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Charlton veteran gives first salute to great-grandson



BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The first salute is a special moment for any member of the armed forces. It's the first time that they are saluting someone as an officer, but also marks the first salute they receive from a current or former member of the armed forces as part of a brother and sisterhood of individuals who step up to serve their country. Many armed service members decide

Photo Jason Bleau

World War II veteran Howard Seifert provides the first salute for his great-grandson, Space Force Second Lieutenant Hunter Lavigne.

to make this moment extra special by choosing a veteran from their family or close social circle to receive their salute.

That special moment finally came for newly commissioned Space Force Second Lt. Hunter Lavigne on June 25 as he returned home after attending Norwich University. He decided to forgo his first salute at his graduation ceremony to share it with his great-grandfather Howard Seifert. At 104-years-old, Seifert is Charlton's oldest living resident, who served in World War II reaching the rank of sergeant. Not many young members of the armed forces have a World War II

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Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo coming back to Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo will be held June 23-26 at Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Our family friendly event includes, a Vendor Hall, seminars, silent auction, and a special concert Saturday night, free to all attendees.

Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo is very happy to partner once again with the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center for an eighth year to bring you our seventh event. The global pandemic prevented us from

holding our regular expo in 2020; however we spent the time learning new ways to promote health and safety for all of our attendees, Staff & Volunteers. We encourage everyone to start the summer school break off right and come spend the weekend with us in Sturbridge.

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During our previous show

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Local graduates awarded 2022 CMS Chamber scholarships

STURBRIDGE — The Chamber of Central Mass South is excited to announce the winners of the Chamber Scholarships for 2022. This year, scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to three very deserving, local students upon successful completion of their first semester of college with a 3.0 GPA or higher.



"Offering scholarships to local students is one of the best and most rewarding aspects of our operations. Every year, we are introduced to outstanding young people in our community, and this year is no exception," said Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt. "All our applicants are terrific students and engaged in their school extra curriculars. The differentiator we look for in our candidates is their level of engagement and contributions to the community beyond school. These three students really stood out in that regard."

This year's \$1,000 scholarship recipients are Anjolina Fantaroni, Marguerite Rose MacKenzie, and Troy Phay. Anjolina Fantaroni is a Class of 2022 Graduate of Quaboag Regional High School. Described by her Guidance Department Chairperson as the "total package of school spirit," Anjolina or "Anjo" served as President of Student Council, Senior Class President and National Honor Society Treasurer. An outstanding student with an impressive transcript, Anjolina was involved in all aspects of school including student government, theater, sports and band. Beyond her academic prowess and abundant leadership skills, Anjolina also works part-time at Sturbridge Coffee Roasters in Southbridge where she is a motivated and valued employee who will be greatly missed when she departs for college to pursue a major in Broadcast Journalism at Elon University this fall.

Marguerite Rose



Photos Courtesy

Anjolina Fantaroni of Southbridge, Marguerite Rose MacKenzie of Charlton and Troy Phay of Sturbridge are the CMS Chamber Scholarships recipients. Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 2022!

MacKenzie is a Class of 2022 Graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School. A dedicated scholar, an entrepreneur and award-winning equestrian, Marguerite is very involved with the Massachusetts 4-H Club, in which she held several officer positions, including becoming President for several years and receiving the prestigious 4-H Sportsmanship Award. Maggie Rose has her own

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One of several conceptual renderings for parcels along Route 20. Charlton is examining ways to help promote economic development along the corridor as Amazon prepares its new building.

Charlton officials examine future growth along Route 20

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Following a recent study of Route 20 the Charlton Board of Selectmen was presented with some possible options to help continue the enhancement and economic growth of the corridor.

After Charlton received a Community Compact Grant in November of 2021, the town hired the firm VHB to perform a conceptual planning analysis for Route 20 with the goal of helping guide economic development in the wake of Amazon's new warehouse project. The resulting plan has been touted as an economic development tool providing ideas and concepts for different properties along the corridor and examining how they can be repurposed for

increased business growth.

Luke Mitchell, a Senior Planner and Project Manager for VHB, presented the plan to selectmen on June 14 providing details on existing conditions and potential challenges the properties and the town at large may face in further enhancing Route 20. Mitchell stated this was all done with an eye towards building off the imminent increase in traffic that will come with Amazon's new facility announced last year.

"There's going to be a lot more people working here than there were previously. Where are they going to get breakfast? Where are they going to get lunch? If

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Healing Health Care

New treatments are being pioneered by UMass Memorial Health for conditions that range from repairing abdominal aortic aneurysms to changing the way lung cancer biopsies are performed.

A man with an aortic aneurysm, which is a weak spot in the wall of a major blood vessel that can be fatal if it ruptures, is told that nothing can be done to help and that he should get his affairs in order. Then he learns about a procedure at UMass Memorial Health called FEVAR that could save his life.

A worried patient has a biopsy on a suspicious spot on her lung. While she is still asleep from the anesthetic, the biopsy is reviewed by a cytopathologist who determines the spot is cancer, so the surgeon immediately removes it. And a process of treating lung cancer that normally takes months is performed in a couple of hours.

Another patient needs hospital-quality care. But in this case, her home becomes a hospital, outfitted with monitors and medical equipment. Daily visits from the hospital staff make it possible for the entire “hospital stay” to occur in the comfort of her own bed and surroundings.

These are examples of innovation at its finest, innovation that is transforming health care by making it more accessible, cost-efficient and, yes, more human. And nowhere is that commitment to innovation stronger than at UMass Memorial Health, where clinicians like Constantinos (Taki) Michaelidis, MD, a home hospitalist and medical director of the health system’s Hospital at Home program, are devoting their careers to making health care better for all.



UMass Memorial Health’s Hospital at Home program is allowing some patients to go home earlier to recover, or even avoid an overnight stay altogether.

“We are bringing safe, effective, human-centered hospital care to patients in the comfort of their homes. Our broader Hospital at Home vision is centered in UMass Memorial Health’s anchor mission, which is to make health care available for all people in our region, and you can’t fully address health equity if you don’t address the challenges people face in their daily lives that adversely affect their health,” Michaelidis says.

“So, not only does the Hospital at Home program make it possible to provide care in a setting that is more conducive to healing,” says Michaelidis, “but when we’re in the home, we can also see their other needs and help address those, too, like the need for transportation to get them to their appointments.

This is about making health care more convenient, more accessible and more personalized, to better treat the whole person.”

Hospital at Home is just one example of the work that is catapulting UMass Memorial Health to national recognition as a leader in the transformation of health and health care. Eric Dickson, MD, the health system’s president and



CEO and a practicing emergency medicine physician, says, “UMass Memorial Health’s mission is to ensure that everyone in our region, regardless of means, has access to outstanding care. The best way to make that possible is to find new and better ways to make health and health care available and more effective through cutting-edge technologies. Here, we strive to put innovation to work in the real world, for the purpose of helping everyone live their healthiest lives.”

Mark Maxfield, MD, is a thoracic surgeon and a member of a team that has helped pioneer the ROADAT procedure, a procedure available nowhere else in New England. ROADAT stands for Robotic One Anesthetic Diagnosis and Treatment. ROADAT is the lung cancer biopsy procedure that streamlines the process of identifying and treating lung cancer from a six-week process to just one day, saving time, money and endless nights of worry for the patient and family. “There is a very different culture here than you find at other places. Work gets done here. Physicians are drawn here for the opportunity to be a difference maker, to put research to work and save lives. UMass Memorial Health is about healing,” Maxfield says.

Andres Schanzer, MD, a vascular surgeon who heads up the FEVAR program at UMass Memorial Health agrees.

“FEVAR, which stands for Fenestrated Endovascular Aortic Repair, is a highly specialized procedure that is performed through a trial at only 10 medical centers in the country,” Schanzer says. “If we didn’t make it available here, those diagnosed with complex aortic aneurysms and in danger of dying would have no option and no hope. We’re able to provide that hope because of a culture that not only supports innovation, but also is relentless in its desire to make it available to people who need it.”

For more information on all the ways UMass Memorial Health is bringing breakthrough health care to the region, visit ummhealth.org/relentless.



Committees to examine bandshell, public safety projects

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – The Charlton Board of Selectmen has greenlit new committees to help determine the best course of action for a pair of projects in town, including the potential for a new bandshell and new concepts for a public safety facility.

Selectmen discussed the initiatives on June 14 agreeing to form the committees to determine cost effective and common-sense plans keeping in mind recent taxpayer sentiments against extensive tax increases. The first project was the bandshell, an idea that received significant attention earlier in 2022 when selectmen were presented with visual concepts for what would be a new venue geared towards music and theater. Selectmen agreed to form a Bandshell Committee to design the venue with an eye towards practicality and economically friendly options.

Beyond the bandshell, however, the conversation turned to the larger needs of Charlton, specifically a new senior center and public safety facility. Both initiatives have failed at public votes over the past few years. Town Administrator Andrew Golas revisited these concepts,

first providing what he called a “à la carte” list of all the possibilities for a public safety building including the options of reintroducing previous plans, slightly changing them, or starting over from scratch and the impacts of inflation on the costs of all these paths.

“At this point, the fastest development plan would look at about a ten percent increase in the overall cost from where we were just two years ago based off inflation,” Golas said of the previously proposed public safety facility plans. “(The architects) project that essentially every year you wait in the current market you’re looking at about a 14 percent increase based on the current rate of inflation.”

Those numbers get even larger if the town explores new development options reaching as much as \$40 million if they scrapped all current models and start from scratch with a similar goal in mind.

Golas also touched on the need for a new senior center mentioning the idea of a larger community center concept that could involve the bandshell and utilizing land adjacent to the existing Charlton Arts and Activities Center.

“Any new development around (the senior center and community center) is

best targeted for the Dresser Hill area considering we’re looking at the development of a bandshell and you could combine the senior center activities that are going on down below with the Arts and Activities Center and everything that’s there,” said Golas, who quoted a price tag of between \$6 million and \$10 million depending on the scope of the project.

However, Golas acknowledged that the recreational and senior center concepts should not be the priority. He recommended the public safety needs be addressed first. The issue remains how to move forward with a public safety facility now that the townspeople have made it clear the larger concept was too expensive.

Charlton Fire Chief Ed Knopf provided selectmen with a possible answer, a smaller scale approach involving substations.

“You have 44-square-miles within this town. You have to have a substation. There’s no way around it. In order to improve home insurance rates and our response times to incidents you’re going to have two facilities in this town at a minimum to meet these needs with all the growth you’re projecting,” said Knopf. “Everybody is after the same

piece of pie, and I don’t think putting a \$28 million or \$40 million building out there is going to make it pass the show-room floor.”

Selectmen agreed that the town needed to provide something different to the taxpayers that took into consideration the needs of the emergency responders as well as be economically friendly. It was agreed to form a new committee that would help generate new concepts for a public safety proposal using \$50,000 in ARPA money to hire an architect to guide cost estimates and site scouting for the project.

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East-West rail a key part of state transport planning

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Extending passenger rail west of Worcester was a big topic of a recent CMRPC online forum, with shuttle services for non-rail towns “considered and monitored as the ridership increases.”

In our area, the key railroad under consideration is the CSX line that runs through Charlton, but the P&W line heading to Webster also came up. In both cases, the lines are currently almost entirely freight.

According to State Sen Eric Lesser, Worcester found that opening the rail link to Boston was “a key, key part” of Worcester’s “renaissance” in recent years, and he sees that as an example “of what we can do in greater Springfield.” The towns in between would also benefit; for example, Grafton and Westboro both have MBTA stops and have seen significant development in part due to them.

Former Mayor and Lt Gov Tim Murray said that happened in Worcester, where “development takes place in concentric circles around Union Station” now. Years ago, that station was vacant and dilapidated; today, developers “invariably” include rail access as a reason why they come to Worcester, he said.

East-West rail “will pull more opportunity and job creation” into our region, Lesser said, adding he thinks it will also help “close our racial wealth gap.” But the state has for years not really invested in rail “outside of a handful of zip codes.”

US Rep. Jim McGovern agreed, not-

ing this funding is federal and is being geared to regional projects, not necessarily communities. He said Massachusetts stands to get about \$12 billion of the bill’s roughly \$40 billion for rail, which he described as “the single largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak.” While that’s in the current infrastructure bill, some related bills are also in process, including one by Sen Ed Markey dubbed the “Brain Train Act” that McGovern said will “enable the Department of Transportation [DOT] to make intercity passenger rail really take off.”

“We’re at a unique moment that’s making me optimistic, and I say that despite all the other crap that’s happening in Washington,” he said.

To him, the state needs to “be ambitious in what we can achieve.... The state is overflowing with money” and what matters is to “make sure it’s not all spent in one place.”

But he also stresses, “this money’s not there forever,” so Massachusetts needs to ask for it and have a clear idea what to do with it. “I don’t know whether in my lifetime we’ll get this infusion of federal money for infrastructure ever again,” he said.

While it might benefit the state to have a rail authority as some states have, Mass DOT can apply for funds while the Legislature creates one, Lesser added.

