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Friday, September 9, 2022

## Local Girl Scout creates community focal point



Photo Courtesy

Local Girl Scout Alana Williams recently finished a project that benefits the community.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — A local Girl Scout recently completed her Silver Award project by designing and installing a raised pollinator garden at the Cedar Pond Recreation Area.

Alana Williams, a cadette in Sturbridge-based Girl Scout Troop 64510, has been involved in Scouting since 2015. The Tantasqua Regional High School freshman was thrilled to finish her project and help give back to the community.

"I love flowers and how they help the environment, especially when used in a pollinator garden," Williams said.

The project began after Williams presented her idea to Annie Roscioli, the director of the Sturbridge Recreation Department. Upon receiving the green light from the department's board for her final design plan, Williams started building at the recreation area.

"I thank Ms. Roscioli for keeping the project in front of the board and getting their approval. It took around three months from when I first presented my idea to when the project was finished," Williams said.

The project posed several fun challenges for Williams, and the end result can be enjoyed by the entire community.

"The biggest challenge was trying to figure out which types of plants would work well in the shaded area, and the design for the flower box," Williams said. "I did a lot of research to understand which flowers and materials would work best for my design. I ended up with a design that included a bench because the location was shaded and a nice spot for people to sit. It is always a few degrees cooler than the other areas where seating is available in the recreation area."

Williams received help from her father in building the garden container and bench. She also recruited a few friends to help install the bench on the site, then plant the flowers and the gravel bed.

"I learned a lot and it was fun managing this project. After the garden was built, I was very happy to see that a lot of people are using the bench," Williams added. "It was a hit with the kids at the summer camp. The area was bare and boring before

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## Charlton seeking bids for Police Station roof

BY JASON BLEAU  
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CHARLTON — The town of Charlton has gone out to bid for replacement of the police station's roof, one of numerous facility upgrades the town hopes to bring to the aging facility.

With voters deciding against an extensive public safety facility plan in recent years, Charlton officials are doing their due diligence to keep up with the maintenance of the current police station. However, Town Administrator

Andrew Golas stressed that whether or not the station remains the long-term home of the police force, it's important that the town perform preventative maintenance for the current or future occupants of the building.

"Regardless of the future use of that building, a roof is necessary right now," said Golas. "The building itself is 30 years old. No matter what occurs underneath that roof, that is the number one fail point that we have to make sure we shore up before we can make any sort

of future investment. With the public safety building not moving forward it's really important that we bring that station up to modern day standards to the best of our ability with the space that we do have."

The estimated cost of the replacement sits between \$120,000 and \$150,000 although the exact price tag will be determined by the lowest bidder. Golas said the project is being funded through a combination of sources, including town and state monies.

"We did receive a legislative

earmark for \$25,000 of that cost and last year at town meeting we appropriated \$200,000 from free cash for police station building maintenance. Right now, we're looking at using a combination of funding sources. We're looking at possibly using the money from the state in addition to either the funding approved at town meeting or looking at this upcoming special town meeting in the fall to supplement that budget," said Golas.

The Town Administrator said he believes the roof will be

a quick project with the potential of completing the work before the end of the calendar year. However, if the work is delayed, he assured that there are no current structural issues or active leaks. The replacement is considered normal building maintenance due to the roof's age. Golas said other initiatives that could be explored to upgrade the building in the future include HVAC, floors, and interior ceiling upgrades all dependent on future town meeting allocations or state funding.

## Vendors and crafters sought for successful nursing students' fundraiser



SkillsUSA Fundraiser.

The special event is a fundraiser for the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy SkillsUSA Team. The nurs-

ing students are seeking donations all in the name of competing for SkillsUSA all the way to Nationals.

According to Heidi Bedard, LPN, sub-secretary who is helping organize the fair, "if you are a knitter, a potter, a baker, a jeweler, a bedazzler, a candlestick maker, be it through food and bake sales, raffles, and drawings, join us on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022."

The expectation is for all to work diligently to raise as much money as possible to support nursing student SkillsUSA champions. The nursing students will use the money raised for state and national competition if the five categories namely Medical Math, Medical Terminology, Health Knowledge Bowl, First Aid/CPR, and Practical Nursing.

The Craft Fair is slated for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School gymnasium. Attendees will have ample time to peruse through booths, and tables, and make selections of their favorite items. While the spe-

cial event does not take place for a couple of months, Bedard revealed that the nursing students are looking for vendors to make the event an enormous success. Crafters, vendors, and artisans can set up in a 5-foot table space to sell their wares.

"The table and two chairs will be provided," explained Bedard. "We are asking that vendors register by Oct. 14."

Each space may be rented for \$60 and doubled up for \$100. Payment may be made in many ways to Bay Path, cash, check, or money order. Those wishing to use electronic payment may do so through <https://unipay-gold.unibank.com/customerinfo.aspx>. For more information contact Heidi Bedard, LPN 508-248-5971, ext. 1674 or via email [HBedard@baypath.net](mailto:HBedard@baypath.net).

"All money raised will go towards the nursing students' SkillsUSA competition," Bedard reminded. "So, if you're a crafter or vendor, and an alumnus, join us for a day of fun and fundraising!"

# When should you adjust your investment mix?



no prescribed formula of when and how you should adjust your investments. But some possibilities may be worth considering.

For example, a few years before you retire, you may want to reevaluate your risk exposure and consider moving part of your portfolio into a more conservative position. When you were decades away from retiring, you may have felt more comfortable with a more aggressive positioning because you had time to bounce back from any market downturns. But as you near retirement, it may make sense to lower your risk level. And as part of a move toward a more conservative approach, you also may want to evaluate the cash positions in your portfolio. When the market has gone through a decline, as has been the case in 2022, you may not

want to tap into your portfolio to meet short-term and emergency needs, so having sufficient cash on hand is important. Keep in mind, though, that having too much cash on the sidelines may affect your ability to reach your long-term goals.

Even if you decide to adopt a more conservative investment position before you retire, though, you may still benefit from some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio to help you keep ahead of — or at least keep pace with — inflation. As you know, inflation has surged in 2022, but even when it's relatively mild, it can still significantly erode your purchasing power over time.

Changes in your own goals or circumstances may also lead you to modify your investment mix. You might decide to retire earlier or later than you origi-

nally planned. You might even change your plans for the type of retirement you want, choosing to work part time for a few years. Your family situation may change — perhaps you have another child for whom you'd like to save and invest for college. Any of these events could lead you to review your portfolio to find new opportunities or to adjust your risk level — or both.

You might wonder if you should also consider changing your investment mix in response to external forces, such as higher interest rates or a rise in inflation, as we've seen this year. It's certainly true that these types of events can affect parts of your portfolio, but it may not be advisable to react by shuffling your investment mix. After all, nobody can really predict how long these forces will keep their momen-

tum — it's quite possible, for instance, that inflation will have subsided noticeably within a year. But more important, you should make investment moves based on the factors we've already discussed: your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon and individual circumstances.

By reviewing your portfolio regularly, possibly with the assistance of a financial professional, you can help ensure your investment mix will always be appropriate for your needs and goals.

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# “Opening the doors to opportunity”

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS HONORS  
OUTSTANDING TUTOR AND STUDENT



Photos Gus Steeves

Angela Gonzalez (left) and Emily Farrell

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — As anyone who has visited another country knows, it can be challenging to get things done if you don't know the language. For short vacations, that's one thing. But for many in our community, it's a long-term issue.

Some of them end up taking low-paid jobs despite having been educated professionals in their former homelands. Others weren't even truly literate there.

