

# Parish hosting talent show for orphanage



Courtesy  
Rev Peter Joyce, left, parishioners Jeff Chase and Joe LaFleche in back, and Rev. Fred Charpentier, right, with several of the Haitian boys residing at Fraternite des Jeunes, Les Cayes, Haiti.

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT  
SOUTHBRIDGE — As anybody who keeps tabs on the news knows (when they mention it), Haiti is a mess.  
Next month, people from St John Paul II Parish are hoping the community will help

them keep helping young people there. They're calling it the Sending All Our Love talent show, a mixed-entertainment fundraiser for the Fraternite des Jeunes, a boys' orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti. On Feb. 11 from 1-9 p.m., they're showcasing a slate of music, comedy, raffles,

snacks and other things at LaSalle Hall.  
According to Joe LaFleche, the parish started funding the Fraternite in 1995 and sent its first group to visit in 2000. He wasn't in that group, but joined the second trip in 2001.  
"I fully expected it to a one-and-done situation,"



Rev Fred Charpentier and Joe LaFleche, center back, with boys outside the orphanage in Haiti.

but he's gone several times since, he said. He's now chair of the parish's Haiti Committee. Every time he's gone, he feels the conditions have gotten worse.  
"Haiti's the most impoverished country in our hemisphere, and the problem is that, if you send money down, things are so bad [the middlemen] take care of themselves first ... and it never gets [to its intended recipients]," he said. "The circle has gotten tighter and tighter [for them]."  
Run directly by the

Missionary Oblates of St Mary Immaculate, the orphanage presently houses 16 boys and is led by Rev Fred Charpentier, originally from Woonsocket. LaFleche said it looks "like a prison," with concrete walls, but that's "for their security, not to keep them in."  
"Our participation enables them to get an education where they probably would not, and gives them a chance at a functioning existence," he added, noting some of the boys from there have gone on to be busi-

nessmen, cops, and have families. "Without us, these kids would be on the streets."  
Those attending the talent show should expect music, some from experienced performers (like Jim O'Brien of the Island Castaways and others), some from young people; a couple comedy skits; members of the Trinity Catholic choir and cheerleaders; and a clarinet/sax duo, among others. Sometime in the second half, winners of eight gift

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## Charlton selectmen begin 2023 examination of policies

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CHARLTON — With a new year comes a new look at the town of Charlton's Board of Selectmen policies, as selectmen began their examination of established rules of the town during their Jan. 10 meeting.  
Town Administrator

Andrew Golas informed the board that he would bring forward five policies at each meeting for the board to examine including recommended changes or complete removal of the policies from the town books. The policies are being examined alphabetically. Selectmen examined the first five on the list which includes access to town

council, actions/decisions/minutes of meetings, agenda closing, air conditioners in the town hall, and anti-idling.  
The first policy was standard. Golas proposed eliminating duplicative language from the access to town council policy which selectmen quickly approved. The sec-

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## School Committee recognizes standout seniors

BY JASON BLEAU  
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DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley Charlton Regional School Committee recognized a pair of senior students for their academic achievement during their four-and-a-half years at Shepherd Hill Regional

High School presenting the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence and the Principal's Award during a special ceremony in their first meeting of 2023 on Jan. 11.  
First, President Steven Lamarche present-

ed the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence to Abbigael Hill touting her academic achievement and her ability and willingness to challenge social norms and expectations as a

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## Local Scout leaders recognized for service



From left to right: Scouts BSA Boy Troop 161 leaders Bruce Sutter, Tom Chamberland, and Angie Ostrenga show off their appreciation plaques.

STURBRIDGE — Three leaders of Scouts BSA boy troop 161 were recently recognized for their service to the troop and scouting. All three are stepping down from their active involvement is scouting, and all three have son's who attained the rank of Eagle Scout in troop 161.  
Recognized for their service are Angie Ostrenga, who served two years on the troop committee and six years as the Troop Committee Chair; Bruce Sutter, who served three years as an asst scoutmaster, five years as Scoutmaster and six years as the troop treasurer; and Tom Chamberland, who served 14 years as Scoutmaster and 19 years as Charter Organization Representative.  
All three were presented engraved plaques and a thank you card signed by the scouts of Troop 161. Troop 161 is chartered by the Champeau Vilandre American Legion Post 109, and meets on Sunday nights at the Sturbridge Federated Church at 6:30 p.m. for more information on Troop 161 or how your son can join scouting email Scoutmaster Kevin Scherer at: kscherer27@aol.com.

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# Mass. activists promote nuclear ban treaty

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REGION — Last Sunday, the world saw an anniversary that mostly passed unheralded because the US government hasn't recognized it yet.

That date was the first anniversary of the fact the United Nations treaty banning all nuclear weapons and anything related to their production became international law. Honduras, the 50th nation to ratify it, did so Jan 22, 2022. Since then, a few dozen others have followed suit, but the list does not include any of the nine countries currently possessing nuclear weapons.

Some efforts do exist in Congress and the US public to push our government in this direction. One in the last session was H. Res 1185 by US Rep Jim McGovern calling on the president to "embrace the goals and provisions of the treaty" and the government and people to "lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war" by doing several things, including renouncing first use, ending the president's ability to launch an attack by himself, taking weapons off "hair-trigger alert," canceling the ongoing arsenal modernization plan, and "actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to mutually eliminate their nuclear arsenals."

Other such bills included Rep Eleanor Norton's "Warheads to Windmills" bill, which demands shifting the funds from "the technology of extinction to other pressing needs," including climate, health care, housing, education and peace. (Norton was also a cosponsor or McGovern's bill, as was Rep Richard Neal.) Mass US Sen Ed Markey also proposed the "Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures (SANE) Act, which would cancel or reduce nuclear



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The crew of the Golden Rule at a stop in California last year.

ar weapons programs over the next decade," according to that bill's press release.

Bills for this year's session are now being filed and given numbers.

As Vicki Elson of Nuclear Ban US, one of the organizations behind the treaty's expansion, said "People are tired of messing around with partisan solutions. ... I don't think we have the time to spend on other measures" beyond a massive public push to get governments to abolish the Bomb.

Elson was one of several speakers at an online forum Sunday sponsored by the US Green Party headlined by Massachusetts resident and former Green presidential candidate Jill Stein. Stein recalled "growing up with 'duck and cover'" and urged humanity to "get off that countdown [to doomsday]."

Stein noted that while many people are familiar with Hiroshima and

Nagasaki, today's warheads are "several hundred times" more powerful and vastly more numerous. The US and Russia have about 2,450 operational warheads between them and more than 5,000 in storage, and she speculated they're targeting 10 or more on each major city in the other nation.

If used, she noted, "distance [from a target] should not be the comfort people once thought." As several fairly recent studies have shown, the fallout, post-war agricultural destruction leading to mass starvation, long term ecological destruction of nuclear winter and numerous toxins, and other after-effects of nuclear war will kill billions.

As fellow speaker Haig Hovaness stated, "Those living away from major cities will probably be worse off. They'll witness the disintegration of civilization."

"We need to pull back from these

preconditions that are supercharging the nuclear threat," Stein said, pointing specifically to US policy of "full spectrum dominance," years of "dismantling treaties," pushing for expanding the arsenal, and NATO expansion into Eastern Europe (including the \$115 billion so far allocated to the Ukraine War).

Regarding full-spectrum dominance, she described it as "appropriate for the bully in the school yard, but not appropriate for an interdependent world" with many global issues to solve. Regarding the treaties, she mentioned several that have been broken and the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which is still in force, but essentially being ignored. It calls on nuclear weapons states to "work to eliminate our weapons," but the US is dedicating \$2 trillion over 30 years to updating and modernizing them instead, and the world has already spent more than \$10 trillion on nukes since 1945, she said.

As a way to encourage public support for the Nuclear Ban Treaty, Veterans for Peace (VFP) is sailing around the US this year in its "Golden Rule Peace Boat," a renovated sailboat first taken to the Marshall Islands in protest of nuclear testing there from 1947-58. It's currently moving northward along the Florida coast, with plans to reach New England in May and June. Among its planned stops are Groton Naval Base, June 8-11; Providence, June 11-13; New Bedford, June 13-15; Plymouth, June 15-18; and Boston, June 18-21.

VFP's Helen Jaccard described the trip as "a big speaking tour by water," where the stops are aimed at eliminating funding for nukes and shifting it "to things that are life-affirming."

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## Cornerstone Bank commits \$25,000 to Anna Maria College's 'Build Up, Rise High' campaign

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has committed \$25,000 to Anna Maria College in Paxton for its "Build Up, Rise High" campaign. The funds will support the construction of an academic building dedicated to public safety and mental health, as well as the creation of an on-campus baseball and multi-purpose field. Cornerstone Bank will contribute \$5,000 per year for five years as part of this endeavor.

"We're proud to support this vibrant, longstanding, local institution of higher learning," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Anna Maria's plans will not only benefit its students but will also go a long way in serving our community, especially since so many alumni remain in Worcester County working in roles where they serve local populations."

The \$12.5-million initiative includes construction of a new, 21,000-square-foot academic building with learning and observation spaces for research and teaching. It will be used by students entering high-demand fields—such as mental health, criminal justice, social work, and addiction and recovery—which are the most pressing priorities identified in a recent population-based assessment in the greater Worcester area. The building will also provide conference and lecture areas for students and the broader community.

