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Community comes together to celebrate the arts at Tantasqua



Andy and Ashlynn Foley, of Southbridge, view pieces of art.

Kevin Flanders

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — The community came together last week in a celebration of arts at Tantasqua Regional High School.

Held on April 4, the school district's All-Region Art Exhibit was a welcome return after multiple years of canceled or altered programs due to the pandemic.

The event showcased artwork from students in grades K-12 who attend each of the district's schools. When guests entered the upper halls of

TRHS, they found themselves immersed in an impressive collection of artistic talents.

"I was so encouraged by the amazing turnout at our regional exhibit," said TRJHS art teacher Carol Willard. "The Tantasqua School District is so supportive of the importance of art in education. It is a thrill to work in a district where we are supported by the community and the administration, which was apparent in the number of attendees."

The event is an annual

favorite for students, parents, and staff members, but it hasn't been held in its traditional format since 2019 due to the pandemic.

"Although plans were well underway for a 2020 spring show, it was abruptly canceled three weeks prior due to the COVID pandemic," said Roberta Monette, a visual art specialist at Brimfield Elementary School, in a previous interview.

Three years after the pandemic struck, the district's students and staff were thrilled to return to a normal showcase of

district-wide artwork in one building. Art pieces represented students' hard work across multiple artistic mediums.

For school officials, it was exciting to see a large crowd of parents, family members, friends, and community members in attendance.

"There is no greater joy for an art teacher than to see the excitement on a child's face as they show their art to their family and tell them about what they created," Willard added.

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DOT to hold informational meeting on Route 20 updates

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — As the Route 20 reconstruction project prepares to commence in 2023 officials from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation are preparing to host an informational session in May to answer questions and provide an update on the project which will impact both Charlton and Oxford.

The reconstruction project will redesign Route 20 with the goal of improving safety, accessibility, and traffic flow as the corridor continues to be a prime location for business development. It has also been the site of numerous vehicle accidents, including several in April alone, leading officials from both local communities and the state to push for reconstructing the roadway to be safer and easier to travel. The goals of the project include widening the roadway, introducing both sidewalks and shared use paths, enhanced traffic operations at intersections, replacement of bridges in both Oxford and Charlton, and enhancing storm water treatment. The redesign will also include new signage, guardrail, retaining walls, and better accommodation for alternative forms of transportation like bicycles. The full design for the project is slated to be completed this spring. The project is planned to be funded through the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization.

With design nearly completed, MassDOT will be hosting a live virtual information meeting to provide updates on the status of the project in its current phase. The meeting will also explore early construction activity and provide a chance for attendees to comment and pose questions about the project. Residents, abutters, local business owners, and general commuters are all invited to attend the meeting and attendees can be added to an email list to receive future updates on the project. Written statements and questions are also accepted and should be directed to Carrie E. Lavalley, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to DOT.FeedbackDistrict3@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 602659.

The informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m. More details concerning the Route 20 project and upcoming meetings and forums can be found by visiting www.mass.gov/route-20-reconstruction-project-in-charlton-oxford.

Old Sturbridge Village commemorates Patriots Day with music, muskets, and marching



STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village will honor Patriots Day (April 17) with a weekend of fifes and drums and the booming of musket fire as soldiers muster on the historic Common. Visitors will participate in programs and activities throughout the day hearing stories of patriots who helped lay the groundwork for the founding of our country during the American Revolution as well as military history from the 19th and 20th cen-

tries. The weekend's highlight will be the visiting re-enactment groups representing different wars. They include:

- 5th Connecticut Regiment (American Revolution)
- USS Constitution 1812 Marine Guard (War of 1812)
- 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry (American Civil War)
- U.S. Naval Landing Party (American Civil War)
- 1st Mass Cavalry (Civil

- War)
- 504th Paratroopers (WW2)
- 26th Yankee Division (WW2)
- B. Historical (WW2)

Watch as the groups prepare for battle, tour their camps and see how they lived on the road, and learn to drill and march with them! In the blacksmith shop, guests will see how musket balls were cast from lead. On Saturday at noon take a walking tour with the Director of Curatorial and Research, Derek Heidemann, and learn more about the role of Powder Houses in New England.

In addition, there will be a showing of the documentary, *The Borinqueneers* on Saturday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. in the Brewer Theater. This documentary shares the fascinating never-before-told story of the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment, the only all-Latino unit in U.S. Army History.

Guests will also enjoy seeing new lambs born this spring, in addition

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Masonic Lodge hosts Rainbow Girls Day



Courtesy

Master Masons from the 24th, 25th and 29th Masonic Districts with family and friends and the Rainbow Girls in Front Row are from Oxford Assembly #89, West Springfield Assembly #79, and Barre Assembly #114. These young ladies did an awesome job in The Fun Degree.

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
QUINEBUAG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, April 8, the Webster Masonic Lodge had the honor of hosting The International Rainbow Girls Day of Massachusetts from several Districts. The young ladies were from the 24th Masonic District Oxford Assembly #89, the 29th Masonic District West Springfield Assembly #79 and the 25th Masonic

District Barre Assembly #114. This was an informal ceremony that honored Brother Masons from throughout their district to receive this very special Fun Degree. It has been a long, long time since a Fun Degree ceremony was performed due to Covid-19. What is a Rainbow Girl? The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls prepares young women for responsible and purposeful adulthood through the character and leadership development, encourag-

ing unselfish service and higher ideals in life and promoting teamwork and effective interpersonal communications.

Rainbow Girls members are between the ages of 11 and 20 years old. The Rainbow Girls welcomes everyone, regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin. The young ladies travel to different cities and states participating in fun events and activities, making new friends, and

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United Way celebrates 85th anniversary



Courtesy

Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, President Award Recipient Bill Keefe, Executive Director Mary O'Coin, Rep. Joe McKenna and Former UW Webster-Dudley Executive Director Janet Scheffler.

WEBSTER — On March 29, the United Way of South Central Massachusetts (UWSCM) celebrated its 85th Anniversary with a Campaign Awards and Jazz Dinner held at Samuel Slater's Restaurant and Banquet Hall. The night included discussion of the exciting memories from the many years United Way has been operating in the towns of Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, Webster and Dudley. What was once two separate United Ways that merged in 2020, many organizations and residents in the five towns have benefited from services they have been able to fund Music was provided by the Jerry Seeco Jazz Trio, and guests were able to participate in a Mystery Raffle and silent auction.

UWSCM Board President, Kris Marier started the night off with an introduction of past executive direc-

tors from both United Ways, past board presidents, board members and special guests MA State Representative Joseph McKenna and Massachusetts State Senator Ryan Fattman. He also recognized the main sponsors INCOM, Inc. and Savers Bank, along with all of the lead sponsors.