Both groups turn to Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts for help with learning English. Last week, the non-profit agency honored this year's outstanding student Angela Gonzalez and tutor Connie Montross in a gathering at the Ruth Wells Art Center.

According to Executive Director Emily Farrell, both categories saw “lots of nominations” of past and present people, so she narrowed it to just this

past year. Among them, Gonzalez stood out for her dedication.

“She was going to four English classes a week” and was the only student who “always showed up,” even when classes were on Zoom, Farrell said.

She's actually been a student for four years, previously taught high school in Puerto Rico, applied to be a Spanish and Math teacher here, and is working to transfer her teaching credentials here.

“I've heard wonderful things from her tutor” about how Gonzalez helps other students, she added.

Gonzalez herself declined to speak at the event, and departed before I could get a chance to talk to her afterward.

Sturbridge resident Montross, on the other hand, said she has “a great deal of respect for people who overcome so many challenges” to come to the US. She's retired from 40 years of teaching at several area colleges, including Clark and Holy Cross.

Since becoming a tutor, Farrell noted,



Connie Montross (left) talks to LouAnn Corkum, with Helen Thompson in the background.

Montross shined as “one of the best kind of teachers because you're a lifelong learner,” who routinely says yes to offers of continuing education “that are best for her students.” As an example, Farrell said Montross started with Literacy Volunteers as an English as a Second Language teacher, but when she realized her student didn't have basic literacy in his first language, she dove into training to address that, too.

To Montross, the most interesting experience in tutoring has been helping students prepare for citizenship, for which they have to take an oral exam in English and submit a “really detailed application. Both of those pieces are really a lot for people to do.”

“They've done the hard work, and it's a privilege to help people advance their goals,” Montross said, noting she attended a citizenship ceremony at Old Sturbridge Village and found it “very moving.”

Webster's Helen Thompson is hoping to have that kind of experience. She finished tutor training in May, but has not yet been assigned a student. Like Montross, she has an education background – years ago, she taught basic literacy with Outward Bound, before shifting into public health work and years as an acupuncturist.

“As a teacher, I was driving most of what the students needed to learn,” Thompson recalled. “But working with adults, I can tap more into their interests.”

Charlton's Rich Prager agreed. He's had about 10 students with Literacy Volunteers over the last few years (two now), but also taught languages in Hartford for several years before that. One of his current students is a lawyer from Brazil who spent time here working as a house cleaner before changing to an office job, but is aiming to get into a US law school.

“I'm amazed because she's so motivated,” he said. “That's what I like about this organization. People don't come if they're not motivated.... To me, this is opening the doors to opportunity.”

Mary O'Coin said Literacy Volunteers' work represents “a perfect marriage of a member agency and United Way,” of which she's Executive Director. United Way's “three pillars” are health, education and financial literacy, and she praised the tutors for “raising people up... because nobody succeeds in life if they're given everything.”

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

## Harrington Auxiliary Car Show a huge success

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Bright sunshine and comfortable temperatures on Sunday, Aug. 28, drew a crowd of 170 vintage, classic and otherwise unique vehicle owners to the Harrington Auxiliary's 13th annual Car and Motorcycle Show at Bogey's Ice Cream Stand/Thompson Speedway in Thompson, Conn.

The judges awarded trophies in several categories. The People's Choice award was given to Todd Poulin, owner of a 1948 Plymouth Gasser.

First Place GM award went to Bob Brothers and his 1957 Chevrolet Belair. Bill Senuta received Second Place GM for his 1966 Pontiac GTO. Tom and Denise Mottola's 1929 Model A earned the First Place Ford award and Warren Clark's 1932 Ford Coupe received Second Place Ford.

Dan Tortora's Kaiser Darrin won First Place Open Class. Second Place Open Class was given to Tom Barsanti, owner of a 1941 Willys. First Place Mopar was awarded to James Gozzelin for his 1969 Plymouth Hemi Road Runner. Richard Langmeyer and his 1974 Plymouth Duster snagged Second Place Mopar.

In the motorcycle category, Joshua Charbonneau earned top honors for his 2005 Harley Davidson Road King.

During the event, the Harrington HOW van conducted health screen-

ings and handed out educational materials. The Auxiliary also held a 50/50 raffle. The event raised approximately \$3,000, which will be used for patient care related services, equipment, scholarships, and programs.

The Auxiliary extends heartfelt thanks to all volunteers who helped make this event a success and is especially grateful to CR Premier Properties, Long Subaru, Main Street Tire and Auto, and McGee Automotive Family who sponsored the show. Kudos to DJ Bruce Marshall of Valley Classic Hits 97.7 FM who added to the festivities with his musical choices.

Since 1932, the Harrington Auxiliary has supported the patients and community the UMass Harrington Health System serves, through hospital gift shop sales, fundraisers and special events like the car show.



First Place GM, Bob Brothers.

Photo Courtesy

### WILLIAMS

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because the shade did not support grass or vegetation, so this garden and bench really transformed its aesthetic.”

Williams has enjoyed her years in Scouting, not only learning new skills with her friends and participating in activities, but also helping to improve the community.

“My favorite part of Scouting is making and strengthening my friendships with my fellow Girl Scouts while we earn badges and do activities together,” Williams said.

Williams also has fun baking cookies, cakes, and other sweets. Moreover, she is active with drawing and jiu-jitsu.



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# Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy accepting applications for 2023



CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is currently accepting applications — based on a selective admissions process — for practical nursing (PN) students that will begin the program in August 2023. The PN program prepares graduates to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination,

enabling the graduate to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

The deadline for applications is May 3, 2023, and approximately 40 students will be chosen for the next class, graduating in June 2024.

"We are pleased to announce the application deadline very well in

advance, for the incoming cohort starting in August 2023," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. "This decision is based on how well the admission process went last year, the regional needs, and our capacity to place the students in clinical settings."

Dr. Bolandrina added, "We continue with the revised selection criteria based on feedback from faculty, alumni, and communities of interest such as members of the advisory committee who better understands the rankings and criteria. We hope this will encourage both men and women, young adults, and second-career individuals to apply for the 2023 cohort and become LPNs by 2024."

For Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) interested in becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) and pursuing an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN), Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy maintains an affiliation agreement with Fitchburg State University (FSU) and Worcester State University (WSU) for the LPN to BSN bridge program. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni have been successful with Quinsigamond Community College's LPN to RN bridge program.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited

by the Commission on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350 www.council.org. The Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201, Bedford, MA 01730-1433.

To apply for the August 2023 start, contact the Practical Nursing office by calling 508-248-5971, ext. 1674 or emailing GBolandrina@baypath.net.