"At Anna Maria, we have always been proud to prepare students with the career-ready skills they need to confidently enter the workforce and contribute to their communities," said Mary Lou Retelle, president of Anna Maria College. "Enhanced facilities will support our students' academic goals, helping them to acquire the skills, technical knowledge and compassion to make a

real difference in the community and help us continue to attract top-notch faculty and field practitioners."

The "Build Up, Rise High" campaign will also fulfill a longstanding institutional promise to construct the first baseball and multi-purpose field on campus. This will help raise the college's profile amongst its competition in the NCAA Division III. This campaign will also make the school a more attractive choice for incoming students, improve scheduling and attendance of on-campus events and provide a richer experience for students and the surrounding community.

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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](http://cornerstonebank.com) or call 800-939-9103.

## University of New Hampshire announces Dean's List

DURHAM, New Hampshire — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2022 semester:

- Emma Albright of Charlton, earning Honors
- Gabrielle Eberhart of Charlton, earning Highest Honors
- Owen Hughes of Charlton, earning High Honors
- Thomas Constantino of Charlton, earning Honors
- Julia Blauvelt of Charlton, earning Highest Honors
- Lauren Chase of Charlton, earning Honors
- Kristina Kirk of Uxbridge, earning Honors
- Sallie Hogan of Uxbridge, earning Highest Honors
- Tobias Genova of Uxbridge, earning Highest Honors
- Evan Hemingway of Fiskdale, earning Highest Honors
- Carly Cave of Sturbridge, earning Highest Honors
- Morgan Hammond of Sturbridge, earning Highest Honors

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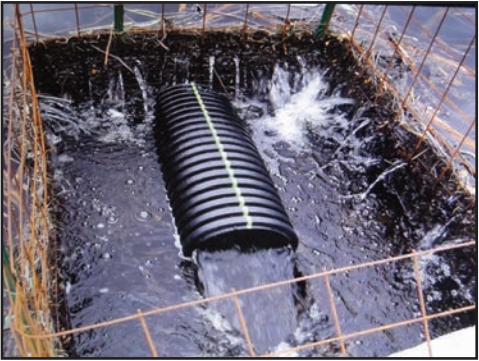
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# Beaver ponds “super important for biodiversity”



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A screenshot of one of Mike Callahan's “beaver deceiving” flow devices in action.

BY GUS STEEVES  
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REGION — If beavers aren’t in a marsh near you, Beaver Institute founder Mike Callahan thinks they probably will be in the near future and is “working to promote coexistence.”

Speaking to a recent Mass. Association of Conservation Commissions “lunch and learn,” he said he still sees there can be conflicts between them and humans, but from an ecological point of view, beavers are critical for a whole host of reasons. Instead of trapping them, he strongly advocates four non-lethal ways of preventing their work from flooding roads and properties.

Beaver ponds are “super important for biodiversity” – “just as important

for our native species as coral reefs and rainforests are for their native species,” he said. They “really help with all those things” we’re now seeing as impacts of climate change, by slowing down floods and wildfires, trapping toxins from fires, and serving as “oases of diversity” that promote recovery afterward.

The latter has been a factor in endangered species, too. Callahan noted Oregon is trying to create such ponds to provide places for coho salmon hatcheries. Although some people rip out beaver dams thinking they’re impediments to salmon travel, they actually help the species (and others).

In New England, beavers “are pretty much in all the habitats they can be” now. That wasn’t true in the 1930s, when the state started reintroduction programs, but since then, the mammals have found their way everywhere. In part, that’s because any given pond will only be home to related beavers; strangers will get attacked. Even when it has multiple lodges, there’s just one breeding female present, with the others being her kits or mate.

The conflict issues come largely from human development in floodplains clashing with the beavers’ innate inclination to try to dam the sound of running water. That’s where Callahan’s emphasis on flow-control devices comes in; to him, they’re the real long-term solution to such conflicts.

There are four types: a flexible pond

leveler for use through existing beaver dams and three for manmade features: a culvert fence, fence/pipe system and diversion dams. To the non-expert, they all look similar and use the same concept – distract the beaver from damming where the actual flow is by making them think it’s elsewhere, making damming difficult, or preventing them from reaching it. All of them work to keep the beaver pond intact, but prevent it from overflowing to damage nearby property.

The most common sites of problems are culverts. “That looks to beavers like a dam with a hole in it,” he said. “They want to fix it.” The cheapest and easiest method to address that is the fourth one, which local DPWs can build and maintain themselves. Callahan said it encourages the beavers to build their dam outside the culvert by forcing them to carry any material overland to get to the culvert itself. They generally don’t like to do that, but “about one out of five times, you’ll get a smarter than average beaver” who will.

Callahan said he’ll only use trapping as “a last resort,” in about a quarter of his cases. There are some situations where the other methods don’t work or don’t fit, such as in canals, drainage ditches and places needing high flow. In such places “we’re going to be chasing them forever and I had to recommend trapping,” he said.

(The catch with that, though, is that if the place is good for beavers, new ones typically occupy it within a year or two, he noted.)

Often, beaver experts get called to address reservoirs, but Callahan said there’s “not great science to trap” in such places. Not only do the beavers return, the claim they’re disease threats isn’t strong. Yes, he said, beavers can carry Giardia, which can cause treatable gastrointestinal illness in humans. But several other species do, too, including some that fly, like herons. Animals typically get it from humans via flooding septic systems or improperly-disposed campsite waste, and about a third of humans carry it without symptoms anyway, he said. Beavers are not a vector for rabies.

Callahan also noted the mosquito-spraying issue, saying beaver ponds are not good mosquito habitat. They’re too deep; that fact usually means the insects’ larvae have too many predators. Such insects favor shallow spots, including tires, slow streams, and gutters.

“It’s a common concern, but from my experience, doesn’t need to be,” he said.

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## QCC, Summit Campus offer neurodivergent students pathway to successful future

WORCESTER — Like many college freshmen, when Lauren Young enrolled at Quinsigamond Community College she wasn’t sure about her professional goals, but knew she wanted to start a higher education journey. Young is a resident at Summit Campus, a residential community in Worcester for local college students with autism and other related diagnoses and like all residents there, identifies as neurodivergent. Young said the new experience of starting college was anxiety-inducing, but she found QCC to be a supportive environment and has embraced the challenge to become a successful student.

According to Summit Campus Director of Residence Life Nikki Koppel, living away from home for the first time, coupled with adjusting to college-level coursework, required the Summit Campus team to develop a strategic and intentional approach to Young’s programming. QCC’s Student Accessibility Services also provided guidance and facilitation to help Young access QCC’s resources, such as its writing and math centers.

“The math and English tutoring helped a lot. In English, I was expecting a B or even a C, but I ended up being surprised with an A,” Young said.

After getting comfortable with college life, Lauren could focus on exploring her academic and professional interests. It became clear that she was a visual and kinesthetic learner, with an affinity for cooking.

“In 2020, my mother started asking me to help with the cooking and I said, ‘Absolutely!’ This created a spark of inspiration,” Young said. “(QCC Professor of Hospitality and Recreation Management) Pat Hutchinson and (QCC HRM Program Food Service Lab Site Supervisor) Matt Sullivan have been really helpful. They are so understanding if I need more time or accommodations. I also loved being in a commercial kitchen for the first time. I worked hard my first year, but now that I’m into something I’m passionate about, the hard work is just part of my routine.”

Encouraged by Summit and her SAS coordinator, Young said she has fully embraced life at QCC. She works out at the college’s fitness center and joined the Gaming Club where she can meet with other people who enjoy one of her favorite video games, “Pokemon Violet.” Young also mentioned that the size of the campus is perfect when you don’t have a car, and while it was scary at first, she now uses the WRTA bus system to get around.

“Student Accessibility Services at QCC has a history and tradition of partnering with agencies throughout Central Massachusetts, and our relationship with Summit Campus is our newest collaboration. Summit Campus provides an experience for community college students that is unique to this region – a living environment with their peers where they can learn and be challenged.

We are fortunate to have Summit Campus close by. I hope the opportunity for students with autism to attend college and be independent, while key support is accessible when needed, will grow across the state. Summit Campus is a huge win for these students, QCC and the city,” said QCC Director of Student Accessibility Services Kristie Proctor. “Summit is phenomenal and so is QCC,” Young said, adding, “I’ve seen so much diversity here and everyone is really supportive. If something isn’t working for you, you can change it!”

“Lauren is a true Summit Campus and QCC success story. She exemplifies our core belief that with the right supports, individuals can not only achieve their goals but exceed expectations. We are so proud of Lauren,” Koppel added.

Young is on track to receive her certificate this May. She said she would like to continue going to school for more credentials or possibly jump right into employment so she can prepare to live on her own.

For more information on Summit Campus, contact Nikki Koppel at nkoppel@summitacademiesma.com.

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## Devon Gokey named to Dean’s List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire — Devon Gokey of Uxbridge has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Fall 2022 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. Gokey is a Cell and Molecular Biology major at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

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# Southbridge Receiver/Superintendent meets with teachers to discuss district’s future growth



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Receiver/Superintendent Jeffrey A. Villar met with 14 teachers over lunch last Friday.

SOUTHBRIDGE — Southbridge Public Schools Receiver/Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey A. Villar met with Advanced Teachers and Distinguished Early Career Educators recently to discuss the future of the district and ideas for growth.