The east-west rail is a key part of the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission’s current process to write a new long-range transportation plan. Planner Yahaira Graxirina said this is beginning now, with workshops in various area towns in the near future. The draft should be available by June of 2023, including scenario plans. She noted CMRPC wants to work with communities “to come up with some projects to put in the pipeline,” but did not think communities are eligible to apply for these funds directly. (By that time, McGovern had departed to cast a vote.)

That plan’s Web site is www.cmrpc.org/2050connections.

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Here’s the 2022 schedule of Entertainment!
July 14 – Big Gunz
July 21 – 4EvaFab (Beatles tribute band)
July 28 – The Otters
August 4 – Rosie Porter
August 11 – Local Talent Night
August 18 – Rain date if needed
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business, Mother Cluckers, selling farm fresh cage free eggs. A studious young woman and National Honor Society member with a dedication to the care of animals, Marguerite will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Amherst where she has been accepted in the College of Natural Sciences as a Pre-Vet major.

Troy Phay is a Class of 2022 graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School. Troy is an enthusiastic, diligent and focused student who participates to the highest degree academically and contributes to both his school and his community. Trustworthy, mature and driven, Troy’s wide array of interests include sales and love of media. He

gives his time freely to volunteer for Little League and at the Senior Center. Balancing his schoolwork and social life while employed for the last two years as a produce clerk and cashier at Micknuck’s Fresh Marketplace in Sturbridge, Troy is well-known for his outgoing and friendly attitude, his infectious and frequent laugh, and his intellectual integrity and work ethic. With a career goal of becoming an Advertising/Marketing Executive, Troy will attend Marist College to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Communication with a concentration in Advertising this fall.

The Chamber and its members are truly gratified to be able to contribute to the ongoing education and success of these exceptional local scholars and offer them heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as they embark on

their journeys into higher education. The Chamber of Central Mass South typically offers \$1,000 scholarships to local students each year. Monies are allocated from the Chamber’s Charities and Scholarship Fund which is supported by the annual ‘Your Chance to Be a Millionaire’ lottery scratch tickets raffle, the Drivin’ it Ho(l)me for Health and Education Car Show held in partnership with the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary, the Chamber’s Annual Golf Classic, as well as individual contributions from Chamber Members. Scholarship applications can be obtained at local high school guidance offices or online at the Chamber website. The annual deadline to apply is April 1. Learn more about the Chamber of Central Mass South at www.cms-chamber.org.

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veteran or a great-grandfather to honor, so Hunter Lavigne made sure to make his first salute a special one.

“It would have been quite a haul

for him to make the four-hour trip to Vermont for the first salute. It makes me proud to make him proud and for him to be a part of this moment,” Lavigne said before the ceremony. “It’s surreal. It didn’t really hit me until I got here and everyone saw me in my uniform for the first time in person and not just in a picture. It’s unreal. I’ve learned so much from him. He’s taught me to live every day as if it was my last.”

While the average citizen may not fully understand the significance of the first salute, it’s an often-emotional experience for newly commissioned members of the armed forces that signifies a symbolic passing of the torch from one generation to the next.

“The first salute as a second lieutenant is a commemorative sign of respect,” Lavigne said. “You chose them,

someone who served who is important to you and you respect. My head is kind of swimming and it’s a really special moment.”

His great-grandfather also felt the emotions of the day. In more than a hundred years of life, Howard Seifert has seen the world and nation evolve quite a bit, especially since World War II. He said he was proud to be a part of his great-grandson’s day, but also called it a moment he will cherish for the rest of his life.

“It means an awful lot because of the world we’re in,” said Seifert. “Hunter is in the Space Force. World War II was a different world. I was only a sergeant, but Hunter someday will be a captain, a major, or perhaps a general. He’s got a great life ahead of him and I hope there’s no more wars ever. It’s hard to describe how proud I am of Hunter. I will always remember June 25 for the rest of my life. It’s very special.”

The big moment only took seconds as Seifert stood and faced his great-grandson, both raising their hands to their forehead where they paused for a second acknowledging each other as onlookers fell silent and then clapped to congratulate both individuals for their service. The ceremony concluded with Lavigne presenting Seifert with a commemorative coin, another part of the tradition that caps off a newly commissioned officer’s showing of respect to their elder.

PINTASTIC

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in November 2021, we hosted a special concert in connection with a brand new pinball table. Our attendees had such a great time at the two concerts, we are pleased to be able to bring this event back. Stern Pinball, Inc., has created a new pinball table based upon the iconic rock band, Rush. A music based pinball adventure, players will travel through time with the band, which incorporates actual concert footage and sixteen specially chosen songs from the Rush library of hits.

Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo is pleased to present a limited appearance by the acclaimed Rush tribute

band, Limelight. Celebrating their 20th year as a continuous performing group, Limelight will have a special concert on Saturday, June 25 at the Expo. Attendance to this special event is included with all levels of Expo registration. For more information on this group, visit their website: www.rushbylimelight.com

Pintastic Pinball is proud to sponsor Project Pinball as our designated charitable organization. Since 2011, Project Pinball has donated over 50 pinball machines to 49 children’s hospitals across the United States. Providing recreational relief to patients, family members, and hospital staff, Project Pinball covers all cost and regular maintenance for the machines. Representatives of Project Pinball will be in attendance and have a space in our Vendor Hall.

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\$505,000, 53 Baker Pond Rd, Leduc, Peter E, and Leduc, Kristina M, to Steinhauer, Chareddie, and Begonis, Derek.

\$270,000, 34-A Worcester Rd, Mroczkowski, Terek S, and Mroczkowski, Gina, to Cellmates RT, and Cantwell, David J.

\$130,000, 32 Worcester Rd, Mroczkowski RT, and Mroczkowski, Susan, to Alleycats RT, and Cantwell, David J.

HOLLAND

\$176,000, 37 Long Hill Rd, Huffman, Brian D, to Truax Holdings LLC.

STURBRIDGE

\$717,000, 28 Woodside Cir, Macdonald, William P, and Macdonald, Sharon S, to Baptiste, Joshua.

\$615,000, 27 Draper Woods Rd, Romano, Sarah, to Denis, Kathryn A, and Denis, Alexander P.

\$604,000, 6 Preserve Way, Coates, Robert, and Coates, Linda, to Obrien, Brittany J, and Obrien, Jeremiah P.

\$440,000, 17 Wells Park Rd, Westberg Luciffe F Est, and Laforest, Stephen F, to Gresenz, Jon B, and Gresenz, Nancy L.

\$415,000, 46 Sturbridge Hills Rd #46, Lemieux, Stephen R, and Lemieux, Kristen A, to Macdonald, William P, and Macdonald, Sharon S.

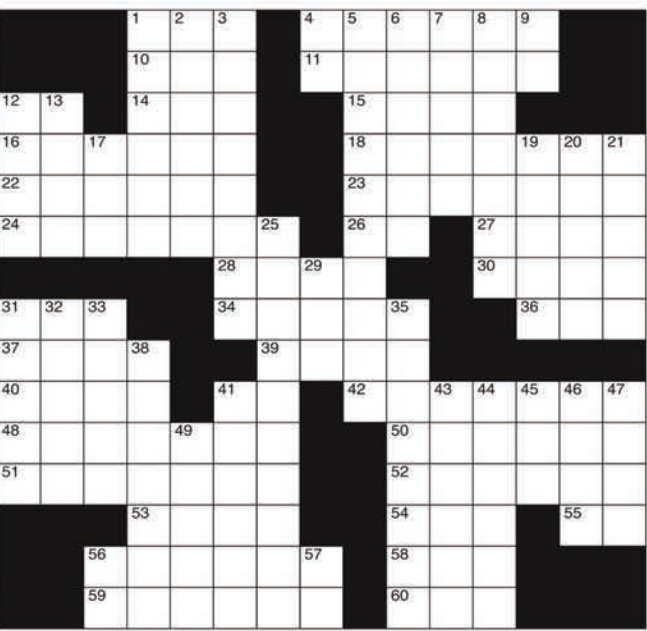
\$320,000, 20 Old Hamilton Rd, Delage, Scott, and Delage, Monique, to Biron, Austin.

\$301,500, 3 Auger St, Oldenburg, Meaghan J, to Laird, Cameron J.

\$300,918, 62 Fiske Hill Rd, Pappas, Colleen, to Oconnor, Maura.

\$290,000, 177 Leadmine Rd, Jane Polston RET, and Prouty, Jane, to Sofia, Victoria, and Leeland-Barry Jr, Gerald.

\$176,200, 7 Crescent Way #309, Kellaher, Dolores A, to Mackey, Barbara G.

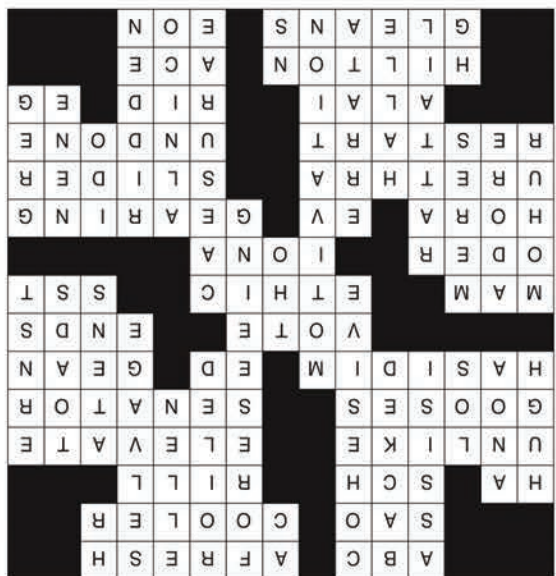


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Basics
- 4. In a new way
- 10. __ Paulo, city
- 11. Jailhouse
- 12. Expresses surprise
- 14. Trigraph
- 15. A small stream
- 16. Dissimilar
- 18. Promote
- 22. Gives a boost
- 23. Lawmaker
- 24. Orthodox Jews
- 26. Actor Harris
- 27. Wild cherry
- 28. Participate in democracy
- 30. Opposite of begins
- 31. A Brit’s mother
- 34. Set of moral principles
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 37. Czech river
- 39. Private school in New York
- 40. Israeli dance
- 41. Electron volt
- 42. Adjusting
- 48. Duct by the bladder
- 50. Small burger
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Unstuck
- 53. Jai __, sport
- 54. Get free of
- 55. For instance
- 56. Hotel chain
- 58. A team’s best pitcher
- 59. Extracts from various sources
- 60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

- 1. St. Francis of __
- 2. Supported
- 3. United in working
- 4. It cools your home
- 5. Predicting
- 6. Irritated
- 7. Popular talk show host
- 8. Fabric edge
- 9. A resource for employees
- 12. Broadway’s Jackman
- 13. Small water buffalo
- 17. City of Angels: __ Angeles
- 19. Asteroids
- 20. Tailless amphibians
- 21. German expressionist painter
- 25. What drives you
- 29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- 31. Gold coin used in British India
- 32. Have deep affection for
- 33. Ponds
- 35. Breaks between words
- 38. Hairstyle
- 41. Print errors
- 43. Family of iron alloys
- 44. Sidelined in bed
- 45. Many couples say it
- 46. Brazilian hoopster
- 47. Allman Brothers late frontman
- 49. German city
- 56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
- 57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)



PUZZLE SOLUTION

July fun at the Charlton Public Library

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

Summer Reading 2022

This year the theme is “Read Beyond the Beaten Path” and our program runs June 21 through August 12. We have programs for adults, teens and kids with all kinds of fun prizes and incentives for those who register. In the spirit of the theme, we challenge you to explore authors or subjects that are a little off the beaten path! Stop by and check out our many book displays for ideas... you’re sure to find that perfect summer read. Or if road trips are your thing, check out one of our many museum passes. We have something for everyone. See you at the Library!

Featured Resource - Library of Things

Did you know that Charlton Public Library has a Library of Things? Our Library of Things includes items like ukuleles, an outdoor projector/screen, an ice cream maker, a badminton set, a bocce set, a disc golf set, and a metal detector among other things. The Children’s Library of Things includes fishing poles, binoculars (great for birdwatching!), a microscope, karaoke machine, and STEAM kits.

Featured Programs

Music Through The Decades with David Polansky

Thursday, July 28, 6:30 - Dexter Hall Auditorium

The Norman Rockwell Museum commissioned David Polansky to develop “Music Through the Decades”, a fun-filled hour in which you will learn how the last 100+ years of American and world history have inspired so many of the songs we love. Using keyboard, trumpet and vocals, David presents the music of George M. Cohan, Fats Waller, Irving Berlin, Hoagy Carmichael, and a host of others. Music inspired by the advent of the automobile, the two World Wars, the Roaring 20’s, the Great Depression, the Wild West, and much more! David engages the audience, takes questions and requests, and tells funny anecdotes about famous musicians as well as some about his own life as a musician. David has a Louis Armstrong impression that is so authentic

that he’s often asked if it is a recording. This is a MUST-SEE program! A career musician, David has played with Sandler and Young, Phyllis Diller, Henny Youngman, Ray Bolger, Arthur Fiedler, and many more. Registration is not required. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

Balloon Animal Twisting Workshop

Monday July 25, 10:30-11:30 - Dexter Hall Auditorium

Learn Wildlife Balloon Twisting With Ed the Wizard! It’s easy as Fold, Pinch & Twist! This workshop is for kids & teens ages 7 and older. Space is limited to 30 participants. Registration is required (registration opens July 1). This program is supported by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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; no registration required.

