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TRJHS teacher Carol Willard, right, unveils a new sign with Susan Rowden, the wife of the late Richard Chase.

Tantasqua Junior High hosts double dedication

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – Students and staff at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School took part in a double dedication ceremony last month, with the first program memorializing a beloved teacher.

On May 27, students from several classes at TRJHS visited the school's Chestnut Orchard for the dedication programs. Up first, a climbing hydrangea was planted in memory of longtime high school and junior high school teacher Richard Chase.

"He was full of life and joy, and I will carry him forever in my heart," said Nancy Bazinet, a retired reading teacher at TRJHS.

Chase taught for 38 years in the district. He was known for playing music between

classes, and many of his students' art projects have resided in the halls of the school and inspired the next waves of students.

Now, the climbing hydrangea in the Chestnut Orchard will help preserve his memory for future students and staff. Climbing hydrangeas feature large, fragrant clusters of white flowers that bloom in late spring and early summer. They can grow as large as 30-80 feet tall.

During the May 27 dedication, staff members told students about Chase's legacy of learning and giving back.

"Mr. Chase was all about spreading kindness and caring for others," said TRJHS art teacher Carol Willard.

Added science teacher Jesse Greene, "He was a person who was a real champion for oth-

ers."

The dedication was attended by Chase's wife, Susan Rowden, who taught for many years at both the junior high school and high school.

In the second dedication of the day, a new sign was unveiled at Chestnut Orchard. The location is home to several young American chestnut trees that are maintained by the school's Chestnut Club in partnership with the American Chestnut Foundation.

The inspiration for the orchard was to help restore the struggling species of chestnut trees, which was devastated throughout the eastern U.S. by chestnut blight in the early 1900s. The American Chestnut Foundation, a non-

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Charlton survey seeks input for town meeting changes

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Now that Charlton's annual town meeting is in the books for 2022, the town is looking to the future to see how they can increase citizen attendance and participation.

In addition to forming a Government Study Committee which held its first meeting in May, Charlton has launched a survey on the town website with the goal of determine what positive changes they could explore to allow or draw in more citizen participation during major town meetings. Town Administrator Andrew Golas said the survey is just the first step to determining what the town can do to inspire more people to be involved.

"It's getting tougher and tougher to find people who are willing to come out and participate in their local governance. We've seen it through declines in town meeting participation and it's obviously a concern of the Board of Selectmen to make sure the town continues to be representative of the people that live here. We're trying to address any barriers that currently exist for people that aren't coming out to town meeting," said Golas.

Since Golas arrived in Charlton just before the pandemic, he has experienced relatively small gatherings of the public. The largest turnout since the start of 2020 was around 400 residents in November of 2021 where the Amazon project was a significant topic of

discussion. However, when the annual town meeting came around on May 16 after another six months of loosened COVID restrictions the participation was only around 200, half of the turnout for the November meeting. Golas noted that this comparison does provide some insight into one element that helps drives voters to attend meetings, controversy.

"If people want to or don't want to see something pass then they will come out. However, we can't just come up with controversy for every single town meeting, but if it's simple things like making the meetings shorter by combining articles together to make business go faster or having it on a Saturday afternoon then we can make those moderate changes," said Golas.

If the Government Study Committee does determine that there is a more convenient time and day to hold the annual town meeting it will require the will of the voters to approve. The date and times of town meetings are standardized by a town bylaw and would, somewhat ironically, require town meeting approval to adjust. Special meetings however have much looser restrictions and could serve as the testing ground for new idea when it comes to timing and formatting to increase participation. All of this depends greatly on the results of the survey.

The online survey will available until the end of June. Citizens wishing to take part

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Rotary Club of Sturbridge looking to reconnect with scholarship recipients

STURBRIDGE — When the Rotary Club of Sturbridge was first chartered on June 30, 1972, it became the 50th such club to be chartered in Rotary District 7910 and quickly adopted education as a primary area of focus. From the beginning, a scholarship was awarded to a local graduating high school student each year.

As funds became more readily available, the scholarships increased in amount and in the numbers awarded, according to Sturbridge Rotary President, Klaus Hachfeld.

"This year, and for the last 19 years, we are proud to have awarded six students with scholarships of \$1,000 each. We have also awarded several memorial scholarships honoring Sturbridge Rotarians," Hachfeld said.

When the Sturbridge Rotary celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding at The Publick House Historic Inn on Wednesday, June 29, the Club would like to be able to acknowledge the many scholarship recipients from across the years.

"We'd love to hear from for-

mer scholarship recipients," says Hachfeld, "so I'm asking them to write me a brief note to let us know what role the scholarship played in meeting their educational goals. What did the scholarship mean to them and how did earning the scholarship help them on their journey? What are they doing now, and what successes have they enjoyed in life?"

Past Rotary of Sturbridge scholarship recipients can write to Mr. Hachfeld care of the Rotary Club of Sturbridge, PO Box 357, Sturbridge, MA 01566, or by email care of laserklaus@gmail.com.

Tickets to the 50th Anniversary celebration dinner are still available to the general public on the Rotary Web site at sturbridgerotary.com through June 16. Tickets are \$75 per person. The event starts with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dessert in Paige Hall. The Rotary Club is also soliciting full-page, half-page, and quarter-page ads for the 50th Anniversary program booklet. If you are interested in placing a personal or business

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Masons hold 10th Annual Widows and Veterans Luncheon



Photo Courtesy

Left to right: Rainbow girl Caera Goneya, (DDGM) R.W. Anselme Maxime, Chairman Wor. Dean Moss, committee members Wor. Steve Dragon, Wor. Dennis Robbins and Rainbow girl Cailin Goneya all greeting guest at main entrance to dining hall.

CHARLTON — On Saturday, May 21, the 24th Masonic District held its 10th Annual Masonic Widows and Veterans Luncheon at the Overlook Masonic Home facilities in Charlton. Finally, after two years of Covid-19 restrictions and gatherings, Chairmen Wor. Dean Moss, and committee members Wor. Steve Dragon and Wor. Dennis Robbins was very happy to start back up this tradition and great event to honor our Masonic veterans

and their widows. About 50 people attended. In addition to Masonic veterans and their widows was attendees from the Masonic Overlook Home facility. There was entertainment from guitarist and singer Dana Lewis who played all kind of awesome music.

Prior to entering the hall, veterans and widows registered for the event. Widows were handed a Masonic pin and a pamphlet, "Our Tribute to you honoring the loss of your loved one,"

with some beautiful literature. At the main dining hall entrance 2 ladies dressed up in a long beautiful white gown. Caera Goneya and Cailin Goneya, members of the Oxford Assembly #89 of the Massachusetts Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, greeted them and handed them a beautiful red rose.

After the main meal, the Color Guard entered the room and the widows and veterans stood tall with their hands over their heart as the American flag passed by. The flag bearer, a Vietnam veteran Wor. Larry Burbridge, walked proud holding the flag high. Behind him was our 24th District Deputy

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QCC announces spring semester Dean's and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Spring 2022 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 435 students were named to the College's Dean's List and 834 students were named to the Merit List.

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester QPA must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level.

QCC's Dean's List Spring 2022

Auburn: Hanayah Barjolo, Cameron Baron, Devon Bruyere, Hansi Confer, Gracie Curtis, Colin Fitzgerald, Aidan Foley-Foster, Kevin Foley-Foster, Tiana Germain, Priscilla Kot, Hailey Martell, Emma Martin, Angel Mensah, Maria Misenti, Tien Luc Nguyen, David Tetteh, Giuliana Valera

Blackstone: Erin McDonald, Justyne Tellstone

Charlton: Lauryn Dawson, Johnson Ebe, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Chase McKenney

Cherry Valley: Joslyn Rutter

Douglas: Alorin Orcutt

Dudley: Isabella Freitas, Deirdre Grubb, Grace Jocson, Nicole Karp, Grace Nixon, Anthony Rivera, Denise Ryan Schwartz, Jade Shultz, Chris Surman, William Tashjian, Mehrael Towadros, Hannah Volpe

East Douglas: Caroline Beard, Britni Conner, Benjamin Doyen, Joshua Gopin, Sage Hurteau, Trevor Jolin, Rheianna Messier, Ethan Soyinthisane

Fiskdale: Maxwell Bachand

Grafton: Jeremy Conti, Ryan Davidson, Christina Duggan, Lily Hunter, Olivia Lee, M'Leia Sweeney, Audrey Ziegler

Holland: Hunter Boudreau, Emma Bullock, Deniella Harwood

Leicester: Owen Boisvert, Bryson Bujak, Ryan Butler, Camden Crocker, Amanda Neil, Meghan Niddrie, Sam Rice, Cassidy Saks

Leominster: Gillian Salafia, Jessica Stanton, Bianca Vaquerano

Milford: Angel Campos-Castellanos, Danielle Cerqueira, Xiang Chen, Livia DeMoura, Anastasia Francy, Natalia Maldonado, Joslin Pinto

Millbury: Casey Ampagomian, Brenna Berube, Jacob Brodeur, Elizabeth Chagnon, Brandon Charbonneau, Kennedy Day, Ivie Lapointe, Natalie Lebo, Rosalie Powers, Sydney Westerlind

North Grafton: Fadi Alkoht, Sheraz Awan, Nicholas Calo, Julia Rooney

North Oxford: Salvatore DeMalia

Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Aaron Bishop

Oxford: Micaela Christenson, William Harvey, Amanda Listewnik, Rose Morin, Dillon Palmer, Jaedyn Starr, Jared Torosian

Rochdale: David Lavallee, Isabelle Maynard

South Grafton: Nicholas Waller, Nawal Zeidan

Southbridge: Zachary Egan, Rosalie Groleau, Giovanni Hernandez, Christina Ruberti, Justin Santiago, Jariany Solero, Venus Streeter

Spencer: Mariannah Chase, Judith Hickman, Ashley Leighton, Kyle Paquette, Kyle Sadusky, Dustin VanDyke

Sturbridge: Brynlee Beaucage, Megan Curboy, Ryan Manners

Sutton: Aliyssa Courville, Katherine Fields, Angela Fiore, Disha Khanna, Nathan Posterro, Katya Potkonjak

Uxbridge: Jason Baillargeon, Hailey Bergman, Antonio Demalia, Abigail Hanscom, Scott Lawrence, Jeremy Lutton, Mayra Marquez, Jake Murray, Olivia Powell

Webster: Carin Bolos, Melissa DeLuca-Midgette, Adriana DUBY, Natalie Duszak, Sean Flynn, Dylan Grandmaison, Amber Hallaman, Anna Israeli, Cynthia Johnson, Klarissa Johnson, Hanna Kunkel, Chime Lama, Tenzin Lama, Arianna McCarthy, Elena Ralph

West Upton: Stephany De Souza, Collin Gorman, Jacob Patzer, Omer Rona

Whitinsville: Isabel Carroll, Jennifer Flanagan, Cora Gauthier, Travis Gould, Jibrán Khan, Rebecca Malo, Joshua Pinoos

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

Semester QPA must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

All courses must be college level

QCC's Merit List Spring 2022

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Dawn Bombard, Conor Carlson, Madison Cove, Dominic D'Amore, Kiara Diaz, Griffin Hurley, Mark John, Leesa Kamaru, Hao Mai, Matti Phaneuf, Katelyn Pike, Courtney Robertson, Kathryn Simard, Derek Szafarowicz

Blackstone: Alexa Boyt, Thomas Deguire, Jordan Geoffroy

Brimfield: Haileigh Chase, Lyndsey Gamache, Lauren Jones, Jonathan Rubio

Brookfield: Jared Maldonado, Emily Pope, Emma Puishys, Tye Zola

Charlton: Cameron Allard, Yanellie Andino, Ashley Antkowiak, Leslie Chaves, Valic Fair, Abigail Joesten, Haley LaFortune, Heather McManus, Taylor Phoenix, Pedro Prieto, Dylan

Smaltz, Christian Sokowaski, Oliver Weiland

Cherry Valley: Stephanie Grayum, Inutu Mwinga, Eden Riel

Dudley: Trinity Battista, Mia Bohanan, Yakeydy Calderon, Nicholas Champagne, Jenna Errico, Parker Filo-Loos, Conor Fitzgerald, Nayalis Gonzalez, Joseph Guaragno, Sharon Guidaboni, Heather Lamprey, Julie Milner, Abigail Northrop, Christina Richert, Molly Riley, Nicholas Ruo, Demyana Tekla, Laura Tetreault

East Brookfield: Nicole Boucher-Eccleston, Brian Messier, Kelsey Mitchell

East Douglas: Katelyn Ballou, Courtney Barch, Michael Purvis, Hannah Rosenkrantz

Fiskdale: Hannah Abubakar, Brianna Brothers, Autumn Cassell, Brianna Lawrence, Autumn Martelli, Tristan Shaw, Anna Simons, Lauryn Wandmacher, Warren Zelenak

Grafton: Alisha Braich, Andrea Carenzo, Grace Cummings, Hailey Dorazio, Wilson Fetting, Anneliese Oetsen, Debokkawe Pannasiri, Catherine Roseen, Elisabeth Spencer, Jayce Walker