Villar met with 14 teachers over lunch on Friday, Jan. 13 at Southbridge Middle High School. The group had an in-depth discussion on how best to serve students, as well as ways that the district can build upon a positive culture for all students, staff and community members, and increase staff retention.

The District is committed to working on the improvement areas discussed at the meeting, including increasing communication of initiatives and progress happening within specific schools and across the entire district, providing teachers with increased opportunities to participate in decision-making, and

building upon the successful teacher induction program to provide support for teachers who are hired midyear.

“Hearing from our staff is extremely important to us. We value their opinions, feedback and time, and truly look forward to implementing their ideas as we all work toward Southbridge Public Schools’ continued growth,” Villar said.

The Distinguished Early Career Educator is a designation given to teachers who are in their first three years of teaching in the district and have achieved an exceptional level of growth within their profession. Advanced teachers are educators that have demonstrated outstanding instructional skills, a positive attitude, collaboration with peers, and a commitment to personal growth and student success. Teachers who receive these designations are identified by their building principal.

## Draft of PD HVAC Upgrades nearly complete

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — While the exact results of the study have yet to be presented, a recent review of the Charlton Police Department HVAC system has provided some cost estimates for the town to consider as officials seek to upgrade the existing facility.

Throughout the pandemic years, the town of Charlton has worked to assess and renovate specific aspects of the Charlton Police Department’s headquarters on Masonic Home Road. This

has included upgrading the roof and assessing the condition of the HVAC system. In the latter half of 2022 the town partnered with engineering consultants Tighe & Bond to draft and develop plans to improve the HVAC system. During the Board of Selectmen’s first meeting of 2023 in early January, Town Administrator Andrew Golas provided a brief update that included a potential price tag for replacing the system.

“It’s a 30-year-old system and kind of cobbled together with improvements over time,” said Golas. “Tighe & Bond is evaluating three probable approaches to

upgrading the system. After review and discussion of the preliminary report the opinion of probable cost of the recommended upgrade will likely be in the range of \$900,000.”

Golas didn’t specify what the three potential approaches were or how prices might change depending on the direction the town chooses to proceed. However, he explained that one possibility could include added costs. There is the consideration that the upgrades could trigger required ADA compliance upgrades and the installation of a sprinkler system which could include a yet-to-be-determined price of their own. Golas said estimates indicate these added costs could drive the price up “threefold” if they are required.

The town is currently awaiting the final report from Tighe & Bond which will provide more specific details on pricing options for Charlton. The firm is expected to present its findings to the Board of Selectmen once they have completed their review, which is expected to include several alternative options for the town to consider.

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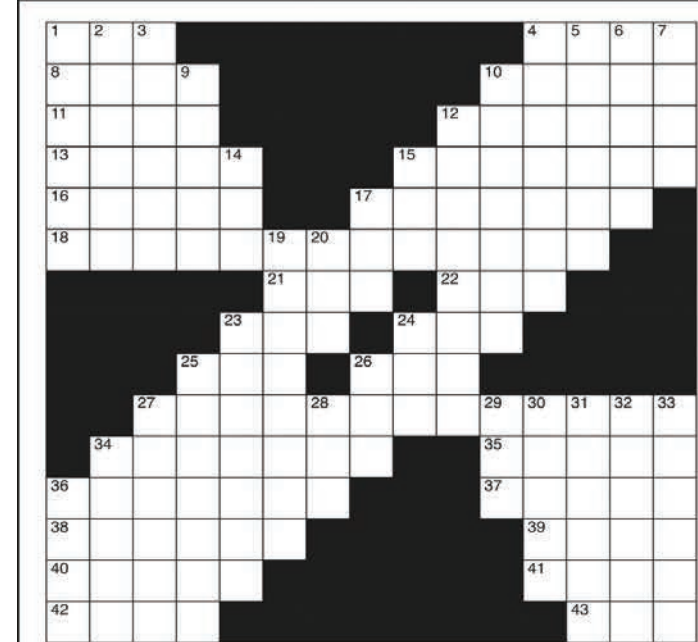
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- St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248-7862, [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com), Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
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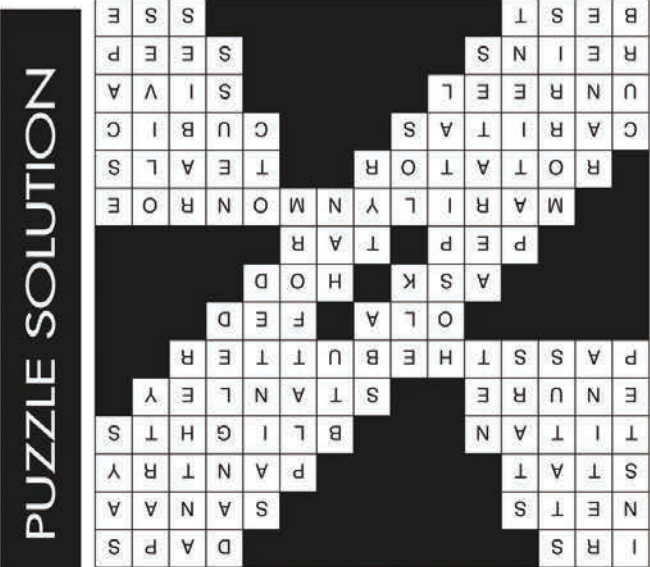


#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Tax collector  
4. Fishes without the line touching water  
8. Brooklyn hoopsters  
10. Actress Lathan  
11. A metric for athletes  
12. Food storage location  
13. Colossus  
15. Desolations  
16. Accustom to something unpleasant  
17. \_\_\_ Kubrick, filmmaker  
18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving  
21. Arkansas city  
22. Gave food to  
23. Request
24. V-shaped open trough  
25. Make lively  
26. It accompanies feather  
27. Blonde bombshell  
34. One who revolves  
35. Bluish greens  
36. Charity  
37. Having the shape of a cube  
38. Unwind  
39. Believed by some to be the supreme being  
40. Checks or guides  
41. Leak slowly through  
42. Top-quality  
43. Midway between south and southeast

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Part of your foot  
2. It’s at the back of the eyeball  
3. Where things stand  
4. Offered  
5. Contains pollen  
6. Boisterous get-together  
7. Asserts out loud  
9. They’re in the sky  
10. Canonized  
12. A politician’s official stances  
14. It can catch fish  
15. British thermal unit  
17. Helps little firms  
19. Where patients go for treatment
20. Large red deer  
23. Pokes holes in  
24. “Star Wars” hero Solo  
25. One in a hospital  
26. Scandinavian god of battle  
27. Famous cat  
28. \_\_\_ Angeles: City of Angels  
29. Type of drug (abbr.)  
30. City along the Rhine  
31. Animal disease  
32. Martini ingredients  
33. Get away  
34. Rare species of rodent  
36. Suppress



# CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

**Movies @ The Library**  
All showings are on Tuesdays at 1:00 & 5:00 in Dexter Hall. No registration. Free popcorn!  
February 7: TAR starring Cate Blanchette. 2022; R; 2 hrs 38 min.  
February 14: TICKET TO PARADISE starring George Clooney & Julia Roberts. 2022. PG13; 1 hr 44 min.  
February 21: THE WOMAN KING starring Viola Davis. 2022; PG13; 2 hrs 15 min.  
February 28: AMSTERDAM starring Margot Robbie & Christian Bale. 2022; R; 2 hrs 14 min.

**Silver Needles Knit & Crochet Group**  
Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 - Upstairs Reading Room  
Bring your current project and relax with friends while taking in the view in the upstairs reading room. All are welcome, regardless of skill level; no registration required.

**Genealogy Group Meeting**  
Thursday, February 2, 6:00-7:30 - Community Meeting Room - Registration not required.  
The Charlton Library Genealogy Group is a friendly group of people who share an interest in genealogy and local history. We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month to share our research or learn from others. Occasional guest presenters. Tonight will be a general discussion and Q & A.

**The NOT SO Newlywed Game!**  
Friday, February 3, 6:30-8:00 - Beagle Club, 103 Bond Rd. Charlton, MA 508-248-5778  
We are kicking off Library Lovers' Month with our special edition of the Newlywed Game...The (NOT SO) Newlywed Game! No registration is required to attend. If you wish to participate as a couple, please stop by the circulation desk at the Library and let us know. Otherwise, stop by to watch the hilarious antics!

**Book Discussion - LINCOLN IN THE BARDO** by George Saunders  
Thursday, February 9, 6:30-7:30 - Local History Room (and via Zoom)  
Books are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk one month prior to discussion. All are welcome to join us whether you have read the book or not. The group meets in person in the Local History Room. If you prefer

to participate remotely via Zoom, the link is on our event calendar (charlton-library.org).

**Community Yoga**  
Saturday, February 11, 9:45-10:45 - Dexter Hall - Registration required.  
Join local instructor, Linda Davis, for a free monthly community yoga class. All ages and levels are welcome. Children under age 5 must have a caregiver with them at all times. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring your own yoga mat.

**Needle Felting Workshop** with Rachel Benson  
Saturday, February 18, 10:00-12:00 & 12:30-2:30 (2 sessions) - Community Meeting Room  
Please register for EITHER the 10:00AM program OR the 12:30PM program  
Come learn the basics of needle felting! Play and experiment with colorful wool roving, learn to shape the wool with your needle and leave with your own nest of felted barred owls!  
This program is for those ages 14 and up.

