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Martel celebrates 10-year work anniversary at Bay Path

CHARLTON — Barbara Martel of Sturbridge celebrates her 10-year work anniversary at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. She joined Bay Path as part-time faculty in 2015.

For more than 20 years, Martel worked as a bedside nurse on a medical-telemetry-surgical unit. She regularly participated in the orientation of new hires as well as served as the preceptor assigned to nursing students. She served as unit resource nurse, participated in planning patient discharge, engaged as a member of various nursing and organizational committees, and collaborated with other hospital care units for staffing and bed assignments.

"I remember and understand the awesome sense of pride, responsibility, and privilege felt by the fledging nurse and believe I can help educate, guide, prune, and nurture the nursing students as they prepare to enter the profession of nursing," said Martel.

Martel obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Anna Maria College in Paxton, with the honor of Summa Cum Laude. Anna Maria College, a private Roman Catholic college in Paxton, Massachusetts, was founded in 1946 as a women's college, but has been coeducational since 1973. Anna Maria College is a Leader in



Educating Knowledgeable Professionals in the Work Force. Martel completed her Associate degree in Nursing at Quinsigamond Community College.

While raising four children, Martel held several jobs including private hospice care and home health aide. Once her children became young adults, she pursued her passion and career goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

Martel was a member of the outpatient/inpatient registration working independently to complete assigned tasks including inpatient and outpatient registration, computer entry of outpatient testing appointments, and other related tasks including switchboard operator, charge counting, and preparing same day surgical charts.

Charlton residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

CHARLTON — Seven residents from Charlton will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, Oct. 6.

John Tarasiak, Megan Steiger, Susan Tarasiak, Carolyn Olson, Becky Raymond, Arthur Breault, and Jamie Zeveska, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$176 million for Dana-Farber in its 35-year history, raising a record-breaking \$9.4

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Fall brings return of local fairs and festivals

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — As temperatures slowly drop and the first colors of autumn greet central Massachusetts, residents are looking forward to the return of beloved fall festivals.

Several local towns host fairs and festivals that have attracted thousands of guests for decades. The pandemic shutdowns in 2020-'21 made residents even more appreciative of their fall traditions, and they can't wait for another season of crafting, contests, seasonal foods, and live entertainment.

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24th Masonic District participates at Charlton's Old Home Day

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

CHARLTON — Sunday, Sept. 2 was a cloudy morning, but ended up being a beautiful day in the afternoon at the Charlton Old Home Day festivities. Two local lodges from the 24th Masonic District set up to sell their goods. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Southbridge and Oxford Masonic Lodge of Oxford had a very, very busy and exciting day trying to keep up with the demands of what the people wanted.

There were all kinds of food being sold, entertainment and activities for the children. The Charlton Old Home Day committee members announcing activities that's going on. There were various organizations, and many vendors selling their goods along with all kinds of nonprofit organizations. At the end was a parade with a lot of beautiful old cars, firetrucks and much more. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was selling hand cut homemade French fries and chicken nuggets. The long lines of people waiting for those fries said it was worth the wait. The lodge went through many pounds of

potatoes.

Oxford Lodge was selling sweet corn and snow cones and chili. The delicious corn was grilled or steamed and smothered in butter. The children were going wild, crazy over the flavored snow cones and the chili went fast. Both lodges at times had long lines and people waiting for their great, delicious, tasty treats. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at www.massfreemasonry.org.

Charlton Rutabaga Roll returns Sept. 11!

CHARLTON — Get ready to roll! The Charlton Rutabaga Roll is back, and we're excited to announce that this beloved community event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 11, during the last official Farmers market of the season in the Charlton Common.

The Farmers Market will be open from 4 to 7 p.m., and the Rutabaga Roll, along with the Kid's Turnip Toss, will kick off at 5 p.m.

Last year, Parker and Mandy were crowned champions in the kids' division, taking home the trophies. Who will rise to the challenge this year?

Charlton Grange #92 Would like to extend a big thanks to the Charlton Business Alliance for their volunteer support and for ensure the success of our second annual event.

Mark your calendars and come enjoy an afternoon of fun with us at the Charlton Common!

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Country Bank VP Jodie Gerulaitis recognized as Community Hero by Worcester Red Sox

WORCESTER — Country Bank is excited to announce that Jodie Gerulaitis, its Vice President of Community Relations, has been honored as a Community Hero by the Worcester Red Sox. This recognition highlights Jodie's commitment and unwavering dedication to serving the local community.

Gerulaitis' passionate advocacy for educators and local non-profit leaders through Country Bank's partnership with the WooSox Foundation Programs has had a profound impact on the community.

Her support in recognizing leaders and educators throughout the region is evident through the Most Valuable Teacher Program and The WooStars initiative. The Most Valuable Teacher Program celebrates the achievements of nine exceptional teachers at their schools and the park. Similarly, The WooStars Program recognizes the outstanding work of nine local non-profit leaders. These programs, championed by Jodie, exemplify her passion, dedication, and desire to make a meaningful difference in the community.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of our work in the community is our work with Country Bank," said WooSox President Dr. Charles Steinberg. "Constantly, at the heart of each program, is the omnipresent Jodie Gerulaitis. Wherever we are in the region, trying to make an impact, she's there already, welcoming us to join her. Her passion and pursuit of community impact is inspiring."

For more information about Country Bank and its community initiatives, please visit www.countrybank.com.

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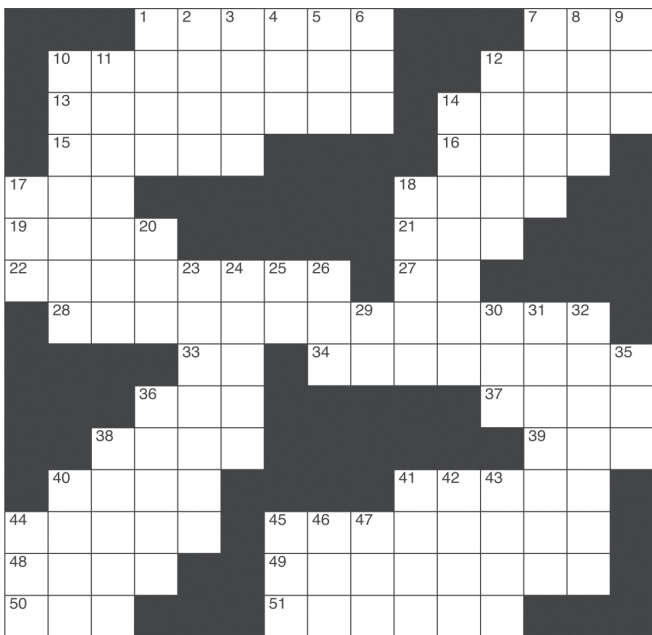
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- 7. Reciprocal of an ohm
- 10. God of the sea
- 12. A way to disfigure
- 13. Positioned
- 14. Tall tropical American tree
- 15. Large deciduous trees
- 16. ___ and ends
- 17. Part of a machine
- 18. Brews
- 19. One who leads prayers in a mosque
- 21. Indian state
- 22. Partisans
- 27. Top lawyer in the land
- 28. Former Dodgers MVP
- 33. Title for women
- 34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool
- 36. Copycat
- 37. Sounds
- 38. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba
- 39. Part of (abbr.)
- 40. Hatful
- 41. Collide
- 44. European football heavyweight
- 45. One who works for you
- 48. Song
- 49. Ancient marvels
- 50. Bridge building degree
- 51. Delivery boys

