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The historic Rider Tavern on Stafford Street in Charlton.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The town of Charlton has a rich history dating back to its first settlement in the early 1700s, but by the end of that decade possibly the most historical structure in the commu-

nity made its debut and still stands today as a testament to Charlton's past. Nestled along Stafford Street, the 22-room, three-story Rider Tavern opened its doors in 1797, and quickly became an important stop along a stagecoach road through town. For more than 200

years, the Tavern has been considered one of the best documented examples of a wayside tavern of the Federal period in New England. Owned and managed by the Charlton Historical Society, the group is hoping to bring more awareness to the Tavern in the

2020s.

Charlton Historical Society President Frank Morrill said the Society is making great efforts to remind Charlton of the importance of the Tavern. Morrill said the Tavern was originally meant to serve as an outlet for products from

a local distillery and became a prime location to rest on the main thoroughfare. Over the last two centuries the Tavern has stood the test of time hosting Masonic meetings, Victorian Balls and even serving as the setting of several films including some filmed

during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it was in the early 1800s that the Tavern earned its greatest claim to fame with a visit from an icon of the Revolutionary War.

In 1824, Marquis de Lafayette, better known

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Sturbridge DPW lists year's roadwork

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Selectmen addressed a bunch of small issues at their March 6 meeting, most of them related to public works.

DPW Director Heather Blakeley started by summarizing her fiscal 2024 paving plan. A key part of it will be to finish Stallion Hill Road from Douty to Leadmine, to finish the Laurel Hill-Orchard-Shepherd Park neighborhood, and do Putnam and Ladd roads. One area that was proposed for paving won't happen (Walker Pond Road) because the department is considering a waterline project to address the existence of about 20 contaminated wells first.

Residents raised that issue several meetings ago, noting the contamination is coming from an old state salt shed on the Mass Pike nearby.

Blakeley said she's also looking at doing more sewer line work along route 20 and water tank repair and possible replacement.

Board members asked about the parking lot project, and she noted it should be done this fall. Similarly, they were concerned about the Rte 20 project near Yankee Candle, which has been stalled for some time. Jamie Goodwin said there's been some conflict between the contractor and the state, and suggested doing a Freedom of Information Act request to find out what's going on.

Town Administrator Robin Grimm agreed, adding she's been talking to the town attorneys about filing in court as an "interested party" to get more information and have some say.

Water/Sewer Director Shane Moody added his department is conducting regular PFAS testing and a townwide survey for lead piping in the system. He said they'll visit every connected house, and will have to assume a home has it if the owners don't let them inspect.

In other issues, Fire Chief John Grasso said he's been seeing a larger number of carbon monoxide calls this winter. Most of them have been false alarms, but he urged people to check their detectors and clean chimneys, pellet stove outlets, and dryer outlets annually (preferably before winter).

He praised the department's two new firefighters for being the top two in their academy class.

Grimm also announced there's a Daughters of the American Revolution ceremony honoring local veterans of that war in the historical cemetery next to the Center Office Building Friday, March 17 at 2 p.m. She said it's one of several similar events around the state, and part of the DAR's state convention, which is meeting in Southbridge March 16-18.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

Council panel endorses grant for sidewalks

SOUTHBRIDGE — After an extensive debate on Tuesday, March 7, the Town Council's Planning & Development subcommittee voted unanimously to send an "expression of interest" for \$1 million in Mass Works grant funding to rebuild sidewalks in the town's commercial zones. The actual council vote happened this Monday, after this paper's deadline.

"Stop catering to the millionaires and start thinking about the little

guys," Scott Lazo said when he proposed the change. He noted many sidewalks "look like an earthquake went off," while others recalled tripping over various hazards in them.

"I think the sidewalk suggestion near businesses is a great suggestion," said Economic Development Director Peg Dean.

She said the town will have "a realistic number" for the sidewalk length when the Safe Streets grant project is done, but

estimated there's "15,000 feet in downtown" alone from the recent slum-blight survey. (The panel voted to recommend accepting that grant Tuesday as well.)

If Southbridge gets the money, the exact process for distributing this funding remains to be determined. Participants were leaning toward having her department reach out to businesses to see what they need and aim to have it be for commercial areas townwide, not just on Main Street.

Dean said MassWorks funds must promote economic development.

Dave Adams noted the Council has budgeted around \$50,000 for sidewalks for several recent years, but the work never got done due to lack of staff at the DPW. That prompted Gus Steeves to propose "put[ting] it all out as one sidewalk project" and getting a contractor to do it "all at once in one or two years" with the grant money. He sug-

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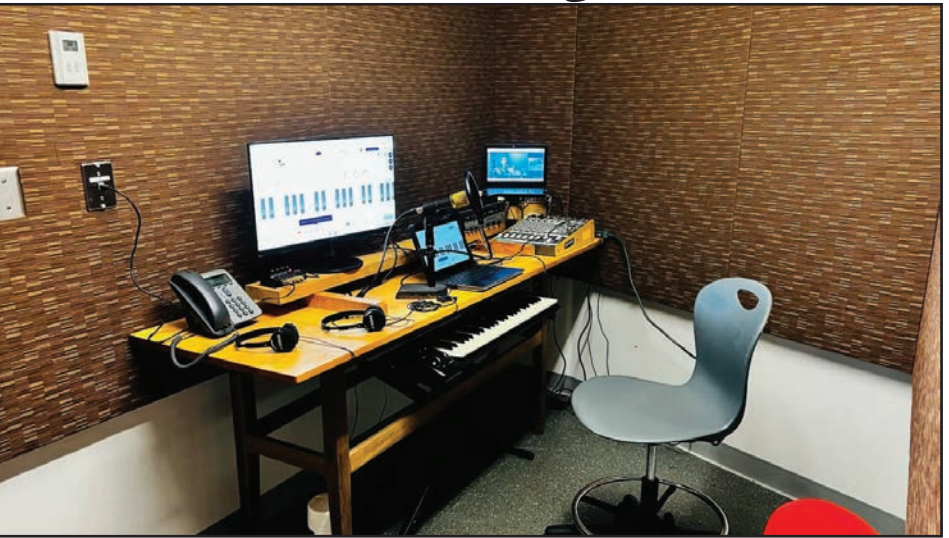
Southbridge Middle School opens digital music recording studio

SOUTHBRIDGE — Receiver/Superintendent Jeffrey A. Villar and Principal Jeff House are pleased to announce that Southbridge Middle School has opened its first-ever digital music recording studio.

The recording studio - called the Pioneers Studio - became fully operational in January. The space is utilized by general music students for project-based assignments and by concert band students for practice.

The studio features the latest technology in digital music recording, providing students access to practice and record a variety of digital music composition assignments and creative songwriting lessons.

Students collaborate in pairs throughout the week to work on their projects. Teams have



Courtesy

Southbridge Middle School's new digital recording studio features cutting-edge technology.

recorded audio podcasts, used their own written lyrics to record vocals, and even brought in acoustic instruments, including a Djembe hand drum and guitars, to add instrumentation to their digital tracks.

All projects direct-

ly align with the state's 2019 Arts Curriculum Framework standards. Southbridge Middle School teachers worked to develop an entirely new tiered General Music curriculum this past fall that includes the music studio and digital music

technology.

"Student participation in the arts is an important aspect of successful schools. I am pleased Southbridge Middle School is providing our students rich and engaging musical opportunities," said Villar.

Cornerstone Bank promotes five employees to senior leadership positions

W O R C E S T E R — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has announced the promotion of five of its employees to senior leadership positions:

Auburn resident Douglas Schmeling is now senior vice president, chief credit officer.

Thomas Moschos, a resident of Southborough, is now senior vice president, commercial lender.

Jessica Johnson, a Westminster resident, is now vice president, senior market manager.

Fitchburg resident, Erin McGinnis, is now vice president, customer information center manager.

Marcella Mosio, a resident of Charlton, is now vice president, assistant controller.



Courtesy

BAY PATH SENIOR RECOGNIZED AS “ALL-STAR” AT STATE PHCC CONFERENCE

Bay Path Plumbing senior Damion Szafarowicz was recently recognized as Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School's PHCC All-Star Plumbing student at the Massachusetts Plumbing – Heating – Cooling – Contractors (PHCC) of Massachusetts Annual Conference and Trade Show at the Royal Trade Plaza in Marlborough, Massachusetts. All-Star students were awarded on stage with tool bags from Ferguson and a \$500 scholarship given by the State of Massachusetts Plumbing Board of Examiners. Damion's mother, Justina Szafarowicz, Bay Path Lead Plumbing Instructor Paul Daoust, and Director of Career and Technical Education James Tripp Pockevicius were present at the event. Since 2009, PHCC of MA has been recognizing students for the leadership in shop and other educational classes as well as for their dedication to continue in the trade after graduation.

“We pride ourselves on being a great place to work, and part of that is creating career pathways that allow employees to grow and develop with us,” said CEO Todd Tallman. “We are so grateful to Doug, Tom, Jess, Erin and Marcie for their contributions to date, and look forward to all they will achieve in their new roles.”

Schmeling has worked for Cornerstone for 14 years, starting at Spencer Savings Bank. He earned his bachelor's degree at North Adams State College (now the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts) and his MBA at Nichols College in Dudley.

Moschos joined Spencer Savings Bank in 2015 before the merger that created Cornerstone Bank. He has been a lender in Worcester County for more than a decade, with most of his recent focus on commercial real estate throughout New England. Prior to joining Cornerstone, he was credit trained through a commercial lending training program at a prior financial institution and focused on commercial and industrial lending and owner-occupied commercial real estate.

Johnson began her career at Spencer Savings

Bank in 2008, working part-time as a teller while finishing her degree. After graduation, she became a full-time teller in the Rutland branch before going on to become head teller, branch supervisor, assistant branch manager and branch manager. She is also a board member and the treasurer of the Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and the clerk and an advisory member of the Rutland Economic Development Commission.