**CULE- Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble**  
Thursday, February 23, 6:00-7:45 - Community Meeting Room  
This club is a FREE, fun, low stress and entertaining way for adults 18+ to learn music together. You will be guided by experienced musicians who encourage you to find your own level of achievement. Any questions? Email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com

**Screening & Discussion "Race: The Power of an Illusion Part I - The Difference Between Us"**  
Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-7:45 - Community Meeting Room - No registration required  
Join us to view and discuss the first of this three-part PBS documentary series that asks a question so basic it's rarely raised: What is this thing called 'race'? The screenings and discussions are free and open to the public. You can attend any or all of the sessions. Screenings and discussion will be facilitated by educator and local author Michelle Chalmers.

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-7:30: Part I "The Difference Between Us"  
Tuesday, March 7, 6:00-7:30: Part II "The Story We Tell"  
Tuesday, March 14, 6:00-7:30: Part III "The House We Live In"

# Gateway Players offers youth workshops

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Gateway Players Theatre is offering a variety of workshops for youths ages eight to 16 featuring theater skills for up-and-coming actors. These workshops will introduce the concepts of improv, the art of physical comedy, character development, audition skills, memorization strategies and other general acting techniques.

Cost per workshop is \$10 when paid in advance by mailing a check to Gateway Players PO Box 171 Southbridge or by Venmo to @lou-ellen-corkum. If paying at the door (space available) the cost will be \$15. Workshops will be held at: Elm Street Church, 61 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550. If you have any questions contact us at (508)764-4531 or lcorkum14@gmail.com  
Registration link: <https://docs.google.com/.../1yg0jGYbwfl-bywJ6ub.../edit>

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2-4 p.m.

- Physical Comedy with Nicole Portwood  
People are funny because of how they ACT. Make-up and costuming can enhance that, but some of the funniest people of the stage and screen never relied on that. In this class we will learn ways we can use our bodies to perform slapstick humor and do it safely! It's all about timing, reaction and selling it! Much of what you learn in this class can be used for dramatic roles as well! Wear comfortable clothes!

Wednesday, March 22, 6-8 p.m. - Audition techniques with Lou-Ellen Corkum  
Take the fear out of auditions and add some joy in the process! This is a GREAT opportunity for beginning performers to learn the basics, and a GREAT opportunity for experienced performers to brush up on their skills. Topics to include sight reading, monologues, preparing for a singing audition, calm your nerves, homework before an audition, and presenting yourself in the best way.

Sunday, April 23, 1-4 p.m. - Improv with Joe and Jonathan Sawyer  
This high-energy, creative workshop focuses on learning and exploring the basic tenets of improv comedy through games, exercises and scenes. Participants will practice stage movement, object work, public speaking, team-building and the art of "Yes AND." Most importantly, we'll laugh and have fun.

Wednesday, May 17, 6-8 p.m. - Memorization techniques with Stephen Jean  
You have been chosen for a part in a play, what's next? In this workshop you will explore a variety of memorization techniques to apply to learning your lines in ways that are easily understood and gets you to the point of putting down your script.

# Assumption students named to university's Dean's List

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

Mariam Ayoub, Class of 2026, of Charlton  
Jillian Hamblin, Class of 2024, of Charlton  
Jillian Johnson, of Holland, Class of 2024  
Julianne Sutherland, Class of 2023, of Uxbridge

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# Caracas’s Guillermo Mingda Ng Yi named to University of Iowa dean’s list for 2022 fall semester

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Guillermo Mingda Ng Yi of Caracas, Distrito Capital Venezuela was among the more than 7,500 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean’s list for the 2022 fall semester.

Ng Yi is a first year student in Iowa’s College of Engineering and is majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Dean’s list status was earned by only 2,427 first year undergraduates during the 2022 fall semester at Iowa, only 1,768 second year students, only 1,503 third year students, and only 1,845 fourth year students.

Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of “I” (incomplete) or “O” (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean’s list for that semester

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the dean’s list with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher

Please note that courses offered on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) or pass/fail (P/F) basis do not count toward graded credit for inclusion on the dean’s list.

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Our campus seamlessly blends into the heart of downtown Iowa City, making it easy to access academic resources and belong to a larger, welcoming community. With over 500 student organizations, clubs, and communities on campus, and countless in-town events scheduled throughout the year, Iowa makes it easy to build a network of friendships and connections that last a lifetime.

# Fitchburg State University announces Fall Dean’s List

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester of 2022.

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Gianna M. Bernier, Sheeza Y. Chaudry, Brian M. Dillon, Emma M. Ganley, Katherine L. Jajiliardo, Cameron J. McGrath, Serina E. Velazquez

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Matthew J. Carey, Andrew T. Esielionis, Emily J. Hanson, Kabriana T. Kien, Mishayla S. Silver

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Millbury  
Allison M. Progrek

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Grace Hope K. Kentsa

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Caileen J. Wilson

West Brookfield  
Chase W. Carlson, Nicholas C. Lucia, Robert P. O’Shea

Webster  
Samuel A. Knotoes, Abigail J. Mulry, Isabelle M. Sargent

# Hofstra University congratulates Dean’s List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Fall 2022 Dean’s List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean’s List. Students to be honored from the local area include:

Delaney Bodamer of Charlton, whose major is Drama

Lindsey Labossiere of Uxbridge, whose major is Criminology

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# Southbridge students to participate in senior internship education project

SOUTHBRIDGE — Superintendent/Receiver Jeffrey Villar is pleased to announce that 12 Southbridge students will participate in the High School Senior Internship Education Project run by MassHire.

The program’s goal is to support the growth of the teacher pipeline in Massachusetts by providing students interested in a career in education with real-life experience working in an educational setting. The program also aims to increase diversity so that the future educator population is reflective of students in the state.

Starting this month, students will intern eight hours each week over the course of 23 weeks in the district’s morning or afternoon tutoring programs or the 21st Century Program, an enrichment program that focuses on building English Language Arts and social-emotional learning skills. Students are paid through the program.

Students will interact with students, learn how to explain lessons by co-teaching with veteran teachers, supervise small groups of students and more.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for high school students with an interest in the educational sector to get hands-on, meaningful experience working with students. I know our student interns are looking forward to getting started on this project,” Villar said.

# Free Science of Snow event for Charlton girls Feb. 8

CHARLTON — Girls in grades K-1 and their guardian are invited to a free Science of Snow event on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Participants will learn about the different types of snowflakes, learn why it snows, make their own snow, and earn their first official Girl Scout patch.

This event is for girls in Charlton in kindergarten and first grade, who are not currently Girl Scouts. RSVP by Feb. 4 at <https://bit.ly/snowcharlton>.

For information on Girl Scouts contact Han at [HLaprade@gscwm.org](mailto:HLaprade@gscwm.org) Telephone: 508-749-3604.

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and item regarding actions/decisions/minutes of meetings had a bit more to it. Golas said the recommendations changed or eliminated certain titles and bodies in the town hall.

“The bylaw advisory committee I don’t believe is a standing committee anymore. The town accountant/finance services coordinator is now a finance director so we’re making that change. EMS coordinator is no longer a separate appointed position,” said Golas.

Selectmen approved these changes easily as well.

The next change involved agenda posting and sought to bring the town more in line with modern requirements in the wake of the COVID pandemic and the rise of online and remote meetings.

“When this was originally posted this was back before the town had adopted the online posting of meeting policy so I’m just updating it,” said Golas.

The updates were approved by selectmen and ensure the town is in line with open meeting laws.

The final two items involved one policy being completely removed and a second being solidified as was written. The first was an air conditioner policy which, now that the town hall doesn’t use removable air conditioners, was removed entirely. The second was an anti-idling policy with selectmen voted to reaffirm as it is required to comply with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources regulations as Charlton is a “green community.”

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member of her school community.

“Abbi Hill is a dynamic young woman who I’m convinced will be a welcome addition to college campuses of her choice,” Lamarche said. “Abbi is an established Shepherd Hill student who consistently and continuously exhibits her potential for everything she wants to be. Abbi sets goals for herself and is determined to succeed. She has mature work ethic and is committed to meet all levels of achievement - Abbi is the top ranked student in the Class of 2023, but uniquely she is empowered to challenge life norms her aptitude.”

Lamarche called Hill as “capable academic scholar” complimenting her achievements in Advanced Placement studies in numerous subjects as well as recognition for her accomplishments as

a Spanish language and mathematics student and a member of the National Honor Society. He concluded by noting that Hill has gone above and beyond as a cheerleading captain to help challenge the stereotypes of the sports and received recognition beyond the school as an all-star.

The Shepherd Hill Principals award was presented by Principal Darren C. Elwell, his first time honoring a student since he joined the district last summer. Elwell named Jacob Brodeur as the 2023 recipient commenting on his astounding 4.38 GPA and Brodeur’s commitment to his community beyond the walls of Shepherd Hill.

“In addition to an impressive list of honors classes, Jacob has availed himself of a variety of rigorous Advanced Placement courses at Shepherd Hill – Jacob is not averse to challenge,” said Elwell later commenting of Brodeur’s accomplishments beyond academ-

ics. “In the community, Jacob’s work ethic and character are on full display through his involvement in the National Honor Society. As the current president of the Shepherd Hill Chapter, most recently Jacob spearheaded efforts to raise more than \$3,000 as part of the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive providing more than 50 meals for local families and organizations. In addition, Jacob worked with his National Honor Society peers to collect toys for children in need in the local communities prior to the holidays and yet, somehow, Jacob still has some time left in his schedule to work toward the completion of his Eagle Scout project at the local YMCA.”

