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Charlton prepares for annual Fall Town Meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Town of Charlton is preparing for its annual fall town meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11 with ten articles on the warrant for voter consideration including a new label for the Board of Selectmen and the design phase for a new fire department substation.

Most of the first half of the meeting promises to be mostly housekeeping measures with Articles 1 through 4 handling unpaid bills, interdepartmental transfers, budget amendments, and capital items. Article 6 can also be considered housekeeping as it will seek transfers from stabilization for future capital projects. Article 5 is where the major conversations will likely begin by addressing a new fire substation design.

The latest design proposal for a new substation was introduced to selectmen earlier this year following votes in 2020 that prevented Charlton from proceeding with a larger emergency services facility that would have housed both the fire and police stations. The latest proposal is simply for a substation to replace the aging Station 2. The latest proposal would construct a new 13,188-square-foot two-story substation at the corner of Oxford Road and Heritage Drive and was produced with the help of Context Architecture. Voters will not be deciding on funding the project just year. The article on the special town meeting warrant will see the utilization of $400,000 from free cash to pay for the costs of schematic design services and retention of a project manager to fully design and construct the substation. Any vote on construction costs would be handled at future meetings. The design phase will allow town officials to complete the work already started in finalizing a plan and price tag to bring before voters.

Article 7 will seek a change to one of the towns

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LOCAL TEEN COMPLETES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Jacob Creeron, a 15-year-old Life Scout with Troop 165 in Charlton, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project. For his project he created a Pollinator Garden at Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary in Charlton. The garden consists of native New England pollinator plants, a bench to relax on, and signage with educational pollinator facts. Jacob coordinated the planning of the garden, communicated with project donors, and managed the actual implementation of the project. He'd like to thank his project sponsors, friends, family, and fellow Scouts for their assistance. Creeron is currently serving as one of his Troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders and the Outdoor Ethics Guide. He is a sophomore at Bay Path Vocational in the Drafting shop. After high school, he plans to attend college for something in the Biomedical or Pharmacology fields. In pursuit of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Creeron has completed 35 merit badges, including 14 Eagle-required, completed multiple service projects, attended Maine High Adventure in 2022, and submitted his paperwork.



Charlton High School's Class of '73 celebrates 50 years

CHARLTON — The building now known as the George McKinstry III Municipal Building, aka the Town Hall, was built in 1923 for a whopping sum of $32,740. One hundred years ago! And until 1973, it was Charlton High School. In 1949, two wings were added as the town grew. By 1969, with the population continuing to grow, double sessions were implemented while the town teamed up with Dudley to build the new regional high school, Shepherd Hill.

Double sessions meant high school students went in the morning and middle school students attended in the afternoon, using the same building.

The last class to graduate from Charlton High, the class of 1973, celebrated their 50th year reunion on Oct. 1 at J. Anthony's Ristorante in Auburn. Of the 46 graduates, nine classmates have passed away and 22 attended. After welcoming classmates and their guests, Chris McTigue, Class Vice President thanked the committee for all their hard work putting this celebration together. The committee included: Debra (Stake) Ciesluk, Deb (Kubesh) Greany, Nancy (Riel) McKinstry, Denise (Labonte) Smith and Phyllis (Wilson) Orrell.

Next came the introduction of surprise guests Mr. Paul Daigle, Social Studies teacher and our Class Advisor and his wife Pat. We were so thrilled that they could attend and reminisce with us. After Deb Greany

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St Luke's seeks campers to fight homelessness this weekend

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — This weekend is supposed to be sunny and nice – great camping weather. But for many people these days, they don't have a choice. They lack homes and have to camp, even in pouring rain, blizzards, and other nastiness.

To raise awareness of that issue – and some funds to help it – the Friends of St. Luke's is calling on people to dig out their tents, cardboard boxes, and sleeping bags to sleep outside, in their cars, or on their floors Friday night. Some of them will be at St. Luke's itself, alongside the Guesthouse's regular residents.

They're calling it the "Sleepout 4 Homelessness," and the first 30 people who contact them saying they want space on the Guesthouse lawn will be guaranteed some. Arrival is 5-7 p.m. Friday, with departure Saturday by 9 a.m. The Web site – https://stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com – has an application form.

"If I can give somebody a blanket and a pillow for one night, I've done my job," said St Luke's director Marie Smoker.

Of course, she knows quite well that one night isn't enough. The Guesthouse's goal is to give people at least a month of shelter, some training in finances (they don't charge rent and want people to save at least 75 percent), help to get work clothing and other resources so they can find a permanent home. But the need is far greater than they can handle.

"It has been necessary to turn away men, women and children because of their need and that we're at capacity," she admitted.

The site has seven furnished rooms providing 11 beds, and is one of very few family shelters in the region. Another recently opened in Leicester.

But the need is growing, due to a "domino effect," she said. "Salaries are rising a whole lot less than inflation is. … That's not rising, but everything else is," including rent, food and fuel.

"We now have more indigent families than ever," Smoker observed.

According to the Mass Coalition for the Homeless (mahomeless.org), the need is high and growing. Back in 2020, 18,471 Bay Staters were counted as homeless, of which 12,212 were in families with kids. But that figure doesn't include "families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness and living in doubled up or hidden situations." The site later highlights that

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Experience the essence of Autumn at Sturbridge's annual Harvest Festival!

STURBRIDGE — As the brilliant hues of fall foliage paint the town, it's time to mark your calendars for a cherished seasonal tradition. The Annual Harvest Festival in Sturbridge returns on the weekend of Oct. 14 & 15, a delightful celebration of all things autumn. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Sturbridge Town Common, this family-friendly event promises a weekend of festive fun and community spirit.

This year's Harvest Festival boasts an impressive lineup, featuring approximately 80 local

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Captivating craftsmanship: Admiring handcrafted wreaths amidst the vibrant tapestry of artisanal booths at Harvest Festival in Sturbridge.

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"Turtles have the entire universe inside them"

Sy Montgomery teams with Turtle Rescue League

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Turtles have been swimming Earth's waters since the dinosaur age, and more species of them exist in America than anywhere else. But about 60 percent are endangered, with some surviving only in captivity.

Southbridge's Turtle Rescue League is trying to change that, one injured turtle at a time.

Last Saturday, they got some star power and about 100 other people to help them at Southbridge Community Center. Award-winning nature writer Sy Montgomery came to town to help them raise funds with two of her new books – "Of Time and Turtles" (for adults) and "The Book of Turtles" (for kids).



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Ayla Blyther and Michaela Conder (right) figure out the card reader for a donor's book buy.



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Sy Montgomery. Her many books are available at symontgomery.com, and these two are also on the League's website, turtlerescueleague.org.



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Autographing books for a long line of donors are, from left, Michaela Conder, Natasåha Nowick, Sy Montgomery and Alexxia Bell.



Both are based on the League's efforts. The League is the brainchild of Alexxia Bell and Natasha Nowick, who founded it 14 years ago in an apartment before buying property on Lebanon Hill Road.

While talking about her books, Montgomery said she came across the League's work while considering what to do for her next book. She noted she was then philosophizing on consciousness and time, and thought, "Who better to contemplate time than turtles? … [They] practically personify time itself and patience and fortitude."

Answering that question brought her to town for a turtle summit at the League's home, where one thing that stood out was its yellow SmartCar and a parking space labeled "Turtle Lover Parking Only."

Many people like turtles, Montgomery observed, "but even biologists have dismissed turtles as no more intelligent than a pet rock." Her research and experience found that to be seriously untrue. Among other things, they learn mazes faster than lab rats.

"Turtles are so ancient, they live so long and know so much," she said. (The Natural History Museum website notes the first ones evolved around 230 million years ago.)

To her, the animals teach "something new about time," she said. "It doesn't have to run out … It can be cyclical. Time can be sacred … [and] connect us to eternity."

Turtles also have an amazing recuperative ability, often recovering from "what looks like a fatal injury to other animals," Montgomery read from "Of Time and Turtles," quoting Bell. "Even if the turtle's smeared all over the road, you might be able to save her. We

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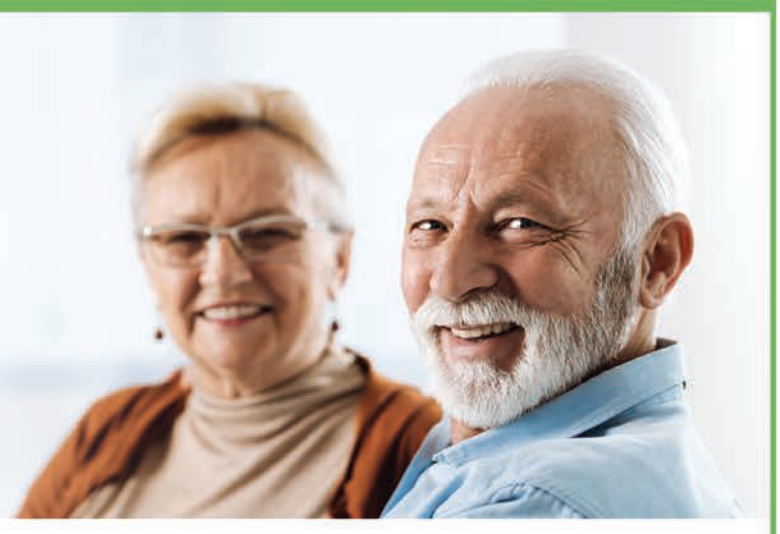
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Savoring "the food of the gods"

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: *This is the second installment in a two-part series which beginning last week with coffee.*

STURBRIDGE — Theobroma cacao. The term literally translates as "chocolate, food of the gods."

Whether it's truly divine or not, nobody denies chocolate has been extremely popular since Europeans began taking it from Mexico almost everywhere a few centuries ago.

According to Kym Larkin of Klassic Kreations, it's native to the same latitudes as coffee, which it's often paired with. Both are "found in the bean belt," with coffee's hundreds of species growing 20-30 degrees north and south of the equator, and cacao's 26 species up to 10-20 degrees.

"Coffee and chocolate are like the perfect pairing," she told a few dozen people at Joshua Hyde Library a couple weeks ago, talking about the history and medicinal properties of the two plants.

"[Cacao] is a superfood in its natural state, with tremendous health benefits," she added. Among them, she said, is that it's among the top 10 sources of antioxidants, higher than wild blueberries.

Chocolate's popularity dates back to at least 1500 BCE, when the Olmec culture of southern Mexico made it "a sacred, elite, and ritualistic plant," writes Patricia Tsai at www.chocvivo.com. "... Used as a tool to lift the spirits of the soon to be sacrificed in the Aztec kingdom, required in the marriage ceremony due to its link to fertility, and even a part of the baptism ceremony and the birth of the child, cacao in the ancient Americas was used in virtually any ceremony of importance."



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Kym Larkin pours some samples of an Italian coffee with cacao and vanilla.

The Maya and other nearby cultures adopted the plant's use. It was probably also the "black drink" found in various tribes of what's now the southeastern US.

Larkin said the Aztecs "supposedly drank up to 50 cups of that a day." After Spanish conquest in 1524, they allegedly told the newcomers "you can walk a day without eating if you drink this drink," she said.

"Aztec mythology even states that God created man from maize and cacao among other plants brought from the 'Mountains of Sustenance,'" Tsai writes. "Even in Mayan mythology the importance of cacao remains with the God of Maize being birthed from a cacao pod. In Mayan mythology, cacao is also one of the products used to create humanity."



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A couple of Larkin's talk attendees check out her display of coffee and chocolate-related items and samples.

The Wikipedia page on Theobroma cacao notes genetic studies of the plant's varieties have traced its origin to an area of the western Amazon basin in South America. "[A]t the peak of the last ice age 21,000 years ago, when habitat suitable for cacao was at its most reduced, this area was still suitable, and so provided a refugium for the species." Although it's an American native, today's largest producers are Ivory Coast, Ghana and Indonesia.

Harvesting cacao takes a little work. Unlike, coffee, which grows in berries on fairly low bushes, the cacao beans are in pods attached directly to the trees themselves and require processing, Larkin said. People with machetes have to climb the trees to cut the pods down, cut the pods in half, and remove its pulp to get to the 50-60 beans per pod. Those are then ground (as coffee typically is) into what's called "cacao nibs" – a powder that is itself "satiating" and used in many diet foods, Larkin said. It takes about 500 beans to make a pound of chocolate.

Larkin said there are three main kinds of cacao beans – criollo, forastero and trinitario (named after specific subspecies), with the latter being the most common and used for "low-end" chocolates. The other two have a higher cacao mass and more butterfat, thus go into higher-end chocolates.

According to www.williescacao.com, criollo comprises just 3 percent of the world's crop, often has white beans, and "tends to be the preferred bean of chocolate connoisseurs."

"[T]here are said to be more than 400 different flavour notes in cacao," that site states. "In Maya and Aztec times, lower-grade cacao was mixed with maize and other seeds, while high-quality chocolate was drunk in a purer form. It is the same now. Manufacturers use cheap, less interesting Forastero cacaos to make confectionery bars and save the fine, rare beans for making rich, flavoursome dark chocolate."

That's better than what some sellers once did, the site adds. "In Europe in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, chocolate was frequently diluted with brick dust or red lead, and lard was added to cacao butter to bulk it out."