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Continent
- 2. Submissive
- 3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 5. Court decision ___ v. Wade
- 6. Finish line
- 7. Young women
- 8. Hives of activity
- 9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
- 10. Eastern U.S. river
- 11. Popular cooking ingredient
- 12. Greek mythological princess
- 14. Scent for men
- 17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 18. Once more
- 20.irate
- 23. Triangular spaces above a door
- 24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. Natural logarithm
- 30. Talk incessantly
- 31. Went by
- 32. Strives
- 35. Fall back
- 36. Manila hemp
- 38. Not easily explained
- 40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers
- 41. Mollusk
- 42. Capital of Togo
- 43. Letter of Semitic scripts
- 44. Founder of Babism
- 45. Indicates near
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Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director attends UMass Boston film screening

BOSTON — Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Dudley (formerly of Douglas), Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy of Charlton enjoyed a night at the movies. The screening of multifaceted mosaics – film project 2024, “Filipino American Experience,” was held at the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston), campus center ballroom.

The film screening showcased films created by UMass Boston’s Filipino American Beacon Voyages for Service 2023-2024 team. The film screening was hosted by UMass Boston’s Filipino Cultural Club: Hoy! Pinoy! The films highlighted the members’ service trip to the West Coast and their vulnerable connections with their Filipino American and greater identities. The common theme explored at the “by invitation only event” was “what does it mean to be Filipino.”

“Filipino American Experience, at UMass Boston,” explained Dr. Bolandrina, “resonates with our efforts at the Academy for our practical nursing students to honor and celebrate diversity.”

She is grateful to Fasha Banson, President, and Performance Coordinator for Hoy! Pinoy! for the invitation to attend the screening.

According to Banson, “The intention of these films are to demonstrate and honor the diversity found within the context of Filipino American Identities. These films are products of a larger experience-an educational immersive trip that blossomed from the need and desire for Filipina/x/o American studies within the UMass Boston Asian American studies program.”

Further, Banson adds, “The trip, was hosted under UMass Boston’s OSCE Beacon Voyages for service program. The students experienced unforgettable moments of deep learning, reflection, and affirmation while engaging with inspirational Filipino high school youth, expert teachers/mentors, elected officials, and residents of the I-Hote.”

Banson is a nursing student at UMass Boston. “Perhaps, the invitation extended to me will include the Bay Path Practical Nursing community



Courtesy

Pictured from left: Fasha Banson, Evelyn Dusaban, BSN, RN, and Gretheline Bolandrina.

next time,” said Bolandrina. “Also, the practical nursing students at Bay Path are active with community service and service learning. Seeing this come together will be truly inspiring. I enjoyed this opportunity to gain experience and insight about the challenges, experiences, and anxieties of the younger Filipino Americans, reflect upon my identity, the nursing profession, and celebrate as a community.”

Banson introduced the screening and thanked all the attendees. After she spoke, and upon viewing her film segment, “Kagandahan (Beauty),” which she wrote, directed, and produced, all were in awe of her work.

“It took me a long time to realize that what it took to feel that way was within me all along. A journey of self-discovery and reclaiming one’s identity in the face of societal pressures,” Banson concluded.

To learn more about their work and view the films visit their YouTube Channel: <https://lnkd.in/eqBYA345>.

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The Ruth Wells Center, also known as Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities, started in 1976 and offers art workshops for adults and youth, open studio for artists, music jam sessions as well as Holiday craft festival and outdoor festivals highlighting live music and craft vendors. Despite the pandemic, The Ruth Wells Center continues to thrive.

The September mem-



bers show is always eagerly anticipated. There are so many talented artists in this area. The galleries will be open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Throughout the month. Along with the art show, Saturday will host a tag sale (rain date Sept. 14) on the front lawn from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will

offer a collection of collectibles and treasures at reasonable prices. Be sure to stop by. There will also be a booth selling delicious pizza!

Southbridge Lions Club Cornhole Tournament fast approaching!

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Lions Club is sponsoring its annual Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The event is being held at the Southbridge Community Center, 153 Chestnut St. in Southbridge. Registration will start at 10 a.m., and the bags will fly promptly at 12 noon. This is a bring your own partner Non-Pro Tournament. The cost is \$60 for a team of two. The prizes awarded are: 1st place - \$1,000, 2nd place - \$500, and 3rd place - \$250. There will be two to four games of round robin depending on attendance. After the round robin the bottom twelve teams will go into a single elimination consolation tourney which pays \$100 to first place, and \$50 to second place.

There will also be ten sets of sponsored cornhole boards raffled. You can get tickets in advance for the cornhole board raffle at one of the following generous sponsors: The Mellow Tiger, Maqui's Bar, Hearthstone Market, Morin Jewelers, Ruben's Transport, Dave's Pest Control, Mill St. Realtors, A&M tool, Place Motors, and Milton Cat.

In addition to a 50/50 raffle there will also be basket raffles. Plus, everyone attending the tournament will receive a raffle ticket at the door good for the door prize, a set of Lion's Club cornhole boards. An assortment of food, beer and wine will also be available.

If you have any questions or would like to pre-reg

bankHometown named among most charitable companies in Massachusetts

OXFORD — bankHometown has received the 2024 Corporate Citizenship Award from Boston Business Journal, recognizing the bank as one of Massachusetts' top corporate charitable contributors. It's the fifth year in a row that bankHometown has received the honor.

The Business Journal annually publishes this list to showcase companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, The Giving Tree, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community

Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2023, The Giving Tree donated nearly \$400,000 and over the last decade has donated more than \$2.7 million.

"It is with honor that we present our list of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts - companies who gave \$100,000 or more to Massachusetts-based in charities in 2023. Collectively, they gave \$362 million in cash contributions - a true example of the business community coming together to help those in need," said

Boston Business Journal Market President and Publisher Carolyn Jones.

