Tantasqua invites audiences to Neverland with “Peter and the Starcatcher”

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua Regional High School Drama Club invites residents to attend its upcoming fall production of “Peter and the Starcatcher.”

Performances will take place on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m., as well as on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 5 and 7 p.m. All events will take place inside the TRHS auditorium.

“Peter and the Starcatcher” serves as a prequel to “Peter Pan,” exploring the backstories of classic characters and how they came to be the famous Peter Pan, Captain Hook, Tinkerbell, and the Lost Boys.

The Tantasqua Regional High School Drama Club is almost ready to present its annual fall production.

Cannabis delivery firm seeks home in Southbridge

BY JASON BLEAU

STURBRIDGE — The local cannabis field is about to get a little bit bigger.

Last week, the owners of a firm called Moreoola LLC held their online community meeting, although only minor inconveniences dampen the spirits of the event.

They’re planning to convert spaces at 129 East Main St. in the headquarters of a cannabis delivery service. According to CEO Carlos Rosa, it will not be “a traditional brick and mortar retail location” and won’t be open to the public.

He said the organizing team had not yet decided how many delivery drivers per day they intend to have, nor exactly what hours those drivers would work. The owners only said they plan to open within seven to 10 days.

Most of those details remain to be worked out with the Conservation Commission.

Rotary Club of Sturbridge announces Third Annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K & Fun Walk winners

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Rotary Club of Sturbridge announced the winners in this year’s 5K, 1K, and Fun Walk races.

“We had record-breaking numbers this year, with more than 350 participants,” said Club President Gary Conley.

Fourth annual Fire & Water Cleanup & Restoration costume contest was a hit.

“Although it’s not a full musical, it certainly feels like there are a lot of precise choreographed movements, stage fights, lifts, and fun songs throughout the show,” Edmonds said.

“We begin auditions in mid-September and have been rehearsing at least four days a week since last fall,” said Burgess Elementary School auditorium.

“TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K & Fun Walk winners

BY JASON BLEAU

STURBRIDGE — A large number didn’t dampen the spirits of runners and walkers in the third annual TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K, 1K and Fun Walk that was held on Sunday, Oct. 29. According to race director Klaus Hashfield, the event went on with 1,800 enthusiastic and only minor inconvenience to the more than 200 participants and race volunteers.

The family-friendly event included a 5K Truck Run, a 1K Road Run, and a 5K Trail Fun Walk using the Old Sturbridge Village Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road and the Aspinwall Park Trail in the Leominster Mountain Conservation Lands. The event also included free games for younger children, a costume parade, and relay races organized by a volunteer team from Burgess Elementary School.

“We're a little bit late when you have such wonderful volunteers, the富有 volunteers, and all the folks who have put in the time and effort to make sure this event goes off without a hitch,” said Hashfield.

The results below were tabulated by Judy Kingman for RaceWire.

Top male finishers in the TREK Sturbridge 5K included:

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“Even though we had a small number of participants this year, people seemed to really enjoy themselves and have a great time,” said Hashfield.
Christmas by Candlelight tickets on sale now

STURBRIDGE — Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village tickets went on sale for the general public beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27. This popular holiday event returns with select dates in November and December inviting visitors to step into the past and celebrate New England holiday traditions of the 18th-century and today.

Christmas by Candlelight is a great family activity to share while guests are in town, as a way to get in the spirit of many favorite holiday activities, and always with a new spin.

Enchantment abounds — Old Sturbridge Village’s 200-acre campus will be lit up with Christmas trees along the Quinebaug River. Or watch the evening come to life at a nature path lit up with Christmas lights of garland will adorn the Village, and over 2,000 more than 4,000 candles in tin lanterns will light the Village, and over 2,000 yards of garland will adorn the Village buildings in their holiday finest.

Jean Contino, Coordinator of Domestic Crafts, says, “We started planning for 2023 the day after we closed in 2022.”

With the help of over 200 volunteers and the United Way of South Central Massachusetts, her team has assembled over 1,300 craft kits for the event.

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10 a.m.-5 p.m., light the Village at 4:30 p.m., ride in the horse-drawn carriage around the Village Common, visit the 1880s-plus-piece nativity set in Friends Meetinghouse, and view Christmas decor from the 1830s, 1860s, and 1870s in the Salem Towne House.