Larkin notes that anything labeled "dark" chocolate really is just about color. If you're seeking quality and health benefits, the thing to look for is cacao percentage, especially those above 88 percent. At that level, she said, studies have shown it lowers LDL cholesterol, acts as a vasodilator and anti-inflammatory, is high in iron, manganese and other nutrients, and tends to regulate serotonin levels. Those chocolates tend to taste bitter to inexperienced palates because they're lower in sugar, but they also often have more varied flavors.

To her, a key factor for considering chocolate and coffee sources is whether they're Fair Trade and part of the Rainforest Alliance. The former pledges to help protect the usually small producers' livelihoods while the latter aims to protect the ecosystem.

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Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale partners with Anton Cleaners' Caring Partners

Coats for Kids & Families program to collect win-

STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale has announced its role as both a 2023 collection and distribution partner for Anton Cleaners' Caring Partners Coats for Kids & Families Program. The church, a distribution partner in previous years, will now actively collect donated coats to meet the increased demand in the Sturbridge community, according to coordinator Holice Turnbow.

"Coats collected at The Federated Church between now and Wednesday, November 15 will be professionally cleaned by Anton Cleaners and returned to local nonprofits, social service agencies, schools, and churches, including The Federated Church, for distribution," Turnbow said. "Coats may be dropped off in the lobby of the Maple Street entrance any day between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m."

Coats for Kids & Families accepts warm winter coats that are new or gently used, good quality, and all sizes with a particular emphasis on XL and infant/pre-K sizes. Coats with rips, tears, broken zippers, or permanent stains, as well as sweatshirts, vests, spring coats, boots, scarves, and gloves are not accepted.

Sponsored by Anton's Cleaners, Enterprise Bank, and Jordan's Furniture, Coats for Kids & Families has collected, cleaned, and distributed more than 1.2 million free coats at more than 70 collection locations and events since its inception in 1995. Partners for this year's Coats for Kids & Families drive include Anton's Cleaners, Enterprise Bank, Jordan's Furniture, Boston 25, KISS 108, JAM'N 94.5, 101.7 The Bull, 100.7 WZLX, WRKO, and WBZ News Radio.

Arthur Anton Jr., COO of Anton's Cleaners and founder of the program, emphasizes the program's long-standing mission: "Anyone who needs a coat, will have one." He acknowledges the collaborative efforts of local schools, companies, clubs, and nonprofits in collecting, cleaning, and distributing 50,000 winter coats annually.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. Members of the community are welcome to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For additional information, please visit the Church Web site at sturfed.org or contact the Church office at (774) 304-1021 or churchoffice@sturfed.org.

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We strive as a church family to help one another bring the love of God to our surrounding community. We want the hands to help, the eyes to see, the ears to hear the signs, and the feet to walk alongside those surrounding us.

Wayside Church has been a beacon of light over the years. We constantly provide spiritual guidance, reminding us that when one person is weak, the other is strong. Our worship services are vibrant, with community projects and social events designed to help you connect with God and others.

This historic church in Charlton keeps evolving and growing, guided by our deep commitment to our faith and community.

Join us on our journey as we seek to positively impact the surrounding towns and cities and live out the message of love and hope. Just when you think there is no more, with God, there is hope. Feel free to contact us at wayside.church or call us at (508) 434-0401.

Gateway Players, Elm Street Women's Fellowship combine for fundraiser

SOUTHBRIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre and The Women's Fellowship of Elm Street Congregational Church are combining to present a fun evening of food and entertainment. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Elm Street Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge.

The menu includes beef stew, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages. Tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children 10 and under, and must be purchased by Oct. 15. They can be purchased/reserved by calling the church office at 508-765-8058, Gateway Players Theatre at 508-764-4531, or Harriet Lacasse at 508-347-3464.

The entertainment will be a staged reading of "The Wacky Horror Cyber Show" presented by Gateway Players Theatre.

Gateway Players Theatre is very happy to be doing a joint fundraiser with the Women's Fellowship of Elm Street Church- which highlights our respective talents. We do the theater- and they provide the food!

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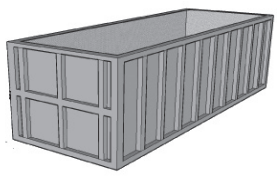
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SOUTHBRIDGE — While New England has experienced record periods of rainfall this year, the staff and inmate work crew at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction have managed to maintain adequate growing conditions for the Department's Organic Farm program. The inmates who are eligible to opt into the farm program, pick and wash the produce daily before it is distributed throughout Worcester County.

This year, more than 60 food pantries and non-profit organizations across Worcester County have benefitted from the Worcester County Sheriff's Organic Farm. Nearly 500 pounds of fresh organic vegetables and fruits are harvested every day on the grounds of the proudly displayed farm in West Boylston.

From squash to corn and cantaloupe to eggplant, the 15-acre farm grows a wide variety of healthy produce that is provided to those in need or used for meals in the correctional facility.

Recently, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach team visited the Southbridge Food Share and delivered over 100 pounds of fresh organic produce. These fruits and vegetables were used in meal programs and distributed to those whom the organization serves.



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Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach team delivers Fresh Organic Produce to the Southbridge Food Share.



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Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach team delivers Fresh Organic Produce to the Charlton Senior Center.

"The fresh veggies from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office greatly impact the lives of those we serve," commented Catalino Alicea, Southbridge Food

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Pink Hair for Hope at Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON — Get your pink hair extensions for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and donate to a good cause! The Charlton Library is partnering with the Cosmetology department from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School again this year.

The high school cosmetology students are donating their time and expertise. Last year, this event raised $435, and the library hopes to raise more this year! This year's fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Charlton Public Library. Hair extensions are $5 each, and all proceeds go directly to Breast Cancer Research. All ages are welcome! Registration is not required.

The Charlton Public Library is located at 40 Main St. in Charlton.

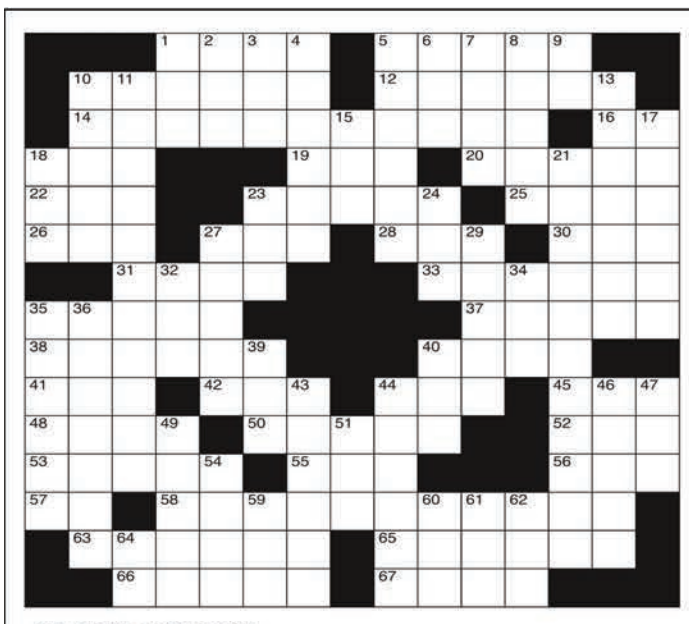
Flamenco Boston to perform at Jacob Edwards Library

SOUTHBRIDGE — In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Flamenco Boston will perform at the Jacob Edwards Library on Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Flamenco Boston will bring an authentic flamenco experience, filled with dynamic and rhythmic footwork, intricate guitar playing, and emotional singing, showcasing the various styles and wide emotional range that this art form has to offer.

Flamenco is an eclectic art form originating from the cultural melting pot that was in Andalusia, blending together the influences of the Spaniards, Moors, Sephardic Jews, Indians, and Gitanos.

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



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1. Flat tableland with steep edges
5. Byproduct of fire
10. Talked
12. Unique skill
14. Unembarrassed
16. Where teenagers go
18. Boxing's GOAT
19. Used to anoint
20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
22. Auburn great Newton
23. Some are for Christmas
25. Dried, split pulses
26. Self
27. Where to get your mail
28. High schoolers' test
30. Flightless bird
31. Expectorated
33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
35. Type of patch
37. French river
38. Told on
40. Hillside
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Progressive country musician
45. Witness
48. Brews
50. Yellowish-brown
52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
53. Mexican agave
55. Type of "cast"
56. Popular breakfast food
57. Atomic #52
58. Position north or south of the equator
63. Gadget
65. Another recording
66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
67. Dark brown

CLUES DOWN

1. Licensed for Wall Street
2. Partner to flow
3. A very large body of water
4. Accumulate on the surface of
5. Central cores of stems
6. Angry
7. Spanish stew: __ podrida
8. Fastened with a pin
9. On your way: __ route
10. Soviet labor camp system
11. Enmities
13. B complex vitamin
15. Go quickly
17. Toast
18. A team's best pitcher
21. Philly culinary specialty
23. Small child
24. Unhappy
27. Trims away
29. Full of tears
32. Touch softly
34. Former OSS
35. A person's chest
36. Came from behind
39. Fall back
40. Nellie __, journalist
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Weather
46. Sports broadcaster Ian
47. Electroencephalograph
49. Phenyl salicylate
51. Web of Things
54. Ship goods as cargo
59. The bill in a restaurant
60. Young female
61. OJ trial judge
62. One's grandmother
64. West Siberian river

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• **Charlton City United Methodist,** 74 Stafford St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.org Sunday worship and Children's church 10am
• **St. Anne St. Patrick Church,** 16 Church St., Fiskdale (508) 347-7338
www.stannestpatparish.com
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 pm, Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, Youth Mass (September to May) 5 pm. Daily Mass Mon - Thurs 7:30 and 10 am, Fri and Sat 7:30 am
• **St. Joseph's Church**, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248-7862, www.stjosephscharlton.com, Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
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www.livingwordhcarlton.com
info@livingwordcharlton.com
• **New Life Fellowship A/G, SNED Chapel,** 307 Sturbridge Road, Rt. 20, Charlton, MA, Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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October happenings at Charlton Public Library

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Movies @ The Library
All showings are on Tuesdays at 1:00 & 5:30 in Dexter Hall. No registration. Free popcorn!

October 3 : THE LITTLE MERMAID. 2023; PG; 2 hrs 15 min.
October 10 : OPERATION FORTUNE. 2023; R; 1 hr 54 min.
October 17 : CHAMPIONS. 2023; PG13; 2 hrs 4 min.
October 24 : SOMEWHERE IN QUEENS. 2022; R; 1 hr 46 min.
October 31 : BEETLEJUICE. 1988; PG; 1 hr 32 min.

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

Better Read Than Dead Book Club - AMERICAN PREDATOR by Maureen Callahan
Wednesday, October 4, 11:00-12:00 - Sibley Reading Area A monthly meetup to discuss entertaining & fascinating true crime books. Books available from circulation prior to discussion.

Rodent Control: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Thursday, October 5, 6:00-7:30 - Dexter Hall - Registration requested but not required.
Gary Menin, advocate for R.A.T.S. (Raptors Are The Solution) will present on the catastrophic effects of rodenticides on birds of prey and other wildlife. He'll give alternatives to rodenticides, current proposed legislation, and ways we can all help preserve our treasured wildlife

Pink Hair for Hope (Pink Hair Extensions)
Tuesday, October 10, 3:30-5:30 - Story Time Room
Get your pink hair extensions for Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Extensions are $5.00 each. All proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Research. Bay Path Cosmetology department provides extensions. Registration not required; first-come, first-served. All ages and genders are welcome!

Author Talk - Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley by Elena Palladino
Thursday, October 12, 6:00-7:30 - Dexter Hall - Registration requested but not required
Join author Elena Palladino in a discussion of her book on the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir, and along with it, the destruction of four towns. Sponsored by Friends of Charlton Public Library. Copies of the book will be available for sale after the talk.

Community Yoga
Saturday, October 14, 9:00-10:00 - MAYNARD FIELD
Join Linda Davis for a free monthly community yoga class. All ages and levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring your own yoga mat. Registration required.

Death Cafe
Wednesday, October 18, 1:00-3:00 - Dexter Hall - No Registration
Death Cafés provide a safe environment to gather, eat cake, drink tea or coffee, and enjoy open-minded conversation about dying and death. Questions? Email kwalker4@mac.com.

The Alzheimer's Support Network Caregiver Support Group - Special Guest
Thursday, October 19, 6:00-7:30 - Community Meeting Room - No registration
At this month's meeting, Eileen Rice will explain Fallon Health's PACE Program (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). PACE offers complete, coordinated, individualized care for older adults who want to live at home instead of a nursing home. Co-sponsored by Tri-Valley and Charlton Public Library. Part of the Dementia Friendly Charlton initiative.

SARJ (Saturday Acoustic Roots Jam)
Saturday, October 21, 12:00 - 1:30 - Dexter Hall - No registration
An acoustic only music jam. Open to all 18+.

Disclosure - Documentary Film Screening & Panel Discussion
Tuesday, October 24, 4:00-8:00 - Community Meeting Room
DISCLOSURE is an eye-opening look at transgender depictions in film and television, revealing how Hollywood simultaneously reflects and manufactures our deepest anxieties about gender. Following the movie there will be a brief discussion with panel participants from Translate Gender, a collective-based consensus-run organization that works to generate community accountability for individuals to self-determine their own genders and gender expressions. This program is co-sponsored by Joshua Hyde Library, Charlton Public Library, Jacob Edwards Library, and Oxford Free Public Library. No registration is required and all are welcome.

