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Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club announces new officers



Charlton preparing for potential PFAS testing mandates

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON — The impact of PFAS on public and private wells and water sources continues to create stress and complications for communities across the Commonwealth and with new state mandates on the way towns need to look ahead to adjust and prepare for a different kind of new norm where PFAS testing becomes a more annual occurrence.

This was the impending reality brought to the table by Charlton Health Director James Philbrook during a Sept. 13 meeting of the town's Board of Health. Philbrook stated that recent conversations with Mary Jude Pigsley, Regional Director with the Massachusetts DEP who had also recently discussed the PFAS situation with neighboring Dudley, informed Philbrook of new mandates that are soon to come for the Commonwealth. Those discussions also shed light on some roadblocks the DEP is facing to determine the extent of PFAS contamination in Charlton.

"The state's going to be adopting and enforcing a new PFAS testing program. (The DEP) is working to get Casella to test. There are three homes on Barry Corner Road that wouldn't allow testing and she feels that if she could find

and test there for the PFAS she could relay it and charge Casella rather than the municipality for those three homes, but they will not allow her to test," said Philbrook.

The Health Director brought the matter to the Board to inform them that statewide changes are coming and also gauge the Board's interest in further pushing for residents to voluntarily allow the DEP to test their wells. The latter was an emphatic "no" as the Board of Health refused to send any further letters to property owners asking them to work with the DEP. The Board agreed that it's the citizens choice whether or not they want the DEP involved on their own personal property. They also said they would assess how to move forward with any state required testing, especially at the town landfill, when and if those mandates are put in place. According to Philbrook however, those requirements are certainly on the way and the DEP is working to make towns aware of them now to allow sufficient time to prepare budgets for the inevitable.

"It's coming. We are prepared for it, but I think everyone understood that PFAS is going to be the next thing that everyone was going to have to test for," said Philbrook.

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2023 announced the election of new UNICEF Club officers.

Elected were Emily Rossignol of Dudley as chair, Ana Hilner of Oxford and Fidelis Mensah of Worcester as co-chairs, Jamal Kimani of Worcester as secretary, Etta Lahai of Leicester as treasurer, and Maureen Bittner of Worcester as press relations officer. The election was held recently as the Practical Nursing Class of 2023 held the US Constitution Day under the guidance of Professor Virginia Dockstader, BSN, RN of Hopkinton.

Rossignol is a 2019 high school graduate of Sturgis Charter Public, Hyannis East Campus. She was a PCA in CNA training at Southbridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Hilner is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) with experience work-

ing at the Overlook in Charlton. She completed her CNA training at the Fieldstone School in Worcester. She is fluent in English and Spanish and worked as a substitute from 2017-2020 at the Oxford Public Schools. Mensah is a CNA who trained with Peak Medical School. She holds a Certificate in ECDE teaching from Jomaken SCDT College and a Diploma in ECDE teaching from Maragua ECDT College. She completed research work on factors leading to child labor and abuse. Kimani currently works for the Hospital for Behavioral Medicine in Worcester as a dietary aide. He graduated from Worcester Technical High School in 2020, with Auto collision trade and auto body shop certification. Prior to attending Bay Path Practical

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Wales Community Pantry needs your help

WALES — The Wales Community Pantry serves residents of Brimfield, Holland and Wales and we need your help!

The number of households the Pantry services is growing every week. We help to supplement food budgets and address the nutritional challenges faced by nearly 300 individuals a month. Folks are trying to juggle the increasing costs of food, fuel, medicine, and housing to name a few. We not only help our walk-in families we also deliver to the

elderly, disabled, and ill, house-bound families. Our main goal is to address food insecurity in our community.

We are facing an immediate need to raise \$30,000 to provide continued support to all the families we are serving through January of the new year. With the winter season and holidays approaching, we are facing our time of greatest need.

In order to provide Nonperishable food items, Meat and Fish, Dairy products, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

we need your help.

Our campaign on Go Fund Me is: Give Some, Feed Many. Any amount proves the power of neighbors helping neighbors. You may access our donate button on our New Facebook page: Wales Community Pantry, through our website www.walescommunitypantry.com or mail a check to Wales Community Pantry, 85 Main St., P.O. Box 337 Wales, MA 01081.

We are grateful to all our neighbors helping neighbors.



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The Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteer crew at the Wales Community Pantry are happy to keep the pantry running smoothly but they need funds to meet the growing needs of area residents.

Fall brings apples, cider, harvest and folk music events to center stage at OSV



STURBRIDGE — Fall is a busy and bustling time at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV), with weekend events taking place Sept. 24 through the end of October. The events shed light on the autumn activities of the past and of today, including a Folk Music and Celebration of Cider event, Apple Weekend, and Harvest Weekends taking place throughout October.

Guests can kick off the fall season with a Folk Music and Celebration of Cider event, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. While enjoying the sights and sounds of the Village, visitors can settle in for live folk and Americana performances from local bands including Fox and the Dragon, The Meadows Brothers, On the Trail, Drown Your Boots, Local Freight, Laura Lee Imhoff, Evan Couture, and The Midnight Anthem (subject to change).

Several participating cideries will be serving up hard cider, while costumed his-

torians from Old Sturbridge Village educate visitors about the history of cidermaking and demonstrate its production. While hard cider will only be available to those 21 and over, this is an all-ages event.

Also taking place Saturday, Sept. 24 and into Sunday, Sept. 25, is Apple Weekend at Old Sturbridge Village. New England's fall staple is the apple, which is put front and center as guests taste antique apples, tour the heirloom apple orchards, watch an ox-powered cider mill in action, and see how apples were used in cooking in the household. The event is included with standard daytime admission to the Village or membership and takes place during normal operating hours.

In October, weekends at OSV will celebrate the harvest as farmers and households busy themselves with the tasks of the season, including apple picking, bringing

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Failure to plan: Is it planning to fail?

Benjamin Franklin once said, “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.” But as you chart your financial course, what steps should you take to help you keep moving forward to where you want to go?

Consider these suggestions:

Establish and quantify your goals. Throughout your life, you’ll have short-term goals, such as an overseas vacation or a home renovation, and long-term goals, the most important of which may be a comfortable retirement. You’ll want to identify all your goals and put a “price tag” on them. Of course, it’s not always possible to know exactly how much it will cost to achieve each goal, but you can develop reasonably good estimates, revising them as needed.

Create an investment strategy to achieve your goals. Once you know how much your goals will cost, you can create the appropriate savings and investment strategies to potentially help you reach the needed amounts. For your retirement goal, you will likely need to contribute regularly to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But for shorter-term goals, you may need to explore other types of investments. For all your investment moves, though, you’ll need to consider your risk tolerance. You won’t want your portfolio to have such a high-risk level that you’re constantly uncomfortable with the inevitable fluctuations of the financial markets. On the other hand, you won’t want to invest so conservatively that you jeopardize your chances of achieving the growth you need to reach your goals.

