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Local Automotive Technology student awarded \$2,500 trade school scholarship from Metal Supermarkets

SOUTHBRIDGE — Metal Supermarkets, the world’s largest supplier of small-quantity metals, has awarded \$2,500 to Cole Paradis of Southbridge to support his pursuit of a career in the skilled trades. Paradis received one of eight scholarships, totaling \$20,000, as part of Metal Supermarkets’ fifth-annual Trade School Scholarship program.

Paradis is a first-year student in the High Performance Motorsports/Automotive Technology



Paradis. “Some of my earliest memories are sitting on the living room floor with my grandfather on Sunday afternoons while NASCAR played on TV. He would talk about why a pit stop mattered, how a small adjustment could change a race and why every person on the team had an important job. I didn’t realize it then, but those afternoons are the reason I’m headed into the automotive industry today.”

Supporting future generations of skilled trade workers

The United States is facing a growing deficit of skilled trades workers, with over 320,000 welding professionals projected to be needed by 2029. Additionally, this demand is compounded by an aging workforce, with an estimated five tradespeople retiring for every two new workers entering the field. To address this critical skills gap and to raise awareness of the vital trades industry, Metal Supermarkets created

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Charlton Library Friends hold Trivia Night

CHARLTON — The non-profit Friends of Charlton Public Library will hold a Trivia Night on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Charlton Beagle Club, 103 Bond Rd. in Charlton. The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Friends invite the general public to test their knowledge and challenge their friends as they attempt to answer a variety of questions provided by Wise Guys Trivia. In addition, attendees will have an opportunity to enter a raffle to win prizes such as gift cards to a variety of local businesses, including grocery stores, book and coffee shops, entertainment venues, photography and fitness studios, restaurants, and more. Other prizes include seasonal gift baskets. A cash prize will be awarded to the overall winner.

The Friends extend sincere thanks to Savers Bank our most generous sponsor

for their support. We also thank Better Life With Yoga, Blush Photography, Volume Hair Studio of Southbridge. Alternatives For Health, Booklover’s Gourmet, Entertainment Luxury Cinema, Golden Nails, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters, Ted’s Package Store, Worcester WooSox, and Tree House Brewery for their donations.

Tickets are \$10 per participant and can be purchased at the Charlton Public Library circulation desk or at the door the evening of the event. All proceeds enable the Friends to support the mission of the Charlton Public Library as it brings enrichment, musical, and educational programs, and more to the community-at-large. The Friends of Charlton Public Library appreciate your ongoing support.

For more information, please email charltonfriends@gmail.com or call 774-230-1410.

Golfers play “fore” Hitchcock Academy



Courtesy Photo

First Place team Dan Rice, Glenn Slade, Ryan Slade, and Jack Cookish.

BRIMFIELD — For the sixth year, Hitchcock hosted its annual Hitchcock Golf Classic “fore’ a great cause” on Sept. 19 on the pristine greens of Chicopee Country Club, welcoming 84 players for a delicious lunch, dinner, and the glorious game of golf – played in the name of lifelong learning.

Established in 2021, the tournament consists of 18 holes of golf, scramble format, a variety of contests and a raffle featuring prizes donated by local businesses.

Host Chicopee Country Club, with its rolling terrain, tree-lined fairway and fast, sloping greens is generally regarded as a fine championship course by area golfers. Through the years, the picturesque golf course has received accolades from publications such as Golf Digest, USA Today, and the New England Journal of Golf magazines. It has been touted as among the best public courses in Massachusetts and one of New England’s top 100 golf courses.

Supporters of the sixth annual Hitchcock Golf Classic included Eagle Sponsor Apple Barn Café, 19th Hole Sponsor Cornerstone Bank, Golf Cart Sponsor Servpro of

Hampshire County, Birdie Sponsors Red Collar Mobile Dog Grooming and Safety Trainers, Hole-in-One Sponsor Norcross Wildlife Foundation Inc, and Lunch Sponsors Noonan Energy Corp. and Southbridge Credit Union.

The day was symbolic of Hitchcock’s community of supporters with several groups being friends or related to one another. There were foursomes composed of siblings, fathers and sons, even grandsons and cousins, balancing competitiveness with congeniality.

Winners of this year’s tournament include, in first place, with a score 57 (14 under par): Dan Rice, Glenn Slade, Ryan Slade, and Jack Cookish, in second place with a score of 59: Kyle Libiszewski, Lou Masse, Josh Mulligan, Kevin Fall, and in third place with a score of 60: Drew Caronna, Dave Deraeau, Les Skowrya, and Andy Hayward.

Contests included Closest to the Line sponsored by Michael Wales Painting with winner John Mitchell landing directly on the line, and Closest to the Pin sponsored by Bank of America with winner John Roach.

The tournament is one of several key annual fundraisers

which support Hitchcock’s operating budget, allowing it to continue to serve the community with affordable educational, recreational, and cultural programming.

The next annual tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26, 2027.

“We are so grateful to the businesses – small and large – who recognize the importance of our mission and work,” says Hitchcock Executive Director Cindy Skowrya. “And we are proud to say that aligning with us is also a smart business move. We are a trusted, long-standing institution with a big heart, and that matters to the people who live here. So really, it’s a win-win.”

Save the date for Hitchcock’s next event - its end-of-year holiday celebration, which is jam-packed with activities and offered free of charge as a thanks to the community for its support throughout the year – Christmas at Hitchcock will take place on Dec. 12.

For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org. Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Rd. in Brimfield serving the community with educational, recreational, and cultural programming.

program at the University of Northwestern Ohio. He previously attended Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, where he studied automotive technology. Paradis also completed a co-op placement at Fleet Electric to gain hands-on experience, working alongside technicians to install and fabricate aftermarket equip-

ment on commercial fleet vehicles. With the support of Metal Supermarkets’ Trade School Scholarship, Paradis is looking forward to expanding his technical skills and learning more about engines, fabrication, data and race car performance.

“I’m honored to receive Metal Supermarkets’ Trade School Scholarship, which will help support my edu-

Historic Southbridge newspaper building heads to auction Opening bid: \$25,000



SOUTHBRIDGE — A nearly 200-year-old Southbridge landmark is heading to auction with an opening bid of \$25,000, offering prospective buyers an opportunity to acquire a substantial historic property.

Stonebridge Press is selling its building at 25 Elm St., known as the Tiffany-Leonard House and long associated with the Southbridge News. Online bidding through Crexi.com is scheduled to begin at noon on October 5, 2026, and run for two days. The listing describes approximately 9,536 square feet on a 0.32-acre lot.

Stonebridge Press says the decision reflects how its employees now work. Staff members operate remotely from home offices, on the road and throughout the communities the newspapers serve. Digital tools allow them to coordinate their work without gathering in one central office, leaving the company with more building than it needs.

The company continues serving its readers and advertisers through that arrangement, with employees working in their local markets. Selling the Elm Street

property will allow another owner to make use of space that no longer fits the publisher’s daily operations.

“We’d love to see someone in our communities get this property at a bargain price and put it to good use,” said Frank Chilinski, President and Publisher of Stonebridge Press.

Purchased by the local newspaper company in 1997 for \$190,000, the building has been vacant and for sale since January 2024. The most recent asking price was \$295,000. Its municipal assessment is \$480,300.

Built around 1832, the Tiffany-Leonard House has a history reaching back to the region’s early manufacturing economy. Its original owner, Bela Tiffany, was a business partner of Samuel Slater in establishing a cotton mill in nearby Webster. The property later belonged to Manning Leonard, another prominent local businessman. Bela Tiffany’s lineage was the renown jewelers on 5th Avenue in New York City.

The two-story brick house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Its Greek Revival architecture includes four

tall columns supporting a triangular pediment, giving the front of the building the appearance of a classical temple. The brickwork and graceful proportions offer the kind of character that may appeal to a buyer who values older buildings.

Located near downtown Southbridge, opposite the Elm Street Fire House, the property is listed as an office building. Crexi’s description includes central air conditioning and two bathrooms identified as ADA compliant. Buyers considering a different use should review the property’s suitability and any required approvals.

The bidding will open at \$25,000, subject to reserve and auction terms. Prospective bidders should review all auction terms and property documents. This will be a non-contingent sale closing in early November.