The program included 2022 Campaign Chairwoman Denise Gorski, who remarked "I am delighted to announce that we have reached our \$584,000 goal and actually exceeded it by 4 percent. Our initial worries about the success of the campaign were for not. It was all possible with the help of the many workplace campaigns at local businesses, foundations and individual donors."

Ms. Gorski stated that the goal was the highest ever set by the United Way because we had granted the highest amount ever to local programs that provided for

the health, education and financial needs of many in the communities that we serve.

Worcester County Sheriff, Lew Evangelidis was the Guest Speaker for the evening. He recounted his first experience with the Community Justice Support Center in Webster when he started as Sheriff and how far it has come serving an increasing number of district courts with recovery and rehabilitation assistance. The work that is being done provides those incarcerated and on probation with access to services and opportunities to turn their lives around for the better.

Evangelidis stated, "To give a hand up, out of an endless cycle of public assistance and criminal behavior. That his mission as sheriff is similar to United Way's logo of a hand raising someone up and not just giving a handout. That we have a shared purpose of help-

ing those in need and providing a way for them to live in dignity, with purpose and opportunities."

State Rep. Joseph McKenna and State Senator Ryan Fattman presented on behalf of the Massachusetts House of Representatives a Congratulations Citation to the United Way of South Central MA in recognition of "The celebration of an incredible 85 years servicing the people across Southern Worcester County."

The evening concluded with remarks from UWSCM Executive Director, Mary O'Coin, who stated "That we have grown over the years from a Community Chest in 1937 to today's United Way. We are still very home grown. Concentrating on how we can help the residents in the five towns that we serve. Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster are wonderful communities with very generous people. It

was now time honor a few of them."

She presented awards to local businesses who performed at high levels of giving through their employee and corporate gifts.

The following companies and organizations received Good Neighbor Awards for combined gifts of over \$10,000 or more: bankHometown, UMASS Memorial Health - Harrington, and Webster First Federal Credit Union. Silver Award was present to Savers Bank for having 85-99 percent of their employees participate in their campaign. DIAMOND Awards were presented to the following businesses and foundations for giving of more than \$30,000; Cornerstone Bank, Dexter-Russell, Inc., Fundación MAPFRE, Incom, Inc. and Karl Storz Endovision. Special "Excellence in Giving" awards for increasing

workplace campaigns were presented to SAVERS BANK for a 26 percent increase and Karl Storz Endoscopy America for increasing their campaign by 76 percent. A Beacon Award was presented to Cornerstone Bank for their contribution of almost \$80,000 to this year's campaign and for being an inspiration to other businesses to give generously. An individual Unsung Hero award was presented to UWSCM board member Shana Bandlean for outstanding support throughout the year. A first time Foundation Award was presented to Gerald and Marilyn Fels for their outstanding support and philanthropy in Webster and Dudley. The last award of the night was presented to past UWSCM board president William Keefe. He received the President's Award for his lifelong commitment to service as a former member of the military, as a police officer and Webster Police Chief, and for his many years as a member of the United Way of Webster & Dudley board, his three years as UWWD board president and for being instrumental in the merger of the two United Ways and becoming the first board president of the United Way of South Central Massachusetts.

The evening concluded with raffle prizes, music and the continued hope for another 85 years of service by the United Way.

The United Way of South Central Massachusetts serves the communities of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton and is located at 176 Main St., Suite 400, Southbridge, MA 01550. To learn more about programs or to donate, visit www.uwscm.org, follow on Facebook @ UWSCM, Instagram @ UWSouthCentralMA, or call (508) 765-5491.

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DA honors team of professionals who help victims of child abuse

WORCESTER — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. recently recognized a team of professionals who are specifically trained to support, aid and care for victims of child abuse and their families in the 60 cities and towns within Worcester County.

The Multidisciplinary Team which includes members of the Worcester County District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit and nationally-accredited Children's Advocacy Center, the Child Protection Program at UMass Memorial Medical Center, the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, police from across Worcester County and Seven Hills Behavioral Health were presented with the District Attorney's Team Excellence and Merit – TEAM Award – for their unwavering work in serving the children of

Worcester County and their families.

The group is receiving this award in April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"These dedicated and passionate experts collectively work to be an advocate, a voice for our most precious and vulnerable population," Early said. "Victims of child abuse and trauma, along with their families, reach out to be heard in the most difficult times. This group of professionals are here to help, offering a listening ear and a range of services to seek justice and start the healing journey."

The Multidisciplinary Team works in tandem to make sure victims and their families are given the help and services they need while assessing the course of any investigation, ranging from mental and health evaluation and treatment to social service needs.

"Every person who is

a member of the team is exceptional in their own discipline," said Courtney Sans, Chief of the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit for the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. "The members all came to the team through different paths, but we all share the same unified goal of helping kids."

The creation of Children Advocacy Centers helped agencies step out of their silos to work cohesively to help victims and survivors of child abuse.

"When a child falls into a horrible part of life, the team is here to catch them," said Tracy DeFusco, Director of the Worcester County Child Advocacy Center. "We're supposed to be here to catch them and help children and their families through it."

"We do the work because we genuinely care. You wouldn't be in this field or do this

work if you didn't have compassion for others," said Jennifer Altomare, a Forensic Interviewer and Case Coordinator for the Worcester County District Attorney's Office. "Our job here is to help children and families through a traumatic process, a traumatic time and make it as easy as possible."

The TEAM Award was created by Mr. Early in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Contact the Worcester County District Attorney's Office at (508) 755-8601 to nominate someone for this award.