Control your debts. We live in an expensive world, so it’s not easy to live debt-free. And some debts, such as your



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mortgage, obviously have value. But if you can control other debts, especially those that carry high interest rates, you can possibly free up money you can use to boost your savings and investments.

Prepare for obstacles. No matter how carefully you follow the strategies you’ve created to achieve your goals, you will, sooner or later, run into obstacles, or at least temporary challenges. What if you incur a large, unexpected expense, such as the sudden need for a new car or a major home repair? If you aren’t prepared for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments – and every time you do that, you might slow your progress toward achieving your goals. To help prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses.

Review your strategy. When you first created your financial strategy, you might have planned to retire at a certain age. But what if you eventually decide to retire earlier or later? Such a choice can have a big impact on what you need from your investment portfolio — and when. And your circumstances may change in other ways, too. That’s why it’s a good idea to review your strategy periodically to make sure it still aligns with your up-to-date objectives.

None of us can guarantee that our carefully laid plans will always yield the results we want. But by taking the right steps at the right times, you can greatly improve your chances.

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October Happenings at Charlton Public Library

PROGRAMS FOR BIG KIDS

Movies @ The Library
All showings are in Dexter Hall. No registration.

Tuesday, October 4, 1:00 & 5:00 - ELVIS starring Tom Hanks. The life of American music icon Elvis Presley, from his childhood to becoming a rock and movie star in the 1950s while maintaining a complex relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker.

Tuesday, October 11, 1:00 & 5:30 - WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING starring Daisy Edgar-Jones. A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the deep South becomes a suspect in the murder of a man she was once involved with. 2022; PG-13; 2 hrs 5 min.

Tuesday, October 18 - No movie today (Come see The Gravestone Girls instead! Details below.)

Tuesday, October 25, 1:00 & 5:30 - LIGHTYEAR (animation). While spending years attempting to return home, marooned Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear encounters an army

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of ruthless robots commanded by Zurg who are attempting to steal his fuel source. 2022; PG; 1 hr 40 min.

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

Genealogy Group - Genealogy Myths and Legends Presentation
Thursday, October 6, 6:30—7:30 PM - Community Meeting Room
Join guest presenter Mike Brophy as he explains and debunks some of the popular fiction about Genealogy and Family History. Subjects covered include: You can do your whole family history on the internet; The Courthouse burned down and destroyed all the records; Our name

was changed at Ellis Island; Plymouth Plantation myth and reality; All records that you find are accurate and reliable; If my Grammie said it was true, it must be true! You can do your whole family history by using the records of the LDS church. Well researched proof will be presented to explain these myths. Mike is a nationally known, professional genealogical researcher, heir search specialist, and lecturer from the Boston area. Mike was featured on the TV series Who Do You Think You Are? and the Irish TV series Dead Money, a genealogy show about heir searchers. He specializes in New England and Irish genealogy subjects. His genealogy education includes eight certificates from the Institute of Genealogy and Historic Research (IGHR) and certificates in Private Investigation and Advanced Forensic Genealogy from Boston University. He is a licensed private investigator in Massachusetts. Registration is requested.

Join local instructor, Linda Davis, for a free monthly community yoga class. All ages and levels are welcome. Children under age 5 must have a caregiver with them at all times. Wear comfortable clothing and please bring your own yoga mat. Registration is required.

Welcome to the Graveyard! Presentation by Gravestone Girls
Tuesday, October 18, 6:00-7:30 - Dexter Hall
This 90-minute presentation chronicles cemetery art, history, and symbolism. From colonial New England burial grounds of the 1600s and 1700s, through the nationwide rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and into 21st-century locations, the program examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do, and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years. The presentation is robust, with photographs of original gravestones and burial grounds found in Charlton alongside images from cemeteries visited by Gravestone Girls over many years. The speaker, Brenda Sullivan, has an education in Art History and restoration. Sullivan has spent more than thirty years immersed in gravestone art, history and symbolism. She is one of the creators of the Gravestone Girls, whose mission is to “Keep Our Dead Alive” through educational lectures, tours, classes, and the creation of New England gravestone replicas. Registration is requested.

Scenic Roads in The Last Green Valley
Saturday, October 22, 10:00-12:00 - Dexter Hall
Do you know some of the best scenic drives on the east coast are right here in our neck of the woods? The area known as The Last Green Valley is a 35-town National

Heritage Corridor in eastern Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts. Join Nick Velles of TLGV to learn where the great drives in our area are, with specific detail on routes 31, 131, and 169. He will give a short presentation, followed by an easy walk outside on the common. In the event of inclement weather, the indoor presentation will be extended. Sponsored by The Last Green Valley (thelastgreenvalley.org) and Charlton Public Library (charltonlibrary.org) This event is a Last Green Valley Walktober event. Free and open to all. No registration required.

CULE- Charlton Ukulele League & Ensemble
Thursday, October 27, 6:00-8:00 - Community Meeting Room
This club is a FREE, fun, low stress and entertaining way for adults 18+ to learn music together. You will be guided by experienced musicians who encourage you to find your own level of achievement. Making music together is the perfect antidote to the feeling that you will never be able to play music. You can! What’s more you’ll enjoy the company of others. Any questions? Email Rich at Cule5632@gmail.com

Needle Felted Owl Workshop with Rachel Benson
Thursday, October 27, 6:30-8:00 - Dexter Hall
Come learn the basics of needle felting while building your own funky owl. Play and experiment with colorful wool roving, learn to shape the wool with your needle and leave with your own whimsical owl! Rachel Benson is a fiber artist focusing predominantly on the subject of nature both in the form of landscapes and abstract designs. She captures the details and textures found in the natural world with a whimsical twist. Join her in this class where you will learn the basics or further your skills of needle felting. All materials supplied. Registration is required, and is capped at 15.

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Nursing Academy, he was a first-year biology major at Worcester State University. Lahai obtained her CNA certificate in 2013 at the MetroWest Health Care Academy in Framingham, MA. She previously worked for Bethany Health Care Center prior to Nursing Agency work. Bittner graduated from South High School in Worcester in 2022. She completed a babysitter Certificate through the American Red Cross. She is currently a Wendy’s Crew member.

All UNICEF Club officers are certified in Dementia care and have a valid Healthcare Provider/ BLS Provider CPR from the American Heart Association. As UNICEF Club officers they will lead the PN Class of 2023 in children’s advocacy and raising awareness. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club was founded in 2016 and each year club officers lead members through various fundraising methods that serve to educate and raise awareness of relevant issues happening locally and globally. The UNICEF Club meets after school hours. For the October fundraiser, the club officers will be distributing UNICEF Halloween donation boxes for trick-or-treaters. Plans are underway for more fundraising activities.