Groton: Shay McGillivray

Holland: Beau Boudreau, Monica Confer, Seann Lauritsen, Julie Schutz, April Swanson

Leicester: Chad Campion, Amy Carr, Yarelis Cortes, Ashley George, Patricia Herholz, Kristina Jarobski, Leskalie Rentas, Jonah Wicklund

Milford: Shawn Amiel Arquillano, Alex Begay, Joseph Cafarella, Maria DosReis Soares, Mariana Ferraz, Marina Mucera, Amanda Silva, Rebecca Silva, Emily Smith

Millbury: Alician Berenson, Katherine Bloom, Sandra Bravo, Indigo Cadorette, Christian Donaldson, Wesley Hutchinson, Karmela Krause, Delaney Mierzejewski, Alyssa Newman, Abdoul Aziz Salim Ouedraogo, Michael Quitadamo, Yidan Song, Jala Tadros, Hanifa Yusuf

Millville: Lillian Austin, Hannah Mullaly

North Brookfield: Harold Burroughs, Dawn Holmes, Jessica Lisi, Michelle Varrichione

North Grafton: Jose Salvador Aldana Pla, Matthew Bittel, Franklin Burke, Tyler Dimond, Thomas Hamilton, Allie Lasoskie, Allyanna Lewis, Julia Pampalone, Tori Paulauskas, Aili Schiavoni

North Oxford: Antony Bradford, Jessica Gonzalez, Julianna Marcoux

Northbridge: Madison Arsenault, Sarah Bowen-Catlin, Randall Cranshaw, Hillary Mellor, Jessica Perkins, Derek Zahoruiiko, Anthony Zanca

Oxford: Kayla Brodeur, Nina Cardoni, Wilfrid Fotso Tasse, Katie George, Elijah Gray, Kimberly Lindsey,

Danielle Porter, Jessica Rucho, Alexis Walsh, Frederick Yeboah

Rochdale: Christopher Wunsch

South Grafton: Esha Batchu, Kathryn Branda, Veda Dave, Tiffany Maynard, Arjun Ramesh, Rohan Ramesh, Mayra Ramsey, Shreya Roy

Southbridge: Kristina Bachand, Amanda Bass, Alec Belle, Valerie Bomba, Angela Bryson, Gabbriel Burrows, Ashley Cahill, Rayann Carl, Deyalyns Carrero Soto, Norma Cignarella, Sol Cruz, Jennifer De Los Santos, Adrianna Gidopoulos, Maura Griffiths, Rhiannon Hogan, Hilary Lapan, Eridon Mehmeti, Devin Molina, Kyle Morrill, Matthew Porra, Caleb Powell, Mariana Powell, Jose Rivera, Stephanie Rivera, Eve Robida, Miosotis Rosado, Alexander Rousseau, Rachel Sandman, Lexi Southall, Angelina Strahin, Sheila Toro, Tara Trucheon, Margarita Veras, Amber Warden, Cody Wood

Spencer: Caitlyn Berthiaume, Desiree Bleau, Carley Burns, Draven Casey, Brittany Little, Lourdes Morales, Madison Paquette, Danielle Provencher, Leif Torres

Sturbridge: Jamie Bishop, Spencer Fancy, Mason Krause, Agnieszka Laster, Aidan Melanson, Cameron Robidoux

Sutton: Cory Jernberg, Matthew Kearney, Ricki Maynard, Dina Mousaad, Kailey O'Neil, Bradley Prouty, Jakeline Silveira

Uxbridge: Kelley Crosby, Jacob Morganelli, Edrick Pereira, Nicole Remillard, Katie Vautrain, Jordan Washington

Webster: Ernestina Atsugah-Habadah, Victoria Binney, Claribel Burgos, Natalya Cazarreal, Adrienne Chomes, Sarah Condon, Audrey Ducharme, Timothy Dziedzic, Jennifer Gardner, Melissa Medina, Kristina Mlavsky, Nathan Phelps, Heather Quinn, Maria Ramon, Ivette Rivera Toribio, Mariah Rivera, Justin Smith, Peter Tadros, Larry White, Leekha Williams, Marta Wozniak

West Boylston: Zamayne Abney, Christopher Ambold, Carissa Bartholomae, Jessica Colorio, Gloria Kyenge, Emily Oliveira, Viviane Oliveira, Peter Pearson

West Brookfield: Israel Hickey, Dallas McDonnell

West Upton: Emily Borst, Timothy Fobes

Whitinsville: Nicholas DePasquale, Deanna Decoteau, Jason Doyle, Emily LaFleur, Tara Melo, Jordan Miller, Khadija Ouagri, Allison Salamack

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Local Eastern students make Dean's List

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester, in which more than 1,200 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them are: Eva Glaser of Sturbridge, a full-time student who majors in Secondary

Education and English.

Madalyn Lowell of Sturbridge, a full-time student who majors in Health Sciences.

To qualify for Dean's List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they've accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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Grand Master RW. Anselme Maxime and Bro. Robert St.Cyr. The color guard stopped, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. The Chairman of this event, Wor. Dean Moss spoke. He was all excited about all the people that came out for this long-awaited annual event. He looked forward to this event because he said, "The best thing we can give our widows and veterans is our time." These are veterans who served

our country when we needed them the most and risked their lives so we could have a better life. They have served their country with honor and distinction and the widows supported them and believed in what they were fighting for. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonry.org to find a lodge nearest you.

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profit organization, is committed to help save the species from extinction. Based in Asheville, NC, the organization and its 16 chapters work to restore the American chestnut tree to eastern forests.

In partnership with the American Chestnut Foundation, TRJHS science students in 2016 cross-pollinated a population of flowering American chestnut trees that were identified in the 2011 tornado path on the slopes of Mt. Ella in Monson.

The nuts that grew on the cross-pollinated trees represented the seeds planted in the American Chestnut Research Orchard at the Tantasqua campus. Students are now working in the research orchard to grow a blight-resistant American chestnut tree that is regionally adapted to grow well in local forests.

Last year, the trees at the TRJHS orchard flowered for the first time.

"We all hope this is one of those environmental stories that has a happy ending," Greene told guests at the dedication ceremony.

The new sign at the orchard was created by Tantasqua graduate John Cloutier, an artist, musician, and commercial sign maker who has worked with several local organizations. He is currently producing signs for Old Sturbridge Village.



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Marianapolis Preparatory School graduates 107

THOMPSON, Conn. — On June 5, 107 students (102 seniors, three post-graduates, and two joint diploma students) will graduate from Marianapolis Preparatory School. Brett Marston, Trinity Foundation Board member, was the keynote speaker. Valedictorian Daniel Twhig-Mann of Douglas, Salutatorian Ian MacKenzie of Woodstock, Conn., and Head of School Joseph Hanrahan also spoke.

Marianapolis Class of 2021 in Alphabetical Order

Olivia-Mae Acquah-Harrison, Charlton; Oluwadurotimi Adebisi, Lagos, Nigeria; James Alves, Uxbridge; Kaitlin Baca, Webster; Tung-Lam Bach, Hanoi, Vietnam; Samuel Balzanka, Banská Stiavnica, Slovakia; Morgan Beaudreault, Dayville, Conn.; Vincent Bourgeois, Thompson, Conn.; Hayden Buzzell, East Brookfield; Tung-Duong Cao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Manh-Duy Chu, Hanoi, Vietnam; Spencer Courville, Charlton; The-Trung Dang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Tien-Anh Dang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Quang-Minh Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Trung-Hai Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam; Evan Darvish, Worcester; Anna De Villa, San Pietro di Cadore, Italy; Anthony DeFusco, Worcester; Hoang-Dat Do, Hanoi, Vietnam; Sydney DUBY, Worcester; Daniel Ducharme, Worcester; Olivia Duquette, North Grovesvordale, Conn.; Gustavo Jose Escalante Peon, Merida, Mexico; Gabriela Fung, Colchester, Conn.;

Edisha Galan, Manchester, Conn.; Federica Galli, Lipomo, Italy; Ashley Giorgio, Millbury; Xiayuan Gong, Wuxi, China; Madelyn Grundstrom, Moosup, Conn.; Amin Gutierrez, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Timothy Hall, Plainfield, Conn.; Audrey Hammond, Sutton; Son Ho, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Anh-Minh T. Hoang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Minh-Anh Hoang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Kaylynn Horan, Putnam, Conn.; Arianna Howell, Thompson, Conn.; Nghi Huynh, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Ge Jia, Baoding, China; Mackenzie Jutras, Greenville, R.I.; Filip Kalis, Prague, Czech Republic; Jordan Kasongo, South Grafton; Claire Kelleher, Auburn; Zachary King, Plainfield, Conn.; Ayana Kobayashi, Aichi, Japan; Nicholas LaFlamme, Woodstock, Conn.; Thai-Duong Lang, Hanoi, Vietnam; Bao-Tran H. Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Linh Le, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Quang-Truong Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Vinh-Kien Le, Hanoi, Vietnam; Abigail Leahy, Leicester; Juhyoung Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Alexander Litke, Brooklyn, Conn.; Alana Lorusso, North Oxford; Kaya Lukasek, Webster; Ian MacKenzie, Woodstock, Conn.; Sophia Maloney, Sutton; Szymon Mamro, Webster; Delia Marchand, Holden; Patrick Martineau, Putnam, Conn.; Keegan McLeod, Foster, R.I.; John McMullen, East Greenwich, R.I.; Valentina Mena Munch, Merida, Mexico; Ayame Mizuno, Aichi, Japan; Jacob Mobley, Webster; Lily Mueller,

Webster; Hugo Ndizeye, Kigali, Rwanda; Ha-Vi Ngo, Hanoi, Vietnam; Ngoc-Anh Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Phuong-Ngan Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Thuy-Tien V. Nguyen, Hanoi, Vietnam; Hayley O'Connell, Dudley; Collin O'Connor, Sutton; Declan O'Connor, Worcester; Siliang Pan, Guangzhou, China; Andrew Peck, Paxton; Dominic Penny, Charlton; Luis Arturo Perez Povedano, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic; Maksymilian Poreda, Mazowieckie, Poland; Shunnan Qi, Shanghai, China; Sophia Rabitor, Dayville, Conn.; Grace Rhoads, Stafford Springs, Conn.; Emilio Jose Sanchez Villalpando, Merida, Mexico; Colby Scanlon, Fiskdale; Hannah Schoemer, Oxford; Olivia Sczuroski, Brooklyn, Conn.; Lewis

Shamback, Sterling, Conn.; Sara Soares, Putnam, Conn.; Alex Spetseris, Webster; Cadence Stawiecki, Webster; Zachary Stoddard, Pomfret Center, Conn.; Maya Summiel, Dayville, Conn.; Christian Terwilliger, Lebanon, Conn.; Matthew Tomasino, Leicester; Chinh Tong, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Mariano Torres Hernandez, Villahermosa, Mexico; Daniel Twhig-Mann, Douglas; Rachel Ullstrom, Auburn; Ashley Vandembrouck, Oxford; Elizabeth Walker, Thompson, Conn.; Pu Wang, Beijing, China; Anna Wildes, North Uxbridge; Caleb Williams, Valley Cottage, N.Y.; Zhihe Ye, Beijing, China; Xingyu Zhu, Wenzhou, China; Yutian Zhu, Zhejiang, China.

Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Holy Cross celebrated nearly 755 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 176th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 27 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Acclaimed writer and infectious disease physician Abraham Verghese delivered this year's address to the Class of 2022 and received an honorary degree.

Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage. This marks Rougeau's first commencement exercises since being installed as Holy Cross' 33rd president - the first lay and first Black president to lead the 179-year-old institution - back in October 2021.

In his remarks, Dr. Verghese, the best-selling author of "Cutting for Stone" and the Linda R. Meier and Joan F. Lane Provostial Professor and Vice Chair for the Theory and Practice of Medicine at Stanford University, asked graduates to consider how they will define success in their personal stories after graduation.

"My advice to you would be: don't set the bar too high," Verghese told the graduates. "Don't live your life waiting for the one magical moment when you achieve this or that, or have this much

in the bank, or particular letters behind your name. You and I know too many people, often successful, famous, accomplished people, whose success was not enough to keep them joyful. I would urge you to define success for yourself simply such that on a daily basis you can feel joy."