Senator Ryan Fattman Office Hours
Wednesday, October 25, 2:30-3:30 - Local History Room - No registration
No registration is necessary. For later appointments, email amanda.hellyar@masenate.gov

CULE (Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble)
Thursday, October 26, 6:00-7:30 - Community Meeting Room - No registration
Experienced musicians and newbies all welcome. Questions? Email Cule5632@gmail.com

Critical Thinking Discussion Group - WHAT CAN A MAN DO by Milton Mayer
Friday, October 27, 1:00-2:00 - Sibley Reading Area (Main Floor) - No registration
No experience with critical thinking discussion groups is necessary. Books/materials are available for checkout one month prior to discussion. Questions? Email saga3@charter.net.

Haunted New England Presentation with Chris Daley
Saturday, October 28, 1:00-2:00 - Dexter Hall - Registration requested
Melding historical fact together with legend and myth, Chris Daley presents an interesting and fascinating look at events that really happened and the stories of hauntings that followed them.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH
Weekly Storytimes for Fall & Winter
Storytimes begin September 11; visit our website for more information!

Lego Club
Fridays, 3:30-4:30 - Story Time Room - Drop in; no registration.
Join your friends and build a Lego creation! Try out our weekly challenge or make up your own design. Best for ages 5 -12.

Creative Writing for Teens
Tuesdays, October 3 & 17, 3:30-4:15 - Community Meeting Room
Writing prompts, share your work (optional!), book discussion, try out different writing styles, learn about writing - all in a safe and encouraging environment! Best for ages 11-18. Registration required. Please email Molly with any questions: mgarlick@cwmars.org

Young Scientists Stem Classes
Every Friday in October, 10:00-10:45 - Story Time Room
Join us for a free in-person "Young Scientists" series facilitated by STEM Beginnings. Children, ages 3-6, with a parent/caregiver, will learn STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts through hands-on activities, storytime, and simple experiments. Parents/ caregivers are encouraged to help their child and join in the fun. Siblings are welcome and must be supervised. Registration is required. Space is limited to 12 children, ages 3-6. Sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant program funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

Pre-K Yoga with Linda Davis
Friday, October 13, 9:45-10:15 - Dexter Hall - Registration required
This class is for ages 2.5 - 5 years. Caregivers must be present during the class. Please have children wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Teen Advisory Board
Monday, October 16, 3:30-4:15 - Teen Space - Registration required
Meet up to discuss Teen Programming for the library and earn an hour of community service (yes, for 45 minutes!) We'll also have a different craft or activity to do at each meeting. For grades 5-12.

Just Craftin' Around
Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-7:00 - Story Time Room - Registration required
Bring your crafting supplies and craft with like-minded tweens and teens! Whether you knit, crochet, needle felt, make jewelry, or any other type of craft that travels well, you are welcome to join us!
We will also have some crafting supplies out if you would like to come but don't have a particular crafty hobby yet and want to learn something new. Best for ages 9-18.

Middle Grade Book Club
Wednesday, October 18, 4:00-4:30 - Story Time Room
This month we will discuss PONY by R.J Palacio. Please visit the library to pick up a copy or order the book online through the C/WMars Catalog. Registration is not required.

Pokemon Club
Monday, October 23, 3:45-4:30 - Story Time Room - Registration required
Do you love all things Pokemon? Join us for Pokemon Club! Enjoy a variety of fun Pokemon activities, plus try your hand at playing the game on our new play mats! For ages 6-12.

Teen Book Buzz
Wednesday, October 25, 3:30-4:00 - Teen Space - No registration
We'll be talking about favorite books, new books coming out, and books we've just read. Bring a book or two to share. Fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, and manga welcome!

Sensory-Friendly Storytime
Thursday, October 26, 6:00-6:45 - Story Time Room - Registration required
Explore books, music, movement, and play in a sensory-friendly setting. This storytime is designed for children ages 4-10 of all abilities, particularly those who are on the autism spectrum, have sensory processing challenges, struggle in large groups, or have other special needs. Younger and older children and siblings of attendees are welcome!

The Haunting of the Oxford Library: Book Signing & Writing Workshop with Author Rob Racicot
Saturday, October 28, 10:00-12:00 - Dexter Hall
The author talk is open to all ages and will be held from 10:00-10:30. It will be followed by a writing workshop for ages 10-13, and registration is required for this portion. Visit our website calendar for signup and details!

Trick-or-Treat Parade
Tuesday, October 31, 11:00-11:30 - Children's Room
Join us for our annual Trick-or-Treat Parade from the Library to the Town Hall & Senior Center!
Meet in the Children's Room by 11:00 a.m. We will walk up the stairs (elevator available) to go Trick-or-Treating at the Adult Circulation Desk, then we will go across the street to the Town Hall and down to the Senior Center. Don't forget to wear costumes and bring a bag for goodies! All ages.

Bay Path Practical Nursing team participates in Walk to End Alzheimer's

WORCESTER — Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Douglas, Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy was joined by her daughter, Lilly Bolandrina, along with alumni and current students as the Bay Path Practical Nursing Team in the Oct. 1 Walk to End Alzheimer's at the Hanover Insurance Office Park, 100 North Parkway in Worcester. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Team helped raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

Alumni Gearlyn Wetherbee, LPN of Charlton, Carmen Villanueva, LPN of Worcester, and Ana Hilner, LPN of Oxford all returned this year as not only new graduates but newly licensed nurses having passed the NCLEX-PN on their first try!

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Team members attended the Promise Garden Ceremony at 10 a.m. Current Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students who participated were Emmanuel Nyah, Evelyn Kiplangat, Regina Njuguna, and Kaitlin Miliauskas. Also, in attendance was Marilyn Burlingame, LPN from PN Class of 2017.

"More than a memorable service-learning activity for everyone, participating is fun," said Bolandrina.

She added, "It's a chance to make an impact in the mission to end Alzheimer's, and a chance to catch up and celebrate our alumni success."

Bolandrina stated, "I am grateful for our alumni and student leadership, passion, and participation. We look forward to the day when the goal is reached of finding a cure for Alzheimer's."

Upcoming events at Elm Street Congregational Church

SOUTHBRIDGE — Elm Street Congregational Church announces the following upcoming events.

Oct 9, 6:30 p.m., zoom meeting. A new bible study continuing with "Chosen," season 2. Contact 508-765-8058 to be added to the Zoom list.

Prayer meeting on zoom, every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

A book study, "Restore My Soul" led by Lou-Ellen Corkum on Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m. at the church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge.

"Navigating Our Faith Journey" continues on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom, led by pastor Marcy.

"Stew and Story," a collaboration of reader's theater with a meal will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the church. Gateway Players will provide the story, "The Wacky Horror Cyber Show." The Women's Fellowship will provide the meal of beef stew, tossed salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. Tickets are $15 for adults, $7 for children 10 and under. Tickets are available from Gateway PlayersTheatre, 508-764-4531 or from the church office, 508-765-8058.

Grace Ahlstrand graduates from University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Grace Ahlstrand of Sturbridge graduated from the University of Hartford in May of 2023 with a BMUS in Music Education/Voca. Congratulations to her and the entire UHart Class of 2023!

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Student representatives elected at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy!

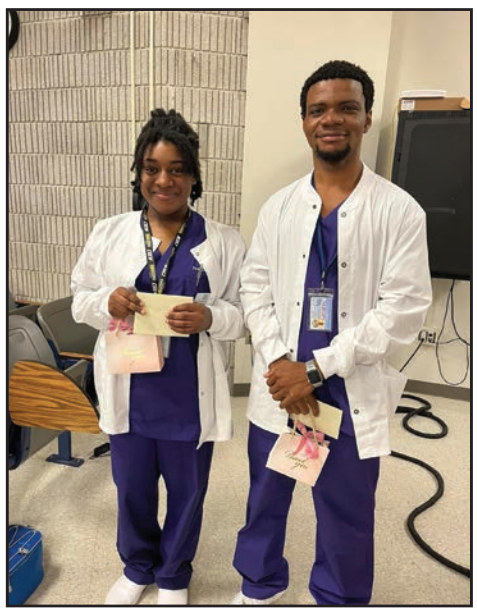
CHARLTON — New student representatives to the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2024 were elected recently and began their term this fall.

Practical nursing students Emmanuel Nyah and Princess Agyeman were voted as student representatives for the PN class of 2024.

The student representatives are an important part of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Faculty Organization (PNFO). Their main responsibility is to be a link between Practical Nursing faculty, staff, and the students, and to contribute to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy activities and projects. Nyah and Agyeman represented the students of the PN Class of 2024 on the advisory board and steering committee meeting held on September 26, 2023.

Student representatives are responsible for attending the PNFO meetings, where they serve as non-voting members.

The student representatives speak on behalf of the student body and report on topics they want to bring to the PNFO's attention. The student representatives are also invited to attend the spring Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for March 2024.



Courtesy

Practical nursing students Emmanuel Nyah and Princess Agyeman were voted as student representatives for the Practical Nursing class of 2024 at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

"One of the goals of the student representative role is to continue to advocate for governance by increasing awareness of student's role in governance," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN, Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

The student representatives will work together towards feedback on topics on the PNFO agenda.

"The topics that go into the agenda are ones that resonate with the student body, these are very unifying topics, and are all in congruence with regulatory and accreditation requirements for BORN (Board of Registration in Nursing), COE (Council on Occupational Education), and ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing)," Bolandrina said.

Nyah was with the Taraba Vegetables, Taraba State, Nigeria as quality Control Officer. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology from the University of Calabar, Calabar, Nigeria (2015) and a Master of Science degree in Plant Biology from Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel (2019).

Agyeman of Webster, is a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School (2022) graphic communications shop. She served as a cashier/ server at Boston Market in Worcester.

Both Nyah and Agyeman have a valid Health Care Provider/ Basic Life Support Provider CPR, Dementia Care Certified, and Mental Health First Aid Certified. Student representatives will bring student issues up, participate in governance, and focus on not just current students but may include alumni and possibly incoming students in conversations and activities.

October spotlights at the Joshua Hyde Public Library

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Public Library is excited to host the following events during the month of October.

DELUXE SOCK PUPPETS - Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. - Join Homeslice Puppetry for a 2.5 hour advanced sock puppet class FOR KIDS AGES 10 and up, TEENS AND ADULTS. Participants will be given an introduction to puppetry and then everyone will learn how to build/create a puppet character. All necessary materials will be provided. Registration is required.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING - Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join John Hedly of the Worcester County Beekeepers Association for this presentation on beekeeping for all ages. Registration is required.

SPOOKY BONES AND CREEPY CRAWLIES - Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. What better way to combine the SPOOKY and the SCIENTIFIC than with an awesome Halloween learning event for kids? Explore real bones and skeletons from endemic Massachusetts animals, or hold and pet some of the biggest bugs you've ever seen! Registration is required.

Local students begin fall semester at Eastern

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — More than 900 new students are in their first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University this fall 2023. The new admits include 696 first-time students and 254 transfer students who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate-level programs.

Among them are Cooper Way of Charlton, a sophomore who is majoring in English; Hannah Johnson of Holland, a first-year student majoring in Physical Education; and Heriberto Cintron Santos of Southbridge, a junior majoring in Theatre and Performance Media and Music.

The most popular majors for the new students include psychology, business administration, health sciences, computer science, art and biology. The students come from nearly all of Connecticut's 169 towns and 21 other states. Outside of Connecticut, the biggest feeder states for the new students include Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island.

These students join a student body of nearly 4,000 who are enrolled for the 2023-24 academic year. In total, 30 states are represented among them and approximately 30% are the first in their families to attend college.

Nichols College launches graduate Leadership Academy

DUDLEY — The Graduate School at Nichols College is launching a Leadership Academy designed for professionals looking to advance their careers, with the first session starting on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The Leadership Academy is led by management expert Robin Frkal, Ph.D., Dean of The Graduate School at Nichols College, and features the expertise of Nichols faculty, Nichols graduate program leaders and partners.

Nichols will launch its first Academy session through a collaboration with the Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts (HECCMA), an association of public and private accredited colleges and universities in central Massachusetts. The HECCMA Leadership Academy program is designed to help members of the academic community enhance their leadership skills and pilot their organizations through change and innovation.

"We are excited to present exciting opportunities for training and career advancement to our communities through our new Leadership Academy," said Frkal. "The Academy provides a much-needed avenue of delivery for leadership training, and reflects the innovative mindset that our participants can also discover within the class sessions. The HECCMA Leadership Academy is a product of true collaboration between The Graduate School and the consortium to ensure academic leaders can advance their institutions during these periods of growth and change."

The Nichols-HECCMA program will offer a mix of in-person events and virtual sessions and is open to all HECCMA school faculty and staff aiming to improve their leadership skills. Already more than 35 participants, representing nine of the 10 Consortium institutions, have signed up for the program.