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Militia history mostly one of “belligerent frivolity”

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — To historians, Michael Pratt of Old Sturbridge Village, “The term ‘militia’ has been used and misused a lot recently, and most people don’t know what they’re talking about.”

That’s because the actual concept of the militia has very long roots, going back well before the US even existed. But even within our history, he said, it needs to be considered in the context of the federal system that had been drafted by the Founding Fathers of the American Revolution, and also the system of militias. Full text of both are available at https://www.mount vernon.org/article/27793/militia-act-of-1792.

Sturbridge Historical Society is exploring what such militias actually looked like and how they were used. In short form, they were fairly ad hoc. He noted there were no standards for uniformity or uniforms for the most part, with members having their own guns and gear and train on their own time around their regular occupations.

The concept dates back to the English Mus- tervel Law of 1722, for which heevolved in the course of the Revolutionary War, one local leader whom he called the Min- ister, who required that 30 percent of the local militias “be prepared to leave on short notice.” Those groups evolved into the Committee of Correspondence, one local leader among them was Stur- bridge’s Timothy Freeman.

After the US won its freedom, the fledging gov- ernment recognized the need for an army to defend the 13 states but Congress felt “it should remain small.” With the “first line of de- fense” being a citizen militia, Pratt said. Then, our leaders rec- ognized that a large standing army was a threat to liberty as it was “consistently un- dersized and understaffed” and had only a small portion of the militia.

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SOUTHBRIDGE — Heading into their fourth year of planting, Opacum Land Trust and their partner, East Quabbin Land Trust, have planted more than 1,300 trees in Southbridge and Ware since 2019.

Modelled on Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the program provides a means to homeowners, renters, business, and organizations in urban areas of Southbridge and Ware.

“The root of the word ‘tree’ is a root word from Latin, ‘fructus,’ meaning ‘fruit’,” said Julie Clarke, executive director of Opacum Land Trust. “The initiative is an opportunity for residents by importing air and providing shade and beauty to the neighborhood, and being trees provide a lot of economic benefit to residents by improving air quality and providing shade and beauty to the neighborhood,” she said. “Trees can provide much-needed benefits to your health and wellbeing and can help you save money!”

Trees can clean the air we breathe by removing carbon dioxide and absorbing rainwater, helping to prevent flooding and erosion of land in your yard and streets. In the summer, shade trees can keep you comfortable and cool at home, and new research shows that you could save on your cooling costs by 40-80 percent.

In addition, trees are responsible for 20% to 30% of the property value at your location by a professional arborist.

“Trees are an integral part of our community,” Clarke said. “Every aspect of our customer service has been top notch. We are grateful to the Beautiful Blooms and Shade and the Red Horse Nursery and Tulip trees in the years to come.”

How it works Opacum Land Trust provides the trees, along with arborist expertise of an arborist and planting crew to plant the trees. You provide the labor and expertise of your location by an arborist to support the trees and that you love them! While residents only need to agree to water and care for your trees after planting.

There’s no cost to the recipient. With a total value of $180 per tree, it is an exciting opportunity for the communities of Southbridge and Ware.

Want to get free trees? Hurry and sign up now to get on the planting list before time runs out! This program is open to residents from 31 towns between Monson and Ware, with a goal of planting 1,300 trees to be recipients of this program. Call Steve Brady, Southbridge Land Trust, at (508) 347-9144 and check out our website for events, Opacum.org/about-the-project or call Steve Brady, Southbridge Land Trust at (508) 347-9144.

“Trees are custom picked for the labor and expertise of the arborist and planting team,” Clarke said. “Opacum provides the trees, along with the arborist expertise of the arborist and planting crew to plant the trees.”

Tree recipients can enjoy their trees for decades to come, without any cost or upkeep, and will be our last open Saturday until Thanksgiving, Monday to Friday, Monday to Friday, Monday to Friday, Monday to Friday.

For more information, visit www.StonebridgePress.com.
Charlton City UMC hosting Season of Joy winter fair

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Folks Hall at 14 Stafford Street, visitors are welcome to this warm and intimate affair where you will find unique gifts for everyone—handcrafted, jewelry, plants, Grandma's Attic treasures, craft vendors, our fan-favorite silent auction, and so many handmade baked goods as you can carry out. Don't forget to warm your belly with a delicious handmade hot chocolate prepared by our Men's Group!