The award recipients are:

The Child Protection Program at UMass:
North Central Area Office:
Sasha Svendsen, MD

- Melissa Huggins, DCF
- Peter Sell, DO
- Jillian Thatcher, DCF
- Lorna Kogon, CPNP-PC
- Fitchburg Police Det. Jeff Hurley
- Kara Thompson, CPNP-PC
- Mary Harris, LICSW, RPT-S
- Molly Hanson, LCSW
- Michelle Abdelnour, LSW
- South Central Area Office:
- Worcester West Area Office:
- Emily Kline, DCF
- Suzanne Cardona, DCF
- Frances Cochran, DCF
- Charlene Tebo, DCF
- Southbridge Police Det. Lt. Carlos Dingui
- Worcester Police Det. Sgt. Justin Bennes
- Northbridge Police Det. Sgt. Richard Gorman

Worcester East Area Office:
Seven Hills Behavioral Health:
Lynne Norcross, DCF

Elizabeth Cheyne
Abigail Garcia, DCF
Shrewsbury Police Det. Brian Thibodeau
Grafton Police Det. Daniel Wenc

Worcester County District Attorney Child Abuse Unit:

Courtney Sans, Mark McShera, Nathan Morse, Matthew Corey, Katie Becker, Melissa Baima, Tracy DeFusco, Jennifer Altomare, Gina Melendez, Chelsea Mahoney, Nikeida Bethel-Smith, Andrea Boutiette, Rachel Murphy, Nikole Crank, Kaleigh Lawton

Elise Croteau inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. — Elise Croteau of Uxbridge was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Croteau was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

Croteau is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi

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

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi
Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organi-

zation's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards \$1.3 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

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and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. The Society's mission is "To recognize and advance excellence in all fields of higher education and society." For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

School vacation week at the Joshua Hyde Library

STURBRIDGE — Check out what is happening at the Joshua Hyde Library during school vacation.

MAGIC FRED: Join magician Magic Fred for a family-friendly comedy magic show on Tuesday, April 18 at 11 a.m.! Registration is required. Sponsored by the Sturbridge Cultural Council.

DROP-IN SPRING CRAFTS: Stop by the Children's Room on Wednesday, April 19th between noon and 4 p.m. and create some spring crafts! No registration necessary. While supplies last.

DEB'S SING AND SWING: Join Deb Hudgins on Thursday, April 20th at 11am for stories and songs! A lot of movement and audience participation, too! For children ages infant to 6 with an adult caregiver. Registration is required.

Please register on the library's Web site at sturbridgelibrary.org.

Friends of the Joshua Hyde Library Book Sale: Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Buy a book and receive a lilac tree seedling in honor of Earth Day.

Please direct all requests for additional information to Tasha Mayen, Program Coordinator at mayent@cwmars.org, 508-347-2512

United Women in Faith hosting "Living with Gratitude" workshop

CHARLTON — On Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the United Women in Faith of Charlton City United Methodist Church are hosting a workshop entitled "Living with Gratitude."

The United Methodist Foundation of New England will help you discover your own personal mission by exploring how your deepest values can be set in motion to make a tangible impact. This is geared toward women but men could find it helpful also. It is open to all faiths.

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Bay Path Nursing students attend MassHire Career Fair



Courtesy Ana Hilner of Oxford and Lauren Young of Connecticut.

WORCESTER — MassHire Worcester Career Center maintained its strong support for the Practical Nursing Students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton for the past several years, serving as a resource center.

Practical Nursing students on the rigorous program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy benefit from

assistance offered by MassHire. The Practical Nursing students are academically qualified students who, despite other circumstances such as financial or social, have persevered and remained dedicated to their nursing journey and future success.

“Our Practical Nursing students are blessed to be a part of MassHire’s programs,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “MassHire has helped and prepared many of our students and graduates since 2016, with job readiness techniques and tuition grants as they pursue their nursing career and navigate the healthcare system. MassHire gives our practical nursing students a chance to master their expertise in nursing skills and help make a difference in their lives as they start their nursing career.”

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Career readiness is a significant focus for MassHire. For the academic year 2022-2023, multiple practical nursing students received \$8,000 tuition grants.

In addition to providing support, online and hands-on assistance is available. MassHire also works closely with practical nursing students when they graduate providing support and assistance with NCLEX-PN preparation and the actual exam. Added work includes coaching graduates in resume-writing techniques, job interviewing best practices and other skills that not only help during a job search but are also relevant once they’re in the workforce.

MassHire Worcester Career Center is located at 340 Main St., Suite 400, Worcester, MA 01608 and online at www.MassHireCentralCC.com.

Bay Path alumna completes Associate’s Nursing degree, hurdles NCLEX-RN



Leanne Reardon

CHARLTON — Leanne Reardon, RN of Southbridge is one of the newest graduates of Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Associate in Science, Nursing; The Nurse Education-Advanced Placement LPN Program.

The QCC Associate Degree Nursing Program recognized the Class of 2022 graduates with a nurse pinning ceremony held on December 2022. The graduates received an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and are eligible to sit for NCLEX-RN. Reardon celebrated her degree completion

and most recently hurdled the NCLEX-RN and passed the first try!

“It is wonderful that Leanne shared with the Bay Path community her academic progression and success with NCLEX-RN,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “She was one of my first students at Bay Path, 2014 cohort, what an accomplishment!”

“I’ve gotten to know Leanne over the years and recognize her grit and determination,” said Bolandrina “now, her success, perseverance and courage further inspires me, she will continue to be a healthcare hero.”

Reardon received her Certificate in Practical Nursing at Bay Path Practical Nursing in 2014. In September 2021, she was a P.E.O. grant recipient, program for continuing education sponsored by Chapter AJ, Massachusetts. She has volunteered at various events within the Bay Path community. After her role as a pediatric nurse at the Harrington Health Care system for many years, Reardon is currently a medical-surgical nurse at UMass Memorial- Harrington Hospital <https://www.harringtonhospital.org/>

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy: Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing, 239 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org

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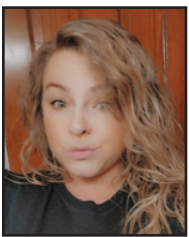
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Amanda R. Bowen, 31



Amanda R. Bowen, age 31, of Erie passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023. She was born in New Port Richey, FL in 1991, a daughter of Ricky Bowen of Southbridge, MA and Christine (Prokop) Bowen of Erie PA

Amanda graduated from Collegiate Academy in 2010 and earned her associate degree from Edinboro University. She worked as a team leader for Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Amanda was a very loving mother to her son, Tristan, he along with her fiancé Antonio and her family were her world. She enjoyed being active with dance, playing softball, traveling, and nature walks with her dogs. She will be remembered as being the calm of all storms, strong willed, and a peacekeeper.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Kenneth and Rebecca Seelinger;

and her grandparents, Eva and Ashley Bowen, John and Patricia Prokop, and Arlene Seelinger.

Survivors include her son, Tristan Bowen; her mother, Christine (Prokop) Bowen (Ken Seelinger); her father, Ricky Bowen (Debbie); her siblings, Michael Bowen, Lexington Wardle, Michael Corriveau, Jason Corriveau, Rachel Gerbik, Robert Seelinger, Kevin Seelinger and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and fur babies also survive.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brugger Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1595 West 38th St. at Greengarden Blvd. in Erie PA. Services will be private at the convenience of her family with burial at Erie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the gofundme page established for ongoing expenses for her beloved son, Tristan. Condolences may be expressed at www.bruggerfuneralhomes.com

Growing herbs in containers

Keep your favorite herbs within easy reach for cooking and seasoning by growing them in containers. A few pots set by your door and grill or on the patio, deck, or balcony make it easy to include some homegrown flavor.

