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## Honoring “a champion for this community” in Bob Briere

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — It's pretty hard to summarize what Bob Briere has done in Sturbridge over his lifetime other than a little of everything.

Briere's 90 years in town were lionized last week by several dozen people at the Publick House, and unlike many such events, he was there to witness it. With a slide show and casual interview by longtime friend and fellow historian Wally Hersee to guide things, Briere talked about everything from being a mailman, driver of “the happy bus,” a Lion, part of the first K9 squad, and a Korean War pilot; little-known groups like the Anacreontic Society; local historical errors; and leaving kids on Mt Snow in Vermont. Although he didn't talk about them much, others noted he was also a selectman and moderator, among other things.

Take for example the  
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Bob Briere

## Sturbridge selectmen revisit ongoing issues

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Select Board revisited two ongoing issues Sept. 16 – Podunk Road poles and docks.

According to Town Administrator Robin Grimm, the latter is largely outside the town's hands; a letter from the town attorney noted DEP has the final say on all “Great Ponds.” But town policies feature numerous conflicts that can be addressed, and Conservation does have authority over any work within 25 feet of the water.

She suggested making local regs more similar to DEP's rules, and make clearer reference to Conservation's authority. She described it as “like a departmental sign-off for liquor licenses,” and said the Building Inspector should be among them.

Mary Blanchard agreed, noting most people don't even know Conservation review for docks exists. Building Inspector Bill LePage also later noted he'd talked to a new resident who'd put a dock in and didn't know it requires an annual permit.

Conservation Agent Lauren Vivier said she thinks proposed docks should get a Conservation sign-off before going to the Select board. Temporary docks that don't change the bordering land will be simple, but other changes need to go to the commission, she said.

This issue came up because two owners proposed cantilever docks requiring cement counter-weights on the shore, and the Conservation Commission needed to know “what's allowable in disturbance of the bank,” Vivier recalled.

Chair Jamie Goodwin said the town's harbormaster power is a “police and safety power.” But he noted he doesn't feel “we should refine our policy, because it changes nothing.”

Later, a person being appointed to the Open Space Committee, Hugh Brower, noted he “had to deal with [docks] a lot in Wales” as a Conservation Agent, and found that “95 percent of them were not permitted.”

“I don't envy you in that situation,” he added.

The former involved a proposal to add new National Grid poles to reduce cable spans to an already long list of them, but the whole project is still being reviewed by Conservation and Planning. As Vivier noted, the whole plan “spans 32 pages.”

Grimm said Planning and the Tree Warden are still documenting the existing trees for health and other issues and National Grid's replanting plan, but all of them are now marked. In some cases, the firm is only trimming trees, not cutting them. Some owners have said they want to keep trees that seem to be at-

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## Charlton to explore changes to building numbering bylaw

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — A bylaw amendment will go before Charlton voters during the town's annual fall town meeting to allow the Board of Selectmen to periodically address house numbering schemes to better identify homes in case of an emergency.

The amendment was brought forward by Building Commissioner Curtis Meskus during the Board of Selectmen's Sept. 10 meeting where Meskus noted that both the town and state have bylaws in place that give the Board of Selectmen authority over

street numbering. However, the town has never implemented a formal policy. This has resulted in some homes numbers being out of sequence or having sub-letters to differentiate them from a neighboring property. Meskus said he wants the town to enact a third section of the town bylaw Chapter 115 concerning building numbering that will allow the Board of Selectmen to address house numbers annually if needed and vote a policy to address the numbers of buildings ensuring they conform to a scheme more suitable for emergency response.

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Courtesy

Master Masons that attended this special degree event from throughout the state of Massachusetts standing on the steps in front of the Meeting House at Old Sturbridge Village.

## Quinebuag Masonic Lodge holds special event at Old Sturbridge Village

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE  
QUINEBUAG MASONIC LODGE

STURBRIDGE — On Wednesday evening, Sept. 25, the parking area near the bright blue Security and First Aid building at (OSV) Old Sturbridge

Village was packed full of cars. The security attendant at the gate providing directions to the Master Masons to walk towards the main OSV common area. It was a cool cloudy evening with chances of scattered showers. This did

not deterrent the Master Masons to attend and participate in this special ceremony in the main common area. Master Masons from throughout Massachusetts and representatives from the Grand Masonic Lodge in Boston

were there to witness this historic ceremony. This special ceremony was performed by the Quinebuag Masonic Lodge members and volunteers in the main common area in front of the Sa-

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# Bag-of-Books Sale at Sturbridge library Oct. 19

STURBRIDGE — With Winter about to knock on our doors we are looking ahead to quiet times with a good book or two or three. Or a whole bagful. Fortunately, the annual Bag-of-Books Sale will be returning to the Joshua Hyde Public Library in Sturbridge on Saturday, Oct. 19, with great books for all ages. And lots of them.

Sponsored by the Friends of The Joshua Hyde Library, visitors may stuff a small bag with gently used books for a total price of only \$5. Fill a medium bag for only \$10. Small and medium bags will be provided. If you'd like, you may fill your own tote bag for \$15 to \$20 depending on size. That's a lot of good reading! Cash or check only, please.

Here's a great opportunity to stock up on books for your children and for yourself. A large selection of children's books will be available on the tables, from board books to advanced readers, along with many young adult books. Library patrons have been donating favorite books all year long and this October sale includes hundreds of books for adults. Mysteries, romance, historical fiction, science fiction and just about all your favorite genres. Visitors to the sale can expect to find a large selection of nonfiction books including biographies, history, sports, crafts, cooking, arts and more. Many audio books, CD's



and DVD's will be available as well.

All proceeds will be used by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Library to pay for all the extras that the town budget for the library doesn't cover, like museum passes and special programs for children and adults. The sale will be held indoors in the basement meeting room, with some outdoor tables on the library's back lawn facing the Town Common, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale coincides with the Sturbridge Harvest Festival, Saturday, Oct. 19. Come harvest some books and stock up for the winter.

## CASA Project Worcester County hosts record-breaking fundraising and awards event

WORCESTER — CASA's 6th annual Champions for Children signature fundraiser brought in a record-breaking amount of more than \$150,000 to support their mission to advocate for and support youth impacted by the foster care system in Worcester County.

The event was hosted for the second time at the Top of the Tower, Worcester's newest and hottest event venue located at 446 Main St., owned and managed by Synergy, a Boston-based real estate investment and services company. An evening to celebrate and sustain CASA's work, honor supporters, and share stories of impact, the event shattered last year's record of \$110,000 raised. Champions for Children was held on Thursday, Sept. 12, and featured several local restaurants and food vendors serving their unique multicultural cuisine, live entertainment, and a chance for guests to win a trip to Costa Rica.

The event honored select members of the CASA community, thanking them for their important roles in advancing the work of the organization. Honorees included District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr.; Mary O'Coin, director of the United Way of South Central MA; and long-time volunteers Deborah McDonnell and Elizabeth Young.

Under the leadership of executive director Julie Bowditch and event chairwoman and board member Liz Estabrooks, the event celebrates the diverse community of Worcester County and brings together supporters from all over the region. Attendees included city and state representatives such as Mayor Joe Petty, school committee

member Molly McCullough, state senators Robyn Kennedy and Michael Moore, state representative David Lebeouf, and Governor's Councilor Paul DePalo, as well as business and community leaders in the region. Lead sponsors included Top of the Tower, Lee Tesconi & Family, JoyGuru Humanitarian Services, Inc., Central MA Productions, Wednesday's Child, Plumb House, Carr Financial Group, and Peter Wyman & Family.

Bowditch said, "We are overwhelmed with gratitude. Each time I believe our community cannot outdo itself in supporting the youth and families we serve, it does!"

During her remarks at the event, she challenged guests to remember a pivotal adult who positively changed their lives when they were growing up and reminded them that each of us has the power to fill that role for today's most vulnerable youth — as family members, neighbors, educators, mentors, and as part of the CASA community. CASA Project Worcester County is a nonprofit organization appointed by juvenile court judges to the most challenging cases to provide best-interest, unbiased information to the court and amplify the needs and wishes of the youth on the cases. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are carefully screened and trained community volunteers who support hundreds of foster-involved youth throughout the county each year. CASA Project Worcester County is a member of the National CASA Association and the oldest and largest of seven programs of its kind in the state. Learn more or get involved at [www.thecasaproject.org](http://www.thecasaproject.org).

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  - 14. Broad in scope
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  - 16. Amount of time
  - 17. Frame
  - 19. Automobile
  - 20. Caps
  - 21. High school dances
  - 22. Utilize
  - 23. Checked
  - 25. One-sided
  - 27. Having an extreme greed for wealth
  - 31. Potted plants
  - 34. We all have one
  - 35. Lake north of the Kalahari
  - 38. Unidentified flying object
  - 39. Aging persons
  - 41. Small amount
  - 42. Mother of Perseus
  - 44. Ornamental waist box
  - 45. Officials
  - 46. Uncertain
  - 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
  - 51. Extensive, treeless plains
  - 55. Your consciousness of your own identity
  - 56. Consumer advocate Ralph
  - 60. Notable Spanish sports club
  - 61. Body part
  - 62. One's responsiveness
  - 64. Woman (French)
  - 65. Ready and willing to be taught
  - 66. Muslim ruler title
  - 67. Unhappy
  - 68. Gradually disappeared
  - 69. Able to think clearly

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Brushed
  - 2. Water sprite
  - 3. Ones to look up to
  - 4. Monetary units
  - 5. We all have one
  - 6. Marine invertebrate
  - 7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
  - 8. Outer
  - 9. Parallelograms
  - 10. Uncomfortable feelings
  - 11. Cross to form an X
  - 12. Remove
  - 13. Some pages are dog-\_\_
  - 18. Capital of Ukraine
  - 24. A citizen of Denmark
  - 26. Eighth month (abbr.)
  - 28. Hindu queens
  - 29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
  - 30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
  - 31. Wet dirt
  - 32. Russian city
  - 33. Observed
  - 36. Irate
  - 37. Travelers need them
  - 39. Musical composition
  - 40. Auction
  - 43. Form of "to be"
  - 45. Women
  - 47. Inspire with love
  - 48. Think Japanese ankle sock
  - 49. Appears
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  - 53. Protein involved in motion
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## United Way launches 2024 campaign, awards \$440,000 in grants

SOUTHBRIDGE — The United Way of South Central MA (UWSCM) is pleased to announce the awarding of \$440,000 in grants to 25 local agencies serving the region. These grants will support critical programs addressing a wide range of community needs, including food insecurity, homelessness, mental health, and education.

"We are proud to continue our commitment to supporting the vital work of these local partner agencies," said Mary O'Coin, Executive Director of UWSCM. "Their dedi-

cation to improving the lives of individuals and families in our community is truly inspiring."