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in the harvest, preparing the fields for winter, and preserving the gardens. The month will begin by Kicking Off The Harvest on Oct. 1 & 2, with hands-on harvesting, picking and preservation activities. October 8, 9 & 10 brings Agriculture Fair Weekend, which recreates a 19th-century Cattle Show and Exhibition of Domestic Manufacture. Finally, the month ends by Celebrating the Harvest on Oct. 22 & 23, as gardeners pull the last crops from the ground and preserve the vegetables or cook them up for enjoyment. Harvest weekends are included with Standard Daytime Admission to the Village or Village membership.

The public can participate in the fall fun from afar by entering this year’s Virtual Home Gardener’s Exhibit. Entries can be anything grown in the 2022 season – vegetables, flowers, herbs, and more, and don’t have to be of heirloom variety. They must be grown by the exhibitor, arranged and photographed and will be posted online by the weekend of Oct. 22 & 23. Tips for arranging an award-winning entry can be found on the OSV website. Submissions are due by Oct. 11 and winners will be awarded in a variety of categories, as judged by a panel of expert horticulturalists.

Throughout the fall, the newly opened Ox & Yoke Mercantile will be offering locally produced, specialty foodstuffs for sale, including cider vinegar, cider syrup, apple butter, and more. See the full fall lineup at: <https://www.osv.org/fall-2022-at-the-village/>.

School District addresses transportation concerns

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DUDLEY/CHARLTON — While the first few weeks of school went relatively smooth in the classroom in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, a few issues with transportation caught the attention of parents and the school committee in early September.

During a meeting of the committee on Sept. 14, district Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu addressed some concerns about some bus information being absent from the new FirstView bus tracking ap as well as some timing issues and lack of communication for other buses in the district. Mathieu first addressed the issues with the ap which is in its first year for Dudley and Charlton and allows access to bus routes and timing so they can better plan pick-up and drop-off time for their children. Mathieu said he was aware several buses in Dudley weren't working on the ap and that the district has worked to resolve the issue.

"The district has continued to review

routes and looks to make changes to ensure appropriate arrival and departure times. We appreciate the almost 600 families who have signed up to use the FirstView parent ap and are aware of a couple of continuing issues with a few busses in Dudley. Those issues have been resolved and as far as I'm aware all of those buses are appearing on the ap as they should," said Mathieu.

However, while buses are now showing up on the ap, there have been concerns from both the public and members of the committee about the timing of buses with at least two routes in Charlton taking longer than expected in the opening weeks.

"We are aware of a couple of routes in Charlton that were long," Mathieu confirmed, revealing that buses 46 and 33 were the sources of the complaints. "With bus 46, we did make a change already and that has reduced the drop off time to just prior to 4 p.m., so it's a long ride but it's within the norms that have existed before. With bus 33, changes will be going into effect to remove the Children of Tomorrow students from

that bus and move them to another bus so that will cut down the ride time significantly."

A third issue involved a completed lack of communication on the part of First Student who operates the buses for the town. According to Mathieu complaints were filed about bus 12 which did not arrive on time to pick up students with no communication to the schools as to the bus's location or arrival time. Mathieu called this "unacceptable" and said he had communication his frustration with the manager of the Charlton depot.

"I can only empathize with you having to come back and pick up your children. That is not the norm obviously and that is not acceptable," Mathieu said.

He explained that the Charlton depot manager apologized for the miscommunication in an email, but Mathieu commented he was still taken aback by the circumstances. "I, too, am puzzled why there wasn't a replacement bus sent for bus 12. That's not the expectation and if there was communication, we could

have addressed it."

Mathieu pointed out that First Student is dealing with staffing issues as many businesses are in the commonwealth and across the country. With a combined 70 school routes throughout their contracts and only 66 drivers to transport students, as well as several of those employees being in training or out sick in the first few weeks of school, First Student has certainly seen its share of hardships. While Mathieu sympathized with their situation, he stressed that the lack of communication concerning bus 12 cannot be accepted.

"Those are things that everybody can understand when they know about that, but when it's out of the blue and the children are in that circumstance that is not acceptable," said Mathieu.

He added that the district will continue to adjust as needed to simplify routes and save time for both students and parents. This could include issuing surveys to help ensure they have a good handling of the expectations of the drivers.

Coast Guard offers boating safety & certification courses

REGION — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing three upcoming boating safety classes in November. They are scheduled as "in-person" unless further Covid restrictions move them to the Zoom video conference platform.

Boat America Course - for Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut certification

This is a one-day course developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Successful completion of the course will certify any minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Adults completing the course will get a Mass. certification that may

be required in the future. Approved by NASBLA it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory including Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course. The Boat America course is limited to 20 students.

Two Saturday courses offered:

Nov. 5 at Milford High School 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 12 at Webster Fire Department 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Suddenly in Command Course - For anyone out on the water

Imagine you are out on the water when the boat's captain somehow is incapacitated or falls overboard and cannot swim back to the boat. Are you prepared to take basic actions to get help, stop or start the engine and take the helm? A little knowledge could save lives and make you feel more comfortable boating when you are not generally at the helm. Misfortunes can and do happen while on that fishing, diving, adventure, or party charter. Being out

on your own boat with that significant other at the helm, or going out on a friends' pontoon boat, or as a personal watercraft passenger can also turn to horror if the skipper is suddenly out of commission. This is a boating safety primer for those not generally at the helm but would like to know what to do, to be better prepared.

Nov. 16 at Milford High School 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Milford High School courses offered at 31 West Fountain St., Milford.

Registration is managed through the Milford Community School Use Program, Adult-Boating, at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> or Laura Farrell (508) 478-1119; keeping in mind that availability is limited and you may receive course materials prior, if given on Zoom. There is a \$75 fee for the Boat America Certification course (registration deadline is Nov. 5), and a \$10 fee for the Suddenly in Command course (registration deadline is Nov.15) covering hand-out materials etc. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied in person, or online by a registered parent/guardian.

For additional USCGAux. informa-

tion: phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or (508) 478-3778.

The Webster Fire Department Classroom is located at 55 Thompson Rd., Webster.

Additional USCGAux. information and Registration is managed by Public Education Officer Phil Kubat phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or (508) 478-3778. The Boat America course fee for materials etc. in Webster is \$50 keeping in mind that availability is limited and you may receive course materials prior, if given on Zoom (registration deadline is Nov.5). Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied in person, or online by a registered parent/guardian.