In addition to Verghese, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., the 32nd president of Holy Cross, a role he held from 2012-2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

Matthew Sexton of Wales, Magna Cum Laude

Katherine Vanasse of Sturbridge About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

Local students named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

Cameron Cox of Charlton, Class of 2022

Emily Gay of Uxbridge, Class of 2022

Jake Hamel of Uxbridge, Class of 2022

Nora Ilacqua of Charlton, Class of 2022

Breanna LaHair of Charlton, Class of 2022

Emily Snay of Charlton, Class of 2022

Sean Morrissey of Uxbridge, Class of 2023

Julianne Sutherland of Uxbridge, Class of 2023

Madison Baril, of Fiskdale, Class of 2022

"Earning the right to be

named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University Interim President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

A s s u m p t i o n

University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

Local students named to Stonehill Dean's List

EASTON — To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Gwyneth Gould of Charlton

Sophie Psuik of Uxbridge

Ariel Goharzadeh of Charlton

Brooke Riccitelli of Uxbridge

Megan Vanelli of Uxbridge

Rahni Bussiere of Charlton

Rory Paul of Uxbridge
Arianna Lester of Sturbridge

About Stonehill College
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

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Charlton students to attend Massachusetts Boy's State



Jacob Brodeur



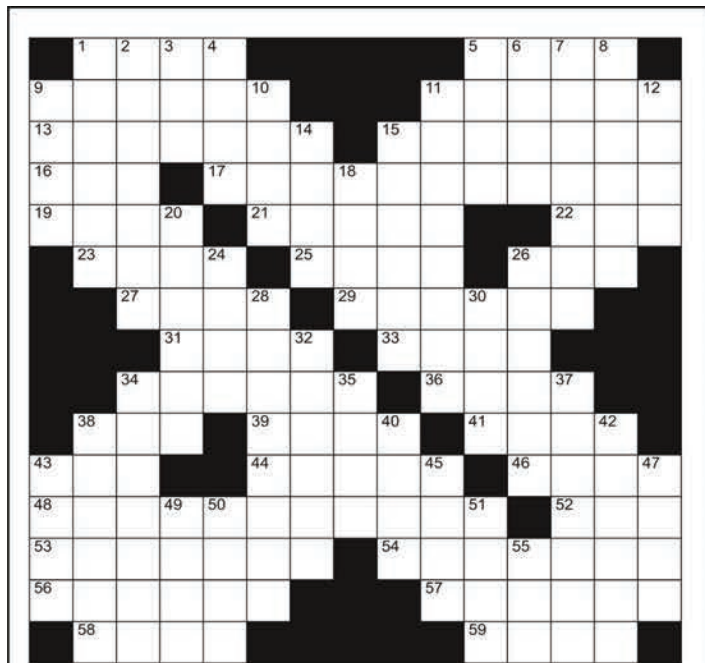
Luke Hill

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion Post 391 is pleased to announce the selection of two Charlton high school students as delegates to represent the Charlton American Legion and their respective High Schools at the 2022 Massachusetts Boy's State Conference. Jacob Brodeur, a junior at Shepherd Hill Reg'l High School and Luke Hill, a junior at Bay Path Reg'l Technical H.S. and residents of the town of Charlton, were recently selected after a careful and deliberate interview process. The two young men will join with other rising high school juniors from across the state for a week-long camp

from June 11th to June 17th 2022 at Stonehill College in Easton, where they will study the workings of the government and the legal system as part of an American Legion tradition that dates back to 1935. Boy's State is considered one of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. The main goal of the Boy's State program is to increase awareness among young leaders about their responsibility to their peers and themselves to participate in the democratic process. A large part of the program is devoted to the organization and operation of mock municipal and state government. During the week all students are

required to attend classes in government, law, and economics. Mr. Brodeur will be Class Treasurer for 2023 and is Class Salutatorian of the junior class and is a member of the National Honor Society. Jacob serves with Boy Scout Troop 165 at the rank of Life Scout and will be pursuing the rank of Eagle Scout in the upcoming year. Jacob's other interests include computer sciences, he enjoys cycling and participated in the academic decathlon. Jacob is the son of Stephen and Amy Brodeur of Charlton. Mr. Hill is a member of the junior Class and is a member of the varsity baseball team and has played on the football team for the last three years. He has participated with the indoor track team in order to stay fit and in shape during the winter months. He enjoys the electronics courses he takes at Bay Path and participates in AP classes. Luke is the son of Anna and Jeffrey Hill of Charlton. All of the students who took part in the interview process were from Charlton and were recommended by their teachers as well as their guidance departments. It is fitting that this experience of Boys State should give them their first glimpse of the issues they will face on a larger scale as they grow into adults and voting citizens. In the past, the program has produced a U.S. President, Senators, Congressmen, Governors, attorneys and leaders in the business world throughout the nation.

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- 1. Slovenian mountain
- 5. Growl
- 9. Where things stand
- 11. Made a sharp sound
- 13. Female spirit in Irish folklore
- 15. Deteriorate with age
- 16. A way to save for retirement
- 17. The Big Apple
- 19. Intestinal pouches
- 21. City in New Hampshire
- 22. Giving a bad impression
- 23. Samsung laptops
- 25. Without (French)
- 26. Scientist's tool (abbr.)
- 27. System of one more computers
- 29. Captures
- 31. Authentic
- 33. Female mammal's nipple
- 34. Pandemonium
- 36. Satisfy
- 38. Arrived extinct
- 39. Shipborne radar (abbr.)
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Monetary unit
- 44. Showed old TV show
- 46. They help you hear
- 48. One who eliminates
- 52. Congress' investigative arm
- 53. Parties
- 54. Most supernatural
- 56. Takes illegally
- 57. Breathes while asleep
- 58. Sea eagles
- 59. German surname

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Looks at for a long time
- 2. Solution for diseases
- 3. Belonging to a thing
- 4. Former Packers fullback
- 5. Contemplable person
- 6. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 7. Helps
- 8. Final section of the large intestine
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 10. Look for
- 11. Unbeliefs
- 12. Susan and Tom are two
- 14. Female sheep
- 15. A poet writes it
- 18. Affirmatives
- 20. "Full House" actress Barber
- 24. Traveled rapidly
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. Set wages
- 30. Peter Gabriel song
- 32. Sides of a jacket
- 34. More beautiful
- 35. Actress Kate
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Indicate
- 40. The cost of a room
- 42. Gets rid of something
- 43. Impudence
- 45. No No No
- 47. Drunkards
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- 55. An informal debt instrument.

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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Sheriff holds graduation, swearing-in for newest class of correctional officers

W E S T BOYLSTON — The most recent class of ten recruits of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Basic Recruit Training Academy #57 graduated on Friday, May 27 after completing numerous interviews, mental health screenings, physical fitness metrics and a rigorous twelve-week academy. The new recruits have met the highest hiring standards and are among the best and brightest in corrections.



Joshua Gelb

The ceremony for the WCSO BRTA #57 was held outdoors on the grounds of the facility with family and friends in attendance. This latest academy took their oath of office and are ready to begin active duty on the line at the facility. Among the graduating class of new correctional officers are Officer Yliza Fantauzzi of Oxford, Officer Joshua Gelb of Charlton and Officer Joshua Burdett of Webster. Officer Gelb is the president of the class

and is also the winner of the Lawrence P. Sullivan Physical Fitness Award Officer Burdett won the Francis T. Foley Academic Award for the highest academic grade point average of the class. During the ceremony, Evangelidis thanked the recruits for "...their hard work and dedication. We wish them all the best as they begin the important work done every day at the Sheriff's department to help protect public safety and make Worcester County a safer place."

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- **Charlton City United Methodist**, 74 Stafford St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.org Sunday worship and Children's church 10am
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CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Strawberry Festival returns to Dudley



Photo Gus Steeves

Volunteers from the 2017 festival make the event's signature strawberry shortcake.

DUDLEY – After a Covid hiatus, the Dudley Grange is bringing back its Strawberry Festival June 16, and they need help.

According to event co-organizer Karen Gillon, such help can come in the form of volunteers for preparation and the day itself, plus early ticket purchase from various area locations and Grange members. Some of them will be available at Park & Shop June 4 and 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

On Festival day, the Grange's property and nearby areas atop Dudley Hill (139 Center Rd., next to Nichols College) will ring out with people celebrating summer and the berries that are ripening now. Events run from 4 p.m. until berries run out.

"It's the best old-fashioned lawn party this town's ever seen," said Granger Ken Gillon. "It's just sort of connecting people ... You'll see people you haven't seen since the last Strawberry Festival."

This year will see some familiar events and some changes. Of course, the big draw is the same – strawberry shortcake – although inflation in supply costs has prompted the Grange to charge more this year (\$7 for the adult serving, \$5 for child size) and ask a little more for hot dogs, burgers and other fare.

Originally, those were locally grown berries, and Grange volunteers actually trucked down to Stafford Springs to pick them in person, Ken Gillon noted.

As the event has grown, though, the Grange has had to turn to a California-based supplier for both the sheer quantity (more than 1600 pounds) and timing of getting them here. But most of the other supplies are still locally-sourced.

The labor, of course, remains local, with many volunteers from area churches and schools staffing the event itself, as well as preparing the facility during prior weeks and cleaning and dicing up the berries the day before. This year, the latter group is gathering at the Grange June 15 from 9AM to 1 PM or so, and they're still seeking more participants.

Likewise, the music will be familiar, as the Old Time Fiddler's Club of Rhode Island sets the rhythm with bluegrass, Celtic and Americana. So will many of the groups tabling and providing activities, as various local non-profits and town entities routinely attend. Plans are in the works for children's games, a frog-jumping contest by Dudley-Charlton teacher and coach Ray Sullivan, a Fire Department smoke house truck and other emergency service demonstrations, environmental groups and social services, among others.

On the other hand, it's been a few years since they held a car show, and that's not on the docket this year either. But visitors might well see and hear Franny Mik's renditions of classic early rock'n'roll.

Sturbridge Republicans meet candidates at fundraiser



Photo Courtesy

Left to right: Michael Young, Leah Allen, Rayla Campbell, Jay McMahon, and Gary Galonek.

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Republican Town Committee held a successful fundraiser for Republican candidates on Tuesday, May 31 at The Barn in Sturbridge. Attendees were able to meet the candidates in person and share their concerns as well as listen to their goals for Massachusetts if they are elected.

Candidate for Lt. Governor Leah Allen filled us in on her amazing political experience as both a youthful State Rep and most recently as a nurse during the pandemic. She was also informative regarding the Geoff Diehl campaign and their goals for lower taxes (including gas taxes) across the board and greater parental control of our school systems. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and yet, too many of them are disappearing. I believe we need to support our small business community so they can flourish and grow jobs in Massachusetts.

Candidate for Attorney General Jay McMahon filled us all in on the tremendous laxity in law enforcement under the current Attorney General Maura Healey. Healey supports the democrat socialists burning things down in order to structure their new world order and that includes the sexualization of our pre-pubescent youth. She infamously stated publicly in 2020 that, "Yes, America is burning but that is how forests grow." Attorney McMahon gave a powerful speech regarding the corruption that is prevalent in the existing

democrat socialist power structure in Massachusetts.

The electrifying and energetic Rayla Campbell is running for Secretary of State and working tirelessly to replace William Galvin, who has held the office since 1994. Twenty eight years of the same old uninspiring performance that needs to change now. Campbell is the first black woman to receive the nomination for Secretary of State in Massachusetts as she received more than 10,000 nomination signatures and she is a serious force to be reckoned with.

Campbell has stated that, "The Secretary of State also needs to be an excellent communicator. This is severely lacking with who we have in office now. Bill Galvin is a misanthrope."

Campbell has also grown a vocal and supportive contingent of grizzly moms who want to protect their children from the perverted agenda of the democrat socialists.


Local candidate Gary Galonek a member of the Sturbridge RTC and a local business owner has thrown his hat in the ring for Governors Council. The council advises the Governor on the appointment of judges as well as parole and pardon issues. The board has been dominated by leftist lawyers for years. The fresh and solid representation of a common sense business owner from Central Massachusetts will be a very welcome addition to the council.



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State's 'social crisis' the focus of Legislative Breakfast



Left to right: Bill Fredericks of Sen. Ryan Fattman's office; Cindy Howard, CEO of the Center of Hope Foundation; and Rep. Joe McKenna.

Executive Director of the Arc of Massachusetts gave an overview of the issues to the more than 200 people in the audience. Festina Julue of the Arc of Opportunity, based in Fitchburg, gave a perspective as a staff member about the difficulty for people to work in these private provider environments with the inadequate pay that is allocated to the agencies to pay them. Many staff have to work more than one job in order to make ends meet. Self-Advocate, Jeremiah Jezierski shared with the gathering how important the Center of Hope is to him and his ability to work.

Stephen Celuzza, parent of a young lady who cannot return to her program because the agencies cannot attract and retain the Direct Support Professionals, Nurses and other staff needed to allow her and 7,000 others who were going to programs before the pandemic and the several hundred more who are waiting for services as they age out of public school are affecting his family in a distressing way, too. One parent must be home at all times, so someone cannot go back to work. The implications are devastating for the person stuck at home for two and a half years along with the loss of income to the family.

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the Committee on

Ways and Means, spoke to the audience about his understanding of the issues and how the House is working towards trying to find solutions to this crisis.

A favorite part of the event includes awarding some of the heroes of each agency. Louisa Boamah of HMEA was awarded the "Exemplary Staff Award"; Serah Mururi received the "Seven Hills Care Crusader Award"; Lisa Morgan received the Life-Skills "Building Better Futures Award"; Melissa Childs of Wendy's in Sturbridge became the "Employer of the Year" by the Center of Hope Foundation; Engle Torres earned the Venture Community Services "Program Leadership Award"; the "Distinguished Program Leadership Award" went to Walter Ross of Advocates, Inc. Angela McKeon and staff of 17/18 Golden Heights received the "Making a Difference Award" from Linda Cournoyer, founder of this event; Ruth Montgomery received an "Excellence in Performance Award" from CoHF and Mass. Rehab. Commission; Merari Alvarado of Thrive earned the "Community Impact Award"; Open Sky Community Services awarded a group of employees from the Malden Street home with the "Creative Support Award," Emmanuel Kudjoe

from Arc of Opportunity was given the "Life-Saving Advocate Award" and Cindy Howard was surprised with the "Linda Cournoyer Excellence in Advocacy Award."