The 25 grant recipients include: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MA MetroWest  
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# Easement vote veers into housing

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Doing projects today sometimes reveals things weren't done right years ago.

That's what happened last Monday, when the Council approved drainage easements for the East Main Street project.

"They exist. We're already using them. It's a formality as part of construction; we have to get permanent drainage easements for these," explained Economic Development Director Peg Dean. "... Sometimes, legacy infrastructure wasn't properly documented."

Her words were in response to Councilor Joe Daou raising concerns that these easements were not on public record. To him, that was a "trick" to have the town do work for a private landowner.

His peers, however, sided with Dean, with Chair Scott Lazo noting it is on American Optical property "but it's our easement." Having it will enable the town to go in an fix it later if problems develop, and

he said he thinks "half this town doesn't have easements on the drainage we have."

Manager Jack Jovan said he didn't know "why it wasn't done in the past," but the need to do it came up now as part of the project's title searches.

Dean said this project only has a few temporary or permanent easements (these ones are permanent). By contrast, the downtown TIP project has around 80.

Subsequently, Daou also objected to the council attributing \$700,000 of the road work as an "in-kind" benefit to the AO's 40/50 Optical Drive apartment project, which plans to use this letter to seek state and/or federal aid. As Mike Montigny noted, the town is spending that money on road work anyway, not actually giving it to the AO project.

"We're not doing any other improvement on [AO] property" besides the easements, Jovan added.

Jasmin Rivas agreed, saying the roadwork will benefit other citizens beyond any living in those

apartments, including those using the Common. "Improvements to this property are going to benefit people in that area," she said, noting several parts of town need similar work. But no money is going to the AO project.

Despite that, Daou argued it was "not right for our citizens and our residents." He said the state and federal funds going to the AO project is also "our money." To him, having more apartments means needing "more police, more fire department. I think we're doing something wrong here. We're not seeing the future. Enough trying to sell the people bull\*\*\*\*."

"I don't think the town can fit any more residents," he later added.

That sparked some later comments about housing in general, with Rivas noting there's a "housing shortage nationwide" and a "growing unhoused population." With the recently-approved statewide housing bill "some of these things are going to be out of our control. I agree we need more business, but we can do

both things at the same time. We can walk and chew gum," she said.

John Daniel noted Southbridgians "are having a hard time finding a place to live." To him, "ethically and morally, it's the right thing to do to find housing for people who need it" because they're already coming and staying here.

"It's not the light at the end of the tunnel. It's the train coming the other way at us," he said.

Daou said he didn't want to see developers take public money, then sell the project and "take the money elsewhere."

He claimed, "Southbridge is advertised for 'Come live in Southbridge and live for free.'"

Steve Kelly said he agreed with Daou about giving public funds to private projects, but also supports the roadwork. He said he wouldn't support AO if they came to the town seeking a grant supporting housing there, on the grounds he feels it's not needed, but with this let-

ter "we're not appropriating any funds for their particular project."

Later, he noted housing is a "very complicated" national issue. In our area, he said, one factor is that nearby towns' zoning "dissuade[s] anybody from building any type of multi-family housing," and he'd like to see legislation "level the playing field." Although "supply and demand" largely determine housing, Kelly said "nobody's building today," and the town won't fix that. To him, the council needs to focus on economic development, not housing.

Montigny agreed, saying he doesn't "support this project at any level."

He argued people should be using private funds to rehab existing homes

not build more, and sees no business benefit to the AO apartment project.

By contrast, the council had earlier supported a \$37,380 CDBG commercial rehab grant for 44 Hamilton St. There, Pablo Santiago is planning to renovate the building into offices for the Vocero Hispano newspaper plus some community meeting space. He noted the paper has about four part-time staff on site, with most work being done remotely.

He had been approved for such a grant a couple years ago, but other issues caused it to fall through.

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## Ruth Wells Center hosting Harvest Fair

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts is hosting a Harvest Fair on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the grounds of the center, 111 Main St. in Southbridge.

Featuring a dozen craft vendors, the lawn will have a variety of crafters selling jewelry, collectibles, handmade items for all ages.

There will be a kids' area where for \$10 kids can make a scarecrow to bring home. Pumpkin painting for \$2 will allow kids to express their artistic talents and bring home decorations! The Angry Panda food truck will be available from 1-4 p.m.

The Harvest Fair is free and open to the pub-

lic.

The galleries will also be open with an exciting exhibit of ghoulish, spooky and Halloween themed art. For more information, go to the Web site, ruthwellscenter.com, or call 508-764-3341.

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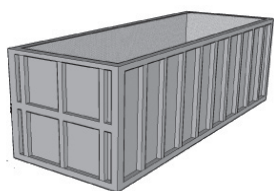


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## Join Opacum Land Trust for tree planting ceremony

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Opacum Land Trust and the town of Southbridge are proud to announce the successful completion of their ambitious urban reforestation initiative which planted more than 700 trees throughout urban areas of Southbridge. To mark this significant achievement, we invite the community to join us for a celebratory ceremony on Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. in War Memorial Park, adjacent to the Fire Station at 24 Elm St., Southbridge. Opacum Land Trust, town of



Trees planted by Opacum Land Trust in the Central Street Parking lot, downtown Southbridge, MA.

Southbridge officials, and representatives from partner organizations will highlight the initiative's impact, recognize key supporters and volunteers, and discuss future

plans by the town of Southbridge to continue this important work. Guided tours will offer an up-close look at some of the newly planted trees and the event will feature refreshments and

family-friendly activities. The benefits of this initiative, which planted a total of 727 trees across Southbridge, will be felt for decades to come. Some of the many benefits of increased tree cover include improved air quality, lower summer temperatures, carbon sequestration to slow climate change, and creation of habitat for local wildlife. Come learn more about all the ways that the trees in your neighborhood are improving the life and health of the community and the environment.

The Southbridge Tree Planting Project was made possible through the dedication of our volunteers and tree planting staff, the cooperation of Southbridge town officials, and the generous support and funding from the U.S. Forest Service and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. We invite all members of the community to join us in celebrating this remarkable achievement and the greener future we are creating together for Southbridge.

Land Trust Opacum Land Trust is a regional, non-profit land conservation organization that protects land, water, and wildlife for current and future generations. We work in a 13-town region stretching from eastern Hampden County and southwestern Worcester County in the towns between Monson and Charlton. Founded in 2000, Opacum currently protects over 4,050 acres of land and is actively working to protect more land across the service area. Reach out to us at Opacum

Land Trust, PO our website for events, properties you can visit, info@opacumlt.org, (508) 347-9144 and ways to get involved at www.OpacumLT.org.

# Fiber Arts club for tweens & teens at Charlton Public Library

**CHARLTON** — Calling all tweens and teens ages 9-18! Are you interested in knitting, crocheting, needle felting, or other fiber art? Charlton Public Li-

brary's Fiber Arts Club is for you. Join us on Fridays, Oct. 11 and Oct. 25, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. to practice your craft, learn from more experienced friends,

or teach others. We may have some special guests stopping by to give some pointers. Don't forget to bring your current projects!

This group is for those between the ages of nine to 18. Please register on our event calendar: charltonlibrary.org. Please only register the tween or teen attending the program, not parents/caregivers. (Younger siblings are not allowed to attend this program due to the presence of sharp objects.)

Charlton Public Library is located at 40 Main St. in Charlton. Additional parking is available across Main Street at Town Hall.

## Pink hair for hope at the Charlton Public Library!

**CHARLTON** — Get your pink hair extensions for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and donate to a good cause! The Charlton Library is partnering with the Cosmetology department from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School again this year. The high school cosmetology students are donating their time and expertise. Last year, this event raised more than \$400, and the library hopes to raise more this year! This year's fundrais-

er will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Charlton Public Library. Hair extensions are \$5 each, and all proceeds go directly to Breast Cancer Research. All ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

The Charlton Public Library is located at 40 Main St. in Charlton. Extra parking is available across the street at the Town Hall.

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- **Charlton Baptist Church**, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488, [www.charltonbaptist.org](http://www.charltonbaptist.org), Sunday worship 10 a.m.
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To learn more about adoption from foster care visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

# CMS Chamber to welcome Southbridge Dentistry and Implants at ribbon cutting

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — The Chamber of Central Mass South is delighted to welcome its newest member business, Southbridge Dentistry and Implants, at a Grand Opening Celebration & Ribbon Cutting on Friday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. Now accepting new patients of all ages, the new dentists' office is located at 11 Central St. in Southbridge.

Southbridge Dentistry & Implants offers expert, personalized care using modern technology and advanced techniques to ensure efficient, effective, and comfortable treatment in their state-of-the-art facility. Southbridge Dentistry & Implants' services include general dentistry, implants, root canal treatment, extractions, veneers and teeth whitening, dental crowns and bridges, dentures and night guards, emergency services, and much more.

“We invite everyone to experience expert dental care in our new Southbridge office,” said Dr. Kalyan Kondreddi of Southbridge Dental. “We are glad to be part of this town, and the people of Southbridge are very welcoming. Please get in touch if you have any questions about our services. We look forward to meeting you at our ribbon cutting event on Oct. 11.”

Southbridge Dentistry & Implants accepts most major dental insurances and provides multiple financing options. Their goal is to provide their patients with the highest level of dental care available today. Learn more at southbridgedentistryandimplants.com or reach them by phone at 508-909-6122 to make an appointment or to learn more about the vast array of services they offer.

The public is invited to join local dignitaries, enjoy complimentary



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Newly opened on Central Street, Southbridge Dentistry and Implants, offers comfortable, effective treatment for patients of all ages.

snacks and refreshments, meet the doctors and staff as the Chamber of Central Mass South snips the official red ribbon at 2 p.m. sharp on Friday, Oct. 11. The Grand Opening Celebration continues through 3:00pm. There is no cost to attend, and no RSVP is needed.

The Chamber of Central Mass South is the leading advocate for local business, promoting the success of its members, and enhancing regional prosperity through networking, education, and promotion. Learn more about what Chamber membership can do for your business by visiting cmschamber.org.

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## Charlton to seek additional dispatcher

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

**CHARLTON** — The police and fire departments in Charlton are coming together to seek more dispatch help to bring the town up to standards and serve the increasing call volume currently handled by only a single individual during regular shifts. The prospect of expanding or reformatting Charlton's dispatch has been discussed for some time, but the local Police and Fire Chiefs joined the Finance Committee on Sept. 18 to officially have a new dispatcher added to the upcoming October annual fall town meeting.

Police Chief Daniel Dowd explained that the town's dispatch center currently has employees out due to health setbacks and maternity leave creating issues even with their current staffing numbers. A fully available dispatch staff only has one individual on hand per shift who handles all the calls for police, fire and EMS as well as other town department. With the town also preparing to construct a new fire department substation over the next few years, that will only add to the workload. Both departments want to see the town bring in another dispatcher to have multiple individuals on the line to handle the increased workload.