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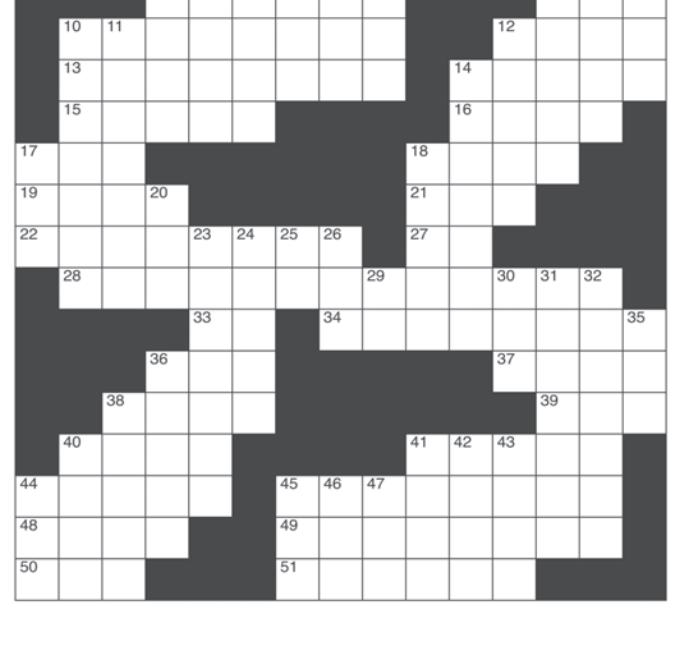
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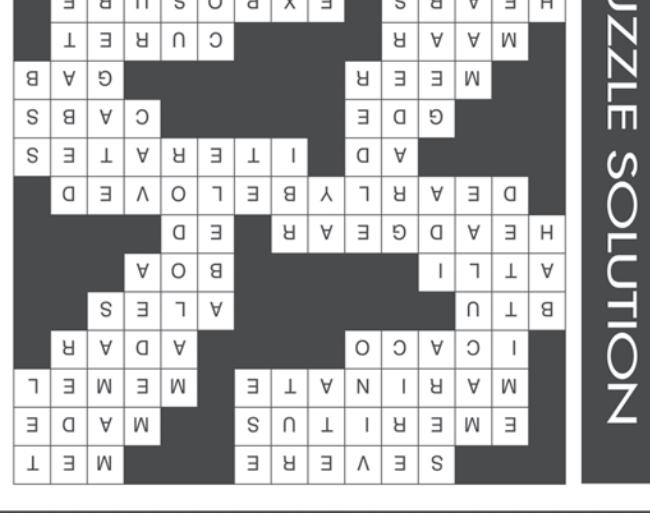


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- 7. Queen's ballplayer
- 10. Honorable title
- 12. Created
- 13. Grillmasters do it
- 14. Wartime German cargo ship
- 15. Cocopalm
- 16. Hebrew calendar month
- 17. British thermal unit
- 18. Brews
- 19. One of Thor's names
- 21. Decorative scarf
- 22. Clothes
- 27. -\_ denotes past
- 28. A way to address a lover
- 33. Commercial
- 34. Utters repeatedly
- 36. Google certification (abbr.)
- 37. Taxis
- 38. Belgian village in Antwerp
- 39. Talk excessively
- 40. Broad volcanic crater
- 41. Surgical instrument
- 44. Listens to
- 45. Revelation of a fact
- 48. Paddles
- 49. Heard
- 50. Tooth caregiver
- 51. Metric capacity units

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Protein-rich liquids
- 2. Musician Clapton
- 3. Wine
- 4. When you hope to arrive
- 5. Something one can get stuck in
- 6. Midway between east and southeast
- 7. Mothers
- 8. German river
- 9. Israeli city — Aviv
- 10. Discharged
- 11. Areas near the retina
- 12. Greek mythological sorceress
- 14. Very unpleasant smell
- 17. "Humbug!"
- 18. White poplar
- 20. Journalist Tarbell
- 23. Teachers
- 24. One older than you
- 25. Long Russian river
- 26. Run batted in
- 29. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 30. Holiday (informal)
- 31. Furniture with open shelves
- 32. Argued
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Cars have them
- 38. Volcanic craters
- 40. Made of fermented honey and water
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# Cornerstone Bank pledges \$20,000 to Quinsigamond Community College Foundation

**W O R C E S T E R** — Cornerstone Bank has pledged \$20,000 to the Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Foundation Inc. to continue and enhance its higher education offerings to Southbridge and surrounding communities. Cornerstone will donate \$5,000 per year for four years, beginning in 2022.

"Since opening its Southbridge location in 2010, Quinsigamond has been the only brick-and-mortar higher education option in that town," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "A significant poverty rate in Southbridge and limited mass transit services present significant barriers to residents seeking higher education. We are proud to help support the foundation's efforts to ensure

accessible and affordable educational opportunities to this community."

QCC is a public higher education institution in Central Massachusetts providing post-secondary education and training to almost 8,000 students per year at its Worcester and Southbridge locations, regional satellites, and online. QCC students represent the communities they live and work in from first-generation, low-income college students, and racial and ethnic minorities, to full-time workers, non-native English speakers, parents, adult learners and traditional age college students.

"Our Southbridge location provides convenient and affordable college coursework to about 300 students each year and is expanding to

include transitional early college coursework at no cost to students in partnership with Southbridge Public Schools," said Linda Maykel, president of the QCC Foundation. "Cornerstone's generosity will support our college programming and early college initiatives for local high school students, strengthening and increasing retention and completion in general education, certificate, and degree-specific courses."

QCC Southbridge provides general education courses and some lab courses towards an associate degree or certificate and/or transfer to a bachelor's degree at a state college or university. In addition, QCC Southbridge offers pre-college programming for high school students in-person

and remotely. Day, evening, and weekend classes have been available since September 2020 from the college's location at Southbridge High School, giving students access to add non-credit workforce development coursework. Student support services are also provided, including advising, tutoring, accessibility, and career placement services.

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 ser-

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## *Madison Flandreau of Fiskdale graduates from Emerson College*

BOSTON—Emerson College awarded more than 1,000 undergraduate degrees during its 142nd Commencement at Agganis Arena on Sunday, May 8.

Madison Flandreau from Fiskdale received a BA in Media Arts Production and graduated in August 2022.

During the ceremony, the College honored three award-winning artists, innovators, and Emersonians for their contributions and efforts to the arts, communication, and greater humanity. Crazy Rich Asians and Raya and the Last Dragon screenwriter Adele Lim '96; composer and singer Toshi Reagon, and Emerson Trustee, founder and chairman of Samuels & Associates,

and film producer Steve Samuels each received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Lim '96 gave the commencement address.

"I admire your sense of community, of social justice, fairness, and your willingness to use your voice in the pursuit of those ideals," said Interim President William Gilligan in the President's Address at the ceremony. "The world needs you now to continue that with all the skills and knowledge you have acquired, the values you have developed and displayed, and that indomitable Emerson spirit that you have shown us often."

Commencement speaker Adele Lim

'96, said, "I am far from done, but what I hope for myself, for all of us, for all of you, is what all great stories have: a journey that is authentic and meaningful, and if we're lucky, one that touches the lives of others."

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States

and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of more than 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit [emerson.edu](http://emerson.edu).

## Gateway Players announce auditions for "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

SOUTHBRIDGE — Auditions for "A Charlie Brown Christmas" by Charles M. Schulz, based on the television special by Bill Melendez and Lee Mendelson, stage adaptation by Eric Schaeffer, presented by special arrangement with Arthur Whitelaw and Ruby Persson, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. Entrance is on Park Street (around corner).

This is an adult cast show with five women and 5 men and one any gender.

Performance dates are Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, & 11.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script, singing and creative movement. Wear comfortable clothes and plan to have a good time. Presented by permission through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. Lou-Ellen Corkum and Lynn Boucher will be directing this show. For questions about auditions call 508-764-4531. All actors must be vaccinated.

This show is a stage adaptation of the classic animated TV special featuring Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus and the gang discovering the true meaning of Christmas.

**STURBRIDGE** — Phantoms by Firelight, formerly Phantoms & Fire, will return to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) for 13 nights of spooky fun, Oct. 7-31. The Halloween program has been a fan-favorite event for the past two years, this year returning with new performances, activities, and events for visitors of all ages. Advance tickets for OSV members went on sale Friday, Sept. 2.