The upcoming program will discuss DEI and fostering inclusive environments, leading groups and teams, strategic thinking, budgets and using data, mentoring and coaching, and trends in higher education. The session will feature Nichols faculty experts as well as partners such as Dr. Calvin Hill, Vice President for Inclusion and Community Engagement at Springfield College and Nichols alum Christopher Cox '92, Higher Education Assurance Leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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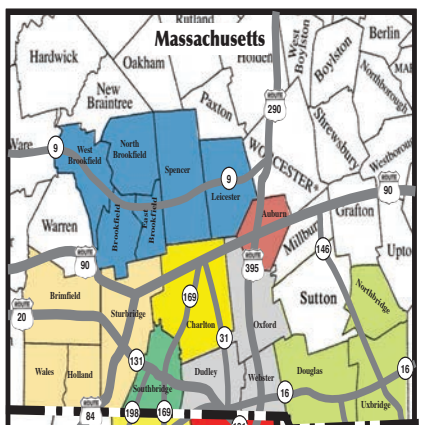
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OPINION

Tales of haunting mystery from New England's history

New England, with its quaint villages and rich history, is a region that seems to harbor more than its fair share of ghostly tales and supernatural encounters. As the leaves turn to vibrant shades of orange and red, and the cool winds of autumn rustle through centuries-old trees, it's the perfect time to delve into the chilling world of New England ghost stories.

New England's colonial past and revolutionary history provide fertile ground for tales of restless spirits. Historic cities like Boston and Salem, with their cobblestone streets and centuries-old buildings, are said to be home to ghosts from bygone eras. From the spirit of Paul Revere at the Old North Church to the infamous apparitions at the Salem Witch Trials Memorial, these stories are a captivating blend of history and the supernatural that permeate into the small towns to the northern and southern points of New England.

Along the New England coastline, lighthouses stand as beacons of safety for sailors, but they also carry their own eerie legends. Tales of haunted lighthouses, where the spirits of keeper's past are said to roam, have fascinated residents and visitors for generations. These stories illuminate the lonely and mysterious lives of lighthouse keepers.

New England has also inspired some of the most iconic ghost stories in literature. The works of authors like Nathaniel Hawthorne, H.P. Lovecraft, and Edgar Allan Poe are steeped in the eerie atmosphere of the region. Salem's House of the Seven Gables, made famous by Hawthorne's novel, is itself said to be haunted.

These ghostly tales aren't just for those seeking a thrill; they're also a significant part of New England's tourism industry. Ghost tours, haunted inns, and paranormal investigations draw visitors from all over the world, allowing them to explore the spectral side of the region's history.

As we approach the Halloween season, it's important to remember that New England's ghost stories are not just about scares and shivers. They are a testament to the enduring power of storytelling, the fascination with history's mysteries, and the unique blend of the past and the supernatural that characterizes this region.

Whether you're a believer in the paranormal or a skeptic, New England's ghost stories are a testament to the enduring allure of the unexplained. As we gather around bonfires and tell spooky tales this October, remember that these stories are not just about fear but also about our fascination with the unknown, the mysterious, and the timeless spirit of New England.

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We are temples of the living God



Beyond the Pews

By Fr. Luke A. Veronis
Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster

"You are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in you and move among you, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people." What an amazing statement! Each person in the church is a temple of the living God. And God chooses to live in us. Wow! Think about what this means!

How many of you have ever traveled to Rome and seen St. Peter's Cathedral at the Vatican? Or to Paris and seen Notre Dame? Or to Constantinople and seen Aghia Sophia or St. Isaac's Cathedral in St. Petersburg. Or St Stephen's in Vienna or St. Mark's in Venice or to any of the great cities of Europe, where you can see incredible cathedrals and churches– architecturally stunning, century-old gothic, byzantine, roman, baroque cathedrals and churches. And to think how many of these were built hundreds of years ago.

But why? Why did generations of people throughout the centuries exert such effort and put in so much money to build these gorgeous churches? The striking beauty and magnificent architecture made these buildings the most spectacular structure in the city or town for centuries!

And why do we do something similar today in our own church. Whenever anyone enters our Saints Constantine and Helen Church in Webster, they look around at the beauty and their souls are touched by what they see. Why do we decorate our church with so many icons and beautify it with meaningful stain glass windows? Why do we spend such money and put in such effort to beautify our churches?

Because we, like our forebearers before us, realize that this building represents sacred space as the house of God, a temple offered up as a witness to the world for the glory of God. Through our churches and such sacred space, we gratefully offer what is most beautiful back to our Creator, our Heavenly Father, our God!

This is also why when we enter a Church, we act reverently because we realize we stand on holy ground. We're more careful how we speak; we're more conscious of how we act; we try to be respectful to others; we realize that even though God is present everywhere, there is something unique about His sacred house. Thus, we gather together each week as the people of God in His house, waiting to encounter the living God in a mystical manner.

Well, I want us to reflect on this as we turn our attention to the words of Saint Paul:"You are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in you and move among you, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people."

Reflect for a moment on the beauty of our church buildings and then think about why Saint Paul compared each one of us and us as a community to the most beautiful temples dedicated to God. Yes, God dwells in our church buildings but God dwells even more fully in the temple of our body, in each one of us, and in us as the corporate Body of Christ, in this Family of God!

We are His Temple, the House of the Living God. Our bodies and our lives are sacred space, dedicated to the Holy One. Just as the Almighty is present in this church and we come here to encounter the living God every Sunday when we worship together, the Lord is also present in you and in me and in us. He wants to live in us and move among us. When people come in our midst, when they meet us and listen to us and encounter us, they should see God.

But, is that what they do see? Do people encounter the Spirit of the Loving God when they meet us? Do our words and actions, and does our presence remind people of the Lord and bring them closer to Him?

If we seriously reflect on this and understand it in the depths of our being, it is a sober realization. If God lives in me, I want to be the most beautiful edifice, sparkling clean and pure, offered up to the Almighty. I need to consciously live my life in a way that reflects God's Presence!

Imagine coming into a church that is dirty and unkept. Imagine entering a church that has blasphemy painted on the walls, filled with pornographic images or disgusting words? Imagine entering a church where everything is damaged and broken?

It's interesting because I can understand such destruction of the church. I remember living in the only country in the world that rejected all religion and forbade any practice of faith. Albania was a country that tried to deny and eliminate God. Thus, they destroyed most churches throughout the country, and those that remained standing, they desecrated. They turned churches into gymnasiums, theatres, barns, and restaurants.

I remember walking into century old churches, temples where people worshipped for hundreds of years, churches where every inch of the wall and ceiling were covered with icons, and yet, the icons had been desecrated. Graffiti was scribbled all over the icons. Blasphemous words were written on the walls. Often, the eyes of the saints and of Christ and the Virgin Mary was etched out. It was obvious that the atheistic government wanted to ridicule and desecrate anything religious to promote their militant atheism.

I would enter these churches and be heartbroken. To think that generations of faithful people prayed in these sanctuaries and now the churches were empty and desecrated.

Yet, what does God see when he looks at our own lives, and sees His Temple desecrated with our impure words, our blasphemous thoughts, our egocentric actions. When he sees our lives guided by impurity, greed, lust, anger, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, and other vices, instead of lives that radiate love, joy, peace, mercy, grace, forgiveness, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness, what must He think?

You are the Temple of God. I am the Temple of God. We as a community of faith are the Temple of God. The Almighty wants to live in us and move among us and be our God. Do we realize this awe-inspiring responsibility and incredible privilege to represent God to the world! Let us thank Him for this incomprehensible gift and let us strive to become like the cathedrals of the world that have inspired generations of people with their beauty!

Let us make every effort to live lives that truly reflect the Lord and to open our hearts so that the Spirit of God may move freely in us. When people look at our lives, may they truly see Jesus Christ and encounter Him through our words, our actions, and who we are! May we become beautiful, awe-inspiring, Temples of the Living God.

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When should you sell investments?



Financial Focus

Trevor Nielsen

If you're a long-term investor, your portfolio may stay fairly stable over time. However, that doesn't mean you will never sell any investments. But when should you sell — and why?

Here are some scenarios to consider:

If an investment has consistently underperformed – For one reason or another, some investments may not live up to your expectations. Rather than holding these investments in the hope that they will eventually show consistently positive returns, you might be better off selling them and using the proceeds to buy other investments that could help you make progress toward your goals. Keep in mind, though, that short-term price swings are inevitable for virtually all investments, so you may not want to sell an investment after just a few price drops, as it may still have strong fundamentals and good prospects.

If the investment itself has changed – The nature of some investments, such as stocks, can change over time. Stocks represent companies, and companies can evolve and adapt — or not. So, you may own shares in a company whose management has changed or whose products are less competitive than they once were. If this company no longer seems like a sound investment, you may consider selling your shares and moving on.

If an investment is "redundant" – Over time, you may have added investments that are similar to others you already own. If you do have too many investments that are alike, you risk not having a fully diversified portfolio, and while diversification can't always protect against all losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings. Consequently, you might want to sell an investment that may now be "redundant" to your portfolio and replace it with another one that could boost your diversification efforts.

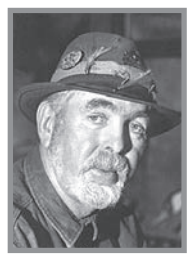
If an investment takes up too much space in your portfolio – If you bought an investment years ago, and it's grown substantially in value, it could eventually take up more space in your portfolio than you had intended, which could expose you to more risk than you'd like — because too much of any single investment may leave you more vulnerable to market downturns. Of course, if the investment is still appropriate for your needs, and still has a good outlook, you may not want to totally liquidate it, but you could consider scaling back on the shares you own.

If your own needs have changed – You originally created your investment mix to help you reach certain goals, such as a comfortable retirement. And during much of your working life, you could possibly afford to invest primarily for growth, accepting the risk that comes along with that approach, as you knew you'd have time to potentially overcome the short-term volatility that's part of investing. But as you near retirement, you may want to lower your risk level. Consequently, you could decide to sell some of your growth-oriented investments and move the money into income-producing ones. However, even during retirement, you'll still need your portfolio to provide some growth opportunities to help you ahead of inflation.

Generally speaking, you may not want to do a lot of selling (or buying) of investments once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. But if you are going to sell investments, make sure you do so for the right reasons.

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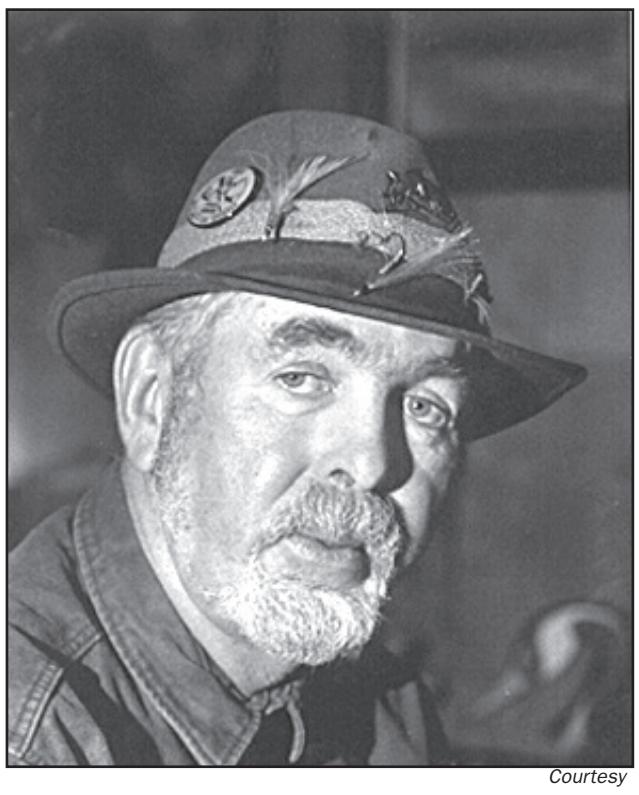
Fishing on the Salmon River



The Great Outdoors

RALPH TRUE

Upstate New York fishing on the Salmon River was hot last week for a couple of local anglers. Fishing Lake Ontario is also great from a boat, away from a somewhat crowded shoreline of the river. Hooking into a king salmon is a lot more enjoyable from a boat, allowing the angler to let the fish make numerous runs, nearly peeling off the line capacity of the reel before the huge fish is brought to the net!



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Jerry Gareri with a bear he shot recently in Maine. His son John also filled his bear tag. Nice bear!



Young Aidan caught this four-pound, 14-ounce largemouth bass on a chatter bait. Nice fish!

Local trout stocking of numerous ponds and rivers should start to receive their annual fall stocking of trout by the time you read this column. You can check out the stocking list on Mass. Web site at MassFishHunt.

Acquiring a surplus antlerless deer permit in Mass. was a lot different than in past years. Waiting at the computer at 9 a.m., when they were supposed to go on sale, was a bit confusing as you sat and waited for the system to finalize the transaction. If you were patient, you were awarded the zone that you were trying to buy. The $10 fee did not seem to be a major problem for most hunters, with many hunters purchasing multiple permits. Last year, all of the surplus antlerless deer permits in Zone 9 were sold out in less than 10 minutes.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will hold a harvest dinner on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m.! The event is open to the public! To reserve your tickets, you can call the club or go online.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club and Mass. Fish & Wildlife will sponsor a field day hunter education class on Oct. 22 at the club for anyone wanting to get a certificate to apply for a Mass. hunting license.

To register, go online at MFW and scroll down to WF&G club to register. The class will fill up fast, so do it today.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep them Rods Bending!

DIY Projects Capture Autumn's Brilliance



Take the Hint

KAREN TRAINOR

Few simple pleasures compare to the colorful show of a New England autumn. Why not capture that brilliance with projects that will recall crisp, fall days of yore? Read on for nostalgic inspiration and instruction to spotlight the blazing color that comes but once a year.