Movies @ The Library

Join us in the Community Meeting Room! All are welcome; no registration required.

Tuesday, July 5, 1:00 & 5:30 - THE GREAT OUTDOORS starring Dan Aykroyd and John Candy. A Chicago man and his family go camping with his obnoxious brother-in-law. 1988. PG; 1 hr 31 min.

Tuesday, July 12, 1:00 & 5:30 - MOONRISE KINGDOM starring Bruce Willis. A pair of young lovers flee their New England town causing a local search party to fan out to find them. 2012. PG-13; 1 hr 34 min.

Tuesday, July 19, 1:00 & 5:30 - RV starring Robin Williams. Bob Munro and his dysfunctional family rent an RV for a road trip to the Colorado Rockies where they ultimately must contend with a bizarre community of campers. 2006. PG; 1 hr 39 min.

Tuesday, July 26, 1:00 & 5:30

- CAMP NOWHERE starring Christopher Lloyd. A group of junior high kids don’t want to go to summer camps chosen by their parents. They make their own adult-free camp and “hire” an ex-drama teacher to help. PG; 1hr 36 min.

Genealogy Group

Thursday, July 7, 6:30-7:45 - Community Meeting Room

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 at 6:30 to share our research or learn from others. All are welcome; registration is not required.

Book Discussion - AMERICAN DIRT by Jeanine Cummins

Thursday, July 14, 6:30-7:30 in the Local History Room (and via Zoom)

If you have read this book and want to take part in the discussion, please join us! If you want to sit and listen, that’s fine too! All are welcome to join us. 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 (charltonlibrary.org).

One World: A Story, Song and Hands-on Musical Instrument Experience

Friday, July 15, 2:00-3:30 - Dexter Hall Auditorium

Acclaimed storyteller/musician John Porcino will take folks on a whirlwind tour around the world. We will travel beyond the beaten path as he tells funny and moving stories from many of the world’s people and plays fascinating and beautiful musical instruments from many of the places they come from. Participants will be invited to try out the instruments at the end of the show! Since 1983 John has been weaving stories, songs and music that celebrate the magic of reading a good book, tickle life’s funny bone, touch the heart and give a little boost to our hero’s journey. This ALL-AGES show is brought to you by the Charlton Public Library and the Charlton Senior Center. Registration is not required. Supported in part by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency

which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Community Yoga Class with Linda Davis

Saturday, July 16, 8:30-9:30 - Maynard Field

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. Registration is required.

Drop-in Lego Club

Fridays, 2:30-4:00 - Children’s Room

Join your friends and build a Lego creation! Try out our weekly challenge or make up your own design.

Best for ages 5 -12. Lego creations must remain at the library, but may be displayed until the next class. This is a drop-in program. Registration is not required. Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their children while they are in the room. A staff member or teen volunteer may be present, but the program is not facilitated by an instructor.

Drop-in Camp Crafts for Kids

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 - Children’s Room

Drop-in crafts for kids! We will have a different craft each week during the Summer Reading Program.

Best for ages 4-8. Registration is not required. Parents/Caregivers must remain in the room with young children. No Registration Required.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, July 14 @ 6:00-6:45 pm - Community Meeting Room

Do you love graphic novels? Join us to talk about why we love these books and do some fun activities! Best for ages 9-13. This month we are discussing “Olga and the Smelly

Thing From Nowhere” by Elise Gravel. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Circulation desk. Registration is required.

Tween & Teen Creative Writing Group

Wednesday, July 20, 3:30-4:15 - Community Meeting Room

This writing group is for those ages 11-18. Writing prompts, share your work (optional!), book discussion, try out different writing styles, learn about writing. No pressure! Registration is required.

Pre-K Yoga with Linda Davis

Wednesday, July 20, 11:15-11:45 - Dexter Hall

This class is for those ages 2.5 - 5 years. Caregivers must be present during the class. Please have children wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one. (Mats are available to borrow if you need one.) Registration is required for this class.

Teen Craft Night & Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 6:00-7:00 - Community Meeting Room

Meet up to discuss Teen Programming and earn an hour of community service! We’ll have a different craft or activity at each meeting, plus snacks! For grades 5-12. Registration is requested.

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)

Thursday, July 28, 6:00-8:00 in the 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. Making music together is the perfect antidote to the feeling that you will never be able to play music. You can! What’s more you’ll enjoy the company of others. Any questions? Email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com

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they need to pick up some pharmacy type things, where are they going to go? What if they’re looking to go for a nice walk or take a bike ride, what opportunities are there for them?” Mitchell stated during the presentation. “There are eleven parcels specifically that we were asked to examine. There’s existing development on some of these. Some of it is vacant, some of it is active. Really the question was looking to the future and what’s the potential for these parcels relative to the underlying land use regulatory framework of each parcel as well as its location along the corridor.”

Mitchell presented three main goals which were summarized as facilitating developing ancillary businesses to support the Amazon facil-

ity, create a more pedestrian friendly corridor, and promote economic development along the corridor for a wide variety of potential businesses. The plan also examined some challenges the town and potential business owners would face including environmental and regulatory roadblocks. Mitchell also provided some recommendations for the town to consider to help make Route 20 a more marketable area including potential establishing a TIF and overlay district. All of these were simply recommended as the report was built to be a tool for guidance and not and absolute path for the town to pursue.

Selectmen stressed this fact, specifically Selectman Bill Borowski who reminded citizens that the town is not looking to infringe on properties but rather wants to explore whatever possibilities would

be best to continue the positive growth of the corridor.

“Town meeting has to approve all of this, and this is really more for illustrative purposes only to show when we talk around water and sewer or economic and Route 20 development this is what it could be assuming the landowners in the town wants it to be,” said Borowski. “This is just a step of us looking forward to say that change is coming so let’s try to transform it in the best way we can for the town as a whole. This isn’t putting the cart before the horse. The horse is still way in front.”

Town officials will continue to examine the report to mull over any future plans for Route 20. A public copy of the presentation has been made available on the Town of Charton Web site and through the town’s official Facebook page.

STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL DOLL, BEAR AND MINIATURE SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS



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Dolls, teddy bears, miniatures and home essentials were on display as hundreds of people gathered to buy their favorite memento that brought them joyous memories from their childhood. Vendors from all over the country filled their tables to entice the crowds in anticipation of seeing lots of smiling faces.



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BAY PATH HONOR ROLL

Bay Path celebrates 50th graduation

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Grade 12
High Honors: Justin Barton, Sadie Bickford, Alexia Brawn, Dylan Butkus, Isabella Capuano, Jackson Chaffee, Anaya Compres, Carter Coughlin, Marisa DeJesus, Kailani Dessus, Chloe Dexter, Marlee Donohoe, Danielle Gautier, Julia Graveson, Ashley Hamel, Nicholas Hunter, Tiffany King, Cole Komssi, Bethany Lasell, Marguerite MacKenzie, Anthony Martins, Amber Mercon, Olivia Morin, Samuel Murillo, Aidan Oosterman, Anyse Pinto, Lukas Rafferty, Luzyvette Sagastibelza-Lopez, Jayna Schmohl, Ethan Shanbaum, Sarah Simpson, Olivia St. Germain, Scarlet Taveras, Mackenzie Tupaj, Rohan Vaidya, Tyler Verrier, Mateusz Zych

Honors: Nathaniel Anderson, Lana Antocci, Adam Barter, Connor Barton, Thomas Benoit, Dominic Benvenuti, Jayde Berthiaume, Anna Bonin, Brian Bonnette, Hayden Bourgeois, Catalina Burden, Isaiah Burlingame, Patric Campbell, Andrew Cannon, Diego Canovas, Adriana Carignan, Stephanie Chege, Aiden Chernisky, Abby Christian, Yadriel Colon Vega, Dylan Cotton, Nathan Cuff, Kevin Cunningham, Chad Cutroni, Jack Dalton, Lillian Dolan, Cody Douglas, Nathan Dreitlein, Nathan Dubeau, Johnathon Ferreira, Tricia Gallien, Brady Garabedian, Isabella Gervais, Adelina Giaquinto, Gavin Gillet, Genesis Gonzalez, Robert Gordon, Nicholas Gosselin, Amie Grenier, Nathan Gulkin, Christopher Hanley, Haevyn Hazzard, Zachary Hinman, Anthony Hudon, Morgan Ivory, Kailey Jones, Chloe Jordan, Ryan Kempskie, Kevin Kilcourse, Ryan Komssi, Jason Kozlowski, Cody LaMonda, Chase Lamprey, Anthony Lang, Andrew Leach, Jacob LeBrun, William LeCuyer, Lexie MacDonald, Jaohn Marchetti, Alannah Matthews, Allison Maynard, William Ofori, Evan O'Malley, Gabrielle Packard, Michael Pashoian, Elizabeth Pilling, Hunter Pocus, Krrystal Quadarella, Zachary Sargent, Kristina Scott, Brandon Shippee, Daniel Sibert, Chloe Sicari-Swinimer, Brant Smith, Katrina Somers, Caroline Soucy, Kyra Stevens, Isabella Strzelecki, Isabella Tanacea, Camden Towns, Aaliyah Tremblay Collins, Adriana Vazquez Gonzalez

Principal's List: Kendall Barton, Thomas Becker, Kylie Bouchard, Samantha Brown, Gabriella Carlin, Dominic Chivallatti, CJ Church, Connor Clardy, Hailey Cournoyer, Anthony Defilippo, Madison DiGiantommaso, Zachary Dubsy, Lillian Dunkerton, May Emsiranunt, Austin Fish, Angelina Friend, Colin Gagne, Declan Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Lucas Kaufman, Elizabeth King, Gianna Legere Olivencia, Richard Menard IV, Paige Osche, Ethan Page, Ilias Perez, Jocelyn Rodriguez, Carlos Rosado, Anthony Seymour, Kristina Sylwanovicz, Jomar Torres, Aaron Trahan, Owen Vaillancourt, Isaac Vieira



CHARLTON — On Sunday, June 5, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated the Class of 2022's Graduation at the DCU Center in Worcester with 272 students receiving their diplomas and over 2000 family members and friends present. This year, the school proudly marked its 50th year of operation.

The graduation program began with the Pomp & Circumstance processional, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Adelina Giaquinto of Southbridge, and a welcome address by Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner. Marisa DeJesus from Charlton provided the Valedictorian address, class president Tyler Verrier of Webster delivered the Student Address, and Ethan Shanbaum of Southbridge read

Grade 11
High Honors: Sincere Bailey, Aleana Brayton, Dennis Brunelle, Miranda Burden, Ronald Desrosiers, Brenna Donohue, Elizabeth Dreitlein, Jayden Flanders, Emma-Abigail Gachagua, Emily Gelineau, Evan Gelineau, Osiris Gonzalez, Emma Hesselton, Samantha Inangelo, Hunter Kelley, Aiden LaFrance, Sydney Lamontagne, Gianaleze Lopez, Mackenzie Morrissey, Merissa Murray, Stephen Ngaruiya, Wyatt Sadusky, Jazlynn Santana Arminda Slmoes, Sawyer Smith, Emily Westwell

Honors: Alyssa Adams, Ayan Ahmad, Samuel Audunsson, Lukus Bachand, Haven Banks, Quinn Beck, Alexander Besaw, Benjamin Besaw, Samuel Boria, Ryan Brown Herraiz, Arriana Cabana, Julia Canty, Daniel Chaffee, Michael Chanssignavong, Amanda Christanson, Isabella Coleman, Makayla Collins, Anthony Comforti, Samantha DeCell, Cam'Ron Desrosiers, Cheryl Dolson,

Ty Dupuis, Gabriel Espinosa, Tori the Salutatorian Address.

Following the Salutatorian Address, the senior class officers presented a class gift, awards were presented by Director of Student Services Mrs. Nancy J. Ferriter-Alpine, and the presentation of diplomas were given by District School Committee Chairman Mr. David H. Grenier, Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner, Principal Mr. Clifford C. Cloutier, and Dean of Students Mr. Daniel T. McGowan.

This year's graduating class was advised by Mrs. Johanna Giles and Mr. Alan Greenough. Class officers were Tyler Verrier, President; Marisa DeJesus, Vice-President; Marlee Donohoe, Treasurer, and Paige Osche, Secretary.