McGinnis began her career in banking in 2007 as a teller, after her undergraduate studies at Bay Path University. She transitioned to a call center role in 2016 and joined Cornerstone Bank in early 2020 as the CIC assistant manager, just as the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent shutdown, began.

Mosio has more than 25 years of experience in banking at Cornerstone Bank. She began her career as a file clerk in the loan department at Spencer Savings Bank through a work/study program in high school and became a teller after graduation. She spent time in the loan-serving department and then served as a floating employee where she worked in every depart-

ment and every location, before deciding on the accounting department.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tagline, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

Dementia/Alzheimer's support at Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON — Charlton Public Library is pleased to host a new monthly Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group to be held on the third Thursday of every month from 6-7:30 p.m. beginning on March 16. This support group is being offered as part of the Dementia Friendly Charlton initiative in collaboration with Tri-Valley and the Alzheimer's Support Network of South Central Massachusetts. Led by an experienced professional, attendees will obtain information, resources, and strategies specific to caring for someone with Alzheimer's and other dementias at all stages along with support for transitioning to different care settings. This is a drop-in group and pre-registration is not required. For more information, contact Alzheimer's Support Network at 1-800-286-6640, ext. 3123, or info@alzsupportnet.org.

New Memory Support Collection
Charlton Public Library is pleased to offer a new Memory Support Collection



specifically designed for those with memory-related issues as well as their caregivers, family and friends. The collection consists of Memory Kits (books, games, puzzles, and other materials on a set theme), as well as individual books (for all ages), videos, music CDs, even a couple of “companion pets” (batteries included!)—all designed to provide comfort, spark reminiscence, and encourage conversation. The items are available for checkout with a valid library card!

Dementia Friendly Charlton strives to involve all sectors of the community in order to create an environment where individuals with dementia, as well as their friends, families, and care partners can live as independently as possible and continue to be a vibrant part of the Charlton community. Partners include the Town of Charlton, Charlton Public Library, Charlton Council on Aging, Charlton Police & Fire, St. Joseph's Parish. Supporters include Cornerstone Bank and The Overlook, a major sponsor of Dementia Friendly Charlton. If you would like more information or want to get involved, meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 2:30-3:30 at the Charlton Public Library. All are welcome! You can also visit our webpage at <https://www.townofcharlton.net/579/Dementia-Friendly-Charlton>.

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BRIMFIELD: 413-245-3451
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WALES: 413-245-9808
Weekdays 8:30 – 12:30 and 2:00 – 4:30 and
Sat. 9:00 – 12:00

CHURCH LISTINGS

• Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main St.,
248-5550, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.
www.fedchurchcharlton.org

• Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond
Hill Road, 248-4488,www.charltonbaptist.org,
Sunday worship 10 a.m.

• Charlton City United Methodist, 74 Stafford
St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.org
Sunday worship and Children's church 10am

• St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext,
248-7862, www.stjosephscharlton.com,
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass
8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday
LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

• Hope Christian Fellowship, 6 Haggerty
Road, 248-5144

• Assemblies of God Southern New England
District Headquarters, Route 20, 248-3771,
snedag.org, Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30
a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Living Word Church of Charlton, 10 Main
Street - Grange building 1st Floor, Charlton,
MA 01507, Pastor Craig Bellisario, (508) 233-8349
Sunday Service 10:00am.
www.livingwordhcarton.com
info@livingwordcharlton.com

• New Life Fellowship A/G, SNED Chapel,
307 Sturbridge Road, Rt. 20, Charlton, MA,
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

• Federated Church of Sturbridge and
Fiskdale- 8 Maple St. Sturbridge, 774-304-1021
www.sturfed.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

• Bethlehem Lutheran Church- 345 Main
Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
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Pastor Dan Purtell

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BRIMFIELD
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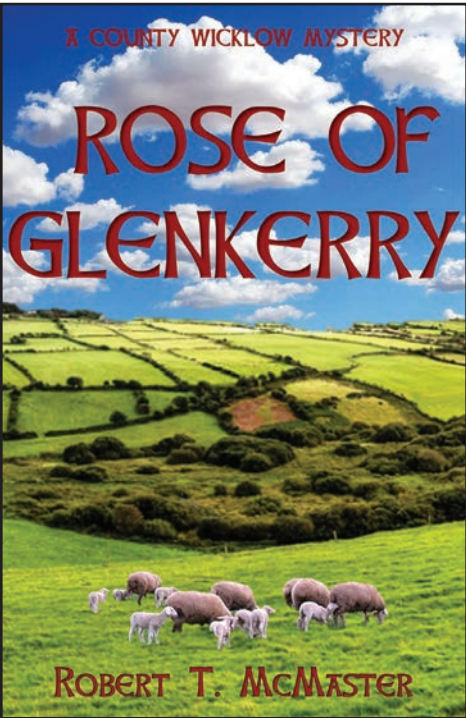
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William, and Cromack, Lorraine G, to
Brauns, Allen J, and Brauns, Judith P

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\$350,000, 404 Pleasant St, Sweeney
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Romano, Andrew, and Parker, Erin.
\$313,200, 190 Cournoyer Blvd,
Pennymac Loan Svcs LLC, to Phaseup
Properties LLC.
\$70,000, Alpine Dr #10, Hansen,
Christopher R, and Hansen, Kystal
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Angelica S.
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Christopher R, and Hansen, Kystal
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Angelica S.

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\$275,000, 103 Brookfield Rd, Bingham
Sr, Thomas L, to Quadagno, Zachary.
\$230,000, 7 Crescent Way #203, Nader
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Local author to introduce new
mystery at Jacob Edwards Library



2021 he published a biography, “All the
Light Here Comes from Above: The Life
and Legacy of Edward Hitchcock.”

In his new novel, “Rose of Glenkerry,”
21-year-old Ciaran McGurk has just
graduated from a Dublin university
and is about to set off on the adventure
of a lifetime. He’s planning a move to
London with a classmate in hopes of
landing a job in journalism, ideally for a
newspaper. Writing is the work he loves,
though he fears that in an era of social
networking, print journalism is fast
becoming the dinosaur of career paths.
But a family emergency interrupts all
Cary’s plans. Suddenly he finds himself
back in his hometown, Glenkerry, in
County Wicklow. There he reconnects
with an old friend, Rosie O’Malley. Her
story has always been a sad one, and
now it seems history is repeating itself.
Her mother has disappeared, and Rosie
is desperate to find her. And Rosie’s
father and brothers are her biggest
obstacles. So she turns to her old friend,
Cary McGurk, for help. But it’s com-
plicated, with a web of secrets and lies
entangling them.
Cary is torn-torn between starting a
new life in London and plunging back
into his old life in Glenkerry, a place full
of sweet memories tinged with sorrow
and regret. His head is telling him to
move on, but will his heart listen?

will be part of the discussion.

Robert T. McMaster grew up in
Southbridge, Massachusetts. He holds
a B.A. from Clark University and grad-
uate degrees from Boston College,
Smith College, and the University
of Massachusetts. He taught biology
at Holyoke Community College
in Massachusetts from 1994 to 2014.
His parents’ reminiscences of grow-
ing up in early 20th century America
were the inspiration for his four nov-
els, “Trolley Days” (2012), “The Dyeing
Room” (2014), “Noah’s Raven” (2017),
and “Darkest Before Dawn” (2022). In

Never too late to train

MASSHIRE PRESENTATION AT BAY PATH PRACTICAL NURSING ACADEMY



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Photo shows Younis with members of the PN Class of 2023 who received grants, (in alphabetical order) Ramatu Abukari, Elizabeth Ageyiwa-Asabere, Maureen Bittner, Theresa Boakye all of Worcester; Lizzette Hernandez of Dudley, Ana Hilner of Oxford, Nancy Kamicha, Alice Maina, Fidelis Mensah all of Worcester; Aminat Poku of Southbridge, Emily Rossignol of Dudley, Faith Wanjohi of Westborough, and Lauren Young of Woodstock, Conn.

C H A R L T O N

— Jibrael Younis, MSW, CPRW, Operations Manager for MassHire at

340 Main St., Suite 400, Worcester, MA 01608, recently spoke to the Practical Nursing Class of 2023, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. Younis personally congratulated members of the PN Class of 2023 who are MassHire grant recipients. Younis also spoke about the specialized assistance and training programs available to eligible individuals to help them obtain marketable skills and move on to careers in high demand occupations such as nursing. To learn more about opportunities available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Trade Adjustment Act, and other programs, such as those that provide support and benefits for Veterans or people living with disabilities,

visit <https://masshirecentralcc.com/>.

Younis discussed how eligible individuals may receive financial assistance (when funding is available), to enter job training programs leading to full-time employment. Members of the PN Class of 2023 who attended the training opportunities workshops and then met with Career Counselors were able to receive grants toward completion of the practical nursing program.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are

eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing, 239 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education, 840 Roswell Rd., Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201, Bedford, MA, 01730-1433

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About MassHire

MassHire brings the best of the community's employment and training resources in two central locations: Worcester and Southbridge. As a federally and state-funded Massachusetts One-Stop Career Center, MassHire provides employment services for both job seekers and employers. The City of Worcester Division of Workforce Development operates the Career Center in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Career Services.

Field soil evaluation and
maintenance plan development

STURBRIDGE — Written quotations for providing field soil evaluations and field maintenance plans for Turner Field, Baseball Field at Town Barn, and Multiple Purpose Field at Town Barn in Sturbridge will be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566 until the time specified below, at which time the bids will be reviewed.