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Wales Cultural Council accepting grant applications

WALES – The Wales Cultural Council has been awarded \$5,500 in grants to support the arts and sciences in the town of Wales. Grants applications are due by Oct. 17. The Cultural Council is dedicated to prioritizing enriching lives of the residents of Wales by funding rich and varied cultural and science-based activities for students,

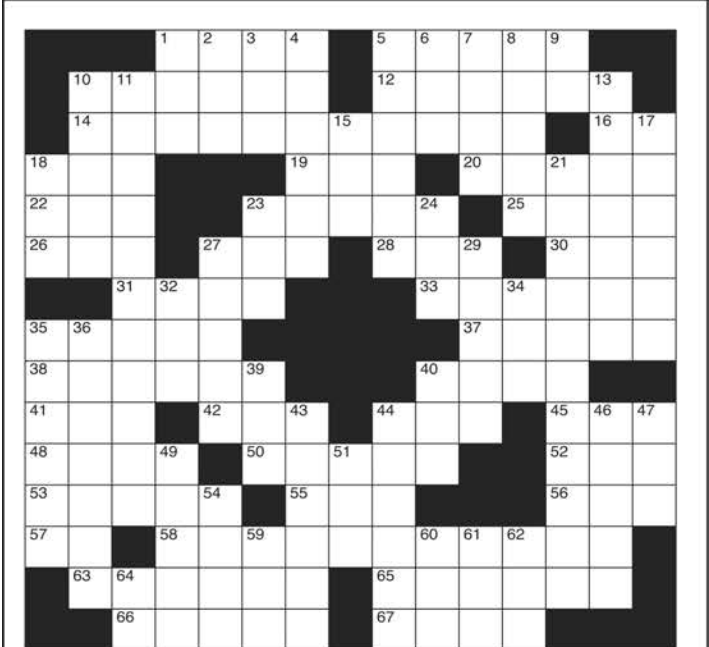
seniors, families, and the general public. The planned event must be supported by a local organization, and a venue must be secured prior to submitting the application. The sponsoring organization must provide a letter confirming that the event will be hosted by them and that a venue has been secured. This letter must

accompany the application. Applications are online and may be accessed at <https://masscultural-council.org/local-council/wales/>. We look forward to reviewing the applications for 2023 grant awards.

United Way kicks off campaign with night of trivia

SOUTHBRIDGE — United Way of South Central Massachusetts is celebrating 85 years of service to our communities. To welcome the beginning of the annual campaign, a fun night of dining and trivia is planned for Friday, Oct. 21 at Visions Restaurant, located at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. Both long time supporters of United Way and local trivia players are invited to attend. The evening begins with the Campaign Kickoff dinner at 5:30 p.m.

and follows with five rounds of trivia at 7 p.m. Enter a team of four players for this year's Annual Pub Quiz and compete for the "Sharpest Knife in the Block" trophy provided by PUB QUIZ sponsor Dexter-Russell, Inc. Come for dinner, dinner and trivia or just the trivia portion of the night! All proceeds support United Way member agency programs. Tickets are available by calling (508) 765-5491 or by visiting www.uwscm.org.



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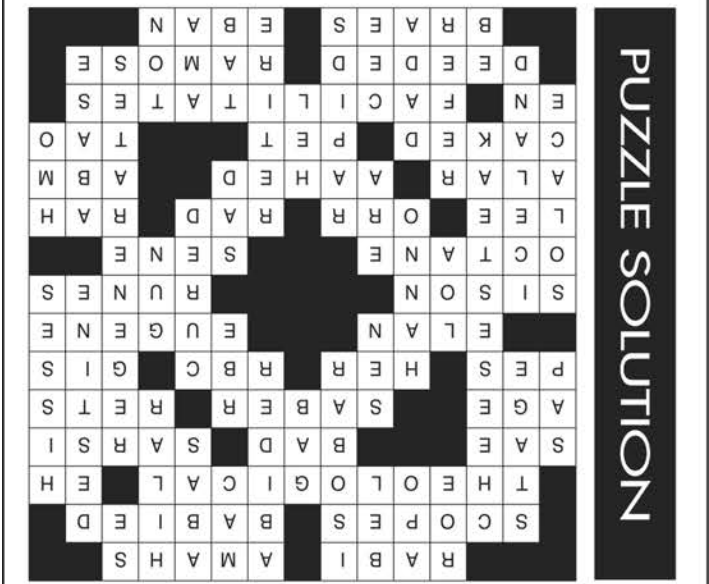
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- 5. Nursemaids in East Asia
- 10. Investigates
- 12. Treated like a child
- 14. About religious belief
- 16. Widely used exclamation
- 18. Car mechanics group
- 19. Not good
- 20. Indigenous people of Alberta
- 22. Everyone has one
- 23. Fencing sword
- 25. Soaks
- 26. The human foot
- 27. Of she
- 28. Erythrocyte (abbr.)
- 30. Soldiers
- 31. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 33. Playwright O'Neill
- 35. Stone parsley
- 37. Small stones

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- 1. Eggs in a female fish
- 2. Military mailbox
- 3. Unit to compare power levels
- 4. Line on a map connecting similar points
- 5. One who accepts
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Ancient Greek sophist
- 8. About hilus
- 9. Southeast
- 10. Where actors ply their trade
- 11. Beloved Philly sandwich
- 13. Intend
- 15. Talk excessively
- 17. Bronx cheers
- 18. Drain
- 21. Renews
- 23. Monetary unit in Asia
- 24. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. Carthaginian statesman
- 29. Aged

- 38. Gas descriptor
- 40. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 41. Jeans manufacturer
- 42. NHL great Bobby
- 44. Cool!
- 45. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 48. Winged
- 50. Partner to "oooh"
- 52. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 53. Coated
- 55. Furry household friend
- 56. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 57. Prefix meaning "within"
- 58. Makes easier
- 63. Transferred property
- 65. Branched
- 66. Hillside
- 67. Abba __, Israeli diplomat

- 32. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 34. Firearm
- 35. Consolation
- 36. An island in the north Atlantic
- 39. Pitching statistic
- 40. Disconsolate
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Call it a career
- 46. Behave in a way that degrades someone
- 47. Health insurance
- 49. Recommend
- 51. Baltic peninsula
- 54. Father
- 59. After B
- 60. Bar bill
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• **Charlton City United Methodist**, 74 Stafford St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.org Sunday worship and Children's church 10am
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This program is best suited for those ages 13 and up.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS/TEENS

Scary Story Contest (grades 4-12)
Runs now through Monday, October 24.

All those in grades 4-12 are encouraged to submit your spookiest short story for a chance to win a prize! Visit the Kids or Teen website pages (www.charltonlibrary.org) for all the details!