A bit of the proceeds from this year will benefit the Charlton REAS (Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors), who assist senior citizens of all ages not meeting their winter heating/cooking costs. This amazing organization relies on the generous donations of local businesses, fundraiser events, and individuals to help serve the area's most vulnerable population.

Charlton City UMC hopes you will join us, help raise money for a worthy cause, and cross items off your holiday shopping list! The indoor and outdoor spaces are well-organized, and plenty of parking is available. Call 508-248-3739 for more information or to participate please call 508-248-3739 (call early — space is limited!)

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**SOUTHBRIDGE — United Way of South Central MA (UWSCM) is pleased to announce that it has received a $70,000 grant from Fundación MAPFRE, a global non-profit organization that provides social assistance and promotes road safety. The grant is the first major gift this year that will support UWSCM’s Bridging the Gap Campaign, which provides funding for critical childcare and nutrition programs in South Central Massachusetts.

“We are grateful to Fundación MAPFRE for their generous support of our partner agencies that provide affordable childcare and nutrition services for families and adults,” said Mary O’C, Executive Director at UWSCM. “This funding will help us to ensure that children in our community have access to the high-quality preschool and after-school childcare and nutrition for families so they can thrive.”

The Bridging the Gap Campaign supports a variety of programs that provide childcare and nutrition assistance to low-income families in South Central Massachusetts. These programs include:

- Childcare subsidies that help families afford high-quality childcare at the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club of Webster-Dudley.
- Nutrition assistance programs through Tri-Valley, Inc. that provide food to older adults and individuals with disabilities.
- A weekly dinner program for families through the YMCA – Tri-Community Branch “What a Feather” program.
- Fundación MAPFRE is planned to support the United Way of South Central Massachusetts in its important work in the community,” said Jaime Tamayo, President and Chief Executive Officer of MAPFRE Insurance and Chief Representative of Fundación MAPFRE in the U.S. “We are proud to help the United Way Bridge the Gap Campaign to provide more essentials to children and adults.”

About Fundación MAPFRE

Fundación MAPFRE is a global non-profit organization that provides social assistance and promotes road safety. The foundation was established in 1975 by MAPFRE, a leading insurance company. Fundación MAPFRE promotes the lives of people in need through a variety of programs and services, including support for children, families, disaster relief, and road safety initiatives.

About United Way of South Central MA

United Way of South Central MA is a nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of people in need in the towns of Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, Dudley and Webster. UWCM funds more than 26 programs and services that address the critical needs of the community including education, income, health, and housing.

The 2023 campaign will run through December 31. People can donate online at www.uwcm.org or by mail to: United Way of South Central MA, 176 Main St., Suite 400, Southbridge, MA 01550.

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Sturbridge Girl Scout troop welcomes new girls

STURBRIDGE — Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited to join Girl Scout Troop #84837. The troop meets on Mondays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Republican Club. Register now to claim her spot as troops fill fast. Annual membership cost is $35 and financial assistance is available.

See for yourself what Girl Scouts have to offer. Girl Scouts is the premier organization for girls to learn about leadership, financial literacy, business, science, technology, and the outdoors, and community service. Girl Scout Experiences is not a replacement for Girl Scout Troops.

You can register for a spot in the troop and receive a “Try This” packet. Questions? Email info@gscwm.org or call 413-840-2012. Girl Scout Troop 84837 is of Central and Western Massachusetts.

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves more than 5,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of 3,000 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. Girl Scouts’ mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Since 1912, girls have explored new fields of knowledge, learned valuable life skills, and developed strong core values through Girl Scouts. Today, our mission, to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place, is as strong as ever. As Girl Scouts has been, the organization best positioned to help girls develop the important leadership skills they need to become successful adults.

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BRIMFIELD – Mother Nature dished out a few more tricks than treats this year at the Brimfield Harvest and Craft Fair, but vendors and guests still had plenty of fun.

Originally scheduled for late September, the event was postponed due to a rainstorm. A month later, on Oct. 22, guests didn’t have to contend with any rain this time around, instead bundling up and braving a cold, biting wind at Brimfield Winery.

The event featured multiple crafters, live music, special appearances from local organizations, children’s activities and Halloween-themed fun.