Scope of Work and quote forms may be obtained online on the Town of Sturbridge Web site, <https://www.sturbridge.gov/bids>, or by contacting Annie Roscioli in the Recreation Department at 508-347-2041.

The project sites will be viewed by appointment only, located at Truner Field 529 Main St (off Route 20 behind 531 to 541 Main St.) at 529 Main St., and Town Barn Fields, located at 3 New Boston Rd. Extension, past the DPW Garage.

To make an appointment to visit the site, please call the Recreation Department at 508-347-2041 or contact Annie Roscioli by email at recreation@sturbridge.gov. Written quotes will be due to the Sturbridge Town Hall, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Second Floor at 308 Main St. by the Office of the Town Administrator on March 28 at 11 a.m.

All responses for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to G.L. c.30B.

The responded agrees that its written response shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever other action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

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Join Here Today Adopted Tomorrow’s “Meowch Madness” Square Pool

BRIMFIELD — Back by popular demand: Brimfield shelter, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, is participating in March Madness again this year. But don’t worry: you won’t see cats on the court! Instead they are offering you a chance to win up to money while helping pets in the community.

You can buy squares at \$20 each, with an opportunity to win \$150 if your square matches the last digit of each team’s score at the end of the halftime score. The grand-prize winner whose square matches the last digit of each team’s final score will win \$250. Sales will close at 12 am on April 1, or once all 100 squares have been sold—and they are selling quickly!

“2023 started off as a busy year and it has not slowed down. Our cage free shelter has been full of great cats looking for homes,” said HTAT Executive Director, Rachael Max. “Meowch Madness is a fun way to add a little more excitement

to the games, and it makes a huge difference for the pets and their families in our community.”

In addition to the cats in the shelter, the fundraiser will benefit HTAT’s programs that help keep pets and people together, including their low-cost spay/neuter program and their Pet Food Pantry.

“Since our founding, HTAT has worked to help community members care for their pets,” says Max. “We’ve greatly expanded our community assistance programs, and the overwhelming interest they’ve generated has shown just how essential these services have become.”

You can join HTAT’s square pool by visiting heretodaysanctuary.org/meowch-madness or calling (413) 324-8224. Square sales will close once all 100 squares are sold. The final 10 x 10 square will be posted on HTAT’s Web site, Facebook, and Instagram on April 2, where you can check

your numbers. The winners will be posted in the same locations on April 4, and will also be notified individually.

If you need assistance in feeding or caring for your pet, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow can help. Local cat owners can spay or neuter their cats for \$60 or less, and strays and ferals can be fixed for free! Please visit heretodaysanctuary.org or call (413) 324-8224 to learn more about these and more community assistance programs.

About Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT) was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn and Rachael Max. HTAT is a volunteer driven group focused on creating and supporting the bond between animals and people in our community. In 2012 we opened our no kill, cageless cat adoption center for adult cats and kittens in Brimfield. It is deeply important to us

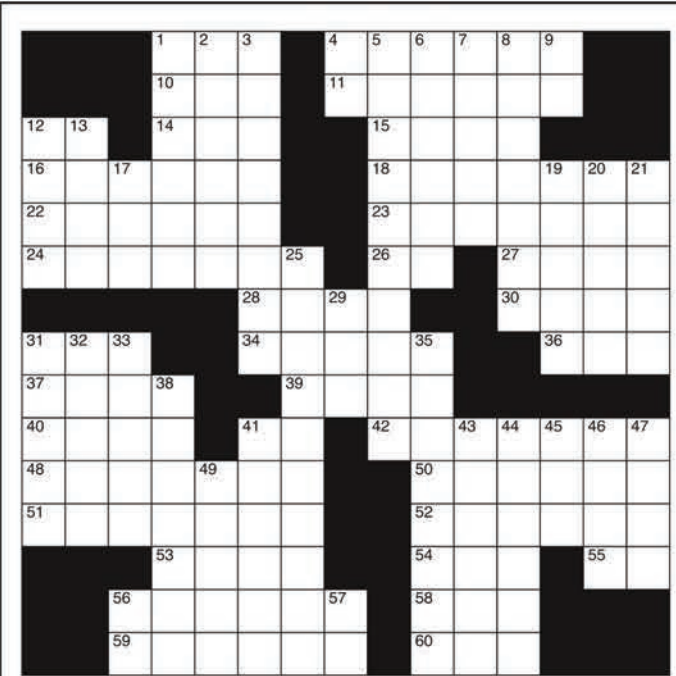


that every resident’s stay at HTAT is comfortable and healthy, making for well-adjusted, happy animals. Shortly after opening, we realized there were more homeless cats than we could handle by adoption alone. Our ultimate goal is to keep pets and people together. We have programs to help

special needs cats flourish and get adopted, as well as community assistance programs to help pet owners keep their pets, such as our Pet Food Pantry, low-cost spay-neuter program, and Safety Net Foster Program for owned cats. In 2023, HTAT helped more than 1,500 animals and their

families. For more information, visit heretoday-sanctuary.org.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Belonging to a thing

4. Pass or go by

10. Partner to cheese

11. Subjects

12. U.S. State (abbr.)

14. Bits per inch

15. Forest-dwelling deer

16. Illinois city

18. A salt or ester of acetic acid

22. Wholly unharmed

23. Cuddled

24. Bane

26. Global investment bank (abbr.)

27. Oh my gosh!

28. Arrive

30. Famed Spanish artist

31. Home of “Frontline”

34. Group of quill feathers
36. Keyboard key

37. Army training group

39. Detail

40. Pole with flat blade

41. Football play

42. Makes unhappy

48. Island in Hawaii

50. Back in business

51. Of an individual

52. Painful chest condition

53. Tropical American monkey

54. Matchstick game

55. For instance

56. Even again

58. Popular beverage

59. Evaluate

60. Time units (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Stain one’s hands

2. Nocturnal hoofed animals

3. Back condition

4. Popular movie alien

5. City of Angels

6. Peaks

7. Infantry weapons

8. Left

9. Atomic #99

12. Told a good yarn

13. Vale

17. Resistance unit

19. Aquatic plant

20. Bluish greens

21. About some Norse poems

25. Reinforces
29. Egyptian mythological goddess

31. Supportive material

32. Subatomic particle

33. Expired bread

35. Cereal grain

38. Goes against

41. Walkie ____

43. One who does not accept

44. Beliefs

45. Indicates near

46. Brazilian NBA star

47. Grab quickly

49. Romantic poet

56. College dorm worker

57. Set of data



Teaching workshop at Nichols College hosts Michael Roberto, D.B.A., top case study author

DUDLEY — Michael Roberto, D.B.A., professor of management and best-selling author at Harvard Business Publishing, visited the Nichols College campus yesterday to conduct a teaching workshop open to Nichols faculty and organized by the Nichols College Faculty Development Committee.

Roberto is the Trustee Professor of Management at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, where he teaches leadership, managerial decision making and business strategy. He joined the tenured faculty at Bryant after serving for six years on the faculty at Harvard Business School.

The workshop focused on teaching and learning using active learning techniques such as the case method to spark

curiosity and learning, as well as tactics for keeping students engaged and energized. “Active” learning is a method of teaching where student learn by participating in hands-on exercises; “passive” learning is where students receive and memorize the information that is provided to them.

“At Nichols College, we aim to foster an active and vibrant educational environment; we understand the powerful impact that faculty can have on student learning and outcomes,” said Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M.

“That is why we were elated to host renowned case study author and award-winning educator, Dr. Mike Roberto. The workshop was a fantastic

opportunity for our faculty to share and learn with Roberto and from each other.”

Roberto is recognized for his teaching, writing and research. He has earned several teaching awards, including the Outstanding M.B.A. Teaching Award from Bryant University and Harvard University’s Allyn A. Young Prize for Teaching in Economics. He has published many best-selling case studies and simulations. In 2022, Harvard Business School Publishing ranked his Trader Joe’s case study as the second most popular case in their entire catalog, and they ranked his Everest Leadership and Team Simulation as the bestselling simulation ever developed and distributed by Harvard Business School. The Everest simulation also won top prize in the eLearning category at the 16th Annual MITX Interactive Awards. Professor Roberto’s newest book, “Unlocking Creativity” was published by Wiley in 2019. He has written two previous books: “Why Great Leaders Don’t Take Yes For An Answer” (second edition, published in 2013) and “Know What You Don’t Know,” published in 2009.

In addition to sharing his techniques for using case studies in an active learning format in the classroom, Roberto also cited research showing that students learn more in active learning classrooms than they do in traditional lecture classrooms.

This is why the case study method is so successful, suggested Roberto. When used as a hands-on exercise, “the case method is designed to train your mind, to develop understanding of how to think about complex issues,” said Roberto. “It gets students to grapple with the real world and shows them the relevance of the ideas” illustrated by the case.

Bring spring into your home with Cool Loving spring bowl workshop

SOUTHBRIDGE — Join the Women’s Fellowship of Elm Street Congregational Church, on April 12, when Tina Bemis of Bemis Farm Nursery www.facebook.com/bemisfarmnursery will guide us in planting a «Cool Loving Spring Bowl», that you can bring home to enjoy. This program will be held at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at 61 Elm St. in Southbridge, and is open to anyone who is interested. There will be a charge of \$25 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by Thursday, March 30. Call the church office at 508-764-8058, please leave your name and a call back number. Payment by check can be made to Women’s Fellowship and sent to the church at P.O. Box 723, Southbridge, MA 01550.

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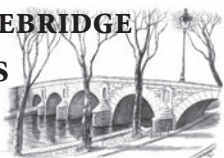
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Public hearing planned on proposed Southbridge school budget

SOUTHBRIDGE — Southbridge Public Schools will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council chambers. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Restoring ‘old growth’ forest needs multiple methods

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Old forests have developed a kind of wisdom, much like old people have. For Paul Catanzaro of Harvard Forest, such forests need to be protected and encouraged, but they're now very rare.