Botanical Prints

Botanical prints are timeless and vintage examples command premium prices. Here in New England, we are surrounded by nature's foliage, which have natural dyes and just happen to make the most appealing botanical wall hangings. Here's how:

Materials: Pliable, colorful autumn leaves, the darker the better; parchment or rag paper (resume paper that is at least 25% rag content also works); absorbent paper towels, flat end hammer.

Directions: Clean off any dirt or debris from the leaf. Place one sheet of parchment or rag paper on a flat, clean and sturdy surface such as a workshop table or cutting board. Place leaf flat down on surface. Cover with a few layers of paper towels. Using even force, tap the entire area of the leaf (to gauge the area, outline the leaf with pen on the paper towel to use as a guide). This step helps to anchor the leaf to the paper. To release the leaf's natural dyes, go over the leaf surface again, hammering every inch of the leaf. When done, do the same working in the opposite direction. Don't be afraid to take a peek every once in a while to check your progress. When done, peel the leaf from the paper to expose the print!

To preserve the color of the print, spray with an acrylic protectant. Mat and frame individual prints, or create a collage of different leaves and colors!

Note: Brighter colored leaves such as Japanese Maples create the most vivid colors.

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Autumn Luminaries

The most colorful and textural fall leaves are literally "in the spotlight" with this homemade luminary project. Use either a real or flameless candle to create a variety of different mood lighting,

Materials: Dried and pressed leaves (drying between weighted newspaper or paper towel pages results in leaves that are dry, yet pliable; Mod Podge (available at craft stores); canning jar.

Note: Lighter leaves allow for more illumination.

Instructions: Using a paintbrush coat the entire outside of the canning jar generously with Mod Podge. Do not coat the bottom of the jar of the rim area. While jar is still wet, place leaves onto the jar and press in place. Brush over the leaves with another coat of Mod Podge.

Note: Keep in mind spacing leaves apart allows more light to shine through. Overlapping leaves collage style creates a denser jar and dimmer light.

Once leaves are placed, dab or stipple the Mod Podge in the clear spaces. This little extra effort will pay off when the light shines through and shows off the texture rather than brush strokes.

Allow to dry overnight, and then apply one last coat of Mod Podge. As a final touch, spray the outside surface of the jar with an acrylic finish. Again, allow to dry completely. To use, place a contained tea light candle or flameless candle inside the jar.

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Foliage Garlands

Garlands strung across a mantle or doorways are timeless autumn décor, but why buy faux foliage when you have the real thing right outside your door?

Note: If you are not using preserved leaves, this garland only gets better with age for as they dry, they curl up and take on a new look!

Materials: Colorful fall leaves (crimson and yellow Maple leaves are best); Mod Podge (available at craft stores); plastic straws; twine; hot glue or tape

Instructions: Choose flat, clean leaves. Dry by pressing until all moisture is removed (press between weighted newspaper and paper towels). Carefully brush Mod Podge on each leaf. Note: Do one side at a time and allow to fully dry. Cut straws in half inch length. Attach a straw piece to back of each leaf with hot glue or strong tape. String each leaf on twine and hang!

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

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

Finding inspiration in the life of Victor Frankl

Positively Speaking

TOBY MOORE

A life that exemplified triumph over the deepest abysses of despair is that of Viktor Frankl. During World War II, Viktor Frankl was stripped of everything amidst the unimaginable horrors of Nazi concentration camps.

Frankl was born in 1905 in Vienna, Austria, into a Jewish family. By the time he was a young man, the Nazis rose to power, and their grip tightened on Europe; they enacted anti-Jewish laws in Austria, imposing severe restrictions on the Jewish community. These laws affected every facet of Jewish life.

Frankl, a practicing psychiatrist and neurologist, was barred from treating non-Jewish patients due to these oppressive policies. However, instead of being entirely sidelined, he took on a crucial role at the Rothschild Hospital in Vienna. This establishment became the sole haven in the city that continued to admit and treat Jewish patients amid the growing anti-Semitic environment.

In 1942, he could have escaped to the United States and avoided The Holocaust's encroaching menace. However, unwilling to leave his beloved wife Tilly and his parents, he chose to stay with his family.

That year, the Nazis arrested Frankl, his wife, and his parents, uprooting them from their regular lives and forcing them into the Jewish Ghetto.

The Nazis deceitfully paraded the Ghetto as a "model" Jewish settlement. Of course, that was just a facade. It was overcrowded, with scarce food and clean water. Diseases ran rampant; fear and death were a constant companion.

The ghetto primarily served as a transit camp, directing Jews to imminent killing centers and concentration camps.

The Frankl family faced their darkest hour when authorities ordered them to the notorious concentration camp Auschwitz.

Upon arrival, authorities forced them to relinquish all possessions, shed their clothing, shave every strand of hair, and don the crudest rags.

"We really had nothing now except our bare bodies -- even minus hair; all we possessed, literally, was our naked existence," a Frankl later remarked.

After the devastating loss of Frankl's mother to the Nazi's brutality, he and the love of his wife, Tilly, found fleeting solace in their shared embrace.

Tragically, the Nazis separated them, sending Tilly to meet her death in a distant camp.

Despite his grief, Frankl noticed those who held onto a sense of purpose managed to endure their days with a hint of strength.

In contrast, those who lost touch with meaning quickly fell apart, their spirits shattered, and they died faster.

He noticed that even a simple dream, a memory, or the hope of seeing a loved one again could fuel an individual's drive to endure another day.

Despite losing his family and possessions, Frankl realized that one thing remained untouched: his power to choose his attitude, the truest possession anyone holds.

Miraculously, in 1945, allied soldiers freed Frankl from the concentration camps.

His experience inspired him to write "Man's Search for Meaning," a seminal work in existential literature that resonated with readers worldwide.

Despite facing immense suffering, he found purpose in it all. He argues that life has meaning even in the most dehumanizing and pitiless conditions. He argued that the primary motivational force in humans is the pursuit of that meaning.

"Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom," he famously reflected.

After returning to Vienna, Frankl created a new psychiatric therapy named logotherapy, rooted in the belief that humanity's primary drive is the search for meaning.

Logotherapy posits that individuals find purpose and fulfillment not in avoiding suffering but in how they respond to it. Through this lens, even the gravest challenges can be met purposefully, underscoring the innate human capacity to extract meaning from any situation.

Frankl's journey forces us to confront our existence and the situations that bind us. Perhaps your chains aren't as visible or as oppressive as those of a concentration camp, but they are chains nonetheless.

Can we, like Frankl, find that space between stimulus and response? For in that space, we too can decide.

The world, at times, seems devoid of meaning.

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St Luke's

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disparity by noting school districts counted nearly 25,000 students who were homeless in 2019.

"The number of individuals experiencing homelessness has more than doubled since 1990," that site added.

This year, numerous reports in various media sources have observed more homeless encampments and other signs of distress and poverty, with state-run shelters providing housing to nearly 5,000 people in July. Local communities have seen the influx, some of them new arrivals to the US, with the state funding hotel and motel rooms. At the same time, however, some urban areas nationwide are using police force to clear out camps, while corporate investors are buying up many of the homes that are available and own many of the new, allegedly "affordable" ones being built.

"With already limited housing stock, likely 108,157 homes short of meeting demand in the state, it's important to consider any potential impact corporate real estate investors may be having on affordability," argues the Pioneer Institute's March 2023 "Corporate Ownership: A Threat to Housing Affordability?" report by Aiden Enright.

In general, Enright attributes a lot of the issue to decades-old zoning changes that greatly limited the ability to build multifamily housing and required larger lots for single family homes. He downplays corporate ownership as a cause.

On the other hand, the Urban League's paper, "The Social and Institutional Contexts Underlying Landlords' Eviction Practices" by Henry Gomory analyzed Boston specifically and found that "large landlords [owning 15 or more properties] made up fewer than 1 percent of owners but owned more than one-third of all units." Those mostly corporate entities "filed evictions 186 percent more often and medium landlords filed 55 percent more often than small landlords."

One of his key bullet points was this: "Small landlords were more likely to live close to tenants [noting elsewhere more than a quarter are live-in landlords]. Opportunities for informal decisionmaking made it less likely for small landlords to file an eviction; arms-length relationships with tenants and bureaucratic management practices allowed evictions from large landlords to be more instrumental."

Curiously, Smoker said the Guesthouse was born out of a failed effort at small landlording. Years ago, the house was bought by locally well-known Dr. John and Susan Howland, who tried renting some of its apartments. But "they didn't know the first thing about being a landlord," she recalled.

Instead, Dr Howland gave an apartment to a young male patient who'd been evicted from his home when he lost the funding for a disabled sister who'd moved into the hospital. A second patient and others needing help soon followed, with the Howlands taking them in.

Smoker noted a few of them refused to leave, requiring court action, so the Howlands and others realized they needed a more formal organization to run the guesthouse as a shelter in 2013. It started as the Interfaith Hospitality Network with support from 16 area churches, becoming a formal 501c3 non-profit in 2017.

"People need to be ready to follow the rules and do the work" necessary to prepare for a permanent home, Smoker said. Among other things, St. Luke's is a dry, substance-free establishment; all guests are CORI checked; and they need to be out of the house during the day volunteering, working, going to school or otherwise working toward self-sufficiency. She said they typically stay up to 30 days, but all get a caseworker who monitors their effort and reassesses their situation at the end of the month to see if they can stay longer.

Often, they've helped people with jobs who make a little too much to get benefits like SNAP or rental aid. They also have a program called "Finding Hope, Preventing Eviction" for those who are still housed to help them stay that way. She noted that can help people owning homes as well as renters by, for example, helping with bills so the owner can direct funds to property taxes. To do that, clients can do things for the agency to earn up to $1,000 ($200 per month).

Today, the Guesthouse gets no state funding, relying solely on donations and fundraisers like this one. It had a car wash this summer that drew about 50 cars, got some funding from United Way this year (some of it via the town's American Rescue Plan Act money), and is always seeking other community support. But she noted it doesn't need things like blankets or clothing; other agencies handle those. Instead, she said, donations need to be "something that's going to be significant to pay their bills."

Smoker noted this Sleepout is its "first rodeo" of this type, and the main goal is "creating awareness, which is most important." She's asking people to "give up your bed" for the weekend.

"I'm actually going to be sleeping in my backyard," she added, but some supporters including cofounder Tamsin Lucey intend to do it on St. Luke's lawn.

"We need people to help us in the community," Smoker added. "We want to help you, but our lights and heat need to stay on."

For more information – either to help St. Luke's directly, to participate in this campout, or to get assistance – call 774-230-6416.

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Charlton

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elected positions, tree warden. After finding difficulty electing a willing candidate in recent years, the Board of Selectmen have proposed changing the tree warden post to an appointed position which required a change of the town's bylaws approved by the town's taxpayers. The amendment would make the Board of Selectmen the appointing party for the post. Article 8 will address another bylaw by seeking an amendment to the Municipal Charges Lein Bylaw. Article 9 will address another amendment request to bylaws concerning streets and sidewalks. This change would clarify the limitations of obstructions caused by those not working for the town in terms of public ways and sidewalks or crosswalks.

The final article of the night would change the name of the highest elected board in Charlton. The recommendation will seek to rename the Board of Selectmen as the Select Board with its members changing from "selectmen" to "select board members".

The Charlton Fall Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Middle School at 2 Oxford Rd. in Charlton. Town officials have made the warrant and information related to the articles available on both the town Web site and the Town of Charlton Facebook page.

Reunion

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read the names of the classmates who have passed, we honored their memory with a moment of silence.

Nancy McKinstry, Class Secretary read the Class Last Will & Testament, which evoked many laughs even after all these years! Also in attendance was Nelson Burlingame, Class Treasurer.

Our Class President, Susan (Jeacopello) Plouffe was unable to attend.

After a delicious buffet luncheon, classmates were invited to share memories and look through some of the memorabilia. A zoom call was set up for a few friends by classmate John Terrill, who also provided music from the '60's & '70's. Some of the special memories included breakfast in the Home Ec Room, sock hops in the elementary school gym, soccer games, basketball games, pep rallies with our Blue Devil mascot and the wonderful plays. The senior lounge was another popular subject, as well as our senior class trip to the Berkshires. Our class, the last class to graduate from Charlton High School, graduated on the athletic field behind the Town Hall (Library) on a sunny day – June 10, 1973. Our class song, "We've Only Just Begun," was and still is in our hearts and minds.

Harvest Fest

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crafters and artisans, an array of activities for kids, captivating live entertainment, and a tantalizing mini food truck festival.

Craft enthusiasts will be enchanted as they peruse a diverse array of artisanal treasures at the crafters' booths. Meanwhile, foodies will have their taste buds delighted by the scrumptious seasonal offerings available at the mini food truck festival. Various delectable options will be served up by Fry'd Guys, J.B.'s Mobile Café, Thai Place Food Truck, Melissa Flaherty Cakes and Uncle E's BBQ Express, all of which will be at the festival on both days!

Live music enthusiasts will be in for a treat with a lineup that includes Erin Harpe's CBD (Country Blues Duo) on Saturday morning, and Railroad House taking the main stage in the afternoon. On Sunday, the festivities continue with Never Say Never gracing the main stage. And let's not forget the incredible magic shows by the astounding magician Awesome Robb, who will mesmerize and amaze audiences with magic shows and roving magic on both days of the event.