Photos, property information and registration details are available at Crexi.com by searching for 25 Elm St., Southbridge. For more information or a building tour, contact Jonah Glickman at 508-868-3765 or email Audrey Hanna at ahanna@crexi.com.

Faith in Film Series continues at Charlton Federated Church

CHARLTON — The Faith in Film series continues this autumn at Federated Church of Charlton (FCC). On the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. the public is invited to join members of the congregation in viewing and discussing movies. All are invited to join in the Faith in Film series at no charge. A handout with pertinent and interesting information, key concepts and discussion questions about each film is distributed at each movie night. Refreshments are also served.

The Faith in Film series this autumn are all films suggested by viewers and include the following:

Oct. 16 – “Arsenic and Old Lace”

Cary Grant’s aunts have a horrifying secret which creates havoc in this 1944 screwball comedy just perfect for Halloween. The film also features Raymond Massy, Peter Lorre, Josephine Hull, Jean Adair, and Edward Everett Horton. Arsenic and Old Lace was directed by Frank Capra and is based on the Broadway smash hit by Joseph Kesselring.

Nov. 20 – “The Grapes of Wrath”

This 1940 adaption of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by John Steinbeck is considered one of the greatest films ever made. Directed by John Ford and starring Henry Fonda, it tells the powerful story of the Joad family, who in the great depression lose their farm and travel west to California.

Dec. 18 – “The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever”

The Herdman’s are the absolute worst kids in town, but when they get cast in their small town’s Christmas pageant, magical things happen. This 2024 movie based on the best-selling novel by Barbara Robinson, explores the true meaning of Christianity.

Faith in Film screenings take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Church at 64 Main St. in Charlton. For further information please call the Church at 508-248-5550.

About the FCC

The Federated Church of Charlton is a federation of the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Association in Christian worship together. The Church descends from several churches active in the Charlton community over the centuries starting in 1761. Worship services are held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The church also has an active Sunday School and youth program.

Gateway Players present Paul Slade Smith’s “The Outsider”

SOUTHBRIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre in Southbridge presents “The Outsider,” written by Paul Slade Smith. Performance dates are Oct. 9, 10, 16, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

The performances are held at Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. Entrance is on Park Street (around the corner). Directed by Patrick Bracken, Produced by Ed Humphries. Presented by permission through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, A Dramatists Play Service Title.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and youth under 18. Tickets may be reserved by calling Gateway at 508-764-4531. Online credit card ticket sales are available at <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/gateway-players/the-outsider>

The Cast features Jordan Miller, Billy Bolster, Eric Hart, Elyssa Miller, Nicole Rawdon, and Peter Amaral.

Ned Newley doesn’t even want to be governor. He’s terrified of public speaking; his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently: Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office. Unless the public is looking for the worst candidate to ever run for office... A timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

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\$499,000, 39 Hiland Rd, Spahiu, James, to Princivil, Liseberth.

\$480,000, 73 E Baylies Rd, Faucher, Jonah, to Fay, Christian, and Fay, Rachel.

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\$385,000, 60 Pinedale St, New Colony Homes LLC, to Roy, Thuy K.

\$355,000, 17 Cedar St, Skrzek Michael Walter Est, and Liberis, Mary A, to Levasseur, Brandon.

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\$320,000, 445 Lebanon Hill Rd, Meissner, Joan D, to Martins, Natalie C, and Ward, Jacob S.

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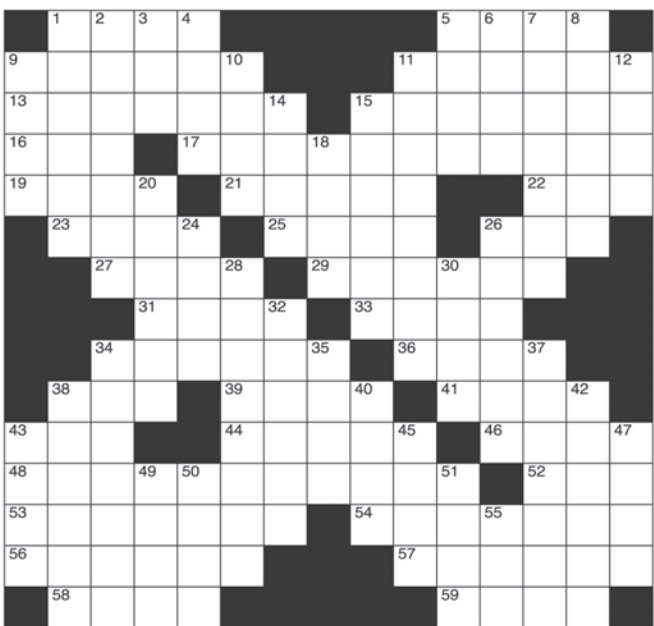
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- “Fresh Prince of ___ Air”
- Astronomer Sagan
- Utah city
- Turkey
- Informal terms for money
- Awakens
- Those who favored Prohibition
- Blabbed
- Looked through
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A type of “cast”
- One’s duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Removed someone’s head
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- “Dennis” is a notable one
- Ointments
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- Leaked fluid

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- A list of woes
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Broadway legend Bernadette
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- Worn by exposure to the weather
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- Students seek one
- Hydrophilic amino acid
- Nasal mucus
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- Swinish
- Russian assembly
- Grant an exemption to
- Set up in advance
- Satisfy
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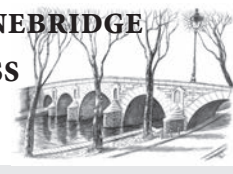
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St. Anne – St. Patrick Parish introduces family-friendly schedule for 2026–2027 Faith Formation program

FISKDALE — St. Anne–St. Patrick Parish is making it easier for families to participate in both Faith Formation and Sunday Mass with a newly redesigned class schedule for the 2026–2027 program year. By intentionally centering its Faith Formation schedule around the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, the parish hopes families can more easily worship together while also having more time back in their Sundays.

“At St. Anne – St. Patrick Parish, we want to remove obstacles that make it difficult for families to practice their faith together,” said Fr. Salvador Musande, Pastor of St. Anne – St. Patrick Parish. “Our new schedule allows children to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the



Faith Formation students with leaders in the Parish Center.

Catholic Faith while making Sunday Mass something families can attend together. We warmly invite both returning and new families to join us.”

Registration is now open for Faith Formation for students in Kindergarten through Grade 11. Families are encouraged to register

online by September 6, 2026, which will help with class planning, although registration will remain open after that date.

The new class schedule is:

- Grades K–6: Sundays, 8:45–9:45 a.m., before the 10 a.m. Mass.
- Grades 7–11: Sundays, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., after the 10 a.m.

Mass.

Faith Formation provides children and teens with age-appropriate instruction in the Catholic Faith, Sacred Scripture, Prayer, Christian living, and preparation for the Sacraments. Online registration is the preferred registration method and is available on the parish website. A paper

registration form is also available for families who need one.

For more information or to register, visit www.StAnneStPatrickParish.com or call 508-347-9353.

St. Anne St. Patrick Parish & Shrine is an active parish community serving the Sturbridge area and

beyond, offering daily Masses, religious education, and community ministries. The shrine grounds welcome thousands of visitors each year and feature St. Anne Shrine, Stations of the Cross and Crucifix, Hall of Saints, Russian Icon Exhibit, Generations Statue, Angel of Hope Monument, Memorial for the Unborn, Votive Chapels, weekend Masses celebrated in the outdoor pavilion,

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Explore Jewish life in song with members of Wholesale Klezmer Band at Jacob Edwards Library

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Jacob Edwards Library will host a return engagement of Yiddish singer Yosl Kurland accompanied by Accordionist Aaron Bousel and flutist Peggy Davis, members of the Wholesale Klezmer Band in a new program of "Jewish Life in Song" on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Southbridge Cultural Council.

The performers draw upon their vast repertoire of Yiddish folk, theater and Hebrew liturgical songs including Yosl's own compositions. In introducing Jewish music and culture to diverse audiences, the group works to foster intercultural understanding. All songs will be translated, explained, or sung in English translation.