Today's New England forests are "relatively young," being, on average, "right around the 100-year mark." To be considered "old," they need at least another century, maybe half that with some careful management, and to reach "old growth" status, they need a couple hundred years beyond that. Today, just 1119 acres in Massachusetts remain in the latter category (defined as having never seen human impact), most of it in the Berkshires, but prior to colonization, close to 90 percent did.

Much of it is once again forest, but about 70 percent was open farmland around 100 years ago. That change is a distinction that matters eco-

logically.

"Once old growth forest has been impacted, we can't get back to that stage," he told some Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions conference attendees last week. But we can restore "enough of those measurable, trackable characteristics we can observe that likely function as old growth."

Some of those traits are fairly obvious to anyone, such as the presence of old, large trees, but true old growth is a more subtle mix of qualities. Among them are many gaps that allow for younger shade-intolerant trees to take root; a wide range of ages, sizes and canopy heights; "lots of vertical and horizontal diversity;" many downed trees that serve as food and habitat, and other "nuance characteristics," Catanzaro said.

All that variety creates many small environmental niches for a wide range of lifeforms, often including "source populations" for species

that can then expand into other areas.

From a long-term perspective, older forests are "storehouses for carbon" and "our savings bank. ... We've had a lot of interaction with our forests," and need to understand what happens "if we take a hands-off approach," he said.

Actually, Catanzaro said, we need both active and passive approaches now, and each will favor different tree species. The latter is simply letting nature do its thing, where "disturbances [storms and fires, mostly] are the drivers of succession, drivers of evolution." The former involves humans mimicking such disturbances with selective cutting practices, browsing animal control, and eliminating invasives. Doing that's important, he said, because today's forest is mostly single-age, single-height and not very diverse, often with large stands of the same species (sometimes planted intentionally).

Active management, he added, "can shave off half a century" in the quest to create old growth characteristics. It may also be important in helping forests adapt to climate change's warming by introducing southern trees here.

The key, he later added, is to "make sure there are elements of the forest still moving through those [several] stages." One key type that's rare in our area is what's termed "early successional habitat," where trees that need a lot of light and birds and animals that need open areas can live.

Most of today's protected forest is state-, municipal- or land-trust-owned, but the vast majority of the state's forest land is in private hands. Catanzaro said anyone can help create old growth characteristics, even in smaller parcels, but some practices work better than others depending on the property's context. Overall, we "need to continue to pursue conservation-based estate plan-

ning," because today is seeing "the largest inter-generational transfer of land" in history, he said.

After his talk, several attendees asked questions, but were unidentified from the chat by the session's moderators who read them. One simply stated "Our unchecked population pressures are the root of all this, and the way we consume habitat."

Another dubbed the years until 2050 "critical," saying we live in "a particular moment in time" for protecting the forests' ability to store carbon. The largest 1 percent of the trees store around half of all carbon, so we "should protect those trees more," she said.

Catanzaro agreed, but said the key issue is "ensuring the continuous stability of carbon in the forest," which requires size and age diversity. "We might be setting ourselves up for a big fall if we only have larger trees," he said, noting we can't get "too focused

on one product [carbon, water, biodiversity, timber, etc] at the expense of the health of the system."

Another person asked about the impact of deer and other browsing animals. Catanzaro said that's "having a real impact." While he used to think it was "just a matter of which kinds of trees came back," it's now "scary." In some areas, trees don't return at all due to herbivory, invasive plants and insects, and various pathogens.

There are ways to address that, including purposely cutting some trees to create "slash" that prevents deer from getting into other areas. But he noted some invasives and migrating southern tree species "may be the next important piece of our future forests" over "decades and centuries." He also said he considers genetically-modified trees a possible "tool" to help re-establish forests.

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Board of Health adds first town-owned electric vehicle

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Health has added a new vehicle to its fleet, an electric van that will serve as the primary form of transportation for the department's functions and appearances.

The purchase was confirmed at both the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen meetings on Feb. 28, with Town Administrator Andrew Golas calling it the first town-owned electric vehicle to be put into service. The Ford E-350 transit van will be utilized for inspections, as a mobile vaccination unit, and for other public functions. Health Director James Philbrook said he was grateful for the purchase which finally gives the department its own dedicated vehicle rather than depending on aged or employee-owned vehicles.

"We used to drive around in an old pickup truck that was 30 years old. This is really going to be noticeable," Philbrook said. "There's a lot of homebound people who have been asking (for service) and we were sending ambulances down but now our nurse can come with us and go in and we'd be able to (help)."

However, there is one issue the town must resolve before the vehicle is fully utilized, the lack of a compatible charger. Philbrook confirmed that neither the existing charger at the town hall nor the chargers at Treehouse Brewing Company are compatible with the van.

"I'm afraid to drive the van because the battery is going to die. It's so cold that the battery is slowly going down without moving. It's recommended to always be plugged in," Philbrook said.

Golas is seeking a solution. He told the Board of Selectmen that he is working to bring a new designated charging station to the town hall specifically for this vehicle and any other town-owned EV that may be added to the fleet.

"We will be working with National Grid on incentives to see if we can add a secondary dedicated charging station behind town hall primarily for municipal vehicles as potentially these types of vehicles continue to be incentivized," said Golas.

In the meantime, the Board of Health is working to prepare the vehicle for its eventual use in public. The van is expected to be equipped with a refrigeration unit to hold vaccinations along with a variety of other tools to help the Board of Health and their nurses at any public function or when serving homebound residents. The vehicle will also be adorned with logos designating it as a part of the town's fleet and as an official Board of Health vehicle to make it stand out.

Shawna Foundation hosts free film screening at Starlite

SOUTHBIDGE — The Shawna Foundation presents UnderGround Wednesday, a free monthly screening of movies at starlite 39 Hamilton St, Southbridge. In honor of Women's History Month, we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the classic 1953 film noir "The Hitch-Hiker," directed by Ida Lupino, on Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m. hosted by Patrick Bracken and Skip Shea.

Skip Shea, Executive Director of the Shawna Foundation, said, "We are excited about our free monthly film screening series in Southbridge. The town has been host to the Shawna Shea Film Festival and it has been a wonderful experience. Showing movies for free is our way of giving back. We love the opportunity to screen underground, cult and classic movies to a new audience. The added bonus is that we have Southbridge resident and local actor Patrick Bracken as a co-host who has an incredible wealth of knowledge of films. We have discussions after the screening and a little trivia. The best part this month is we get to screen this film by maverick filmmaker Ida Lupino."

Lupino was the star of such films as "High Sierra" (1941), where she got top billing over Humphrey Bogart. By the late 1940s, Lupino decided to challenge the system.

"There was an absolute and iron-clad system in the film capital in the 1940s and 1950s which, it seems to me, had its primary purpose to exclude females," she wrote in Ida Lupino: Beyond the Camera.

And she succeeded directing such groundbreaking films as "Outrage" (1951), "The Bigamist" (1953) and "The Hitch-Hiker," a brutal film noir released 70 years ago, on March 21, 1953, in Boston. .

Ray (Edmond O'Brien) and Gilbert's (Frank Lovejoy) fishing trip takes a terrifying turn when the hitchhiker (William Talman) they pick up turns out to be a sociopath on the run from the law. He's killed before, and he lets the two know that as soon as they're no longer useful, he'll kill again. The two friends plot an escape, but the hitchhiker's peculiar physical affliction, an eye that never closes even when he sleeps, make it impossible for them to tell when they can make a break for it.

The Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to support and showcase artists in filmmaking, performance arts and creative endeavors with a focus on underrepresented communities.

Maple Street waterline oversight, contract and grant administration

STURBRIDGE — The Town of Sturbridge is soliciting proposals for Engineering Services for Maple Street Waterline Oversight, Contract and Grant Administration to be received at the Office of the Town Administrator, Sturbridge Town Hall, 308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566 until March 29 at 11 a.m.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained online on the Town of Sturbridge website, <https://www.sturbridge.gov/bids>. The project site is open to the public, located at Maple Street, Sturbridge.

Selection of the respondent will be based upon qualifications, including evidence of past performance in similar projects, and proposal price. The respondent agrees that its bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the proposals.

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DA's office receives funding for drug diversion programs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., recently announced that his office has received significant grant funding to expand drug diversion programs. The \$1.6 million federal grant was awarded by the Department of Justice to help build a network of supports for children exposed to drug overdoses within their families or their home environments. The funding will assist kids across Worcester County. “As we continue our work to fight against the opioid epidemic, we want to make sure those suffering from substance use disorder get the treatment they need,” Early said. “We also know substance use disorder is a disease that affects the entire family, with children often being the forgotten victims who are traumatized when a family member is caught in addiction. Our aim is to

provide a soft touch and a helping hand to eliminate long-term trauma to these kids.” The grant funding will allow for the continuation of court-based drug diversion programs in several area district courts, as well as the expansion of the diversion program to courts in Dudley, East Brookfield, Uxbridge, and Westborough. Clinicians from AdCare Hospital, a partner on the recently awarded grant, will provide on-site assessment services to individuals referred to the diversion program in the ten courts across Worcester County. This program will allow low-level offenders to enter a treatment program. “AdCare Hospital is grateful to be working with the Worcester DA Diversion Program,” said Andrea Dayotas, the executive director of inpatient services at AdCare. “This year, we are expanding our band-

width of services to court systems throughout central Massachusetts. We are committed to fighting the disease of addiction in our communities.” The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) will assist in the advancement of a Worcester County program to connect community partners and resources from across the county. The National DEC will perform a community needs assessment and provide training and technical assistance to strengthen the local alliance, officials said. “The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children is excited to be a collaborative partner in this grant,” said Stacey Read, the organization’s director of network development. “Our staff has worked with DA Early and his office over the past several years by providing training and technical assistance to assist in starting drug

endangered children efforts. DA Early and his office are filled with great knowledge and experience, but most importantly the passion for this work that will in turn help to change the trajectory of children and families’ lives in Worcester County. We are honored to be walking this journey with DA Early and the Worcester County DA’s Office to collaboratively help children and families impacted by parental or caregiver substance use.” The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program grant was awarded in late 2022, with work set to begin this year. “I’d like to thank our partners and all those who helped us secure this grant, especially Congressman James McGovern,” Early said. “These funds will help us save lives and prevent future crime by getting help to those who need

it and by protecting children from trauma.” For legislators at all levels, combating the opioid crisis has been a point of emphasis for well over a decade. “The opioid epidemic has claimed the lives of thousands in

communities across America,” Congressman McGovern said. “These initiatives will provide a hand to those struggling with substance use and their families, helping them create a future of hope and possibilities.”

Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library present Great Granny Williams’ Spring Tonic

STURBRIDGE — The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library are excited to sponsor Great Granny McWilliams’ Spring Tonic on Tuesday, Marcy 28 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This program is appropriate for teens and adults. The Joshua Hyde Public Library will welcome Velya and Ehris of Grounded Goodwife as they teach you to concoct Great-Granny McWilliams’ Spring Tonic, featuring the wild edibles of spring! This program will help you prepare for warmer days ahead while getting rid of the winter residues to clear your body and mind. Please register on the library’s Web site at sturbridgelibrary.org. A link for the program will be emailed to you upon registration.



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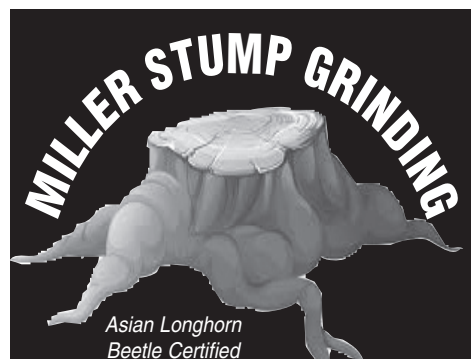
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Let's end
Daylight
Savings Time
once and for all

Last year, United States Senators voted unanimously to nix daylight savings. The plan is to make daylight savings time permanent. If the bill passes, it will go into effect in November of 2023 to avoid a scheduling nightmare with the travel industry. The bill is called the Sunshine Protection Act. Florida Senator Marco Rubio noted that most people despise the changes, and he questioned why the practice of turning our clocks back or forward one hour at the onset of winter and spring is still, as the younger generations say, a ‘thing.’ The time change first became known to Americans in 1918. Rhode Island Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse noted that the change places New England in complete darkness during afternoon hours, affecting youth sports and leads to depression. A sunset of 4:15 p.m. is not conducive to daily life. Some experts relayed that year-round daylight savings will make people happier and more productive. We are all always happier when it’s lighter longer. Most of us. If the bill passes, the rest of the country will join the likes of Arizona, Australia and Hawaii who opt not to spring forward and fall back. Daylight savings time is used in roughly 70 countries across the globe. Here we compiled a list of pro’s and con’s so you can determine your own thoughts. The idea of DST is to utilize activity during daylight hours. Some benefits include decreased electricity consumption, a decrease in the number of traffic accidents and crime. DST also increases recreational time, hence boosting the economy. According to studies the changes cost \$60 billion. Interesting is the fact that the barbecue industry and small convenience stores increase sales by \$135 billion. As for energy consumption a study in 1997 revealed that no significant effects occurred when DST was observed all year. In all, energy demands were reduced by just 2.6 percent.

Another pro is the decrease in traffic accidents. When more people drive during daylight the risk of accidents decreases due to the simple fact that driving in the dark is typically more dangerous. Pedestrian accidents would also significantly drop. A reduction in crime has also landed on the pro list. When folks finish work, and run errands while it’s still light out, the exposure to crime becomes less since more crimes take place at night. The increase in recreational time is a no brainer. The longer it’s lighter out, the more time there is to have fun outdoors. As stated above this is also an economy booster. When more people are out and about, they spend more money. The exposure to more vitamin D that the sun provides also proves as a health benefit. On the flip side of the coin, the change may disrupt sleep schedules. The transition can be rough especially for those who don’t get more than five hours per night as it is. However, after the initial adjustments no long-term adverse effects on circadian rhythms were noted.

The longer the day, the more fuel consumption takes place in the atmosphere. The increase in evening traffic emits more pollution in the air. It’s clear the pros outweigh the cons. In our opinion, the natural cadence of the sun should not be altered. If we stick with longer days and leave it at that, we think a much more positive population would ensue.

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OPINION

The wisdom of Sun Tzu

Unforeseen events can shake our world to the core, leaving us scrambling. COVID-19 lockdowns caught us off guard and demonstrated that even the most meticulous planning could not prepare us for the unprecedented.

While news of the outbreak surfaced months before it reached the USA, many of us remained ignorant until it disrupted our daily lives. It is a stark reminder that life can take unexpected turns, and we must learn to adapt in the face of uncertainty. Rare but catastrophic events can occur, and taking precautions is essential.

Over time, I’ve seen pursuing my goals as a battle I am committed to winning.

The ancient book, “The Art of War,” by Sun Tzu, says: “The general who wins the battle makes many calculations in his temple before the battle is fought. The general who loses makes but few calculations beforehand.”

This quote suggests that those who prepare for various potential scenarios will emerge victorious, while those who plan for only one scenario will fail.

It’s good to recognize that in order to accomplish our goals, we may need to navigate numerous challenges and obstacles along the way. In other words, success may require us to dodge many bullets.

I run a tech startup and also have friends and acquaintances that work in the tech startup world. One close friend called me in tears because his startup lost all its money

last week. Their money was deposited in Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). There are talks of bailouts, but at this time, there are still questions about how much of their deposit is protected. I’ve been accused of pessimism when discussing preparations for every scenario. Still, I like to say, “Is it negative thinking to see the Hurricane coming, ensure your house is boarded up, and have extra water and food?”

“In peace, prepare for war,” said Sun Tzu. Is there any preparation that could have been made to prevent the loss of their money? That’s tough because if you cannot trust the banks, what are you supposed to do, throw \$10 million under your mattress?

To prepare for such a scenario, you’d have to come to the opinion that we are in economically uncertain times. As my startup gains more investors, putting all the money in one bank may not be the best idea. As volatile as it is, I am inclined to put some into cryptocurrencies, some into cash, and maybe even into gold and silver, and the rest spread out into multiple banks.

You must build your dreams on a solid foundation, or they can all be blown away when the storms of life arrive. Sun Tzu said, “Every battle is won or lost before it is ever fought.”

bserving my father in business taught me a great deal about preparation. While he was a highly successful businessperson in many respects, I learned the most valuable lessons by watching

him navigate his failures and setbacks.

I’ve thought a lot about one circumstance where he partnered with a close friend of his from Canada in a new business venture. While things started off promising, it wasn’t long before the partner’s true colors were revealed. He embezzled nearly a million dollars, leaving my dad reeling and realizing he had been caught off guard.

It’s a cautionary tale that underscores the importance of always having safeguards and precautions, even with close friends and business partners.

A crisis could come at a moment’s notice. We never know what life will bring.

“Plan for what is difficult while it is easy.” — Sun Tzu

A fine line separates preparation and paranoia - it’s essential to be ready for anything, but not at the cost of our mental well-being. Making preparations shouldn’t lead us to believe that the worst-case scenario is inevitable.

Having a positive mindset in the face of potential trouble is everything. Hardship will come, but you must know in your heart and mind that you have what it takes to overcome it.

Preparing for the worst-case scenario is not a sign of pessimism — it’s a necessary aspect of achieving success in the face of unexpected challenges.

Stay informed, prepared, and optimistic; embrace the unknown, and make the most of every opportunity!

Do you
have
enough
emergency
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Many people would agree that preparation is the key to success in many areas of life. Yet, when it comes to being ready for a financial emergency, a sizable percentage of Americans are feeling distinctly unprepared — and that can lead to problems.

Consider these survey findings from financial services provider Edward Jones and Morning Consult:

Nearly two in five Americans expect that their emergency savings would last no more than a month.

Less than 40 percent of respondents consider their emergency savings account to be fully funded.

It’s important to have adequate emergency savings for two key reasons. First, when an unexpected financial need arises, such as a major home or car repair, you may well have to act quickly. And second, if you don’t have the funds readily available to meet this sudden need, you may be forced to dip into your long-term investments, including your IRA and 401(k). This typically isn’t a good move, as taking money early from these accounts could lead to both taxes and penalties. And even more important, you’d be taking away resources from accounts you will almost certainly need to help provide income for a retirement that could last two, or even three, decades.

So, if you want to be financially prepared for emergencies, how much money should you have available? There’s no one right answer for everyone, but generally speaking, it’s a good idea to keep three to six months’ worth of living expenses — or a full year’s worth, if you’re retired — in a liquid, low-risk account that’s separate from the financial accounts you might use for everyday spending.

Of course, given the high cost of living, it’s not necessarily easy to put away several months of living expenses — at least, not all at once. That’s why you might want to have a certain amount automatically moved each month from your checking or savings account into the account you’ve designated for emergency needs. And when you get a financial “windfall,” such as a year-end bonus at work or a tax refund, you might want to use part of this money for your emergency fund, too. You can also use these sources to replenish your emergency fund if you deplete some or all of it.