As the sun sets at Old Sturbridge Village, guests are invited to explore the myths and folklore of Halloween while navigating the museum by night. The

event will offer crafts and games, storytelling by firelight, a spooky selfie contest, bonfires, water fires, torches, candlelight, festive food and drink, and more. Kids will delight in the return of Clues & Candy, a scavenger hunt-style experience around the Village that offers safe and fun trick-or-treating for families. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to show up in costume and show off their Halloween best.

In 2022, a mysterious troupe of performers will add to the fun as they take over the Village, bringing in gravity-defying acrobats, creepy conjurers, fate-tempting fire

jugglers and more. These awe-inspiring performances will surprise and entice all who witness them.

On select nights, Oct. 8, 9, and 15, Thomas D'Agostino, author of "A Guide to Haunted New England," will be at the Village signing copies of his work outside of the Miner Grant Store. Regarded as one of the region's most well-known writers and investigators of the paranormal, D'Agostino and his wife have been extensively studying and investigating paranormal accounts for over 28 years. His book details the stories, folklore, haunted anecdotes and lingering spir-

its across all six states in New England.

Pre-sale tickets are available for members of Old Sturbridge Village starting Sept. 2. General admission tickets will go on sale to the public on Sept. 16. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$14 for youth ages four to 17. Children three and under are free.

Phantoms by Firelight will take place on 13 nights in October, from 4:30-9 p.m., after the Village closes to daytime guests. Tickets and additional details can be found at: <https://www.osv.org/event/phantoms-by-firelight-2022/>.

## Workplace harmony can increase your chances of success



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We live in challenging times, and while that is true, the United States has seen more demanding times in its history. It isn't the worst of times, but I agree that it might not be the easiest of times.

With inflation on the rise, people seem more concerned about staying ahead of the curve and ensuring they and their families are financially secure.

What can we do to stay ahead? What must we do to ensure we have a promising career and can provide for our loved ones?

There are many different ways to improve your situation, but if you want to make sure you're doing well at your job and considered for the next promotion, creating harmony at the workplace may be one thing of which to be conscious.

I'm not trying to say that promoting harmony in the workplace will replace getting results. Someone who gets results will always get promoted; that goes without saying.

Most of us don't work alone and need to interact with other employees and customers. In this environment, you'll need some agreeable and conscientious qualities; creating strife is the last thing you want to do.

When some people think of an agreeable person, they think of a doormat who doesn't have opinions and is highly manipulatable. Some believe that being agreeable won't get you what you want

and that agreeable people are those who won't say what is on their minds. Is that true?

A research group examined the results of millions of people who participated in thousands of different studies. The research suggested that agreeable people are happier, promote positive relationships with others, encourage cooperation, are motivated and effective, are mindful of the community's needs, and are highly productive. Learning to be agreeable can help you be successful!

Sometimes the trait of being agreeable can be confused with conscientiousness. There is a difference; conscientious people can have amiable characteristics but tend to judge someone based on their accomplishments. In contrast, an agreeable person may tend not to be as judgemental.

Being judgmental won't get you anywhere, whether you're agreeable, conscientious, or a mix of both. Unless you're a manager or a boss, it's not your place to judge others; working with other employees and helping customers in the spirit of cooperation is always better.

Are there downsides to being agreeable? There is! There was a famous study called, The Milgram Experiment. The experiment revealed that agreeable people were more willing to press a button and electrically shock someone hooked up to electrodes in another room when an authority figure told

them to do so. While being agreeable and conscientious in the workplace is good, although tempting, if you find yourself in a situation where your boss wants to hook other employees up to electrodes so you can shock them, say no! It's not very nice.

Is it possible to be a disagreeable person and successful? Yes, most definitely. A highly competent disagreeable person can be valuable if their negativity is limited, and they get results. If you're an unfriendly person who doesn't have the knowledge, skills, or desire to get results, you probably won't be employed for long.

It's not that surprising when you think about it. Someone disagreeable and incompetent creates more problems than solutions, stifles production, and promotes negativity. For obvious reasons, managers typically don't want to work with these personalities.

If you're starting a new career and are just learning how things are done, being conscientious and agreeable is the best way to be. Most likely, your employers didn't hire you, so you can tell them how to do things better, especially when you've only been there for a short time. Hold your tongue, and be someone with whom people like to interact.

Promoting harmony and cooperation is an effective way to get things done! Become a person who gets along and works well with people. Don't be judgmental, and keeps your negativity out of the workplace. It will help with job security and significantly boost your chances of success!

## LEGALS

### TOWN OF BRIMFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the following pole and wire locations petition filed by National Grid on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:05 p.m. for the following: Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

**Holland Road: #30599512**  
**Reason:** Holland Road. – National Grid to install (1) JO Pole #57-50 and anchor on Holland Road beginning at a point approximately 46 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Five Bridge Road.

Persons with an interest in this public hearing are asked to appear at the Brimfield Town Hall, 21 Main Street, Brimfield, MA on the date and time affixed to this notice.

Martin J. Kelly

Select Board, Chair

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## Fall is upon us

The first day of fall is upon us. Sept. 23 will mark the first day that it is deemed socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Coffee shops and bakeries are already 'busting' out the fall flavors.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, 'When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?' produced the following responses: 'Right now!' 'First day of fall,' 'I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,' 'I'm waiting until Sept. 1,' and 'After zucchini season.'

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding onto every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall. The end of the summer season really isn't so bad. With fall comes, hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall is foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

The Old Farmer's Almanac said of winter 2023, "Got flannel? Hot chocolate? Snowshoes? It's time to stock up! According to our extended forecasts, this winter season will have plenty of snow, rain, and mush—as well as some record-breaking cold temperatures! We are warning readers to get ready to 'Shake, shiver, and shovel!' The first bite of winter should come earlier than last year's. December 2022 looks stormy and cold nationwide with an active storm pattern developing and hanging around for most of the season over the eastern half of the country. (Maybe there will be a white Christmas in some areas?)"

So, whether you're still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of Jack O'Lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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# OPINION

## Quick Fixes for Flea Market Finds



TAKE  
THE  
HINT  
KAREN  
TRAINOR

It's Brimfield Antique Show week, and many of us find the thrice yearly event too tempting to resist. Taking home a well-loved vintage find is a lure of the market, but once home, the reality of sprucing up a less than perfect antique or collectible can be daunting. Read on, for some creative and clever ways to make the repair and care of your acquisitions less of a chore, which translates into more time to enjoy your fabulous finds!

Note: Only use these methods with a "nothing to lose" attitude, as there is no guarantee the fix will work!

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Vinyl records are making a comeback, but there is something special about the real deals. There are a few theories on how to best repair a warped vinyl record album, but this method is by far the quickest. (This should only be used as a last result as it could further damage the item.)

Place the album between two sheets of glass and cook it on a baking sheet in a warm oven (160-175 degrees) for 6-10 minutes. Allow to cool and check the warp. If it needs more pressing, repeat procedure with the oven a few degrees higher until the heat is effective.

For shallow warps, place the album between two pieces of glass in bright sunlight. Be sure to clean both the record and the glass before warming it up via either method.

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Aged, delicate chains can easily become knotted, especially in a jewelry box. To untangle a knotted necklace chain, place a few drops of cooking oil on a piece of waxed paper. Lay the knot in the oil and use two common pins to work it loose.

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Antique pewter can be successfully cleaned without the use of harsh (and expensive) chemicals. Try this "green" method to safely spruce up pewter: Dissolve one teaspoon salt in one cup white vinegar. Add enough flour to make a paste. Apply paste to pewter piece and allow to sit for up to an hour. Rinse with clean warm water, and polish dry.