Fontaine, Evan Frost, Casey Gallagher, Aiden Gelardi, Amber Girard, Noah Gilspin, Adrian Gonzalez, John Guerin, Julius Guillen, Lauren Hennessy, Luke Hill, Rebeka Janusz, Tatyanna Johnny, Grace Jones, Matthew Kallgren, Eyan Karlowicz, Nakia L'Ecuyer, James LeProhon, Anna L'Esperance, Judy Maignan, Matthew Marchetti, Jaime Marrero, Matthew Marshall, Alyssa Masciarelli, Connor McCarthy, Rachel McMenemy, Erika Melendez, Jaysi Miller, Yerilian Miranda-Colon, Dominic Moniz, Dylan Morrison Ilvonen, Jonathan Nussey, Gabrielle Oikle, Michael Pacheco, Joelle Peluso, Damon Provençal, Jacob Provencher, Timothy Putnam, Hilary Queirolo, Ariane Ramos, Jenisey Ramos, Emma Rannikko, Sabrina Rodrigues, Madrid Rodriguez-Carpenter, Kieya Santerre, Nolan Sharry, Terry Simon, Naomi Soriano, Emma St. Francis, Gavin Suprenant, Damion Szafaraowicz, Alexzander Tetreault, Brayden Therrien, Jacob Thomas, Taylor Tremblay, Lucas Welton, Jacob Wilga, Jonathan Young

Principal's List: Constantine Billis, Emma Boulet, Jon Boyle, Connor Burke, Evanise Calo Resto, Hailey Carlson, Kendra Carter, Matthew Casati, Abraham Colon, Caleb Jude Corpuz, Ryan Couture, Amanda Englund, Zachary Finizza, Alexis Fleck, Mackenzie Gonzalez, Nathan Goozey, Devon Goulet, Barry Hanson, Olivia James, Mason Jordan, Calisa Kalil-Johnson, Marissa Keefe, Delaney Kirkorian, Cole Latour, Julianna Laconto, Yamilisha Machado, Sean Malboeuf, Xavier Marquez, Kyle Moody, Sebastian Pabon, Amelia Peterson, Evan Rivera, Tatiana Rodriguez, Lillian Sheehan, Evan St. Cyr, Walfry Torres-Rodriguez, Yadiel Vazquez-Molina, Wade Wolanski

Grade 10
High Honors: Sophia Balestracci, Rachel Carpenter, Jomar Cintron Perez, Kirsten Congdon, Mariselle Cosme, Zacchary Cronin, LeeAnn Dagnese, Emma Davidson, Dylan DeJesus, Sean Derenas, Alexia Duddle, Jibril Erraihani, James Ferreira, Jonathan Forget, Jenna Gajewski, Rachel Gormley, Simon Greening, Bridget Hast, Riley Heenan, Alba Henriquez Baez, Carly Impey, Anna Lehtola, Hanna Luukko, Catherine Magnusson, Shaun McLaughlin, Jenna McLeish, Macaylah Miller, Peter Nhan, Madison Nolin, Vanessa Paddock, Noalani Perez, Colin Plante, Jared Powell, Emily Quental, Wendy Ramirez, Cody Savary, Amanda Seidler, Jacob Sirard, Adriana Stanley, Victoria Tinsley, Jack Ugrinow, Timothy Welch, Hailey Williamson, Charlotte Worster, Gabrielle Zopatti

Honors: Juliana Alcivar, Jacob Alden, Aidan Anderson, Kasey Babkuaskas, Alyesia Bellamy, Lindsey Berthiaume, Alex Beshiri, Alec Borrelli, Ryan Bray, Samuel Brill, Vincent Brink, Samantha Buchanan, Caitlyn Burke, Gabriella Cabrera, Olivia Carrier, Riley Caruso, Jesse Catino, Eyan Chase, Charles Chivallatti, Meredith Clark, Petru Cojocar, Yanieris Colon Vega, Alexia Conrad, Richard Corriveau, Zachary Cournoyer, Peter Courville, Kyleigh Czechowski, Daniel Daise, Wyatt Daoust, Pedro Augusto Dasilva, Nyasia Delgado, Jonathan Desmarais, Jayden-

James Dunston, Abbigail Egan, Jared Evora, Kacey Flanagan, Robert Fleck IV, Madison Fournier, Brooke Gagne, Ethan Gallant, Giovanni Garcia, Devin Gavaletz, Makayla Graham, Kendal Griffin, Lucas Hafner, Renee Hallaman, Tristan Hanson, Isabelle Herholz, Valerie Hernandez, Derek Hosley, Stanislaw Janusz, Eva Jerez, Jadyne Katz, Abigail Kibaru, Jordan Kippax, Madisyn Kozlowski, Alyssa Kutzko, Matthew Lack, Kristina Liberty, Albert Luciano, Patrick Luperchio, Ryan MacCormack, Tatiana Marin, Sarah Martin, Marissa Masciarelli, Logan McCann, Vincent Messier, Leah Monti, Maggie Mullaly, Dorina Muska, Benjamin Nashawaty, Adrianna Navarro, Christian Nguyen, Kayla Nguyen, Noah Okolita, Nason Omasta, Megan O'Shea, Gianan Pantalone, Laci Pollone, Nicholas Pollone, Logan Powers, Evan Provost, Wyatt Rafferty, Harrison Renaud, Colby Richardson, Victoria Roberts, Margaret Russell, Samantha Russell, Cody Sexton, Paige Seymour, Sydney Seymour, Ryan Sinkewich, Jason Sinkis, Catherine Sirard, Ashton Stockenberg, Alysha Szafarowicz, Trent Szela, Colton Tittle, Landon Walker, Natalie Walker, Ryleigh Warchal, Sebastian Winer, Stone Zink

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Grade 9
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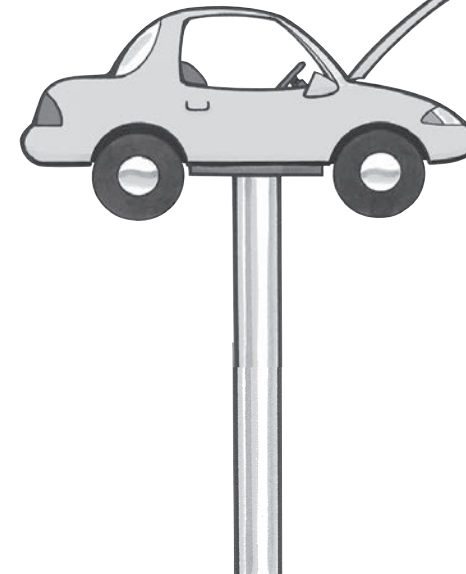
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Juneteenth is more than just one day

Last year, President Joe Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The House approved the legislation in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 415-14. All 14 who voted against the legislation were Republicans, despite even former president Donald Trump’s support of the holiday.

This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what’s not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a Federal Holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn’t.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

However, not all Americans were ‘free’ until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, “all slaves are free.” Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln’s order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas, therefore enforcement wasn’t strong, allowing people to still own other people. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

Lawrence Alexander, an African American from New Hampshire, shared his thoughts on Juneteenth: “Feeling ambivalent about celebrating Juneteenth? Feeling like a national holiday is a tad too much? Well, that’s how many of us feel about July 4th. July 4th is an 89 year head start on freedom for every American except African Americans. July 4th is like throwing me a birthday party at another kid’s house on their birthday and making me serve cake. Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge that our mutual freedom is inexorably linked to everyone’s liberation. Juneteenth is the only holiday where ‘All lives Matter.’”

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it’s not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that’s ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it’s something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing Americans, the President said, “The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real, it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods,”



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OPINION



Sampling samplers

I often find samplers in old New England estates that we handle. You might better know them as needlepoints and, according to the Milwaukee Public Museum, they were typically made to develop “young girl’s stitchery skills for both practical and ornamental purposes.”

Samplers have a lengthy history. The collections at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London include samplers from Egyptian burial vaults dating back to the 14th or 15th century. The first book of sampler patterns dates to 1520s Germany. Samplers were also used as reference works in Tudor England. John Palsgrave’s 1530 Anglo-French dictionary described them as an “exampler for a woman to work by.”

The Smithsonian website reports that the first American example “was made by Loara Standish of the Plymouth Colony about 1645.” They note that samplers with letters and numbers were created by young women to develop the skills needed to run the family household. Academies and schools arose in the late 1700s and early 1800s where young women learned to create “decorative motifs such as verses, flowers, houses, religious, pastoral, and/or mourning scenes.”

Antique samplers typically feature the letter “I” instead of “J” and the letter “V” instead of “U” because “I” and “J” weren’t part of the Latin alphabet. “S” was also often replaced with the printers’ “S” which looks more like an “F.”

While some embroiders still make samplers today, antique samplers are highly sought after by collectors. Recent auction results for 10 samplers showed prices ranging from \$75 for a simple one from 1825 to \$2,200 for an impressive 1837 sampler. The 1837 piece was crafted by a nine-year-old girl from Onondaga County, New York. The letters were block script and cursive and it also depicted a house and trees along with



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a memorial to her father. Rare, highly detailed pieces can bring substantial prices.

Betsy Wardwell’s 1797 sampler featured the words ““May spotles innocence [sic] & truth my every action guide and guard my unexperienced youth from arrogance & pride” written in needlepoint. She also created a house, birds on trees and two courting couples with a border of flowers and birds. Wardwell was a student at the Mary Balch School in Providence, Rhode Island. Samplers by students of the Mary Balch School are prized by collectors for their complex composition and intricate stitching. Wardwell’s 1797 piece sold for \$329,600 in 2007.

The Huffington Post reported that a New Jersey schoolgirl’s sampler broke an auction record in 2012. The sampler displayed an intricate needlepoint home with trees along with a front yard with different bird species, a cow, and person on horseback. The top of the piece was arched with ornate scrollwork and the girl’s name who made it, Mart Antrim, as well the date, 1807. The highest bidder sewed it up for \$1,070,500.

Our major online auction this fall will include a collection of samplers. Our sixth session of model trains, die-cast cars, models and other toys from a West Boylston estate will end on July 13th. We will be running an estate sale in Walpole, Mass. on July 16. I’ll be appraising items at the Leicester Senior Center on November 5th and we are planning other events for the fall. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

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A Potpourri of Assorted Tips and Tricks

This week’s column features a smorgasbord of helpful hints and household tips to make this season’s chores a whole lot easier. From gardening strategies to saving money without feeling the pinch, read on for a round of assorted hints:

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If you are mulching the garden this season, you should know many mulches will bind nitrogen from your soil, so before purchasing a particular mulch, do some research. Cocoa mulch adds nitrogen to your soil and can be used as an amendment, unlike other products. Take newspaper and lay it in sheets over your garden beds. For best results, cover with a thick layer of compost, well mixed with cottonseed or bloodmeal. This combination will break down perfectly over the winter.

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Wondering how to store all those onions and other garden root vegetables through the winter? If you don’t have a root cellar, pack styrofoam packing peanuts into a wooden crate. As long as the vegetables are kept cool and dry, this method will do the trick.

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Want a reason other than fresh pro-



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duce to dig in the dirt this season? You got it! Studies revealed women fifty and older who gardened at least once a week had higher bone density than those who jogged, walked, swam or did aerobics.

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Before you don your outdoor apron, keep in mind these BBQ tricks of the trade! Try putting lemon peels in your grill next time you are grilling some chicken. It adds a super smell and a flavor essence to poultry. And when using a dry rub, always allow the meat to cook for approximately half of the total time before applying any basting sauce.

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Going green doesn’t have to cramp your style! Simply shutting off the water while you brush your teeth saves up to 1,800 gallons of water per person per year. And switching to cold water for two laundry loads a week can save up to 500 pounds of CO2 per year! Not to mention the money you save by conserving!

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If this weekend finds you “gone fishin”, try this tip! When throwing

Take steps toward financial freedom

Next week, we observe Independence Day, an opportunity to celebrate all the liberties we enjoy in this country. Of course, there are different types of freedoms – such as financial freedom, which can open the doors to many other opportunities. What steps can you take to gain your financial independence?

Here are a few suggestions:

Save, invest ... and repeat. There’s really no shortcut to achieving financial freedom – you do have to save and invest for many years. And that means you should take full advantage of the opportunities available to you. If you have a 401(k) or similar retirement plan at work, try to put in as much as you can afford each year, and when your salary goes up, increase your contributions. Even if you have a 401(k), you may also be eligible to fund an IRA. Both a 401(k) and an IRA offer tax benefits and an array of investment options, so they are powerful retirement savings vehicles.

Invest for growth.

How much you invest is obviously a key factor in reaching your financial freedom. But how you invest is also important. If you’re going to accumulate the resources you need to retire comfortably and meet your other financial goals, you will need to devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles, including stocks and stock-based mutual funds. Of course, these investments will fluctuate in value, so you’ll need to be prepared to accept a certain level of risk. Your individual risk tolerance will help determine how much of your portfolio should be devoted to growth investments.

Put financial windfalls to work.

Whenever you receive a financial windfall, such as a bonus from your employer, a tax refund or even an inheritance, consider putting some of it to work in your investment portfolio. Over time, these windfalls can add up.

Reduce your debts. It may be easier said than done, but try to reduce, or eliminate, as many debts as you can. The less money you have to pay each month on your debts, the more you’ll have available to save and invest. Of course, some debts, such as your mortgage, can’t be easily erased, but if you can find ways to cut down on spending, you may be surprised at how much progress you can make toward debt reduction.

