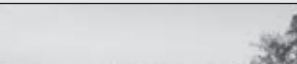
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SOUTHBRIDGE
153 Highland St S 11-1 \$274,900 Remax Advatage 1/JoAnn Szymczak 774-230-5044

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DUDLEY
7 Dudley Oxford Rd S 11-1 \$449,900 Remax Advatage 1/Vicki Bennet or JoAnn Szymczak 774-943-7669
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Southbridge: 4 bdrm, fireplace, 1.5 baths, formal DR, hardwood floors
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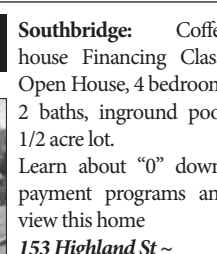


Webster: Duplex, new roof, 2 bedroom ea. unit, 1/2 acre lot, rough plumbing for additional bath
21 George St ~ \$249,900



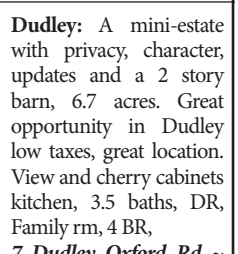
OPEN HOUSE SAT. 11-1

Southbridge: Coffee house Financing Class/ Open House, 4 bedroom, 2 baths, inground pool, 1/2 acre lot. Learn about "0" down-payment programs and view this home
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906 Route 198
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Three BR plus bonus finished room over the garage & finished basement space with walk out. Direct waterfront on Keach Pond.
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130 Orchard Hill Road
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Low in fat, high in protein and an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, potassium and B vitamins, turkey makes a healthy addition to a person's diet. Turkey also tends to be the star of the show on Thanksgiving and other holidays. Even though turkey can be a delicious addition to any holiday table, some people prefer to buck Thanksgiving tradition from time to time and divert focus from the golden gobbler.

Even though turkey may be synonymous with Thanksgiving, hosts and hostesses should not shy away from serving something different. In fact, turkey may not even have been on the menu for the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving dates back to New England in November 1621, when newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered for an autumn harvest celebration. It's reported that pilgrims went on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the three-day feast. Although wild turkey was plentiful in the region, ducks, geese, passenger pigeons, and swans were commonly consumed. Historians at Smithsonian say documents refer to wildfowl and venison as foods appearing at the first Thanksgiving, but turkey was not mentioned.



Thanksgiving goose? This may have been a more likely option at the first Thanksgiving than the turkey enjoyed today.

Home chefs can take a cue from those first pilgrims and choose less traditional offerings this Thanksgiving. The following are some ideas that are reminiscent of the first Thanksgiving.

- If the flavor is more palatable, don't hesitate to select another bird to grace the Thanksgiving

table, such as a goose or even a chicken. Some people find turkey meat to be too dry, despite all of the different preparation methods. Chicken or goose may be more well-received and just as versatile.

- Don't overlook the possibility of serving fish and other sea-

food. Colonists and the Wampanoag probably ate eel, lobster, clams, and mussels. Fish can be dried, smoked and preserved.

- Replace wheat-based recipes with those made from cornmeal, as maize was more likely available during colonial time than wheat.

- Forests provided chestnuts, beechnuts and walnuts, so a platter of nuts paired with cheese or fruit also can make a welcome addition to the table. Nuts also can be ground and used in baked goods or flavoring for Thanksgiving desserts.
- Pumpkin and squash were plentiful in colonial