“We're trying to get ahead of this because of the impact it's having with staffing. That's the need. The other part of it is operationally – Everywhere else is operating with two people on at the same time. We're not able to do that yet. We've made some progress, but there's people who have gone out and we can't maintain that,” said Dowd.

Fire Chief Ed Knopf agreed noting that the increased workload necessitates adding personnel to ensure efficiency and prevent current dispatchers from being overwhelmed.

“The volume that both of our departments are seeing over the last five years is never going to go back down and frankly it's just too much for one individual to handle at times when we have a building fire or (the police) have a chase and there's one person handling everything,” said Knopf.

The concept of a regional dispatch partnership like what has been embraced in neighboring Dudley and Webster has been explored in recent years although both chiefs acknowledge any shift in format would be years away. They explained that Charlton needs to invest in its dispatch for the here and now as both departments explore ways to make that element

of their operations self-sufficient.

“One of the things we want to do is try to make the communication center a standalone operation,” said Knopf. “We feel that if they're a standalone and somebody is put in charge of it and overseeing it, you'll get a better product and that's part of the reason why we're looking at dipping our toes into regional dispatch because it's going to be a standalone where police and fire have no access other than what you hear on the radio.”

Police Chief Dowd further explained that training for dispatchers takes time and the town requires multiple dispatchers to accommodate that training effectively. When asked about having police officers fill in on dispatch Chief Dowd noted that the time-

and-a-half pay alone would likely cost more than simply investing in a new dedicated dispatcher.

The Finance Committee confirmed that there is excess levy capacity from unanticipated new growth that would allow the dispatcher to be paid for without the need of increased taxes. This would also allow the town to maintain the position in future budget years once that new growth is officially considered as part of the annual budget. However, for the dispatcher to be added to the town's current and future spending plans it needs the approval of town meeting. The committee concluded that the item will be a warrant article at the upcoming annual fall town meeting on Oct. 21.

## SNHU announces Summer 2024 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 2024 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.

Marysol Cruz of Southbridge  
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Peter Perez of Holland

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and work-

ing adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited 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.

## Historical Society talks about hobos on the railroad

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — On Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m., the Southbridge Historical Society will be exploring the lives of those quintessential symbols of railroads of yesteryear: tramps and hobos.

Chicopee historian Jay Blain will present a program titled “Hobos, Tramps, and Bums: Labor and Migration Along the Railroad.” He has been involved with museums, education, and living history

since the age of 14. He started as a counselor at an early American summer day camp close to home and later went on to work as docent, demonstrator, architect and grant writer.

He enjoys participating in living history demonstrations from the 17th through early 20th centuries. The public is invited to this free program at The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main St., Southbridge.



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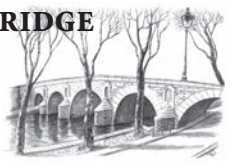
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# Don't believe everything you hear

Election season is upon us, and with it comes the barrage of campaign ads, glossy fliers, and endless political chatter. While these tools are designed to catch our attention, it's crucial to remember that not everything we hear or see in campaign materials is the truth. Smear campaigns are the dark side of politics—filled with half-truths, cherry-picked data, and sometimes outright lies meant to sway our opinions.

It's easy to get caught up in the sound bites and headlines, but it's our responsibility as voters to dig deeper. Before you decide on a candidate, do your own research. Look beyond the fliers in your mailbox and the dramatic ads on TV. Seek out multiple sources of information, read up on the issues, and fact-check statements. Use reliable, unbiased resources to get a clearer picture of where each candidate truly stands. Be an informed voter.

Remember, the most genuine candidates are the ones who show up to serve their communities and work for what's best for all of us, not just to win votes. These candidates can be found at every level of government, but they may not always be the loudest or flashiest. By doing your own homework and looking for those who prioritize the well-being of their fellow Americans over party politics or personal gain, you can cast an informed vote that reflects your values. So, don't just take campaign ads at face value—take the time to research and choose the candidate who is truly committed to making a difference.

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It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

# OPINION

## Spice Up Your Space with DIY Fall Scents

Scents are powerful - just a small whiff of certain smells can fuel emotions. From altering moods and sparking memories to creating calm and promoting focus, fragrance can be very influential in our everyday lives.

Autumn in New England offers an abundance of native sights and scents that can be captured as everlasting fragrance for the home. Read on for a few simple recipes to bring the spectacular fragrance of the fall season indoors for months to come.

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**Autumn Potpourri Mix:** This all natural potpourri mix recalls walks along country roads this time of year. A few drops of essential oil may be added to boost the scent as the mixture ages.

**Note:** This makes a great host or holiday gift.

**Ingredients:** Dried slices of two Red or Golden Delicious apples (or other hardy New England variety); dried slices of one orange; eight cinnamon sticks; one tablespoon nutmegs; three tablespoons whole cloves; 2 Whole nutmegs; **Filler:** acorns, dried leaves, bark pieces, pinecones, etc.

**Directions:** Break up (or smash) the cinnamon sticks and some of the whole cloves to release fragrance. Mix together all ingredients, gently folding in apple and orange slices last. Place in an open bowl or pack in a clear glass jar for gift giving or later use.

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**Pie Spice Sachets:** The sweet scent of freshly baked apple and pumpkin pies can be resurrected every time you reconstitute these essence filled sachets. Best of all, these can be used both to scent the air and to spice up cider!

**Ingredients:** 2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice; 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon; 2 teaspoons nutmeg; 2 tablespoons applesauce

Mix the applesauce and spices together in a bowl. Dough will be very stiff. Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll into balls. Press down to form discs, about an inch or so. Bake in a 275 degree oven for about two hours or until fully dry and firm. Allow to cool and harden.

To use for simmering potpourri: Drop one disc into a couple of inches of simmering water.

To use as spice sachet: Drop disc into Preheat oven to 275 degrees and bake for 1 1/2 hours until



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dry and firm. Cool. Use as a simmering potpourri by simply dropping in boiling water. To use as a spice, drop into container of simmering cider.

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**Autumn Wax Tarts (Recycled candles):** Making fragrance tarts is easy (and free) if you've collected all your autumn fragranced candle ends throughout the year.

**Ingredients:** Leftover candle wax; foil cupcake wrappers.

**Directions:** Carefully melt leftover candle bits in a double boiler or in the microwave. Remove wicks and black bits from melted wax. Line a cupcake pan with aluminum foil cupcake wrappers. Pour about an inch of wax into each aluminum wrapper. Allow to cool, then remove wrapper from tin and peel off tart.

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**Great Gourds!** Now that your house boasts the aroma of autumn, why not do a little decorating, compliments of Mother Nature? Gourds are plentiful this time of year, and let's face it, gourds have only one main claim to fame: Their interesting colors and shapes make them a fantastic fall decorating tool.

Talented and imaginative artisans have formed everything from utilitarian bowls to musical instruments out of gourds, although mainstream offerings are likely to include a creative mix of baskets, candleholders, birdhouses and vases.

Gourds, both large and small are plentiful and whimsical, with a high "personality quota." Tossing interestingly shaped gourds in a bowl creates an instant centerpiece. Or place handfuls of colorful gourds around an outside entryway display to fill the gaps between pumpkins, mums and cornstalks.

Gourds, with their contrast of color and textures, are the perfect candidate for an interesting craft project. Whether you choose to make a vase, bowl or birdhouse, drying, cutting and cleaning the gourds are important chores to complete.

Much like carving a Jack-O-Lantern, the top of a gourd must be cut off and the inside scraped clean. Here's the method to dry gourds, as noted

in previous columns:

To do: Scrape out all inside dried membranes and seeds. This can be tedious, but it is necessary to avoid rot. To ensure a smooth inside surface as for gourd bowls, sand inside with a wire brush drill attachment.

To dry out decorative thin-skinned gourds, clean them in warm, soapy water containing a household disinfectant. Dry gourds with a cloth and spread them on newspaper in a warm, dry place. After a week, wipe them with a cloth moistened only with disinfectant. Again, spread gourds to dry, now in a warm, dark, damp-free spot for about a month. Every other day, turn them. When seeds rattle inside, they are properly seasoned. Small, thin shelled gourds will dry in less than a month, and large ones can take up to six months. If mold appears during the drying process, scrape it off with a knife. Thin-shelled gourds dry best when hung in a mesh bag.

You can finish your bowl or vase by staining, painting, or using leather dye on it. The leather dye provides a vintage look and is easiest to apply for a first time project. After the dye has dried, apply a protectant, such as varnish or wax.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

## Know the risks of investing — and not investing.



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As an investor, you'll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that's been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life.

Let's start with the risks associated with investing. There's not a single investment risk because different types of investments carry different types of risk. Here's a look at three investment categories and some of the risks connected with them:

**Stocks** - When you invest in stocks or stock-based mutual funds, you will incur the risk that the value of your investments may decline. Stock prices can fall for any number of reasons - lower-than-expected earnings, a change in management, change in consumer tastes, and so on. Although the historical trend for stocks has been positive, there will always be periods when prices are down. One way to help defend against this volatility is to hold stocks for the long term, rather than constantly buying and selling, and to own a mix of stocks from different industries and even different countries.

**Bonds** - When market interest rates rise, the value of your bonds can decline because investors won't pay full price for them when they can get the newer ones that offer higher rates. Another type of risk associated with bonds is credit risk, which essentially describes the risk that the bond issuer may default, potentially disrupting your flow of interest payments. However, you can help mitigate this risk by purchasing investment-grade bonds that receive the highest credit ratings from independent rating agencies.

**Certificates of deposit (CDs)** - Although CDs are generally considered safe because their principal is guaranteed, they do carry reinvestment risk - the risk that you won't be able to reinvest the proceeds of a maturing CD at the same interest rate. To help protect against this risk, you could own CDs of varying maturities. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term CDs paying higher interest, and when market rates rise, you can reinvest the money from your maturing shorter-term CDs into the new, higher-paying ones.

Now, let's turn to a completely different type of risk - the risk of not investing. And this risk is easy to understand: If you don't invest, or if you consistently invest only in the most conservative vehicles, your money may not grow enough to allow you to reach your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Of course, this doesn't mean you should never own conservative investments, including CDs and some types of bonds. When you're saving for a short-term goal, such as a down payment on a house, a wedding or a long vacation, you want the money to be there when you need it, so an investment that offers protection of principal may be appropriate, even if it doesn't provide much in the way of growth.

For those long-term goals, though, you may need to build an investment portfolio that contains growth potential and that reflects your personal risk tolerance and time horizon. Over time, your risk tolerance may change. As you get closer to retirement, you may want to take a somewhat more conservative approach - but you'll always need some elements of growth.

When you invest, risk can't be eliminated, but it can be managed. Keeping this in mind, consider a long-term investment strategy that allows for risk but also offers the possibility of reward.