Prepare for the unexpected. Life is unpredictable – and some unforeseen events could threaten your ability to achieve, and maintain, your financial independence. For example, if you were unable to work for a while due to illness or injury, you might be forced to dip into your savings and long-term investments just to help meet your cost of living. You can help protect yourself from this risk by building an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. And you may want to consult with a financial professional to learn about other protection strategies.

It will take a concerted effort to reach your financial independence – but, like all freedoms, it offers immense benefits.



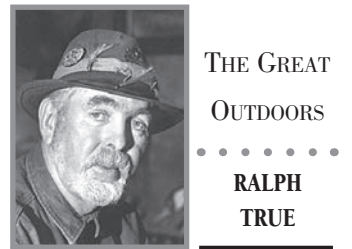
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Fishing in upstate New York



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Upstate New York is the place to be if you want to really catch big brown trout. This week’s photo is a testament to the fantastic fishing that can be enjoyed in Lake Ontario. This writer and my fishing buddies of not that long ago, made sure we went to lake Ontario a couple of times a year. The late Jack Cunningham and Peter Oppenwall joined this writer for many years on our annual trip to New York with this writer’s boat in tow. My 21-foot boat was easy to tow by my Chevy van taking only five and a half hours from Uxbridge to our destination at “Winnies Waterfront” house on the waterfront in Sodus Bay.

After arriving at our home away from home for one week, we immediately launched the boat, and tied her up to the dock

in front of our small but comfortable house for the week. The whole weeks expenses totaled a bit over \$100 each. We enjoyed catching daily limits of brown trout, the largest weighing in at 21 pounds, and a couple of salmon during our weeks stay. The home that we stayed in is no longer available, as the couple that owned the camp have since passed away. They were the days. Fishing is as good as it ever was today, and anyone that enjoys catching big fish need to make the trip to Lake Ontario once in their life.

We caught many browns on streamer fly’s trolled with copper wire, but we also caught many fish on planner boards, which held three lines on each side of the boat. Many browns were caught using this method of fishing right at dusk. The salmon were caught using downriggers and lures, of which type I cannot recall. Nights at the camp were always crazy, enjoying each other’s company and remembering our trips from earlier years. Life can pass you by very fast and if you enjoy fishing, you need to make at least one trip to Lake Ontario.

My brother Ken and his son Mark made another trip to the Quabbin Reservoir again this week, but the details of their trip were not available at the time of this writer’s column, as the deadline is Monday at noon.

Striper fishing has been nothing but fantastic last week at the canal, and at other weekly hotspots. The top bait was mackerel chunks drifted during slack tide. One angler stated it was the best day of his life, fishing for stripers. A lot of monster stripers in the 40-pound class were reported last week also. Unfortunately, they had to be released to fight another day, because of the slot size limit.

Seabass continues to dominate the fishing craze, with most anglers filling their daily limit ,with some of these great eating fish. Although the daily limit per angler is only four fish in Mass. and two in Rhode Island anglers are willing to spend the time and money catching these prize eating fish. Depends on who you talk to; some fluke fishing anglers are doing OK, while others continue to complain about



the recreational size limit in Rhode Island.

Freshwater anglers are continuing to catch some impressive smallmouth bass in local lakes and ponds. Some real nice bass are coming from Wallum Lake and Webster Lake, to mention a few.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another league archery shoot this Sunday, starting at 7 a.m.! The event is open to the public!

Take a Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Perennial gardens for beauty all season

Create long lasting beauty and pollinator appeal in your landscape with the help of perennials. With a little bit of planning, you can have flowers, foliage and seed heads that add interest to your garden year-round.

Select perennials including native plants that thrive in the sunlight, soil, and moisture conditions in your garden. Incorporate several inches of compost or other organic matter into the top eight to 12 inches of soil to improve the soil so your perennials will be healthy, showy, and long-lived plants.

As you select your plants, consider seasonal foliage and flower color as well as texture. Warm colors like red, orange, and yellow make large areas appear smaller, energize the space, and make it feel warmer. Cool colors of blue, green, and violet make small areas feel larger, hot areas seem cooler, and create a sense of tranquility.

Large leaves and flowers are bold and create a focal point while small flowers and narrow leaves create a sense of depth when used in the back of the garden and they make a nice backdrop for



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bold textured plants. Maximize beauty in every square inch and extend your budget with plants that provide multiple seasons of interest.

Look for opportunities to include spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and grape hyacinths into the landscape. Although their blooms are relatively short lived, these spring beauties are sure to brighten the garden and help chase away the winter blues. Add these to your fall planting list.

Include some spring, summer, and fall blooming perennials with season long foliage, fall color or winter interest. You will find many great options at your local garden center. Plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica), hardy in zones 3 to 9, tolerates full sun to part shade, has beautiful flowers in spring, nice foliage, fall color, and persistent seeds capsules for winter interest. Nonaggressive catmint (Nepeta) varieties flower all summer long with minimal maintenance. End the season with showy goldenrod (Solidago speciosa). Its bright yellow flowers add a burst of color to the fall garden and provide food for pollinators

migrating through or overwintering in your garden. The dried flowers add interest to the winter garden.

Include some ornamental grasses. Their fine foliage is a great addition to the garden and most come into their full glory in fall. Leave them stand for winter and enjoy the motion and texture they provide.

Don’t let gardening in the shade stop you from creating season long beauty. Consider shade lovers that add multiple seasons of beauty to those shady spots in the landscape like barrenwort (Epimedium), variegated Solomon’s seal, and coral bells.

Let your healthy perennials stand in the garden all winter long. Their dried leaves, stems and seed heads provide winter interest and help attract birds to the garden. They also provide winter homes for many beneficial insects. You’ll enjoy the motion and color the birds and standing perennials add to drab winter days.

Start taking pictures of your landscape throughout the year. Then look for opportunities to add year-round perennial beauty to your gardens and landscapes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the



Photo Melina Myers

Perennial plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica) tolerates full sun to part shade and provides year-round interest.

recently released Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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I was raised with the idea that the most successful people in the world failed more than they succeeded. My dad taught me that no matter how often a person fails if they apply themselves, have a strong work ethic, and have a positive attitude, they will eventually succeed.

I’ve met many people who had the opposite belief. They thought that you either have it or you don’t, and there isn’t much room for improvement.

I had the great opportunity to meet and be coached by the fastest swimmer in the world for a time. His name is Tom

Jaeger, and he earned seven gold medals.

Before I met him, I assumed he got to where he was because of his hard work ethic and will to win. That was true, but I also learned that he never lost a race in his life. When it came to swimming, he won way more than he lost.

Most actors in Hollywood have to audition for years before they book their first job; it takes hundreds of auditions before becoming a star. That’s true for the vast majority of actors, but there is a tiny percentage who begin working right away.

There are always exceptions to the rule. For the 99.99 percent of us, how can we make it to the top?

I was listening to Malcolm Gladwell’s lecture on why some people succeed, and some don’t. He talked about students in western cultures

versus students in eastern cultures and their approaches to math. It turns out that eastern students score far higher at math than their western counterparts. Why?

Listening to his lecture made me see a huge contradiction in my life. I did think that I could succeed at anything as long as I had the right attitude, but I also had a conflicting belief that I was terrible at math and there wasn’t much I could do to improve. It’s just how my mind worked. I was good at English, history, and the arts but terrible at math.

According to Gladwell, western students think success in math lies in their innate ability; either you have it, or you don’t. Whereas in the east, the attitude to solving a math problem is very different. Their philosophy is that all math problems are solvable by almost anyone.

They believe that anyone can be good at math, given enough time and dedication.

When I was in math class, I didn’t try hard. Why? Because I believed I was bad at math. Why would I try? I didn’t think I had the mind for it. Listening to Gladwell made me realize that my approach to math was wrong. I could have done much better if I had the patience and determination!

It appears that attitude is everything when it comes to math. Can this attitude towards math be applied to other areas of life? Of course, it can.

Before Elvis Presley became the King of Rock, his music teacher told him he had no aptitude for singing. He failed many times on his way to the top; finally, he got a chance to perform at The Grand Ole Opry. The audience didn’t

receive him well; the manager threw him out of the venue. What if his attitude was, “I just can’t sing and perform?”

Steven Spielberg was rejected from the University of Southern California’s film school. One of the first films he made, 1941, was considered a flop. What if his attitude was, “I just don’t have the ability to make a good film?”

Oprah Winfrey was a news anchor early in her career; one day, she was demoted to a minor role on the daily news show. What if she said to herself, “I just don’t have the mind for media?”

For the 99.99 percent of us, we will often fail on our way to accomplishing our dreams. It’s inevitable. Don’t let it get you down. Instead, have the attitude that you have what it takes, you can be who you want to be, and if you choose, you can even be good at math!

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into the wind, drop your rod tip to the water right after making the cast. You’ll get more distance and will also get the slack out of your line in case you get bit just when the bait hits the surface. If you leave the rod held high, the wind will make an arc out of your line and you’d lose control of the bait.

Want an excuse to say “pass the pasta” more often? Nutritional scientists have proved certain foods are fixes for less than perfect moods. Studies show pasta, which is rich in complex carbohydrates can help relieve anxiety and help fight depression.

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Looking to sharpen your memory? Did you know positive thinkers have heightened memory? A positive attitude’s been shown to stimulate the brain, so avoid negative people and situations. And talk less and listen more to boost your memory.

If you’re harvesting herbs from the garden this season, take note of these quick and easy tips! When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves.

Here’s an easy foolproof way to store fresh basil, cilantro, parsley, tarragon,

and other delicate herbs that preserves their fresh from the garden taste! Stand herbs in a tall glass or mason jar. Fill halfway with water and add a pinch of sugar. Then place a plastic bag loosely over the top of it all and place in the refrigerator. Now your herbs will keep their fresh taste for a week!

It’s flea market season, and here’s a dealer tip to renew old wooden picture frames without refinishing. Just brush with a mixture of one cup olive oil and a half cup lemon juice. For best results, apply with a paint brush to get into crevices. Let dry, buff and polish if needed.

Win Dinner for Two 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 ran-

dom drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous 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 helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

United Way Day of Caring brings out record number of volunteers

SOUTHBIDGE — After two years of a multi-day, socially distant, Days of Caring, United Way of South Central Mass. was delighted to be able to offer a single Day of Caring event. The annual United Way Day of Caring took place on Friday, June 17, with more than 125 volunteers from 15 workplaces (MAPFRE Insurance, Cornerstone Bank, Savers Bank, UMass Memorial Health-Harrington, OFS Fitel, Webster First Federal Credit Union, Webster Five, Starkweather & Shepley Insurance, Incom Inc., Southbridge Credit Union, bankHometown, Community Legal Aid, Our Bright Future, JLA Contracting and Town of Southbridge) tackling projects at 13 local agencies, schools and municipalities. Our largest team came from MAPFRE Insurance which had 50 volun-



teers sign up for the day. “We are grateful to have Fundación MAPFRE not only as a grantor, but as a partner who believes strongly in volunteering in the communities they are located.” Said Mary O’Coin, Executive Director of UWSCM.

United Way Day of Caring

sent volunteer teams from local organizations to provide much needed assistance to local agencies through projects. These included repair work, gardening, painting, and cleaning. The day was organized by the staff at UWSCM that has been hard at work for months, identifying projects, recruiting

teams, organizing equipment and materials.

“We are excited to be back in person and to have such an amazing response from volunteers, sponsors and agencies this year. Day of Caring is a great opportunity for volunteers to learn more about agencies, schools and town recreation department in their community and see firsthand what they do to help individuals. We are thankful for this year’s sponsors, Incom Inc., Rotary Club of Southbridge, Old Sturbridge Village, Stop and Shop and Ocean State Job Lot. Their donations make the day possible,” tated Mrs. O’Coin.

Over the past two years, Day of Caring was modified to adapt to pandemic restrictions with a Stuff the Truck Food Drive in 2020 and multi-day single proj-

ects in 2021. This year, the day began at 8 a.m. at all the project sites with most volunteers working until noon. Each volunteer received a goodie bag with lots of treats and drinks, along with a complimentary pass to Old Sturbridge Village to thank them for their hard work.

Project locations were:

Charlton: Charlton Helping Hand Society and YMCA of Central MA Camp Foskett

Sturbridge: Cedar Recreation Area and Community Food Collaborative Garden

Southbridge: WCAC Head Start, Catholic Charities, and Ruth Wells Center for the Arts

Dudley: Tri-Valley Inc., and the Dudley Town Beach

Webster: WCAC Head Start, Care Central VNA and Park Ave Elementary School

American International College announces Spring 2022 Dean’s List

SPRINGFIELD — American International College (AIC) in Springfield, has named 486 students to the Spring 2022 Dean’s List. Dean’s List students are full-time students who have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA. AIC congratulates these dedicated scholars.

Kaitlyn Boone, of Sturbridge

Alexandra Fish, of Fiskdale

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

Centenary University announces Dean’s List

HACKETTSTOWN, N.J. — Centenary University President Bruce Murphy, Ed.D., has announced the Dean’s List for the Spring 2022 semester. To achieve this honor, full-time students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.8 or above and complete a minimum of 12 semester credits.