This annual event's mission is to allow a wide range of audience members from all walks of life, and especially the 35 legislators in Central Mass to learn what the issues are in human services each year. This has never been a more important time as so many industries cry for help. We are all talking about the work force crisis in every business, but as Mike said, we have a Social Crisis because the public does not understand what we do and how important our services are to human beings. The community understands and has sympathy for teachers, restaurants, hospitals, other health care environments and most other industries. The crucial work in the Intellectual and Developmental Disability field is not well understood and is not recognized and respected for the vital work we do for an undervalued population in our society.

It's time for drastic change. We hope that this event helped, but more needs to be done. You can learn more by contacting any of these providers who participated in this event.

WORCESTER — "We have a 'Social Crisis,' not just a work force crisis, here in the Commonwealth," stated Mike Hyland of Venture Community Services, a private provider of residential and day services for people with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities in Central Mass.

He, along with 10 other Central Mass providers serving many thousands of people

sponsored the 31st Annual Central Mass Provider Legislative Breakfast to an audience of legislators, families, state agencies, self-advocates and other stakeholders at the College of the Holy Cross last week.

Cindy Howard, moderator and CEO of the Arc-Center of Hope Foundation, welcomed the group with a video about the crisis. Leo Sarkissian,





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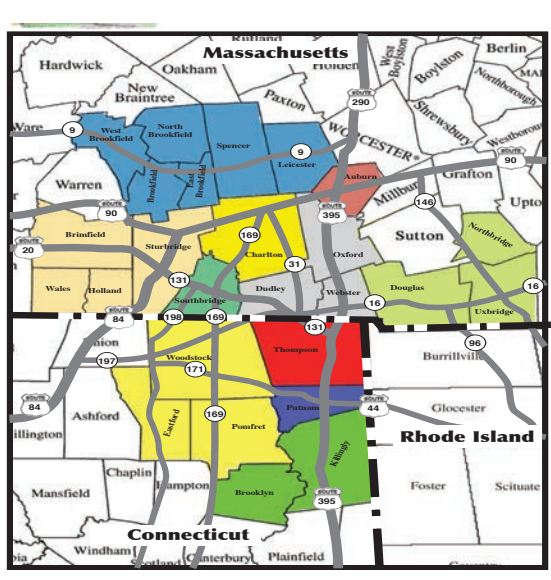
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A time to take Pride in diversity

We've heard some rumblings about why a Pride Month exists, and how other groups of people should have a month-long celebration.

First, setting aside a month to recognize a certain group that has historically been discriminated against is intended to spotlight their situation, and theirs alone. It does not necessarily take away from the importance of, or the trials and tribulations faced by, any other group.

The reason we celebrate Pride is simply to applaud overcoming and still working to overcome hate and bigotry the LGBTQ community has received for hundreds and hundreds of years. The same goes for Black History Month. It's a time to celebrate the people who have been, and still continue to be oppressed. Whether or not you experienced it with your own eyes doesn't matter. It exists.

Simple rights like not being able to get married and afforded the same rights under federal law as straight couples, not being seated in a restaurant, getting gunned down for being in a gay nightclub, getting murdered for being gay, not feeling comfortable holding hands in public, fear of getting gawked at or harassed, not being able to rent an apartment or buy a house are a few things members of the LGBTQ community have faced.

Even though those things are legal now, it's still an uphill battle. Bad things happen to everyone sure but not because of who they love. It's discrimination that fuels that evil.

Pride is simply about being proud of who you are. The most important thing for any individual is to simply be kind, obey the law and focus on your own lives. To judge who another person loves would be odd at best.

Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQ Americans. The purpose of the month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on society locally, nationally and internationally.

In some states, it is still illegal for same sex couples to adopt children or acquire fair employment.

The Stonewall Uprising took place on June 28, 1969, and was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the 1960s, the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village was a gay club and refuge for many in the LGBTQ community. On that day, the New York City police raided the inn, sparking a riot among bar patrons and neighborhood residents with the police.

The riot involved hundreds of people and led to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement outside the bar.

A year later, thousands of people marched from the Stonewall Inn to Central Park in what was then called "Christopher Street Liberation Day," marking what is now recognized as the nation's first gay pride parade. Since 1970, LGBTQ+ people and allies have continued to gather together in June to march with pride and demonstrate for equal rights.

We are all Americans, and we must continue to look out for each other and ensure that each and every one of us are treated equally under the law.

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New limits expand 401(k), IRA opportunities

You could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement. So, to pay for all those years, you'll probably need to take full advantage of your retirement accounts. And in 2022, you may have expanded opportunities to deduct retirement plan contributions on your tax return.

Before looking at what's changed this year, let's review the key benefits of these accounts:

Traditional IRA – You typically contribute pretax (deductible) dollars to a traditional IRA, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred.

Roth IRA – You invest after-tax dollars in a Roth IRA, so your contributions won't lower your taxable income, but your earnings can grow tax free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you're 59½ or older when you begin taking withdrawals.

401(k) – A 401(k) or similar plan (such as a 457(b) for state and local government employees or a 403(b) for employees of public schools or non-profit groups) is generally funded with pretax dollars and provides tax-deferred earnings. Some employers offer a Roth 401(k), in which employees contribute after tax-dollars and can take tax-free withdrawals if they meet the same age and length-of-ownership requirements as the Roth IRA.

So, what's different about these plans in 2022? First, consider the traditional IRA. If you – and your spouse, if you're married – don't have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can always deduct the full amount of your contribution on your tax return, no matter what you earn. But if one or both of you are covered by an employer-sponsored plan, then your deductions could be reduced or eliminated based on your income.

Single taxpayers can claim the full deduction if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is \$68,000 or less (\$109,000 for married filing jointly),

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with deductibility decreasing at higher income levels and phasing out entirely at \$78,000 (\$129,000 for married filing jointly). But here's the key point: Compared to 2021, these ranges are \$2,000 higher for single filers and \$4,000 higher for those who are married and filing jointly – which means that this year, you might have more opportunities to make deductible contributions.

And a similar type of increase applies to Roth IRA eligibility. In 2022, if you're a single filer, you can put in up to \$6,000 (\$7,000 if you are 50 or older) in a Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$129,000 – up from \$125,000 in 2021. Allowable contributions are reduced at higher income levels and phased out if your MAGI is \$144,000 or more, up from \$140,000 in 2021. If you're married and file jointly, the respective ranges are \$204,000–\$214,000, up from \$198,000–\$208,000 in 2021. Again, higher ranges may mean more opportunities for you. (Consult your tax advisor to determine your eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA or make deductible contributions to a traditional IRA.)

And finally, the annual contribution limit for 401(k), 457(b) and 403(b) plans is \$20,500 – up \$1,000 from 2021. If you're 50 or older, you can put in an extra \$6,500 this year, for a total of \$27,000.

These changes may not seem monumental, but when you're saving for retirement, any opportunities to invest and potentially reduce taxes, of whatever size, can be valuable. So, review your options to determine how you can help yourself move closer to your retirement goals.

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When you think you've got it made, keep striving



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Goal setting is essential to anybody who wants to get things done, but often, momentum is lost when we accomplish one goal but fail to set another. So often, people climb to the top, and they begin to tell themselves, "I've got it made." When this attitude creeps in, desire and motivation fade, and progress come to a halt.

One person I knew who became wildly successful told me that the best time in his life was when he was struggling, living on a dream, and barely making it. Once he had accomplished his goal, he was satisfied, but the feeling of accomplishment began to disappear. Something was missing from his life; he stopped striving, and the thrill of trying to make it to the next level was gone.

Although he had reached a high level of success, his life had become dull and uneventful because he didn't have any new goals to accomplish; he thought he had it made. He started doing drugs to try and recreate the excitement, but that only made things worse. He lost all forward momentum, and things began to fall apart.

We've heard it said it's not the destination that matters; it's the journey.

I can say the same in my life. The most exciting times are always when I struggle to accomplish a goal. When I first decided to become an actor, I had no money; I could barely pay the rent. Dinner was a couple of cans of tuna and some saltines from the dollar store. I wasn't living a glamorous life, but I felt alive. There was nothing like those days.

Norman Vincent Peale said, "The true flavor, the real fun, the continuous excitement is in the process of making it rather than having made it."

It's been a long road, and many hard lessons I've learned since then. I've been guilty of accomplishing a goal and thinking, "I've got it made." The result was I lost all momentum and progress. The loss of momentum is a dangerous place to be. It means you've stopped. Losing momentum can mean the loss of a dream, the loss of a career, and maybe even the loss of a relationship.

One of the best ways to avoid losing your momentum is to set more goals. Once you accomplish your first goal, it's good to celebrate; it's good to be happy for what you've accomplished, but only temporarily. If you settle, you might find that everything you've worked for is gone one day.

Many things can bring happiness. Tony Robbins has said, "Progress equals happiness." I know that might sound controversial to some. You might say, "My faith makes me happy," or, "My family makes me happy." I would agree that is true, but I ask you, "How happy are you when your faith isn't progressing?" or "How happy are you when your family relationships aren't moving in the right direction?" I think there is something to the idea that progress brings happiness. It may not be the root of all happiness, but it can undoubtedly make you happier.

If it's true that progress can make us happier, how hard is it to make progress? It depends, of course, but it's easier to make progress in any area of your life once you get the momentum going. It's always hard to start making significant progress when starting from a dead stop. The momentum builds once you get the ball rolling, and eventually, progress comes faster and faster.

Think of a weight loss goal. In the beginning, it's hard to make the necessary changes, but as the pounds begin to melt off, more motivation comes, you begin to make more changes, and soon you're on your way.

Next time your accomplishments start to make you feel like you've got it made, don't stop; keep going. Set your sights on ever higher goals. Just as a snowball gets bigger and faster as it rolls down the hill, as you build momentum, more opportunities will present themselves, and when you look back, you'll be amazed at how far you've come.

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Cover bare soil with a layer of organic mulch. It conserves moisture so you water less, prevents erosion and helps suppress weeds. As the mulch decomposes, it improves the soil by adding organic matter and nutrients.

Use rain barrels to capture rainwater that drains off the roof. Purchase a rain barrel or make your own from a recycled food grade container. Evaluate the functional design, appearance and space needed when making your selection. The Flat-Back Rain Barrel fits snugly against your house and holds 50 gallons of water. Add some storage or planting space with a rain barrel like the Madison Rain Barrel with space on top to hold watering accessories or flowering plants. Use the rainwater for watering gardens and containers. Start with a call to your local municipality as some have restrictions on water harvesting, while others encourage this practice and even offer rebates.

Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses for applying water right to the soil where it is needed. You'll lose less water to evaporation and overspray. Avoiding overhead watering helps reduce the



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risk of disease. Irrigation systems also reduce your time spent watering and are especially helpful for container gardens and raised beds. Systems with closer drippers like the Raised Bed Drip Line Irrigation Kit (gardeners.com) are more effective at watering small areas like raised beds.

Plant native plants suited to your growing conditions and landscape design whenever possible. These deeply rooted plants help keep rainwater where it falls, reducing the risk of basement flooding and overwhelming storm sewers. The plants slow the flow of water, helping keep it on your landscape for the plants to use. Their deep roots create pathways for rainwater to enter and travel through the soil. Plant roots and soil help remove impurities from the water before it enters the groundwater and aquifers.

When adding walks, patios or other hard surfaces to your landscape consider

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Fishing Buzzards Bay

Fishing continues to provide plenty of action on the saltwater, if you are at the right place at the right time. This writer and Matt Fontaine made a trip to Buzzards Bay this past Saturday and absolutely hammered the seabass & Scaup. The seabass were being caught two at a time, as well as huge sea scaup, on a high and low rig that were baited with a small piece of squid and small green Berkley rubber grubs. At one point, I switched over to a Jig and a teaser rubber squid which they hammered as soon as it hit the bottom. At times, we used no bait at all, and continued to catch fish. We estimated catching over 100 seabass and as many jumbo scaup. What a day! Our limit of four seabass each were retained for the dinner table.

At the time of writing this column, striped fishing was red hot in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island waters. It should only get better in the coming days and weeks, providing no big



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storms being forecast. Fluke fishing in both Mass. & Rhode Island is improving every day, with a lot of undersize fish being caught. A nine-pound fluke was caught last week on one of the party boats out of Point Judith, R.I.!

There are plenty of bait fish in the area, including squid, that should keep fish around for a while. It was long winter, but that is behind us now, so grab your rod & reel and go fishing!

Weakfish are still hitting in many parts of Narragansett Bay and at Block Island, which is good news! Apponaug Bay in Rhode Island is a great place to find some of these hard fighting fish, and you do not need a large boat to fish the area. As I said last week, the Apponaug Bay area is easy to get to, and easy to fish. There are numerous boat ramps to launch your boat, and is often fished by kayakers. Stripers are also abundant in the same area, but you need to go early morning for the best

fishing.