Vocalist and educator Yosl Kurland, a founding member of the Wholesale Klezmer Band (www.ganeydn.com) since 1982, performs and writes

Yiddish songs and synagogue music. With the Wholesale Klezmer Band he has performed widely for weddings, bar/bas mitzves and concerts, including at Carnegie Hall with Pete Seeger, and has taught workshops at elementary, middle and high schools on Yiddish music, dance, literature. He developed programs on "Yiddish Songs of Cultural Resistance in the Holocaust" and "A Jewish Perspective on Social Justice in Song". He teaches adult education classes on Yiddish language and literature as well as klezmer music and is a cantor for Temple Israel of Greenfield.

Wholesale Band accordionist Aaron Bousel began play-

ing the instrument at age ten, though it wasn't until 1995 that he began to play klezmer. He has participated in workshops at KlezKanada in Quebec and Yidstock at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst. Soon after moving to Amherst in 1997 he became accordionist for the band Hu Tsa Tsa with which he has played for life-cycle celebrations and local synagogue functions. He is also accordionist for the Yiddishkeit Klezmer ensemble and has accompanied Mak'hela, the Jewish chorus of western Massachusetts.

Peggy Davis (flute, vocals) grew up in Minneapolis, where she studied flute and guitar. She listened to the recorded Yiddish

songs of Theodore Bikel, Ruth Rubin and Martha Schlamme and encountered native singers of Yiddish songs when working with Russian Jewish immigrants in Italy, many of whom spoke with her in Yiddish, which she had studied at the YIVO Institute. In Minnesota, she helped found the group "Yiddishe Folksmenshn." Peggy also sang Balkan and Russian folk music in the Ethnic Dance Theatre Choir. She taught calligraphy classes and children's activities at KlezKamp, and has taught in public and Hebrew schools. Peggy is a calligrapher in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, creating illuminated Jewish wedding

contracts (ketubot)

You can find more about the Wholesale Klezmer Band and Peggy H. Davis Calligraphy at <http://www.ganeydn.com>. You can find more about the Jacob Edwards Library at <https://www.jacobedwardslibrary.org/>

Jewish Life in Song at the Jacob Edwards Library is supported by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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A landmark worth a second look

A newspaper’s work has never been confined to four walls. It happens at town meetings, along Main Street, on school sidelines and in conversations with the people who call our communities home.

Still, a building can become part of a newspaper’s identity. That is true of 25 Elm St. in Southbridge, the historic Tiffany-Leonard House, long associated with the Southbridge News and Stonebridge Press Newspapers.

Now, we hope someone will give it a new purpose.

Stonebridge Press is putting the property up for online auction through Crexi, with bidding beginning Oct. 5 at noon. The opening bid is \$25,000. The auction will be live for just 48 hours.

That number deserves a second look. It raises the possibility of acquiring a historic building for less than the price of a new car. But an opening bid is a starting point, not a promised selling price. The auction is subject to terms that prospective buyers should read carefully.

Why are we selling? Because the way we produce your newspaper has changed over the years.

Our employees now work from home offices, on the road and throughout the communities we serve. Stories, photographs, advertising and page layouts can move between colleagues without everyone gathering under one roof. We still need people who know their communities. We no longer need the space that once brought those people together.

The building has been vacant since January 2024. Keeping it empty serves neither our needs nor the property’s future.

Built around 1832, this brick landmark has nearly two centuries behind it. Its columns and distinctive architecture are reminders that buildings can contribute something to a town beyond square footage. They give a place character and connect one generation to another.

Of course, character alone does not make a project practical. Any interested buyer should tour the property, examine its condition, understand the costs and investigate what uses would be permitted. An attractive purchase price is only one part of the calculation.

We have a financial interest in this sale, and readers deserve that acknowledgment. We also would welcome seeing a familiar landmark occupied and useful again.

Perhaps the right person is reading this newspaper. Perhaps you know someone who should take a look.

Visit Crexi.com and search for “25 Elm Street, Southbridge” to see photographs, property information and auction details. Bidding is scheduled for Oct. 5 & 6.

An old newspaper building has room for new ideas. We hope someone in our communities will see a possibility worth pursuing.

Letter submission
policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author’s name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author’s name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

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OPINION

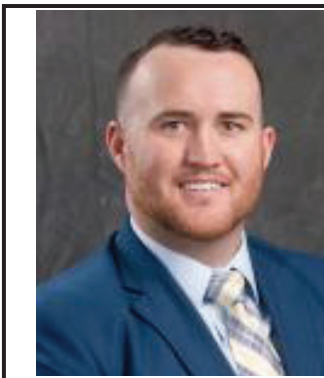
Look at your financial situation holistically

When you plan a trip, you consider not only the destination but also the climate, activities that interest you, transportation needs, anticipated costs, best time to go and coverage for your work, home, or pets. It's a holistic approach — looking at your trip from a variety of angles.

It's wise to apply that same holistic thinking when you plan for your financial future — that is, bringing into the picture all elements of yourself.

Here are some things that may affect your financial strategy:

- Your views on helping your family – Your decisions about helping your family are clearly going to be a major part of your financial strategy, and this is true at virtually all stages of your life. When your children are young, you’ll need to decide if you’re going to save money for their college education, and if so, how much, and in what investments. When they’re young adults, you may also need to decide how much financial support you’re willing to provide for major expenses such as down payments on a new home or a new car. And when you’re drawing up your estate plans, you’ll need to consider how and when to distribute assets to your children, grandchildren, or other family members.
- Your personal beliefs – As someone with civic, ethical, and moral concerns, you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you’ll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate-planning component, you’ll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.
- Your purpose in life when you retire – Having a purpose can bring fulfillment beyond financial security. Leading up to retirement, your purpose may involve providing for your immediate family, bringing value to your profession, or contributing to your community. When you retire and step off your career path, you’re entering a new world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your horizons by traveling around the world? Or spend more time volunteering? Can you pursue hobbies that give you a chance for self-expression? Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you’ll need to accumulate for retirement and how much income you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).



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Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you’ll need to accumulate for retirement and how much income you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).

• Your health – Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous — in fact, a private room in a nursing home in can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

It can be challenging to weave all these elements into a single, unified vision, so you may want to get some help from a financial professional. But, in any case, be prepared to look at your situation holistically because, when putting together a lifetime’s financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

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That is a perfectly good box

LANTERNS ALONG
MAIN STREET

By CHARLES

My wife tried to throw away a box the other day. Not some battered old thing that had spent six months in the garage. This was a good box. A very good box. Clean. Sturdy. Nice square corners. Medium-sized. The kind of box that immediately makes a man think, "We should keep that."

"For what?" my wife asked.

I didn't appreciate the interrogation. I didn't know what it was for yet. That's not how boxes work. You keep the box first. Its purpose reveals itself later.

This particular box had arrived with something we ordered, and after unpacking it my wife broke down the packing material and headed toward the recycling.

I rescued the box.

"We don't need that," she said.

"We might."

"For what?"

Again with the questions. This is one of the differences between us after 30 years of marriage. My wife sees an empty cardboard box. I see potential. Maybe somebody will need to mail something. Maybe we'll need to store something. Maybe one of the kids will move someday and suddenly require exactly one medium-sized cardboard box. Who's going to look foolish then? Not me.

The box went downstairs. It joined several other boxes. There is the long narrow one that could someday be useful for something long and narrow. There is the small heavy-duty box that is obviously too well-made to discard. There is a shoebox, which hardly counts because shoeboxes have been official household storage containers since approximately the beginning of civilization.

Then there are the truly elite boxes. Anyone over 50 knows what I mean. These are boxes so well constructed that throwing them away would be an insult to manufacturing. You pick one up and admire it.

"Look at this thing."

Nobody else in the house looks.

"Double-walled."

Still nothing.

"That's a good box."

At this point, your spouse leaves the room. Fine. Some people appreciate craftsmanship.

The problem, of course, is that boxes reproduce. You save one because it might be useful. Then another arrives that is slightly smaller, which means it serves an entirely different hypothetical purpose. Then you get a big one, and obviously you can't throw that away because big boxes are hard to find when you need one.

Soon, there is a section of the basement that looks as though you are preparing to relocate without telling anybody.

Every few months, my wife notices.

"Are we keeping all these?"

I know this is not really a question. So I conduct an inventory. This generally involves picking up each box, examining it and deciding that, yes, we apparently are keeping all of them. Occasionally, I sacrifice one to maintain domestic peace. Usually the weakest. A bent corner will do it.

"Fine," I'll say. "This one can go."