"We're so proud to be recognized once again as a good corporate citizen, because it's truly a reflection of our core values," said bankHometown President & CEO Robert J. Morton. "We strive to unlock potential in the communities we live and work in and hope we can solve our biggest problems by working together."

This year, 100 companies have qualified for the distinction by reporting at least \$100,000 in cash contributions

to Massachusetts-based charities last year as noted above. The honorees this year include companies from such industry sectors as financial and professional services, health care, technology, retail, and professional sports.

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Through our sponsorship and charitable giving program, The

Giving Tree, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2023 alone, The Giving Tree donated nearly \$400,000 and over the last decade has donated more than \$2.7 million. bankHometown is proud to be named a Corporate Citizenship Award winner by Boston Business Journal for the past five years. For more information, visit bankhometown.com.

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bankHometown promotes Henrichon to senior assistant branch manager

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and has a certificate in Finance/Banking from the American Institute of Banking's Banking School. She is currently a member of the Elks Club of Auburn.

Henrichon, of Millbury, has more than 35 years of banking experience. She started her career in banking as a teller at Millbury Savings Bank in 1989 and has held various retail and customer service roles at bankHometown throughout her time with the bank.

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Kimberley Henrichon

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Solve the code to discover words related to healthy aging.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 2 = I)

A. 22 19 9 9 23 19 24 24
Clue: Well-being

B. 17 18 16 2 7 2 16 11
Clue: Doing something

C. 18 13 8 23 2 16 2 13 23
Clue: Mental action

D. 19 20 17 4
Clue: Medical test

Answers: A. wellness B. activity C. cognition D. exam

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8	9	6	4	5	2	8	7	3
3	8	4	9	6	7	2	5	1
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A salute to workers

As we fire up the grills, enjoy the last days of summer, and maybe even hit the beach one more time, let's learn a bit about the origins of Labor Day.

This holiday isn't just an excuse for a three-day weekend (though we'll gladly take it!). It's a day to celebrate the contributions of workers who have built this country, brick by brick, and to honor the labor movement that fought for the rights many of us enjoy today.

Labor Day has its roots in the late 19th century, at a time when the average American worked 12-hour days, seven days a week, just to make ends meet. Sounds exhausting, right? The labor movement emerged from these tough conditions, with workers organizing for better hours, safer workplaces, and fair pay. In 1882, the very first Labor Day parade was held in New York City, where 10,000 workers took unpaid leave to march for their rights. This courageous stand laid the foundation for the national holiday we now celebrate on the first Monday of September.

But let's not get too bogged down in history. Labor Day is also about appreciating the present and looking forward to the future. It's a time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the fruits of your hard work.

Whether you're taking a mini-vacation, hosting a backyard BBQ, or just chilling at home, remember that this holiday is a tribute to you—the worker.

We hope that while our readers enjoyed their well-deserved day off this past Monday, they haven't forgotten forget that there is an important election coming up on Nov. 5. After all, what better way to honor the spirit of Labor Day than by exercising your right to vote? It's a chance to have your say in who represents you and to ensure that those in office continue to fight for the rights and interests of all workers.

We hope you enjoyed your Labor Day weekend, everyone— but don't forget that part of getting back to work now is to get out and vote!

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OPINION

Praying for peace

I'm sure we're all remember the events of Jan. 6, 2021, and July 13. July 13 was the date of the assassination attempt on former President Trump.

It is a sign of how divided we are that there were and are many thoughts and reactions to that attempt. On some level, we all agree, I think (I hope), that the unnecessary violence was sad, unfortunate, and not a solution to any problems. However, some add that President Trump brought the violence upon himself by stoking a culture of fear and violence. Others argue that the attempt is a sign that we should all line up behind Trump because there are clearly evil forces against him. And a whole host of other, related comments.

I'm not going to delve into what we should think. I'd get into trouble with at least half of the readers. What I will say, though, is that the assassination attempt itself as well as our divided reaction to it, proves that we need to calm down. As a country, as a community, we need to slow down and remember that politics and political parties do not, or should not, define us as people.

Those that we are often 'fighting' against in the political arena are ultimately our neighbors and friends,

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people that we love and respect. We all believe that we know what is best and right for our country and community. That means we will disagree, but it also means we share the same goal: what is best and right for us. We should focus on our common ground, that we are indeed neighbors, we live here together.

To again refocus on our common ground, as I said, we need to slow down and calm down. We need to pray for peace, generally and amongst ourselves.

About 50 people from the community joined us for our ecumenical peace vigil the week after the assassination attempt and we hope more will join us for another ecumenical peace vigil we'll hold in October, likely on the 30th. Even if we don't want to love one another, we need to relearn how to live in peace with one another, especially if we don't get our way. Verbal and actual violence in any public forum shouldn't happen again. We're still in this together. Wherever we are on the political spectrum, I hope you'll join us in praying for greater peace in our communities and country that we may live well and civilly together again.

An Array of Late Summer Tips

It's the end of the summer, and time to gear up for another season of tips and tricks to make life a little easier! From late season lawn and garden tips to keeping corn fresh and herbs bright, the following roundup offers an array of timely tips:

And remember readers, send in your favorite hints and you will be in the running to win a three course dinner for two at the Publick House in Sturbridge!

Herb Helpers: Harvesting herbs from the fall garden? When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves.

And, if you want to enhance the flavor of dried herbs, simply chop up some fresh parsley with them!

Citronella - It's Not just for Bugs: Before you toss this season's supply of (essential, not fragrance) citronella oil, take note: Skin-safe citronella oil is effective in soothing aches and pains. The oil produces a subtle sensation of warmth when diluted in a massage oil and applied to the skin. Dilute three drops of skin safe citronella essential oil per teaspoon of massage oil. Try using this mixture in a friction massage to bring relief to painful joints. Note: Only use skin-safe (derived from plants) essential oil on skin.

Cool Corn: Want that newly picked ear of late season corn to stay fresher longer? Pick ears early in the morning, immediately husk and plunge in an ice bath, until the ears are cooled to 37 degrees. Then place the corn in plastic bags in the refrigerator where they should stay fresh and sweet for up to two weeks.

Fall Lawn Tips: Proper watering can be the key to a fantastic fall lawn. Lawn experts claim a healthy lawn with a good root system doesn't require watering more than one to three times per week. The bottom line? Your lawn needs about an inch of water once every seven to ten days to grow strong roots.