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Parchment lampshades are fabulous flea market treasures. However, cleaning the aged paper can be a challenge. To dust, take a new foam paintbrush slightly dampened and work your way around the shade both inside and out. For cleaning, experts advise wiping the shades carefully with a cloth soaked in milk. Wipe it dry with a clean cloth.

Note: Be sure to test these methods in an inconspicuous area and allow to dry before treating the entire shade.

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Old wicker baskets can be fragile. To safely clean them without cost (and effort) simply bring them into the bathroom with you the next time you take a shower. The hot, moist steam hydrates the baskets and prevents them from splitting. Just wipe them clean.

While some scratches and dings add to the charm of a vintage furniture piece, wood surfaces with deep gouges call for repair. Such defects are easily and inexpensively fixed with a wax stick or crayon in a color close to the wood (and a little elbow grease). Heat up the wax or crayon with a hair dryer and when pliable force it into the crack. For larger gouges melt the candle and carefully pour to fill the cavity. Allow to set, then wrap a lint free rag around a sanding block and rub the repair to make it even with the wood.

If you display small vintage collectibles on a shelf and find them difficult to dust, try this renovator's tip to prevent damaging the vintage valuables: Apply a dab of dental wax on the bottom of each object to stick them to the surface. This way, you can easily dust the area with a feather duster without the risk of knocking over the items.

To remove the musty smell from an old trunk or dresser drawer, try this old-fashioned method: Fill the item with

fresh grass clippings and close tightly. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass absorbs the smell. Or, fill the drawer with an open can of used coffee grounds for several days.

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Rust spots are a common stain on vintage linens. To remove the spots, mix up a paste of salt and white vinegar and apply to the stain with a toothbrush until spot is gone. Rinse thoroughly. To whiten aged doilies soak them in a solution of three parts water and one part white vinegar.

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Old aprons and pre "permanent press" items often require proper starching. Here's an old fashioned mixture for spray starch that grandma made for pennies, and it just as useful today: In a large spray bottle, mix together one heaping tablespoon corn starch and two cups cold water. Shake until thoroughly blended. If you want to add a touch of freshness to your starch, add a couple drops of non-staining lavender oil. Shake before each use, and spray items before ironing.

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An ounce of prevention...

\*Don't display your vintage dishes on plate hangers unless the clips are covered to prevent scratches on china and porcelain plates.

\*Prevent marble damage by keeping marble tables and sculptures away from fireplaces or heaters. The marble can discolor from smoke and could even crack if located too close to a heat source.

\*Have an old barometer? Mercury will expand or contract according to temperature. To retain the accuracy of mercury barometers, they should not be positioned too close to central heating radiators.

\*Never store antique glass ornaments in a damp basement or attic. Mildew can form and damage the glass.

\*Prevent fading of vintage tin signs by avoiding the ultraviolet rays of the sun and fluorescent lights, both of which will fade tin pieces.

\*Toys with batteries should only be stored with batteries removed. Be sure to check for corroded cells in old toys that have been in storage.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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

*Spiritual practices for end of summer sanity*

BEYOND  
THE PEWS  
REV. DAWN M. ADAMS  
FIRST  
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BRIMFIELD, UCC

Summer is trickling down to its last few precious moments and kids are revving back up for school. No longer can the clock be ignored. School buses come. School buses go. And there is homework and dinnertime and bedtime. September, even if you don't have children, seems to be a truer New Year than even Jan. 1. It is a time ripe with new rhythms, new schedules, and renewed promises to do better. It is a period when there are new calls on our time, and we struggle to fit them into our already crowded calendar. Rarely though, do we consider and address our spiritual needs.

Now this is not a plea to return to church or temple, to gurdwara or mosque (although you are always welcome), but a reminder of a basic need of the human body. A need which is too often overlooked.

Spiritual practices are planned repeated activities done with the purpose of drawing closer to God by whatever name you know God. This does not mean that you must block off yet another segment of time in an already crazy schedule; and, it does not mean that you have to get up another 15 minutes earlier or stay up after everyone goes to bed. It means that at some point in your day you plan to dedicate your focus on your higher power. This can be done in a separate and dedicated time, but it can also be bundled with something you already do.

One form of spiritual practice, for example, that many are familiar with is prayer before bed or meals, but such attention to the holy can also be done as you pack lunch in the morning naming your gratitude for each portion of the lunch as you pack it. It can be done as you wash the dishes. You can remember, name, and release each challenge that you faced during the day letting the troubles wash away with the soap suds. It could also be done as you pay your bills. As you pay for your needs, you might set aside a few dollars for a charity that you care for. Thanks to modern technology, you can even do a spiritual practice as you drive to work or exercise. You can listen to a particular podcast, performer, or song regularly.

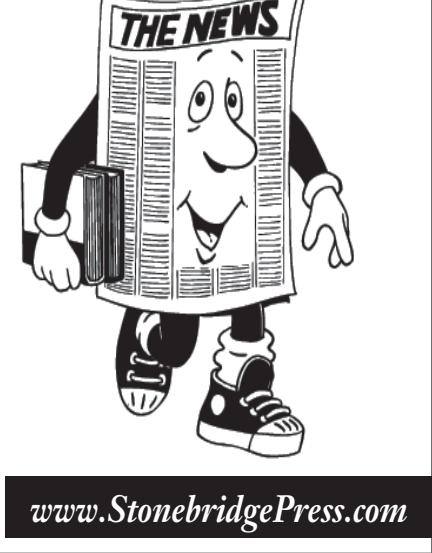
Spiritual practices do not need to be complicated, and you do not need to go anywhere particular to do them. What you do need is to consciously and purposely connect with that which is bigger than any individual. What you do need to do is make space for the holy to talk back to you in the quiet of intuition, the truth of personal reflection, and the desires of your heart.

Consistently engaging in spiritual practices, often reduce the weight and pressures that we feel daily. They somehow untangle that which seems tangled and reduces the anxiety around trying to undo the knots. Even if the source of the frustration and anxiety doesn't change, somehow the repetition and reminder of a power greater than ourselves makes everything more manageable.

Spiritual practices are not meant to be burdensome. In fact, the simpler they are and the more they are connected to your daily routine, the more likely you are to maintain them; and it is the repetition which really is the key to effectiveness.

Certainly, there are more complicated and complex practices that can be learned and added in, but for today, for this new year, perhaps just being mindful that spiritual practices are a vital and critical part of your new routine and finding a way to incorporate them in your new rhythm might be a good place to start.

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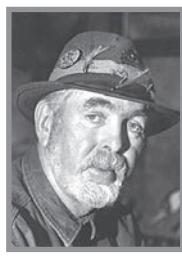


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# Changing of the seasons



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The nice cool mornings of last weekend sure made most people happy that the last of the hot, humid weather is mostly behind us. My dogs have become a lot more energetic, and the Lab is chasing balls and retrieving them. She can sense that fall is almost here, and that means hunting birds is also. One local hunter that is training his dog during the early morning hours had his dog pointing a couple of woodcock, which is nice to hear. Native woodcock populations have dramatically dropped over the years, and their species are in big trouble in the valley.

Grouse are in the same trouble, and local sportsmen have asked the state numerous times to close the season in zones 8 & 9, to give the species a chance to get their populations up. Most bird hunt-

ers that I have spoken with state that if they do encounter a grouse in the field during hunting season, they would not harvest the bird. When upland bird hunting opens on Oct. 15, it will only consist of pheasant that are stocked in open covers by the state and clubs that are raising pheasant under the pheasant program, put forward by the state of Massachusetts. Encountering a grouse or woodcock during the upland bird season is mighty slim. Destruction of prime habitat by construction, is mostly to blame for the sharp decline in wildlife species.