Then I flatten it with unnecessary solemnity and put it in recycling. The others survive another round.

I realize there is a certain absurdity to all this. Cardboard boxes are not rare. Stores have them. Neighbors have them. The world is not facing a cardboard shortage. But try telling that to a man who once needed a box at 7:30 on a Sunday morning and didn't have one. That experience changes you. Besides, every now and then, the system works. Somebody needs to ship a Christmas present, pack up old dishes or carry something to the car.

"Do we have a box?"

That's my moment. I don't say anything. I simply walk downstairs and return carrying exactly what the situation requires. My wife looks at the box. Then she looks at me. I try not to appear smug.

Thirty years of marriage has taught me many things. One of them is knowing when you've won. Another is knowing enough not to say so.

The good box stays.

To the Editor:

Nadia Milleron is running as an Independent for Congress in District 1 (our district). Why? Because when her daughter was tragically killed in an avoidable plane crash six years ago, she sought help from our current Congressman, but did not receive it.

Nadia attended many Congressional hearings on flight safety (or lack thereof). Because of this, combined with no response from her Congressperson, who had run unopposed for years, she made the commitment to run in 2024, gathering 37.3 percent of the vote!

So, Nadia Milleron is running for Congress again. Her people-powered

campaign includes key legislative priorities: no federal taxes for folks who make less than \$100,000/year, health care for all and investing in well-being (which I think is a great way to spend our money), putting an end to endless wars, and term limits for Congress.

Please see her Web site (https://nadiaforcongress.com) to find out more about the not-corporate-or-PAC-funded candidate who will serve only the people in our district!

Maureen Doyle
Southbridge

TO THE EDITOR

Find out more about Nadia Milleron

St. Vincent de Paul Society to host Friends of the Poor Walk in Sturbridge

FISKDALE — The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Fiskdale will host its third annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Sunday, Oct. 18, at noon at the



Sturbridge Common during the harvest fest. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support local individuals and families in need across Brimfield, Brookfield, Holland, Sturbridge, Wales, and other nearby towns.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Fiskdale provides practical assistance throughout the year, including emergency housing, rental and utility help, food, clothing, and other essential needs—serving people of all backgrounds and faiths.

The Fiskdale conference raises funds through parish poor boxes, public donations, and events such as this one. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates in 153 countries, with more than 4,000 local conferences, and is run entirely by volunteer members committed to tackling poverty in all its forms. Residents are encouraged to come to the harvest fest and join us in our walk for our neighbors in need.

For more information, contact svdp-fiskdalepr@gmail.com. To donate, visit our website: svdpfiskdale.org and click on the “Donate” button.

Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust to host Kids and Grands scavenger hike

CHARLTON — The Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust has announced that it will host a “Kids and Grands” scavenger hike at its Willow Tree Conservation Area at the end of Willow Tree Lane in Charlton on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The event will run from 10 a.m. until noon. The hunt will cover the three-tenths-of-a-mile loop through woods on a level cart road. The terrain is suitable for most walkers with sturdy, closed toe shoes. Parking is on a neighborhood road, so we ask that you are respectful. CHPT will provide a nature bingo list and encouragement.

This is an opportunity for grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles and younger children to have fun in a tame, wooded environment. CHPT will also have information on their other properties that kids can graduate up to as they get older. More information will be available on our Facebook page and on our website at www.charltontrust.org.

CHPT is a 501(c)3 non-profit land trust committed to conserving open space in Charlton. It currently stewards 19 parcels covering more than 200 acres. Recently, CHPT has collaborated with the Charlton Historical Society for talks about mill life at their Little River mill ruins site, sponsored a birding in Central Massachusetts talk by Mass Audubon at the Charlton Public Library and led hikes along the Midstate Trail through the Route 20 Cow Tunnel.

Charlton Scouts build new bridge at Little River Property

CHARLTON — Troop 338 in Charlton has been working on several service projects this year. During one of these projects, we built a new bridge in Charlton at Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust, Little River Property, on June 24.

There was already a bridge on the trail that needed to be replaced. Troop 338 took time to make sure a new bridge was built for hikers to cross safely. Scouts that helped with this project did an amazing job. These Scouts are Jess B, Mike H, Josh, Nathaniel N, and Abby N are all the lovely scouts that helped. We also had a Cub Scout help us out, it was amazing to have help from Sammi B. We all enjoyed our time helping out our community and it was an amazing time working together. These scouts will be earning the Conservation Good Turn award which is a spectacular award for anyone to get and to be proud of. We also had two lovely adults help and supervise us the whole time to make sure we were completely safe.

On Oct. 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Troop 338 along with Pack 165 will be having a recruiting event. We will have games and activities, such as geocaching, gaga ball, knots and lashings. This is taking place around the little league field behind the Charlton library. Kids ages five to 16 please come if you can, we'd really appreciate it. Along with this recruiting event we have been selling ping pong balls and will be dropping them from the Charlton Fire truck to raise money for our trip to South Dakota.

SNHU announces summer President’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Kaighley Obuchowski of Southbridge
Carol Bernardone of Southbridge
Hanna Etheridge of Southbridge
Nikita Giantsios of Southbridge
Kalie Hernandez of Southbridge
Rebecca Jacques of Southbridge
Jonah McCue of Southbridge
Garrett Mandeville of Charlton

Gregory Swift of Charlton City
Anne Wasega of Sturbridge
Grace Morin of Wales
Jody Greika of Sturbridge
Raymond Robinson of Holland

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 94-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, New Hampshire. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Flamenco Boston bringing music and dance to Jacob Edwards Library

SOUTHBRIDGE — The sights and sounds of traditional flamenco will fill the Jacob Edwards Library when Flamenco Boston presents a free performance Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m.

The program is part of a series of performances celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and will introduce local audiences to flamenco through live music, dance and a discussion of the art form's cultural roots.

The Southbridge performance will feature dancer Cristina Candela, singer Juan Pedro Jiménez, violinist Ángela Varo and flamenco guitarist Anthony Tran.

Together, the musicians and dancer will demonstrate the interplay of voice, guitar, violin and movement that gives flamenco its distinctive character. The performers will also provide background about the development of flamenco and its roots in Andalucía, a region of southern Spain shaped over centuries by the interaction of different peoples and cultural traditions.

The program is intended both for those already familiar with flamenco and those experiencing the art form for the first time.

Flamenco Boston seeks to make flamenco music and dance accessible to communities that may not regularly have opportunities to experience live performances of the art form. Bringing the program into a public library setting allows residents of different ages and backgrounds to experience the performance close to home and without the cost of admission.

The Oct. 8 program is free and open to people of all ages.

The performance is made possible through a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council. The local council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's statewide network supporting community cultural programming. The Southbridge Cultural Council provides grants supporting arts, humanities and interpretive science activities benefiting the community.

The Jacob Edwards Library is located in Southbridge. The performance begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8.

Applications welcome for Southbridge Cultural Council grants

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Cultural Council announces that applications for the 2027 grant funding cycle will become available only online to www.masscultural-council.org.

The official submission cycle for 2027 begins on Sept. 1, and ends on Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m. No applications are accepted after the official deadline established by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Boston. Officially required is that all 2027 applicants review and understand the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Southbridge Cultural Council specific criteria online before submission of the grant application.

The Southbridge Cultural Council (SCC), a local agency, is part of the overall grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency, providing grant allocations to each of the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in support of cultural activities in their respective areas. The Massachusetts Cultural Council is funded by the Massachusetts Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For questions of the 2027 grant cycle, please call Michelle LeBoeuf, SCC Chairperson at

Winter Coat Closet opens Oct. 31

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Winter Coat Closet, an ecumenical project, sponsored by local churches and located at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton St., Southbridge, will be open Saturdays from Oct. 31 to Dec. 19. The hours are 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

We have new & gently used warm winter coats for men, women and children. The coats are free but limited to one per person. All are welcome to come browse our racks and try something on! We also have a number of scarves, hats and mittens.

Donations are accepted at the Coat Closet on Saturdays when we are open or at the office. Please call and leave a message for Chris at Holy Trinity Church 508-765-9559.

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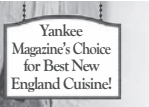
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OBITUARIES

Arthur S. “Doc” Tieri

Charlton — Arthur Stephen “Doc” Tieri passed away with his family at his side after more than a decade contending with Parkinson’s disease.