The Brimfield Community Partnership and Brimfield Winery are thanking for making special arrangements this year to maximize guests’ enjoyment of the event. Organizers are already looking forward to a strong 2024 event.

The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District has been waiting for months to see if COVID-era free lunch programs would be continued allowing more leniency when providing meals to its students. However, regardless of what state lawmakers decide, the district now qualifies for one breakfast and one lunch at no charge for students thanks to The Dudley-Charlton Regional School Eligibility Program for the threshold from 40 to 25 percent.

The policy changes also include Grace Academy (OSA) has been named as one of the finalists for the national award “The Yass Prize.” The school is in the running for the grand prize of $1 million.

Old Sturbridge Academy OSA has been named one of 33 semi-finalists from around the country nominated for The Yass Prize, an annual award recognizing schools that have been validated by The Yass Prize Center for Education also gives a Parents Choice Award.

“We are extremely proud of the work we do at Old Sturbridge Academy and that has been validated by The Yass Prize Center,” said Donahue, president of the school’s board of directors. “We believe that OSA is raising the bar for public charter school education, particularly because of the unique tie we have with Old Sturbridge Village allowing our students to get hands on with various aspects of history.”

“The Yass Prize recognizes schools that concentrate on personalized approaches to better educate students, and we called the "Parents Choice of Education" by Forbes Magazine.”

“OSA model presents students with individualized approaches for matching their experiences and that aligns perfectly with The Yass Prize,” said Donahue. “By participating in hands-on activities in the classroom and at Old Sturbridge Village, our model encourages students to think for and by themselves.”

OSA is located on the campus of Old Sturbridge Village, the largest outdoor history museum in the Northeast, which provides educational programs to the students as part of the curriculum.

The winner and finalists will be announced in New York City. The Yass Center for Education also gives a Parents Choice Award.

Pasted Prime Players present 24 Hour Short Play Festival

24 Hour Short Play Festival will be hosting its second 24 Hour Short Play Festival this year. The event was postponed due to a rainstorm. A series of short plays will be written, rehearsed, and performed in just 24 hours. All participants must be between the ages of 18 and be able to attend the opening and closing nights of the festival. The winner and finalists will be announced in New York City. The Yass Prize Center for Education also gives a Parents Choice Award.
The virtues of intelligence, open-mindedness, and humility

In a world that often celebrates individualism and personal achievement, it's imperative to reframe our values to include intelligence, open-mindedness, thoughtfulness, and empathy. These traits are not only commendable but also essential.

Intelligence, the ability to think critically and understand complex ideas, is undoubtedly a valuable asset. It fuels innovation, encourages reflective discussions, and leads to technological advancements that improve our lives. However, intelligence alone is not enough. What truly sets apart the intelligent person is the wisdom they apply.

Open-mindedness is the gateway to growth and change. It allows us to consider different perspectives, even those that challenge our own beliefs. Open-minded individuals are not afraid to challenge convention from others, and adapt to change. They recognize that novel ideas often emerge from diverse experiences and viewpoints, and embrace ideas that diverge from open hearts and minds.

Humility is the art of considering the consequences of our actions and decisions. Thoughtful individuals recognize the impact they have on the world around them and strive to make choices that contribute positively to their community. They take the time to empathize with others, showing kindness and compassion.

Innovation, drives scientific discovery, and is at the heart of meaningful growth and understanding. It involves stepping beyond the status quo to find new solutions to problems.

Moments of understanding and curiosity are key components of true greatness. It lies not in who is the most intelligent but who are not just intelligent but wise, who possess these qualities are not only excused to determine whether or not improve those around them to reach greater heights. They build bridges between diverse communities, create opportunities for collaboration, and tirelessly work to make our society a fairer, more compassionate place.

In the end, it is the combination of these traits individuals who not only just intelligent but wise, who are not just minded but empathetic, and not just thoughtfully but compassionate, and who are not just humble but self-aware. They are the ones who learn an invaluable lesson in life that we are all meant to be united, for we all possess traits that in the right hands and in the right moments of understanding and connection.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author’s name, address, and a daytime telephone number, if you would like to respond to any issues raised in the column. Letters will be published. Letters submitted with all of the required information will be accepted for the column.

The sale of insurance is a separate issue and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason. There may be no more than one submission per individual per month.