YFCP Play & Learn Group with Ms. Avery
Fridays, 10:00-11:00 - Story Time Room

Children, ages 2-5, will be introduced to literacy, music, science, math and movement activities during free play, circle and story time. Parents/ caregivers will have the opportunity to share ideas, develop relationships and expand their support system in this 6-week series. Siblings are welcome. Space is limited. Registration is required and is for all 6 weeks. This Play & Learn Group series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP) and hosted by the Charlton Public Library. YFCP is a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant funded by the Department of Early Education & Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

Drop-in Lego Club
Fridays, 3:00-4:30 - Children's Room
Join your friends and build a Lego creation! Try out our weekly challenge or make up your own design.

Best for ages 5 -12. Lego creations must remain at the library, but may be displayed until the next class. This is a drop-in program. Registration is

not required. Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their children while they are in the room. A staff member or teen volunteer may be present, but the program is not facilitated by an instructor.

Learn to Play Pokemon
Tuesday, October 4, 4:30-7:30 - Story Time Room

Learn to play the Pokemon trading card game! In this program, presented by One Up Games, you will learn everything you need to know to play Pokemon. Participants will go home with a free starter deck and play mat! This program is for ages 8-13. Registration is required.

Drop-In Crafternoon for Kids
Saturday, October 8, 12:00-2:00 - Story Time Room

Stop by the Storytime Room to make some fun crafts! Kids of all ages are welcome. Parents/ Caregivers must remain in the room with younger children. No registration is required.

Pink Hair for Hope
Tuesday, October 11, 3:30-6:30 - Story Time Room

We are excited to welcome back the students of Baypath Cosmetology this year for Pink Hair for Hope!

Get your pink hair extensions and show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness. Extensions are \$5.00 each. All proceeds go to support Breast Cancer research. Everyone is welcome! Registration is not required. Extensions will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spooky Rocks
Saturday, October 15, 12:30-1:30 - Story Time Room

Join us to paint some seriously spooky rocks! Best for ages 7 & older. Registration is required.

Tween Graphic Novel Book Club
Tuesday, October 18, 5:30-6:00 - Story Time Room

Do you love graphic novels? Join us to talk about why we love these books and do some fun activities! Best for ages 9-13. Read the book before the meeting so we can talk about it! We have two choices for this month: CAMP MIDNIGHT by Steven Seagle and HAM HELSING: VAMPIRE HUNTER by Rich Moyer. Choose 1 or read both! Pick up a copy of your choice (or read both!) at the Children's Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Pre-K Yoga with Linda Davis
Wednesday, October 19, 11:15-11:45 - Dexter Hall

For ages 2.5-5 years old. Caregivers must be present during class. Please have children wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Registration is required.

Tween & Teen Creative Writing Group
Wednesday, October 19, 3:30-4:15 - Community Meeting Room

Best for ages 11-18. Writing prompts, share your work (optional!), book discussion, try out different writing styles, and learn about writing. Registration is required.

Middle-Grade Book Club
Thursday, October 20, 6:30-7:15 - Story Time Room

For those in grades 5-8. Join us for a discussion of THE UNADOPTABLES by Hana Toohe. Books are available at the Children's Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Teen Craft Night & Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 5:00-5:45 - Community Meeting Room
Meet up to discuss Teen Programming

for the Library, make a craft, and earn an hour of community service! For grades 5-12. Did we mention there will be snacks?! Registration is required.

Trick-or-Treat Parade
Monday, October 31, 11:00-11:30 - Children's Room to Town Hall

Join us for our annual Trick-or-Treat Parade from the Library to the Town Hall! Meet in the Children's Room by 11:00 am. 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 Common and go Trick-or-Treating with the Town Departments. In case of rain, the parade will move inside the Town Hall. Don't forget to wear costumes and bring a bag for goodies! All ages are welcome. Please register so we know how much candy we need. If you register and cannot attend, there is no need to call and cancel.

Young Scientists Stem Class
Tuesdays, November 1 through December 6, 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. Space is limited to 12 children, ages 3-6. Registration is for all 6 weeks. This series is sponsored by the YMCA Family & Community Partnership (YFCP), a Massachusetts Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) Grant funded by the Department of Early Education and Care and awarded to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. To learn more about FREE YFCP programs, visit www.theyfcp.org



Town of Brimfield, MA
Police Chief Postings

Chief of Police:

The Town of Brimfield seeks candidates for the position of Chief of Police. This position reports to the Select Board and is responsible for supervisory, administrative, statutory, and other duties of the Police Department. Work is performed in accordance with federal, state and local law as applicable as well as departmental policies, goals, and objectives.

Successful candidates will have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice or related field and a minimum of ten years of law enforcement experience, including five years as Deputy Chief, Captain or Lieutenant, or an equivalent combination of education and experience; plus, a Mass Driver's License, Mass Firearms License, MPTC Academy certified or equivalent; Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission – POST Certification. Salary will be determined based on experience.

Visit the job opportunities tab on the Select Board page at
www.brimfieldma.org for complete job description.
Submit application and resume by October 7, 2022,
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23 Main St., Brimfield, MA 01010
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LEGALS

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Horizon Properties, LLC to Sachem Capital Corp. d/b/a MA – Sachem Capital (the "Mortgagee") dated September 29, 2020 recorded in the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 63401, Page 81, as affected by a Mortgage Modification Agreement dated March 11, 2021 recorded in the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 64771, Page 149, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on October 13, 2022 (the "Auction Date") on the mortgaged premises in Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, and having an address of 30 and 32 South Road (a/k/a 34 South Road, Lots H and G), Sturbridge, MA. The auction will be held on the mortgaged premises at 30 South Road (Lot H), Sturbridge, MA (the "Auction Site"). To wit:

All that certain parcel of land on the southeasterly side of South Road, in the Town of Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, consisting of four lots, Lot-E, Lot-F, Lot-G, and Lot-H, as shown of a plan of land entitled "ANR Plan of Land Site Address: South Road, Sturbridge, MA Owner: Ken M. Cournoyer, Trustee of 34 South Realty Trust", dated July 15, 2019, prepared by DC Engineering & Survey Inc., recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 944, Plan 70.

Said Lot-G consisting of 118,627 square feet (2.7233 acres); and Said Lot-H consisting of 120,594 square feet (2.7685 acres), all according to said Plan.

The above premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and/or together with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, covenants, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, public assessments, liens or claims in the nature of

liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, covenants, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Said premises shall also be sold and conveyed subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over the mortgage, if any, to tenancies or occupations by persons on the premises now or at the time of the auction which tenancies or occupations are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. No representations express or implied, are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as is".

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The mortgaged premises will be offered for sale at public auction in the following manner, and at the times and place more specifically set forth below: 1. 30 South Road and 32 South Road (a/k/a 34 South Road, Lots H and G), Sturbridge, MA, as described above, will be sold together as one single sale at Public Auction at 11:00 AM at the Auction Site on the Action Date (the "Single Sale").