He leaves his high school sweetheart and wife of 61 years, Margaret “Peggy” (Madore) Tieri; his daughter, Christine Tieri and her husband, Dennis Antonopoulos; his son, A. Stephen Tieri and his fiancée, Brenda Knight; his grandchildren, Oscar Appleton, Dillon Antonopoulos, Brady Antonopoulos, Alessandro Tieri and Amelia Tieri; his sisters, Ada (Tieri) Pezzetti and Sylvia (Tieri) Dunne; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; his lifelong hunting buddies; and approximately 100 other relatives with last names that end in a vowel.

Art was born December 8, 1942, in Southbridge, Massachusetts, to Dr. Arthur Stephen Tieri and Philippina (DeAngelis) Tieri. A 1960 graduate of Mary E. Wells High School, he proudly played star running

back through three undefeated football seasons — a fact he never forgot to mention any time one of his children or grandchildren lost a game.

He graduated from the University of Massachusetts and then the Massachusetts College of Optometry, now the New England College of Optometry. Drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, he served as a captain, stationed in San Antonio and at Fort Dix, where he examined soldiers’ eyes and oversaw an optical fabrication lab that produced prescription glasses. Art was also a pilot,



and during his years in the service, he and Peggy would fly back and forth from his bases to the Southbridge airport to visit family.

After his military service, Art and Peggy returned to the area, where he established his optometry practice and raised Christine and Stephen.

Following in his father’s footsteps, “Doc” cared for generations of local families for more than 40 years. He made house calls, ran glaucoma clinics, covered for fellow optometrists when they were ill, and was a lifelong member of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. He was also a member of the Lions Club, where he volunteered in efforts to screen children for vision problems. He once fitted one of his children’s friends with her first pair of contact lenses at the kitchen table before a high school dance — which she still refers to as her “Princess Diaries” moment.

If you didn’t know, Art was the original MacGyver. His children still suspect the television show was created after someone secretly installed a camera in their house. There was very little that couldn’t be fixed with a roll of duct tape, a pair of pliers and a healthy dose of brute force. He restored ’65 Mustangs with his kids, took carburetors apart with 300 pieces strewn across the basement and somehow put them back together with only 20 or so pieces somehow left over. He was also a willing participant in Christine’s many renovation projects, where there may have been the occasional encounter with a live electrical wire.

Art brought a healthy — ahem — spirit of competition to family life and youth sports alike. He coached throughout Stephen’s Little League years, umpired Christine’s Lassie League games and saw no reason to lower his expectations simply because some of the players were six. He never missed one of Steve’s soccer or baseball games and remained an enthusiastic spectator of his kids’ and grandkids’ athletic lives.

To his grandchildren, he was simply “Pop,” a name that caught on so thoroughly that every toddler at Oscar’s daycare would yell, “Hi Pop!” when he arrived for pickup. His grandchildren were among the greatest

joys of his life, and he loved watching them swim, fish, kayak, and play fiercely competitive Wiffle ball at the lake. A lifelong Red Sox fan, he shared the suffering with Oscar, who once observed, before the Sox finally won it all, “Pop, it’s hard being a Red Sox fan,” to which Pop replied, “Oscar, you have no idea.” He marveled at Dillon and Brady’s ability to nail clutch threes during their high school basketball careers; watched Sandro grow taller than any Tieri in recorded history and consume a family-sized serving of gnocchi all by himself; and was endlessly amused by Mimi’s sly wit and her knack for timing the perfect comment while the boys were being boys.

Art’s mischievous streak started young and continued right up until his death. His sly grin usually meant he was up to something. He loved fishing and hunting, and in later years sometimes traded his gun for a camera to photograph the wildlife instead. He and Peggy brought the kids on family vacations in Maine and adventures farther afield, then later continued traveling together to many parts of the world. A self-proclaimed curmudgeon, Art nevertheless managed to make friends nearly everywhere he went.

Although Doc was a great doctor, he was not a great patient — and was, in fact, impatient with just about everything. Parkinson’s eventually took away his ability to walk, but not his ability to remain one step ahead of those around him. His family is especially grateful to the nurses and staff at The Overlook, who met even his most challenging days with patience, kindness and humor. Whenever the family apologized, the floor manager would reassure them, “We love Arthur. He keeps us on our toes.” The family remains deeply grateful for that generous interpretation.

Art was not a man of grand declarations. He showed people he cared in more practical ways: he showed up, fixed what needed fixing, cheered from the sidelines (occasionally from closer to the action than officials would have preferred) and was always ready to share a good laugh. His family likes to think he is finally at peace, with his beloved hunting dog Snoopy by his side.

Because Art was never one to make a fuss or be the center of attention, there will be no calling hours or funeral service. Those who knew him are invited to share a memory with the family in the online guestbook and, in lieu of flowers, to honor “Doc” by lending someone a hand, helping solve a problem, sharing a good laugh, or stirring up a little harmless mischief.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Dana Richard Bulpett, 62

Dana Richard Bulpett of Moneta, Virginia, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on September 22, 2026 at the age of 62, following a brief but courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

Born March 31, 1964 in Framingham, MA to David and June (Moore) Bulpett, Dana was the youngest of six children. He enjoyed sharing amusing anecdotes and misadventures of his childhood in Southbridge, MA. He grew up driven and curious, later earning both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Northeastern University.

Dana enjoyed living in Sandwich, MA for many years while raising his family. His passion for New England sports teams was a staple in his life. Dana also loved spending time outdoors, whether it was hiking, cheering on his daughters’ soccer teams, perfecting his yard, or running — in his early years training for and completing a marathon in Providence, RI.

Dana’s hard work led him through a successful career in computer programming, eventually leading him to call North Carolina home in 2007 while working for Fidelity Investments. He retired to Virginia in 2025, fulfilling a lifelong goal of peaceful living on a lake.

Above all his interests, Dana’s greatest



joy was his family. He was a proud husband, father, and grandfather who treasured every moment spent with his wife, kids, and grandkids.

He leaves behind his deeply devoted wife, Trish; his daughter Kristin, her husband Charles and their daughters Nora and Zoey; his daughter Alyssa, her husband Kevin and their sons Henry and Elliot; his daughter Lori; his step-son Ryan, his wife Lauren and their son Jason; his step-son Daniel; his sister Laura and her husband James; his brother David and his husband Robert; his brother Jeffrey; and many nieces and nephews. Dana was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Deborah, and his brother, Thomas.

Dana’s warmth, quiet wit, competitive spirit, and incredible strength will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to support cancer research and patient care through his sister, Laura Campbell’s, Jimmy Fund Walk fundraising page at: https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?fr_id=2560&pg=personal&px=1008499

Dana was a lifelong blood donor and received blood products during his battle against cancer. Please also consider donating blood or platelets at a drive near you: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INITIAL SITE INVESTIGATION AND TIER I CLASSIFICATION Diesel Fuel Spill – September 25, 2025 Pilot Travel Centers, LLC (Pilot) 400 Haynes Street, Sturbridge, MA RTN 2-52502

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, §2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. As a result of this investigation, the site has been classified as Tier I pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On **September 25, 2026, Neil R Schofield, LSP** filed a Tier I Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact **Neil R Schofield, Sovereign Consulting Inc., 4 Open Square Way, Suite 307, Holyoke, MA 01040.** The Tier I Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be reviewed at **MassDEP, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01606** or through the MassDEP electronic Data Portal that can be found at the following link <https://eeaaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/wastesite/2-0052502>. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404. October 2, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dawna Thomas-Foote, Trustee of the 66 Cedar Realty Trust to Pinnacle Financial Services 1 LLC dated May 6, 2025 and recorded in the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 71954, Page 205 as affected by a Collateral Assignment of Mortgage by Pinnacle Financial Services 1 LLC to M & T Bank dated May 6, 2025 and recorded in said Registry at Book 72064, Page 205, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage by M & T Bank to Pinnacle Financial Services 1 LLC dated June 10, 2026 and recorded in said Registry at Book 73707, Page 103, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 66 Cedar Street, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit:
The land in said Sturbridge, with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of the road (Cedar Street), leading from Sturbridge to Brookfield, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin in the ground on the easterly side of said road at the N. W. corner of land to be conveyed and being the S.W. corner of land now or formerly of Alpheus E. Wight; THENCE easterly by the southerly line of said Wight's land about 300 feet to a pin in the ground; THENCE southerly by said Wight's land about 150 feet to an iron pin in the ground at land of Eugene Rudiger; THENCE westerly by land of said Rudiger about 300 feet to an iron pin in the ground on the easterly side of said road; THENCE northerly by the easterly side of said road about 128 feet to the place of beginning.
For title see deed dated October 26, 2018 and recorded in Book 59616, Page 309.
Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor herein by deed dated May 6, 2026, and recorded in the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 71954, Page 201.
Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of \$10,000.00 by cash, certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Deposit to be increased to 10%

of the purchase price within five (5) business days. This sale is subject to a 5% buyer's premium. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Mortgagee's law offices within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms will be announced at the sale.
Pinnacle Financial Services 1 LLC
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorney,
Joseph J. Lange, Esq.
Lyon & Fitzpatrick, LLP
14 Bobala Road, Suite 4
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 420-4086