Start by growing those herbs you like to use for seasoning food and beverages, making pesto, or preserving. Include some with fragrance for a bit of aromatherapy or for your craft projects.

Make sure the plants you select will thrive in the amount of sunlight in the growing space. Most herbs prefer full sun but some like mint, thyme, chives, parsley, and lemon balm will tolerate some shade. A bit of afternoon shade is welcome to many sun-loving plants growing in hotter regions. Check the plant tag or seed packet for detailed planting information.

You can grow individual plants in their own container. Place these among other pots to create an attractive display. Or mix several different herbs in one larger container to create a herb garden in a single pot. Make sure all the herbs will thrive in the same soil moisture and sunlight.

In general, place three or four plants in a 10-12-inch pot, four to six in a 14-16-inch container, and six to eight in a 16 to 20-inch planter. Adjust this number based on the size of the transplants purchased and the mature size and growth habit of the herb selected.

Use a container with drainage holes to provide proper drainage and reduce the risk of root rot. Terra cotta pots dry quickly and are a good choice for those gardening in wetter regions or who tend to overwater. Plastic, fiberglass, and glazed pots don't dry out as quickly. Self-watering pots have water reservoirs to extend the time between watering.

Use a quality potting mix that provides adequate drainage, as most herbs require well-drained soil. Whether planting seeds or plants, you will want to leave space between the top of the potting mix and the container. This allows you to water thoroughly without washing the soil out of the pot. Leave a space about half an inch in small planters and an inch or more between the top of the pot and potting mix in larger containers.

Water new plantings and seedlings often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Gradually reduce frequency and water thoroughly when the top inch



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'Dolce Fresca' basil growing and thriving in a container in full sun.

of soil is crumbly and dry. Check containers once a day and more often in extremely hot weather. Water thoroughly as needed.

Reduce watering and increase success by incorporating Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) into the planting mix. This sustainable soil amendment reduces watering by up to 25 percent and adds air space for better plant growth.

Harvest a few leaves and stems as needed throughout the growing season. Regular harvesting encourages more growth for future harvests. Herbs have the most intense flavor when harvested just before flowering. You can remove even more when large amounts of herbs are needed for preserving and craft projects. Cut annual herbs back by 50 to 75 percent and perennial herbs by one-third at one time. The plants will recover for future harvests.

Make room for some herb-filled containers to enjoy this summer. They make great additions to outdoor gatherings for you and your guests to enjoy their beauty, fragrance, and flavor.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Celebrate Earth Day with Grassroots Central Mass.

STURBRIDGE — Grassroots Central Mass (GCM) will continue its tradition of celebrating Earth Day with its third "Trees Are Treasures" event on Saturday, April 22 at Wells State Park in Sturbridge from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

GCM, a local affiliate of Indivisible Mass Coalition, is co-sponsoring this year's events with Brookfields Fight Fear (BFF). Both GCM and BFF are local groups dedicated to serving the communities we live in through finding and supporting solutions to issues in our communities, our state, and our nation.

Our event includes a short, level walk along the Mill Pond Trail at Wells State Park, where costumed interpreters are stationed to discuss forest logging, the importance of wetlands and how to 'read' a forest's history. This is a family friendly stroll.

This free event will also include children's crafts under the pavilion, and a free tree seedling giveaway. Join us to celebrate and appreciate the beauty of our native forest. For more information visit our webpage:<https://grassrootscentralmass.org/>.



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AGE: 15

Hi! My name is Jacob and I love rap music and video games!

Jacob, who likes to go by Jake, is an athletic teenager. Jake enjoys being active and engaging in activities like fishing, swimming, and basketball. He also has shown interest in lacrosse and martial arts. Jake is performing at grade level and enjoys spending time with his peers at school.

His social worker feels he would do best in a family with at least one female. Jake would do well with older children in the home or children similar in age. Jake would do best in a home that is active and has clear expectations.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care visit 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.



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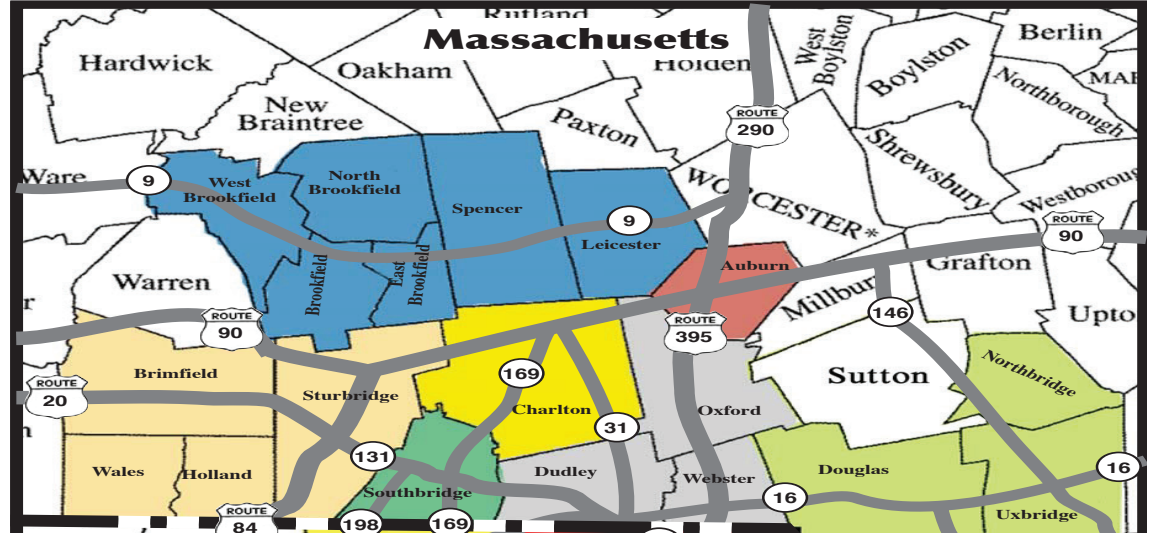
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Wallum Lake opens for fishing

This past weekend, Wallum Lake in Douglas opened to fishing, with most anglers hoping to catch a few trout. Concerns of whether Mass. & Rhode Island would hold true to their responsibilities of stocking trout this year; anglers were delighted that both states did stock the

lake with trout and salmon. The stockings were a bit late with Rhode Island stocking trout April 5, and Mass. stocking happened on Friday prior to opening day on Saturday, April 8.