Brodeur was also noted as a participant in model United Nations earning the Gavel Award and a participant in the Academic Decathlon. He serves as Class Treasurer as well as President of the NHS chapter at Shepherd Hill.

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baskets (\$5 per chance) and a 50/50 raffle will be announced by Elvis and Groucho Marx (Rev Ken Cardinale doing impressions).

Cardinale said he’s done this at other churches, but it’s the first one here. He expects around 350 people, and they have 400 tickets. Performers are being asked to attend a tech rehearsal Wednesday Feb 8 at 6 pm so that the crew can

arrange sound and lighting needs. A second rehearsal is being offered for those who want it the afternoon of the show, but isn’t required.

Tickets started being sold at Masses last weekend and can be obtained at the Parish Office or by contacting Ray Fournier, 774-318-8928 or ray4nier49@aol.com. They’re \$15 adults, \$8 ages five to 12 and free below that, with a maximum cost of \$35 per family and free refreshments. Doors open Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

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Winter travel  
through the years

The first big storm of the season has come and gone, leaving us with anywhere from three to 12 inches of snow, depending on where you are. As with most things, we like to think about how our ancestors handled certain situations. It was during a snowy drive last winter that this writer became grateful for studded snow tires and heat. That experience prompted thoughts about how those who came before us dealt with travel during snowstorms. During the winter of 1717, a storm dumped four feet of snow, creating snowdrifts of up to 25 feet. Passing through the snow-covered roads was too much for a postman who traded his horse for a pair of snowshoes. Objects similar to skis were attached to carriages as a means of winter transportation. Streets had to be passable for wood and food deliveries. When the roads were not passable townspeople would gather together in large groups and dig out a path. The snow was placed into the back of a horse-drawn cart by gangs of men and driven to the closest river to be dumped. Salt was also used on streets, but many people complained because it ruined their shoes and clothes. Fast forward to 1840, when the first snowplow patent came to be. It wasn't until 1862 that the first snowplow was put into use. The plow was attached to a cart and pulled by a team of horses. Soon after, many cities began to use the horse-drawn snowplow. Typically, the use of the horse-drawn plow was only used to clear main streets, leaving side streets and sidewalks snowed in by large piles often blocking entrances to businesses. Many business owners actually brought lawsuits against the plowing companies as a result because their customers could not gain access to the storefronts. The solution to that conundrum, was the hiring of snow shovelers to accompany the plow. The blizzard of 1888, however, was too much for the "modernized" plow, leaving many people trapped inside their homes. This emergency was the catalyst cities needed to begin coming up with a better plan for snow removal. One idea was to stay on top of the storm as it started, instead of waiting for it to end. Different men driving the plows were assigned to certain neighborhoods as well. The invention of the automobile brought with it a crutch and a new possibility as far as snow removal went. The crutch being that an entirely new method needed to be engineered and put into use. In New York, in 1913 a dump truck could be seen on city streets. Seven years later the first snow loader, came on to the scene. It had a big scoop with a conveyor belt. The snow would go into the scoop via the belt, then dumped into the back of the truck. From there, off to the river it went. It wasn't until 1959 when the weather was able to be predicted more accurately, allowing towns and cities to better prepare for any incoming storms. Reading old diaries of our New England ancestors gives the perfect window as to what it was like to experience a bitter cold winter, prior to modern practices. A shining example is the quote below from literary critic Van Wyck Brooks. "All praise to winter, then, was Henry's feeling. Let others have their sultry luxuries. How full of creative genius was the air in which these snow-crystals were generated. He could hardly have marveled more if real stars had fallen and lodged on his coat. What a world to live in, where myriads of these little discs, so beautiful to the most prying eye, were whirled down on every traveler's coat, on the restless squirrel's fur and on the far-stretching fields and forests, the wooded dells and mountain-tops, --these glorious spangles, the sweepings of heaven's floor."

— The Flowering of New England, 1815-1865

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OPINION

From slave to hero

In 1748, James Armistead was born into the world, and his life was far from ordinary. James was born into slavery, belonging to the Armistead family, a well-established and prominent family in Virginia who owned a vast plantation and many different businesses. Little did they know, this enslaved man would become one of the greatest American heroes ever.

Amidst the darkness of slavery, James learned to read and write, unlike many of his fellow enslaved people. James's ability to read and write was invaluable as the Revolutionary War was heating up and would prove to be the key that unlocked his path to freedom.

By 1781, the colonies were amid a fierce war for independence against England.

The British, led by the infamous Lord Cornwallis and his army of red-coats, were making devastating raids and attacks on the Continental Army and their cities. Under the command of General George Washington, the colonies fought bravely alongside their French allies, but it seemed as though victory was slipping from their grasp.

To turn the tide of the war, Washington sent the Marquis De Lafayette from France to reinforce the Continental Army's position in Virginia. Lafayette, a seasoned military leader, knew that the Continental Army alone was no match for British forces; he had to think outside the box.

Although enslaved people weren't allowed to fight, Lafayette recruited James; he was determined to utilize every advantage and was eager to learn more about the enemy's plans.

Together they devised a plan to infiltrate the British camp and gather vital information from within. James knew the stakes were high and was willing to take the risk.

James posed as a runaway slave and offered his services to Cornwallis, desperate for a chance to serve the British army, and Cornwallis believed him.

Day after day, as he served dinner to Lord Cornwallis and his generals, he gained their trust and listened in on their secret plans. With every word, he memorized their strategies, studied their maps, and learned their procedures. He was like a fly on the wall, unnoticed but always present, always listening.

Cornwallis and his generals had no

idea that the servant before them was not just an enslaved man but a spy working for the Continental army.

As the war was getting closer to the climax, The Battle of Yorktown, every piece of information James gathered was crucial for the Patriots to win. He was determined to help win the war and secure his freedom.

He provided the Marquis with detailed information about the location and strength of British troops, their supply lines, and plans for escape or reinforcement.

Armed with this information, The Marquis launched a bloody siege against the British army in Yorktown. The siege lasted for several weeks, as the Continental Army and the French allies bombarded the British positions with artillery.

The Patriots could anticipate the British's every move and turn the tide of the battle. Defeated, Cornwallis surrendered, and the Battle of Yorktown was over.

James's bravery and dedication to the cause of freedom for himself and our nation played a vital role in the defeat of the British.

This victory may have never been possible without James's bravery and dedication as a double agent. His actions as a spy during the war were instrumental in securing freedom for the colonies and served as a powerful example of resistance against slavery and oppression.

He defied the notion that enslaved people were merely passive victims and showed that they, too, could actively fight for their liberation.

Some believe that James and the Marquis kept in touch. Fifty years later, when The Marquis was on a rockstar tour of American Cities, almost 100,000 showed up to see him; James was there and was embraced by the Marquis as a hero while the crowds roared with approval. James took the last name Lafayette in honor of his relationship with the Marquis de Lafayette.

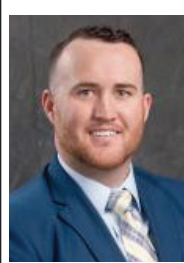
James Armistead Lafayette's story remained largely unknown for many decades. It was in the 20th century that historians began to acknowledge his role in the war and his significance as a symbol of courage, determination, and resilience.

Although he's no longer here, I wish to say to James, "Thank you for your service."

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For someone who's married and files taxes jointly, and whose MAGI for 2021 was \$194,000 or less, the Part B premium for 2023 will be \$164.90 per month, and the Part D premium will be whatever amount is charged by their Medicare plan. But if their 2021 MAGI was between \$194,000 and \$246,000, they'll pay \$230.80 (a surcharge of \$65.90) for Part B and an additional \$12.20 for Part D. And the IRMAA rises at different income levels, reaching a maximum of \$560.50 (a surcharge of \$395.60) for Part B and an additional \$76.40 for Part D for a MAGI of \$750,000 or more.

If you're unprepared for the IRMAA, it can be an unpleasant surprise. So, if you've still got a few years until you enroll in Medicare, you may want to look for ways to control your MAGI and possibly limit the surcharge.

Here are a few suggestions:

Contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA). If you have access to a Health Savings Account (HSA), your contributions will reduce your taxable income, helping you on the IRMAA issue. Furthermore, any investment growth within your HSA is tax free, as are withdrawals for qualified medical expenses, which can include Medicare premiums, deductibles and copays.

Contribute to a Roth IRA. Roth IRA withdrawals are tax free, provided you don't start taking them until you're 59 and a half and you've had your account at least five years. These tax-free withdrawals can enable you to avoid taking taxable withdrawals from other accounts, which may help you avoid an increase in your IRMAA.

Consider a Roth IRA conversion. You could convert some, or perhaps all, the assets of a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. But you'll need to consider the impact of taxes — any deductible contributions to your traditional IRA and the earnings generated by these contributions will be fully taxable the year of the conversion, so you'll want to have funds outside your IRA available to pay these taxes. Also, timing is important — to be on the safe side, you might want to complete the Roth conversion three or more years before you enroll in Medicare, so the conversion and the likely increase in your MAGI won't increase the IRMAA.