Here’s something else to remember about an emergency fund: Keep it for emergencies. As mentioned above, you should hold this fund apart from accounts that you draw on for daily expenses — but you’ll also want to avoid the temptation to use the money for other things, such as investment opportunities that may come your way. That’s not to say you shouldn’t be prepared for these opportunities, but you can do so by keeping some cash or cash equivalents within your portfolio. And, as an additional benefit, the presence of cash can potentially help reduce the impact of market volatility on a portfolio that’s otherwise heavily weighted toward stocks.

Building and maintaining an emergency fund should be an essential part of your overall financial strategy — so, if you haven’t started one yet, there’s no time like the present.

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Late winter tent
caterpillar management

Start this year’s tree pest management with a stroll through the landscape. As you enjoy the scenery, be sure to look for any unwelcome pests that may be overwintering on the twigs of trees.

Look for and remove egg masses of tent caterpillars now through spring. These clusters of eggs look like shiny blobs of mud surrounding the twigs. Each egg mass contains hundreds and in some cases thousands of eggs.

The forest tent caterpillar is the most widely distributed tent caterpillar. It attacks a variety of trees that vary with the region. Check any sugar maples, aspen, cherries, apples, oaks, birch, ash, alder, elm, basswood, or water tupelo trees growing in your landscape.

Trees may suffer damage when large populations of these caterpillars devour the majority of the tree’s leaves for several years in a row. This can result in reduced tree growth, top dieback, and tree mortality. There are several natural predators of this insect pest so working with nature is a great way to help reduce damage. Remove the egg masses found on small twigs that are more easily reached on smaller trees. After the eggs hatch, look for the caterpillars in a silken mat, not a tent like the other tent caterpillars. Remove the young caterpillars from branch tips or squash those resting on the main stem in the evening or on cool days.

You may also see similar egg masses of the Western or Eastern tent caterpillars depending on where you live. Their egg masses look similar to those of the forest tent caterpillar. Remove the egg masses of these tent caterpillars in spring before the eggs hatch.

Once the eggs hatch, the caterpillars begin forming a webby tent in the crotch of the tree. As they feed and grow, the tent expands. They remain in the tent during the hot part of the day and rainy weather.

Knock the tents, caterpillars and all,



Melinda Myers

Eastern tent caterpillars crawling on top of their webby tent.

out of the tree when the majority of caterpillars are in the tent. Smash or dump the caterpillars in a can of soapy water.

Do not burn the tents. This old practice is hazardous and the fire can severely damage the tree, much worse than the insects.

Control is usually not needed on healthy and established trees. If you decide to intervene, consider using an organic insecticide with the active ingredient Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (Btk). It is effective when applied to the tents soon after they start to form and when the caterpillars are small. Just spray the tent and the surrounding 1.5 feet of leaves. These products only kill caterpillars and will not harm other insects or birds feeding on these pests.

When working with nature, we have help from predatory insects and songbirds when managing these and other garden pests. Taking time this winter for a bit of prevention can go a long way in reducing damage from tent caterpillars. *Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*

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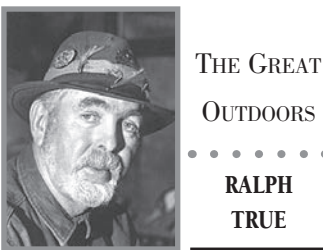


Acid rain continues to impact local fishermen

I knew if I took my boat out of mothballs, we would get some snow, but I did not expect a Northeaster. By the time you read this column, it will already be melting, so I guess we are over winter. Come on, spring-time! Prior to the snow this week, the birds were singing in my backyard, and I even put on my summer shorts and stretched out on a lawn chair in the sun.

Mass. Fish & Wildlife has started to stock trout in numerous lakes and ponds last week, and it brought out a lot of anglers to catch some for the dinner table. Powerbait is the number one choice of bottom fishermen, and it was literally flying off the shelves at local bait shops and big box stores. Shiners are also popular with some anglers, but they are a bit pricey. What the heck happened to the old worm for fishing?

The latest news on chemically infected fish is not new, and is a problem with all water bodies in Mass. and surrounding states. The major polluters are the western utilities that continue to pollute the atmosphere, and it is carried into the clouds, and travels thousands of miles, and then



deposited in our waters as acid rain. It not only pollutes local waterways, but is responsible for polluting our gardens and farmers' crops. At one time 35 years ago, the western utilities had set aside a million dollars or more, and a company called Living lakes was formed. They were responsible for treating ponds, lakes and reservoirs with lime to bring back the Ph balance that was disrupted because of the acid rain.

This writer sent in an application on behalf of Mass. Fish & Wildlife and we received a communication from Living Lakes, that Wallum lake was chosen to be treated with tons of lime to correct the problem. Approximately 10 huge tankers of lime arrived at Wallum Lake with a slurry of lime that was spread by a large boat, using digital machines that spread an even amount of the lime on the entire lake.

It brought the lakes PH back to a level that would sustain rainbow trout, as Mass. Fish & Wildlife had stopped stocking rainbow trout that they claimed would die if they were stocked. Still, 35 years later, Wallum Lake receives rainbow trout and they do very well. It is hard to believe that the one treatment of lime could last that long!

Bottom feeding fish like hornpout, perch, have the most levels of heavy metals that are dangers for humans to eat, but bass, pickerel and other freshwater fish also have seen an increase in the heavy metals. As a long-time fishing angler in local freshwater ponds I always caught a lot of yellow perch, and brought them home for a good feed. The last 10 to 15 or so years, I stopped eating the fish when I observed black spots on the skin of the fish, and when I removed the skin they had worms crawling out of the flesh. I knew we had a problem, and wrote numerous articles on my findings for many years. Not much was made of it. Saltwater fish like cod and Haddock also are showing signs of worms in their flesh for a number of years now. It

sure wants to make you think about becoming a vegetarian. But wait! All of these heavy metals are also being fed into the plants with acid rain. Beef, pork, chicken, and most other meats are all subjected to heavy metals. As one report I read on the Internet last week quoted: "Eating one fish a month is equal to a month of forever chemicals." You better believe it! Freshly stocked trout should be the safest fish to eat for your family!

What do you expect as factories and mills have dumped their waste into our rivers and streams for years, and many still do. Worcester treatment plant releases raw sewage into Lake Quinsigamond every year, polluting the lake and everything downstream and it ends up into the bay. It seems that it is ok to dump everything into the ocean, but it is now coming back to haunt us. Planet earth cannot take much more before we all suffer the consequences. We sure cannot leave much of a life for our children and future generations. I ate Swordfish twice this week. I can feel my mercury level climbing! The ocean has been a dump-



Courtesy
This week's picture shows a couple of young anglers with some impressive sea bass they caught last year.

ing ground for years, which continues to this day, and when the ocean is overcome with pollution it will be the end of all mankind.

No final limits and sizes of sea bass and Fluke were determined as of last week in both Mass. & Rhode Island, but sea bass limits are on the chopping block in both states. Strippers and bluefish should remain the same as last year in both states. It Just makes you sick!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

For Tasty Meatless Meals, Take a Tip from the Past

Generations of home cooks have taken up the challenge each year to prepare delicious and creative meatless dishes during the Lenten season, or all year round. Some of my fondest childhood memories include helping my mom skewer fish kebobs on metal rods and chopping chunks of Velveeta for her famous macaroni and cheese, both meals made popular courtesy of Catholic meat restrictions!

It was while I was (literally) tossing a frozen fish fillet in the oven last Friday night that I vowed to take time out to rediscover the "comfort meals" of past generations. Since I collect old cookbooks, an accumulation time-tested meals were right at my fingertips. (Yes, the internet would have been quicker, but much less authentic and interesting!) A quick look through a few of the books revealed meatless dishes that were both interesting and easier to prepare than I anticipated.

So - in the interest of uninspired cooks everywhere, this week's column will feature a menu of meat alternatives that promise to bring rave reviews from even the most fussy family meal critic!

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This mock "chicken" pie is the epitome of comfort food! I cheated and used a premade refrigerator pie crust; if you are really pressed for time, you can also substitute canned potatoes and carrots. .

"California Chicken" Pie (as served by Ruth Wakefield at The Toll House, Whitman, MA in the 1930s)

Ingredients: one medium sized onion, chopped; one cup peas; two diced carrots; two diced potatoes; one large can tuna fish; 2 T flour; one T butter; one cup milk; 1 tsp. salt; 1/8 tsp. pepper; 1/4 tsp. paprika.

Preparation: Boil the carrots and potatoes. Add peas to chopped onion. Make a white sauce by

melting butter; add flour and stir until smooth. Add milk, salt, pepper, and paprika. Cook until thick and smooth. Add one cup tuna, broken into small pieces.

Fill a baking dish with mixture in layers. Cover with an upper crust or buttered crumbs and bake until brown in a 450 degree oven. Serves 6.

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Why not start a meatless meal with an elegant appetizer? This original Toll House Onion Soup recipe can be adapted to better serve today's busy cook with the use of canned chicken stock. This is super easy!

Onion Soup - Toll House Style

Ingredients: One pound onions, sliced and cooked in butter; 1 ½ rich chicken stock; one T flour

Preparation: Cook onions until brown, sprinkle with flour and stir. Add to chicken stock slowly, stirring until smooth. Let stand for several hours or the night before for best flavor. Serve soup with a slice of French bread sprinkled with Parmesan or Romano cheese and toast in the oven the last moment. Serve grated cheese for the soup.

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I haven't tried this interesting vegetarian loaf, but it sounds delicious. This is from



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

"The American Women's Cookbook," Culinary Arts Institute, 1947. Readers who try it are encouraged to send in feedback!

Baked Bean Roast

Ingredients: 4 cups mashed baked beans; 2 eggs, slightly beaten; 2 cups bread crumbs; one cup tomatoes; 2T minced peppers; 2T minced onion; 4 T olive oil; ½ tsp. paprika, salt and pepper.