Bear season is now open in Massachusetts, and runs from Sept. 6-Sept. 24. There are three seasons to hunt black bear in Mass., with the second starting on Nov. 7 and the third on Nov. 28. A special bear hunting permit is required. Be sure to check your Fish & wildlife abstracts regarding all regulations and permits.

The early goose hunting season for Canada geese opened this past Friday Sept. 2, and will run to Sept. 24. Fifteen birds can be harvested daily. The special goose season is geared to eliminate as many nuisance geese if

the area as possible. They are responsible for fowling local beaches, water supplies, golf courses, etc.! Even with this action, their populations will continue to rise as they congregate in fields that do not allow hunting. In a few weeks, flight birds will be arriving on their journey South, as they do every year. These migrating bird populations are down over the years, and stricter regulations are in place to help restore their populations. Because of the geese that no longer migrate South because of the changing climate, goose problems will continue to be a problem to the sportsmen's delight!

Saltwater fishing in both Mass. & Rhode Island is good now, but will continue to improve in the coming days and weeks, as the waters cool and a number of species start feeding vigorously, to sustain their annual journey to their winter feeding grounds. Stripers, Tautog, & seabass should provide a bonanza, as the different species of fish go on a feeding frenzy! Do not get too excited about filling the freezer with fish, as the limits on most species have been cut every year. Limits are more liberal if



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**Salmon fishing is starting to pick up on the salmon River! Read next week's column for more!**

you are on a charter boat, but if you fish on a private boat or from shore, for some unknown reason, you cannot retain the

same limits.

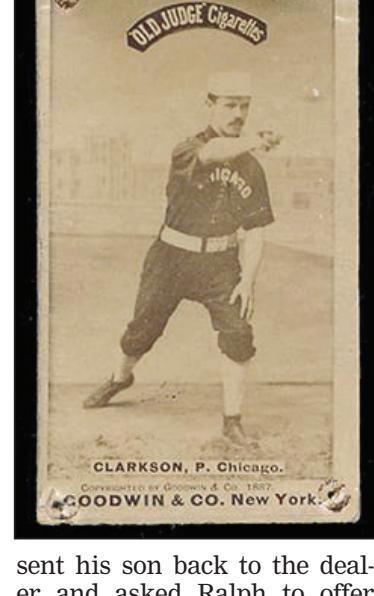
*Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

## Sports cards still winning at auction



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A Mickey Mantle card that was discovered in a Quincy, Mass. attic in the 1980s recently set a record for sports cards and sports memorabilia at auction. Major League Baseball detailed the card's journey before reaching the auction block. Ted Lodge is the one who found the card in the Quincy attic. Ted's father was a delivery driver for Topps Trading Cards and had apparently forgotten about a set of cards he stashed away. Ted contacted a dealer who found "Christy Mathewson cards, Bill Dickey cards and nearly 40 Mantle '52s." The dealer sold the nearly perfect 1952 Mickey Mantle card for \$6,000 but bought it back for \$40,000 almost immediately thinking it could be worth more. Ralph Giordano was just a boy when he went to a card show with his father Anthony. Ralph spotted the Mantle card marked for \$57,500 on a dealer's table and told his father. Anthony



sent his son back to the dealer and asked Ralph to offer \$50,000. Anthony, Ralph, and the dealer agreed to \$50,000. When his purchase made the news, some people thought it was ridiculous to pay \$50,000 for a baseball card. Giordano told MLB "I think it may have been Howard Stern," Giordano remembered. "He called me a moron." As it turns out, Giordano made a great investment. The card sold for \$12.6 million at auction last month. The price surpassed the record set earlier this month when a Honus Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million. The Mantle card



also set a record for sports memorabilia, topping the \$9.3 million paid in May for a jersey Maradona wore when he scored his "Hand of God" goal.

Central Mass Auctions made national news when Sports Collectors Digest reported on our upcoming November sports card and memorabilia auction. Local sports card dealer Jeff Weisenberg was interviewed about a collection of baseball tobacco cards he purchased and also shared details about our upcoming auction. T206 tobacco cards



were produced between 1909 and 1911. The aforementioned Honus Wagner card is one of the rarest. Sweet Caporal and Piedmont were two of the largest manufacturers. We will be offering several T206 Carolina Brights cards, made by Wells Whitehead Tobacco Company. Carolina Brights cards are considered very rare and can be worth over ten times the amount of a card made by a more common manufacturer. A Ty Cobb card that we sold for \$3,250 in one of our auctions could bring \$25,000 to \$50,000

with the Carolina Brights back. N172 Old Judge tobacco cards were produced in the 1880s and 1890s. Players are pictured in uniform, in suits and in "action shots." In the action shots, a ball would be hung down to make it look like a player was hitting or catching it. The cameras from that era couldn't capture pictures of the ball actually being caught or hit in real time. We will also be offering a group of these Old Judge cards. Even with the damage, some Hall of Famers could bring four figure sums. For over two years now, baseball cards have been a home run with collectors.

We are still accepting cards and other consignments for our November multi-estates auction. I'll be teaching My "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path High School on Sept. 13. I'll be at appraisal events at the Townsend Historical Society on Oct. 15, the Worcester Senior Center from on Oct. 18, and the Leicester Senior Center on Nov. 5. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Contact us at [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612-6111) [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com) for antiques and collectibles auction services.

## Preserve your garden produce for delicious winter meals



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All your hard work is paying off with a bountiful harvest. Fresh produce is filling your garden, countertops, and refrigerator while the garden keeps producing more. Preserve some of your harvest to enjoy throughout the winter with some tried-and-true or updated variation of food preservation techniques.

Hanging bundles of herbs to dry is a long-time practice that works. Harvest herbs in the morning just after the dew has dried off the leaves. Rinse, allow them to dry, and remove any damaged or dried leaves.

Gather the dry herbs into small bundles and secure with a rubber band. Use a spring-type clothespin to hang the bundles from a clothesline or hanger in a warm, dry, airy place out of direct sunlight.

A modern twist on this tradition is the space-saving StackIt! Herb Drying Rack ([gardeners.com](http://gardeners.com)) hung from the ceiling. You will be able to dry large quantities of herbs in any narrow, out-of-the-way space.

Extend the life, flavor, and nutritional value of squash with proper harvesting and storage. Only store blemish- and damage-free fruits and vegetables to reduce the risk of mold and decay developing during storage.

Harvest zucchini when the fruit is six to eight inches long and scalloped squash when three to six inches in diameter.

Store these in a plastic bag inside the vegetable crisper drawer in your refrigerator for several days.

Wait to harvest winter squash when the fruit is full-sized, and the rinds are firm and glossy. The portion touching the ground

turns from cream to orange when the fruit is ripe. Use a pruner to harvest the fruit, leaving a one-inch stem on each fruit. Cure all winter squash, except for acorn, in a warm, humid location. Then move to a cool, dry, well-ventilated area to store for several months. In the past, gardeners stored these, potatoes, onions, and fruit in wooden racks that maximized storage space and allowed air to reach each layer of produce. An updated version, Gardener's Supply Orchard Rack, adds convenient drawers to this traditional storage system.

Boost your cabbage harvest with this trick. Remove firm full-sized heads but leave the lower ring of leaves and roots intact. The plant will form several smaller heads.