Divide and Conquer: Not sure if it's time to divide your perennials? It is



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if they start taking over other plants, the center of a plant looks weak, or when blooms are smaller than they have been in previous years. Spring blooming perennials are best divided in the fall. Mid-summer or fall blooming perennials should be divided the next spring.

Lure in the Big One: It's still peak fresh water fishing weather, and all it may take is a few spices from the cupboard to up your odds of catching a big one! Try this old time recipe: Mix together four ounces ground fennel seed and one ounce ground allspice. Sprinkle in two drops oil of cloves. Jar it up to cure for a day or two. Then just put a drop on fish bait. and reel 'em in!

Sizzling Steak Secrets: Firing up the grill for a sizzling steak? New York Times 'Minimalist' and cookbook author Mark Bittman claims the five best steaks for grilling are: rib eye, skirt, sirloin, t-bone and flank steaks, one inch thick. His secret? Dry the steaks with paper towels then grill them without turning for three minutes.

Pep Up Indoor Plants: Has your indoor plants taken a back seat to your summertime gardening chores? Now's the time to give them some TLC! To make your dull indoor plants glow, feed them a tablespoon of castor oil, mixed with water.

And did you know that simply dusting the leaves of your indoor plants exposes them to more beneficial light?

More Plant Pointers: If you are using a flowerpot with large draining holes, you can prevent leaks simply by placing a large coffee filter into the bottom of the pot.

Tired of watering indoor plants every day? Try grandma's old tip: Cut up an old sponge into small pieces and add it to the potting mix to prevent having to water plants as often.

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Are you afraid of outliving your money?



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Do you worry about running out of money during your retirement years? If so, how can you help prevent this from happening?

In the first place, if you have this type of fear, you're far from alone. Consider this:

58 percent of retirement savers from all age groups, including current retirees, say that outliving their assets is their greatest retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic – because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Here are a few to consider:

Know how much you'll need during retirement. You need to get a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once you do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others – medical expenses, in particular – will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.

Build financial resources before retirement. You're probably at your peak earning capacity in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Maximize your Social Security payments. You can start collecting Social Security as early as 62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)

Re-enter the workforce. Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a part-time basis or do some consulting. You could boost your cash flow, and potentially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.

Cut costs during retirement. Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing – are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be something to at least consider. As for the lesser ways of reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. And look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.

Look for more income from your investments. As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your investment portfolio to provide you with more income-producing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Ultimately, the more you can bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your money.

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Don't let frost end your garden season

No matter where you garden there never seems to be enough time to grow and enjoy all your favorite vegetables. Start preparing now to extend your growing season and continue enjoying garden fresh vegetables even after the first frost.

Some vegetables like cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale and Brussels sprouts tolerate frost and even taste better after a slight chill. Most of these can tolerate temperatures as low as 24 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

Leeks are another vegetable that thrives in cooler temperature. Many tolerate temperatures as low as 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Just mound some protective mulch around the plants and continue harvesting.



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Take advantage of the chilly winter temperatures to store some of your carrots, turnips and parsnips in the ground for winter. Just cover the soil with straw or evergreen boughs after it lightly freezes. Dig as needed or during a winter thaw. You will enjoy their wonderfully sweet flavor.

Those first few fall frosts are often followed by a week or more of mild temperatures. Protecting frost sensitive plants from the first few fall frosts is one way of extending your season. Cover the plants with

old bed sheets, mattress pads, or similar items in late afternoon and remove them as soon as the temperatures climb above freezing. Keep these handy and be ready to cover whenever frost is in the forecast.

Make it easier by using floating row covers. The spun material allows air, light and water through while protecting the plants from frost. You will find different weights of row covers that provide different levels of temperature protection. Just loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards or garden pins. You only need to remove the fabric to harvest ripe vegetables. Otherwise, it can stay in place until the vegetables stop producing or you decide it is time to end the season.



Melinda Myers

Floating row covers protect plants from frost while allowing light, air and water through.

Create a high tunnel over garden beds filled with large plants. Use hoops and row cover to allow easy access for harvesting while protecting the plants.

Cloches have long been used to jump start the season or extend it beyond the first fall frost. You'll find a variety of shapes and sizes available. Select one large enough to cover your plants and protect them as needed. Look for those with vents to prevent plants from overheating and those that allow water through while trapping in the heat.

Don't let unripe tomatoes go to waste if you are unable or unwilling to protect them from frost. Harvest any that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The bottom of the tomato should be greenish white or starting to color up. Store your green tomatoes in a cool (60 to 65 degrees) location to extend their storage life.

Spread out the tomatoes on heavy paper or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not touch each other. They'll ripen over the next few weeks. Speed up the process by moving a few tomatoes to a warm bright location a few days before they're needed. Enjoy green tomatoes fried, in relish, salsa, pies or many other ways.

And when your season ends, begin planning for next year. Enlist some of these strategies to jump start the season for an earlier harvest.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *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* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

TOBY MOORE

We've all had those moments in life when we turn to prayer. Whether it's a whispered plea in a crisis, a silent wish for something better, or even a habit formed in childhood, prayer seems to be a universal human instinct.

But after the words are spoken, or the thoughts drift off into the void, it's natural to wonder—does it actually do anything? Is anyone or anything really listening? Or is it just a comforting ritual that we hold onto because it makes us feel less alone in an unpredictable world?

While skepticism about prayer's efficacy is common, prayer has been studied extensively.

One study by Dr. Herbert Benson at Harvard Medical School found that heart surgery patients who were prayed for, even without their knowledge, experienced

fewer complications and smoother recoveries. This suggests that prayer may play a role in healing, possibly through the mind-body connection.

Similarly, research led by Dr. Harold Koenig at Duke University showed that regular prayer is associated with lower levels of stress, anxiety, and depression. These studies indicate that prayer could positively influence both physical and mental well-being, even if the exact mechanisms remain unclear.

We could sift through all the scientific data, but where's the fun in that? Sometimes, the real power of prayer is best seen in the mysterious and miraculous—like the legendary staircase at the Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, N.M.

In the late 19th century, a small group of nuns from the Sisters of Loretto faced a perplexing problem. Their beautiful new chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico, was nearly perfect. Still, as the final touches were added, one glaring issue became apparent—the choir loft,

perched high above the main floor, was inaccessible.

The nuns consulted local carpenters and architects, but each delivered the same grim assessment: building a staircase in such a confined space was impossible.

In their despair, the nuns turned to the one source they knew could offer hope. They began praying for nine days and nights.

Their prayers were simple but earnest, asking for a solution allowing them to access the choir loft without marring the chapel's elegance.