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# Consider fall leaves a gift from nature

Put fall leaves to work in your landscape. This valuable resource makes a great mulch in planting beds, adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil, provides habitat for many beneficial insects, and is insulation for ground-dwelling queen bumblebees, toads, and more.

Leave any disease-free leaves in garden beds but pull them away from the trunks of trees and stems of shrubs. Mulch piles against trunks or stems create a moist environment that is more subject to rot and disease. It also provides a hiding place next to these plants for voles that feed on bark over winter.

Avoid thick layers of leaves, six or more inches deep, in garden beds. They can block sunlight and smother the plants below. Pull leaves off the crowns of perennials and move the excess



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leaves to gardens with little or no mulch.

Use your mower to recycle fall leaves that land on the lawn. As you mow the grass you'll shred the leaves into smaller pieces. If they are the size of a quarter or smaller your lawn will be fine. As these leaf pieces decompose, they add organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

When the lawn is overwhelmed with leaves burn a few extra calories and rake them into nearby planting beds. Whole leaves provide the best habitat for overwintering insects. Spread the leaves over the soil surface to help insulate the roots,



Melinda Myers

Mowing fallen leaves on lawns to shred them into smaller pieces adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil as the leaf pieces decompose.

conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as it breaks down.

If your garden beds are already filled with leaves or this is not practical, attach the bagger to the mower to shred and collect the excess leaves on the lawn. Only use grass clippings collected from lawns and leaves not treated with a weed killer this fall.

Dig extra shredded

leaves into vacant annual flower and vegetable gardens or incorporate them into the soil as you prepare new planting beds. They will break down over winter, improving the drainage in heavy clay soils and increasing the water-holding ability in fast-draining soils.

Bag shredded leaves you want to save for next season. Tuck them out of sight for winter under

trees or around the foundation of your house for added insulation.

Create compost with fall leaves, plant-based kitchen scraps, and other landscape trimmings. Do not use meat, bones or dairy that can attract rodents, charcoal ash, and human, pet or bird droppings that may contain disease organisms. Avoid diseased and insect-infested plant debris, perennial weeds, and weeds gone to seed. These can survive in compost piles that don't produce sufficient heat to kill them and end up back in the garden in the compost.

Oak and large maple leaves make great mulches and additions to the compost pile but break down slowly. Shred them with your mower or leaf shredder first for quicker results.

You can compost black walnut, laurel, and eucalyptus leaves

that contain chemicals toxic to other plants. Shred them first to speed decomposition and when they are fully decomposed the compost is safe to use in the garden.

As you begin putting the fall leaves to work in your landscape you will start considering them a gift, not a curse, from nature.

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## Selling antiques and collectibles

The antiques business has changed over the years with the internet creating new ways to sell antiques and collectibles. That said, some of the tried-and-true methods continue to provide good returns.

I've found that offering antiques and collectibles to a wide range of bidders at auction will yield the best results for more valuable items. Attorneys and estate personal representatives understand that consigning to a well-publicized auction is a way of doing their due diligence to ensure that either the estate or themselves are getting fair market value for their items. Many



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estate companies also consign top pieces to get the best results for their clients.

There are many different options for selling the belongings in an estate. Here are some things to consider when selling your personal property. Central Mass Auctions and many other local auction houses focus on antiques and collectibles.

We handle a wide variety of antiques and collectibles, but I occasionally suggest another auction house for certain types of items.

Some people need to sell the contents of finely appointed homes with name brand furniture, the latest electronics, snowblowers, and other power equipment and don't have antiques. One option available to them is a traditional estate sale. An estate sale company prices the items prior to the sale. The sale is advertised and scheduled to run for a day or two (typically on a weekend). If it's organized by an estate sale company, they'll let their follow-



ers know the sale will be taking place and advertise elsewhere. With a big sale, potential buyers may line up at the door with only a limited number being admitted at a time. Buyers typically pay cash (some companies accept credit cards) and take the items home that day.

Sometimes a seller prefers an

online auction at the estate. With an online auction, a sofa might be labeled lot # 1, end tables lot # 2, table lamps lot # 3, etc. The auction runs for several days. Bidders place bids until the auction end date and time. The winning bidders have a scheduled pick-up date, typically on a Saturday. Many online auction companies also

offer shipping of items for winning bidders who live outside of the sale area.

There are times when there may not be enough items to run a sale at the site, but there are still different options available. It isn't as prevalent as it once was, but some companies still do entire estate buyouts. After the family has

divided up an estate there may be just a few pieces of furniture left and a consignment shop could be an option. Donating remaining items helps local charities and may make you eligible for tax benefits. Sometimes things are of little to no value, and you may need a trash removal company or dumpster.

Selling a collection or estate contents can be a difficult process. Along with selling the more valuable items for clients, I try to offer them a roadmap for getting remaining items sold.

We have a major two session online auction taking place right now. Session I

with historical and gambling memorabilia and a wide variety of other items ends on Oct. 22. Session II with art, gold and estate jewelry, sterling silver flatware and holloware, and coins ends on Oct. 23. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com) or (508-612-6111).

## Synchronicity

Have you ever felt that no matter how hard you push, things won't work out? We all have goals—big dreams or small wins. Maybe it's starting a business, landing that dream job, or leaving early to catch the game.

Whatever it is, the harder we try sometimes, the more stressful it gets when things don't go as planned.

But what if the solution isn't to push harder? What if, instead of battling against every obstacle, you step back and let things unfold? There are two ways to get what you want: you can scheme and plot your way through or loosen your grip and let the pieces fall into place naturally.

Instead of battling every obstacle, what if the solution was some-

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thing different—something called Synchronicity?

Take the guy who wants to leave work early for the big game. He spends the morning coughing, hinting that he's "a little off," and Googling fake illnesses to sell his story. By lunchtime, he's sneezing dramatically and whispering, "I think I'm contagious." But just as he's about to slip out, his boss drops a stack of reports on his desk. "I need these done before you go." Now, he's stuck working twice as hard because he tried too

hard to force things.

Now, imagine someone else with the same goal, but instead of scheming, they're honest: "Hey, I've got tickets to the game. Any chance I can leave an hour early?" Maybe the boss says yes, maybe not. But, letting go can open the door to Synchronicity—when things align ideally it's like life is giving you a little nudge. Perhaps the boss is a fan and says, "No problem, I'm leaving early too!" Or an afternoon meeting gets canceled, and leaving is suddenly easy.

I first became intrigued by this idea of Synchronicity after listening to a lecture by physicist and ex-NASA scientist Tom Campbell.

He said, "When you stop trying to control life, the magic happens."

He made me realize that sometimes we get so caught up in forcing our plans to work out that we miss the unexpected opportunities when we just let go. When you step back and allow things to happen naturally, it's like the universe quietly whispers, "Relax, I've got this."

Campbell says, "When something does happen—a hurdle that pops up in front of you—that's okay. You deal with it and go on. Don't get upset with it... You'll find that things start happening just as you need them, just when you want them. You'll go from having nothing but hurdles to no hurdles at all—everything just starts to work well."

Think about that for a second. What if you trusted that things would work out instead of stressing and strug-

gling to make everything perfect?

Campbell's point is simple: "When you realize that you don't have to control anything, you'll see that you don't need to control anything."

Maybe life isn't about pushing harder—it's about stepping back and letting the puzzle pieces fall into place on their own.

Imagine you're headed out to watch the big game and suddenly hit a major traffic jam. Your first instinct might be to freak out, curse your luck, and start weaving in and out of lanes to compensate for lost time. But what if there's a reason you're stuck? What if that traffic jam is working in your favor?

Later, you find that without the traffic jam, you would have ended

up in the middle of a deadly five-car pileup just a few miles ahead. That frustration of being late could've actually saved your life.

When you stop fighting every obstacle and let things unfold, you might find that setbacks are Synchronicity in disguise, keeping you exactly where you need to be.

So, the next time life throws a wrench in your plans, take a deep breath and consider that maybe, just maybe, it's not a roadblock—it's a detour leading you somewhere better.

When you let go of control, life surprises you in ways you never imagined. Trust the process, embrace the unexpected, and remember that sometimes, not getting what you want might be life's way of giving you exactly what you need.

# Girls on the Run Worcester County hosts first Sneaker Soirée sponsored by UMass Memorial Health

WORCESTER — Girls on the Run Worcester County is excited to announce its first annual Sneaker Soiree, set to take place on Oct. 24 at Worcester Country Club in Worcester. This special event, proudly sponsored by UMass Memorial Health, aims to celebrate and support the empowerment of young girls through the transformative power of running.

Kicking off Girls on the Run Worcester County's 10th anniversary, the

Sneaker Soiree will feature an evening of fun, inspiration, and community spirit. Attendees can look forward to:

**Silent Auction:** Bid on exclusive items and experiences generously donated by local businesses and supporters.

**Guest Speakers:** Hear inspiring stories from Girls on the Run participants and community leaders, including a special keynote address by Molly Barker, founder of Girls on the

Run International.

**Delicious Food and Drinks:** Savor a variety of culinary delights and beverages.

**Music and Entertainment:** Wear comfortable sneakers and hit the dance floor.

"We are thrilled to host our first Sneaker Soiree and bring together our community to support the incredible work of Girls on the Run," said Karen Spencer, Executive Director of Girls on the Run Worcester County. "This

event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our girls and ensure we can continue to provide impactful programs."

UMass Memorial Health, the largest healthcare system in the region, is committed to supporting community initiatives that promote health and well-being.

"We are proud to sponsor the Sneaker Soiree and support Girls on the Run Worcester County in its mission to empower young girls," said Vic-

toria McCandless, UMass Memorial Health, Chief of Staff and CEO Communications Officer. "Their work aligns with our commitment to fostering a healthy community."

Girls on the Run Worcester County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering young girls through a unique program that combines physical activity with important life skills. The program encourages girls to develop self-confidence, build

healthy relationships, and make positive decisions.

Tickets for the Sneaker Soiree are available now and can be purchased online at [www.gotr-worc.org/sneaker-soiree](http://www.gotr-worc.org/sneaker-soiree). All proceeds from the event will directly support Girls on the Run Worcester County's programs and scholarships.

## Briere

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Common Bandstand. Hersee noted "It was a matter of getting people to do it ... and you took it on yourself to raise the funds."

But it was far from that easy. Briere noted the idea came up soon after the Lions Club formed in 1966 and they wanted a project but he didn't want to run it. The Selectmen liked the idea, but the Recreation Committee decided to have a public hearing.

"And who shows up? The Nos — people who lived on the common and didn't want it," Briere recalled. He said they cited concerns including that kids would vandalize it, people wouldn't use it much, and, later read "it's going to take an act of the Legislature" to do it.