Harvest cucumbers based on how you plan to use them. Pick the fruit when it is 1 ½ to 2 ½ inches long if you plan on making sweet pickles. Allow the cucumbers to grow a bit bigger, three to four inches, if dill pickles are on the menu. Harvest those for slicing when the skin is firm, bright green and the fruit is six to nine inches long.

Turn a portion of your harvest into

something delicious. Fermentation is a relatively easy preservation technique used for thousands of years. Preserve some of your cucumbers as pickles, cabbage as sauerkraut, and berries as preserves with fermentation. Store fermented fruits and vegetables in a cool, dark place or extend their shelf life by canning the finished product. For most projects, you just need the fruit or vegetables, water, salt, and spices. The desired ingredients are placed in a covered vessel, like Gardner's Supply three-gallon Fermentation Crock. Weights are used to keep the fruit and vegetables submerged in water throughout the fermentation process.

If your garden is still producing when frost is in the forecast, extend the harvest season. Cold frames and cloches are tried-and-true techniques used for extending the growing season. A modern method employs floating row covers. These spun fabrics allow air, light, and water through while protecting plants from frosty conditions. Cover the plantings and anchor the fabric in place. Lift to harvest and enjoy several more weeks and even months of garden-fresh produce.

Select the storage and preservation methods that work best for your garden produce, growing location, and lifestyle. Once you enjoy homegrown produce in winter meals, you will start growing more produce to eat fresh, share and preserve.

Melinda Myers is the author of numerous gardening books, including *Small*



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**Wooden orchard racks maximize storage space, while allowing air to reach each layer of produce.**

*Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardner's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).*

# State program covering lunches, breakfasts for students

BY JASON BLEAU

CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON—The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District got some good news concerning school lunch prices in August, although not exactly the good news they were expecting.

In April, it was announced that unless the federal government continuing a trend of making breakfast and lunch free for all students before the end of June, Dudley and Charlton students would face an increase in prices due to pricing guidelines. The program, which was enacted during the pandemic to accommodate families during the difficult time, expired on June 30 and was not continued by lawmakers in the nation's capital. District Director of Finance and Budget Richard Mathieu indicated that this would mean a cost of \$1.75 a day for student breakfasts and \$3.30 a day for lunches. However, while the federal government didn't act, Mathieu said the state did take action.

"The federal government did not continue its program they started during the pandemic. They have allowed for

some waivers of some of the preexisting laws, but fortunately for us the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has stepped up and approved a no-cost breakfast and lunch program for all students in Massachusetts schools. It's welcome news, but it is different than previous years. The bottom line is there won't be an impact to students that we see, but the reimbursement rates and the financial end of things are different, so we are asking families to continue to fill out the free and reduced forms," said Mathieu.

If a family qualifies, filling out the free and reduced meals form not only allows them to benefit from the state's program, but access other added benefits as well, that Mathieu called their "full benefits." Mathieu also clarified that while breakfasts and lunches will be free, a la carte and second lunches will not be covered by the state program. Governor Charlie Baker officially signed the free lunch program into law in July guaranteeing it for at least the current school year making Massachusetts the fifth state in the country to cover school meals without the federal government's assistance.

# College of the Holy Cross welcomes Class of 2026

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates the 904 new Crusaders who are starting at the College in Fall 2022. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2026:

Molly Hachey of Charlton

Erin Moran of Charlton

Representing the largest class in Holy Cross' 179-year history,

the Class of 2026 hails from 575 high schools,

14 countries and four continents.

Twenty-five percent of the class are

students of color and international students;

24 languages are spoken; and 50 members hold

dual citizenship. Nine

students live within 1

mile of campus, which is

about the same number

as those who live more

than 5,000 miles from

The Hill.

These newly minted Crusaders have dis-

tinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

"Holy Cross is built for

broad, deep and meaningful education and

that says something very important about

the kind of student who matriculates here. Our

classes are small and there is nowhere to

hide - in the best possible sense," President

Vincent D. Rougeau said. "Our students have

to be ready for spirited engagement. They will

have their certainties challenged and perspectives broadened as they

prepare for a world that needs their leadership,

wisdom, empathy and generosity. And we are

confident that they will thrive here."

The new Crusaders arrived on campus and

moved into the resi-

dence halls on Saturday, August 27th, where they were welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni. Fall classes began on Tuesday, August 30th.

About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100

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# OBITUARIES

## Margaret E. Plimpton, 93

Ware/Sturbridge — Margaret E. Plimpton, 93, of Cedarbrook Village Assisted Living of Ware and formerly of New Boston Rd., Sturbridge, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 1st, at the Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Care Center in West Brookfield.



Her husband of 68 years, Edward F. Plimpton, Sr., passed away in 2014. She leaves her two daughters, Kathleen Carrier and her husband John of West Brookfield and Deborah L. Mockus of Hull, GA; her son, Edward Fred Plimpton, Jr. and his wife Nancy of Sturbridge; her brother, Edward E. Douty, Jr. and his wife Suzanne of Sturbridge; her grandson, Mikal Carrier and his wife CarrieAnn of Sturbridge; her three great grandchildren, Anthony, Victoria and Holly; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two sisters, Dorothy Clemence and Claire Fortier. Margaret was born in Fiskdale the daughter of the late Edward E. and Mary (Callahan) Douty. She was a graduate of the former Mary E. Wells

High School in Southbridge.

Margaret worked in the Museum Education department of the Old Sturbridge Village for many years, retiring many years ago. She previously worked for the American Optical Co. in Southbridge and the Town of Sturbridge.

Margaret enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, playing bingo, cooking, reading, gardening and watching old western movies. She had great interest in ancestry. In their younger years, Margaret and her husband Edward enjoyed travelling extensively.

Her funeral will be held on Friday, Sept. 9th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Anne Church, 16 Church St., Fiskdale. Burial will be private. A calling hour in the funeral home will be held on Friday, Sept. 9th, from 8:30 to 9:30am, prior to the Mass.

Margaret was an animal lover and in lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 11 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515.

[www.morrillfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrillfuneralhome.com)

CHARLTON — The Pasture Prime Players will be hosting its first 24 Hour Short Play Festival Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10. A series of short plays will be written, rehearsed, and performed in just 24 hours.

We are currently seeking writers, directors and actors for this event. All participants must be at least 16 years old, able to

attend auditions Friday evening and rehearse their play all day Saturday, except for the writers who will write their plays the night before. The plays will be presented for an audience at 7 p.m. Saturday evening at the Charlton Arts & Activities Center, 4 Dresser Hill Road in Charlton. Admission is free. To sign up to par-

ticipate or receive more information about the 24 Hour Short Play Festival please e-mail the event coordinator Mikey Dearn at [dearn44@gmail.com](mailto:dearn44@gmail.com).