Just as the sisters were losing hope, a mysterious figure arrived at their doorstep on their final day of prayer:

The man was a humble carpenter, and his appearance was as unassuming as his request. He carried only the most basic of tools with him, yet he claimed he could solve their problem.

The carpenter asked

for just one condition—complete privacy while he worked. For days, he toiled behind closed doors, the sounds of sawing and hammering echoing through the chapel.

When the work was finally done, the nuns were called in to see the result, and what they found took their breath away. The staircase the carpenter had built was unlike anything they—or anyone—had ever seen.

Spiraling gracefully upward in two complete 360-degree turns, it seemed to float in mid-air without any visible support or central column.

It was constructed using a rare wood that no one could identify, and astonishingly, it was held together without a single nail. The wood was joined entirely by wooden pegs and intricate craftsmanship that defied explanation.

Word of the miraculous staircase spread quickly, drawing architects, engineers, and curious onlookers from far

and wide. Each visitor examined the staircase, and all came to the same conclusion: it should not be standing.

Adding to the mystery, the carpenter who built the staircase vanished without a trace as soon as his work was completed. He left behind no name, no request for payment, and no indication of where he had come from or where he was going. The nuns searched for him, wanting to thank him for his miraculous gift, but he was never found.

To this day, the Loretto Chapel remains a pilgrimage site, attracting those who wish to witness the staircase and ponder its origins. Some visitors are drawn by the architectural mystery, others by the spiritual implications.

While the Loretto staircase may not provide definitive proof that prayer works, it certainly leaves you with a sense of wonder and a reminder that some mysteries are best left to faith.

The staircase of Loretto



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As always, Old Home Day began with its tradition road race putting the skill and durability of local and visiting runners to the test.



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The Charlton Helping Hands Society offered treats of all kinds right in the center of the town green to help support their programs.



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A staple of Old Home Day, the Roaming Railroad choo-choo train.



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Young volunteers of Old Home Day pose for a photo in between events. These local students were essential to keeping the event on track.



Jason Bleau

A staple of Old Home Day Vinyl Underground and owner Matthew Power were on hand for the duration of Old Home Day. The local business, who usually creates the signs for the event, was honored with Charlton's 2024 Business Award.



Jason Bleau

Volunteers with Boy Scout Troop 163 served ice cream Sundays helping visitors cool off on a humid Old Home Day.



Jason Bleau

The Charlton Lions were hard at work grilling up breakfast sandwiches for the mid-morning crowd.



Jason Bleau

The Charlton Garden Club held its annual flower show in conjunction with Old Home Day. For 2024 the Club moved their event right onto the town green showcasing pieces inspired by animals.



Jason Bleau

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary brought some of their animal friends to Old Home Day providing visitors with a hand on experience with wildlife.



Jason Bleau

A contender in the annual Scottish Highland Game warms up for competition on the athletic fields behind the Charlton Public Library.



Jason Bleau

Cedric Flowers continued his duties as Master of Ceremonies for Old Home Day. Flowers, along with Cindy Cooper, were honored with the town's highest honor, Citizen of the Year, during Old Home Day.



Jason Bleau

Trevor the Game Man, known for his skills on stilts and his kid-friendly games, greeted visitors to Old Home Day and hosted several activities on the town green.

CHARLTON — It's an annual tradition like no other, Charlton's Old Home Day has been a staple of the community since 1897 celebrating everything that makes the town a great place to live. Always held Labor Day weekend, Old Home celebrated its second year on a Sunday after decades of being held on the Labor Day holiday itself. The celebration brought the entire community together with vendors, games, performances, and the presentation of community awards honoring volunteers, businesses, and everyday citizens for their commitment to Charlton.

Foraging from trees and shrubs

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — As any farmer knows, autumn is the harvest season. But for foragers, it's only one of the harvest seasons, which last all year long.

At Charlton Library last week, Karen Monger, who has been foraging for food 19 years, talked about a long list of food that's naturally-available in our forests for free.

(This is part one of two. Part two, on mushrooms and ground-hugging plants, will be next week.)

She started off with a little warning about the information available. "I'm not your mom, and I'm not the foraging police," she said before noting there are a very wide variety of written resources on foraging out there. AI is writing "a lot of bad things to sell on Amazon," so people need to make sure the writer is a real human with some experience foraging.

Nut trees

Her first food was a major mainstay of the food supply for humans and many other animals until about a century ago – the chestnut. Their nuts are distinctive: a "very painfully spiky" exterior, but it splits by itself when ripe. When that happens, Monger notes. "the only way to beat the squirrels" is to collect in the morning. Cooking them requires slitting the nut itself "or they will violently explode in your oven." But they can be eaten raw, cooked in many dishes and pastries (she likes a "chestnut nutella" spread) and vacuum-packed to freeze. (They do spoil quickly if not eaten, cooked or refrigerated fast, though.)

On the other hand, the far more common horse chestnut is not edible. It has "very, very toxic nuts" that produce a paralytic poison and is used in some laundry detergents, she said.

Today, the chestnuts that grow long enough to have nuts are mostly a Chinese variety, since the chestnut blight wiped out billions of American chestnuts. Store-bought nuts are mostly from Italy. (Because chestnuts grow from rootstocks, we still find some of the American variety in the woods, but they invariably catch the blight and die after a decade or so. There are efforts to hybridize the two and to breed the very rare immune trees that exist.)

Several other native nut trees are also edible. Black walnuts, which grow to "tennis-ball size" are ones "you either love it or you don't like it at all," she said. Those have very hard shells – to open them, you basically have to "run these over with your car slowly." But don't eat them immediately; let them "rest" four to six weeks so the nut meat will shrink and make it far easier to get out of the shell. She noted immature nuts are also useful – they can be tinctured into a medicinal walnut liqueur.

The visually-distinctive shagbark hickory's nuts have green husks with seams, making it easy to open. She advised not to eat those found on the ground and still green – "the tree knows there's something wrong with the nut" and let it fall to avoid putting energy into it, she said. Once collected, she also advised letting them age a little before cracking; they're in the pecan family and have a similar taste.

Monger later noted her daughter's gotten to be so good at identifying healthy nuts "she can just say 'nope, not this one'" by just looking at it.

Even more common are acorns, which have an undeserved bad reputation. She noted they're often considered "poisonous, which is only a little bit true" – consuming a lot of tannins will bind iron in the blood and cause anemia (drinking a lot of tea can do that, too). Those will leach out when shelled, ground and soaked long enough in water. Monger said she puts the grindings in a large jar, shakes it periodically, and changes the water daily until it stays clear (it'll be brown for several days). After that's done, they can be turned into a flour for baking (a very common Native American food), but she recommended mixing it with some wheat flour; since acorns have no gluten and thus the flour doesn't stick together as well. Once made, the flour should be frozen; "Don't let your acorn flour go bad. Trust me on that," she noted.