"26 years went by" before he ran into a man who had a sketch of the Barre bandstand and it finally happened. The builders "donated their time. These guys already had jobs everyday," yet helped daily anyway, he recalled. Once it was done and he started seeing high school kids' limos ar-

iving so they could take prom photos there, "that paid for the bandstand in my mind."

A similar willingness to reach out brought people to town under a very different circumstance — a plane crash. During World War II, Briere was still a child, and recalled hearing a plane struggling during a thunderstorm, followed by "a boom way in the distance."

That was the death of Lt Charles Collins, a "rookie" Army pilot who ran out of fuel in East Brimfield. After the crash was reported on WTAG, it took ten days of searching with an average of 1100 people before a man mowing his field at Mashapaug and River Road "found his boot with his right leg still in [it]." Years later, Briere felt Collins should be commemorated like other local veterans have, and contacted far-flung members of Collins' family. Five of them came to town to dedicate his memorial plaque.

Not surprising to many who know him, documenting history has long been Briere's interest, in various ways. He proposed having the 250th An-

niversary festivities of 1988 include a monthly project, culminating in what Hersee called the "largest [parade] seen in Worcester County" and an Anniversary Ball in costume.

More recently, he's been involved in rejuvenating interest in the Old Burial Ground, especially its Revolutionary War soldiers. Briere said he recalled sticking carnations on their graves as child in 1939 and wanted to resume that but "procrastinated and procrastinated" until 2017. Then he reached out to Burgess School, Publick House donated the flowers, and they started doing it again. Now they do it the Thursday before Memorial and Veterans Days every year, with the DAR coming since 2020.

On a very local level, Briere recalled finding five Camp Robinson Crusoe campers who wanted a tour after the site closed, so he gave them one. That evolved into a cable access documentary that attracted 200 people to participate — "The room was filled with former campers singing their song," he said.

Speaking of songs, he noted that was the basis of the Anacreontic Society — a group of guys who got together for beers and singing old songs. For example, the Star-Spangled Banner's lyrics are from Francis Scott Key, but the music goes back to an old Greek song that became popular in British pubs, sung with anti-monarchy lyrics, he said.

Sometimes, though, Briere finds the need to correct the historical record. He noted, for example, that all the documents, maps and deeds referring to Walker Pond are wrong. Back in 1898, Town Meeting formally voted to name that water body "Lake Tantisques" after the Native American village.

"There's no such place in Sturbridge as Walker Pond," he said.

Sometimes, his life was fueled by not taking what would become history too seriously. For example, in 1960's election, he bet a friend that Nixon would win over Kennedy, but lost. Losing meant he had to push his friend in a wheelbarrow from downtown up to Fiske Hill and back. "When

we got back, our sides were so sore from laughing," Briere recalled.

After he and Hersee talked, a few local officials gave Briere commendations for his long service to Sturbridge. Among them were an eagle statuette and an official Legislative declaration.

"It's a rare find to have a good and decent person like Bob as a role model in the community," State Rep. Todd Smola said.

Sen. Ryan Fattman agreed, noting "They build the back of the community on men like him and women like him."

"There's a two year old little girl who's going to enjoy the 1001 things Mr Briere has done in this community," added Selectboard Chair Jamie Goodwin, referring to his own daughter. "... He makes light of it and he'll joke about it, but it's hard work."

"Bob is a champion for this community," Publick House innkeeper Mike Glick said. "It's hard to say no to Bob because he cares so much."

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## Masons

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lem Towne House building were Master Masons use to meet 228 years ago.

Here is a brief historical summary of the Salem Towne House. It was built in 1796 in Charlton for the Towne family who was a very prominent family in the community at this time. General Salem Towne was active in the community. Both the father General Salem Towne and his son Salem Towne Jr. were Master Masons. They used to hold Masonic meetings in their home from about 1796 through 1804, according to research information obtained from Masonic genealogy. Master Masons from the surrounding communi-

ty would travel to the General Salem Towne house to meet for these meetings.

The Quinebuag Masonic Lodge members and volunteers set up a small portion of the OSV common area with tiki torches to light up this area for their meeting and to reenact what these Master Masons did during that time frame. A couple of pop-up tents was provided along with benches by OSV for the brethren if they choose to stay dry if it rained heavily. Prior to the degree work, dinner was served in the Bullard Tavern which is right next to the common. The food that was served was enjoyed by those who had dinner at the Bullard Tavern.

The final stage of the degree work

ended in the Meeting House at the other end of the common. This beautiful building and its huge steeple pointing skyward, along with huge pillars in front of the meeting house was a dominant symbol of every New England town. What a way to end the final stage of this degree work meeting in this beautiful building. This ambiance, the type of pews you sat in and the echo when the speaker spoke brought you back in time to how life was lived back then. As one of our Master Masons that attended the meeting stated. One of the most memorable ceremonies he has ever witnessed. The execution was great, and the ambiance couldn't have been better. From the chiming steeple bells to the candle-lit tiki torches.

Every detail created a perfect atmosphere of the time era. The meeting house with its creaky floorboards and a packed crowd, added to the unique energy of the night. Even the lite up cemetery contributed to the hauntingly beautiful setting.

A special thank you go to all the Master Masons who volunteered and participate in this special degree event. Also Thank you to Sandra Polanik Assistant Director of Events and Public Programs at the OSV for her assistance in making this a memorable event. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at [www.massfreemasonry.org](http://www.massfreemasonry.org).

## Charlton

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"There is the historical data of how we numbered the town. We do get requests from time for changes in those numberings. There are times where I actually have to have people change their numbers and there's a process for that," said Meskus, who did not imply that current homes will be forced to change their numbers but that some homeowners have been approached by the town or have voluntarily asked to

have their numbers changed with no policy in place to help guide that process. "Every time a new building is constructed or erected, under the rules of 911, it has to have a number, a street number, and a general policy when we went to an enhanced 911 years ago we had to number the town and a scheme was introduced to do that. It was carried out by the Highway Department. It was driven by the Highway Department, but as we get into very convoluted lot arrangements what seems simple just by going by arrangement

sometimes is not simple."

Meskus brought up an example where homes on one road both share the number 63 with one having the subletter "A" and designated 63A. However, 61 is a free number on that street and would better differentiate the homes if emergency vehicles had to respond. He also noted that roadways like H Putnam Road and H Putnam Road Extension, both very different roadways, may share the same number schemes increasing the chance of emergency officials responding to the

wrong house and creating problems with mail and package delivery.

Meskus said his goal is to have a clear and fair policy in place for when they receive requests to change the house numbers. If approved at town meeting, the bylaw change will clarify the Board of Selectmen's authority and allow the board to work with the building department to create a policy that would be "reviewed, propagated, and perpetuated" by the selectmen. Dudley's annual fall town meeting is scheduled for Oct. 21.

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risk, while others see several of them as a visual and sound buffer along Route 49.

In other business, the board approved a proposal to use \$20,000 in ARPA funds to purchase gift cards to distribute to people in need through the Administrator's office.

"We can buy the cards now; the money is spent," Grimm noted. "It could be 2030 and we can still be giving these cards away."

She said they won't require proof of need. "The spirit of this is that somebody who might be making a fair income hits a hard time," she said. "The requirement will be Sturbridge residence for six months. ... It'll be somewhat on the

honor system."

Grimm said she's also looking at devising a town-run heat assistance program. There was also a brief discussion of Streeter Beach. Grimm noted Town Meeting-approved funds (\$35,000) will go to legal fees, specifically looking at obtaining road access across land owned by G & F Molding and state DOT requirements. She noted the town might use a dirt/gravel path; "a couple hundred thousand might cover the design and work." That sum would basically consume what's left of Sturbridge's ARPA money.

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# Youth mental health First Aid training completed by Bay Path Nursing students

CHARLTON — September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Bay Path practical nursing (PN) students continue to do their share in learning. Research states that suicide is the 10th leading cause of death overall in the US and that the overall suicide rate has increased by 35 percent since 1999. The PN class of 2025 learned the signs of suicide to prevent home or workplace-based tragedy.

Some members of the PN Class of 2025 completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training lead by Lynn Lynch, MBA, Director of Business Operations and MHFA Instructor of the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. (www.SYFS-MA.org). The 6-hour curriculum, completed in one full professional develop-



Lynn Lynch, MBA front row, second from right, with members of the Practical Nursing Class of 2025.

ment day, gives the participant a three-year certification upon completion.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Direc-

tor at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy has been working with the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services for the PN students MHFA training for over five

years.

“We are grateful to have Lynn return to Bay Path annually and the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services for their continued

provision of the MHFA training for the PN students!” said Bolandrina.

“I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for our nursing students to have the skills and knowledge to identify and respond to signs of mental disorders and how to provide initial help and support,” Bolandrina added.

MHFA trained individuals may assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. In the MHFA course, the PN students learned risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help in crisis and non-crisis situations and well as where to turn for help for both adult and youth.

Topics covered include depression, mood

disorders, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, and substance use disorders. Participants learned how to apply the MHFA action plan in situations when someone is experiencing panic attacks, suicidal thoughts or behaviors, non-suicidal self-injury, acute psychosis (hallucinations or delusions), overdose or withdrawal from alcohol or drug use, and reactions to a traumatic event.

“Providing education to the PN students and supporting them so they’re in the best state of mind for their nursing journey is a wonderful tie-in,” Bolandrina said.

The feedback on the MHFA training remains positive. We continue to engage in conversation, education, and breaking the stigma of mental health disorders.



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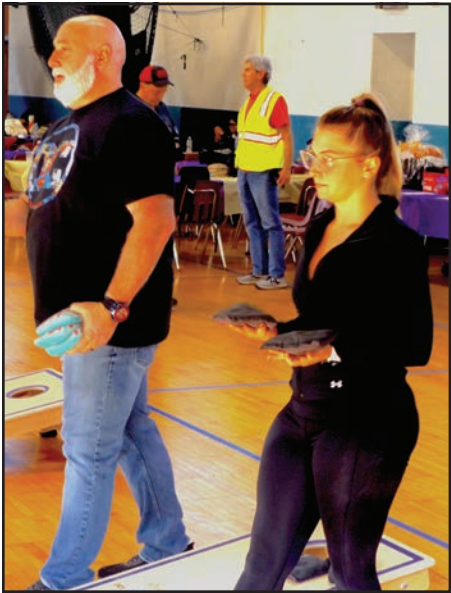
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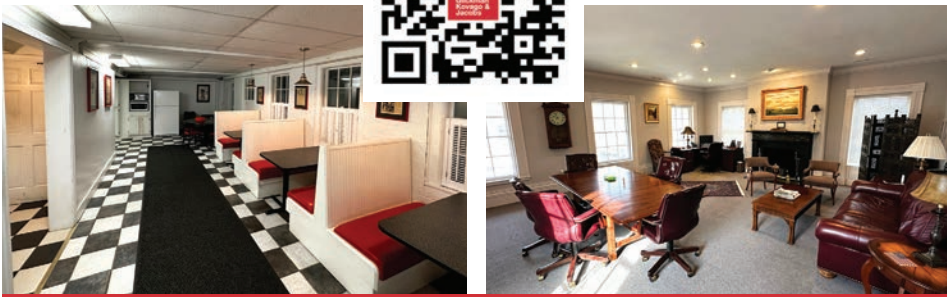
Most of one side of the room gets into the game.