The entertainment schedule is as follows: On Saturday: Erin Harpe's CBD (Country Blues Duo) on the main stage from 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Magic Show with Awesome Robb from 1:15-2:00pm (main stage) followed by roving magic for two hours, Railroad House performs from 2:30-5:00pm. On Sunday Awesome Robb's show is 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., followed by roving magic. Never Say Never takes the main stage from 1-3:45 p.m.

"The vast majority of our crafters return year after year, and look forward to seeing their annual customers but we always have a few who are no longer able to do this sort of show, and others who are just starting out, so every Harvest Festival is a little different – but always great fun!" said CMS Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt.

Harvest Festival's hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, come rain or shine. Best of all, parking and admission are completely free. The 33rd Annual Harvest Festival is proudly presented by the Chamber of Central Mass South and sponsored by the Sturbridge Tourist Association.

Don't miss out on this quintessential fall experience! Join us at Sturbridge's Annual Harvest Festival and revel in the magic of the season. For more information, please visit cmschamber.org or contact the Chamber at 508-347-2761.

Turtles

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never give up on a turtle."

League board member Ayla Blyther agreed, noting "They're just so resilient. What they can recover from is mind-boggling." She's been with the League since a high school internship, in which her dad drove her to Southbridge from Vermont. Since then, she's gotten a degree in Captive Wildlife Care from Unity College.

"It's been the most incredible thing to see this go from literally two women with a dream to an actual non-profit organization," she added. Today, the League gets calls "from all over the country" and connects people elsewhere with local resources, while driving all over New England to directly rescue turtles.

In fact, Nowick has on several occasions had to do local Conservation Commission meetings remotely because they were in the field doing that. For example, they make annual trips to Cape Cod for sea turtle season to help the terrapins get to and from egg-laying grounds safely.

Volunteer Michaela Conder said they mostly rely on concerned people transporting injured turtles to them. She joined the group after growing up in Rhode Island "giving health check-ups to any turtle I could catch" on her family's farm. "Of course, they didn't really like it."

"Turtles have the entire universe inside them, and it's the greatest privilege to help them," she added.

Bell said writing the book took three years and was "quite a gift." But it was also "surreal for all of us here … the fact an acclaimed author would want to write about my life, about our life with turtles."

She noted the hardest part of doing it is when you know the turtle's unlikely to survive, then finding them dead the next morning. But that just makes them focus more on the ones they've saved, "the one in the next box that's still alive." When those are finally released back to the wild, we "don't count the defeats, [we] count the victories," she said.

A short video about the League noted they help about 200 turtles a year and have up to 400 in rehab at a time. In it, Bell noted "They can't survive in this modern world without our help." Nowick agreed, dubbing turtles "kind of magical." the people who bring them for help "have already almost adopted them in their hearts."

At one point, Bell noted the event raised $5000, and one donor pledged to match that figure.

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Sherrif's Office

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Share Staff member. "We immensely appreciate the donation of food and the kind correctional staff. We cannot thank the Sheriff enough for this program and his continued support."

Since taking office in 2011, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has remained committed to developing the organic farm and serving the communities he represents. The Worcester County Jail and House of Correction boasts the largest organic farm on a correctional facility in Massachusetts.

"The Sheriff's Office's Organic Farm is a tremendously positive program," commented Evangelidis. "The farm allows our department to give back to the communities that we work to keep safe. It also teaches select incarcerated individuals a structured lifestyle, the importance of constructive community involvement, and the dignity that comes along with a steady job or purpose."

The department will continue their 2023 distributions as long as the growing season will allow.



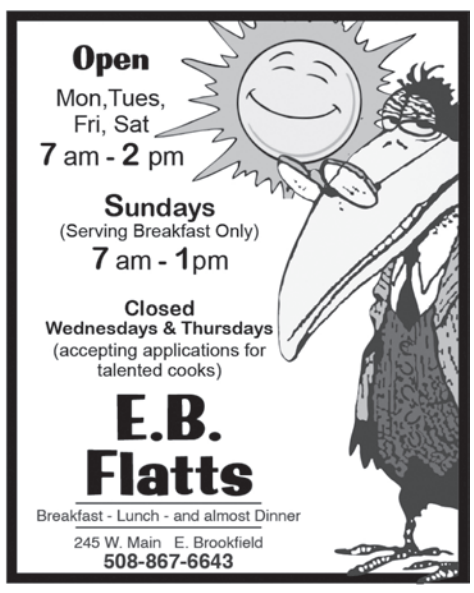
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Holly Veshia-Linnehan, 46



Worcester: In loving memory of Holly Alexis Veshia-Linnehan, 46, of Worcester, a beacon of love and light.

She embraced every role with grace, as a loving wife and mother, cherished daughter and sister, and friend to so many. Holly's radiant spirit touched countless lives, cheering on those around her with unwavering support and positivity. Although she has left this world, her legacy of love and compassion will forever be etched in those who knew her.

Holly was a graduate of Southbridge High School where she was an outstanding student (National Honor Society and twice winner of the VFW Voice of Democracy). She also represented her school at the National Young Leaders Conference in DC. She was a 4-year member of the cheerleading squad selected to attend the National Cheerleading Contest in FL.

After high school, Holly attended Penn State University and the Salter School of Massage Therapy which led her into the business of massage therapy. Holly was very loyal to her family and friends and was the protector of everyone she met: rich or poor, man or woman, successful or destitute.

She leaves behind her husband Justin Linnehan and their beloved son Phillip Michael. Also her loving parents, Michael Veshia and his wife Abigail Veshia of Southbridge, MA, Marcia Lukon of Wakefield, RI, and parents-in-law Bruce and Nancy Linnehan of Worcester, and their families.

She also leaves her brother, Josh Veshia of Boston, her special cousin/sister, Dina Wilson and her family in Texas, also her uncles Mark and Tom Burzynski and their families, her stepbrothers, Mark Denault and James Denault and their families, and brother-in-law Matthew Linnehan and his family.

She is predeceased by her grandparents, her sister Vanessa Lynn, and her Aunt Paula Dacoles and Uncle Jim Dacoles.

Her family and friends appreciated her love, sense of humor, and deep courage, which she displayed even in her final days. Holly, you will be deeply missed.

Holly's services and burial will be private. There will be a Celebration of Life for Holly at later date.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

John A. Bolduc Sr., 84



OXFORD – John A. Bolduc Sr., 84, died Thursday, September 28, 2023, at Notre Dame Health Care in Worcester. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Maureen T. (Wright) Bolduc who died in 2022. He is survived by four children, John A. Bolduc Jr. and his wife Charlene of Webster, Cherie A. Sirard and her husband Paul of Charlton, Stephen R. Bolduc and his wife Angela of Sterling, and Suzanne Robbins and her husband Mark of Oxford; a brother, Peter A. Bolduc of Worcester; seven grandchildren, Jesse, Michael, Jeffrey, Madlyn, Delaney, Nicholas, and Alyssa; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Philip and Deborah Letourneau, Lucy, Wendy, and Richard Wright; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Denis P. Bolduc and Albert L. Bolduc. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Albert L. and Claudia M. (Desjardin) Bolduc, and lived in Worcester before moving to North Oxford in 1973. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. Bolduc was a truck driver for Teamsters Local 170 in Worcester and Teamsters Local 25 in Boston, retiring after driving for over 50 years. He also owned and operated Oxford Cycle Service, J. Bolduc and Sons Trucking, and Bolduc Contracting. He was a past member of the Auburn Elks and a member of the V.F.W. Vernon Hill Post 435 in Worcester. He enjoyed farm auctions, flea markets, camping, and being outdoors. Most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Notre Dame Hospice and Palliative Care, 555 Plantation St., Worcester, MA 01605.

June J. O'Sullivan, 83



OXFORD – June J. (Gary) O'Sullivan, 83, of Oxford, died Friday, September 22, 2023, at Care One in Millbury. She is survived by her husband, Edward O'Sullivan of Concord, NH; six children, Lora Bacon and her wife Mila of Cornville, AZ, Jamie Kelley of Holden, Robin Cestaro and her husband Jerry of Charlton, Lisa Darragh of Northampton, John Bacon and his wife Lili of Laguna Hills, CA, and Jennifer Goulas and her husband George of Charlton; two brothers, Ronn Gary and his wife Alina of Gloucester, and Russell Gary and his wife Pam of Oxford; 16 grandchildren, Devon, Lisa, Marissa, Andrea, Michael, Jay, Marco, Aaron, Alex, Caileigh, Christopher, Lia, Jeff, Niko, Paul, and Jordan; fifteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was born in Holden, daughter of the late Lucien and Jeanette (Pervier) Gary, and lived most of her life in Oxford.

Mrs. O'Sullivan was a travel agent for Data General for many years. Previously, she was the manager of Gloria Stevens in Webster. In her younger years, she was a model for Denholm's in Worcester. She was a former member of St. Roch's Church. She enjoyed living in Zephyrhills, Florida, during her retirement.

Mrs. O'Sullivan was a Lassie League coach for 5 years when her daughters were young. She loved the theater and directed several plays for the middle school, Nichols College, and in Zephyrhills, Florida, during her time there. She had a beautiful singing voice and loved music, reading, quilting, baking, and traveling. She participated with the "Save the Lake" organization in Webster. She had an extraordinary love for animals and pets, and they brought her pleasure and comfort throughout her life.

Memorial calling hours are Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A service of remembrances by family and friends will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the conclusion of calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.

Create your own garden soil



Melinda Myers

The bottom layer of a Hügelkultur garden consists of logs, branches, and fall leaves.



Garden Moments

MELINDA MYERS

Fall is filled with preparing gardens for the following season, raking leaves, and harvesting. Use plant trimmings and fall leaves to create raised beds and a quality planting mix without disturbing the existing soil. When you minimize or eliminate tilling, you'll increase organic matter in the soil, maintain and over time improve soil health and structure, save water, and boost plant growth.

This no-dig gardening technique employs sheet composting, also known as lasagna gardening, to create planting beds. Plant trimmings are used to create multi-layered beds like you would when building a compost pile. The mixture used is not as precise and you do not turn it like you would a compost pile.

Start your lasagna garden by measuring and marking the garden bed. Edge the outline of the garden bed, if needed, to slow the infiltration of the surrounding grass and weeds. Cut any grass and weeds in this area very short and cover with moist newspaper or cardboard to smother these unwanted plants. The grass, weeds, and paper layer will eventually decompose adding organic matter to the soil.

Sprinkle a layer of compost over the initial layer, if needed, to hold the newspaper or cardboard in place. Top this with four to ten inches of plant trimmings such as fall leaves, plant-based kitchen scraps, herbicide-free grass clippings, straw, or other similar materials. Sprinkle a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer over this layer to feed the microorganisms that will help convert the trimmings to a rich planting mix. Cover with an inch of compost. Repeat the layers, just like making lasagna, until your garden is 18 to 24 inches high.

Fall is a great time to create your beds since you have an abundant supply of the needed ingredients. Or stockpile these ingredients until you have time to build the garden beds. You can plant transplants directly in your lasagna garden bed at the start of the season, even in a freshly built garden bed. Just sprinkle compost or potting mix on top of the beds when planting seeds.

Hügelkultur, or mound gardens, have been used in Germany for many years and take this one step further by placing the garden at a lower elevation and perpendicular to water runoff. The garden can be started in a trench or on the soil surface. Starting the garden below ground captures more stormwater runoff but may require extra tools, equipment or help with digging.

The garden can be any size and height depending on the available materials and your gardening goals. The sides can be steep or more gently sloped which reduces the risk of freshly planted seeds washing out during rainfall.

The bottom layer is made of logs, branches, and fall leaves. Do not include black walnut, which is toxic to many plants, or cedar and black locust which are very slow to decompose. The rotting logs and branches absorb water, making it available to the plants in the garden. As the tree trimmings decompose, they add nutrients to the soil. Research and experience show these woody plant materials do not deprive plants of needed nitrogen. Instead, it will provide the plants with needed nutrients for five to ten or more years.

Next, add the layers of a lasagna garden atop the bottom layer. Then top it all off with several inches of soil.

You can also use these methods to create the planting mix needed to fill raised bed structures. Not only will you save money, but you will put landscape trimmings to work, creating a quality planting mix for growing your favorite vegetables and flowers.

These beds gradually settle but the benefits remain. Add compost or repeat the sheet composting process as needed to maintain the desired depth.

Building a healthy soil foundation is a long-term solution to growing productive gardens with fewer pest problems that require less ongoing maintenance.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



LEGALS

Form 299
Date: September 26, 2023
Attorney General's Notice
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32
Town of Brimfield -- Case No. 11118
Annual Town Meeting of June 12, 2023
Articles # 20 and 21

Attorney General's Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing

The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Articles failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):

No zoning…by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a…town has…held a public hearing thereon…at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard…. Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the…town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the…town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town…

In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.

Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defects: (1) the Planning Board hearing notice was not sent to the Regional Planning Agency as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5; and (2) the Planning Board hearing notice that was posted and published stated only the Section number of the proposed by-law amendments and it therefore did not provide notice of the subject matter sufficient for identification, as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. For these reasons, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General's review of Articles 20 and 21 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Attorney General's Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.

Posting and Publication of This Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Brimfield Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Brimfield.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial

Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Brimfield, any resident of the Town of Brimfield, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Brimfield or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's Review

Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk's certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

Date: September 26, 2023
Very truly yours,
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Assistant Attorney General
Municipal Law Unit
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Worcester, MA 01608
October 6, 2023

Public Meeting Notice

In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Brimfield Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 5:30 pm to review a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) permit application submitted by Marianna Kleyman to determine if the proposed project for maintenance of Private Road – Right of Way at the beginning of 50 Chamberlain Mountain Road (Assessor's Map: 5A-14) is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act (as amended).