Of the many oak species, white oaks – recognizable by their leaves' "softened, rounded lobes" – have the



Maureen Doyle and Melissa Morneau look over the table of tree samples and books after the talk.

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A chestnut, once one of the most common nuts in American forests.

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lowest tannin content.

Other trees

Many areas were once farmed, and its common to find feral apples and pears in the wild. "These fruits are ugly ... but they're free fruit, and they're everywhere," she said. She tends to cook them slightly, then run them through a fruit mill, and noted not to eat the seeds of either species (they contain cyanide).

Another human-planted fruit tree that's unintentionally become even more common is the "very invasive" autumn olive. An Asian species, it's also called the silverberry because its red berries have silvery spots and leaves a silvery underside. Monger notes the state used to give them away, saying "birds love these fruits. They do – they eat them and spread the seeds everywhere."

When ripe, the berries have a rather bitter/astringent taste at first (especially if picked soon after ripening), but their sweetness comes afterward. Their seeds are edible – she noted they have Omega-6 in them – and the fruits themselves have fiber and lycopenes (like tomatoes) with antioxidant properties. They can be eaten raw, used in baking, turned into "fruit jerky" or jelly, and made into a form of ketchup, among other things.

For non-fruit trees, the sassafras is native and "incredibly common." It's the source of the original root beer flavor; now made chemically because the US government claimed sassafras contains



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Library Director Karen Wall and forager Karen Monger talk after the presentation.

a precursor of the street drug ecstasy. They declared it "carcinogenic" after seriously overdosing rats with it, she said. Wild sassafras, however, is most notable for its roots, which can be ground and simmered into a decoction, although bark and leaves can also be used. (If that sounds odd, Monger noted that's what people do to get cinnamon, too. She also noted commonly available file powder (aka gumbo file) is made from the dried and powdered leaves.)

Bushes & vines

Dropping a little farther in elevation, Monger cited several edible bushes. One is in many gardens – roses. Their rosehips (the red fruit after the flowers fall off) are very seedy, but if you scoop out the seeds and the little hairs inside, they're high in vitamin C. They don't have much meat, though, and are often best used in teas and a rosehip butter; she noted they taste "like a really nice ripe apricot." The biggest hips are from the non-native, invasive (and super-spiky) Rugosa roses; the also-invasive multifloras have probably the smallest ones.

By contrast, others are native. Grape vines exist in about eight va-

rieties that hybridize in nature very easily. They're usually identifiable by smell, but you should also take time to look for the tiny tendrils that attach it to other plants, trace the vine to its woody root, and make sure the fruit has multiple teardrop-shaped seeds. (There

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OBITUARIES

Claudette Teresa Ledoux, 79

Sturbridge: Claudette Teresa (Kasierski) Ledoux, 79, known to all as Mem, passed away peacefully at home after a short battle with a brain tumor.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ronald L. Ledoux; their three children, Duane Ledoux of Sturbridge, Darryl Ledoux of Holland and Michelle Ledoux of Sturbridge; her three grandchildren, Nathan Ledoux and his partner Miranda Smedley of Seattle, WA, Samantha Robinson of West Springfield and Benjamin Robinson and his partner Tymber Swiczkoski of Bellevue, NE. Claudette was predeceased by her first grandchild, Nicholas Ledoux, in June of 2003. Claudette was also blessed with Jessica Bly whom she loved dearly and referred to as her daughter and Jessica's two children, Jalen Rojas and Kalli Nicole Rojas, all of Dudley. She also leaves her siblings, Paul Kasierski of Florida, Charleen Boyle of Dayville, CT and Carole Devlin of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Carl Kasierski.

Claudette was born in Webster on Sept. 30, 1944 the daughter of Carl and Irene (Gelineau) Kasierski. She was a graduate of Bartlett High School in Webster in 1962. She was an avid



crocheter and the number of blankets she made is too high to count. She loved creating special blankets, dubbed "Mem's Creations", for friends and family. Claudette loved to watch hummingbirds and birds from her window over the lake and welcomed visitors to sit with her at her table to share her view. She loved to travel the United States and was excited to say she'd been to 49 states. She was an amazing listener and would pull out her Atlas to look your travel plans so she could share your excitement of an anticipated vacation. Claudette was selfless and the epitome of unconditional kindness and giving. Mom and Mem were her two favorite titles. She loved watching her grandchildren play football, field hockey, basketball and cheerleading.

Calling hours for Claudette were held on Sunday, Sept. 1st, from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a celebration of life following at 1:00pm at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, 529 Main Street, 4th Floor, Charlestown, MA 02129. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

MARATHON

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million in 2023.

"For 35 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported lifesaving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. Our goal is to build off of the momentum we've established throughout that history, and in 2024, aim to surpass our total from last year by raising \$9.5 million," says Caitlin Fink, assistant vice president of event fundraising. "Fighting cancer is what we do. The Walk unites our community under a common goal—to defy cancer together."

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Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes—are the heart of the event and appear along the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more.

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are plants with similarly-colored fruit with just one seed; those are toxic. One example is the Virginia creeper, which is a vine, but looks nothing like a grapevine.) As many know, grapes

are edible raw, but they do contain tartaric acid that will precipitate out of juice as a white powder if left to sit a little while.

Spicebush is common in hardwood forests. It's mostly used for making teas from the leaves and twigs; its red berries are edible but only one at a

time—she noted if you eat more "your head would probably explode" from the flavor's intensity. (She likes letting one sit in her mouth while hiking, giving it a little nibble periodically.)

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FAIRS

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Leicester will help get the festival season started with the town's annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, Sept. 21. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Town Common. Festivities will include music and food; children's activities; appearances from local organizations; seasonal crafting selections; and demonstrations of various trades and skills. Area businesses, officials, and municipal agencies will also get involved.

Also on Sept. 21, the Autism in my Pocket organization will run the sixth annual Harvest Festival in Brimfield. The location is Brimfield Winery (35 Main Street). Set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the event is expected to feature 70 vendors; music and food; children's games; and several other activities.

Admission to this event is free.

Shifting over to Brookfield, the 45th

annual Apple Country Fair will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will bring thousands of guests to the Brookfield Town Common for a day of fun and festivities.

Highlights will include fundraisers; crafters; food trucks; and the famous apple pie contest.

"Fairgoers can browse and buy hand-knit sweaters and blankets, carved wooden bowls and décor, beaded jewelry, specialty soaps and lotions, hand-crafted toys, locally-produced honey, and more," read a statement released by event organizers.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Brookfield Community Club, a charitable organization that awards grants to enrich community life.