SOUTHBRIDGE — For the third year, Southbridge Lions made the Community Center echo with the sound of thunking beanbags as it held its Cornhole Tournament last weekend. Photos by Gus Steeves

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The chef of the day handles burgers.



The Lions' rolling bar sets up outside.

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The Friends of Jacob Edwards Library are holding a raffle for a basket loaded with crafting materials to inspire creating, learning, and having fun! Raffle chances are \$2 each or three for \$5. The tickets may be purchased at the main desk of Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main St. in Southbridge. The drawing will take place at the conclusion of the book sale, Nov. 7-9. Proceeds of the raffle will benefit programs supported by the Friends of Jacob Edwards Library—museum passes, programs, and other library needs. For more information, contact the library at 508-764-5426.

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# Local teens bring GagaBall dream to light

BY GUS STEEVES  
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STURBRIDGE — Sturbridge went gaga for Gaga-Ball last week, as three Girl Scouts unveiled their Silver Award project at Cedar Lake Recreation Area.

On Sept. 23, Alexa Dalton, Emily Fahl, Lily Mulcahy and a couple dozen friends finally got to use the GagaBall court they'd been trying to build since January.

Dalton said the trio were first exposed to the game at age five at a Girl Scout Camporee, when they played it "every single day." The idea of building one here came in part from seeing how many other people liked playing it around town.

Fahl said they see it as a chance for people to play, not start competitive leagues. She noted it has become a Girl Scout "tradition," but most people don't know about the game or the Silver Award.

"I'm just really glad we were able to do this," Mulcahy added.

According to the Girl Scouts website, Cadettes (grades 6-8) can earn Silver Awards "by researching an issue, making a plan to address it, and then taking action to improve their communities." The goal, it states, is to do something "that can lead to lasting change," either solo or with a team.

According to www.gagaballpit.com, the game actually started in Israel, and came to the US in the 1970s at Jewish summer camps. The Hebrew name literally translates as "touch-touch," a reference to the fact players can only hit the ball by hand, and it's also known as "Israeli Dodgeball, Octo-Ball, or Panda Ball," the site states. "...The basic object of the game is to eliminate your opponents by striking the ball and having it hit them below the knee (or waist) while trying to avoid being hit yourself." Being hit elsewhere is irrelevant, but players are also eliminated if they're the last one to touch a ball that leaves the pit.

"Some Ga-Ga games are designed to be team efforts, although the sport is traditionally a one-against-all competition," its rules note. As one of the players noted, "The last person standing wins."

"Having a Gaga pit was always at the top of the list for the previous [recreation] director," but many "natural repercussions of what life is" delayed it until now, Selectman Mary Dowling said. "It's been a dream we've always had."

Recreation Director Anne Roscioli dubbed it "mind-blowing" that it took 150 hours to get the job done and said she was "so proud you brought the idea to us." That process involved the girls getting their introduction to town government at multiple levels. Among them were meetings with the Selectboard, Recreation Commission, DPW, builder Josh Cottone, Globe Sign and Caron Family Farms.

"I'm unbelievably proud of their hard work, commitment and dedication to this," said Jessica Fahl, Emily's mother and a Scout leader. "They truly got to see the aspects of what it takes to bring an asset like this to the town."

She noted the girls delegated the various tasks involved, emailed town boards, drafted and distributed flyers, and painted the nearby pavilion (which had been graffitied), among other things.

"These girls did a fantastic service to the community," Dowling said. "This is what community building is all about."

She noted the project was funded by town American Rescue Plan Act money.

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Alexa Dalton, Emily Fahl and Lily Mulcahy get set to cut the ribbon inaugurating their GagaBall pit. (Left) Alexa Dalton, holding the ball, is about to start a game.

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# Country Bank recognized by Boston Business Journal for charitable giving

WARE — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that The Boston Business Journal has once again named Country Bank an honoree in its annual 2024 Corporate Citizenship Awards, recognizing the region's top corporate charitable contributors.

The Business Journal annually publishes this list to highlight companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities.

"It is with honor that we present our list of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts — companies who gave \$100,000 or more to Mass.-based charities in 2023. Collectively, they gave \$362 million in cash contributions — a true example of the business community coming together to help those in need. We are proud to celebrate these organizations who give both money and time to make our communities a stronger and better place for all," said Boston Business Journal Market Presi-

dent and Publisher Carolyn Jones.

During this year's celebration on Sept. 5, 96 companies qualified for the distinction by reporting at least \$100,000 in cash contributions to Massachusetts-based charities last year, as noted above. This year's honorees include companies from such industry sectors as financial and professional services, health care, technology, retail, and professional sports.

Country Bank, ranked 51st, employs 220 staff members within Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties. The Bank's team of Difference Makers actively promote the Bank's mission of making a difference in their communities by volunteering for various non-profits throughout the year.

"We are honored to be recognized by the Boston Business Journal for Country Bank's philanthropic efforts. As a community bank, it is our mission to help make a difference in the lives of others," stated Mary McGovern, President and CEO at Country Bank.

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# OBITUARIES

## Anna May Galonek, 83

Sturbridge: Anna May (DeAngelis) Galonek, 83, passed away on Friday, September 27th, surrounded by her family, at The Overlook Masonic Center in Charlton, MA after a long battle with cancer. She leaves her husband of 61 years, Edward A. Galonek; her three sons, Gary Galonek and his wife Rebecca of Sturbridge, Brian Galonek and his wife Amy of Sturbridge, and Edward Galonek Jr. and his partner Tannya Alexanian of Brimfield; her seven grandchildren, Kristie Galonek, Amanda Hellyar and her husband Zachary, DeAngela Ragosta and her husband Jeffrey, Brooke Galonek, Cameron Galonek, Kyra Galonek and Noah Galonek; and three great grandchildren, Asher Ragosta, Evianna "Eva" Ragosta, and Giovanni "Gio" Hellyar. She was predeceased by her beloved sister, Margaret "Peggy" DeAngelis in 2011, and by her sister-in-law, Elizabeth "Bette" Adams in 2017. She also leaves behind her lifelong best friends, Mamie LeBlanc and Nancy Tully, along with scores of great friends from Florida to Massachusetts.



ber of St. Mary's / St. John Paul II Parish where she volunteered her time for many years.

Ann was a long-time member of Cohasset Country Club and enjoyed golfing with her friends in Southbridge and Palm Beach Gardens Florida. She enjoyed traveling and was at her best during the family trip to Italy in 2016 where she showed boundless energy as family tour guide. She also loved watching her favorite teams (Red Sox & Patriots), playing cards, making puzzles, knitting, shopping and especially cooking. She was an amazing cook and loved feeding and entertaining family and friends.

What she enjoyed the most was being with her family. Talking, and actively listening to her kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren where she offered unconditional support and love.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, Oct. 4th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3rd, from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Southbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 622, Southbridge, MA 01550 or to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

## Sandra F. Clark, 85

Fiskdale: Sandra F. (Paine) Clark, 85, of Main Street, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 28th, surrounded by the care and comfort of her family at the Life Care Center of Auburn, after a long and courageous battle with illness.



She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength in her two sons, James Clark of Connecticut and William Clark of Brookfield; her three daughters, Trudy Mason and her husband Glen of North Carolina, Pamela F. Clark of Worcester, and Sharron M. Harris and her husband Kenny of Rochdale. Her siblings, Arthur Langlais of Connecticut, David Langlais of Southbridge, Trudy Paine of New Hampshire, Lauren Wilgues of Fiskdale, and Joyce Langlais of Southbridge, also mourn her passing. Sandra's greatest joy came from her family, especially her ten beloved grandchildren: Taylor Foster, Shawn Goddard, William Goddard, Tommie Lee Goddard, Tonia Clark, William Clark, Jr., Ronnie Lang, Daisy Lang, Amanda Clark, and Richard Clark. She was also blessed with numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, whose lives she touched with her gentle spirit and warmth.

Preceded in death by her son,

Robert Clark, in 2011, and her brother, Robert Paine, Sandra was born in Southbridge, the cherished daughter of Harold and Frances (Charron) Paine. Throughout her life, she displayed a quiet grace and resilience, traits she carried into her roles at the United Lens Company and the American Optical Company, where she worked for many years.

In her younger days, Sandra modeled, capturing the beauty that would reflect throughout her life. A devoted Catholic, her faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she found solace and community at St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish in Sturbridge, where she was a faithful parishioner.

A funeral Mass will be held in celebration of Sandra's life on Monday, October 7th, at 10:00am in St. Anne Church, 16 Church Street, Sturbridge. She will be laid to rest at St. Anne's Cemetery, where her soul will find eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

## Roam the Haunted Halls at the Ruth Wells Center

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, located at 111 Main St. in Southbridge, is hosting Haunted Halls, an art opening and party, on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6-10 p.m.

Open to the public, the evening will feature Wurlin Disc playing an assortment of Halloween-themed vinyl records in the galleries which have a wonderful exhibit of appropriate art. While costumes are optional, there will be prizes for costume contest winners. There will be a cauldron toss, 50/50 raffle, refreshments and a fun time for all. The galleries will be open Saturdays and Sundays, noon- 4 p.m. throughout the month. Don't miss this ghoulish, eerie and

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# Bay Path LPN gives back to Class of 2025

CHARLTON — Brianna Laforest, LPN of Webster, a Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy graduate, Class of 2021, recently returned to Bay Path. She assisted at Skills Laboratory practice and delivered words of encouragement to the Class of 2025. There are many reasons why Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Alumni returns on campus: to show appreciation for the education that Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy has provided them; to give others a chance to have a similar experience; to stay connected to the Bay Path community.

At many colleges and universities, Alumni Giving starts even before graduation day. At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, it begins at Orientation and Acceptance Ceremony when soon to be graduates are paired off with incoming nursing students. It may begin as a request for mentorship, or as an inquiry about used textbooks. Eventually alumni giving evolves and alumni themselves find ways to talk about the



Brianna Laforest

importance of alumni giving to the school.

On assisting with Skills Laboratory practice Laforest stated, "I enjoyed it. It was actually kind of funny to see them and hear some of their concerns, it brought back some PTSD. But I reassured them to trust the process and as long as they are working hard, they will succeed."