The Massachusetts residents who earned Dean’s List honors are:

Charlton—Aaliyah Altieri

About Centenary University

Founded in 1867 by the Newark Conference of the United Methodist Church, Centenary University’s academic program integrates a solid liberal arts foundation with a strong career orientation. This mix provides an educational experience that prepares students to succeed in the increasingly global and interdependent world. The University’s main campus is located in Hackettstown, N.J., with its equestrian facility in Washington Township.

Locals raised to Sublime Degree of Master Masons



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Center first row left to right with white apron on: Bro. Eric Willard; center with black top hat Wor. Bill Belanger and white apron Bro. Clay Tully both men were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Surrounding these men in the background are officers of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and Master Masons throughout the 24th Masonic District. Also, a little history of the black top hat being worn by our Worshipful Master is 100 years old. Only Masters of the lodge are allowed to wear this hat. This hat is made from beaver pelt and was made in England. Every Master of the lodge for the past 100 years has worn this black top hat.

SOUTHBIDGE — On Saturday, June 18, Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge gathered with members, family, and friends, along with other Master Masons throughout the 24th Masonic District. These people came to witness and congratulate the raising of two local men brother Eric

Willard of Dudley and brother Clay Tully of Webster to the sublime Degree of Master Masons. The two local men, along with many other men before them, has followed this path to join this great fraternity. Freemasonry has been in this community going back to the late 1700’s.

Let me give you a little history about Freemasonry in this community and the history of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. The Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was first organized on the second floor of Salem Towne’s House in Charlton Mass. The lodge was granted a charter by Paul Revere on March 14, 1796, forming into Fayette Lodge. The lodge was given special permission on Jan. 10, 1799, to meet annually by rotation in Dudley, Charlton and Sturbridge, and parts that would form into Southbridge. On Dec 7, 1859, S.A. Drake a prominent businessman in Southbridge, along with fellow Masons were given special dispensation to organize a new lodge in Southbridge and this new lodge was named Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. The new lodge had 40 members at this time, most of them prominent businessmen from Southbridge. The lodge would hold their first official meeting a week later with Chester A. Dresser as the Worshipful Master and S.A. Drake as treasurer. 163 years later and Quinebaug Masonic Lodge is still thriving spreading the word of Freemasonry into the community. If you would like more information on the Masonic History in this community it can be found at the Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge. Go to www.massfreemasonry.org to find a lodge nearest you.

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Country Bank recognizes the President's Platinum Recipient

REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, announced the recipient of the 2021 President's Platinum Award. The Bank's recognition program, "CB Shines", encourages team members to look for coworkers who embody the Bank's corporate values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity (iSTEP). Within this program, members can receive different levels of recognition: Silver Spotlight, Gold Star, and the President's Platinum.

"Country Bank's team members contribute to the Bank's success in so many ways throughout the year, and we are delighted to celebrate their contributions. The 2021 President's

Platinum award was presented to Tracey Wrzesien, Assistant Vice President, Retail Banking Officer. Tracey embodies the Bank's corporate values. In addition, her nominator recognized her contributions to the organization, customers, and coworkers. Our team is extremely dedicated, knowledgeable and committed to delivering the best service to their external and internal customers", stated Paul Scully, President, and CEO of Country Bank.

"I am extremely honored to have been named a recipient of the Presidential Platinum Award! Thank you to my colleague for nominating me and to Paul and Country Bank for selecting me. I could not do what I do without my amazing team, the Retail

Banking Leadership, and last but certainly not least, my customers. I am honored and humbled. I love what I do", stated Wrzesien.

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Trinity Catholic Academy honor roll

SOUTHBIDGE —Trinity Catholic Academy is excited to share its honor roll for the third trimester of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Grade 5
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Honors: Layla Beu, Chloe Cahill, Lucas Cournoyer, David Gil, Sofia Henao, Lily Nellis, Anthony Postale

Grade 6
High Honors: Alivia Gauvin, Matilda Paradis
Honors: Aedyn Esser, Heather Kennedy, Isabel Lamica, Oliver MacDonald, Nolan Smeltzer

Grade 7
High Honors: Michael Gasperini, Yashvi Swadia
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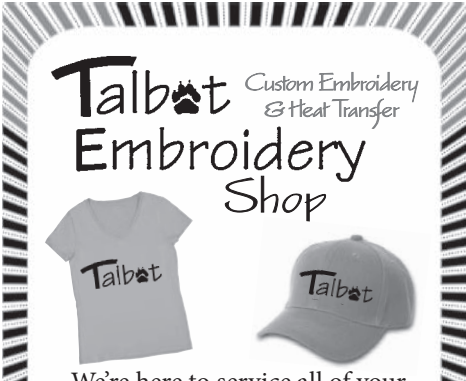
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OBITUARIES

Clarence A. Bachand, 99

CHARLTON – Clarence A. Bachand, 99, of Turner Road, died peacefully on Monday, June 20, 2022, with his family by his side.



He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Agnes T. (Prunier) Bachand of Charlton; five children, Eva Parzych and her husband Stanley of Charlton, Rebecca Bachand of Charlton, James Bachand and his wife Linda of Northbridge, David Bachand and his wife Jody of Charlton, and Brian Bachand and his wife Nancy of Charlton; a brother, Claude Bachand of Murrells Inlet, SC; a sister, Joyce Lyons of Bull Head City, AZ; seven grandchildren, James Bachand and his wife Linda of Webster, Erik Parzych and his wife Stacey of Sturbridge, Kristin Hildebrand and her husband Adam of North Adams, Matthew Bachand and his wife Courtney of Charlton, Meghan LaPlante and her husband Justin of Charlton, Daniel Bachand of Charlton, and Jacob Bachand of Charlton; ten great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by five siblings, Doris Newlands, Phyllis Kelly, Shirley Lubecki, Stanley Bachand, and Donald Bachand; and a granddaughter, Laura Bachand. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Arthur and Mabel (Stanhope) Bachand, and lived in Southbridge before moving to Charlton in 1960. He attended Cole Trade School in Southbridge.

Mr. Bachand was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He joined the Army in 1943, belonging to the Army Corp of Engineers 284th Engineer Combat Battalion. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Later, he helped form the first V.F.W. in Charlton and was a member of the American Legion Post 391 for over 50 years.

In October of 2017, Clarence, escorted by Mikel Shilling (son of PFC Kenneth

Shilling who served with Clarence), returned to Luxembourg, Germany. They followed the same route taken by Clarence while serving in WWII. They were hosted by several families, honored with celebrations and received much gracious appreciation for their dedicated service.

Mr. Bachand was an electrician throughout his life, working mostly for Warren & Bigelow Electric in Worcester, and later at Bay Path in Charlton. He was the wiring inspector in Charlton from 1963-2006. He remained very active with Bay Path in Charlton for over 53 years, and was a member of the school committee for 33 years. He was inducted into the Bay Path Hall of Fame. Mr. Bachand was named “Citizen of the Year” at Old Home Day in Charlton in 2021, and received the key to the town. He was involved with Boy Scout Troop 165 in Charlton for 50 years, and received the Silver Beaver award from the Mohegan Council. He was instrumental in forming the local Pop Warner football program in Charlton, serving as the first chairman and president. He also served as the vice president of the Central Mass Pop Warner League.

Mr. Bachand was a member of St. Joseph’s Church in Charlton, served on the Sewer Commission for five years, and served on the Recreation Committee for three years. He helped build the Little League field in Charlton and helped form the Charlton Lassie League.

Clarence believed that if children can be involved in a group activity and can feel a part of their community, when they grow, they will participate in the life of the town as adults. “If you start with the youth and build on them, they become better citizens.”

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2022, at St. Joseph’s Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton. Burial with military honors followed at West Ridge Cemetery in Charlton. Calling hours were Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, and again on Friday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Church in Charlton prior to the Mass.

HOLLAND, MA – Carter Harris, 76, of Holland, MA, died Tuesday, June 7, 2022.



Carter was a man of few words. He spent them wisely. He was kind, generous, punctual and always ready with a joke, a quip or an anecdote regarding the events of the day.

Carter was born in Manchester, Connecticut on April 10, 1946 to Samuel and Eleanor (Howard) Harris. He was an Army brat and enjoyed his early years on military bases in Cape Charles, Virginia and Wiesbaden, Germany. He attended Wiesbaden High School where he excelled in track and football and started his first band. Carter was known to regale family, friends and the occasional stranger with his adventures traveling throughout Germany in his dad’s convertible, visiting countless beer halls and music clubs along the way.

Carter graduated from Colgate University (1968). He met Cindi, the love of his life, and was forever grateful to have won her heart and her hand. Carter served honorably in the US Army. After completing a tour in Vietnam, he was stationed in Frankfurt where he was joined by his wife. Their daughter Kira was born shortly thereafter. Upon his return to the U.S., Carter worked in the insurance business (Hartford and

Worcester) until his retirement.

Carter’s dad gave him his first drum kit in his early teen years, a set he played until his passing. He was a founding member of The Magneatos, a band he played with for nearly four decades. He was a collector of music. He read the liner notes and could connect the dots across decades and genres, but only if you asked him to. He scoured flea markets near and far for drums (and other treasures). He researched and restored those flea market finds, and throughout his life he gifted drum sets to many aspiring young musicians. On occasion he would attend drum shows to display his work, offload some inventory and meet new friends.

Carter liked cooking, live music, sports, hosting parties at the lake and the good old days of the New Orleans Jazz Fest. He was a consumer of news and of beer. He had a bald head, a great smile and a welcoming heart. Carter enjoyed the company of many a loyal dog throughout his life, and provided a loving home for several rescue dogs in their twilight years. He was known to be generous with treats, a scratch behind the ears or a belly rub, earning him a reputation with the neighborhood dogs who still stop by daily for a visit.

Carter is survived by his wife of 53 years, Cynthia (Steele) Harris; daughter, Kira M. Harris and son-in-law, Brian Voigt of Waitsfield, VT; and cousins Richard and John Treat of Bolton, CT. A party to celebrate his life is planned for later this summer. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his honor to the ASPCA or your local humane society.

Robert J. Kimball, 89

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Southbridge: Robert J. Kimball, 89, of Lebanon Hill Rd., died Wednesday, June 22nd, in the UMass Memorial Hospital - Harrington, after a brief illness.



His beloved wife of 56 years, Barbara A. (Bridge) Kimball died in 2008. He leaves his daughter, Kathleen P. Allen and her husband David of Teaticket, MA; five sons, Gregory R. Kimball of Spencer, Richard J. Kimball and his wife Sally of Ashford, CT, Donald A. Kimball and his husband Dennis Zaia of Hull, Daniel J. Kimball and his wife Charlene of Brookfield and Dennis J. Kimball of N. Brookfield; a sister, Carol Kimball of Worcester; 7 grandchildren and 6 great granddaughter. He was predeceased by two sons, Robert W. Kimball and Paul R Kimball. He was born in Worcester the son of James V. and Mary V. (Simonis) Kimball. Robert graduated and enlisted in the United States Army serving honorably during the

Korean War.

He worked as an electrical engineer for Pratt and Whitney for 38 years prior to retiring many years ago. Robert loved the outdoors and enjoy gardening, fishing and camping with family and feeding the birds. He was an associate Boy Scout leader for troop 135 of Southbridge as well as a member of St. Anne St Patrick’s church in Sturbridge. Robert cherished his time traveling with his wife Barbara especially their vacations cruising. In his younger years he loved working and spending time at his uncle’s farm in Spencer.

His funeral was held on Monday, June 27th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne’s Church, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. Burial will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Monday, June 27th from 8:30am to 9:30am prior to the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 1120, Framingham, MA 01701. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

JULY HAPPENINGS AT THE BRIMFIELD SENIOR CENTER

BRIMFIELD — The Brimfield Senior Center is excited to announce the following programs scheduled during the month of July.

Summer Refreshment Party July 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join us for a laid-back summer refresher party. Your menu is: Chips and salsa, Tropical Punch with Orange Sherbet, Cape Cod Chicken Salad on a large Bulkie Roll. (Gluten free Available on request), Baked Beans, Eva’s super special Yuppy Salad (macaroni salad tossed with lots of veggies, salami, cheese and Italian dressing, Cake and Ice Cream for Dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 to help offset the cost of the meal. Please reserve early – no later than June 22n. (Please pay ahead, if possible, to keep the check in line moving.)

At loose ends? Lunch for only \$2

bucks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and your chance for fame and fortune with our trivia game (Grand Prize is a \$5 scratch ticket). Please call to reserve by 11 a.m. on the day prior.

July 5: Craft Day with Rose. Make your own beaded suncatcher! Cost for class is only \$5 which includes all materials. Space is limited to 15, so sign up early.

July 22, 10:30 a.m.: Matinee Movie on the big screen “Cyrano” starring Peter Dinklage. Cyrano de Bergerac dazzles everyone with his ferocious wordplay and brilliant swordplay. However, he’s convinced his appearance renders him unworthy of the affections of the luminous Roxanne, a devoted friend who’s in love with someone else. \$2 for the movie – popcorn, beverages & snacks free!