Manage your withdrawal rate – Taking large withdrawals from your retirement accounts can bump up your MAGI bracket and your IRMAA. So, as you near retirement, you'll want to establish a sustainable withdrawal rate — one that provides you the income you need but without going overboard.

While these moves could potentially help you control the Medicare surcharge, they still must make sense for your overall financial strategy. It's obviously desirable to keep the surcharge as low as you can — but it's even more important to take the steps necessary to reach your financial goals.

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Grow a beautiful indoor succulent garden

It's no surprise that succulents, including cacti, are popular. These easy-care houseplants come in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes making them perfect for any home.

All you need is a lot of light and benign neglect to raise healthy and beautiful succulents. Place the plants near an unobstructed south-, west- or east-facing window.

Don't let a lack of light stop you from enjoying these beautiful plants in your home. You'll find many attractive options for displaying your plants while providing the light they need. A single desktop LED plant light, attractive plant light shelves and carts, and furniture-grade light gardens allow you to grow these sun-lovers anywhere in your home.

Grow these plants in cacti and succulent potting mix. These fast-draining mixes help reduce the risk of overwatering which can lead to root rot. Further reduce this risk by using containers with drainage holes that are only slightly larger than the succulents' root system. Growing them in too large of a container that retains moisture longer can result in root rot, decline, and even the death of your plants.

Water thoroughly whenever the top inch or two of soil is dry. Some gardeners check the soil moisture at the drain hole to ensure it is dry and the plants need to be watered. Always pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer.

Avoid water collecting in the rosette of leaves or the cluster of prickly stems that can lead to crown rot. Use a watering can like the Haws Indoor Watering Can which has a long narrow spout that allows you to reach under the plants to water just the soil.

Make slight adjustments in your watering regime and growing environment as the seasons change. Adapting to changing conditions will keep your plants healthy and looking their best year-round.

Find a cool, sunny, draft-free location for your cacti and succulents in the fall and winter. Maximize the amount of light the plants receive by moving them to the sunniest, usually south-facing, window in your home. Water thorough-



Succulents are low-maintenance houseplants that add interest and beauty to indoor décor.

ly but only when the top few inches of soil are dry and just often enough to keep the plants from shriveling. These changes in the growing conditions often encourage a spring display of colorful and unique flowers.

Boost your succulents' natural beauty by displaying them in unique containers or places in your home. Create a living wall display with a 3-tier vertical wall planter (gardeners.com) or Mini Magnetic Galvanized Planter Pockets.

Grow a succulent centerpiece that can be enjoyed year-round. Plant a variety of succulents in a long narrow planter like the Veradek GEO Series Planter boxes. Display it on the table, and if needed, move it back

to its sunny location between dinner parties. Small containers like the heart-shaped concrete tabletop planters allow you to create an attractive dish garden even when space is limited.

Whether you're a busy, experienced, or new indoor gardener, creating a succulent garden may be just what you need to brighten your home and elevate your mood.

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# Appreciate your rod & gun club

Many people are happy with this winter's almost snowless season, but Ice fishing anglers are not happy about the absence of safe ice to fish on. The long range forecast is not looking good for ice fishing locally, but a couple of anglers packed their gear and traveled to the Northern part of Maine, and found six to eight inches of ice to fish on, and had a great time fishing. You've got to do what you've got to do!

The Mass. bear season ended with 223 bear being harvested during the three season hunt. Most bear were harvested in the western part of the state. It seems a bit low from the previous few years. The results of the 2021 deer season in Mass. pertaining to the Covid testing done at local stations, showed that 28 percent of the deer tested positive. The results of the 2022 deer harvest in Mass. has not been released as of this writing, but should be available any day now. There sure was a lot of big bucks taken this year.

Local clubs are planning their wild game suppers. A few clubs will not be having a game supper this year, but the Whitinsville Fish & Game club announced Feb. 18 for this year's big day. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will also have their game supper this year. Tickets are now available and can be purchased at the club. These events are sold out quickly every year. Do not be left out!

Upcoming fishing shows include Tried & True fishing show on Feb. 4 & 5 in Westport Mass.! Location of the show is at Whites of Westport, Sportsmen's



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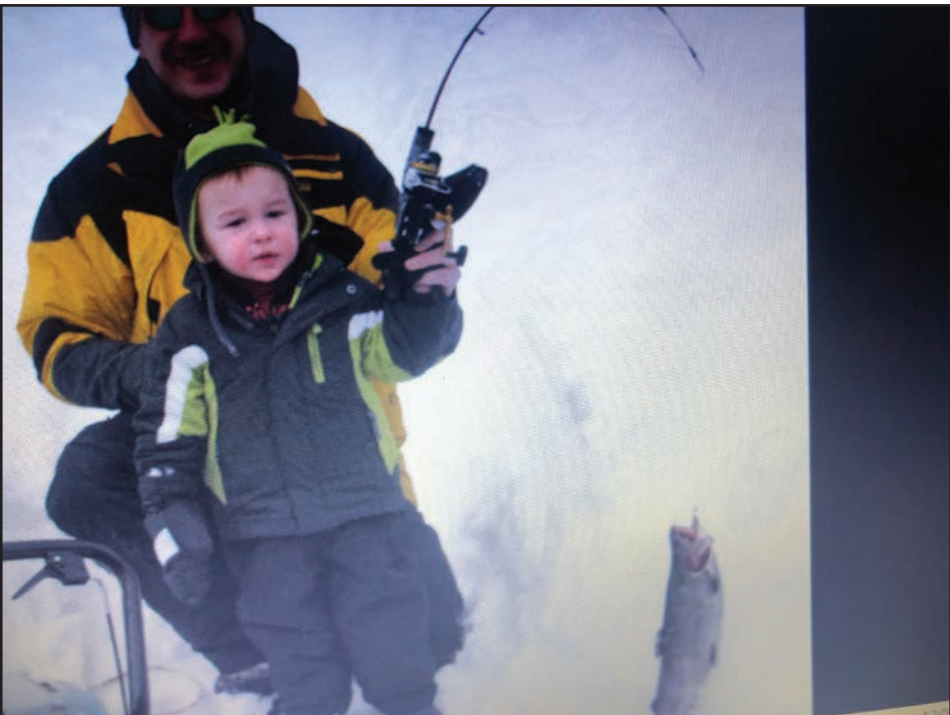
show at the Big E on Feb. 24-26, and the Fishing show on Jan. 28 & 29 in Boxborough, Mass. this weekend!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual Founders Day prime roast beef dinner this past Saturday, which was well attended. More than 80 members and guests enjoyed a prime Roast Beef dinner, put on by numerous club members. Only a few club founders remain, as most have passed on, but are remembered by the new members every day they hunt & fish on the property, or they trap shoot, use the pistol range, archery range etc.! The founders of most Rod & Gun clubs had the vision to acquire open space and develop it by building Club houses, trout ponds, ranges, that in today's world would almost be impossible. Back in the '50's and '60's, numerous opportunities to buy open space for back taxes, and could be bought for \$1,000 per 100 acres or more. The Whitinsville Fish & Game club and the Blackstone valley Beagle Club land were a couple of clubs that purchased acreage for back taxes. Today, these two clubs are enjoying their property and all of the hunting and fishing activities that were left for future generations. Every time new members join one of these clubs, they should remember all of the hard work that was done by previous members.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club also had members that had the foresight to buy land and build a clubhouse and all of the things that sportsmen need to have. There is little or no land

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This week's picture shows a dad and his daughter ice fishing at a fishing derby at the Whitinsville fish & Game Club a couple of years ago! She was Jig Fishing & landed an impressive rainbow trout. She would love to fish again this year, but there is no ice!

that is affordable to build these special places for sportsmen and women today. The next time you visit your club to shoot fish, you should take a moment to appreciate all of the work that past members did to make it possible.

Marine fisheries are looking to cut more species of fish like Haddock, Cod, Mackerel, from the daily limits of recreational anglers and there is little that can be done to stop it. They have managed to cut recreational angler limits

every year, but still allow commercial fishing boats to take more fish and longer fishing seasons. They have managed to separate charter boat anglers from the recreational boat anglers, allowing charter boats to have larger limits than the private boats. It is never going to stop.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Annual Cold/Flu Review

It's flu season and time for the annual cold/flu facts column. Read on to review symptom checkers to ID your ailment, along with some natural and proactive methods you can employ to increase your odds of staying healthy this season.



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ginger and lemon to a hot cup of tea not only soothes the throat, but ginger's antimicrobial properties and lemon's vitamin C help fight the bug. To break up mucus, add a pinch of cayenne pepper to the hot tea.

Or try this recipe from Food Network to relieve cold and flu ailments: Combine in a mug: the juice of half a lemon, a quarter size piece of fresh ginger, two teaspoons of honey, and 3/4 cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for at least three minutes. Add dark rum if desired.

\* It's true that chicken broth can offer cold and flu sufferers relief, but did you know it's the bone broth from the homemade brew that provides much of the healing power? Broth made from boiling bones (for about 12 hours for maximum benefit) offers magnesium, sulfur, phosphorus and other trace minerals that are easily absorbable not always readily available.

\*Whether you like it hot or cold, a compress applied to sinuses can relieve congestion quickly. A freeze pack (or bag of frozen vegetables) works as a cold pack on the sinus area to decrease symptoms. Or, heat up a wet facecloth in the microwave (not to hot) and apply across the bridge of the nose for similar relief.