Preparation: Cook pepper and onions in olive oil. Add other ingredients in the order given. Bake (350 degrees) in greased baking dish for 30 minutes. Serve with brown sauce or tomato sauce.

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Couldn't resist adding in my all-time favorite soup recipe! Simple, delicious, and once you make it, you'll never want to buy canned tomato soup again! Pair with a grilled cheese for an old fashioned soup and sandwich supper.

Tomato Soup

Ingredients: One stick butter; one medium onion; two (28 oz) cans of

tomatoes (whole, diced or crushed, it doesn't matter); jar of salsa (optional); one cup of water; spices of choice (I use salt, pepper, and a dash or two of turmeric and cayenne).

Preparation: In a saucepan, place butter and onion (cut into quarters) and cook until butter melts. Add tomatoes (and salsa, if desired), and simmer for 40 minutes. Blend with an immersion blender. Add spices to taste.

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

best helpful hints!

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

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MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert P. Tuohey and Kristen L. Tuohey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, dated September 27, 2007 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41872, Page 37 (the “Mortgage”), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated August 5, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51877, Page 55 of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank its successors and assigns to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated November 1, 2011 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 48186, Page 244, and Assignment from PHH Mortgage Corporation to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated November 13, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 63747, Page 41, and Assignment from NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust dated April 19, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 67520, Page 28, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 5 Highland Lane, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518 will be sold at a Public Auction at 4:00 PM on April 4, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A certain tract of land containing 44,742 square feet or 1.0271 acres, more or less, being shown as Lot 8 on Plan of “The Highlands”, Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Sturbridge, Massachusetts prepared for Robert E. Moss, dated August 16, 2002 recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 808 Plan 29.
For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41872, Page 34.
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cashier’s or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee’s attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Tuohey, Robert P. and Kristen L. Tuohey, 11-006430
Date: March 9, 2023
Date: March 16, 2023
Date: March 23, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Tammy L. Riopel, Michael P. Riopel to Wilmington Finance, a Division of AIG Federal Savings Bank, dated August 18, 2004 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34428, Page 332, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Wilmington Finance, A division of AIG Federal Savings Bank to CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., recorded on June 24, 2005, in Book No. 36631, at Page 250
CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc. to US Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for Bermuda Investments 2011-1 Trust, recorded on January 6, 2012, in Book No. 48376, at Page 59
LSF6 Bermuda Investments 2011-1 Trust to LSF6 MRA REO Trust, recorded on July 30, 2012, in Book No. 49363, at Page 117
Vericrest Opportunity Loan Trust 2009-FL1 to LSF6 Bermuda Investments 2011-1 Trust, recorded on July 30, 2012, in Book No. 49363, at Page 123
LSF6 Bermuda Investments Trust Series 2008-1 to Vericrest Opportunity Loan Trust 2009-PL1, recorded on July 30, 2012, in Book No. 49363, at Page 124
Vericrest Financial, Inc. successor in interest to the CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc. to LSF6 Bermuda Investments Trust Series 2008-1, recorded on July 30, 2012, in Book No. 49363, at Page 132
LSF6 MRA REO Trust to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for VOLT 2012-RPL2 Asset Holdings Trust, recorded on March 24, 2014, in Book No. 52147, at Page 342
US Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for Bermuda Investments 2011-1 Trust to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, recorded on July 14, 2020, in Book No. 62794, at Page 142 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 PM on April 14, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 51 Breakneck Road, Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
A lot of land together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the easterly side of Breakneck Road, being shown as Lot 35 on “Plan of Land in Sturbridge surveyed for Richard and Rose Simonian” by Robert F. Para, dated January 14, 1984, and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 520, Plan 61, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of said lot; THENCE S. 71 degrees 40’ 55” E a distance of Four Hundred Eighty and Eight Hundredths (480.08) feet to a point; THENCE S. 22 degrees 36’ 24” W. a distance of One Hundred Ninety-Four and Forty-Five Hundredths (194.45) feet to a drill hole in a ledge: THENCE N. 70 degrees 35’ 00” W. a distance of Four Hundred Fifty-Three and Forty - Eight Hundredths (453.48) feet to the easterly side of said Breakneck Road; THENCE N. 18 degrees 41’ 12” E. a distance of One Hundred Eighty-Three and Seventy-Five Hundredths (183.75) feet along said Breakneck Road to the point of BEGINNING. CONTAINING according to said Plan 2.017 acres.
For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18196, Page 272.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or

by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
11870
March 16, 2023
March 23, 2023
March 30, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023P0658EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Alexander K. Owanisian
Date of Death: 12/07/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Stephan R. Owanisian of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Stephan R. Owanisian of Worcester MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/04/2023.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy. First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 01, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023P0673EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Mark A Mrzyglod
Date of Death: 01/30/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cheryl A Russell of Dudley MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Cheryl A Russell of Dudley MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appear-

ance and objection at this Court before:
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Kearny, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 02, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023P0792EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Barbara M. Galli
Also known as: Barbara Mae Galli
Date of Death: 02/05/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Bruce M. Galli of Dudley MA and Richard Galli of West Boylston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Bruce M. Galli of Dudley MA and Richard Galli of West Boylston MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:
10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/11/2023.
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Kearny, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 08, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing on the proposed Tantasqua Regional School District budget for 2023-2024 will be held on Tuesday, **March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria of Tantasqua Regional Junior High School, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 71, § 38N. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 320A Brookfield Rd., Fiskdale, MA.
NOTE: The regular school committee meeting will begin following the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.
Michael Valanzola
Chairman
Tantasqua Regional School District Committee
March 17, 2023

RIDER
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in the United States a General Lafayette, paid a famous visit to the Tavern. The French free-mason was an important figure in helping guide Americans to victory and freedom from British rule and is considered a national hero in both the United States and France. After the Revolutionary War, Lafayette made one final tour of the nation with stops in numerous

towns including at the Rider Tavern. Frank Morrill explained that to this day Lafayette's visit and the historic aesthetic remain the Tavern's biggest draws as visitors can follow in the steps of one of America's most famous military allies during its founding. Lafayette's visit will even be recognized next year in one of the first big public events of the decade at the Tavern. "Next year in 2024 we

will have a very large event in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the general coming back. We did have one a few years ago as a trial run with hundreds of people attending. We're bringing in a look-alike Lafayette, and it will be a day to celebrate," Morrill said. He added that Charlton should be proud to have such a historic landmark in their community which has been recognized nationally as a lasting piece of American

history earning designation on both the National Register of Historic Places and as part of the Northside Village Historic District. "It's a historical gem that has been recognized by historians throughout the state and even nationally. People see and hear about it and that's why we have people who come in to shoot portions of movies there because it fits projects involving that period – We now want to make a push of

getting more members and more availability," Morrill said. Morrill said the Historical Society often hears questions about what the town plans to do with the "old building," but they want to remind people that the Tavern isn't just a building, it's an important part of Charlton that keeps history alive. The goal of the entire Historical Society is to draw people in to embrace one of Charlton's greatest not-

so-hidden treasures for years to come. The Charlton Historical Society is always looking for new members, whose responsibilities do include helping manage and provide tours of the Rider Tavern. Information about membership or the Rider Tavern itself can be found at www.charltonhistoricalsociety.org.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023P0735EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Ernest J Arcoite, Jr.
Also known as: Ernest J Arcoite
Date of Death: 12/28/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jeffrey M Chasse of Sturbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Jeffrey M Chasse of Sturbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/04/2023.**

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Date: March 6, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023P0755EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Adele J Rice
Date of Death: 12/03/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Melanie Duquette of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Melanie Duquette of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Date: March 06, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W019P2805EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Nancy Iagallo
Date of Death: 04/27/2019**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A- Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Mark Masiello of Shrewsbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Mark Masiello of Shrewsbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/28/2023**

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Date: February 27, 2023
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 62 Kingsley Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jason Boucher to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services, L.P., and now held by **Bank of America, N.A.**, said mortgage dated May 15, 2008 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book

42857, Page 300, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services, L.P. to Bank of America, N.A. by assignment dated September 21, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47929, Page 160; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on April 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Southbridge on the southerly side of Kingsley Street and the northerly side of Douty Street being Lots 37, 38, 39, 302, 307 and 308 and the westerly five feet of lots 40 and 313 on Plan of Lawson Villa filed with the Worcester District Deeds, Plan Book 22, Plan 30 together bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner thereof, at an iron pipe in the ground on the southerly line of Kingsley Street, at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Walter F. Cierpich, otherwise called Wladyslaw Cierpich; THENCE N. 79° 01' E., by the southerly line of Kingsley Street 80.00 feet to an iron pipe in the ground at land now or formerly of Mailhot; THENCE S. 10° 59' E., by land now or formerly of Mailhot, 200.00 feet to an iron pipe in the ground on the northerly line of Douty Street; THENCE S. 79° 01' W., by then northerly line of Douty Street 80.00 feet to an iron pipe in the ground at said Cierpich Land; THENCE N. 10° 59' W., by said Cierpich land 200.00 feet to the point of beginning. For title see deed recorded herewith book 42857-299.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Please note typographical errors are noted in the legal description as follows. The "°?" should be a degree symbol.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 15, 2008 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42857, Page 299. **TERMS OF SALE:** Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
1080 Main Street, Suite 200
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A.
Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701

March 2, 2023
March 9, 2023
March 23, 2023

**Sturbridge Planning Board
Public Hearing
Application for Site Plan Approval & Special Permit
Noble Energy Real Estate Holdings, LLC**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing in the Center Office Building Meeting Room on **Tuesday, March 28, 2022 at 6:35 PM** on the application of Noble Energy Real Estate Holdings, LLC, 131 Buckingham Street Suite 301, Hartford, CT 06106. The applicant requests Modification of an approved Site Plan for the property located at 195 and 201 Charlton Road. Specifically, the applicant seeks modification to remove conditions of approval related to the installation of a signalized intersection which were required in the Site Plan Approval granted June 22, 2021 for the Noble Energy Project and to modify the permit to allow temporary access per

plans submitted and final transportation mitigation improvements as may be approved by MassDOT for this location. MassDOT has been working with the applicant and has determined the signalized intersection previously approved by the town is no longer adequate based on their latest control evaluation criteria. MassDOT is now recommending investigation of a roundabout.