September 25, 2026
October 2, 2026
October 9, 2026

Town of Brimfield Conservation Commission Public Hearing Notice
In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Brimfield Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM to review a Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Seth Lajoie & Associates c/o Peter & Madeline Lynch. The NOI proposes to construct a single-family home.
Project Location: 81 Seventh Street, Brimfield, MA 01010, (Assessor's Map (5B-A-14)
Meeting Location: Public Participation will be In-Person at Hitchcock Academy at 2 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, MA 01010 on October 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
Any person(s) interested or wishing to be heard on this request should appear at the time and place designated. A copy of the permit application and plan may be inspected at the Brimfield Town Annex in the Conservation Commission Office, Salisbury Annex Building, 2nd Floor, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010 or contact the office at 413-245-4100 ext. 1101.

Roger deBruyn & Joseph Venezia Co-Chairs
September 23, 2026
October 1, 2026

Town of Sturbridge Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing Notice Variance Kevin LeBlanc
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §10 & §11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:35 PM** at the **Center Office Building located at 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566** and/or by virtual means if circumstances warrant, in accordance with applicable law; on the application of Kevin LeBlanc for the property located at 108 Mashapaug Road.
Pursuant to §300-18.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, the applicant is requesting a Variance from Article XIV Intensity Regulations, §300-14.2 Table of Standards which requires 150' of frontage in the Rural Residential District, to allow the division of the 108 Mashapaug Road into two lots, the existing house lot having 150' of frontage and the new lot having 131' of frontage for the building of a new house, all other zoning requirements and setbacks to be met.
The proposed request may be viewed at www.sturbridge.gov or arrangements can be made to view the application and plan by contacting the Sturbridge Planning Department at (508) 347-2508 or by email at jlacy@sturbridge.gov. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated.
Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and may be conducted via remote means if circumstance warrant, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. <https://meet.goto.com/619527397>
Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after

the meeting.
Diane Trapasso, Chair
Sturbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
October 1, 2026
October 8, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 40A, §11, the Southbridge Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the G.A.R. Hall, lower level, Town Hall, 41 Elm St, Southbridge, MA.
The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the special permit application, in accordance with Table 1 of the Southbridge Zoning Bylaw, as filed by Tiger Gillespie, for the keeping of livestock under 5 acres, located at 249 Pleasant Street; Map 19; Lot 6 (Tiger Gillespie, owner).
The application and plan are on file for review during normal business hours with the Town Clerk. This notice is also published electronically on www.ma.mypublicnotices.com.
Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.
David V. Payeur
Chairman, Southbridge Planning Board
September 24, 2026
October 1, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO24P0877PM CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Estate of:
Marvel Allard
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Anita K. Palmaccio of Lancaster MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and such other relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **10/20/2026**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Kathryn M. Bailey, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 17, 2026
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 1, 2026

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In accordance with the Town of Charlton Stormwater Management Rules & Regulations, the Charlton Conservation Commission will be accepting comments on the following application:
The applicant, J & L Construction, has submitted a Land Disturbance/Stormwater Management Application on September 21, 2026, for land disturbance associated with the construction of a single-family home and site work.
The project site is located at L turner Road, Charlton, MA 01507, and is also known as: Parcel ID: 36-C-10.2
Copies of the Land Disturbance Application are available at the Charlton Conservation Commission office during business hours.
Thomas O'Malley
Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission
October 1, 2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 423 Morris Street, Southbridge, MA 01550
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jacqueline Baldina to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., and now held by **Rocket Mortgage, LLC**, said mortgage dated September 28, 2017

and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57845, Page 366, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns to Rocket Mortgage, LLC by assignment dated June 4, 2026 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 73693, Page 236; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** October 21, 2026 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: *Land situated in the Town of Southbridge in the County of Worcester in the State of MA The land with the buildings thereon located in Southbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the easterly side of Morris Street bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof, at an iron pipe on the easterly side of Morris Street in the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of George Rousseau, et ux; THENCE S. 65 degrees 59 minutes E. by said Rousseau land, 200 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of the Southbridge Water Supply Company; THENCE S. 24 degrees 01 minute W. by land now or formerly of the Southbridge Water Supply Company, 100 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Paul O. Laliberte, et ux; THENCE N. 65 degrees 59 minutes W. by said Laliberte land, 200 feet to an iron pipe on the easterly side of Morris Street; THENCE N. 24 degrees 01 minute E. by the easterly side of Morris Street, 100 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 20,000 square feet. Being the same property conveyed to Jacqueline Baldina, by deed dated August 25, 2010 of record in Deed Book 46227, Page 146, in the County Clerk's Office.*
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated August 25, 2010 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 46227, Page 146.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
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Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
23 Messenger Street
2nd Floor
Plainville, MA 02762
Attorney for Rocket Mortgage, LLC
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701
September 17, 2026
September 24, 2026
October 1, 2026

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on October 14, 2026, at 6:30PM on the application of Tim Reardon.
The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a single-family home and associated site work within the 100-ft buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Address: Lot 1 Bond Road, Charlton, MA, 01507. Parcel ID: 69-A-1.6
Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted in person and via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate remotely can access the meeting by request.
Copies of the RDA may be examined at the Conservation Office by appointment during business hours.
Thomas O'Malley
Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission
October 1, 2026

LEGALS

**Town of Sturbridge
Zoning Board of Appeals
Public Hearing Notice Variance
NBM Realty, LLC**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §10 & §11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:45 PM** at the Center Office Building located at **301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566** and/or by virtual means if circumstances warrant, in accordance with applicable law; on the application of NBM Realty, LLC for the property located at 152 Main Street.

Pursuant to §300-18.2 of the Zoning Bylaw, the applicant is requesting a Variance from Article IV Use Regulations, §300-4.3B(2)(a) and §300-4.3B(2)(b), Multifamily dwelling, allowed via Special Permit provided that it does not exceed four dwelling units and provided that there is not less than 20,000 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit, to permit the construction of two multi-family buildings each containing seven dwelling units with 19,418 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit.

The proposed request may be viewed at www.sturbridge.gov or arrangements can be made to view the application and plan by contacting the Sturbridge Planning Department at (508) 347-2508 or by email at jlacy@sturbridge.gov. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and may be conducted via remote means if circumstance warrant, in accordance with applicable

law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. <https://meet.goto.com/619527397>

Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Diane Trapasso, Chair
Sturbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
October 1, 2026
October 8, 2026

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Obtaining Bid Packages:
Specifications, general instructions, and Bid Forms must be obtained at the Town Administrator's Office, Charlton Municipal Offices, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507 starting

on September 28, 2026, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday via pickup at the Town Administrator's Office or via email request to mary.devlin@town-of-charlton.net. Bidders are required to submit on the Bid Forms provided.

Items required: Non-Collusion form, tax compliance certificate, and bid pricing sheet (provided in this IFB).

Conditions of Contract: All awarded contracts shall be subject to the conditions that accompany this bid package. Successful Bidders will be required to produce a certificate of insurance and workers compensation certificate.

Award/Rejection: The OWNER, Town of Charlton, reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive minor informalities in the bids, or to accept the bid deemed best for the OWNER. The contract will be awarded to the lowest, responsible and eligible bidder.