There were only 16 boats that were launched prior to 8 a.m. on opening day, and very few anglers were fishing from shore. It was a far cry from the 200 or 300 anglers that were fishing back in the '60s & '70s. Most anglers that I spoke with had some great success catching trout with one angler catching a nice salmon. Trout fishing should continue to provide some great fishing in the coming days and weeks at Wallum. Trout fishing at Webster Lake was also very good for anglers fishing from boats over the weekend. One pair of anglers fished Wallum on opening day, catching three nice trout and placing them on a stringer, and hanging them over the side of the boat to keep them alive and fresh. When they decid-

ed that they wanted to fish at the other end of the lake, the captain placed the motor into high gear forgetting to bring the fish aboard the boat. By the time they got to the other end of the lake, they realized that they had forgotten to bring their stringer of trout into the boat. As they brought the stringer of trout aboard, there was only one fish left! Each blamed the other for the mistake! I hope they continue to go fishing together!

This Saturday, the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will open their pond to fishing for members only at 8 a.m.! The pond was stocked with approximately 300 trout last week, which should make for some great fishing. Although this is an adults derby day, youngsters will be able to participate. Breakfast will be served starting at 7 a.m. The kids' annual trout derby will be held in a couple of weeks, and the pond will again be stocked with a number of big trout, says Matt Fontaine, fish chairman. There will be loads of prizes for the kids' derby, and breakfast will also be served which will be free for all of



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the youngsters that participate in the fishing derby. Saltwater fishing for Tautog is only days away, with anglers keeping a constant eye on water temperatures. The magic number is a temperature of 54 degrees, and with the warm weather predicted for this week, it should not be long before the bite is on. Bait shops are already starting to carry green crabs, which is the number one bait for catching tautog. Stay tuned.

Local lakes and ponds are also giving up some nice largemouth & small-mouth bass. Shiners are still the number one choice of many anglers, but if the price of shiners continues to rise many may switch over to the old reliable worm and nightcrawler. Of course, there are still the old reliable lures and plugs!

Wachusett Reservoir has been giving up some nice lake trout this past week & the Quabbin Reservoir is scheduled to open on the third Saturday in April which is April 15 this year!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Courtesy

This week's picture shows a young Hunter Weed with a large golden trout he caught last week. The smile tells it all!

Homemade Spring Cleaning Solutions: Part II

Last week, this column shared homemade cleaners that are cost effective alternatives to commercial offerings, and this week continues that theme. From laundry aids to heavy duty cleaners, the following "recipes" are impressive moneysavers that can help you clean up all around the house!



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Basic Laundry Detergent
Getting the dirt out is dirt cheap with this all purpose powdered laundry detergent.

Ingredients: one cup soap flakes; one half cup washing soda (not baking soda, this is found in the laundry aisle); ½ cup borax. **Note:** for hard water, increase borax and washing soda to one cup. **Directions:** Mix all ingredients together. To use, measure ½ cup to ¾ cup of the mix and add to the laundry. Wash clothes as usual. *

Laundry Pretreater
Pretreat laundry stains with these money saving pretreaters:

Formula #1:

Ingredients: two tablespoons ammonia; one teaspoon liquid soap or detergent; one pint warm water.

Formula #2:

Ingredients: one cup hydrogen peroxide; ½ cup liquid soap or detergent **Directions:** Mix well. Store in a spray container. Spray on tough spots and let set for 15 minutes. Wash as usual. *

Laundry Stain Remover Soak
For super stained items, try this favorite soak recipe. Just be sure to test it for color-fastness. On the other hand if the item is badly stained, you have nothing to lose! **Ingredients:** five gallons of very hot water; one cup powdered Cascade or generic equivalent; one cup Clorox II or generic equivalent **Directions:** Mix together and soak clothes in a dishpan or

soak overnight in solution. Can be stored and used again if heated up first. ***

Wrinkle Releaser
This works as well as Downy Wrinkle Releaser. To get the same scent of the original at a fraction of the cost, simply use Downy fabric softener in the mix!

Ingredients: one ounce liquid fabric softener; one ounce rubbing alcohol; water **Directions:** In a clean 16 ounce spray bottle, mix the fabric softener and alcohol. Finish filling up the bottle with water. To use: Spray garment, tug to pull out wrinkles and allow to dry. ***

Mold and Mildew Remover
You can spray away mold and mildew safely and effectively using the natural properties of tea tree oil. Tea tree oil can be costly, but a little goes a long way. And the strong scent it emits dissipates quickly.

Ingredients: two teaspoons tea tree oil; two cups water **Directions:** Combine in a spray bottle, shake to blend, and spray on problem areas. Do not rinse. ***

Heavy Duty Kitchen Cleaner
This is a favorite solution for cleaning walls, floors, and other tough kitchen jobs.

Ingredients: two tablespoons non-sudsy ammonia; one pint rubbing alcohol; one teaspoon liquid dish soap; one gallon of water. **Note:** You may want to use more ammonia for floors. **Directions:** Mix in a bucket and use with a cloth or mop. ***

Wall Cleaner
Dirty walls take a strong cleaner. This one will do the job with little scrubbing.

Ingredients: two ounces borax; one teaspoon ammonia; two quarts water **Directions:** Dissolve the borax and ammonia in a bucketful of water. Scrub walls from the bottom up. ***

Carpet Odor Eliminator
Pack this in an empty shaker container and you've got a mixture as handy and effective as commercial carpet powders.

Ingredients: ¾ cup bakingsoda, two tablespoons corn starch; 1/4 cup perfumed talcum powder. **Directions:** Combine all ingredients. Sprinkle on dry carpet. Let stand 5 to 15 minutes, then vacuum. ***

Dishwasher Rinse Aid
Simple and environmentally safe, what could be cheaper or easier? As a bonus, it will also help keep the drain hose line clean and odor free.

Ingredients: straight white vinegar **Directions:** Pour into dry aid cup in dishwasher once a month for spot free dishes. ***

Softscrub Copycat
Softscrub cleanser has long been a cleaning mainstay, but why pay the money for the top name anti-abrasive cleaner when you can make it yourself with items you likely have on hand?

Ingredients: 1/2 cup baking soda; enough liquid soap to make a frosting like consistency. **Directions:** Mix the baking soda and soap until soda dissolves. Use on porcelain, countertops, or any surface that cannot tolerate abrasive cleansers. ***

Mite and Dander Buster
The weapons for fighting these common household allergens

can be as close as your canister jar. Tannic acid neutralizes the allergens in dust mites and animal dander. While there are several tannic acid powders are on the market, you can easily make your own with tea, which is rich in tannic acid.