Laforest is currently with the UMass Memorial at Worcester (since August 2023) as an LPN in the Ambulatory Care Float Pool- Primary care/ OBGYN responsible for immunizations and outpatient care. At the UMass Memorial

Harrington in Webster (since December 2023) as an LPN in the Methadone outpatient dosing clinic and at the UMass Memorial Harrington, Southbridge (since June 2022) as an LPN in the Medical/Surgical inpatient where she is both IV and IVP certified. She is also with ADCARE as an LPN (since November 2021) experienced with inpatient detox, sharp count, narcotic count, assess patients for withdrawal symptoms, medication administration, admissions, and blood draws. Prior to becoming an LPN, she was a nursing administrative coordinator (2020-2022) at UMass Memorial, Worcester and a PCA (2006-2014).

According to Hank Coleman, publisher of the finance blog Money Q & A, "Alumni should consider their diplomas like a share of stock in a company, alumni have a personal interest in ensuring that their university's prestige grows."

Giving back, regardless of the act, or a donation in any size, "plays an essential role in maintaining the value

of your own degrees." Laforest stated, "I love being a nurse and I love being able to share the things I know/ have learned to help take care of people. I ask a few of them, (nursing students of the Class of 2025) why they wanted to be nurses to kind of feel them out and see what their why was. I told them being a nurse is something to be proud of and it is a field that takes more than it gives, so you really have to love it because you are going to have some really bad days."

As a student at Bay Path RVTH Practical Nursing Academy (2020-2021), Laforest was voted as one of the Student Representatives, she was a member of the UNICEF Club, Mock Code Team, and the Admissions Panel. She participated in the Fall and Spring Advisory Board meetings and was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. She values education. In 2014 she obtained an associate degree in Criminal Justice and Science with honors from the Quinsigamond Com-

munity College (QCC). "I like volunteering/mentoring others because I did start my career in healthcare delivering dietary trays to patients, then was a CNA, now I am an LPN and have just started my last two pre-requisites for the RN bridge at QCC," stated Laforest. "I've literally worked my way up and can appreciate every job/ role that goes into healthcare and the importance of them."

She maintained her BLS/HCP CPR certification, Law Enforcement Certificate, Demetia Care Certification, and Mental Health First Aid Certification.

To this day some practical nursing Students struggle to find the funds to cover educational expenses. Scholarships and grants ensure that these students can manage costs while getting an excellent education. When alumni give back, they invest in the practical nursing students and are providing a legacy for future generations. Many alumni state that the benefits they received from Bay

Path Practical Nursing Academy are intangible, and what alumni give back are not always easy to measure, but one thing is clear: alumni giving back makes a difference. Laforest stated, "I've literally dabbled in every type of nursing. I have done home health, behavioral health, addiction medicine, outpatient, and inpatient care. You are always learning and growing and that's what I love about it." In a message to Grehline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director Laforest expressed that she is ready to help.

"Any time you need help, if I can, I will be there," said Laforest.

Bolandrina stated that "alumni giving makes Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy different. Unlike large educational institutions, we look to alumni, parents, and friends of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy to help connect quality nursing education and a caring, supportive Bay Path Practical Nursing Community."

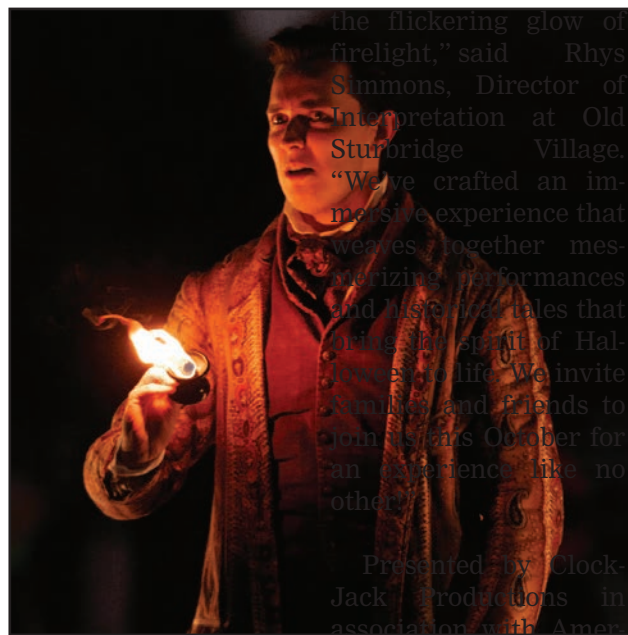
## Old Sturbridge Village opens "Phantoms by Firelight" Halloween event Oct. 4

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village will transform into a realm of haunted history and spellbinding performances this October with the opening of "Phantoms by Firelight" on Oct. 4. Running every weekend until Oct. 27, the spooktacular Halloween event brings twelve nights of enchanting entertainment, thrilling new attractions and a lineup of distinguished performers.

Guests can expect a stunning array of live performances, featuring hand balancing, fire breathing, breathtaking aerial acrobatics, and Cyr wheel acts. New attractions this year in-

clude a labyrinth winding through the dark countryside, eerie carnival games, and haunting tales of historical tragedies.

In addition to the performances, attendees can engage with Halloween traditions through activities such as coffin-making demonstrations and reenactments of early American mourning rituals, including an authentic 1830s wake. Popular activities returning this year include "Clues and Candy" and spooky ghost stories around the bonfire, accompanied by a seasonal menu featuring themed food and drinks.



"Phantoms by Firelight" is an unforgettable Halloween experience, allowing guests to explore the Village at their own pace by

the flickering glow of firelight," said Rhys Simmons, Director of Interpretation at Old Sturbridge Village. "We've crafted an immersive experience that merges together mesmerizing performances and historical tales that bring the spirit of Halloween to life. We invite families and friends to join us on October for an experience like no other."

Presented by Clock-Jack Productions in association with American Circus Theatre, "Phantoms by Firelight" showcases the talents of Cyrkus Vampyr, with performances from acclaimed artists includ-

ing viral sensation Ashlee Montague from 'America's Got Talent,' Richard Hanke, Joel Herzfeld, Eleanor Parker, Joseph Kerr, Samantha Bergman, Brian Klimowski, and Andre Sguerra.

"A mysterious troupe of gravity-defying performers returns to Old Sturbridge Village this October, setting up their mysterious, death-defying acts in the most unexpected of places as the sun goes down," said P. J. Griffith, director of Cyrkus Vampyr.

The event will be open from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on event nights. Discounted tickets are

available for members (\$28 Adult / \$14 Youth) and the public (\$34 Adult / \$16 Youth) until October 3. After opening night, tickets will be available at the door for \$40 Adult / \$20 Youth or can be purchased online in advance for \$36 Adult / \$18 Youth.

'Phantoms by Firelight' is made possible by Country Bank, a full-service financial institution in Massachusetts. For more details and to buy tickets, please visit <https://www.osv.org/event/phantoms-by-firelight/>.

## Ian McGrath of Fiskdale named to dean's list at The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Ian McGrath of Fiskdale is among the more than 1,200 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring 2024 semester.

The dean's list is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

Cadets who are named to the dean's list receive a medal, which is worn on their uniform during the semester following their academic achievement. Non-cadet students on the dean's list are presented a certificate.

Academics at The Citadel are divided between five schools: the Tommy and Victoria Baker School of Business, the School of Engineering, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Swain Family School of Science and Mathematics and the Zucker Family School of Education.

### About The Citadel

The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The approximately 2,300 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military, but about one-third of each class earn commissions to become officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Citadel alumni have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since 1842. The Citadel Graduate College offers dozens of graduate degree, graduate certificate and evening undergraduate programs in the evening or online. The Citadel is ranked as the Best Regional University in the South and has also been consecutively named Best Public University in the South by U.S. News & World Report for 14 years and Best Public College for Veterans in the South for seven years.

## Join Joshua Hyde Library for mystery writers panel

STURBRIDGE — Join the Joshua Hyde Public Library for a Mystery Writers Discussion Panel. Three authors from "Sisters in Crime" will be here to discuss how they use real life crimes in their mystery novels.

Martha "Max" Folsom is a regular columnist for the quarterly Sherlockian journal Groans, Cries and Bleatings, as well as being the author of three private detective novels in the Baker Somerset crime novel series.

Coralie Jensen is a globe-trotting author and her mysteries are set in different countries. Dale T. Phillips has some interesting stories on a host of subjects: having Stephen King as a writing teacher; appearing on

"Jeopardy," making movies, writing in different genres, and aspects of the writing and publishing world.

Go to [sturbridgelibrary.org](http://sturbridgelibrary.org) for more information.

## Charlton Public Library presents "The Organized Parent" workshop

CHARLTON — On Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 6-7 p.m., we will host Jenna Elliott, founder of The Naked Flower Professional Organizers. She has been an organizer and re-designer for more than 20 years and works with a variety of clients, both in the office and in the home. This fun and informative workshop

will give you new ways to approach the clutter and commitments that school days can bring into the home. She will share tips on:

- Combating over-committed schedules
- Entry and exit strategies
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Registration is requested for this event by visiting [charltonlibrary.org](http://charltonlibrary.org). Charlton Public Library is located at 40 Main St. in Charlton. Additional parking is available across Main Street at the Town Hall lot.



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2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 86.42

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**PROPERTY LOCATION 173 PLEASANT STREET** 032.032..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: RONALD J BENVENUTI & RONALD J BENVENUTI JR  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 547.00

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**PROPERTY LOCATION 24 MARCY STREET** 035.120..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: ESTATE OF SANDRA J BOREY  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 3,427.05

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**PROPERTY LOCATION 197 EVERETT STREET** 054.020..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: BROOK STREET PARTNERS LLC  
ATTN CAOBA MANAGEMENT  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 4,773.59

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**PROPERTY LOCATION 364 HAMILTON STREET** 034.084..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: BYRNES INVESTMENT GROUP LLC BYRNES, MICHAEL  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 6,818.17

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BYRNES, MICHAEL  
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ASSESSED OWNERS: HILLCREST AVE PROPERTIES LLC  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 317.82

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 1.380 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 012 PARCEL 008 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 42109 ON PAGE 0326 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 69 PINEDALE STREET** 068.019..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: JAN C HMIELOWSKI & VIRGINIA HMIELOWSKI  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 2,466.24

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .471 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 068 PARCEL 019 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 6782 ON PAGE 0189 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 226 ELM STREET** 054.201..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: JOHN D HOLDCRAFT  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 509.14

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .506 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 054 PARCEL 201 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 41760 ON PAGE 0274 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 326 MAIN STREET** 035.038..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: IKEMBA ENTERPRISES LLC  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 114.69

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .190 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 035 PARCEL 038 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 60508 ON PAGE 35 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 117 CISCO STREET** 046.029..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: JP DIAMANTE LLC  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 3,012.88

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .624 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 046 PARCEL 029 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 68365 ON PAGE 353 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 600 WORCESTER STREET UNIT 4** 009.022.A.00004