September 24, 2026
October 1, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 40A, §11, the Southbridge Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:50 PM in the G.A.R. Hall, lower level, Town Hall, 41 Elm St, Southbridge, MA.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an amendment to a special permit application, as filed by Kate Johnson, to allow for livestock on a property under 5 acres, per Table 1: Schedule of Uses of the Southbridge Zoning Bylaw, located at 16 Ellis Road; Map 12; Lot 1-G (Kate Johnson, owner).

The application and plan are on file for review during normal business hours

with the Town Clerk. This notice is also published electronically on www.telegram.com and on masspublicnotices.org.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.

David V. Payeur
Chairman, Southbridge Planning Board
September 24, 2026
October 1, 2026

**CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on October 14, 2026, at 6:30PM on the application of Kevin Leblanc.

The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability to cross an intermittent stream to conduct perk testing within the 100-ft buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Address: 0 H Foote Road, Charlton, MA, 01507. Parcel ID: 62-A-14

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted in person and via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate remotely can access the meeting by request.

Copies of the RDA may be examined at the Conservation Office by appointment during business hours.

Thomas O'Malley
Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission
October 1, 2026



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Charlton and Leicester history groups team up for tavern crawl

CHARLTON — The Charlton Historical Society (CHS) and the Leicester Historical Commission will collaborative on a full day program exploring how the American Revolution shaped Central Massachusetts on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day includes tours of the Swan and Rider Taverns, a tour of the Number 2 Schoolhouse, a walking tour of Leicester Common, presentations on the Marquis de Lafayette and the Declaration of Independence, and breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$35 per person before Oct. 3 and \$40 the day of the event. This event is limited to 50 people. Participants will drive in their own vehicles to the two sites. In addition to walking, the day will include climbing one flight of stairs.

Roadside taverns like the Swan built in 1768, played a key role in starting the American Revolution. Come learn how it was in the Swan that the term “minutemen” was first uttered. Frenchmen like the Marquis de Lafayette were essential in helping us win the Revolution. Fifty years after the Revolution, Lafayette returned to the United States for a triumphant tour of the new country. Learn what his stop at the Rider Tavern was like. The ideals of the Revolution would be a central part of American curriculums in one-room schoolhouses like the Number 2 one that is part of this full day of activities.

About CHS
The Charlton Historical Society collects, preserves and shares the history of Charlton,

Massachusetts. The Society maintains the Number Two Schoolhouse and the historic Rider Tavern, which serves as home to the Society. The CHS regularly offers tours, talks, and activities for all ages in the Rider Tavern, a twenty-two-room turnpike inn restored to its original 1799 condition. The private, nonprofit CHS also offers programs throughout the community. For more information <https://charltonhistoricalsociety.com>.

About the Friends of the Swan Tavern
The Friends of Swan Tavern is a registered non-profit group that assists the Leicester Historical Commission, a town agency with fundraising efforts, restoration, and repair work, as well as the operation of the tavern as a historical museum, community, and education center. Rotating historical displays and educational programs on local and regional history occur regularly at the Swan Tavern.

Ciara Elkabbany elected to membership in Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. — Ciara Elkabbany of Southbridge was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at MCPHS University.

Elkabbany is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic

disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

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Two-part lecture series spotlights “Remarkable Women of the American Renaissance”

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Public Library in Sturbridge will present the first of two autumn illustrated lectures on “Remarkable Women of the American Renaissance” on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Lecturer Ellen Duzak will focus on the Peabody Sisters, Elizabeth, Mary and Sophia. These women were educators, artists, and members of the community of intellectuals who embraced Transcendentalism and abolition. Elizabeth was also a Boston bookstore owner and publisher who created an important gathering place for women and men to share ideas.

These illustrated lectures conclude a four-part series which provides a detailed picture of women who made great contributions to the American Renaissance of the 1800’s. The series is supported in part by a grant from the Sturbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

The project shines a light on the little-known stories of inspiring women of the American Renaissance. This was a time when the unique voice of America developed and, with it, our national culture, ethics, literature, and philosophy. Transcendentalism, the rights of women, the anti-slavery movement, the desire for education and enlightenment for all citizens pulsed strongest in New England, especially in nearby Concord. The men at the forefront of this time are well-known to all. Less familiar, but equally important are the remarkable women whose voices and lives the lectures explore.

Ellen Duzak is retired Professor of Psychology at Becker College where she taught for 20 years. Once retired, Duzak taught a wide variety of courses for the Worcester Institute for Senior Education (WISE) at Assumption University for 10 years. In recent years, she has given talks at local libraries and other organizations.

Charlton Sewing Center’s Cathy Racine to speak to Yankee Quilters Guild

CHARLTON — On Tuesday, Oct. 13, Yankee Quilters Guild will welcome Cathy Racine of the Charlton Sewing Center and Charlotte Kassal, who will bring a remarkable and emotional collection of approximately 200 hand-stitched pieces of fabric of art made by women around the world.

"We Speak in Stitches" is a collaboration between project manager Charlotte Kassal, Racine, and others to collect textile works by women on themes of democracy, freedom, and civil rights. After the individual pieces were mailed to Kassal, work began with staff of the Charlton Sewing Center to combine blocks into 23 large quilted panels for display.

Kassal said, "I started this project over a year and a half ago through the 'Slow Stitch' group. This group has 149,000 members. I proposed to the group that we create 10 and a half by 10 and a half inch blocks making statements of how we feel about Democracy, Freedom, Civil Rights, and it was an inclusive project. Whatever a person's "leanings" were, their work would be included when the blocks were assembled into quilt panels."

The event at Yankee will be the second

public viewing after the project opened in September at the Charlton Sewing Center.

The program will begin at 7:00 pm. at Emma's Quilt Cupboard, Horace Mann Plaza, Franklin. Non-members welcome for a fee of \$5.

On November 10th, Yankee will present "Piece by Piece," a program on making "mosaic quilts" with quilt artist Heidi Proffetty. \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, contact yankeequilters11@gmail.com.

Southbridge Lions Club to hold Annual “Fill the Bucket” fundraiser

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Lions Club will once again take to the streets for its annual “Fill the Bucket” Bucket Brigade on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Lions Club members will be stationed at locations along Main, Elm, Central, Foster, Everett, Chapin and Hamilton streets, collecting donations from motorists and community members. Lions will also have a collection table outside the Big Bunny, where residents can stop by to make a donation and say hello.

The Bucket Brigade has long been one of the club's most visible community fundraisers. Donations collected during the morning help the Lions continue their work assisting local individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on those facing vision and hearing challenges.

Funds raised also help support the club's many other community service efforts, including scholarships for local students, youth programs and assistance for people in need.

The Lions emphasize that no contribution is too small. Coins and dollar bills dropped into a bucket throughout the morning quickly add up and help the club continue giving back to the Southbridge community.

The Southbridge Lions Club thanks area residents for their generosity and continued support of the Bucket Brigade and the club's community service projects.

Help the Lions “Fill the Bucket” on Saturday, Oct. 3, and help make a difference for neighbors in need.

Wales Community Pantry announces first-ever fundraising golf tournament

FISKDALE — The Wales Community Pantry today announced its first annual fundraising golf tournament, inviting the community to swing for a cause that hits close to home. The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 3, with a 9 a.m. start at Hemlock Ridge Golf Course in Fiskdale.

This is more than a day on the course. It is a chance to stand with neighbors and families who face the stress of not knowing whether there will be enough food for dinner. Or breakfast. In just the past two years, the number of people the pantry serves has roughly tripled. Hundreds of families across Brimfield, Holland, Wales, and more than 20 surrounding communities now rely on the pantry for nutritious food provided with dignity. The pantry also sends weekend food home with 85 elementary students through its Backpack Program and delivers to more than 40 homebound neighbors.

In the immediate area there are no grocery stores and limited public transportation, making the pantry a critical lifeline. Rising costs of food, housing, and healthcare continue to push more households to seek help. The tournament will feature food, prizes, and the chance to make a tangible difference.

“Golf is fun, but this day is about something bigger,” said Dave Sweeney, Executive Director of the Wales Community Pantry. “Every player, sponsor, and volunteer helps us keep food on the shelves for families who need it. We’re grateful for the community’s support and excited to grow this event into an

annual tradition.”