Ingredients: tea **Directions:** Make an extremely strong cup of black tea. Strain, cool, and place in a clean spray bottle. Spray over problem areas. **Caution:** Do not spray on surfaces that the tea will stain. ***

Lavender Antibacterial Spray
Pure lavender oil serves as a powerful germ killer. As a bonus, it leaves behind a delightful fragrance.

Ingredients: one cup water; 20 drops pure essential oil of lavender **Directions:** Pour the water into a clean spray bottle. Add the lavender essential oil and shake to blend. Spray on the surface and let set for at least 15 minutes, or don't rinse at all. ***

Pretreated Dusting Cloths
These dust cloths make cleaning a breeze! Compare prices and you'll find they cost only a fraction of commercial lemon dusting cloths!

Ingredients: two cups hot water; ½ to one cup of lemon oil **Directions:** Dip cheesecloth squares in a solution of hot water and lemon oil. Squeeze out excess liquid and let air-dry them. Store in an airtight container with a plastic lid. ***

Furniture Polish
These pantry ingredients merge to create a fabulous furniture polish.

Ingredients: one cup vegetable oil; one half cup lemon juice **Directions:** Pour oil and lemon juice into a squirt bottle. Shake to combine. To use, squirt a small amount of polish onto a dust cloth or rag into oil.

Blot the oil by folding the cloth together, then wipe dust away and leave behind a great shine! ***

Carpet Spot Cleaner
This clone of commercial carpet des-stainers removes spots from washable rugs or upholstery.

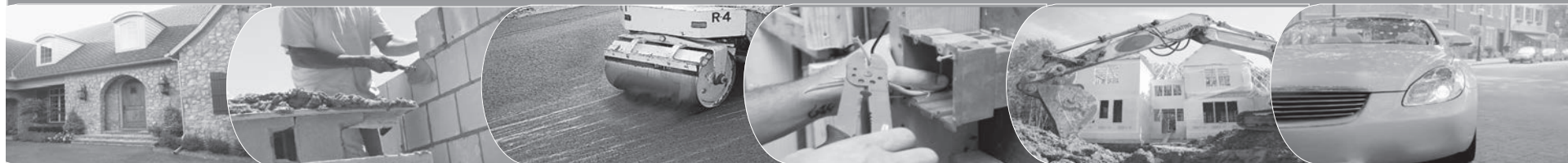
Ingredients: Pint spray bottle; warm water; vinegar; one tablespoon liquid hand soap **Directions:** Fill ½ of the bottle with warm water Fill the rest of the bottle with vinegar 1 inch from the top. Add liquid hand soap. Spray solution it on carpet stains immediately until the stain is wet. Take a damp cloth and blot out the stain. *

* **Note:** The above homemade solutions have been culled from various sources and are meant as suggestive cleaning options only. Use these homemade recipes at your own risk. Never mix ammonia and bleach. Test solution on all surfaces before treating.

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown 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 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.

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“Blue Boat Home” sails on May 13, 20, & 21

STURBRIDGE—Three remarkable multi-media performances will take place in local venues in May. The 40-member community chorus Wings of Song, accompanied by a small band, will present “Blue Boat Home”—a program of songs, texts, and images about the beauties of our planet and the challenges posed by climate change.

These concerts will be unlike anything people normally get to experience: both a celebration and a call to action. While opinions on climate change vary within the chorus, there is universal

agreement that the Earth, our only home, needs our careful stewardship. And some in the group—like soprano Donna Dufresne, who wrote the concert’s opening number, “Wake Up!”—feel that the time has come for us all to take responsibility and to act.

“Blue Boat Home” is named after the concert’s theme song, by Peter Mayer, which ends with the line “And the Earth is my blue boat home.” Other composers and songwriters represented include Leonard Bernstein, Pete Seeger, J. S. Bach, Neil Young, Paul Winter, John Lennon,

Marvin Gaye, Jean Ritchie, and Elton John. There will be readings of texts by Thich Nhat Hanh, Carl Sagan, Joy Harjo, Robert Weston, Meghan Sterling, and others. And 44 images—of the Earth from space, of endangered and extinct species, of landscapes both polluted and pristine—will be projected throughout each performance.

The opening concert is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., at the chorus’s “home base,” St. Joachim Chapel. St. Joachim is part of the St. Anne—St. Patrick Parish

in Fiskdale (Sturbridge), which is located right up from the intersection of routes 20 and 148. A week later—Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.—the chorus will sing for the audience it has developed in the Woodstock, Conn. area, at the First Congregational Church (the “Hill Church”) on Woodstock’s beautiful common. And the final concert, on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m., will take place in the auditorium of the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in Dudley. A special feature of that concert will be some brief remarks delivered by Massachusetts’s

“Climate Chief,” Melissa Hoffer, who was appointed to her newly-created position by Gov. Maura Healey on the Governor’s first day in office.

Admission to all the performances is free, and people are invited to make a freewill offering at intermission. A portion of what is collected will be donated to a leading organization working to combat climate change, such as the Clean Air Task Force. (After the concerts, the chorus will announce the amount of its donation, and the recipient, in local newspapers.) All con-

cert venues are handicap accessible. Doors will open half an hour before each concert; in Fiskdale and Woodstock, people are advised to arrive early in order to be sure of a seat.

Anyone wishing for more information on these concerts or on joining Wings of Song, whose Fall rehearsal season begins Monday, Sept. 11, is encouraged to email Music Director Nym Cooke at nymcooke@gmail.com, or President Carol Curtin at carolcurtin77@gmail.com.

Charlton resident running for Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team

BOSTON—On April 17, resident Megan Thomas is running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 127th Boston Marathon®. Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts’ historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$6.5 mil-

lion for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 34th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber’s Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which sup-

ports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$115 million for the Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers

its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men’s Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have

been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

Invitational runners - runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber have a minimum fundraising commitment of \$7,500.

Own entry runners - runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/marathon-challenge. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

Sturbridge police to host car seat safety event

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Police Department will host a car seat safety checkpoint later this month. Local families are invited to join SPD officials at the Burger King parking lot on April 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. The program is being run in collaboration with the Massachusetts State Police.

“Motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of death among children. The use of seatbelts and child seats that are age and size appropriate reduces serious injuries and death by up to 80 percent,” read a statement released by the SPD.

This is a free event for everyone. Guests are invited to attend and have your seat inspected or installed by one of the technicians on site.

For more information about the program, contact the police department or your school resource officer.