\*While there's no cure for the common cold some foods appear to reduce susceptibility to catching colds, or at least reduce the severity of the symptoms. Foods containing beta-carotene, vitamin C, and zinc have shown to have immune repairing and boosting properties. Research suggests that zinc (which is in many over the counter products to prevent colds) can work to reduce the duration and severity of a cold. But it is only effective if it's started early, at the very first signs of illness.

### Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge

Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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# OBITUARIES

## Virginia A. Iacobucci, 98



Southbridge-Virginia A. (Osimo) Iacobucci, 98, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband, Ralph Roland Iacobucci, on Jan. 28, 1963, and her son, Joseph Ralph Iacobucci, on Nov. 14, 2009. She leaves her daughter, Judith Farland and her husband, Lionel “Nel” Farland of Webster; her daughter in law, Janet Iacobucci of Dover, NH; her sister-in-law, Viola Osimo of Southbridge; her grandchildren, Jason Iacobucci and his wife Kate, Justin Iacobucci and his wife Christine, Jena Sinkewich and Tina Farland; nine great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins and many friends. She was also predeceased by her two sisters, Mary Lapriore and her husband James, Josephine Battista and her husband Albert and her brother William Osimo. Virginia was born in Southbridge the daughter of the later Sabatino and Assunta (Canosa) Osimo.

She worked at the American Optical, Co. in Southbridge as a shipper for many years. A devoted member of St. Mary Church now St. John Paul II Parish. Volunteered teaching the English Language at Jacobs Edwards Library to Laotian families. After teaching these families, Virginia and her Laotian families, became good friends. She was President, Vice President and a very active member of the Society of St. Rita of St. Mary’s Parish, a member of the Southbridge Woman’s Club and Chapter 501 SB AARP. She volunteered

for many years at St. Mary, now St. John Paul II Parish, Bazaars. She was a Harrington Hospital Volunteer.

Family was always a big part of Virginia’s life! She loved to get together with family and friends. Enjoyed cooking and entertaining.

Virginia was an avid reader and enjoyed sharing books with family and friends.

Her faith and love for God was primary throughout her life, next to her love for her family.

Throughout her life she always had a positive attitude and a big heart to share with everyone. Her favorite saying was “I’m fine”.

Virginia’s family would like to thank all the wonderful employees and residents at Christopher Heights of Webster. Opening your arms and hearts to her always made Virginia feel a big part of the Christopher Heights family. Also, Southbridge Rehab & Healthcare Center always being there for Virginia and caring so much for her. She loved all of you!

Her funeral was held on Friday, Jan. 20th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with Mass at 12:00pm in St. Mary’s Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 247 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Friday, Jan. 20th, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Virginia Iacobucci to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550 or to Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA 01550.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

## Pauline V. Talisman, 93



Southbridge: Pauline V. (Bail) Talisman, 93, passed away on Friday, Jan. 20th in the Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, Worcester after an illness.

Her husband, Michael R. Talisman, died in 2001. She leaves a son, Russell M. Talisman and his wife Deborah of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle G. Talisman and her husband Carleton Waters of Costa Mesa, CA; a nephew, Laurent (Larry) Coutu and his wife Pauline of Mapleville, RI; and a great niece, Michelle Coutu of Pawtucket, RI. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Lorraine Coutu and Theresa Bail. She was born in Southbridge to Hermas and Lillian (Girard) Bail. She was a graduate of the former Mary E. Wells High School.

Pauline served the town of Southbridge as its Assistant Town Clerk for many years until her retirement in 1997. After her retirement she dedicated much of her time as a member of the Harrington Auxiliary of Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge and received the President’s Volunteer Service Award in recognition of her commitment. She was also a member

of the Community Organ Club, the Southbridge Women’s Club, the Red Hat Society, and the Tuesday Club on Webster Lake. When her children were young Pauline was a Cub Scout Den Mother, a Brownie Leader and a Girl Scout Leader.

The family wishes to offer heartfelt thanks to the organizations and their teams who cared for Pauline in her last years. The Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center has been her home for the last three years and they have consistently offered understanding and compassionate care throughout her time there. In the final days of her life, Notre Dame Hospice provided support to her and the family as she slipped away, never wavering in the exceptional care provided by all members of the team.

Her funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th, at 11:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will follow in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held on Friday, Jan. 27th, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Harrington Auxiliary, 100 South Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

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## West Street School celebrates local veterans

SOUTHBRIDGE — The West Street School is showing love to local veterans this Valentine’s Day.

Anyone who has served in the armed forces is invited to attend a special celebration offering a heartfelt thank you for their service Tuesday, Feb. 14 beginning with breakfast in the school cafeteria at 8:30 a.m., followed by student performances featuring songs and poetry at 9:15.

Please RSVP to Michelle Ortiz by calling (508) 764-5470, ext. 1 or e-mail mortiz@southbridgepublic.org by Friday, Feb. 3.

Send all obituary notices to  
Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90,  
Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail  
to [obits@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:obits@stonebridgepress.news)

# LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE’S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jose J. Peralta to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as a nominee for Land Home Financial Services, Inc., dated April 10, 2020 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62189, Page 219 (the “Mortgage”) of which mortgage Land Home Financial Services, Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Land Home Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns to Land Home Financial Services, Inc. dated August 26, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68166, Page 130, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 277 South Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 3, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Southbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, located at the southeasterly corner of South Street and Newell Avenue, shown as Lot A on a Plan entitled “Plan of Land in Southbridge, Massachusetts, owned by Paul Triba, April 20, 1987, Para Land Surveying, Incorporated, Southbridge, Massachusetts, Scale 1” = 20’ “; said Plan being recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, at Plan Book 575, Plan 70; and said Lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of land herein described, at the intersection of South Street and Newell Avenue and running THENCE S. 73 deg 52 min. 00 sec. E along the Southerly side of South Street a distance of 114.95 feet; THENCE S. 01 deg. 57 min. 57 sec. W. along land now or formerly of Francis E. and Gertrude E. Holden, a distance of 89.55 feet; THENCE S. 86 deg. 15 min. 33 sec. W. along Lot B on said

Plan, a distance of 88.32 feet; THENCE N. 69 deg. 40 min. 06 sec. W. along said Lot B, a distance of 32.85 feet to a point on the Easterly side of said Newell Avenue; THENCE N. 05 deg. 42 min. 44 sec. E. along said Newell Avenue, a distance of 116.36 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING an area of 12,500 square feet. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO THE MORTGAGOR BY DEED OF MARIA ISABEL BERNARD RECORDED WITH THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS HERewith.

For mortgagor’s title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62189, Page 216.

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.

Land Home Financial Services, Inc.  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Peralta, Jose J., 22-040632  
January 12, 2023  
January 19, 2023  
January 26, 2023

**Town of Sturbridge  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing Notice Special Permit**

**Stephen B. & Marcy L. Reed**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the **Center Office Building located at 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:05 PM** on the application of Stephen B. & Marcy L. Reed. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit pursuant to Article XVIII §300-18.2 (2) and a Finding pursuant to Article XV §300-15.2 A of the Zoning Bylaw to expand, change or alter a pre-existing, non-conforming use or structure for the property located at **88 South Shore Drive**. The applicant is proposing to renovate the existing cottage and add an addition to allow for a one story home and an attached garage as shown on the plans and documents provided. As proposed the lot coverage will increase to 16.80% where 15% is allowed. No other non-conformities will be intensified as a result of the proposed alterations.

The proposed request can be viewed at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/zoning-board-appeals/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 [jlacy@sturbridge.gov](mailto:jlacy@sturbridge.gov).

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Members of the public may watch the meeting online via the Town’s on demand video broadcast or via cable television on Channel 191. In the event of a remote hybrid meeting, notice shall be posted on the ZBA website and those that wish to participate will find specific information on how to access the meeting on the website. Please note that the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law.

Elizabeth Banks, Chair  
Sturbridge Zoning Board of Appeals  
January 26, 2023  
February 2, 2023

**Town of Sturbridge  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing Notice Special Permit**

**The Blanchard Family Trust**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the **Center Office Building located at 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:35 PM** on the application of The Blanchard Family Trust. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit pursuant to Article XVIII §300-18.2 (2) and a Finding pursuant to Article XV §300-15.2 A of the Zoning Bylaw to expand, change or alter a pre-existing, non-conforming use or structure for the property located at **26 Farquhar Road**. The applicant is proposing to re-build a garage on a portion of an existing concrete pad as shown on the plans and documents provided. The concrete pad straddles the property line, the construction as proposed will maintain a 2’ side setback where 15’ is required. Since construction will be on the existing pad, no new non-conformities will be intensified or created as a result of the proposed construction.