2. 30 South Road ("Lot H"), Sturbridge, MA as described above will be sold at Public Auction immediately thereafter at the Auction Site on the Auction Date. 3. 32 South Road ("Lot G"; together with Lot H, sometimes hereinafter collectively the "Lots"), Sturbridge, MA as described above will be sold at Public Auction immediately after the Lot H auction at the Auction Site on the Auction Date.

If the highest bid for the entire premises on the aforesaid Single Sale fails to equal or exceed the cumulative total of the highest bids at which the individual

Lots are sold at the later sales, then the Single Sale shall be voided and any and all deposit paid therefor shall be returned to the highest bidder. The Lots shall then be sold for the highest bid made for each of the individual Lots as set forth above. If the highest bid for the entire premises on said Single Sale equals or exceeds the cumulative total at which the Lots are sold at the later individual Lots sales, then the individual Lots sales shall be voided and any and all deposits paid therefor shall be returned to the highest bidder for each of the Lots, and shall be knocked down to the high bid for the entire mortgaged premises as a Single Sale.

In the event that any successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee' Sale of Real Estate and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale and/or the Announcment of Other Terms and Conditions executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell such property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder for any of the Lots and the Single Sale, provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title to such property shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said notice.

Terms of sale:

1. Bidding on Entire Premises at the Single Sale: A deposit of \$10,000.00 paid by certified check or bank cashier's check will be required at the time and place of sale; however, no bidder who bids on the entire premises who also bids on the individual Lots shall be required to furnish deposits for any and all bidding totaling in excess of \$10,000.00.

2. Bidding on Individual Lots: A deposit of \$5,000.00 for each of the Lots paid by certified check or bank cashier's check will be required at the time and place of each sale; however, in no event shall any bidder be required to furnish deposits totaling in excess of \$10,000.00.

The balance shall be paid by certified check, bank cashier's check or wired funds within thirty (30) days of the Auction Date at the office of the Mortgagee's attorneys, Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLC, 1500 Main Street, Suite 2700, Springfield MA 01105. The deed or deeds will be delivered contemporaneously therewith and will be provided to the purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. A five percent (5.00%) buyer's premium will be charged to the successful bidder. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Commonwealth of Massachusetts documentary tax stamps, and all recording fees. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in the mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: September 1, 2022
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September 16, 2022

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Legal Notice
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Charlton DPW Department
Private Snow and Ice Removal Service Contractors

Employment Opportunity
Now seeking private snow and ice removal service contractors for the winter storm season of 2022-2023. Specifications can be picked up at the DPW Department, 100 Flint Road, Charlton, MA 01507 starting September 23, 2022 before 3:00 p.m. EOE/AA. The Response Deadline – October 21, 2022 by 3:00 p.m.
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Brimfield celebrates fall season with Harvest Festival

BRIMFIELD – From live musical performers to dozens of local crafters, last weekend's Harvest Festival entertained guests from throughout the area.

The event was so successful in recent years that organizers decided to relocate the festival from the Town Common to Brimfield Auction Acres. With more space and parking at its new location, the fair drew one of its largest attendances to date. Guests enjoyed a range of activities and offerings, and they took advantage of opportunities to get some early holiday shopping done.

The Brimfield Community Partnership is thanked for hosting the event each year.

Photos Kevin Flanders

Daris Arguelles, of Sturbridge, and her 6-year-old son Cooper get ready for a fun autumn day.



Ashley Hayward, of Brimfield, spends the day with her 8-year-old daughter Summer.



Musical entertainment was provided throughout the day.



Kitty Lowenthal, left, and Jean Mountford represent The Last Green Valley.



Author Shawn Boyle, of Sterling, joins Leicester's Clare Dillon in greeting readers.



Robin and Steven Fedor represent Cub Scout Pack 7, of Brimfield.

Friday's Child



Nicholas
Age 12

Hi! My name is Nicholas and I love sports and want to be on a sports team!

Nicholas is a sweet and polite boy of Hispanic descent. He loves pets and is compassionate to all who know him. He also has a very funny sense of humor and can joke around easily with others. Being well-groomed and clean is very important to Nick. In his free time, Nick loves to listen to hip-hop music and play basketball. He also enjoys video games but would prefer to be outside being active and burning off his energy rather than being inside. Nick has many friends, is very sensitive to others' feelings, and tries to help out those who he feels are struggling. He is a role model in his program. When a new kid arrives, Nick takes them under his wing and mentors them. He provides comfort to other kids when they are upset. He is very well-liked by both his peers and adults in his living setting. He is a loyal friend. He receives support services in school to help with expressive and receptive language and reading. Nick does perform very well in math. Due to the lack of foster families, Nick lived in a residential program much longer than needed but recently moved in with a foster family. He is doing great living in a family environment.

Freed for adoption, Nick would do well in any family constellation with older, younger or with no other children in the home. He would do well in a home with routine, structure and much love to give. Currently he has regular visits with his siblings. Nick has a lot of potential and is waiting for his new family to help him tap into this potential so that he can reach for the stars.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/7053>

Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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

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



Give back this Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PINKHIPPY.ORG SELECTED TO BENEFIT IN BIG Y COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM

REGION — Reduce single-use plastic in the environment and give back to those in need in the local community, all while supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Big Y. PinkHippy.org has been selected by local Big Y store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program for the month of October!

The Big Y Community Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of the regular shopping routine. Every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sends a \$1 donation to a non-profit local to the Big Y in which it was purchased.

As part of this ongoing program, every month at every Big Y location a different local non-profit is selected to benefit from the sale of the reusable Community Bag. PinkHippy.org was selected as the October beneficiary in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month by local store leadership at the store located at 505 East Main Street,

Southbridge MA. PinkHippy.org will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at this location in October.

"This is such a powerful way to give back to a worthy cause as part of your regular shopping routine," said Del Bachand, President of the Board of Directors of PinkHippy.org. "Non-profits at the local level, like us, are in need of community support. This program offers the perfect opportunity to support the environment, give back locally and raise awareness during this Breast Cancer Awareness Month!"

PinkHippy.org is a non-profit based in Webster. Founded in 2014, PinkHippy.org works to provide free integrative therapies, services and support to cancer patients in our local communities with a focus on women and men with breast. Learn more about PinkHippy.org by visiting www.pinkhippy.org.

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The voice of
the young
is more
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than ever

We have heard much buzz from younger voters recently regarding the upcoming midterm elections, and the overwhelming consensus among them, is that their votes do not count. While there are exceptions to this rule, we figured we would stress to our younger counterparts how important it is to pay attention and to head to the ballot box.

The youth voice is important whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or something in between. Important issues in every election directly relate to concerns students and young professionals have, which is even more reason to arm yourself with knowledge. Truth be told, younger voters are needed now more than ever. Issues that concern students are college tuition reform, healthcare and federal job programs to name a few. You may not care now, but you may care a few years from now when choices politicians make, begin to affect your life, and they will.