Project location: The beginning of 50 Chamberlain Road (Right of Way), Brimfield, MA (Assessor's Map: 5A-14)
Meeting Location: Public Participation will be In-Person at the Town Hall, 21 Main Street, Brimfield, MA at 5:30 PM. Roger deBruyn & Joseph Venezia, Brimfield Conservation Commission Co-Chairs
09/28/2023
CC: Board of Health
Planning Board
October 6, 2023

NOTICE OF SALE
Lein Sale

Request a Notice of Lein Sale be Published on the following listed Units
Household & Misc, Items
Unit No 103 Michael McDonald,
10 Playground Drive., Woodstock ,CT 06281
Household & Misc, Items
Unit No 90 Matthew Soper
126 Hartwell Street, Southbridge, MA 01550
Household & Misc, Items
Unit No 545 Mariam Eccleston
P.O. Box 110, Spencer, MA 01562
Household & Misc, Items
Unit No 326 Phillip Thurlow
P.O. Box 1268, Webster, MA 01570
Household & Misc, Items
Gendron, Leona
47 Union St.
Southbridge , Ma 01550
LEIN SALE WILL BE HELD:
Date: 10/25/2023
Time: 12 Noon
Location: 94 Brookfield Rd., Charlton MA 01507
October 6, 2023
October 13, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of Simplified License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
23-ww-PRE-0128-APP
NOTIFICATION DATE:
October 5th, 2023
PERMITTEE: Dan St. Onge
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS:
62 Mt. Dan Road, Sturbridge Ma.

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Dan ST. Onge to construct/maintain a Cantilevered Dock in the waters of Big Alum Lake at 62 Mt Dan Road, Sturbridge, MA. Worcester County.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

Project plans for this Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a vok::email at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacled with information on alternative options.

It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep.waterways@mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at: 1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

October 5, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO23D1651DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Cindy L. Boucher
vs.
David W Boucher

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Cindy L Boucher
104 Pimpton St
Apt 2
Southbridge, MA 01550
your answer, if any, on or before **12/26/2023.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 22, 2023
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
October 6, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
DOCKET NO. 23 SM 003581
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Susan E. Bharadwa, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy M. Fuller a/k/a Timothy Monroe Fuller; Sun Fuller, Individually Melissa Parsoff, as parent and next friend of Talia Fuller; Sun Fuller, as parent and next friend of Suha E. Fuller
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq):
MidFirst Bank
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Sturbridge, numbered 40 New Boston Road, given by Timothy M. Fuller to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpoint Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated March 8, 2019, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60127, Page 290, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 11/6/2023 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 9/22/2023.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
October 5, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of Simplified License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91
23-ww-PRE-0127-APP
NOTIFICATION DATE:
October 5th, 2023
PERMITTEE: Bob Muscaro
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS:
72 Paradise Lane, Sturbridge Ma.

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Bob Muscaro to construct/maintain a Cantilevered Dock in the waters of Big Alum Lake at 72 Paradise Lane, Sturbridge, MA. Worcester County.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Wate,ways applIcation received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

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October 5, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO23P2784EA
Estate of:
Jeffrey Scott Brooks
Also Known As:
Jeffrey S. Brooks
Date Of Death:
May 6, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **Vivian H. Brooks of Sturbridge MA**
A Will has been admitted to informal **Vivian H. Brooks of Sturbridge MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties
are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
October 6, 2023

Pursuant to Mass General Laws Chapter 105A, the contents of the following space: H25 (Danielle Drogne) located at 25 Brimfield Road, Holland, MA will be sold to satisfy the owners lien of Storage Plus. Sale date is Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @1:00 PM. Inspection between 12:30 PM and 1:00 Pm on October 18, 2023. Sealed bids must be hand delivered by 1 :00 PM on October 18, 2023. All goods must be purchased with cash, as is, and must be removed within 48 hours of sale. Owner has the right to bid to protect his lien and to withdraw any unit upon settlement by the obligated party up for sale. For further informatiion call (413) 245-4388.
October 5, 2023
October 12, 2023

For Legal Advertising Information Call 508-909-4127 email: legals@stonebridgepress.news

Quinebaug Masonic Lodge installs new officers for 2024

By Bro. Vincenzo Jimmy Falzone
Quinebaug Masonic Lodge



Courtesy

First row from left to right brother Benjamin Marinelli, bro. Clay Tull, with top hat our 24th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful bro. Jonathan Neitz, our new lodge Master Worshipful bro. Will Proper, bro. Rick Lavergne, bro. Chris St.Cyr, 2nd row: Bro. George Makara, bro Jean Lefebvre, bro. Eric Willard, bro Larry Burbridge, bro. Eric Langevin, and bro. Joshua Kirkwood and in the back row bro. Terrance Mount, and bro. Bob St.Cyr. Quinebaug Masonic lodge newly elected 2024 officers.

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, Sept. 16, lodge members, family and friends gathered at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to celebrate the Installation of New Officers for the 2024 Masonic year. Wow! One hundred sixty-five years and Quinebaug Masonic Lodge is still around and thriving, thanks to the strong bonds of Freemasonry and family-oriented men. Let me tell you a little bit of history about how Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was started.

The Quinebaug Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was first organized on the second floor of Salem Town's House in Charlton Massachusetts which was moved and relocated to the Old Sturbridge Village in 1952, and is now a Historical Living Museum building of that time error. The lodge was granted a charter by Paul Revere, and on March 14, 1796, formed into Fayette Lodge. This lodge served members of our surrounding communities of Dudley, Charlton and Sturbridge and parts that would form into Southbridge.

On Dec. 7, 1859, S.A. Drake, a prominent businessman, along with fellow Masons was giving special dispensation to organize a new lodge in Southbridge. The new lodge was named Quinebaug Lodge and at that time had 40 members, most of them prominent citizens from Southbridge. The lodge would hold its first official meeting a week later with Chester A. Dresser as the lodges first Worshipful Master and S.A. Drake as treasurer. On March 14, 1905, rooms at the Chester A. Dresser house which stood at the time at the corner of Main and Central Street in Southbridge, were dedicated to the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. Afterwards, the building would be known as the Masonic Building, and the lodge observed its 75th anniversary on Dec. 7, 1934. The Masonic building was sold in 1960 and the lodge would hold its meetings in the basement of the Central Baptist Church until a new permanent place was found. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge eventually found its new home on Oct. 13, 1969, on Ashland Avenue and held its first meeting it is still thriving to this day.

For history buffs Jacob Edward Library in Southbridge has all kinds of information on the Masonic history in Southbridge which had a huge part in this community. It was the big names in businesses such as Ammidown, Child, Wells, Hydes, Morris, Dresser that brought not only some of the country's largest business to Southbridge but also Freemasonry and would be the fathers of Quinebaug Lodge of Freemasons and its traditions. What we do know is that after 165 years the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Freemasons have continued to make good men better.

Our members are immensely proud of the deep traditions the lodge continues to hold true. We are enormously proud of the next generation of officers who will hold the honorable positions and will continue these long-lasting traditions going into the future. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at www.massfreemasonry.org.

QCC receives $675,000 in adult education transition to college funding

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College was awarded $675,000 in Transition to College funding from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The funding covers a three-year period and will go towards QCC's Future Focus program, which supports adult learners from adult basic education programs.

"This funding is so phenomenal," said the Coordinator of the Future Focus Program, Gilmarie Vongphakdy. "Transition programs such as Future Focus help support some of our nontraditional students who are often parents, working full-time, or individuals who haven't used the English language in a college setting before. Also, this funding allows us to increase our offerings from five courses to eight courses and provide laptop loans. Lack of technology is a big barrier for many of our students."

Adwoa Koduah, a Worcester resident who is raising four children and has been working at a senior living facility said that as an adult learner, it was intimidating to go back to school and be around younger people. She said the Future Focus program offered guidance on how to navigate the processes of higher education.

"Future Focus has been a tremendous help. The first step is the most difficult but it's worth it," said Koduah.

Another student, Benedicta Boateng, recalled feeling too old to go to college.

"At a point I nearly gave up. I was struggling with a class, but through Gilmarie's encouragement, I passed my class. Future Focus gave me the confidence that no matter my age, with determination I can further my education," Boateng said.

The Future Focus program fully integrates students into QCC, provides academic and college readiness support services to enhance student retention and provides college credit coursework at no cost to the student. Students receive free tuition, fees, books, supplies and transportation if needed.

Visit www.QCC.edu/future-focus to learn more.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION
PROGRAM
Notice of Simplified License
Application pursuant to M.G.L.
Chapter 91
23-ww-PRE-0126-APP
NOTIFICATION DATE:
October 5th, 2023
PERMITTEE: Matt Kibbe
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS:
324 The Trail, Sturbridge Ma.

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Matt Kibbe to construct/maintain a Cantilevered Dock in the waters of Big Alum Lake at 324 The Trail, Sturbridge, MA. Worcester County.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

Project plans for this waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be con1acted with infonnation on alternative options.

It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically with dep.waterways@mass.gov when possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the waterways Regulation Program at: 1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

October 5, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION
PROGRAM
Notice of Simplified License
Applicatlon pursuant to
M.G.L. Chapter 91
23-ww-PRE-0125-APP
NOTIFICATION DATE:
October 5th, 2023
PERMITTEE: Rocco Falcone
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS:
328 The Trail, Sturbridge Ma.

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Rocco Falcone to construct/maintain a Cantilevered Dock in the waters of Big Alum Lake at 328 The Trail, Sturbridge, MA. Worcester County.

The Department wlll consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

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October 5, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by Auburn Auto Body works LLC . 82 Pinehurst Ave. Auburn, Ma. 01501

Pursuant to the Provisions of G. L. c.255 Section 39A, that on 10/26/23 @ 9:00 AM at: Auburn Auto Body Works LLC 82 Pinehurst Ave Auburn.Ma. 01501. The following motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the Garage Keeper's Lien there on for storage,towing, charges,care and expenses of notice and of said vehicle.

Description of vehicle: Vehicle VIN# 1GTP6DE10G1380550
2016 GMC Canyon P/U
Owner Jeffrey G. Blais 39 Wallace Ave. Auburn, Ma. 01501.

This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L. c255 Section 39A.

October 5, 2023
October 12, 2023
October 19, 2023

Sturbridge Planning Board
Public Hearing
Application for Site Plan Approval
Cornerstone Bank

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:35 PM** in the **Center Office Building located at 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566 and/or by virtual means** if circumstances warrant, in accordance with applicable law; on the application of Cornerstone Bank for the property located at 200 Charlton Road.

The applicant requests Site Plan Approval as required by the Sturbridge Zoning Bylaw Article XIX, Site Plan Review to allow the demolition of the existing drive-through ATM & teller window facility to be replaced with ITMs and new canopy. The proposal includes removing pavement in order to promote landscape islands and a decrease in impervious area, along with related site improvements at 200 Charlton Road, Sturbridge as shown on the plans and materials submitted.

A copy of the site plan and application can be inspected on the Sturbridge Town Website at https://www.sturbridge.gov/planning-board/pages/recent-filings or arrangements can be made to view the application packet by contacting the Sturbridge Planning Department at (508) 347-2508 or by email at jlacy@sturbridge.gov.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and may be conducted via remote means if circumstance warrant, in accordance with applicable law. This means that members of the public body as well as members of the public may access this meeting in person, or via virtual means.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/472675877

Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post of the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Charles Blanchard
Chairperson
October 5, 2023
October 12, 2023

Town of Sturbridge
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing Cancelled

The Town of Sturbridge Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 148, Section 13, hereby give notice that a public hearing was to held be on M**onday, October 2, 2023 at 6:35 p.m.** for the application of The Town of Sturbridge for an amended license for gas tanks with flammable materials located at 1 New Boston Road Extension, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Town of Sturbridge
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing

The Town of Sturbridge Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 148, Section 13, hereby give notice that a public hearing will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:35 p.m**. for the application of The Town of Sturbridge for an amended license for gas tanks with flammable materials located at 1 New Boston Road Extension, Sturbridge, MA 01566. The public hearing will take place at the Town Hall, 2nd floor, Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

October 5, 2023

SPORTS



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Brayden Downes turns the corner and ultimately scores a touchdown.



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path quarterback Corey Scovil airs out a deep ball versus Monty Tech.



Nick Ethier photos

Kaiden Brochu of Bay Path outraces the Monty Tech defense.



Nick Ethier photos

Austin Kravitz of Bay Path swoops in to tackle Monty Tech's Pat Hall.



Nick Ethier photos

Nick Adler of Bay Path fights for extra yardage while being tackled at the ankles.

Ground and pound attack helps Minutemen run past Monty Tech

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLTON — In a rematch of last year's State Vocational Large School Championship, the Bay Path varsity football team played host to Monty Tech at the Minutemen's Homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 30 at George L. Fowler Memorial Field.

And Bay Path went to work in the trenches, dominating the line play on the wet and muddy surface. The offensive line helped produce seven rushing touchdowns as the Minutemen ultimately ran away from the Bulldogs, 51-20.

"We have a lot of confidence in our o-line. They've been in the weight room all offseason. They work really hard. We feel like we have just as much talent up front as we do in the backfield," said Bay Path head coach Cody Giampa. "I know our backs get a lot of credit, and we have some special backs, but I think our offensive line is just as good as anybody. Those kids bust their tails."