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January 26, 2023  
February 2, 2023

# LEGALS

## MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Melissa A. Carling to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reliant Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated November 22, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51779, Page 245 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on January 14, 2019 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 59932, Page 312, subsequently assigned to Pacific Union Financial, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reliant Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56054, Page 296, subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank, a federally chartered Savings Association by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, successor by merger to Pacific Union Financial, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61397, Page 194 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on February 16, 2023 at 3 Gedeon Avenue, Sturbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon situated in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being Lots 17, 18, 19, 27, 28 and 29 as described on a certain plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 33, Plan 15, and being entitled ‘Plan of Lots of Bellevue Plan owned by Eagle Realty Company, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, Scale 1” =50’, dated May 1919, Plan and survey by Mitchell and Genereux, Engineers, Southbridge, Massachusetts”, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of Gideon Avenue and Aline Street as shown on said Plan; THENCE northerly by the westerly side of Aline Street, 60 feet, more or less, to a point at Lot 26; THENCE westerly 200 feet by Lot 16 and Lot 26 as shown on said plan to a point on the easterly side of road leading from Southbridge to Sturbridge; THENCE southerly by said road 60 feet, more or less, to a point in the intersection of said Highway and Gideon Avenue, as shown on said plan; THENCE easterly by the northerly side of Gideon Avenue and the southerly side of Lots 19 and 29 as shown on said Plan, 200 feet to the beginning. For my title see deed recorded herewith, at Book 51779, Page 243. The property address is: 3 Gedeon Avenue, Sturbridge, MA 01566. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. MidFirst Bank Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC 20-003271/376/NOTOP\_DR PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 20-003271s January 26, 2023 February 2, 2023 February 9, 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. WO22C0619CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO  
CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:**

**Naomi Tallahina Rice**  
A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Naomi Tallahina Rice of Sturbridge MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing his name to:  
**Naomi Tallahina**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/24/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 28, 2022  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
January 27, 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. WO23P0155EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Joan Greenberg  
Date of Death: 12/27/2022**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Toby L. Parcel of Raleigh NC** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:  
**Toby L. Parcel of Raleigh NC** 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 02/21/2023.** 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: January 17, 2023  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
January 26, 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. WO23P0178EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate of:  
Ryan Anthony Bisceglia  
Date of Death: 11/06/2022**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Noreen A Bisceglia 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:  
**Noreen A Bisceglia of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: January 19, 2023  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
January 26, 2023

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION –  
HIGHWAY DIVISION  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC  
INFORMATION MEETING  
Project File No. 602659**

A Live Virtual Public Information Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to update the public on the status of the project and discuss early construction activities for the proposed **Route 20 Reconstruction** project in **Charlton and Oxford, MA.**  
**WHEN: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 8, 2023**  
**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this meeting is to update the public on the status of the project and discuss early construction activities for the Route 20 Reconstruction project in Charlton and Oxford. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.  
**PROPOSAL:** The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Route 20 along approximately 3.2 miles, from the intersection of Richardson Corner Road in Charlton to the intersection of Route 12 in Oxford. MassDOT is reconstructing and widening the roadway, replacing bridges over the Little River and the French River, adding sidewalks and shared use paths, installing a median barrier, improving safety and traffic operations at various intersections, and enhancing stormwater treatment. Project inquiries, written statements, and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7210, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: **Major Projects**, Project File No. **602659.**  
This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857)-368-8580, TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.  
This Live Virtual Public Information Meeting or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings).  
**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER**  
January 27, 2013

**Town of Sturbridge  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing Notice Special Permit  
Sean & Johnna Doyle**  
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the **Center Office Building located**

**at 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:45 PM** on the application of Sean & Johnna Doyle . The applicant is requesting a Special Permit pursuant to Article XVIII §300-18.2 (2) and a Finding pursuant to Article XV §300-15.2 A of the Zoning Bylaw to expand, change or alter a pre-existing, non-conforming use or structure for the property located at **63 Beach Avenue.** The applicant is proposing to construct an addition, raising of the structure 4’-3” within in the existing foundation, and to relocate an existing carport and existing shed, as well as construct pervious paver walkways and patio as shown on the plans and documents provided. As proposed the front setback will be reduced to 14.2’ where 30’ is required. No other non-conformities will be intensified as a result of the proposed alterations.  
The proposed request can be viewed at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/zoning-board-appeals/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 [jlacy@sturbridge.gov](mailto:jlacy@sturbridge.gov).  
Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Members of the public may watch the meeting online via the Town’s on demand video broadcast or via cable television on Channel 191. In the event of a remote hybrid meeting, notice shall be posted on the ZBA website and those that wish to participate will find specific information on how to access the meeting on the website. Please note that the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law.  
Elizabeth Banks, Chair  
Sturbridge Zoning Board of Appeals  
January 26, 2023  
February 2, 2023

**Town of Sturbridge  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing Notice Special Permit  
Robert M. & Lisa A. Muscaro**  
In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at the **Center Office Building located at 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:55 PM** on the application of Robert M. & Lisa A. Muscaro. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit pursuant to Article XVIII §300-18.2 (2) and a Finding pursuant to Article XV §300-15.2 A of the Zoning Bylaw to expand, change or alter a pre-existing, non-conforming use or structure for the property located at **72/72A Paradise Lane.** The applicant is proposing to raze and rebuild an existing single family home with related site improvements as shown on the plans and documents provided. As proposed the front setback will be reduced to 24.8’ where 30’ is required. No other non-conformities will be intensified as a result of the proposed alterations.  
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SPORTS

Weathering storms, winning quarters enough for Warriors to defeat Leicester



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Kelsie Wotton takes and makes a 3-pointer.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

STURBRIDGE — To the Leicester High girls' varsity basketball team's credit, they continued to

go on runs and cut into Tantasqua Regional's lead. But, to the Warriors' credit, they never let the Wolverines' runs get too large and always main-

tained their aforementioned advantage. "Teams are going to go on runs, teams are going to get some momentum going, and if you're a good team you weather the storm, you talk about it in a timeout, and you figure out what they're doing and stop it," explained Tantasqua head coach Andrew Haley.

The Warriors won every quarter by a slim margin — 13-10 in the first, 19-16 in the second, 17-15 in the third, 7-5 in the fourth — as they defeated Leicester, 56-46, back on Thursday, Jan. 19.

"Don't let the quarter get away from you and just weather those storms. The big focus is just stay calm, weather those runs and figure out what we need to do differently to push back," Haley said he told his team.

For the Wolverines, it was a valiant effort, but one that fell a little too short.

"They're deeper, so he can mix in a couple players, which stopped our runs. We would make a run and it would just stall. We couldn't get over the hump," said Leicester head coach Chris Barry.

Tantasqua jumped out to an 8-1 lead, but the Wolverines ended the frame on a 9-5 run to head into the second quarter down by just three.

Then, in the second, after the Warriors scored the first five points, Leicester netted the next seven to make it a one-point game at 18-17.

The Wolverines were never able to get closer



Tantasqua's Gabby Scanlon somehow makes this basket while drawing the foul on Leicester defender Sarah O'Connor.

than that, though.

But the game remained entertaining throughout, and the top two performers of the evening — Tantasqua's Gabby Scanlon and Leicester's Sarah O'Connor — put on a show to close out the half. First, with 8 seconds to go, Scanlon (20 points) went coast-to-coast for a traditional three-point play. Then, before the buzzer sounded, O'Connor banked in a 3-pointer from well past NBA distance.

Haley heaped plenty of praise on Scanlon, and Barry showed tough love while also being proud of O'Connor's performance.

"Gabby's having a great year. She gets to the free throw line, she makes good passes, she'll get a stop on defense.

She's the one that will get a nice drive to the basket, an and-one, and the bench will get hyped and it kind of picks us back up," Haley said of Scanlon. "She definitely is the leader on the floor."

"Sarah is a pleasure to coach. When she goes off like that, she's fun to watch," Barry said of O'Connor, who poured in a career high 27 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds. "She's accepted my coaching that I can push her as much as possible so that she can be the best player that she can be."

Tantasqua's slim third and fourth quarter victories ensured that the Warriors won their eighth straight game. They are now 8-1.

"I think the toughest

part of our season is definitely ahead of us," Haley said of the difficult road ahead before post-season play. "We should be there, I don't want to jinx it, and those games will get us ready."

The Wolverines dropped to 2-8, but hope is not lost for Barry.

"I think we're better than 2-8. For the first time I put the pressure on the girls and said, 'we've got to win two games next week.' We have to," he said.

Leicester's game with Southbridge High was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, but was postponed due to inclement weather. The Wolverines were then set to match up with Oxford High on Wednesday, Jan. 25, after press time.



Grace Solari of Tantasqua watches the ball flow off her fingertips during an attempted free throw.



Sarah O'Connor of Leicester elevates off her left foot to get into the air before releasing a jump shot.



Leicester's Ayva Connor rushes down the court while dribbling on the fast break.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK —  
TANTASQUA SWIM RESULTS

Wednesday, Jan. 18

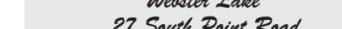
Tantasqua boys', girls' swim teams defeat Nashoba — The Warriors defeated the Wolves, with the boys winning by a wide margin (112-25) and the girls taking a close battle (85-84).

First place finishers for the boys were Eben Mazeika (200 free, 100 fly), Ethan Korenda (50 free), Ethan Zhu (100 free, 100 back) and Jonah Scherer (100 breast-stroke).

For the girls, Kira Dambly placed first in the 200 free and 500 free, Zoey Zhu won the 100fly and 100 back, and Alison Regan was victorious in the 200 IM.

Tantasqua's season records are now 4-3 for the boys and 3-4 for the girls.

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“This multi-faceted service is designed to ensure the well-being of our customers’ businesses while providing a user-friendly, manageable and personalized experience,” said Robert Mangan, AVP, commercial banking officer.

Commercial banking customers who want to enroll in Positive Pay at Cornerstone Bank can call the

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About Cornerstone Bank

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