Apponaug once had a big population of winter flounder there at this time of year, but is now absent of the once abundance great eating fish. Commercial fishing has depleted the fish in most of Narragansett Bay, and is now closed to flounder fishing! If you want to catch some winter flounder, you need to go to Quincy Bay where the action is really good. Seaworms are very expensive but nightcrawlers will work very nicely. Garden worms will also work very well, but you need to change them often if you do not get a bite from a fish in a short period of time. Flounder rigs work very well, but I prefer using a single flounder hook and weight.

This week's picture shows Bob Czupryna enjoying some fly fishing for trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week. Bob also enjoys fishing at the Quabbin Reservoir and has become very good at catching salmon while trolling flies.

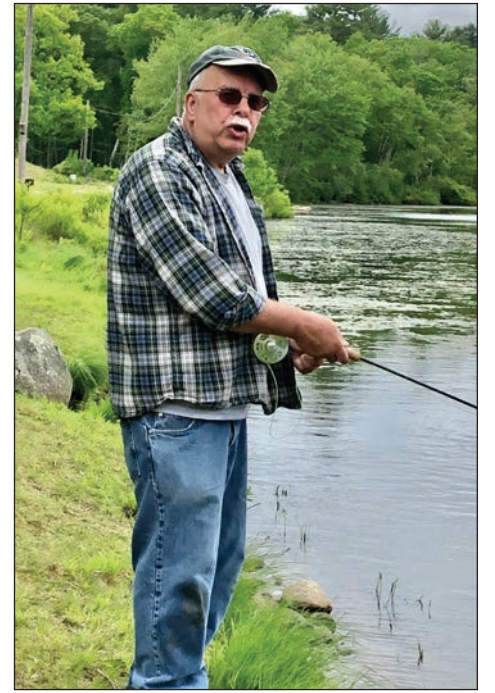


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All Purpose Barbecue Dry Rub for Chicken
Be sure to apply this rub to dry chicken for superior flavor!
Ingredients: one quarter cup paprika; two tablespoons granulated garlic; two tablespoons granulated onion; two teaspoons peppercorns; one teaspoon dry mustard; one teaspoon chili powder; two tablespoons cumin seed, toasted; three tablespoons coriander seed, toasted; one quarter cup kosher salt; one quarter cup light brown sugar; chicken pieces.
Directions: Combine all ingredients and mix very well. Rub on chicken directly or coat in a plastic storage bag. Makes about 1 ½ cups.

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Classic BBQ Sizzling Sauce
This old fashioned sauce has been a favorite for decades. Best of all, it's made with common kitchen ingredients.

Ingredients: One cup condensed Tomato Soup; one quarter cup vinegar; one quarter cup vegetable oil; two tablespoons packed brown sugar; one tablespoon Worcestershire sauce; one teaspoon garlic powder; one eighth teaspoon hot sauce (optional)
Directions: In small bowl, combine soup, vinegar, oil, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder and hot sauce; set aside. Use sauce to baste ribs, chicken, hamburgers or steak during broiling or grilling. Makes about 1 1/3 cups sauce

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Onion Barbecue Glaze

If you like onion flavor, this glaze is the perfect mix of sweet and salty with an oniony edge.

Ingredients: one envelope Lipton onion soup mix; three quarters of a cup of chili sauce; two tablespoons vinegar; one (12 oz.) jar peach or apricot preserves
Directions: In a small bowl combine all ingredients. Use as a glaze on spare ribs, chops, kabobs, steaks, burgers and chicken. Just brush on during last half of cooking. Makes 2 ½ cups.

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Low Carb BBQ Sauce

Low carb diets don't have to

translate to boring meats on the grill. You can boost up your

BBQ flavor with this homemade sauce that is low carb and delicious. Make up a batch and store it in the refrigerator.

Ingredients: 2 strips of thick bacon, chopped fine; 1 small onion, minced; 1 clove garlic, minced or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder; 1 small can (6 oz) tomato paste; 1 can (12 oz) diet (sugar-free) cola - Splenda or Stevia sweetened preferred; 1/4 cup no sugar added ketchup; 3 T mustard; 1 Tablespoon Worcestershiresauce; 1 pinch ground cloves ; Hot sauce to taste

Directions: Fry and drain bacon. Add the onion and cook over medium until soft - 3-5 minutes. Add garlic at this point if you're using fresh and stir it for half a minute or so. Add the rest of the ingredients, plus about half a cup of water. Stir well. Allow to simmer or a half hour to marry flavors (sauce will cook down). Season to taste.

The recipe makes approximately 10 servings of 1/4 cup each. Each serving has about 3 grams of carbohydrate plus 1 gram of fiber.

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Tenderizing Techniques:
Great grilling starts with meat preparation. Taking the time to tenderizing tough cuts of meat can make the difference between grilling success or failure. While the goal is to break down the muscle fibers in the

meat, there are a few standard methods that have been proven successful. The manual method employs the use of a kitchen mallet, which is used to "beat" down the fibers in raw meat. Also, there are several meat tenderizers available on the market that can be sprinkled onto the meat before cooking. Perhaps the most popular tenderizing option is the use of marinades, as these liquids not only make the meat tender but impart an important boost of flavor too. Add the fact overnight marinating can reduce cooking time by up to 35%, and it's no surprise the marinating method is a top choice.

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BBQ experts recommend tender cuts of beef marinate for just a couple of hours, while tougher cuts may require overnight soaking. Keep in mind marinating should be used with zippered plastic bags or glass or plastic bowls as the acids in some marinades can react with metal. After marinating, be sure to pat the meat dry with paper towels to ensure it cooks evenly on the grill.

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No Fail Marinade: This unconventional recipe from the retro era promises taste and tenderness.

Ingredients: one third cup steak sauce; one half cup packed brown sugar; one twelve ounce can 7Up or Sprite; one half cup melted butter; four tablespoons

red wine vinegar; one quarter teaspoon each onion powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Instructions: Combine all in a bowl or zip lock bag. Allow meat to marinate in mixture for at least an hour, or as long as overnight.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Erin Lyons graduates from College of Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Erin Lyons of Sturbridge recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from the College of Charleston.

Lyons was among more than 1,450 students who received degrees.

Located in the heart of historic Charleston, S.C., the College of Charleston is a nationally recognized public liberal arts and sciences university. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and

affordability. Its beautiful and historic campus, combined with contemporary facilities, cutting-edge programs and accessible faculty attracts students from across the U.S. and around the world.

Aidan Neilly earns degree from University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Aidan Neilly of Charlton Depot graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science during commencement ceremonies in May, 2022.

This year's commencement at the University of Vermont-the 221st in its history-marked a return to a traditional celebration outdoors on the University Green after two years of re-imagined ceremonies due to pandemic restrictions.

Erik Weihenmayer, one of the most renowned adventurers of the 21st century-best known as the first blind person to summit Mount Everest-urged graduates and family members to emulate a climber in their lives, not to quit or settle comfortably like a camper halfway up the peak. "Climbers understand life's an ongoing, never-ending process of reaching out into the darkness," he said, "reaching towards immense possibilities."

The ceremony was especially meaningful for UVM President Suresh Garimella-his third as president but the first one on the Green. Garimella conferred degrees on an estimated 3,332 graduates, including 2,558 bachelors, 515 masters, 131 doctoral and 118 medical degree recipients. Degree recipients hail from 44 states; among the graduates were 122 international students from 27

foreign countries. Approximately 1,057 of the graduates are from Vermont. The graduating class includes approximately 415 students of color.

About UVM

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MEYERS

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Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Alexander Neidhardt III, 72

Sturbridge: Dr. Alexander Michael Neidhardt III, 72, of Sturbridge, MA went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday May 24, 2022.



He was born on April 2, 1950 in Pittsburgh, PA to Alexander II and Mary Jane (Kunkel) Neidhardt. He attended Avonworth High School, then obtained his Bachelor's Degree at The University of Pittsburgh and went on to earn his DDS in Dentistry from Temple University.

In 1976 Alex married Leslie Muenzberg (Sturbridge, MA) and together they had two children. Leslie passed away October 8, 2002. Alex found love again, and married Helen (Wagher) Neidhardt. Alex, or Dr. Neidhardt, had a long and illustrious career as a general dentist at his practice in Southbridge, MA where he dedicated himself to the quality and personal care of his patients for 35 years. Alex, a devoted Christian served as a Deacon of the Faith Baptist Church. Among other philanthropic and community services, he served as a board member of the Southbridge YMCA, corporator at Southbridge Savings Bank, and staff member and corporator at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

Alex, or often "Augi", was known for his heart of gold, infectious optimism, unwavering faith, and corny jokes. He specialized in inside jokes to make those he loved feel special. Depending on the weather and the season, Alex would be actively pursuing one of his many hobbies which included but were not limited to windsurfing, playing guitar, hunting, working out, or meticulously maintaining his lawn. His diagnosis of Parkinson's disease may have impacted some of these pursuits in recent years, but never his perseverance, passion, or grace.

As a founding member of the Wee Jams in 1964, he loved to relive his days as a band member with a still active following in the Pittsburgh area. Alex played the guitar, trumpet, and whistle with the band. Above all, he

loved spending time with his family and many friends. As a father and grandfather, Alex supported and loved unconditionally. Family visits always included some sort of physical activity, whether it was a game of ping pong or a quiet hike in the woods at their beautiful farm in Woodstock, CT.

In addition to his wife Helen, Alex is survived by his loving sisters Carole Sharp of Colorado, Marianne White of Pittsburgh, and Susan Candela of Gaines, PA; his devoted son Adam Neidhardt and daughter-in-law Molly (O'Brien) of Beverly; his step-children Joe and Michelle Szela of Oxford, Mark and Kelly Szela of Charlton and Cheri Goulet of Thompson, CT. Alex's legacy will live on with his eight amazing grandchildren- Jackson and Sam Neidhardt, Joey and Matthew Szela, and Trent, Reid, Shayley, and Gage Szela. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bob and Sue Muenzberg of Sturbridge, and Sue (Muenzberg) and Steve Nasca of Medway, MA. Through the extended Muenzberg, White, Hamill, and Wagher family, 'Uncle Augi' had many nieces and nephews across the country who will miss his presence dearly.

Alex lived his faith, never faltering by honoring our great God. Timothy 4:7-8 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Alex, may you find the Lord in love and peace, and we will see you in Heaven soon.

His funeral was held on Thursday, June 2nd, at 10:00am in the Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 Child Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT. Burial will follow in Woodstock Central Cemetery, Woodstock, CT.

Calling hours for Alex were held on Wednesday, June 1st, in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, from 4:00 to 7:00pm. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Carol Ann Burlingame, 75

CHARLTON - Mrs. Carol Ann (Chickering) Burlingame, 75, passed away peacefully on Sunday May 29, 2022 at UMass Hospital in Worcester with her loving family by her side.

Carol was born on February 13, 1947 in Webster, Massachusetts a daughter of the late Alfred and Claire (Gronden) Chickering.

Carol was a graduate of Oxford High School, Class of 1966. She worked for several places over the years some included Ed Sterns Butcher Shop, as a librarian for the Town of Charlton and most recently for 18 years prior to her retirement as an office manager and assistant for Quality Physical Therapy.

She loved her crafts and was very artistic. She created jewelry and enjoyed painting. Many of her art pieces hung in her home.

Carol leaves behind her loving husband of 54 years, Raymond Burlingame,

her two daughters Kari Burlingame, and Lynn Caron and her husband Ryan; four sisters, Nancy McCarthy and her husband Donald, Mary Jackson and her husband William, Joan O'Day and her husband Patrick, and Lisa Chickering; a brother, Stephen Chickering; and four grandchildren, Nicholas Choiniere and his wife Emily, and Mikaela Choiniere and her fiancé Brad, Lexi and Ty Caron; two great grandchildren, Maddilynn and Raiden Wallace; also many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and grand-dogs.

Carol was pre-deceased by her brother Alfred Chickering.

A Celebration of Life for Carol will be held on Friday June 10th at the Robert J. Miller - Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Road from 9:00am to 11:00am. Interment will follow in West Ridge Cemetery. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, donations may be made in Carol's memory to the Dementia Friendly Charlton, C/O Charlton Senior Center 37 Main Street Charlton, Ma. 01507. Please visit www.miller.funerals@verizon.net

Francis "Frank" J. Malinowski, 85

CHARLTON - Francis "Frank" J. Malinowski, 85, of Oxford Road, died Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Life Care Center of Auburn.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan M. (Mioduszewski) Malinowski of Charlton; three children, John F. Malinowski and his wife Marelyn Collazo of Worcester, Stephen M. Malinowski and his wife Danielle

of Winthrop, ME, and Elizabeth M. Stevens and her husband Neal of West Brookfield; a brother, Richard Malinowski of Schenectady, NY; a sister-in-law, Nora Malinowski of Grafton; five grandchildren, Margaret Stevens, Owen Stevens, Jack Stevens, Caroline Stevens, and Sarah Malinowski; two step grandchildren, Jocelyn Rosa and Jonathan Morales; an uncle, Edward Bonczyk of Florida; one niece and four nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Albert Malinowski. He was born in Hoosick Falls, NY, son of the late Joseph F. and Bernice (Bonczyk) Malinowski, and lived in Charlton for 45 years. He graduated from Mont Pleasant High School in Schenectady, NY, in 1954. He proudly served in the

U.S. Army.