ASSESSED OWNERS: KAMGA ANGELE NGOUNOU EPSE FOTSO  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1,507.69

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .000 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 009 PARCEL 022A IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 59577 ON PAGE 72 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION LOVELY STREET** 049.167..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: GLORIA L KANIA ETAL ATTN JAN KANIA  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 470.01

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .345 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 049 PARCEL 167 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 5409 ON PAGE 0078 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 44 WOODYCREST AVENUE** 048.060..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: PETER C LAMARINE  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1,559.47

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .973 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 048 PARCEL 060 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 23096 ON PAGE 0386 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION HIGHLAND STREET** 068.089..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: DYLAN M LANGLAIS  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 314.36

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 2.00 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 068 PARCEL 089 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 60146 ON PAGE 296 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 10 OAK STREET** 068.037..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: KATHERINE LATOUR  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1,338.84

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .513 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 068 PARCEL 037 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 49934 ON PAGE 0149 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 120 RIVER STREET** 031.142..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: JEFFREY LAWRENCE & PAULETTE A LAWRENCE  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 2,492.09

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .040 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 031 PARCEL 142 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 39551 ON PAGE 0326 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION BAREFOOT ROAD** 004.002..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: ESTATE OF DIANE I LOWDEN ATTN KENNETH LOWDEN  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 790.31

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 38.700 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 004 PARCEL 002 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 15474 ON PAGE 0044 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION ASHLAND AVENUE** 060.004.A.00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: SAMANTHA L MALBOEUF  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 13.56

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .024 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 060 PARCEL 004A IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 69976 ON PAGE 348 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 90 WOODYCREST AVENUE** 048.093..00001  
ASSESSED OWNERS: MICHAEL J MURPHY SR  
2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 2,116.14

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BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .216 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 048 PARCEL 093 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 34836 ON PAGE 0103 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION COOMBS STREET** 046.134..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: BETZAIDA NEGRON & DAVID ORTEGA  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 162.41

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .241 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 046 PARCEL 134 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 69775 ON PAGE 129 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 92 WESTWOOD PARKWAY** 050.058..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: BERNADETTE B NOGA  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 5,253.70

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .552 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 050 PARCEL 058 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 3918 ON PAGE 0157 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 19 CRESTWOOD DRIVE** 032.068..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: VICTOR OTERO & MILAGROS  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 813.58

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .386 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 032 PARCEL 068 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 18124 ON PAGE 1996 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 45 FISKE STREET**

031.045..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: SHANE MICHAEL PARKER  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1,871.97

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .425 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 031 PARCEL 045 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 46646 ON PAGE 0138 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 131 DENNISON CROSS ROAD** 076.024.C.00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: LUZ M PIETRI  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 813.58

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .315 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 076 PARCEL 024C IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 29496 ON PAGE 0168 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 218 SOUTH STREET**

049.070..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: ESTATE OF IRENE L PROULX  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 3,138.93

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .163 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 049 PARCEL 070 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 23075 ON PAGE 0381 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 68 DRESSER STREET** 048.187..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: RONALD RENAUD & THERESA A RENAUD  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 179.14

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .113 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 048 PARCEL 187 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 7998 ON PAGE 0156 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF

WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 125 MORRIS STREET** 046.040..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: CHANTEL DIAZ

2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 3,689.87

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .104 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 046 PARCEL 040 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 59552 ON PAGE 194 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 30 BROCHU STREET**

036.133..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: RIVERA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 3,454.74

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 1.600 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 036 PARCEL 133 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 59650 ON PAGE 15 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 52 CHARLTON STREET**

036.138..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: RIVERA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 2,223.23

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .500 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 036 PARCEL 138 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 59650 ON PAGE 15 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 40 CHARLTON STREET** 036.139..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: RIVERA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 3,033.39

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .375 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 036 PARCEL 139 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 59650 ON PAGE 15 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 30 CHARLTON STREET**

036.140..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: RIVERA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT LLC  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 5,454.54

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 1.000 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 036 PARCEL 140 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 59650 ON PAGE 15 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 564 MAIN STREET** 034.004..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: SAMIA BOTROS LLC/YOUSSEF, SAMIA  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1,620.37

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .134 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 034 PARCEL 004 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 69604 ON PAGE 19 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION DENNISON DRIVE** 069.022..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: MATTHEW T ZILINSKY & BAILEY ZILINSKY  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 25.72

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .410 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 069 PARCEL 022 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 63963 ON PAGE 63 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 61 PLIMPTON STREET** 032.011..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: NOUKONE SAYAVONG & LA SAYAVONG

2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1,275.94

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .737 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 032 PARCEL 011 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 21868 ON PAGE 0220 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 34D MARIA AVENUE** 065.007.A.00014

ASSESSED OWNERS: ERIC M SILVA  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 4,979.44

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .000 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 065 PARCEL 007A IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 61751 ON PAGE 24 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION DENNISON LANE** 096.025..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: MARK SOPER  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 286.89

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .527 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 096 PARCEL 025 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 63822 ON PAGE 86 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION DENNISON LANE** 096.026..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: MARK SOPER  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 282.31

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .481 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 096 PARCEL 026 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 63822 ON PAGE 86 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION DENNISON LANE** 096.027..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: MARK SOPER  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 280.78

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .468 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 096 PARCEL 027 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 63822 ON PAGE 86 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION HARWOOD FARM ROAD** 051.060..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: WILMER O SOSA  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 505.11

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .700 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 051 PARCEL 060 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 68565 ON PAGE 188 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION HARWOOD FARM ROAD** 051.061..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: WILMER O SOSA  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 668.39

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .836 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 051 PARCEL 061 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 68565 ON PAGE 188 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 120 DRESSER HILL ROAD** 040.007..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: SOUTHBRIDGE SALVAGE INC ATTN CRAIG LALIBERTE  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 5,086.16

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 21.620 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 040 PARCEL 007 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 4746 ON PAGE 0574 AT THE COUN-

TY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 21 CARON STREET**

047.065..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: ANDREW J ST GEORGE & BARBARA E ST GEORGE  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 42.88

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .190 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 047 PARCEL 065 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 8994 ON PAGE 0209 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 268 CLEMENCE HILL ROAD** 016.003.A.00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: KEVIN ST PIERRE SR & MAURA ST PIERRE  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 4,281.73

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT 41.630 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 016 PARCEL 003A IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 58493 ON PAGE 0038 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 82 MARC AVENUE** 071.020..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: TYRA T TAYLOR  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 925.64

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .287 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 071 PARCEL 020 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 42187 ON PAGE 0308 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 10 CRESTWOOD DRIVE** 047.114..00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: THE 2 BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 7,517.07

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .139 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 047 PARCEL 114 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 68977 ON PAGE 264 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 44 MARIA AVENUE #203** 065.007.A.00033

ASSESSED OWNERS: PAULO S VAZ & JULIANA B CUSTODIO  
 2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 629.18

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .000 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 065 PARCEL 007A IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 68280 ON PAGE 146 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION 10 COLONIAL DRIVE**

069.048..00001  
 ASSESSED OWNERS: DURGESH S VAIDYA & SHRUJA D VAIDYA  
 2022 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 977.44

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .364 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 069 PARCEL 048 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 53053 ON PAGE 0361 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

**PROPERTY LOCATION MORRIS STREET** 064.036.A.00001

ASSESSED OWNERS: DARIO J YACAVACE & CHRISTINE M YACAVACE  
 2023 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 1.08

2024 TAXES REMAINING UNPAID 73.51

A PARCEL OF LAND WITH ANY BUILDINGS THEREON, CONTAINING ABOUT .184 ACRES BEING DESCRIBED AS MAP 064 PARCEL 036A IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSORS AND IDENTIFIED IN BOOK 56952 ON PAGE 0238 AT THE COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER

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# Bay Path nursing student and a story of dedication and compassion

CHARLTON — As Autumn begins, the story of Flory Muleka needs to be heard or read. Muleka of Worcester is from DR Congo. As a practical nursing student on his sixth week of rigorous education and training at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, he is not letting anything deter him. He is plowing through all obstacles, nonetheless.

Proof is his approach to his practical nursing education at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. He was nominated as a student representative for the Class of 2025 and was humbled by his classmates' trust. Alas, two other female nominees won! He remains joyful. He is eager and excited to participate in other activities. He will not let gender nor the remnants of COVID disruptions become an obstacle to his nursing journey.

According to Muleka, "I know I will make it."

He has a learning strategy he adapted from his primary and secondary education in Congo. He has quickly learned to re-adjust his learning style and study techniques. Because of his previous experience at Quinsigamond Community College in 2020 for his nursing journey, he is more deter-



Flory Muleka with Coco.

mined. To date, Muleka has received a few grades of "A" for examinations he well prepared for. The Practical Nursing Cohort of 2025 at Bay Path is the first to utilize ExamSoft. The questions go beyond the multiple choice and multiple response forms (in the nursing world, the dreaded select all that apply). Muleka is mastering the concepts! He completed Dementia Care training and obtained his certificate in Mental Health

First Aid.

A gentle, caring newlywed and soon to be a father, he recently shared a note and photo he holds dear to his heart.

"I was granted permission to share both the photo and the note," stated Muleka.

The handwritten note reads, "Flory, thank you for your exceptional care and kindness. Your dedication and compassion have meant the world to me. Daily you put a smile

on my face and helped me through my time / moments in life. I am forever grateful and truly appreciate knowing you. You will make an incredible nurse. Love, Coco 2024."

Muleka's objective was to obtain a position at an agency where he can utilize his skills and experiences to make a positive impact. He completed his High School education at the Complex Scolaire la Borne (DR Congo, 2014) where he was a captain of the Soccer Team, led a school choir (up to thirty young boys & girls), and concentrated on biochemistry. His initial experience as a Patient Care Assistant (PCA) at the Maman Yembo Hospital (DR Congo, 2014-2016) led him to other opportunities as both PCA and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Albany Medical Center (Albany, N.Y., 2017), Worcester Rehabilitation Healthcare Center (Worcester, 2019), Direct Support Professional at Becket Family Center (Leicester, 2020), and UMass Memorial Center (Worcester). He also has experience as a freelance preacher and motivational speaker (since 2014). He participated in the first ever accepted students' night and enjoyed the art therapy. He anticipates

graduating with his class in June 2025 and is grateful for all the learning opportunities at Bay Path.

## Ian McGrath of Fiskdale awarded gold stars at The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Ian McGrath of Fiskdale is one of the more than 620 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring 2024 semester.

Gold stars are awarded to cadets and students at The Citadel who achieved a 3.7 grade point average or higher. Cadets and students who achieve gold star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's dean's list.

Those cadets may wear gold stars on their uniforms throughout the semester following their academic achievement. A gold star recognition certificate is awarded to non-cadet students who meet the requirements; veteran and active duty students are also awarded challenge coins.

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