To learn more about the festival and how you can get involved, visit www.applecountryfair.com.

Meanwhile, central Massachusetts officials urge residents to think local

this shopping season and support vendors at area festivals. As we look deeper into the fall, additional craft fairs will take place at Tantasqua Regional High School in Sturbridge (Nov. 9), Oxford High School (Dec. 7), and Auburn High School (Dec. 14).

Leicester High School will also host its holiday craft fair on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An array of local church fairs will also take place this fall season. Contact your area church leaders for more information on autumn fairs and holiday festivals.

And don't forget the many antique shows, town tag sales, and other events scattered throughout the area, highlighted by the final leg of the Brimfield Antique Show this month (located on Route 20).

Information on other local events can be found on town Web sites and social media pages.

HINT

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NORTHERLY by lot 10 on said plan 102.40 feet.
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Being the same premises as conveyed by Deed of Elizabeth K. Mac Grath, a/k/a, Elizabeth K. Sladdin to Holly A. Moran, dated September 15, 1983, and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7913, Page 349.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA

02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the LB-Cabana Series IV Trust,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle & Associates, P.C.
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444

August 23, 2024
August 30, 2024
September, 6 2024

The Brimfield ZBA will hold a public hearing at 5:30 pm on September 19, 2024, at Hitchcock Academy, 2 Brookfield Rd. on behalf of ODED Light of 55 Good Rich St, Hamden CT, for the vacant land on Warren Rd, Parcel ID #846, 2-B-6. The applicant seeks a variance to put in common driveway(s) due to hardship or wetlands. Abutters and members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide feedback.
September 6, 2024
September 13, 2024

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 24 SM 002952
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Luis Ortiz a/k/a Luis D. Ortiz
And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Southbridge, numbered 10 Charlton Street, given by Luis D. Ortiz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for JG Wentworth Home Lending, LLC, dated September 27, 2018, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59466, Page 54, 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 September 30, 2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 16, 2024.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
September 5, 2024

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. W024C0430CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of:
Rodney Bernard Mack
A Petition to Change Name of Adult
has been filed by
**Rodney Bernard Mack of South-
bridge MA** requesting that the court
enter a Decree changing their name to:
Rodney Bernard Patterson
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes
of objecting to the petition by filing an
appearance at: Worcester Probate and
Family Court before 09/24/2024. This
is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline
by which you must file a written appear-
ance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First
Justice of this Court.
Date: August 19, 2024
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 5, 2024

**A.C. 92A
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
W024E0064PP
Petition to Partition
WORCESTER, SS.
PROBATE COURT**

To Jason Burdett and Jennifer M. Burdett and to all other interested persons. A petition has been presented to said Court by Mark J. Zarzecki and Deborah B. Zarzecki of Charlton in the County of Worcester representing that he hold as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Weat Charlton in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: The premises shown as Lot 17 on a Plan titled "Definitive Plan" Larnerd Hill Farm, Charlton, MA, prepared by Tauper Land survey dated February 24, 1994 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 686, Plan 82. Sheet 2

Granting the right to pass and repass over all roads shown on said plan for the purposes public ways are used in the Town of Charlton. Being the same premises as conveyed to the Grantors by deed dated February 18, 1997 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 18615, page 399.

A life interest in the building addition where the Grantees reside, or will reside upon completion in the premises shown as Lot 17 on a Plan titled "Definitive Plan" Larnerd Hill Farm, Charlton, MA, prepared by Tauper Land survey dated February 24, 1994 and recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 686, Plan 82. Sheet 2

Granting the right to pass and repass over all roads shown on said plan for the purposes public ways are used in the Town of Charlton.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the Grantors by deed dated September 10, 2019 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 61235, Page 50.

setting forth that he/she desires that all the aforesaid described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$775,000.00 dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the Eight day of October, the return date of this citation.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEAMY, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirteenth day of August 2024.

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 5, 2024
September 12, 2024
September 19, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W024P2740EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Richard J Tully Sr
Also Known as:**

RJ Tully Sr
Date of Death: 03/02/2024

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/24/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 19, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 5, 2024

Town of Southbridge Invitation to Bid Roadway Reconstruction Crane Street & River Street

Sealed bids for Roadway Reconstruction, Crane Street and River Street will be received by the Town Manager's Office, 41 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 until 2 P.M. EST on Thursday September 26, 2024, at which time the bids received will be publicly opened and read in the Town Council Chambers. The bid specifications can be found on the Town website, by emailing hprescott@southbridgemass.org or calling 508-764-5403 x3. Documents are only available electronically. The work to be done under this contract consists of roadway reconstruction Crane Street and River Street in the Town of Southbridge. The work under this contract includes, but is not limited to, roadway reconstruction, sidewalk construction, curb ramps, utility replacement/repairs, landscaping and traffic signs on Crane Street and River Street. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM located at the municipal parking area along Crane Street, northwest of the Optical Heritage Museum (12 Crane Street) in downtown Southbridge. Any potential bidders interested in a pre-bid meeting are welcome to attend.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to negotiate any and all contract terms with the successful proposer, or to cancel this proposal at any time if it is in the Town's best interest to do so. Any contract agreement must be approved by the Southbridge Town Council.
August 29, 2024

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

National Grid has made a petition to the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen to install one (1) JO Pole on Holland Road beginning at a point approximately 1279 feet Northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Old Sturbridge Road and Holland Road. National Grid will be installing P62-84 in public way for guying of OH Wires running into customer property for new residential service in Sturbridge, MA. National Grid also requests permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways. The pole hearing will take place on **Monday, September 16, 2024 at 6:35 p.m.** at the Sturbridge Town Hall, 2nd floor, Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566.
September 5, 2024

**CHARLTON CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**
In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on September 25, 2024, at 7PM.

The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability for the installation of a pre-built shed within 50 feet of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The project location is: 13 Partridge Hill Road, Charlton, MA.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted in person and via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate can access the meeting remotely by request. Copies of the RDA may be examined at the Conservation Office by appointment during business hours.

Thomas O'Malley
Chair, Charlton Conservation
Commission
September 5, 2024

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on September 25, 2024, at 7PM on the application of Jennifer Martinson.

The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability for tree removal, brush clearing, and the placement of 100 sq. feet of gravel within 100 feet of a Resource Area. The project location is: Lot 95 Robert Blvd, Charlton, MA. Parcel ID: 73B-A-1 Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted in person and via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate can access the meeting remotely by request. Copies of the RDA may be examined at the Conservation Office by appointment during business hours.