Event Details

- Date & Time: Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. start
- Location: Hemlock Ridge Golf Course, Fiskdale
- Includes: Golf, food, and prizes
- Registration: <https://bit.ly/WalesGolfFundraiser>
- Sponsorships: Available at multiple levels. Contact WalesCommunityFoodPantry@gmail.com or visit the golf tournament registration page for more details.

Players, sponsors, and volunteers are encouraged to sign up early. Sponsorship opportunities offer visibility while directly supporting the pantry’s mission. For more information or to discuss sponsorship, email WalesCommunityFoodPantry@gmail.com or visit the golf tournament registration page for more details.

About the Wales Community Pantry
The Wales Community Pantry provides nutritious food with dignity to families, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, working households, and children in Brimfield, Holland, Wales, and surrounding communities in western Massachusetts. Through open pantry hours, home delivery, and a Weekend Backpack Program, the pantry serves as a vital resource in an area with limited access to grocery stores. For more information, visit the pantry’s Facebook page or email WalesCommunityFoodPantry@gmail.com.

“Salem Witch Hysteria” at Casaubon Senior Center

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Delvena Theatre Company will be presenting “Salem Witch Hysteria” at the Casaubon Senior Center, 153 Chestnut St., Southbridge, on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m.

Watch history come alive with these fascinating dramatizations of the true stories of the Salem Witch Hysteria.

The setting is Salem, Mass. 1692, a year in which, of the 168 men and women were accused of practicing witchcraft. Twenty of those accused were executed.

Let’s see how things go in the 21st century when the audience members become the jury in the trial of Susannah Martin. They will have the opportunity to question the defendant and form their own opinion as to her guilt or innocence. The cast will open up again to the audience after the performance for a lively discussion.

The Delvena Theatre Company has been

doing to-go shows for the last several years at various venues throughout the New England area. The Company was founded in 1992, and prior to “going on the road” performed at different locations throughout Massachusetts, most often at the Boston Center for the Arts. Delvena was nominated for five Independent Reviewers of New England awards. Its production of ‘Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?’ was on Theatre Mirror’s Best List for acting, directing and production. Presentations of ‘Anna Weiss’ and ‘Beyond Therapy’ were included on Theatre Mirror’s best play list and ‘Blue Heart’ was placed on Aisle Say’s best list.

Salem Witch Hysteria is supported in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. To reserve a seat, call the Senior Center at (508) 764-1469.

SNHU announces summer Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Yashira Sagastibelza of Southbridge and Michelle Houghton and James Maschal of Charlton have been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2026 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University

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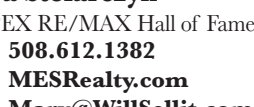


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Atkins, Claypool lead Bartlett past Abby Kelley, 42–12

WEBSTER — Jaesean Atkins rushed for 219 yards and two touchdowns and intercepted two passes as Bartlett Football defeated Abby Kelley Foster, 42–12, Thursday night at Memorial Field.

Hunter Claypool added 88 rushing yards and two touchdowns for the Indians, who amassed 375 yards on the ground and scored the game’s final 34 points. Bartlett finished with 396 yards of total offense while holding Abby Kelley to 199.

Abby Kelley opened the scoring with an 8-yard touchdown run. Atkins answered with a 46-yard scoring run, then connected with Mason Fallas for the two-point conversion to give Bartlett an 8–6 lead.

A second Abby Kelley touchdown put the

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(Right) Hunter Claypool heads for the pylon for his first career touchdown.



Courtesy Photo

Over the weekend of Sept. 11-13, local Scouts from Scouting America Troops 161 and 163 in Sturbridge participated in the Flags On The 48 tribute to the victims of the 9/11 attacks. Local scouts joined scouts from across New England and other volunteers to hike to the summits of the 48 New Hampshire peaks 4000 feet and higher. There, they displayed American flags in tribute to the victims. Both troops invite area youths aged 11-17 to join them in their upcoming adventures. To learn more about these adventures, please reach out to Troop 163 (girls) at troop163sturbridge@gmail.com and to Troop 161 (boys) at troop161sturbridge@gmail.com. Pictured: Scouts from Scouting America Troop 163 in Sturbridge pose with their American flag at the summit of Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch, New Hampshire as part of the Flags On The 48 tribute.

Hunter Claypool kicks off.

visitors ahead, 12–8, before Xavier Butler scored on a 5-yard run. Atkins added the two-point conversion, giving the Indians a lead they would hold for the remainder of the night.

Atkins extended the advantage with a 60-yard touchdown run later in the first quarter, putting Bartlett ahead, 22–12.

Claypool added a 30-yard touchdown run in the second quarter before Atkins delivered another pivotal play, returning an interception 95 yards to set up Alex Kapulka’s 5-yard touchdown run. Claypool then found Tyler Whiting for the two-point conversion, sending Bartlett into halftime with a 36–12 lead.

Claypool capped the scoring with a 34-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. He finished with six carries and also complet-

ed a 21-yard pass to Whiting. All six Bartlett touchdowns came on the ground.

The Indians’ defense shut out Abby Kelley over the final three quarters, with Atkins accounting for both of Bartlett’s interceptions. Kapulka led the team with eight combined tackles and assists, while Atkins added seven. Bartlett also stopped Abby Kelley on four of its five fourth-down attempts.

“Our players worked hard in practice this week and put the team first. That unselfish approach helped us earn this win,” Bartlett head coach Dane Laboissonniere said. “We’ll look to build on that effort and continue improving as we prepare for next week’s conference game against Worcester North.”

The Indians return to action Saturday, Oct. 3, against Worcester North at Foley Stadium.

Revving up for the 18th annual Brimfield Auto Show



BRIMFIELD — Now in its 18th year, the annual Brimfield Auto Show is a benefit for Hitchcock Academy and the Brimfield Firefighters Association. The 2026 show will take place at the Brimfield Winery on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rain date for the event is Oct. 11.

The Brimfield Winery is known for supporting the community and in particular area nonprofits throughout the summer and fall. The Brimfield Auto Show is perhaps the biggest with 800 vehicles registering to be shown and vie for one of the trophies given out in 28 categories. Also awarded will be trophies for People’s Choice, Best in Show, the Firefighters Award, and this year a memorial trophy honoring Eugene “Gene” Randall, who passed away in April of this year. Gene was an avid classic car enthusiast and served as a judge for many of the shows.

Car registration opens at 7 a.m. (an hour earlier this year) and is just \$20 per vehicle. General admission is \$5.

The event will include several food trucks, beverages offered by Brimfield Winery, and live music by Cruisin’ Bruce

Marshall of The Valley’s Classic Hits 97.7 FM.

The show draws car clubs and spectators from throughout the state as well as bordering states such as New Hampshire and Connecticut. The show isn’t just antique cars alone – it includes vintage varieties such as muscle cars as well as utility vehicles and trucks. You will find anything from the early 1900’s, Trucks, Street Rods, Camaros, Corvettes, and European Models, even vintage fire apparatus, and more. Brimfield’s first fire truck, a 1927 Buffalo, will be on display as well as the Massachusetts State Police Museum’s 1968 Ford Ranch Wagon used by troopers to keep the motoring public safe.

The show’s souvenir commemorative program book is produced and published by Hitchcock Academy as a fundraiser for the community center.

Among the articles in this year’s book are features on local auto shop owner and musician David Bell and automotive journalist, historian, author, and television host Steve Magnante aka Steve Mags who will be present at this year’s show.

David Bell has been in the automotive business in Brimfield for more than 40 years and is the owner of Classic Heaven on Holland Road, providing auto repair, body work, painting, and restoration. A feature in the program book details the impact of the 2011 tornado on Bell’s business and his lifelong love of classic cars.

A feature on Steve Mags surveys his career and rise to automotive acclaim through work on “Junkyard Crawls” and Roadkill’s “Junkyard Gold,” as well as his work as an auction commentator and brand spokesperson for Dodge.

The Brimfield Firefighters Association is also a beneficiary of the fundraising event, collecting car registration and admission from the show, selling t-shirts, and running a 50/50 raffle during the event. Proceeds have supported the restoration of the Buffalo Truck and are also used for ongoing critical training.

The show doesn’t happen without volunteers, and more are always needed to help with registration, directing parking and judging. Hitchcock can connect with anyone interested in participating.

For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org. Hitchcock Academy is a community center located at 2 Brookfield Rd. in Brimfield serving the community with educational, recreational, and cultural programming.

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