Newspapers are a valuable resource, but they are not the only ones that contribute to our understanding of the world. The internet, books, and other forms of media are also a source of protein, but they are not as strong as the relationships that are formed.

Preserving Pumpkins

Too busy to whip up pumpkin treats? Fear not! There are still plenty of ways you can use your leftover pumpkin. Whether the leftover pumpkin is perfect for a “reduce, re-use, recycle” mentality. Here’s a tip: Whole pumpkins can be stored in a dry, frost free environment. However, if you don’t have enough freezer space, you can freeze the pumpkin instead. Whole pumpkins can be frozen for up to a year. To use, simply slice and bake as directed.

Pumpkin Seed Granola

This week’s picture shows “Nuno” with his compound bow. His long, heavy arrow was impressive and he shot it with very heavy antlers because of the dense brush. The antlers are a good gauge of the amount of calcium and phosphorus that are being eaten. The deer are stored in a dry, frost free environment. Here’s a tip: Whole pumpkins can be stored in a dry, frost free environment. However, if you don’t have enough freezer space, you can freeze the pumpkin instead. Whole pumpkins can be frozen for up to a year. To use, simply slice and bake as directed.

Pumpkin Seed Brittle

This is a dish that is both delicious and nutritious. It is a well-deserved reward for hulling all those pumpkin seeds.

In a mixing bowl, combine the following:
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 1/2 cup of butter
- 1/2 cup of salt
- 1 cup of water
- 1/2 cup of pumpkin seeds

Place all ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat and cook until the seeds are golden brown. Stir constantly. While seeds are still golden brown, add 1/2 cup of raisins; one half cup of sunflower seeds; one half cup of pumpkin seeds; and one cup of chopped walnuts. Mix well.

In a separate bowl, mix together the following:
- 1/2 cup of flour
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- 1/2 cup of corn syrup
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By lifting ourselves, we forge a brighter future.
CHRISTMAS continued from page 2

kits in our shops for gift giving, and try candle dipping for an additional fee.

Rear stories of the season—Visitors can sit and listen to readings of The Nativity Gospel, Tales of the Lake, and The Nativity Gospel of Saint Mathew—their Friends Meeting house or classic Christmas tales being told including GC

Spanish readings of The Nativity of Masons seeking one of what's probably the most common sight during the holidays. Children and adults alike will be able to share about my experience with the story, as it is also a part of the experience. This event will be highly recommended that you attend.

Enjoy live music and magic—free historical musical performances around the Village including our costumed historians playing various instruments, The OSV Singers (on Sundays), and different local and professional performers each night. There is also a not-to-be-missed magic show with Bob Olsen!

Find festive foods—You’ll find a variety of foods and beverages at various locations throughout the museum, including treats you’ll see being made in the Village. Visit the Visitor Information Center, Treats on the Table: Gingerbread House Confections, or The Old Yule Café with soups, sandwiches, pastries, and beverages on your way into or out of the Village.

Gingerbread House Confections—An annual favorite, enter our Gingerbread house baking contest and put your creation on display! Families, professionals, as well as home bakers are all welcome, and guests can vote for their favorite! Enter your creation by Nov 22. Details online.

Holiday Express Model Railroads—Come see what the Stonebridge Model Railroad club has in store this year with their fantastic display of miniature trains.

With Santa—Santa Claus will make an appearance each night for an opportunity to tell him their special Christmas wish. Create a craft and meet with the man himself?

Holiday Shopping—This year we are proud to have expanded our offering of unique handcrafted holiday items available at the Miner Grant Store and the Ox & Yoke Mercantile each evening during the event. Find craft kits, books, clothing, bath and body, and Village-made wares for your gift giving list! New this year, you can shop early-online at shop.stonebridgepress.com.

Lodging Packages—For those traveling a distance or meeting family in the area, on a specialorical night at the Old Sturbridge Inn & Reeder Family Lodges Special Packages are available for Christmas. Planning your visit today and save big while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Saw with membership: Members save! Not a member? Membership is a gift that keeps giving all year long. Explore the benefits of membership at www.osv.org/membership/.
Thursday, November 2-3, 2023

NEVERLAND
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Therrold shows has always been something I have loved, I enjoy re-reading and music and acting and I do, but I love to do the dancing numbers and singing numbers and I knew that is why I would cherish forever.