A copy of the site plan and application can be inspected on the Sturbridge Town Website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/planning-board/pages/recent-filings> or arrangements can be made to view the application packet by contacting the Sturbridge Planning Department at (508) 347-2508 or by email at jacy@sturbridge.gov. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and may be conducted via remote means if circumstance warrant, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/472675877> Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting. Charles Blanchard
Chairperson
Date 03/09/23

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W023P0407EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Michael J Santos
Date of Death: 01/05/2023**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/04/2023.**

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Date: March 03, 2023
Stephanie Fatman, Register of Probate
March 16, 2023

SPORTS

Warriors' season again ended by Dover-Sherborn in Round of 16



Tantasqua's Gabby Scanlon tries to drive the ball past Dover-Sherborn's Anh Ngo.



Maya Gidopoulos of Tantasqua catches a pass and eyes the rim before shooting a 3-pointer.



Tantasqua's Lizzie Thompson holds the ball away from a Dover-Sherborn defender while possessing it near the top of the key.



Maeve Early of Tantasqua passes the ball out of a defensive double team and toward teammate Sophia Webb.



Tantasqua's Nicki Vejack eyes the basket while hustling toward it on the fast break.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DOVER — Back on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, the 12th ranked Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity basketball team traveled to No. 5 Dover-Sherborn High for a Division 3 State Tournament Round of 16 contest against the Raiders. The Warriors lost that game, 63-39, to conclude their season.

Nearly a year later and Tantasqua headed back to Dover to take on the Raiders, again in the Division 3 State Tournament Round of 16 and again as the 12 seed against No. 5 Dover-Sherborn on Tuesday, March 7.

Although first-year head coach Andrew Haley wasn't on the sidelines with the Warriors a season ago, he tracked down the game tape and watched the film to ensure that Tantasqua's chances against the Raiders were as high as possible.

"We all kind of thought

we were a different team this year. We were not as one-dimensional offensively and I thought we were a little more solid defensively coming into it. We watched film all week and we thought we had good matchups," explained Haley. "We came into it thinking we had a chance."

And the Warriors did have a chance against Dover-Sherborn. The game was tied at the half, 27-27, and Tantasqua led midway through the third quarter, 34-33. But the Raiders ended the frame on a 6-0 run and then won fourth quarter scoring, 20-9, to take the game, 59-43.

"I think in the third quarter we just kind of lost some of the momentum," Haley said. "Things that were falling for us in the first half stopped falling for us in the third quarter."

The Warriors went into the game hoping to contain Dover-Sherborn's Elliana Scalabrino (the daughter of Brian

Scalabrino) and Hana Skeary, the Raiders' low post and 3-point shooting weapons, respectively. And Tantasqua did just that, as Scalabrino scored just 7 points and Skeary added 12 points — 8 coming in the fourth quarter — with no made 3-pointers. But Dover-Sherborn's Erica Hills was the thorn in the Warriors' side. Hills, who scored 30 points against Tantasqua a year ago, went off again, this time to the tune of a game-high 32 points. Hills scored from distance (four 3-pointers), from inside the arc (five interior baskets) and from the line (10-15 on foul shots).

"We didn't let either one of them beat us, but then (Hills) came off and just had a night. They had another girl that was pretty much just as good as they were," Haley said of Hills.

Haley was proud of the way his team played in the first half. The Warriors trailed after the first quarter, 19-12, but

then won the second period, 15-8, to be all knotted up.

"The whole first half I thought we played really good basketball. We just couldn't sustain it. They

weathered the storm," said Haley.

Gabby Scanlon was the lone Tantasqua player in double figures with 10 points, while Maeve Early added 9, Maya Gidopoulos 7 and Nicki Vejack 6. Gidopoulos was the Warriors' most effective 84-foot player from end line to end line, as she was a nuisance to any Dover-Sherborn player possessing the ball. Gidopoulos routinely came from seemingly out of nowhere to steal the ball away.

"Maya definitely brought the energy tonight. I think tonight was one of her better games," said Haley.

"Her contributions tonight were energy, steals, just great team defense — she really did a good job tonight."

The Warriors finished 18-4, while the Raiders 16-7 after losing to No. 4 Rockland High in the Round of 8, 48-37.

Haley is hopeful for an even stronger season in 2023-2024.

"We're super confident. We have a really good group of JV players coming up. I do feel like we're on the rise," he said. "You never want to look to next year during the season, but you can look down the road and see we're going to be in pretty good shape next year and the next couple years."

But Haley was also able to reflect on the current season that was, which will lose seniors Kelsie Wotton, Hannah Johnson and Sophia Parker to graduation.

"It was a bummer, we wanted to win this game, but they accomplished a lot this year. They won 18 games, they won the league — they didn't lose a league game all year — so those were some things that we could take away from the season that were really positive," concluded Haley.

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gested the existing funds might make Southbridge's proposal more attractive to the state.

To be clear, this vote did not apply for the grant yet. Dean said it's a preliminary process called One Stop for Growth the state devised to consolidate numerous grant programs to give towns a chance to see which ones individual projects might qualify for. Actual grant applications don't happen until June, and the town can apply for grants without getting such feedback, she said.

The sidewalk idea came after several councilors objected to Dean's initial proposal, which would have sought \$4 million for roads, sidewalks, lights and other work on the privately-owned American Optical campus. She said that proposal came from AO owner Franklin Realty, which had proposed it first back in 2019. The state rejected it then as not being developed enough, they tried again in 2021 and withdrew it to favor a possible marijuana business, so the town got Mass Works to fund extensive work on East Main Street instead, she said. That project also used the AO's redevelopment as its economic development hook, but was on public property.

The latter was the major sticking point for this year's AO proposal, with several councilors objecting to the idea of using public funds for work that would almost entirely be on private property. The one exception was redoing the Mechanic/North intersection, but, as Mike Marketti noted, that

area is being repaved under this year's road contract with Pioppi Construction already.

Dean said the AO's roads are mostly "not of acceptable municipal standards," and would not become public property after the project. But the proposal did include a covenant that would make them publically-accessible; she suggested making sure it was worded to specify when and how such access would happen, among other things.

Before the change, Steeves suggested language that might make sure "some of [AO's] rent goes to public coffers" to help housing issues elsewhere in town if the town was going to support the proposal. Dean said Franklin Realty has said they're willing to revise the covenant to meet the town's interests, but nobody from the firm was at the meeting last week.

Dean also suggested using MassWorks funding to complete River Street, which a CDBG project will rebuild from Hamilton to the bridge, but cannot finish because the western end is outside the low-moderate income census district.

The panel approved using the same One Stop process for a \$130,000 Urban Agenda grant to fund youth baseball field lights at McCann Field. Dean said that funding will replace American Rescue Plan Act money the council has already approved for the project if Southbridge gets it. It's also applying for \$30,000 to complete a Town Hall Facilities Study (partly funded by town money), as well as making various changes to continue work on McCann Field and appointing Layne Wandelaar to the Liquor Board.

Explore the life of the notorious Bathsheba Spooner with author Ed Londergan

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society invites you to learn about a notorious local colonial woman with author Ed Londergan. Join us at the Publick House on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. as Mr. Londergan discusses his latest novel, "Unlike Any Other," based upon the life of Bathsheba Spooner of Brookfield. The book tells the story of how this 18th-century woman from a prominent New England family went from an up-and-coming young woman, with the world seemingly at her feet, to a woman who would do anything to escape her marriage, and ultimately ended up on the gallows. The events that follow Bathsheba's life, her decisions, and her ultimate demise will show readers that Bathsheba Spooner was, in fact, "Unlike Any Other."

Ed Londergan is the author of the award-winning books "The Devils' Elbow," and "The Long Journey Home" which tell the story of Jack Parker and his struggles to survive and thrive on the colonial frontier of Central Massachusetts. Having researched American history for many years, he is a frequent speaker with a focus on colonial Massachusetts. A graduate of Holy Cross, he lives in Warren, Massachusetts.

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Trevor Wallace named to dean's list at Tufts University

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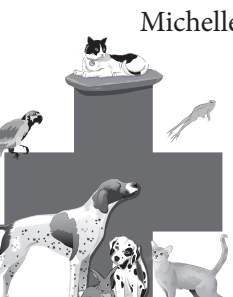
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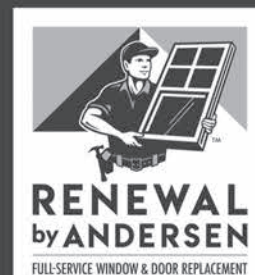
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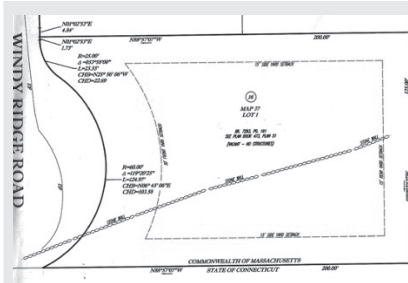
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BOSTON — In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 800 students to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Local students honored include: Madeline Hollett of Charlton Carly Snyder of Charlton Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston’s educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergrad-

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Gina Yu named to dean’s list at Tufts University

MEDFORD — Gina Yu of Southbridge, Class of 2023, was named to the dean’s list at Tufts University for the Fall 2022 semester. Dean’s list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville, and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.



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