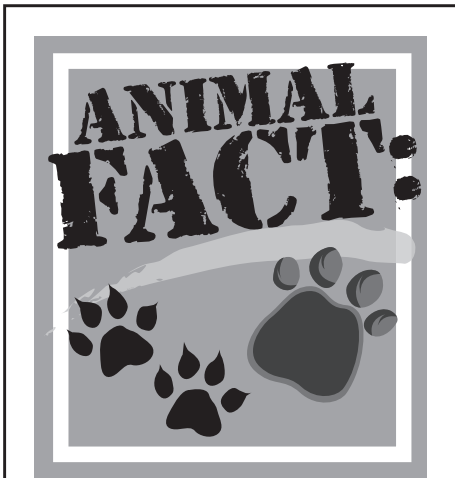
Local Scout hosting bottle and can drive

CHARLTON — On Sunday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jacob Brodeur will be hosting a bottle and can drive on the Charlton Common. All proceeds will be used to support his Eagle project restoring the Adam Dowell Memorial Garden; Adam was an Eagle Scout from Troop 165 that died tragically in 2006. Please save your bottles and cans, and if you prefer, you can pull up and drop them off without getting out of your car.



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Dean College announces honor societies inductees

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Charlton welcomes new members



CHARLTON — The Charlton Lions Club welcomed three new members to its rolls at an Induction ceremony held Feb. 22 at Overlook. The induction was presided over by Past District Governor Dick Ferrucci, a member of the Mendon Lions Club. Inducted were Nora Kubaska and Tim Prouty, sponsored by Lion Dana Gould, and Karen Wall, sponsored by Lion Helene Doucette.

The Charlton Lions Club is committed to providing the citizens of Charlton with help on issues such as sight, hearing and health needs, scholarships, handicap ramps, disaster relief, and gift cards to help bring joy to families in need at Christmas. Where there is a request, the Lions respond. Charlton Lions are a part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization with more than 1.4 million members. One hundred percent of money raised is donated to charitable causes with a majority given right to our local communities. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened communities through humanitarian projects such as aiding the blind and visually impaired, providing hunger relief, financing diabetes research, and researching childhood cancer.

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Town of Sturbridge conducts preventative maintenance audit with grant from Mass. Interlocal Insurance Association

STURBRIDGE — Sturbridge was awarded \$9,000 from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), the town's property and casualty insurance provider, to fund safety and risk management activities and equipment.

"The award from MIIA has allowed Sturbridge to conduct a comprehensive Facilities Condition Assessment and Asset Inventory of town buildings, so that we have detailed maintenance data on our buildings streamlined in one location," said Robyn Chrabasz, Sturbridge Facilities Manager. "This program helps us plan for both preventative maintenance and capital planning for replacement of building elements, when needed.

So far, we have been able to identify several preventative measures that have helped us to reduce

The town conducted the audit using preventative maintenance software purchased with the MIIA grant and plans to expand the tracking program to other Town departments including Public Works and Information Technology.

"This would allow us to provide asset tracking and preventative maintenance work orders across departments, improving communication and further reducing our risk exposure," Chrabasz said.

For the 2022 fiscal year, MIIA awarded \$1 million to fund over 180 grant requests from members for public safety activities and

equipment. Municipalities were able to conduct cyber risk audits, conduct safety trainings, purchase infrared cameras and security equipment for schools and thermography cameras for public works departments, among many other initiatives.

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information, please visit <https://www.emiia.org/> and www.mma.org.

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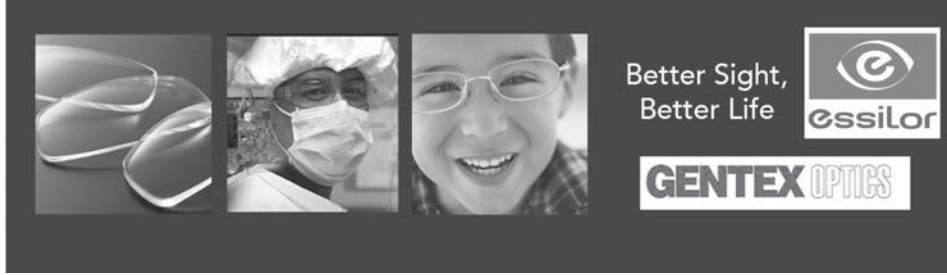
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Charlton City Men's Group hosting roast pork dinner

CHARLTON — On Saturday, April 15, the Men's group will help chef Gary Picard prepare his tasty Pork Roast Dinner at Charlton City United Methodist Church.
The dinner includes the pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, apple sauce, homemade sauerkraut and homemade apple crisp with whipped cream. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 7-14, under 5 free. \$50 max per family. Please phone for reservations or take-out. 508 248-7379.
The church is located at 74 Stafford St., Charlton. Building is handicapped accessible, with ample parking for all.

LEGALS

The Brimfield ZBA will hold a public hearing on behalf of Amand and Mare Dimo of 30 Haynes Hill Rd, 13-A-32, on April 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm at the Brimfield Town Hall, 21 Main St. The applicants are seeking a special permit to store 1-10 dumpsters on their property for their dumpster and restoration business. Abutters are encouraged to consider the proposal and provide public input.
April 7, 2023
April 14, 2023

Town of Brimfield Planning Board 23 Main Street Brimfield, MA 01010
The Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on May 03, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall (21 Main Street) regarding the town meeting articles regarding proposed zoning by-law changes. The proposed zoning by-law changes will affect the following sections:
To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 7.3.1
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To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw Section 3.11
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For the complete narrative of this proposed changes please visit <http://www.brimfieldma.org>, visit the Town Hall Annex at 23 Main Street or contact the Planning Board at planning@brimfield-ma.org.
April 7, 2023
April 14, 2023