The Minutemen's offense went to work early, or as soon as the defense forced a Monty Tech turnover on downs. On their first snap, Bay Path's Brayden Downes went end-around to the left side for a 32-yard touchdown.

Less than two minutes in, it was 6-0 Minutemen.

Following a Bulldog punt, Bay Path upped the lead to 14-0 when Kaiden Brochu ran 28 yards up the gut for the score, and then he added the two-point conversion rush.

Monty Tech did tie the score at 14-14 in the second quarter, though, when quarterback Dylan Huntoon tossed touchdown passes to Art Walch and Pat Hall, respectively. Huntoon also passed for a two-point conversion.

But Giampa was actually OK with the Bulldogs airing it out since his defense was keyed in on stopping their potent ground game.

"We wanted to get a lot of rotation up front. They're dangerous when they can run the ball, so we wanted to take that away and force them to throw," explained Giampa.

Bay Path responded with a pair of scores late in the first half to grab a 30-14 lead at intermission. Brochu had both touchdowns, one from 27 yards and the other from 43. He added one of the conversions, Downes the other.

"He sees the field really well. And he runs with his weight really low and his shoulders in front of him. He expects contact, he likes contact and he doesn't stop on contact. His running is always between the tackles," Giampa said of Brochu, one of the state's leaders in rushing yards. "He's special, man. We're very fortunate to have him."

"There's always that same hole there. I know exactly where the hole is going to be every time," Brochu said of his running vision coupled with the offensive line's ability to form those holes.

The Minutemen upped their lead to 38-14 in the third quarter when Downes (9 carries, 104 yards) grabbed his second touchdown of the game, this one from 4 yards. He also added the two-pointer.

"Brayden Downes, he really squared himself away this year. Last year he was young, a little immature, and he completely squared himself away," said Giampa. "He wants to play football and he knows he can be just as talented as Kaiden. He's another kid that likes to hit people."

Immediately following Monty Tech's final scoring play — a 10-yard rushing TD by Ryan Quinn — Brochu ended the third quarter, and his offensive day, with a 61-yard touchdown as Bay Path took a 44-20 lead into the final frame.

Brochu carried the ball 12 times for 251 yards, the four scores, and a pair of two-point conversions.

The Minutemen ended the scoring early in the fourth when Bryan Pardee took it to the house from 28 yards out and Chase Davis tacked on the extra point kick.

Bay Path improved to 3-1, while the Bulldogs slipped to 1-3.

"I think we're good, but I think we can get better," said Brochu.

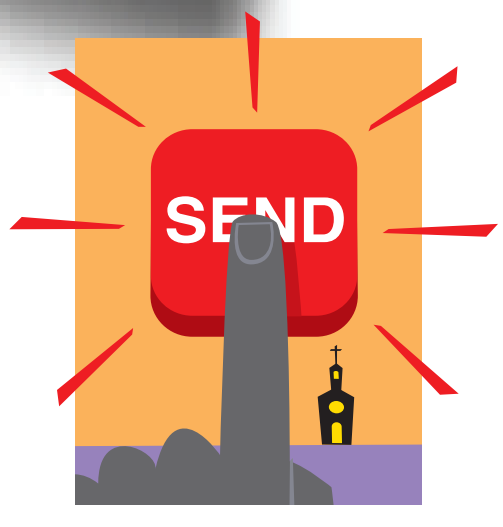
"We're proud of our start," added Giampa. "We want to get better every week. We're a one game at a time team."

The Minutemen will next host Narragansett Regional (3-1) on Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

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SPORTS

High School Notebook



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Hannah Wright of Tantasqua digs the ball in the center of the court.



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Tantasqua's Rory Smith sends the ball over the outstretched arms of a Sutton blocker.



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Tantasqua players team up to block a Sutton hitter.



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Ava Baldrachi of Tantasqua prepares to serve during the second set.

Friday, Sept. 22

Sutton varsity volleyball 3, Tantasqua 0 — The Suzies hosted and defeated the Warriors in a non-league matchup. Sutton took all three sets: 25-17; 25-8; 25-9. The win advances Sutton's record to 3-4 while Tantasqua, fresh off a win against Bartlett, fell to 1-6.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

St. John's varsity golf 185, Tantasqua 215 — Playing at Wachusett Country Club, the Warriors couldn't get past the Pioneers. Cael Duggan of St. John's was the medalist after carding a 1-under par 35. The low Tantasqua player was Sam Pieczynski, who shot a 39, and he was followed by Wyatt Fay's 40. The Warriors are now 4-4.

Tantasqua JV golf 180, Minnechaug 185 — Hosting at Hemlock Ridge, the Warriors improved to 2-2 thanks to Rory Herrick's 3-over par 39.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Tantasqua varsity golf 168, Oxford 277 — The visiting Warriors took care of business at Heritage Country Club, besting the Pirates by 109 combined strokes. Sam Pieczynski's 1-over par 37 paced Tantasqua, which improved to 5-4.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Tantasqua varsity golf 158, East Longmeadow 168 — The Warriors improved to 6-4 after defeating East Longmeadow at Hemlock Ridge. Scoring Tantasqua players included Sam Pieczynski (medalist at 1-over par 37), Patrick Dunn (39), Wyatt Fat (41) and Rory Herrick (41).



Courtesy Dawn Pepka-Jones

Tantasqua's Lidia Barbahlo gets ready to block an on-coming Sutton attacker.

Tantasqua JV golf 181, East Longmeadow 187 — Traveling to Veterans Golf Club, the Warriors headed home winners as they improved to 3-2. Andrew Weeden shot a personal best 44 and Andrew Radebaugh contributed a 45.

Friday, Sept. 29

Doherty varsity football 27, Tantasqua 7 — Quarterback Adam Howe threw a late touchdown pass to Brady Willitts and Luke Marvin booted the extra point kick, but the visiting Warriors fell short against the Highlanders.

Monday, Oct. 2

Tantasqua varsity golf 156, Auburn 177 — A stellar round of 3-under par 33 at Hemlock Ridge by Sam Pieczynski was more than enough to lift the Warriors past the Rockets. Rory Herrick shot a 40 for Tantasqua (7-4), while Patrick Dunn shot a 41 and Brodie Shafer added a 42.

Southbridge Softball Association Final Standings

Class A
Warriors — 15-5
Abacus — 14-6
Anonymous — 11-9
G.W.M. — 7-13
Sixers forfeit out — 2-5

Class B
Charlton Oil — 18-2
N.E. Chimney — 13-7
Naylor's — 11-9
Sixers 2 — 4-16
Daoust — 4-16

Class C
Public House — 16-2
Green Path — 13-5
HVAC Castillo — 13-5
Smashers — 9-9
Pizza Chef — 8-10
Empire Village — 3-15
Sticky Paws — 1-17

JB
Steadfast Fence — 10-5
Atlantic Chimney — 8-7
Cornerstone Bank — 8-7
Central Pizza — 4-11

COED
Change Ups — 17-3
By Youuu — 15-5
Pink Gorillas — 13-7
Beast Const. — 4-16
One Hit Wonders — 1-19

SPORTS



Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill's Adrien Roach holds off a Wachusett defender as the ball approaches his feet.



Nick Ethier

Juan Castaneda of Shepherd Hill watches an airborne ball sail his way.



Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill's David Breault tries to dribble the ball past a Wachusett defender.



Nick Ethier

Dan Gronek of Shepherd Hill uses his speed to outrace his opponent from Wachusett.



Nick Ethier

Shepherd Hill's Dan Lincoln heads the ball further down the field.

Gronek, Roach show chemistry, but Rams fall to Wachusett

By Nick Ethier
Sports Editor

DUDLEY — Despite plenty of chemistry displayed between Dan Gronek and Adrien Roach up top, the Shepherd Hill boys' varsity soccer team couldn't hold onto a pair of two-goal leads against Wachusett at Carmignani Memorial Field on Tuesday, Sept. 26. As a result, the Rams suffered a 4-3 setback to the Mountaineers.

"It's tough to swallow," Shepherd Hill head coach Tim Cormier said of the loss. "You try to make some fixes along the way, but it's just one of those games I guess. It's hard to quantify it at this point. You see the mistakes happening in slow motion from the sideline, but there's nothing you can do about it.

"You look at the schedule and there's juggernauts on the schedule and there's winnable games," added Cormier of this winnable contest. "We let it slip and it's not the end of the world. High school soccer is not the end all be all, but at the same time you want them to understand what opportunities they have at their fingertips and we've been working to put this stuff together. We should be able to put 80 minutes of soccer out there."

The loss put The Hill at 3-3-1, while Wachusett grabbed their first win of the season as they improved to 1-8.

The Rams grabbed a 2-0 first-half lead on a pair of Gronek strikes. Luke Poirier assisted on the first goal, while Roach had the helper on the second.

Then, with it being a 2-1 game at halftime, Shepherd Hill extended the advantage to 3-1 in the 52nd minute. There, Roach's blast got past the Mountaineers' keeper.

Gronek now has 10 goals and a pair of assists on the season, while Roach has scored eight times and has added seven assists out of the Rams' 21 total goals.

"They've been playing together on this team for four years, so they've got that chemistry," Cormier said of the Gronek-Roach one-two offensive punch. "They work out together, they're friends and they're in classes together, so it's a good combo."

Cormier is hoping for more production from the rest of the squad, though.

"We can't rely on them, we can't put it all on their shoulders. And they can't do it themselves. We have to build around them," he said.

Wachusett's Jake Kristolaitis had a hand in the game's final three goals, scoring to make it 3-2, assisting on Ethan Mansoor's goal to make it 3-3, and tallying in the 73rd minute for the winner.

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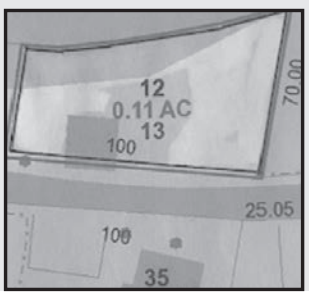
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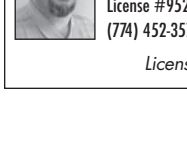
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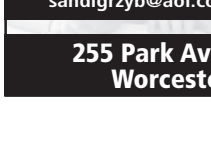
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About "Lost Towns of the Swift River Valley: Drowned by the Quabbin"

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Elena Palladino

Elena Palladino grew up in Sturbridge, and now lives with her family in Marion Smith's former home in Ware. She holds a BA in English from Simmons College, an MA in literary and cultural studies from Carnegie Mellon University and an EdM in higher education from Harvard University. She works in higher education in Western Massachusetts. This is her first book. For more information or to connect with Elena, visit https://QuabbinHouse.com or QuabbinHouse on Instagram.

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Federated Church of Sturbridge and FIskdale offers Bible Study, Sunday School and nursery

STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale is once again offering adult bible study classes, Sunday School and Sunday nursery, according to Pastor David Cote.

The adult classes are available in two installments. Both classes are held in the Rainbow Room at the Church. Wednesday evening Bible Study takes place from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for new disciples and others who wish to deepen their understanding of what the Scripture tells us about how to live," says Pastor Cote. "A curriculum and Scripture are used to guide us through our discussions about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit."

On Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:15 a.m., an open Bible Discussion Group interprets Scripture as each individual experiences God in their own lives. A curriculum is used as a guide for deeper discussion.

The Church has also once again started to offer Sunday School for children in grades one through four.

"Sunday School helps children to understand Jesus and His teachings through age-appropriate Scripture lessons and activities," Pastor Cote says.

The Nursery School is open to infants through Kindergarten.

Families are invited to attend Sunday morning worship together. After the Children's Message, children are invited to follow a volunteer to Fellowship Hall where the rest of the children's activities take place.

"All volunteers and staff are CORI-certified and very much open to meeting any parent who wishes for their child to be involved in the program," Pastor Cote said.

Sunday and Nursery School programs are open from 9:15 to 11 a.m. A parent or guardian must be present at the Sunday Church Service.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ's presence and God's grace in our lives. Members of the community are welcome to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For additional information, please visit the Church Web site at sturfed.org or contact the Church office at (774) 304-1021 or churchoffice@sturfed.org.

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WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, just unveiled a new Interactive Teller Machine (ITM) at its Park Avenue branch in Worcester.

"This new technology offers our customers the best of both worlds," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "The ITM works the same as an ATM, but with the added capability to connect with one of our interactive customer service representatives via live video chat."

Using their debit cards, customers can conduct the same transactions at an ITM as at an ATM, including making deposits of cash or checks, performing internal transfers between accounts, checking balances or withdrawing money. The ITM has the added capability of providing cash in multiple denominations, including coins.

During regular bank hours, customers can choose to engage with an interactive customer service representative (iCSR) by text or video chat if they have questions, need help with any of the standard ATM transactions, want to make a loan payment or wish to transfer funds to a secondary customer with an account at the bank. Because the ITM features an ID scanner, customers can also connect with an iCSR to perform transactions without their debit card. All iCSRs are located at the Cornerstone Bank Operations Center in Southbridge.

"We want to provide our customers with as many secure options as possible to bank in ways that work best for them," said Cornerstone Bank EVP of Retail Banking, Altaf Ahmed. "The ITM expands the offerings of a traditional ATM, is simple to use and offers greater versatility. It's a technology that merges convenience with personalized customer service."

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