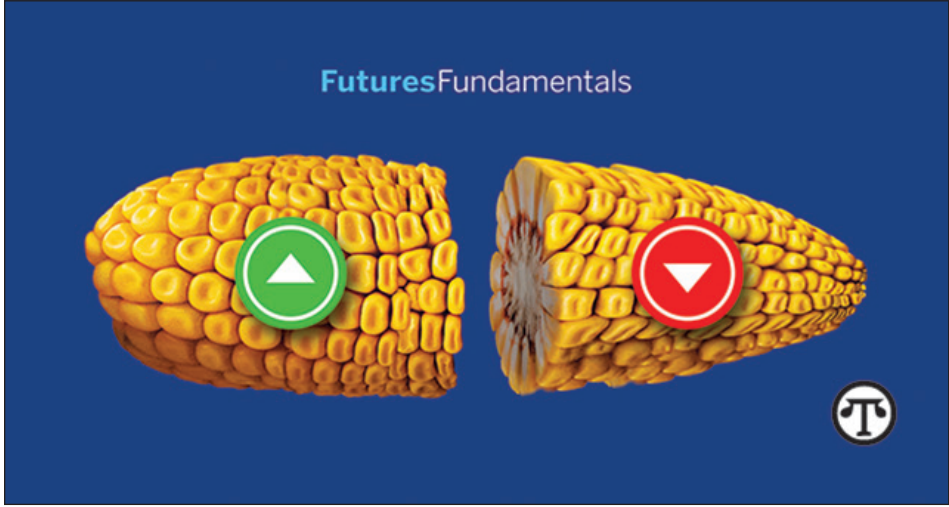
times, and this is why these gourds are often included in Thanksgiving meals and decor. The flesh of a pumpkin or squash can be turned into casseroles or used to make quiche.

- A traditional Thanksgiving meal for the early settlers would not have included potatoes. White potatoes originated in South America and sweet potatoes in the Caribbean. At the time of the first Thanksgiving, these would not yet have been introduced, as white potato patches in North America were not established in the region until 1719, according to the potato resource Potato Godness.

- Because colonists did not have wheat flour and butter to make flaky tart crusts, pumpkin pie was not on the first Thanksgiving menu. In lieu of pumpkin pie, hosts can experiment with moist loaf breads or muffins made with pumpkin.

The average Thanksgiving dinner table today looks quite different from the one the Wampanoag Indians and Pilgrims gathered around centuries ago. Families can stick closer to history and tailor their meals for a touch of something different this year.

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Benefit from nutritious turkey even after Thanksgiving



Turkey is low in fat and full of protein and other nutrients, making it a worthy addition to your diet no matter the time of year.

If turkey is not normally on your lunch or dinner menu, come the holiday season it's bound to show up in abundance. As soon as the weather cools and the crispness of late autumn is in the air, thoughts turn to more hearty meals, and of course, the fall pièce de résistance: Thanksgiving dinner.

Turkey takes center stage on many Thanksgiving dinner tables, even though history suggests it likely wasn't served at the first Thanksgiving. Despite this historical discrepancy, turkey and all the trimmings continue to be traditional fare for big holiday dinners.

Much more than just delicious and filling, turkey boasts many nutritional benefits, making

it a worthwhile addition to your diet regardless of the season.

- Protein: Turkey is often overshadowed by other meats in refrigerated display cases, but it remains an excellent source of protein in a low-fat package. A typical 3.4- to four-ounce serving of skinless turkey breast (about the size of a deck of cards) contains around 30 grams of protein, providing about 65 percent of the average person's recommended daily allotment of protein. Protein helps the body feel full and serves many essential functions in the body. Proteins regulate the entry of nutrients through cell walls, help the body grow and help it to generate antibodies that fight against illness.
- Low-fat: A serving of

turkey is only 161 calories and contains just four grams of fat, which is low in saturated fat.

- B-vitamin benefits: Turkey is an excellent source of B vitamins, including B3, B6 and B12. Having enough B3, also known as niacin, is important for overall health, and higher levels of niacin can improve cholesterol levels and lower a person's risk for cardiovascular disease. B6 is also called pyridoxine. It's involved in the process of making certain neurotransmitters, including serotonin and norepinephrine, which transmit signals in the brain. Important for neurological health, B12 helps decrease levels of homocysteine, which can contribute to cognitive decline.

- Immune system effects: People may not know turkey contains selenium, which is key to healthy thyroid function. It also helps boost the immune system by playing a role in the body's antioxidant defense system. Selenium may help eliminate free radicals in the body that would otherwise contribute to cancer risk.

- Relaxation: Many people are aware of turkey's ability to induce feelings of relaxation, particularly when eaten in abundance at the Thanksgiving dinner table. Turkey contains the amino acid tryptophan, which plays a role in triggering production of serotonin. Serotonin can induce feelings of relaxation and sleepiness.