Mr. Malinowski was a computer operator for Mediquail in Marlboro, retiring in 2001. Previously, he worked at Heald Machine in Worcester for 24 years, as well as Chess King for several years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Charlton and was a member of the church choir. Mr. Malinowski was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11379 in Charlton. He was an active member of the Polish American Veterans of Worcester and was on the initial Cable Committee in Charlton. He enjoyed playing golf, watching Westerns, and was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 3, 2022, at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Road Ext., Charlton. Those attending are respectfully requested to meet directly at the church. Burial followed at West Ridge Cemetery in Charlton. Calling hours were Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01588, or to the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507.

Rita M.H. (Lehto) Boudreau, 87

OXFORD - Rita M.H. (Lehto) Boudreau, 87, of Wild Rose Street, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge,



after a battle with kidney disease. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Richard W. Boudreau who died in 2009. She is survived by two children, Teri M. Floyd and her husband Edward of Ocala, FL, and Michael R. Boudreau of Oxford; two grandchildren, Ashely Lynn Defries and her spouse Dana of Malden, and Shaun P. Nystrom of Ocala, FL; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Boudreau who died in 1956; two brothers, David Lehto and Richard Lehto; and two sisters, Helen Rawson and Janet Lumbra. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Emile and Alberta (Lambert) Lehto, and lived in Worcester before moving to Oxford in 1975. She attended Commerce High

School in Worcester.

Mrs. Boudreau was a foster parent for children through Catholic Charities for several years. Later, she was a babysitter for many children within her family, and for friends outside of her family for over 30 years. She was a Cub Scout den leader when her children were young. Mrs. Boudreau was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford, and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed puzzles, word searches, cooking and baking. She was a wonderful homemaker and mother, and she will be remembered for the wonderful meals she cooked for her family.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main Street, Oxford. Burial will follow at Notre Dame Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours were Tuesday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street, Oxford, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Visitation House, 119 Endicott St., Worcester, MA 01610.

Keith E. Herman, 58

Holland: Keith E. Herman, 58, of Overlook Rd., passed away at home on Thursday, June 2nd, after suffering from complications from COPD and Diabetes.



He leaves his longtime companion of 35 years, Holly A. Lawrence and their son, Tyler K. Herman of Holland; a step-daughter, Nicole Mayfield of Sturbridge; a brother, Richard E. Herman and his wife Lisa of St. John's, FL; his two sisters, Laura E. Tobin and her husband Mark of Olathe, KS and Katharine E. Woodward and her husband Jim of Wendell; his grandson, Brady and his beloved dog "Hooch".

He was born in Southbridge the son of the late Richard and Elizabeth A. (Hathaway) Herman. Keith worked for many years as a roofer for several local contractors. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. Keith was a longtime active member of the Holland Rod and Gun club. He was the proud owner and operator of a lemonade and breakfast sandwich booth at the Brimfield Flea Market serving so many for over 20 years.

Funeral Services and burial in Holland cemetery will be private. There are no calling hours.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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Friday's Child



Malayaja
Age 11

I like to sing,
dance and listen to music!

Malayaja, who goes by the name Jack, is a sweet and funny child of African American descent. She most definitely likes to sing and dance. She likes K-pop and spending time with others. She enjoys watching K-Dramas and YouTube. She also likes to learn different dance routines. Jack is described as an entertainer who likes making others laugh. Jack enjoys spending her extra time napping and listening to music.

Legally freed for adoption, Jack would do well in a family of any origin. She would like a family that would help her maintain contact with her siblings. Jack would benefit from caregivers who are patient and kind.

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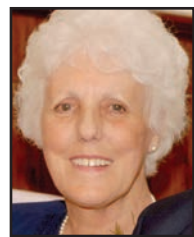
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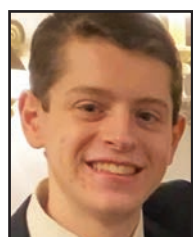
Nancy A. "Belle" Jolin, 83

STURBRIDGE: Nancy A. "Belle" (Arsenault) Jolin, 83, of Sturbridge passed away on Saturday May 21, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Joseph Jolin, in December 16, 2018. She is survived by her children; Victor and his wife Kathy of Maryland; Bill and his wife Laura of Georgia; Rebecca of Southbridge; Brian and his wife Madelyn of Southbridge; Pam and her husband Terry of Southbridge; Veronica of Florida; her sister Lorraine Therrien; 11 grandchildren: Jason, Brina, Bill, Alia, Claudia, Amanda, Iliana, Garrett, Samantha, Danielle, and Nicholas; and 7 great grandchildren: Matthew, Aiden, Elliott, Victoria, Henry, Braeden, and Elizabeth Belle. She was predeceased by her step-grandson Nicholas, her unofficially adopted son, Bryan LeBlanc, her brother Roland "Sonny" Arsenault, and two sisters, Jane Stanhope and Betty Lou Atkinson. She was a member of the



Central Baptist Church, and belonged to The Women's Fellowship and the church finance committee. Nancy obtained her GED in 1980. She worked in the cafeteria in Tantasqua High School and also worked as a private housekeeper. She did volunteer work at Harrington Hospital doing children's tours and at the YMCA working with disabled children. She was a real-estate agent in the local area prior to her retirement. In her 60s and 70s she took up karate and rollerblading until her kids took her roller blades away. Some of her hobbies included rollerblading, painting, tapdancing, and going on long mystery rides with her grandchildren. She played softball at Henry Street field, and helped start the Lassie League in Sturbridge and coached the Eagles for years. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday May 25th at 12PM in Central Baptist Church, Main St. Southbridge, followed by a burial at North Cemetery, Maple St. Sturbridge, MA. Belanger Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements. An online guestbook and video is available at belangerfuneralhome.com

Sturbridge: Nolan S. Kingman, 21, of Sturbridge, passed away on Sunday, May 29th.



He leaves his parents, Stephen D. and Devra (Weisman) Kingman of Sturbridge; his grandparents Gail Weisman of Haverhill, and Mitzi and Bob Kingman of Sturbridge; his three brothers, Aaron M. Kingman of Sturbridge, Deven J. Kingman of Sturbridge and Logan D. Kingman of Sturbridge; his sister, Jordan L. Kingman and her fiancé Denon Michaels of Southbridge; and his nephew, Connor Michaels; and his extended family of many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Nolan also adored his two dogs Penny and Fenway - he would pet them more than any other family member. He was born in Worcester, MA and graduated from Tantasqua High School in 2019.

Nolan worked for Safety Source of New England in Charlton, MA, his families' business, for the past many years. Nolan was an avid golf-

er and loved keeping up to date on New England sports teams. He was a former baseball and soccer player at Tantasqua High School and American Legion Baseball (Post 109) player out of Sturbridge, MA. Nolan attended school at Quinsigamond Community College with the hope of becoming a Respiratory Therapist. He also enjoyed playing Rocket League online with his friends Tyler and Colton calling themselves the "Boys In The Boat". He loved playing (or more so) beating his family members in a game of chess.

The Kingman family could not be more proud of this amazing 21-year-old who asked for nothing but gave his whole heart in all he did. His infectious smile and his beautiful blue eyes will live within all that knew him.

A special thanks to family friends Sarah and Jessica for being with Nolan's family during this difficult time.

At the request of the family all services will be private.

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

SPORTS

Registration now open for inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge

BROOKFIELD — Registration is now open for the inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge being held at Lake Quacumquasit (aka South Pond) in Brookfield/Sturbridge on Sunday, August 7, according to event organizer Jennifer Yorzyk-Triger.



The Wild Bill Swim Challenge includes events open water swimming races for all ages and ability levels, including a three-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start and a maximum swim time of two hours and 30 minutes, a one-mile open water swim with an 8 a.m. start, a one-mile paddleboard/swim relay for two entrants with a 10:30 a.m. start, and a one-way 400-yard swim with an 11:30 a.m. start. Entry fees and registration information can be found on the event website at wildbillswim.org.

There will also be fun activities for the family, entertainment, food trucks, and a Vintage Bathing Beauties & Blokes Pageant. The event will conclude with

a celebration of winners on the South Pond beach at 12:30 p.m.

Yorzyk-Triger created the event as a tribute to her father, Olympic Gold Medalist Dr. William "Bill" Yorzyk, who died in 2020. Dr. Yorzyk, a long-time resident of South Pond, took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College.

He was a five-time NCAA All American who set a total of 11 World Records. Yorzyk swam competitively into his 70s and passed on his love of the sport to his sons and daughter.

Proceeds from this first Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and funded by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant Program. The Town of Sturbridge, which is managing the project, is working with the Quaboag Quacumquasit

Lake Association (QQLA), the ESS Environmental Group, and Solitude Lake Management to conduct an alum treatment targeting deep phosphorus-rich sediment in South Pond that could be completed as early as spring 2023.

"With the Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge we've created an event where people will enjoy the beautiful water of South Pond while this year supporting a project that will ensure its sustained cleanliness," explains Yorzyk-Triger. Starting with the 2023 event, she plans to use the proceeds from future challenges to create and fund a permanent scholarship for competitive swimmers in Dr. Yorzyk's memory.

Yorzyk-Triger says volunteers and sponsorships are also needed. For more information, email Jenn Yorzyk-Triger at jenn@wildbillswim.org. Additional updates will be available on Facebook (The Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge), Instagram (@wildbillswim), and the QQLA website at qqla.org. Donations are also being accepted at gofundme.com/the-wild-bill-swim-and-paddle-challenge.



Courtesy photo

A young Bill Yorzyk took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. (Left: Silver medalist Takashi Ishimoto, Japan. Right: Bronze medalist György Tumpek, Hungary)



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SPORTS

Bay Path baseball, softball compete in Division 4 State Tournaments

UPTON/CHARLTON — On Friday, June 3, Division 4 State Tournament season began for Bay Path Regional when the softball team played a Round of 32 matchup at No. 15 Nipmuc Regional.

In a rematch from the first round of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class B Tournament, which the Warriors won 5-0, Nipmuc won again — although this time it was more of a classic, 8-7.

No. 18 Bay Path scored a run in the top of the first inning on a Leeann Dagnese RBI double, but the Warriors responded in the home half of the frame with a two-run homer off the bat of Ella Fernald.

The game turned into a back-and-forth affair with Nipmuc scoring four runs in the bottom of the seventh to win in walk-off fashion.

Bay Path finished with a record of

10-11.

Then, on Monday, June 6, attention was turned to baseball when No. 14 Bay Path hosted No. 19 Ipswich High in the Round of 32. The local nine were able to keep their season alive thanks to an 8-3 victory.

Zach Fritze worked wonders on the mound for the Minutemen, tossing the first 6-1/3 innings and allowing a four-hitter with nine strikeouts.

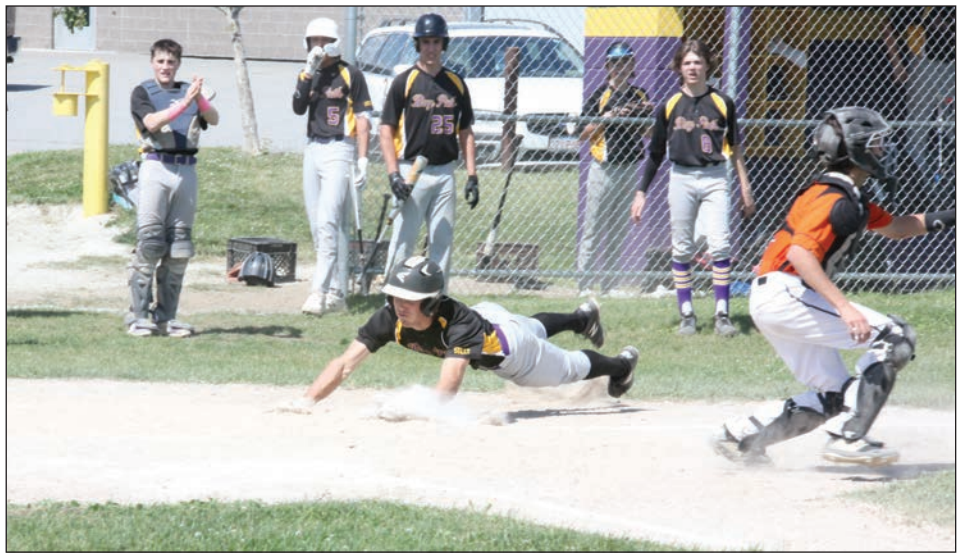
Offensively, Brandon Martocci was 3-for-4 which included an inside-the-park home run.

Bay Path was next set to play at No. 3 AMSA (Advanced Math and Science Academy) in the Round of 16, after press time. AMSA defeated the Minutemen twice during regular season play.