Anna Maria College announces Dean’s List

PAXTON — Anna Maria College recently announced academic honors for students named to the Dean’s List for Spring Semester 2022. Anna Maria College awards Dean’s List recognition to students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate day program in good standing who have attained in the previous semester a GPA of 3.5 with no grade lower than “B” for a minimum of four courses.

The following Massachusetts students achieved Dean’s List:

- Auburn**
Elizabeth Hubbard, Domenic Mattress, Matthew Mange, Abigail Lloyd
- Blackstone**
Rachel Koch
- Charlton**
Jenna Johnson, Bobbilyn Baillargeon, Drew Paulhus, Connor McNamara
- Douglas**
Jadalis Gomez
- Dudley**
Tiffany Sousa, Taylor Hubert, Jacob Zablocki, Ethan Quinn, Allison Donais
- East Brookfield**

- Richard Laporte, Jr.
- Grafton**
Ryann Molinari, Megan Wajer
- Millford**
Willow Harvey, Patrick Motuzas
- Millville**
Hannah Larkin
- North Oxford**
Joyace Adonteng Prempeh, Krystal Melendez
- Oxford**
Brian Gionet, Ama Asiamah
- Southbridge**
Brooks Chernisky
- Spencer**
Laurie Cowgill, Hannah Rybicki
- Sutton**
Sabrina Mansfield Mornea, Trevian Grenon, Bryson Grenon
- Uxbridge**
Callie Bucchino, Madison Haley
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BLACK TAVERN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Photo Courtesy

The Black Tavern Historical Society of Dudley recently announced the selection of three Shepherd Hill students for 2022 scholarship awards. Pictured with the Board of Directors, in the center, from left to right, are Bronson Dubey, Skylar Finley and Cy Ducharme.

July events at Hitchcock Academy

WOMEN’S SELF-DEFENSE FITNESS: A fun full-body workout that is physically and mentally stimulating. This class builds strength, leans and tones the body, all while learning core self-defense movements and techniques. Flexibility, balance, and body awareness will also be gained. All levels are welcome and no prior experience is needed. Women will feel empowered, confident, and healthier. Tuesdays, 5:45 – 6:45pm July 5 to 26, \$60.

GUITAR: Learn how to play your first song in 2 weeks or less! Acoustic and electric guitar lessons for beginner to advanced levels, ages 7 and up. Learn how to read tablature and get an introduction to music theory. You will also have the opportunity to try the different guitars before you buy one. Schedule your 30 minute lesson on Sundays between 12pm and 4pm or Wednesdays between 3:30pm and 8pm. \$100 for 4 weekly sessions.

GROUP GUITAR: Learn the basics of the guitar and possibly your first song, time permitting. Group guitar lessons meet once a month starting July 9, 12pm – 2pm. \$25 per lesson.

YOGA WITH SHARON: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All Levels welcome. Mondays, 7:15 - 8:30pm, July 11 to Aug 15. \$65.

UPBEAT BARRE: UpBeat Barre combines moves from ballet, Pilates, yoga and muscular endurance based strength training to provide a low-im-

patc, mind, body and high-energy program. UpBeat classes will tone, tighten and lengthen muscles, provide strength in everyday movement and bring confidence, coordination and an UpBeat attitude after every class. This barre class is all about music. The moves are choreographed to fun UpBeat music which is how this class differs from other Barre classes. Mondays, 6 – 7pm, July 11 to Aug 1. \$50

HIGH FITNESS: The combination of aerobic and anaerobic training, complemented by active recovery tracks, makes this class an extremely effective and efficient form of training. Alternating bouts of high-intensity movement with moderate/active recovery means you avoid plateaus, and constantly challenge your body in a safe and effective way that works for YOU. HIGH Fitness is a ZERO equipment, full body workout that has been shown to improve overall endurance, stamina, strength, and cardiovascular health. More importantly, it yields extremely important mental health benefits. Beyond the workout, HIGH Fitness brings fun, fabulous music, and a community like no other – connection, support, and inclusion reap their own benefits on both the mind and body! Tuesdays 7 - 8pm, July 12 to Aug 2, \$50.

CAKE DECORATING, DAISY THE COW THEME: Come and have fun and leave with a decorated cake while learning and/or practicing detailed decorating skills! All supplies are included, with use only of decorating tools and an apron during class. You bring home

the decorated cake. No experience necessary. Step-by-Step Instructions by Instructor Sue from Let’s Cake Decorate. Wednesday, July 20, 6 - 8pm. \$68.

OUTDOOR YOGA: Breathe in the beauty of nature as we practice Yoga outside together, enhancing mindfulness, strength, flexibility, balance and well-being. Everyone (14 and up) is welcome in this all-levels class, no matter whether you have Yoga experience. Thursdays, 4 - 5pm. July 21 to Aug 18. \$50.

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers & comfortable clothing. Class will be held outside, weather permitting and indoors in inclement weather. Thursdays, 6:15 - 7:15pm, July 21 to Sept 8. \$105.

WARRIOR YOGA: Warrior Yoga is an adventurous style of yoga for the advanced-beginner that incorporates a blend of slightly more intense Yoga poses mixed with some Martial Arts forms. This more athletic style of Yoga will take you through poses of power and strength with the transitions of flow. Thursdays, 5:15- 6:15pm, July 21 to Aug 11. \$40.

K9 NOSEWORK: K9 NOSEWORK® is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Saturdays 9:30 -11:00am , July 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 20 & 27, \$152.

PILATES: A world recognized exer-

cise system of controlled movements. As a mat floor exercise, Pilates is said to improve flexibility, posture, balance and strength. Most importantly, Pilates targets the core muscles which are essential to lifelong health. Wednesdays, 6:45 - 7:45pm, July 27 to Aug 17, \$40.

JUDO: Judo, the gentle way, is an Olympic sport, intended to train the body and mind. It involves using holds and leverage to unbalance the opponent. DEVELOP - discipline - confidence - teamwork - fitness and have fun practicing martial arts with the Sen-I-Judo Club. All Ages Wednesdays & Fridays in July 4:30 to 6pm. Adults Only. Mondays & Fridays in July. 6 - 7:30pm. \$75 per month plus \$75 annual enrollment fee.

HITCHCOCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Join us for an evening of great music on the Brimfield town common when the season kicks off on Wednesday, July 20 with a performance from The James Paul Band, a high energy, good time rock and roll band. On July 27, The Island Castaways Band, a Tropical Rock band that plays Jimmy Buffett and other summertime fun music! August 3: Time Stretchers playing the best of music from the 50’s to now, August 17: Raider Eddie and the Skeletones, an 8 piece R& B Band w/female vocals and August 24: Country Band Cobblestone Road will close out the series. All concerts are 6 – 8:00pm. Bring your blanket or chair. Food trucks will be on site. Check Hitchcockacademy.org or Facebook for any rain dates.

ARPA funds sought for treatment plant upgrades

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Water and Sewer officials are hoping to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to help spearhead a series of improvements at Charlton’s Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Peter Boria spoke with selectmen on June 14 seeking money to cover the partial cost of two-thirds of a multi-faceted project resulting from a recent engineering study also covered by ARPA money. Boria said the results showed the town can keep up with its current flow but is in a poor position to handle much

more economic development and growth.

The engineering firms hired for the study examined several years of data as well as the current condition of the plant. They also provided a variety of solutions to problems they identified narrowing down the best strategies that worked in tandem with the department’s larger goals. The 92-page report identified three major priorities: upgrades to the headworks building, a secondary process upgrade to help treat additional loading, and improvements to the chemical feed and storage assets. Boria said the department has a plan to address at least two of these

projects first and work their way towards the third over time.

“The Headworks upgrade that they designed works well with the secondary process upgrade so, if we were to piece-meal it together, we can do the headworks upgrade first, which is probably priority one, and then be in a good position of trying to look at moving forward to the process upgrade in the near future,” said Boria, who noted the combined price tag of the headworks upgrade with the chemical feed and storage needs would total around \$2.4 million.

If the town allowed for \$800,000 to \$900,000 of ARPA

money to offset some of the cost, the water and sewer stabilization funds could cover the rest while the secondary process upgrades would be tackled at a later date.

Selectmen were mixed on allocating the ARPA money outright. While \$2.2 million remains unallocated from the fund, selectmen reminded Boria that the schools are also seeking upgrades and could also benefit from ARPA money. Selectman Bill Borowski said he wasn’t against the proposal but wanted to keep in mind the logistics of fairly utilizing ARPA monies across the board. Selectman David Singer had a different take moving

to allocate the \$900,000 calling is a critical need at the top of the list.

Selectmen came to a compromise, agreeing to allocate \$200,000 for the design of the headworks and chemical feed and storage upgrades which will provide a clearer price tag for those projects for future meetings, including the fall town meeting. Meanwhile, selectmen will continue to strategize and explore the needs for ARPA funds throughout the community to determine how they will allocate the money and how much can be prioritized for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements.

QCC’s Respiratory Care program breathes life into community

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College’s Respiratory Care Program has received the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) for the second consecutive year. The College has once again joined a select group of programs that received this national recognition based on a high-level performance of key accreditation metrics.

The CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program’s success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations. The award is considered a standard of professional achievement.

“This award is a testament to the hard-working faculty who have put together a high-quality program that is revered in the healthcare community. Their caring and dedication have fostered a successful learning environment for our students,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

To earn this significant award, programs were required to have three or more years of outcome data, hold accreditation without a progress report, document RRT credentialing success of 90% or above, and meet or exceed core

thresholds for the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination high cut score and retention. QCC had a three-year (2018 – 2020) average of 100% of students who achieved the high cut score and 96 percent achieve the RRT credential. The CoARC threshold for retention is 70 percent, and QCC had a 95 percent retention rate for the same three-year average (2018-2020).

QCC’s Respiratory Care is an 18-month program that prepares graduates for employment as allied health practitioners in the specialty area of pulmonary medicine. The program began in 1967 and has graduated approximately 126 students since 2005.

“It is an honor for our program to be recognized over the past several years. It is a tribute to all the current and former faculty, QCC administration, and our advisory board who helped make this achievement possible, as well as our graduates who took the exams and earned the RRT credential,” said Assistant Professor of Respiratory Care, Keith Hirst. “I am proud to be part of such a great team who strive to provide an exceptional respiratory care education.”

To learn more, visit QCC’s Respiratory Care Program.

Cornerstone Bank announces new senior vice president, chief risk officer

W O R C E S T E R

— Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Michael J. Roy has been hired as senior vice president, chief risk officer. Roy is a successful industry leader who comes to Cornerstone with more than 25 years of experience in helping financial institutions manage risk and drive financial improvement. He will oversee the company’s governance and strategy for risk management and compliance, and protect the investments of stakeholders.

“We are very excited to welcome Michael to the team as our new chief risk officer,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “Throughout his impressive career, he has shown a great aptitude for creating and implementing risk management plans, and we’re confident his success will continue as a leader in our organiza-

tion.”

A Whitinsville native, Roy previously served as the regulatory compliance manager at Sheshunoff Consulting and has also held senior vice president positions at several other banking institutions. He has a bachelor’s degree in finance from Bryant University in Rhode Island and an MBA from Anna Maria College in Paxton.

“I look forward to growing with Cornerstone Bank, building upon the successes this institution has achieved,” said Roy. “Central Massachusetts has always been my home, and I’m excited to use my experience to provide protection for local stakeholders and the community as a whole.”

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive.

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

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Joshua Hyde Library hosting Teeny Tiny Art Show

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Public Library announces an upcoming art opportunity to show off your art skills...tiny art skills, that is.

Starting June 29, everyone ages 13 and older are encouraged to stop by the library front desk to pick up a specially numbered kit containing a three by three inch canvas to enter the Joshua Hyde Public Library’s first ever Teeny Tiny Art Show. There are no boundaries to your imagination beyond the pocket sized canvas and a strict avoidance of mature themes (see details below). Use any medium you so desire and return your unsigned artwork to the Library’s front desk by July 22. Voting for Best

In Show begins July 27 through Aug. 8, and the winners for each age group will be awarded at the conclusion of our summer reading program on Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.

All you need to know about our Teeny Tiny Art Show is...

One numbered packet contains:
3” x 3” canvas suitable for oil and acrylic paint

3” x 3” paper board suitable for mounting other media such as watercolor, pen & ink, pencil, needlepoint, or fabric an information sheet

Submitting your artwork:
Entries may be submitted in the supplied numbered envelope at the

front desk any time the library is open through July 22. Artwork will be identified by your assigned number rather than by artist’s name, so please don’t include your name on the artwork. The Art Show Committee reserves the right to reject any entry. An attempt to return it will be made.

Display and voting:

Artwork will be displayed at the library from July 27 to Aug. 8. All are welcome to vote for their favorite online or in person until the end of the day on Aug. 8.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded in each of two age groups: A) 13-18 and B) 19+

First prize: \$20 Michaels Gift Card
Runner-up: \$10 Michaels Gift Card
Winners will be announced August 10 @ 3pm on the Sturbridge Common.

Picking up your artwork:

All artwork must be picked up at the library between Aug. 15-20. If not picked up by 5pm on Aug. 20, the artwork will be disposed of by the Art Show Committee. (So please remember to pick it up!)