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by BARBARA A. ILG, aka BARBARA ILG and WILLIAM L. KIRKHAM to COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated June 15, 2011 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 47504, Page 271, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of May, 2023, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 12 East Baylies Road, f/k/a 14 East Baylies Road, Charlton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
"A certain parcel of land on the northwesterly side of East Baylies Road, Charlton, Worcester County, Massachusetts known and designated as Lot 7 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Charlton, Massachusetts prepared for Westville Development Realty Trust, November 2005" which plan is recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 843, Page 27 and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description. Containing 1.51 acres of land according to said plan.
Being the same premises described in a deed from Northborough Realty Holdings, LLC to Barbara Ilg and William L. Kirkham dated March 7, 2011 and recorded in Worcester County Registry of Deeds Book 47160, Page 339." The premises will be sold subject to

any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.
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TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
Contractors are invited to submit electronic bids for the STURBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER RENOVATION/ ADDITION until the time specified below.
Eligibility to submit General Bids for this project was subject to a prequalification process, conducted by the Town of Sturbridge. The Prequalification process applied only to General Contractors. The following General Contractors were prequalified and are invited to submit General Bids:
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Kronenberger & Sons
D.A. Sullivan
P+P General Contractors
GVW, Inc.
Seaver Construction
Marion Construction
W.J. Mountford
Trade Contractors were not subject to prequalification and are open to DCAMM certified trade (filed sub-bid) contractors, in good standing with DCAMM. Current Certificates of Eligibility and Update Statements are required with all bids." Acoustical Tile; Electrical; Elevators; Fire Protection; Glass&Glazing; HVAC; Lather&Plastering; Masonry; Misc. Metals; Painting; Plumbing; Resilient Floors; Roofing & Flashing; and Waterproofing, Damp proofing and Caulking.
This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014.
Bid Forms and Contract Documents shall be available online at www.Projectdog.com. Log in and enter the Project Code 855071.
Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at the STURBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER located at 480 MAIN STREET, STURBRIDGE, MA, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 1:00 PM. It is strongly recommended that all prospective bidders have a representative in attendance.
Filed Sub-bids will be submitted electronically on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. General Bids will be submitted electronically on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.
All filed sub-bids and general bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority.
April 14, 2023
April 21, 2023

Real estate forum highlights Charlton's economic potential

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The town of Charlton hosted its first Real Estate Community Forum on March 24 at the Overlook showcasing the development vision of Charlton. The forum provided an opportunity for both residential and commercial realtors to learn about what Charlton has to offer as the town prepares to welcome a new Amazon facility as well as improve the Route 20 corridor.

Town Administrator Andrew Golas

provided a recap of the meeting for the Board of Selectmen on March 28 where he called it a productive forum that brought many potential players to the table to learn about Charlton's economic growth and potential.

"We had about 30 attendees including a representative from the Board of Selectmen, Massachusetts Office of Business Development and Sen. Ryan Fattman's office. We had a good discussion around pinch points of local development, identified some areas that are held as higher priorities when

considering development, and provided some context into the local government process altogether," said Golas.

The forum also allowed Charlton to learn how they can be good hosts for potential businesses in the future. Selectmen complimented the forum as a great opportunity for the town to learn how it can draw in more businesses while showcasing what Charlton has to offer. Golas said one major lesson he learned was that ease and expediency of permitting was considered a significant factor for developers when

selecting host communities. Town officials specifically thanked the Economic Development Commission for hosting the event.

With the success of the forum, Charlton is planning more workshops with specifically targeting business groups in mind. These forums will be posted on the town website. Charlton has also made resources available for potential businesses at www.townof-charlton.net/35/Business.

LEGALS

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on April 26, 2023 at 7PM on the application of Mary Stone. The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for construction of new shared driveway crossing BVW with associated 1.5:1 wetland replication. The project is located at 6 Gale Road, Charlton, MA 01507

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted via in person and remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting remotely, may do so via Zoom Conferencing by calling 1-646 558 8656 and using meeting ID # 892 9898 0343 Passcode 458971 or using the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298980343?pwd=VjlmZGIhU-GRnYzRkR1c2eTJTL3lWZz09> Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofcharlton.net/262/Conservation-Commission> Thomas O'Malley Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission April 13, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTHBIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, §32A, M.G.L. the Southbridge Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday April 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the MacKinnon Council Chambers, Southbridge Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, Second Floor, Southbridge, Massachusetts. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment regarding the discontinuance/abandonment of Morton Street as a Public Way, for the purpose of construction of the new Fire Station. Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. April 6, 2023 April 13, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166, §22F notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town Manager on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11:00 p.m. in the George Parent Meeting Room, second floor of the Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, in regards to a petition filed by National Grid for the following Order for JO Pole relocation: Central Street: Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Central St - National Grid to Remove 1 JO Pole and Relocate 2 JO Poles on Central St beginning at a point approximately 65 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Central St & Depot St (Laroche Way). Remove 1 Pole, relocate 2 Poles for Dot Project. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this petition will be given the opportunity to speak. TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE Charlie Blanchard, Interim Town Manager April 13, 2023

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/25/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, HON. LEILAH A KEAMY, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 29, 2023 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate April 13, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Patricia A. Truchon to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 2, 2008 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 43138, Page 1, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns, recorded on November 5, 2009, in Book No. 45064, at Page 234 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns to Longbridge Financial LLC, recorded on October 14, 2021, in Book No. 66296, at Page 57 Longbridge Financial LLC to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, recorded on October 17, 2022, in Book No. 68361, at Page 145 Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, recorded on February 9, 2023, in Book No. 68814, at Page 162

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 PM on May 5, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 340 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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(617)558-0500
22375
April 6, 2023
April 13, 2023
April 20, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166, §22F notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town Manager on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11:00 p.m. in the George Parent Meeting Room, second floor of the Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, in regards to a petition filed by National Grid for the following Order for JO Pole relocation: Hamilton St: Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Hamilton St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole and Relocate 4 JO Poles on Hamilton St beginning at a point approximately 55 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Hamilton St & Hook St. Install 1 pole and Relocate 4 poles for Dot Project.

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this petition will be given the opportunity to speak.

TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE
Charlie Blanchard, Interim Town Manager
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Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this petition will be given the opportunity to speak.

TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE
Charlie Blanchard - Interim Town Manager
April 13, 2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street
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Docket No. W023P1168EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:
Thomas Dufour
Date of Death: 12/05/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patrick Dufour of Auburn MA and Katelyn Browning of Auburn MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Patrick Dufour of Auburn MA and Katelyn Browning of Auburn MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, **Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**
Date: April 06, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

April 13, 2023

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Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Foster St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Foster St beginning at a point approximately 275 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Foster St & North St and continuing approximately 30 feet in a west direction. Install 1 JO Pole for Dot Project. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this petition will be given the opportunity to speak.

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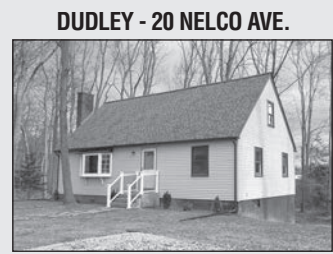
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ART

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Among other highlights at the event, a black light room was immensely popular, showcasing students' creative displays. Guests also toured individual art exhibits in various classrooms.

School officials thank all families and community members across the district who attended the event to help celebrate student artists.



From left, art teachers Sharon Durando, Roberta Monette, and Carol Willard enjoy the night.



Students' artwork shows plenty of creative scenes and inspirations.



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