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path pitcher Sam Buchanan winds up and delivers to the plate.



Brandon Martocci of Bay Path slides safely into home plate for an inside-the-park home run.



Zach Fritze of Bay Path deals a pitch versus Ipswich.



Bay Path's Paige Osche opens the game with Nipmuc with a single up the middle.

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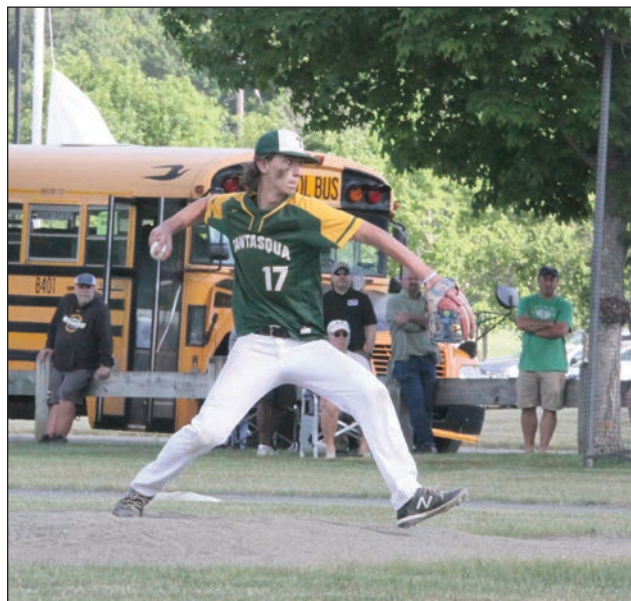
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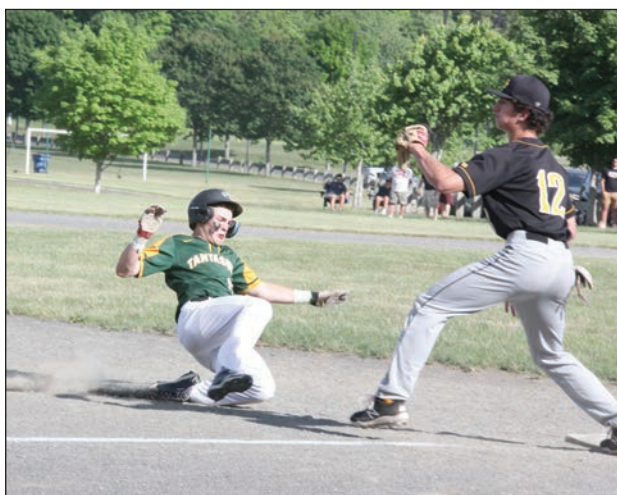
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Warriors outlast Boston Latin Academy for first playoff win since 2008

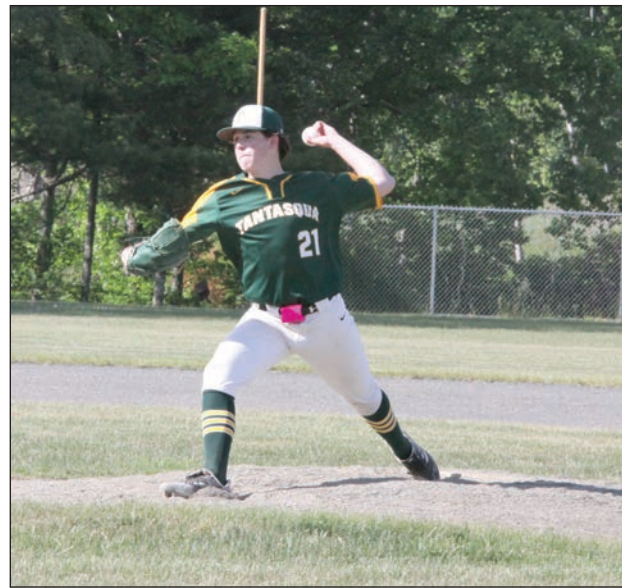
TANTASQUA THEN OUSTED BY NEWBURYPORT IN ROUND OF 32



Tantasqua's Joe Amaru came in relief of Miles Blake and earned the victory over Boston Latin Academy for the Warriors' first playoff win since 2008.



Lucas MacNevin of Tantasqua slides safely into third base for a triple.



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua starting pitcher Miles Blake peers at the plate before delivering the pitch.

STURBRIDGE — After a successful 16-4 regular season this spring, it was only fitting that the Tantasqua Regional varsity baseball team proceeded to grab its first playoff win since 2008. To do so, a total team effort was needed when the Warriors, seeded 23rd

in the Division 3 State Tournament, hosted No. 42 Boston Latin Academy in the preliminary round on Friday, June 3.

The Dragons took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning, but Tantasqua rallied with a five-run sixth to win a 5-1 decision.

Lucas MacNevin started the rally with an RBI single. MacNevin then scored on a throwing

error. Cole Nussey followed with a two-RBI single and he later scored on a wild pitch.

Miles Blake started on the mound for Tantasqua and worked the first 3-2/3 innings before giving way to Joe Amaru. Amaru earned the win in his 2-2/3 innings of relief

as Aubyn Phillips got the final two outs to preserve the victory.

The Warriors then traveled to No. 10 Newburyport High in the Round of 32 on Monday, June 6. There, Tantasqua's season came to a close at 17-5 as they lost a 4-1 decision.



Tantasqua's Jack Ricciuti stays back on his swing as the ball approaches the plate.

POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

All results include games played through Monday, June 6

Monday, June 6

Division 2 Boys' Lacrosse Preliminary Round

(31) Tantasqua 10, (34) Agawam 6 — The Warriors kept their season alive and advanced to the Round of 32. There, they were set to take on No. 2 Duxbury High, after press time.

Division 2 Softball Round of 32

(4) Westfield 7, (29) Shepherd Hill 0 — The Rams ran into a very strong

Westfield team as The Hill finished 9-1. But Shepherd Hill did win a State playoff game, defeating No. 36 Marlborough High, 6-5, in a preliminary round game on Saturday, June 4.

Sunday, June 5

Division 3 Softball Round of 32

(19) Tantasqua 14, (14) Apponequet 6 — A 14-run outburst did the trick for the Warriors, as they advanced to the Round of 16. Tantasqua was scheduled to play at No. 3 Dighton-Rehoboth, after press time.



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Garden Club holds annual Plant Sale

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Garden Club welcomed in the spring growing season with their annual plant sale on Saturday, June 4 offering a little piece of each member's own gardens for others to add to their own greenery in 2022.

The annual plant sale is a bit different than many might envision. While such sales are usually colorful and filled with flowers, the Garden Club's sale had so much more providing a variety of different plants derived from locally grown gardens to allow gardeners new and old a chance to add something new to their own properties in a new year. Club Co-President Virginia Charette said the event acts

as a fundraiser to help support the Club's programs.

"The money is used for our meetings and when we have speakers come in and talk. We also do a lot of planting around town, so this helps with our beautification efforts as well," Charette said of the sale's profits.

Charette's fellow Co-Chair Marcia Liedigk added that the sale is also an important outreach opportunity. Those that attend and purchase plants not only have an opportunity to learn more about the Club, but also get an idea of what kinds of greenery are grown in town.

"It's time to divide all of your plants anyway. We take divisions of different plants from our own yards that we would like to see someone else have in their garden and we sell them

here," Marcia Liedigk added. "We want to teach people about the art of gardening. We hope to see them join our club and even if they're a member of another club they are welcome here. Our membership is from all over. We like to help promote gardening and get people interested in different plants. It's not just flowers. It's vegetables, trees, shrubs, herbs, and more. Some people have plants that like shade, some that like sun, some that are house plants, so there's all sorts of plants for any interest."

The Charlton Garden Club currently has 37 members and meets once a month from March through December. The Garden Club sponsors a wide variety of educational and interactive events including upcoming discussions on



Photo Jason Bleau

A small selection of the local plants sold during the Charlton Garden Club's Plant Sale on June 4.

tomato culture in July and their annual flower show during Old Home Day on Sept. 5. Information about events, membership, and more can be found at www.chartongarden.club.

Old Sturbridge Academy opens "Exploring Elements of Childhood" exhibit



STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Academy Charter Public School (OSACPS) is unveiling its second major exhibit of the year, "Exploring Elements of Childhood," presented in the David Wight Community Gallery. Created by OSA's sixth and seventh-grade classes, the exhibit explores the topics of "school" and "toys and games," respectively, as part of the Learning Through Projects (LTP) Program at OSA.

The exhibit was a hands-on assignment for the students at OSA. Sixth-grade students conducted an immersive study at the Village by visiting the schoolhouse and learning what

it was like to be in school in the 1830s, while seventh-grade students dove into aspects of 19th-century leisure time and participated in period games on the Commons. Both groups were aided by the Old Sturbridge Village Collections and Research Department in research and object studies both in Collections Storage and the Research Library.

Once primary research was completed, students picked the objects which best conveyed what they had learned and what they wanted the visitor to know, and wrote labels to help explain their themes. They partnered with OSV staff on exhibit design,

choosing where they wanted their objects in the space and how each object should be displayed. Students worked exhibit prep, painting mounts and cleaning plexiglass, prepping a tool kit, and final install - mounting shelves on walls, placing objects safely on the mounts, and labeling and showcasing.

"This second exhibit really gave the kids a chance to dive into a subject that was relatable to them, said Brittany Guerrette, Collections and Research Public Programming Specialist at Old Sturbridge Village. "They were able to better understand the life of children, like themselves, in the past through handling and studying the objects, as well as through their own research and immersive experiences in the Village. All of this work culminated into this wonderful exhibition, which they should all be proud of."

Guests can stop into the gallery and view the Exploring Elements of Childhood exhibit on their own during normal OSV operating hours. The first exhibit premiered this year by OSA, called "Learning Through Objects," is also available for viewing in the Bullard Tavern and will close to the public on Jun. 14.

To learn more about Old Sturbridge Village Academy, visit: <https://www.osacps.org/>.

DA's outreach team attends Public Safety Day at TRJHS

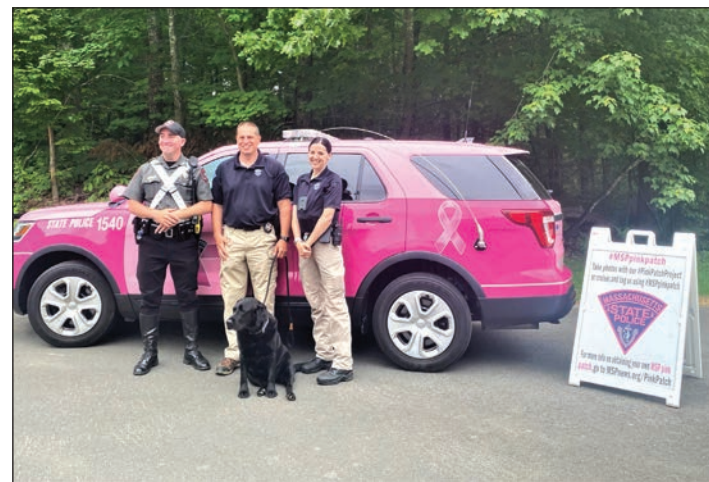


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Local first responders attend Public Safety Day at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School.

STURBRIDGE – Last month, members of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early's community outreach team attended Public Safety Day at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School.

The outreach team hosted a resource table at the event. Members spoke to students and their families about ways to prevent bullying, encourage cyber safety, foster compassion, and several other topics helpful to teens in the classroom.

Members of the DA's team were joined at the event by the Holland Police Department, Sturbridge Police Department, UMass Amherst Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, Sturbridge Fire Department, Brookfield Police Department, Wales Police Department, and the Brimfield Police Department.

The event also featured several vehicles and equipment used by first responders on a daily basis to keep the community safe.

Trinity Catholic Academy hosts annual State Pageant

SOUTHBRIDGE — On May 26, the fourth-grade class at TCA led by teacher, Mrs. Primavera, shared the findings about their chosen state, celebrating our country in festive style in the school's gymnasium. A great musical performance cheering the 50 states started the event followed by a second entertaining tune about all the capital cities. A parade of student-designed "wagon floats" were strutted around the gym by their creator, followed by a short individual presentation about each state. It truly was entertaining and informative, with

the students sharing interesting facts, humorous laws, historical information, landmarks and so much more. The states that we had the privilege to get closer acquainted with were Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Virginia. Did you know that it is illegal to spit on a seagull in Roanoke, Va., that there is a \$2,000 fine for driving with muddy tires in Minnetonka, Minn., or that it is illegal in New York to walk down the street with an ice cream in your back pocket? Now you know! There is always some-



thing to learn about our great USA at every age! The event concluded with a short rendition of what they have learnt to play on a ukulele with Music Director, Mr. Pariseau.

Alumni over the years have commented that they retain the information they learn from this annual fun project at TCA well into adulthood!

Trinity Catholic Academy, a Pre-K to Grade 8 STREAM school, which promotes academic excellence, the arts, athletics, and character through respect, compassion, and service, among our diverse family, inspired and guided by the wonder, beauty, and power of the Holy Trinity.