For any questions, call the JHPL at (508) 347-2512.

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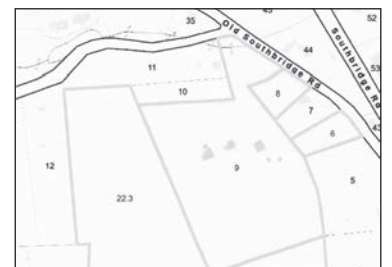


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Questions to consider before waiving a home inspection

REGION — In the currently hot real estate market, many buyers are resorting to somewhat dramatic measures to increase their likelihood of securing the home they love. Buyers are proposing all cash offers, bidding thousands of dollars above asking price and even waiving home inspections. However, the act of waiving inspections is less common than some make it out to be; most buyers, sellers and agents still recognize the importance of the inspection.

“Prior to this housing market, 80 to 90 percent of homes were inspected. Now, 70 to 80 percent of homes are being inspected. So, the trend of waiving home inspections isn’t as widespread as the industry makes it seem,” explained Adam Long, HomeTeam Inspection Service President of Ohio franchise headquarters. “There are a lot of agents and buyers that will never make or accept an offer without an inspection.”

Should a buyer or seller find themselves in a situation where waiving the inspection seems like a viable option, there are a few things to consider before committing to a contract with no home inspection contingency.

Both parties should be clear on what the waiver means

The home inspection gives a buyer the time and opportunity to verify the condition of the home, condo, investment property before signing a Purchase and Sales Agreement and before putting substantial down payment money on the line.

In other words, waiving the inspection contingency means that you agree to handle any issues that come with the property, and you agree to receive it in “as-is” condition.

For the seller, a waived home inspection means that they will be protected from any price or repair negotiations that may arise. A waived home inspection does not mean that the buyer cannot get an inspection, but it does mean that the results of any inspection cannot be used as leverage during negotiations.

Every real estate contract has a stipulation with what type of inspection is included. Contracts may have the option that sale of the house is not contingent on the inspection. This just means that the buyer cannot use that inspection to get out of the contract.

Have all known issues been disclosed?

Sellers are required by law to disclose anything about the home that may be wrong and failing to do so can lead to bigger problems later on. However, an inspection can be critical in ensuring all these shortfalls are addressed.

“Home inspections can bring up things the owner knew about but didn’t realize was an issue,” Long said. “For example, if a homeowner repaired something in a nontraditional way, they may not realize that this is something that must be disclosed. The inspector will see what has happened and report the potential issue.”

Specific disclosure requirements may differ from state to state, but the overarching requirement is that the buyer receives a thorough, transparent report of any issues. Regardless of how or why a potential issue is left out of that disclosure, failure to disclose can lead to major issues for the seller.

What are the other legal implications?

There is a common misconception about who an inspection — or lack thereof — protects.

“Sellers often think not having an inspection protects them, but it actually doesn’t. It hurts everybody involved,” he said. “If someone waives an inspection and the contingency, the concern is not just for the buyer. The buyer may realize there are issues they can’t afford to fix or safety issues that can impact their health, but there is also a higher likelihood of the buyer suing the seller and the agents.”

This harkens back to the issue of legally-required disclosure. While some sellers may feel it’s better to waive the inspection to avoid any nitpicking or overzealous inspectors, the inspection actually protects them just as much as the buyer.

Understanding all of the implications of inspections, reporting and the home-buying contract is critical in deciding whether an inspection can, or should, be waived.

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Western NE University College of Engineering students honored for academic excellence

Charlton Garden Club meets July 11

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University held the College of Engineering Senior Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 21 in Rivers Memorial Hall. Students receiving awards are selected for a significant contribution made to the department.

Joseph Gonzalez of Holland received the James V. Masi Creative Excellence Award - Electrical Engineering. This award is given to the student, selected by a vote of the electrical and computer engineering faculty, that has shown both creativity and initiative in their senior project. This award is given in recognition of the student who personifies Dr. Masi’s devotion to seeking creative solutions to difficult engineering problems. Per University requirement the student must have a minimum of a 3.30 grade point average and has at least 60 Western New England University credits.

Joshua Bolte of Brimfield received the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Award for Outstanding Senior in Electrical Engineering. This award is given to the outstanding senior in electrical engineering. Per University requirement the student must have a minimum of a 3.30 grade point average and has at least 60 Western New England University credits.

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SPORTS

Remington, Delvalle combine on Cherry Valley no-hitter to get past Sturbridge

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER — Evan Remington and Jake Delvalle combined on a no-hitter to lead Cherry Valley Post 443 past Sturbridge Post 109, 4-1, in an American Legion baseball game played Wednesday, June 22, at Rochdale Park.

Remington started on the hill and went six innings, striking out six, walking six and throwing a wild pitch. With Remington at his allowable pitch count, Delvalle moved from short to the bump for the seventh inning and had a 1-2-3 inning, striking out two.

“I felt pretty good, but I walked more guys than I wanted to; I didn’t like that,” said Remington, who was unaware he had not allowed a hit until he moved from the pitcher’s mound to shortstop in the seventh inning. “I had no idea.”

Cherry Valley manager Jim Stephens, whose team improved to 3-3 with the win — its second in a row after starting the season 1-3 — was pleased with the performance of his 6-foot-4, 175-pound right-handed hurler.

“Evan battled tonight; he had one tough inning. He’s real good; when he’s on, he’s lights out. As good as he pitched tonight, you didn’t see his best,” Stephens said. “He’s a bulldog. He loves to pitch, he loves to throw strikes, and he loves to compete.”

Remington opened the game by issuing two straight walks, but thanks to his own head’s up play and his defense, he managed to face just three batters in the top of the first.

After walking Sturbridge’s Dan Bourget, Remington caught him leaning toward second and threw over to his first baseman, Dave Acevedo, who threw to Delvalle, who was covering second, who applied the tag on Bourget. Remington then walked Keenan Wetherbee, but Sturbridge’s next batter, Brandon Phillips, hit the ball back to Remington who started a 1-6-3 double play.

Cherry Valley took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Collin Moody (two hits, three runs scored) got things



Sturbridge’s Tim Paine puts all of his power behind a fastball.



Anthony Pellegrine of Sturbridge takes a healthy hack at the ball.

started with a ringing single to left-center field. Moody then stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Moody put Cherry Valley ahead, 1-0, scoring on a one-out RBI single off the bat of Matt Kustigian. Kustigian then stole second and scored Cherry Valley’s second run on a two-out RBI single to center field by Anthony Marsi.

Cherry Valley pushed its lead to 3-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Moody led off the frame with an infield single, advanced to second on a Sturbridge error and scored on a booming double to the fence in left field by Chris Kustigian.

Sturbridge (0-9) scored its run in the top of the fourth inning, cutting its deficit to 3-1 when Wetherbee led off with a walk, went to second on a wild pitch, scrambled to third on a passed ball and scored on an RBI groundout to short by David Seaver.

Remington labored in the fourth, throwing 34 pitches. With runners on second and third, with two outs and a run in, he ended the Sturbridge rally by striking out Colby Scanlon who got

caught looking at strike three.

“I was missing my spots and I walked too many guys,” Remington said of the two free passes he issued in the fourth. “When you walk guys they score runs and that’s not good.”

Sturbridge manager Jim Rosseel saw the fourth inning as a lost opportunity to get back in the game.

“We needed that timely hit, which we didn’t get,” Rosseel said.

Cherry Valley pushed its lead to 4-1 in the top of the fifth inning. Moody reached on a two-base error by Sturbridge right fielder Ryan Kelly, who overran Moody’s hard hit line drive. Remington then plated Moody with the game’s final run when he singled sharply to left field.

“This was a good win for us; we needed it,” said Cherry Valley third baseman Chris Kustigian, who, now in his fourth year with the club, has emerged as a team leader. “We got some key hits, we had some timely hitting and we were able to score a couple of runs early,

which was huge.”

Chris Kustigian praised Remington’s pitching performance.

“Evan threw a great game. He made the best of it through a few walks, but he threw strikes and he threw the ball by them a lot,” Chris Kustigian continued. “We got great pitching from both Evan and Jake, we played good defense and we were able to come up with some timely hitting.”

Sturbridge left-hander Tim Paine pitched well in defeat, allowing seven hits, walking one and striking out five.

“The first inning has been killing us all year, but Tim settled down and he pitched all right after that,” Rosseel said about Cherry Valley jumping out to a two-run lead. “We’re young. A lot of these kids, probably half the team, are playing out of their element, and a lot of them are playing out of position, too. If I can keep them together, we’ll be good down the road because for young kids, they can play.”

Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League Results

Once again Auburn High is playing host to the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys’ and Girls’ Summer Basketball Leagues. The boys, with 16 high schools participating, are scheduled to play on Mondays and Wednesdays, with the girls and their 14-team league, to compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The girls began the summer action on Tuesday, June 21,

and the results are as follows:

Girls’ Summer League
Tuesday, June 21
Blackstone Valley Tech 28, Auburn 18
Grafton 30, David Prouty 15
Northbridge 45, Leicester 23
Notre Dame Academy 30, Quabbin 24
Quaboag 29, Sutton 24
Uxbridge 32, Tantasqua 28
Worcester South 62, Worcester Tech 15

Thursday, June 23
Tantasqua 36, Quabbin 25
Worcester South 43, Sutton 15
Uxbridge 40, Auburn 9
Worcester Tech 59, David Prouty 13
Leicester 35, Blackstone Valley Tech 32 (OT)
Notre Dame Academy 26, Grafton 14
Northbridge 18, Quaboag 17
Standings

Uxbridge (2-0)
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Leicester (1-1)
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David Prouty (0-2)
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Boys’ Summer League
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SPORTS

Registration now open for inaugural Wild Bill Swim Challenge

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

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

There will also be fun activities for the family, entertainment, food trucks,



and a Vintage Bathing Beauties & Blokes Pageant. The event will conclude with a celebration of winners on the South Pond beach at 12:30 p.m.

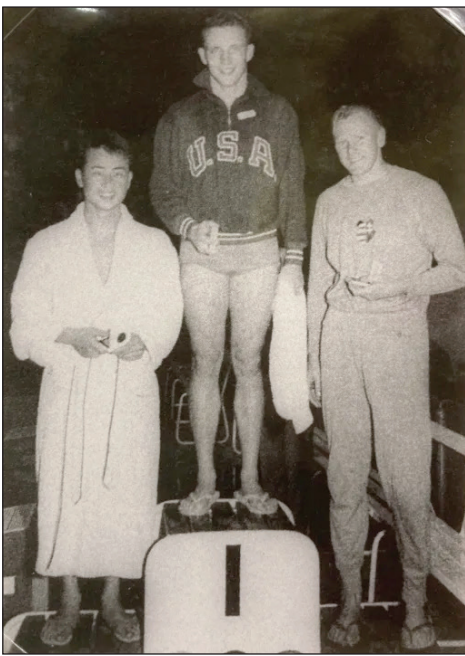
Yorzyk-Triger created the event as a tribute to her father, Olympic Gold Medalist Dr. William “Bill” Yorzyk, who died in 2020. Dr. Yorzyk, a long-time resident of South Pond, took the gold in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, just seven years after learning to swim as a freshman at Springfield College. He was a five-time NCAA All American who set a total of 11 World Records. Yorzyk swam competitively into his 70s and passed on his love of the sport to his sons and daughter.

Proceeds from this first Wild Bill Swim & Paddle Challenge will help fund a matching grant to benefit the Quacumquasit Pond Phosphorus Inactivation Project that was recently approved and funded by the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Grant

Program. The Town of Sturbridge, which is managing the project, is working with the Quaboag Quacumquasit Lake Association (QQLA), the ESS Environmental Group, and Solitude Lake Management to conduct an alum treatment targeting deep phosphorus-rich sediment in South Pond that could be completed as early as spring 2023.

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

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



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

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Petco Love Invests in Here Today Adopted Tomorrow

BRIMFIELD — Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, HTAT, is set to receive a \$3,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love during a special celebration at the Sturbridge Petco at 110 Charlton Rd. on June 30 at 2 p.m. in support of their lifesaving work for animals in Brimfield and beyond.

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“Petco Love’s grant to HTAT will help us provide pet owners in need with food, supplies, and access to basic veterinary care. Since the pandemic began, it has become clear to us that our



work doesn’t begin or end at the shelter door,” said Rachael Max, HTAT’s Executive Director and Board President. “As a community organization, we need to be there for animals and the people who care about them when they need extra support. This grant will help ensure that pets and loving families stay together.”

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary is a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping pets with families, serving Brimfield and the surrounding community. Since 2011, HTAT has helped over 3,500 cats through adoption and spay/neuter services. HTAT also offers several community assistance programs, such as low-cost spay/neuter services, free behavioral help, a Pet Food Pantry, and an emergency foster program.

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Ella Andersen named to High Honors List at Pomfret School

POMFRET, Conn. — Ella Andersen of Sturbridge, from the Class of 2023, was named to the Spring 2022 High Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Ella earned a grade point average of at least 3.670 and received no grade lower than a B+.

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