Young voters make up almost 50 percent of the voting population, giving you a stronger voice than you think, making your votes collectively more influential across the board. An interesting bit of trivia is that youth votes declined by 2 percent from a record of 52 percent in 2008. In 2016, 19 percent of those ages 18-29 voted in the presidential election. Those ages 45-64, however, made up for 49 percent of the vote.

You may not think your vote counts, but, every vote counts. Oftentimes, politicians will win by a small margin as low as 20 votes, especially in local and state races, proof that your vote DOES matter. Young people that want to inspire change need to find the candidate who represents their values best, and cast their votes.

With news at our fingertips these days, it's easier now more than ever to educate yourself regarding politics. Sure, it may seem boring and often times it is, but educating yourself on current events and the issues will serve you well. One bit of advice is to not believe everything you read or see and to always fact check your sources. Protect your interests and use your voice, after all this is what democracy is all about.

Do not be discouraged or intimidated to vote, it's easy. You have a right to be at the polls just like every other American. Bring a friend and go grab some lunch or breakfast afterwards, making it a fun occasion.



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OPINION

TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all who supported TCA's Golf Classic

To the Editor:

Trinity Catholic Academy would like to thank everyone who helped make the 27th Annual Golf Classic with over 120 golfers, another wonderful success. Volunteers and a continued team spirit from a solid committee led by Paula Toti have been the key to the success of this event over the years, with other resolute individuals who led this effort prior to her. The volunteers who helped are too numerous to mention, but they include the eighth-grade class at TCA, teachers, parents, alumni, and friends! Please accept our sincere thanks for all that you did. We want to thank Heritage Country Club, area parishes who posted the tournament in weekly bulletins, and all who shared the information via social media to make this highly attended tournament a reality. www.facebook.com/groups/tcagolfclassics

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It's Apple Season!

Nothing quite captures the senses of the autumn season as the native apple, and for many area families the New England apple harvest is celebrated with an annual drive to a country orchard. A "a day on the farm" is not only an opportunity to stock up on fresh fruit, but a chance to take stock of good old fashioned New England values. A short hike or hayride to trees laden with crisp, red apples promises an abundance of both fruit and family fun. With several orchards within the Stonebridge Press region, pick-your-own apples, freshly pressed cider, hot apple treats and a variety of seasonal farm goods are just a short drive away.

New England Apples: New England is known for its distinct variety of apples. The area's hot summers, cool fall days, and rocky soil are credited with the production of big, red apples with a unique mix of sweet and tart flavors.

McIntosh leads the pack in production of New England apples, accounting for two-thirds of the region's crop. Other classic regional varieties are Cortland, Empire, Macoun, Red Delicious, and Rome. Additional favored New England varieties include Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, and Paula Red.

The apple's rich New England history is evident in the many heirloom varieties of apples that were discovered here and are still grown at a sprinkling of established apple farms. Among them are Early Mac, Lodi, Baldwin, Northern Spy, Roxbury, Russet, Pippin, and Red Gravenstein.

Sharing shelf space with the classics and heirlooms (and often a top pick today) are a breed of apples, dubbed the "hybrids." Since the late 1980s area orchards have introduced newer hybrid varieties grown to hold up better in storage and look more attractive to the consumer. Braeburn, Honey Crisp, Gala and Ginger Gold, Jonagold, Crispin, Fuji, Pink and Lady are some top selling hybrids. I recently discovered the RubyMac variety, and as a loyal Macoun fan, I have to admit the RubyMac rivals my all time favorite!

Old Fashioned Apple Recipes: Read on for some tried and true apple recipes that spotlight the area's harvest:

Ann Tuttle's Apple Pie (from Breezeland Orchards)

Baked each autumn and during holiday time, the homemade pie, made from fresh orchard apples, is a Tuttle tradition. Once again, this column shares her family recipe:

Ingredients: apples; 3/4 cup sugar; 1 tsp. cinnamon; 1 tbsp. minute tapioca; 1 tbsp. water; 1 tbsp. butter



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Preparation: Roll out dough for bottom of pie plate. Peel and slice apples to generously fill pie plate. Mix and sprinkle the sugar, cinnamon and tapioca on top of apples as you put in the slices. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of water and 1 tablespoon of butter (in little dabs) on top. Cover with top crust. Cut 3 or 4 slices in top crust. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes and then 375° for 25 minutes.

Classic Baked Apples

Sugar, nuts and spices transform ordinary apples into a comfort food desert, thanks to this classic mid century baked apple recipe.

Ingredients: Six apples, peeled, cored and sliced; 1/2 cup white sugar; 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour; 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg; 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves; 1/2 cup raisins; 1/2 cup chopped walnuts; 1/2 cup whole milk

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2 quart casserole dish, or coat with non-stick cooking spray. Place apples in a large bowl. In a small bowl, mix together sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Stir spice mixture into apples until evenly distributed. Fold in raisins and walnuts. Spoon into prepared dish. Pour milk evenly over apple mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 45 to 60 minutes, or until soft and bubbly. Allow to cool slightly before serving.

Baking Powder Biscuit Apple Dumplings

Old fashioned apple dumplings made with baking powder biscuits have been a favorite fall treat for generations.

Biscuit Ingredients: 3 cups flour; 4 teaspoons baking powder; 2/3 teaspoon salt; 1/4 cup shortening; 3/4 to 7/8 cup water or milk

Filling Ingredients: apple; 2 tablespoons butter; one cup sugar; one tablespoon flour; 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions: Sift dry biscuit ingredients, cut in shortening, then liquid and knead lightly. Toss on floured board and pat, roll lightly to 3/4 to 1 inch thick and cut as for biscuits.

Put a quarter of a raw apple in each biscuit and fold in carefully. Place in baking pan (rough side down) and pour sauce over them with is made from 2 tablespoons butter, one cup sugar, one tablespoon flour, one pint boiling water and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until apples are done when tested with a fork.

Slow Cooker Apple Butter

What's better than delicious homemade apple butter? How about a recipe that is nearly effortless and fills the

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You may have heard of the squabbles the United Methodist Church has been having for years now. If you haven't heard, do me a favor and don't research it! Unfortunately, the UMC's struggles and schism are not unique in Christianity nor in our country, generally.

The very fact that we have denominations and sects upon sects within religions is strange and upsetting. There are more than 200 Christian denominations in the U.S. and many thousands around the world. What? Why?

From the beginning we've had our issues. The Book of Acts, as well as Paul's letters, describes the first factions and fight brewed over theological differences. There has never been a time when Christians all agreed and believed or lived the same.

What the Book of Acts also tells us, though, is that there was at least one time, in chapter fifteen of that book, when Christians came together to find ways to serve God's kingdom together while continuing to disagree. Since that time, what is called the Jerusalem Council, we have had a model of how to act with one another. Often, we have failed to live up to that model's ideal, of agreeing to serve God however we can in our own ways, but we don't need to always fall short.