Thomas O'Malley
Chair, Charlton Conservation
Commission
September 5, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Southbridge Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the MacKinnon Council Chambers, Southbridge Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, Southbridge, Massachusetts. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment and consider an amendment to the Southbridge Zoning Bylaw, Section 8.7-Adult Use Marijuana Establishments, Section 8.7.3. B (3), to remove language, "but in no event shall facilities between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM"

A copy of the proposed bylaw change can be inspected at the Town Manager's Office from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Thursday and 8:00 AM through 12:00 NOON on Fridays. Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Lazo, Chair
Southbridge Town Council
August 29, 2024
September 5, 2024

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on September 25, 2024, at 7PM on the application of Dan Prouty.

The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a 26' x 36' barn. The project location is: Partridge Hill Road, Charlton, MA. Parcel ID: 70-A-4

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted in person and via remote means. Members of the public who wish to participate can access the meeting remotely by request. Copies of the RDA may be examined at the Conservation Office by appointment during business hours.

Thomas O'Malley
Chair, Charlton Conservation
Commission
September 5, 2024

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department**

**Summons By Publication
and Mailing**
DOCKET NUMBER ES23W1451WD
ESSEX Division
Kylie A. Patenaude-Houston,
Plaintiff(s)
V.

Austin J. Conant, **Defendant(s)**
To the above-named Defendant:

Austin J. Conant

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Kylie A. Patenaude-Houston, seeking the Court to make such order as it deems expedient concerning the **Complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting Time** of th minor child **Arielle J. Conant** under M.G.L. c. 209C.

You are required to serve upon Kylie A. Patenaude-Houston, Plaintiff, whose address is **IMPOUNDED** your answer on or before October 9, 2024

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 in the office of the Register of this 36 Feddral Street Same , MA 01970

Witness, Leilah A. Kearny, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this 26th day of August 2024
September 5, 2024

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

National Grid has made a petition to the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen to install four (4) JO Poles on Podunk Road beginning at a point approximately 1500' feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Podunk Road and Highway 49 and continuing approximately 5100' feet in a north direction. Installation of new poles 22-50, 40-25, 44, and 44-50. National Grid also requests permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways. The pole hearing will take place on **Monday, September 16, 2024 at 6:35 p.m.** at the Sturbridge Town Hall, 2nd floor, Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566.
September 5, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W024P2931EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Mary F. Walter
Date of Death: 06/30/2024**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Ronald P. Campbell of Temecula CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Ronald P. Campbell of Temecula CA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/01/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 23, 2024
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September 5, 2024

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Employment Opportunity Town of Brimfield

Public Access Television Coordinator, Part-time

The Town of Brimfield is seeking a community-oriented individual to lead a local access television operation that includes a studio, staff assistant and videographers. Public and Government Access channels plus liaison with our Educational Access channel are included in the scope of work. Reporting to the Select Board, this individual will promote an informed and closer community through production and scheduling of cable programming by and for the residents of Brimfield. The Local Access Coordinator is the primary town employee responsible for government and local access channel operations as well as cooperating to provide local educational access programming when possible.

The coordinator will be responsible for:

- Working in concert with the Select Board to set and meet local access television goals, plans and budgets.
- Coordinating public, government and educational access productions.
- Scheduling and coordinating staff videographers and the work of an office assistant.
- Coordinate with a clerk/assistant to assure updating of televised announcements.
- Schedule programs.
- Update and revise the Public Access WordPress website at www.brimfield.tv
- Maintaining the studio and video facilities;
- Seeing to proper functioning, repair or upgrading of equipment as needed.
- Encouraging public participation in creating local video productions by training and assisting them to utilize town-owned equipment and facilities.
- Oversee lending of town equipment to the public for such productions;
- Working within and suggest revisions to public access TV policies;
- Assisting in any negotiations or matters of liaison with Cable TV providers, currently Charter/Spectrum.
- Planning future spending and equipment needs.
- Related tasks as specified by the Select Board.

Knowledge and experience with videography, video editing and interest in a public-civic environment are required. Overall communications skills and the ability to accommodate various town departments and the public's need for televised communication are essential. The successful applicant should be or become comfortable working with Castus Cablecasting and TriCaster studio systems. Hours are generally flexible; some evening availability is required.

The position is up to 12 hours weekly at a salary of \$21.65 per hour. Please forward résumé with references and a letter of interest to the Select Board either by email at selectboard@brimfieldma.org, or by mail to the Brimfield Select Board, 23 Main St., Brimfield, MA 01010.

The Town of Brimfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or any other class protected by federal, state, or local law. Resumes will be accepted until the positions have been filled.

Employment Opportunity Town of Brimfield

Cable Television Production Assistants

The Town of Brimfield seeks Cable Television Production Assistants to work with the Public Access Coordinator and help cover meetings and events in the Town of Brimfield for public and government access. This position is to be compensated at the rate of \$15.60 per hour. This position will require normal availability for 8 hours per month and reports to the Public Access Coordinator. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Assisting with Government Meetings, Annual Town Meeting, Studio Recordings, and other Town events;
- Interacting with the public, town officials and employees;
- Knowledge of Catus, Sony Handycam, Microsoft Office Suite
- Being able to be on your feet for several hours;
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs;
- Be calm under pressure.

Minimum Qualifications: Proficiency with office computer functions of Microsoft Office Suite including PowerPoint, Word and Excel, e-mail and other contemporary office technology; demonstrated organizational skills; has knowledge of public access workings involved in production; comfort with the mission of communication among town residents and groups with equal treatment of all. Good human relations and interpersonal communication skills are essential. Must know how to edit on a non-linear computer system.

Helpful Qualifications: Some knowledge of working with photos or graphics and typefaces, enthusiasm for the mission of public access television, and intermediate overall computer skills.

Please apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Brimfield Board of Selectmen, Town of Brimfield, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010, or by e-mail to selectmen@brimfieldma.org.

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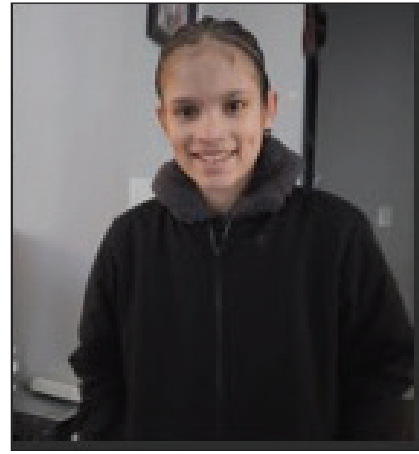
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