Southbridge Rotary awards scholarships

SOUTHBRIDGE — On May 24, the Southbridge Rotary Club held an Honor Scholar Luncheon and awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to recent graduates from Southbridge High School, Bath Path Regional Technical High School and Shepherd Hill Regional High School. Recipients submitted applications and were selected by the Scholarship Committee chaired by Rotary Member and Hyde Tool CFO, Ronald Carlson.

and are all class of 2022 graduates and pursue a college or technical school program. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship to be used to pursue their education or vocation. Arthur P. Proulx Scholarship for an outstanding essay was presented to Christopher Tyznik of Southbridge High School. He is a member of the Southbridge H.S. Interact Club and was a 2020 Rotary Youth Leadership Award recipient.

The J.I. Morris Scholarship is awarded to the individual that pursued a trade or techni-

cal program during high school. This year's recipient is Carlos Rosado who is a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School and will pursuing a career as an electrician. Rotary Scholarships were awarded to Southbridge High School graduate, Yarielis Diaz, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate, Scarlet Taveras Guzman, and Shepherd Hill Regional High School graduates, Kiley Hanlan and Trevor Wallace.

Rotary Club of Southbridge is a community service, non-profit



Photo Courtesy

Southbridge Rotary President Patrick Morrill, Yarielis Diaz, Kiley Hanlan, Carlos Rosado, Christopher Tyznik and Scholarship Chair Ron Carlson.

The awardees must live in the towns of Southbridge or Charlton

organization that focuses on club, vocational, community, international

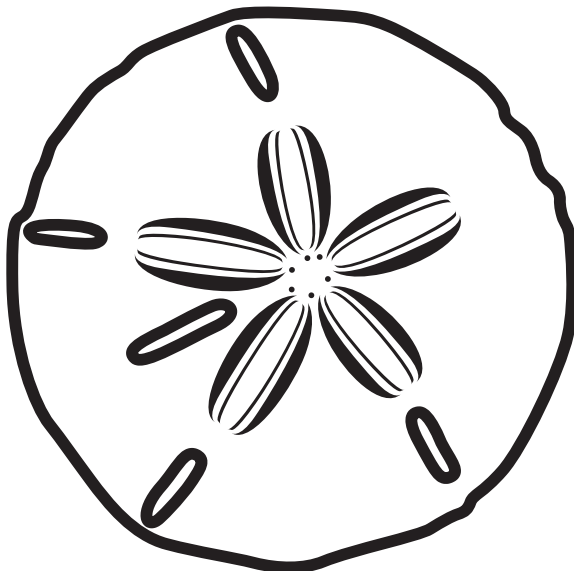
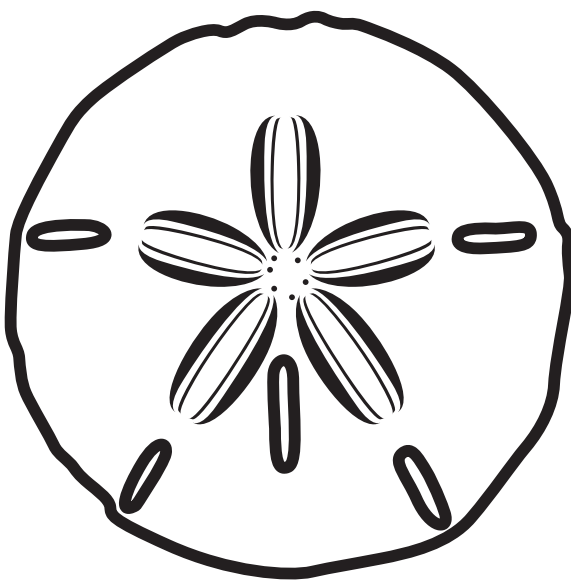
and new generations service. For more information visit the Rotary

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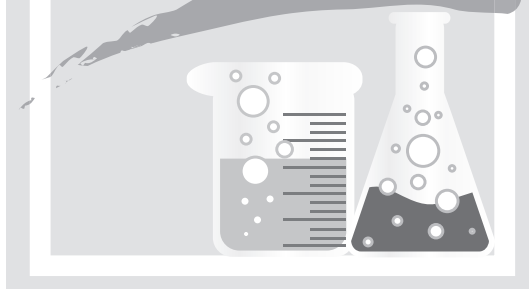
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- **1956:** ELVIS PRESLEY SPARKS AN UPROAR WITH HIS DANCING AS HE SINGS "HOUND DOG" ON "THE MILTON BERLE SHOW."
- **1993:** PORTIONS OF THE HOLBECK HALL HOTEL IN ENGLAND FALL INTO THE SEA FOLLOWING A LANDSLIDE.

SCIENCE FACT!



WIND AS WELL AS GRAVITATIONAL PULL BETWEEN THE EARTH, SUN AND MOON HELP THESE FORM IN BODIES OF WATER.

ANSWER: WAVES

New Word

BUOYANCY

the tendency to float in air, water or some other fluid

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Beach

SPANISH: Playa

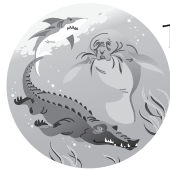
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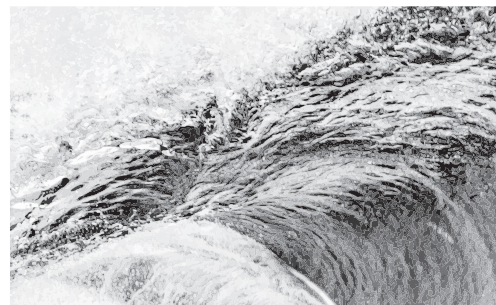
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ANSWER: SURFING WAVE CURL

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Clue: Sensory hairs

B. 24 4 7 18

Clue: Feet

C. 5 1 10 24

Clue: Leap off surface

D. 15 8 17 17 12

Clue: Nickname for a cat

Answers: A. whiskers B. paws C. jump D. kitty

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2	8	7	3	9	6	1	4	5
5	3	1	7	4	2	9	8	6
6	5	2	4	7	3	8	1	9
8	1	3	2	6	9	4	5	7
7	9	4	8	5	1	6	3	2
3	4	8	9	2	7	5	6	1
9	7	6	5	1	4	3	2	8
1	2	5	6	3	8	7	9	4

ANSWER:

Beware of skimmers and shimmers

Personal safety refers to physical and mental well-being, but individuals also must take steps to safeguard their financial well-being.

Thieves have various ways to steal individuals' personal data — everything from hacking into banking or shopping accounts to stealing physical mail. But thieves also have more sophisticated, often hidden ways to steal private financial data. Consumer Reports says the public should be aware of skimmers and shimmers, which are sophisticated devices that steal data when people use public credit and debit card readers at ATMs, gas pumps and other locations.

A card skimmer is placed on top of the point-of-sale terminal. When a person swipes his or her credit or debit card, the device collects data from it. That data can be used to make fraudulent purchases and to produce counterfeit cards. Among the newest tools scammers use are shimmers, which are tiny types of skimmers that are capable of reading data from new chip-based cards, according to the ATM Industry Association, a nonprofit trade organization. Criminals can even retrofit hidden cameras at ATMs and other locations with card skimmers. Skimmers and shimmers are often Bluetooth-based circuit boards that can transmit stolen card data wire-

lessly. A thief can drive by a terminal to download card data remotely from a mobile device or laptop.

Devices are getting harder and harder to spot and are turning up in some unlikely places. According to Matt Hayes, a special agent for the United States Secret Service, "You're never going to know the skimmer is installed on the point-of-sale terminal [of a store]." Recent surveillance video from inside an Aldi grocery store in Pennsylvania showed someone installing a skimming device right in front of a clerk who was unaware of what was happening.

The ATM Industry Association says about half of the skimmers currently in use are relatively invisible. The credit scoring company FICO indicates the latest data showed there was a 70 percent increase in the number of debit cards that were compromised in 2016 at ATMs and other card readers used by merchants, and the numbers continue to grow.

Monitoring credit card and banking statements as well as credit reports is the best way to keep on top of scams. Quickly report any unauthorized withdrawals, payments or purchases; otherwise, you may be responsible for charges and face long-term financial repercussions.



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LEGALS

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Request for Bids FY23 Heating Oil, Diesel, Gasoline and Boiler Maintenance

Sealed bids, appropriately marked, will be received, publicly opened and read on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Brimfield Town Hall, 21 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The following items for Fiscal Year 2023 will be awarded by the Board of Selectmen on Monday, June 27, 2022 at their duly posted meeting.

I. Fuels: *Must hold an Ultimate Vendor's License

1. Heating Fuel
1,000-gallon capacity
2. Diesel – Ultra Low Sulphur
2,000-gallon capacity
3. Gasoline – Unleaded
2,000-gallon capacity
4. Boiler Maintenance *See Below**

***Boiler Maintenance:** The Town of Brimfield has a total of four (4) furnaces/boiler systems in its municipal buildings (Town Hall, Town Hall Annex Building and Library) that require annual cleaning and periodic repairs. Bids are to include the per hourly labor rate for this work. Materials will be paid for as necessary.

The Town of Brimfield will consider bids based only upon "mark up over daily rack price"

Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning June 8, 2022 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday or by emailing the Selectmen's Office at selectmen@brimfieldma.org. Questions with regard to other matters relative to this bid should be directed to the Brimfield Highway Surveyor, Zach Lemieux at 413-245-4103 or by email at highway@brimfieldma.org. **Envelopes must be clearly marked**

FY2023 Heating Oil, Diesel, Gasoline, and Boiler Maintenance with bid opening date. All bids must be submitted on the Town of Brimfield Bid form (included in bid packet).

No bids will be accepted after the time and date specified.

Duration of bid is for Fiscal Year 2023; otherwise, please state on bid sheet any exceptions. Payment Terms: Net term, 30 days. Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority **MUST** be included in all bid submissions. Bids received without executed certificates will not be considered.

Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provisions of provisions of Chapter 149, M.G.L., section 26-27D. Bids submitted for heating oil, diesel and gasoline are subject to the provisions of the Prevailing Wage law where applicable.

The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids, or, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield.

Zachary Lemieux
Highway Surveyor
Brimfield, MA 01010
(413) 245-4103
June 10, 2022
June 17, 2022

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Request for Bids

Various Road Materials, Equipment Rentals, Crack Sealing-Polymer & Crumb Rubber Modified (PCRM) Asphalt Compound with Reinforcing Fibers and Bituminous Concrete-Type I for Fiscal Year 2023

Sealed bids, appropriately marked, will be received, publicly opened and read on Monday, June 27, 2022 at

1:30 p.m. in the Brimfield Town Hall, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. The following items for Fiscal Year 2023 will be awarded by the Board of Selectman on Monday, June 27, 2022 at their duly posted meeting:

- I. Various Road Materials
 - II. Equipment Rental with Operator
 - III. Crack Sealing-Polymer & Crumb Rubber Modified (PCRM) Asphalt Compound with Reinforcing Fibers
 - IV. Bituminous Concrete – Type I
- Bid specifications will be available for pickup beginning June 9, 2022 at the Brimfield Highway Department, 34B Wales Road, Brimfield, MA from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday or by emailing the Selectmen's Office at selectmen@brimfieldma.org. Questions with regard to various locations and other matters relative to this bid are to be directed to the Brimfield Highway Surveyor, Zachary Lemieux at the Brimfield Highway Department at 413-245-4103.

Envelopes must be clearly marked as stated on the Bid Sheet with Item and Number and include the date and time of the bid opening. Where required, bids must indicate a single cubic yard multiplier (dollar amount per cubic yard) and/or price per ton on the appropriate bid form attached.

Bituminous Concrete-Type I bids must indicate all prices, both pick up at plant (not more than 15 miles of the Brimfield Highway Garage, 34B Wales Rd) and to be delivered to the Town of Brimfield, Town Yard, or, the job location in the Town of Brimfield. Bids shall include the current base price for liquid asphalt. The price adjustment of hot mix asphalt mixtures containing liquid asphalt shall apply as per scheduled posted on Massachusetts Highway Department website: www.mass.gov/mhd and "Special Provisions" as attached. Contractors intending to bid on Bitu-

minous Concrete – Type I, Full Depth Reclamation with Calcium Chloride and Crack Seal must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Highway Department and the pre-qualifying form from the State must be presented at the time the bid package is picked up from the Town of Brimfield. A bid deposit of 5% of the total price bid must be submitted.

All work/items must meet Massachusetts Department of Transportation, highway standards specifications.

Prevailing Wage Rates have been established by the Department of Labor and Industries under the provision of Chapter 149, M.G.L., Section 26-27D. Bids submitted for Full Depth Pavement Reclamation with Calcium Chloride are subject to the provisions of General Laws, Chap 534, 30B, Section 30M inclusive as amended, (Public Works Construction).

Executed Certificates of Non-Collusion and Tax Compliance (attached) and Corporate Authority (MUST) be included in all bid submissions. Bids received without the executed certificates will not be considered.

Duration of the bid contract is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; otherwise, please state on bid sheet any exceptions.

Payment terms: Net term, 30 days. The Board of Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids, or, accept that bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Brimfield.

Zachary Lemieux
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What:

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When:

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- June 11, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where:

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