Peter and the Starcatcher”, a Tony Award-winning play, is based on Darby Barret’s novel, as well as J.M. Barrie’s “Peter Pan.”

Admission is $15 for adults, $12 for seniors, chil-
dren, and seniors will pay $12 per person.

Tickets can be pur-
chased at the door.

The school is located at 133 Brookfield Rd.

MASON'S

The Trek Sturbridge

Edmonds wanted to challenge the performers are play-
ing multiple characters.

The theme of the rehearsal process is “I really love the am-

magnificent.”

Cast members have been working hard in the produ-

cation that they can’t wait to share their performance. The audience members from Sturbridge Theatre Workshop have been un-


ing with our favorite pieces after

several favorite scenes of the rehe-
sal process and in the production, and

every scene is so different but I do love

the different styles and performances of the performers. This year’s

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neat and comfortable in the audience, and I feel com-


tastic of theater. This year’s

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Friday’s Child

Joshua is a friendly and active boy

Joshua is a friendly and active boy

your neighbor,

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NOVEMBER happenings at
CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit our Web site (charltonlibrary.org) for a full listing and further details of programs and events.

Movies @ The Library

November 2: LAND. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
November 9: WINTER’S BONE. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
November 16: THE BFG. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
November 23: THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
November 30: THE STRANGER. 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion - WRITERS AND LOVERS by Lily King

November 9, 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Death Cafe

November 17: 1 - 3 p.m.

Critical Thinking Discussion Group - Selected poems of English & American Poets

November 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)

November 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

No registration

No experience with critical thinking or English & American poetry are required. Books are available for checkout at the library. Reserved seating.

For more information contact: Cheryl Mullen
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SOUTHBRIDGE

The Rose of Sharon Lodge No. 111, F. & A.M., installed its new officers last week.

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORECLOSE**

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 258, Section 2, and, in the event that the mortgagor has/have not filed with this court a complaint for a trial de novo, the above-mentioned property on Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108, must now be held by plaintiff by assignment, the commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee and holder of the mortgage covering real property in said Pemberton Square, and subject to and with the rights of parties in possession.

Stephanie K. Fattman, First Justice of this Court on October 17, 2023, has/have determined that the mortgage on the above-mentioned property may lose the opportunity to challenge a foreclosure. If you object to a foreclosure sale of this property, you must file a written appearance and objection no later than 10:00 a.m. on the return day of said sale.

In this case, no objection is being filed by the mortgagee. Thus, the property will be sold at a public auction at 2:00 P.M. on the return day of said sale, November 27, 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at Unit 5A Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108, to be held by the commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee and holder of said mortgage, and subject to and with the rights of parties in possession.

The property will be sold subject to any and all liens, and all other municipal assessments and lien claims, and to the mortgage, and subject to the terms of the sale. The buyers will be required to sign a contract of sale at said sale, and subject to the terms of the sale.

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For virtual or hybrid hearing information, contact the Zoning Board of Appeals at 413-245-7109 or email TownofSturbridge@sturbridge.legals.
Sports

Warriors play great game to take down Marlborough in CMADA opener

STURBRIDGE — The Tantasqua girls’ varsity soccer team put it all together when hosting Marlborough on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

“Solid performance offensively defensively and in the middle,” said Matthew Rickson, head coach of the Warriors. “All three lines did their job and did it well.”

Tantasqua, seeded third in the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Class A Tournament, defeated the sixth ranked Panthers, 4-1.

The Warriors’ Lilina Shiers scored the opening goal in the eighth minute when she collected a high-arcing pass from Eleanor Colati. The ball landed in front of both Shiers and the Marlborough keeper, but Shiers was the first to track it down and she then had the open net to shoot into.

The Panthers’ Ava VanBuskirk then tied the game in the 16th minute, but from there the play was all Tantasqua.

“We kept organized and played our game,” Rickson said of when Marlborough tied it up. “They remained focused. They work off each other. They see someone working hard and they work harder or just as hard.”

Shiers scored the eventual game-winner in the 20th minute, with Kaydie O’Neil assisting, and Shiers completed a hat trick early in the second half when the Warriors had a corner and Colati sent in a perfect ball with Shiers scoring via a header. Eve Van Wickler (Emma Pesaturo assist) scored the game’s final score.