Turkey is lean, full of essential nutrients and low in saturated fat, making it a worthy addition to your diet no matter what time of year it happens to be.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day Quiz

It is once again time to talk turkey, stuffing and all of the trimmings. Thanksgiving is celebrated in both Canada and the United States with similar parades and fanfare. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the blessings in one's life and enjoy the company of family and friends during a special meal.

Although people celebrate Thanksgiving each and every year, they may not be aware of some of its interesting history. Test your knowledge of gobblers and general trivia with this quiz.

1. Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?
- a. Pennsylvania
 - b. New Jersey
 - c. Massachusetts
 - d. Delaware

2. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?
- a. Monday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Thursday

3. Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North American on which ship?
- a. Daisy
 - b. Mayflower
 - c. Santa Maria
 - d. Roseflower



4. Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?
- a. Algonquin
 - b. Lenape
 - c. Shoshone
 - d. Wampanoag

5. Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas how long ago?
- a. 10 million years ago

- b. 15 million years ago
- c. 20 million years ago
- d. 25 million years ago

6. Three different deboned types of poultry go into this Thanksgiving meal alternative?
- a. Orange duck
 - b. Turducken
 - c. Turkey chowmein
 - d. Chixturck

7. In what year did Congress make

Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?

- a. 1932
- b. 1939
- c. 1941
- d. 1946

8. Twenty percent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.

- a. apples
- b. cranberries
- c. cherries

d. grapes

9. The first Canadian Thanksgiving was a welcome-home celebration for Sir Martin Frobisher when he returned to which area of the country?

- a. Albert
- b. Manitoba
- c. British Columbia
- d. Newfoundland

10. Canadians

sometimes call the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States by this name to distinguish it from their own Thanksgiving celebration.

- a. Yanksgiving
- b. Amerigiving
- c. Turmerica
- d. USthanks

Answers: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. b 7. c 8. b 9. d 10. a

How to host an eco-conscious holiday event

Many families anticipate holiday gatherings for months. Such gatherings bring together friends and family members who may not see one another much throughout the year.

Food tends to be plentiful at holiday gatherings, so it should come as no surprise that the holiday season generates a good deal of waste. In addition, energy consumption is high during the holiday season. The United States Environmental Protection

Agency says household waste generally increases by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — equalling about 1 million extra tons of waste. The Worldwatch Institute states that the same period of time generates three times as much food waste as other times of the year.

Making the holiday season more sustainable does not mean families must give up their cherished traditions. Here are several tips to help

make your holiday celebrations a bit more eco-friendly.

- Cut down on packaging. When shopping, seek items that are minimally packaged or shop at retailers that offer package-free products. Packaging accounts for a considerable portion of the trash that ends up in landfills. Shopping at local stores and craft fairs can help you avoid too much plastic packaging.

- Decorate with efficient products. Making a home look festive is part of many families' holiday celebrations. Opt for LED holiday lights, which last longer and use a fraction of the energy of traditional lights. Use soy or beeswax candles and incorporate as many natural items, such as fresh evergreen boughs, branches and berries, as you can find in your decorations.

- Shop smart. Shop at food stores that stock local products so foods do not have to travel great distances to reach your table. Take advantage of local farm stands and other vendors that pop up in the autumn. Remember to bring reusable shopping bags with you on any shopping excursions so you can reduce your reliance on paper and plastic bags.

- Reduce food waste. People often cook extra food for the holidays out of fear of not having enough for guests. But leftovers often end up going to waste. Use planners to determine how much food to cook for the number of guests you will be having. Keep portion sizes healthy by selecting smaller dinner plates and providing foods that are hearty and will fill guests quickly, such as rich proteins and complex carbohydrates. When the meal is done, promptly wrap up leftovers so they don't spoil.

- Use reusable dishes. Avoid paper and plastic dishes, instead opting for ones that can be used again and again. Take out your fine china or a festively patterned service set to use. Keep the dishwasher empty so that you can load it up with dirty dishes and run a full load to save even more energy.

- Reuse gift wrapping and accessories. Save wrapping paper and other decorative paper products to use as gift wrap at a later date. Keep a container full of bows and ribbons that are still in good condition as well. Gift bags can often be used several times before they begin to exhibit signs of wear and tear.



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