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Charlton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by The Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Pasture Time Players hosting Short Play Festival

REGION — The Dudley Charlton Education Foundation, which awards thousands of dollars in grants annually, is selling Grab and Go Fall Porch Pot kits. All supplies will be provided by Bemis Farm Nursery. Drive up to Charlton Middle School and the DCEF Board will provide you with a kit to take home and create a beautiful Fall Porch Pot. All proceeds will go towards grants

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-porch-pot-grab-and-go-kit-tickets-405640019217?aff=efnbneb>

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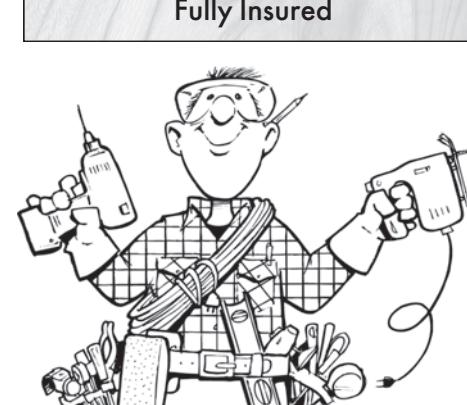
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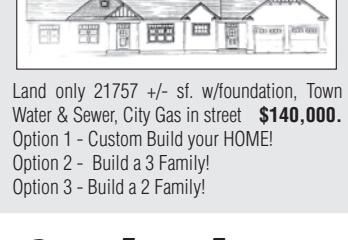


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**OXFORD - LAND** - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39,59 SF. **\$419,000.**

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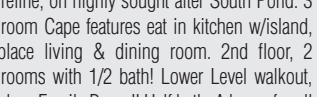
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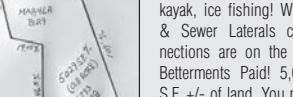
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# SPORTS

## Charlton's Smith-White to honor late father at Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk



Courtesy photo

Cara Smith-White of Charlton, left, and her sister Deanne Smith of West Boylston will be participating in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk in honor of their father, who passed away from Non-Hodgkins Mantel Cell Lymphoma in 2012.

Charlton resident Cara Smith-White registered for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, presented by Hyundai, in honor of her father, who was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Mantel Cell Lymphoma back in 2007. After rounds of chemo and two stem cell transplants — one was with the help of an experimental drug to increase the number of cells needed to make the transplant a success, and then another was given by an anonymous donor match from Australia when his cancer came back — Smith-White's father was in remission, along with many good years of living a relatively healthy life and being able to travel, golf and spend time with those he loved. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2012.

"He had an amazing group of doctors and nurses that took care of him while he was treated at Dana-Farber," Cara wrote. "Living one hour west of Boston, my mom didn't want to leave his side, none of us did, and Dana-Farber helped to set her up with hotel stay at a fraction of the cost of what one would normally pay, so we could be there with him as he was hospitalized."

Cara and her Dad, along with their

family and friends, came up with the team name Papa's Posse back when they walked a local 5-mile charity walk in Worcester.

"My dad was known as Papa, to his 11 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter," Cara wrote. "I chose posse because it sounded good with Papa, and we had a decent sized group of both family and friends that joined us in the walk. He did amazing. We got him to walk 5 miles while he was being treated early on in his diagnosis."

This year will be Cara's third year walking 26 miles in the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk along with her sister, each time by her side.

"I had wanted to walk again and when I saw that the date of the walk fell the day after his 10 year anniversary to his passing, I thought it was a good way to honor my dad," said Cara.

To Cara, "defy cancer" symbolizes a battle word.

"I witnessed my dad try to defy cancer, I wanted to do badly for him to defeat it," she writes. "Any time something is a challenge to me, I think about how my dad was challenged and how courageous and strong he was. I walk because I adored my Dad and I admired the strength he put into everything he ever did in life, especially with his cancer diagnosis. I walk to show my appreciation to the medical professionals who cared for my dad while he was sick, they truly were amazing. I walk for those that are battling the disease today. I walk because I hope that one day there is no more cancer, life without cancer."

The 2022 Jimmy Fund Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 2, and raises funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric

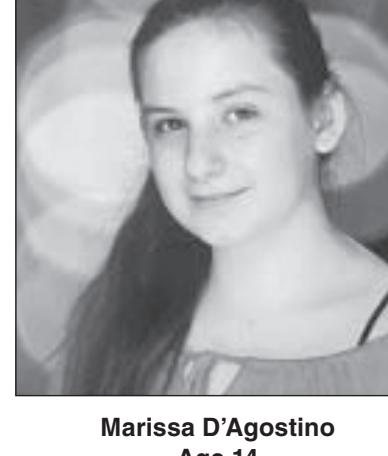
ric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Whether participating for themselves, loved ones, neighbors, or co-workers, each walker shares a common purpose: to defy cancer and support breakthroughs that will benefit cancer patients around the world.

This year, participants will return to the Boston Marathon course after two years of walking virtually. Participants choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon

Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). All routes finish at the Copley Square Finish Line. Walkers can also participate virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history. To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

## Friday's Child



**Marissa D'Agostino**  
Age 14

Hi! My name is Marissa and I am a talented singer!

Marissa is a bright and inquisitive girl of Caucasian descent. Those who know Marissa say she is vivacious and has a good sense of humor. Marissa has a talented singing voice which she enjoys using when making up her own songs. Marissa likes to entertain others and be the center of attention. She also enjoys dancing, gymnastics and playing sports. Marissa has excellent verbal skills and is able to carry on an engaging conversation.

Marissa's social worker is seeking a local family with a mom and dad, two

moms or a single mother. Marissa will do equally well as an only-child or with older or younger siblings, preferably sisters. Marissa is legally free for adoption and will need to maintain four visits per year with her birth parents.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



## HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Monday, Aug. 29

Tantasqua 164, East Longmeadow 168 — Opening the high school sports season in style, the Warriors won their season-opening golf match at Hemlock Ridge.

Medalist honors went to Tantasqua freshman Sam Pieczynski, who shot a 1-over par 37.

Friday, Sept. 2

Wachusett 152, Tantasqua 166

— The Warriors' Sam Pieczynski shot well at Hemlock Ridge, carding a 39 for Tantasqua's golf team, but it wasn't enough as the Mountaineers won and improved to 3-0. Wachusett's Perry Flagg was the medalist after carding a 2-under 34, including an eagle-3 on the final hole. The Warriors are now 1-1 on the young season.

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# Hank Phillippi Ryan speaks to The Communicators Club Sept. 14

WORCESTER — How does an Emmy-winning reporter become a USA Today best-selling author of fast-paced murder mysteries? And how does a just-the-facts journalist add mystery fiction to her resume — and juggle being a reporter, an author, a wife and a grandmother? Hank Phillippi Ryan will answer those questions in a virtual presentation, "An Inside Look at Fiction, Journalism, and the Mysteries of Both!" when The Communicators Club meets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The virtual program will be from noon to 1:15 p.m. Ryan will answer questions from the audience after her presentation. The fee for the Zoom-based program is \$10. To register, go to <https://conta.cc/3pHY0yE>

Ryan has managed to mix the worlds of fact and fiction — in an amazing career from radio reporter to Rolling Stone Magazine to undercover investigations at Boston's WHDH-TV. She'll discuss the obstacles and challenges of a newbie in 1971, as well as the risks and rewards of an experienced senior reporter. The craziness, the fun, the stress — and how she ended up where she is at age 71.

She'll also reveal how she made a major career move at mid-life. Now an author of 13 novels, national reviews have called her "a superb and gifted storyteller." Hank's novels have been named Best Thrillers of the Year by Library Journal, New York Post, BOOK BUB,

PopSugar, Real Simple Magazine and others. And she has won major awards — five Agathas, four Anthonys, two Macavitys, the Daphne du Maurier Award, and the Mary Higgins Clark Award.

Her current book is "Her Perfect Life," a chilling psychological standalone about fame, family, and revenge, with starred reviews from Kirkus and Publishers Weekly, which called it "A superlative thriller. She'll even reveal how the book was inspired by a disturbing experience that took place early in her years as a news anchor.

Find out more about The Communicators Club at [www.communicatorsclub.org](http://www.communicatorsclub.org).

## Grace Timmins of Brimfield enrolls at James Madison University

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