Tantasqua then played No. 2 Algonquin in the CMADA semifinals on Saturday, Oct. 28, losing in a tight game, 1-0. The Warriors finished the regular season 14-4 and will next play in the Division 3 State Tournament.

Minutemen lose heartbreaker in final minute to BMR, but remain postseason bound

BLACKSTONE — The 6-1 Bay Path versus 6-1 Blackstone-Millville varsity football matchup on Saturday, Oct. 28 had all the makings of being a very close matchup, and that turned out to be true. Unfortunately for the Minutemen, though, they came out on the wrong side of the final score, losing to the Chargers in the last minute, 31-27.

“They played really physical,” Bay Path head coach Cody Giampa said of Blackstone-Millville. “We knew they were going to do that, and we just didn’t meet that challenge today. We played well in spurts, but when you’re playing good teams, you can’t play well in spurts. You have to play well all the time.”

The Minutemen held leads of 7-0, 7-3 and 27-24, but the Chargers’ Dan Lawton scored a 16-yard rushing touchdown with 36 seconds to play for the winning score.

Bay Path’s touchdowns came on a Brayden Dovem 6-yard run, a Dovem 20-yard run, a Kaiden Brochu 2-yard run and a Brochu 7-yard run. In fact, on the ground alone Dovem (169 yards) and Brochu (227 yards) accumulated 326 of the Minutemen’s 441 yards of total offense.

Now with a record of 6-2, the Minutemen had to sweat out whether or not they qualified for the Division 6 State Tournament. They found out their fate on Sunday, Oct. 29, and Bay Path received the 16th and final seed in the postseason. They will play at No. 1 Norwell (7-1) on Friday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 pm.
SPORTS

David Prouty tops Pioneers, fights back to .500

SOUTHBRIDGE — Although the David Prouty varsity football team began its season 0-4, all of those losses were by two scores or less. And the Panthers shook off those losses the next four weeks, defeating Bartlett (36-12), Murdock (48-14), Quaboag (8-0) and then finally Southbridge (42-0), the last coming Friday, Oct. 27 at McMahon Field, to improve to 4-4 in the regular season finale.

Prouty got the scoring started early in the first quarter when quarterback Logan Josti hit JJ Neiray on a 10-yard pass. Then, later in the half, the Panthers’ Jamison Kondratowicz found the end zone on a 5-yard run and Justi hit Finn Hitchner on the two-point pass. The Panthers then put the game away with 20 more points in the second half. David Prouty didn’t quite qualify for the Division 8 State Playoffs, though. Instead, they will play a non-playoff game at Littleton on Friday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.

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Tigers pepper Bay Path net, earn first round CMADA Tournament victory

DOUGLAS — The Douglas boys’ varsity soccer team continued to pepper Bay Path’s net when the two met in the first round of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Class B Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 24. And, although it took 26 minutes to score, the Tigers eventually wore down the Minutemen.

Second seeded Douglas ultimately defeated No. 7 Bay Path, 4-0.

The Tigers’ first goal came off their third corner kick where Chris Dame sent the ball in and Evan Wheeler got his head on it for the score. Douglas took a 2-0 halftime lead when Ryan Morrissette used his speed to break away from the Minutemen defense.

Wheeler made it a 3-0 game in the 45th minute and Dame finished the scoring in the 75th. Bay Path keeper Cayden Young made 12 first half saves, many of the sensational variety, to keep the Minutemen in it.

The Tigers then played No. 3 Blackstone Valley Tech in the CMADA semifinals on Saturday, Oct. 28 and, after regulation and overtime, the game remained tied at 2-2 and went to penalty kicks. There, Douglas won the game and advanced to the CMADA final to play Oakmont after press time. After that, the Tigers will have one of the top seeds in the Division 5 State Tournament.

Bay Path next took on No. 8 Lunenburg on Thursday, Oct. 26 in a consolation game. The Minutemen lost, 2-0, and had one final regular season game to go before the Division 4 State Tournament.
DUDLEY — Under the bright lights of Carmignani Memorial Field, in the rain, on “The Hill,” the Dudley Middle School Titans faced the Charlton Middle School Grizzlies in a regular season ending girls’ soccer matchup on Monday, Oct. 30. The Titans took this one over their crosstown rivals with a last-minute goal, 3-2.

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