Though we often say, "it's the same God we love, isn't it?" or, in the political realm, "We all love the country," we don't often act that way. We're okay working with other factions, other denominations, as long as we don't look weak, as long as our faction benefits. When we're concerned about the outcome, we insulate ourselves so that whatever good is done is "ours" and ours alone. It needn't be that way.

I ask my kids all the time when they want to play together but in different ways: is there a way to creatively merge your ideas to enjoy playing together? The answer is always yes. Same for we adults. Part of our creativity must be in thinking of our goal differently. Our goal cannot be the thriving of our church, our faction, our political party. The goal must be bigger, more universal, more inclusive.

But for anyone out there who sees post-Covid declines in your church, in churches generally, worried about the tension within and between churches, anxious over escalating tensions in our country—don't worry. There's always hope. All it takes is one of us to take up the Jerusalem Council's spirit, the spirit that Jesus had in eating with sinners, to think beyond ourselves and teach others how to live for a greater purpose beyond ourselves.

house with the scent of steaming apples and cinnamon?

Ingredients: 15 medium or ten large apples, cut into chunks; one cup brown sugar; one teaspoon cinnamon; one teaspoon vanilla extract; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon ginger; 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.

Directions: Mix apples, sugar and spices. Place into crockpot and cook on low for 8 hours. Puree to desired consistency using an immersion blender, food mill or food processor.

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

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



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Fishing was great on all fronts this past week. Matt Fontaine and this writer fished for tautog this past Wednesday in Rhode Island, and had little trouble catching our limit of three fish each, along with some impressive seabass. The parking lot was full of boats and trailers again when we arrived, but they all vanished when we got to our fishing spot. They were obviously chasing Albies and stripers, so we had the whole area to ourselves. We later found out that the striper fishing was red hot in front of Newport, and Albies were in front of Carpenters Beach.

Fortunately, Matt & I love catching bottom fish like Tautog and seabass, and this week’s picture shows the results. They are excellent eating fish, and also provide us with some great fishing. Using light fishing rods, these hard fighting fish are fun to catch while using green crabs for bait. I always cut the crabs in half, and also remove the legs of the crab before placing them on a #3 circle hook. I seemed to be doing OK last week, until my fishing buddy Matt was catching all the big tautog.

He said that he was leaving the legs on the crabs after cutting them in half; I decided to give it a try. As soon as I hit bottom with the bait, I felt a sharp hit, and I found myself battling a large



This week’s picture shows Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with a couple of nice tautog we caught last week in Rhode Island.

tautog. Bringing the fish to the surface took a while, and I was enjoying every minute. Matt quickly grabbed the net and scooped up the impressive fish. Just a simple change in presenting the bait made the difference, and it makes sense. Seabass were also hitting the crabs, and although we caught many of them, we

came up two short of our limit. Fishing for these two species is only going to get better in the next two or three weeks. If you have a youngster that you want to get hooked on fishing, now is the time to go, but you need to use a boat to get to the fishing grounds, that is only half a mile off shore.

Bird hunters are getting their gear and dogs ready for the upcoming pheasant season, which opens on Oct. 15, statewide for the first year. A reminder that anyone hunting pheasant in Mass. need to acquire a pheasant stamp, at a cost of \$10, along with a 2022 hunting license. Numerous youth pheasant hunting opportunities are available this year. Check them out in the 2022 abstracts. The daily bag limits for pheasant hunters are two birds, but new this year; there is no limit on annual pheasant bag limits.

Waterfowl season in Mass. opens on Oct. 10 this year, with a six-bird daily bag limit. The recent heavy rain should make hunting local streams and rivers, a lot better, as most areas had dried up due to the lack of rain this year. Hunting rivers and streams from a boat or Kayak, should provide some great shooting opportunities for duck hunters this year. Geese also open on Oct. 10, and with most corn fields cut, hunting should provide plenty of action, even though there numbers have dropped off significantly. Migrating geese should change all of that, as they stop off in cornfields to feed and rest a day or two before moving on during their annual migration. Note: A state and federal waterfowl stamp is needed to hunt ducks and geese, and non-toxic shot is also required. Your firearm cannot hold more than three shells total!

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Learning to lead



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Lately, I have been trying to read more. I bought a book I have been told to read many times, but I have never been interested enough till now. Reading it has caused me to have significant reflections on the last few years.

Do you have a dream you want to accomplish? Does it seem too big? Does it seem like maybe if you tried to accomplish it, you would be biting off more than you can chew?

It would be wise for you to examine the conditions before you commit. Look at the market you are trying to enter; give yourself and your abilities an honest assessment, read the

necessary materials, and listen to the experts. These will serve as your roadmap that you can navigate to success should you decide to commit.

I never thought the dream I was trying to accomplish was too big, but I heard from my business partner that my dad confessed to him early on that he thought what we were trying to accomplish may not be possible!

One of the chapters in the book discusses that to navigate successfully to your dream, you will need to find a balance between faith with facts! Some people have their heads up in the clouds so high that they never bother to look at the facts. It is essential to assess the situation and strike a balance. Also, you do not want to be so fact-oriented that you cannot dream and have faith, but knowing the facts of the situation will keep you grounded and let you know if you need to

scale it back.

Once you find the balance between faith and facts and decide to keep moving forward, it is important to realize something. It was the biggest realization I have had in a long time; a reality check.

For the last few years, I have worked with a team of people who are all experts in their field to accomplish a big vision. I believe in the dream and what we are doing; I have balanced the faith with the facts, and I was naive enough to think that is all I needed: a great team and a grand vision.

I learned something while reading this book that I should have known, and maybe subconsciously, always have known. Just because you have an excellent vision for the future, a great team, have balanced faith with facts, and are willing to work hard to make your dream a reality does not mean you will get there.

The book I am talking about is “The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership” by John C Maxwell.

In it, I discovered something quite profound. No matter how positive you are, how beautiful your vision is, or how hard of a worker you are. You will never rise higher than your leadership ability.

If your vision is a 10, but your leadership is only a 5, you will only accomplish half of your vision. Wow! If you have a big dream, you would like to accomplish, that should send shivers down your spine.

It is not the size of the vision and the execution of it that will ensure success. It is not your work ethic; it is not your positive attitude. All of these are essential, and combined, these qualities will take you a long way, but one of the determining factors in how far you can advance your vision is your ability to lead!

According to Maxwell, your success will never surpass your leadership ability. Your leadership level is the cap on how high you can take your vision.

That made me nervous to read that; I have never thought of myself as much of a leader.

book was worrisome in many ways but also provided strong reassu

Maxwell says, “Champions don’t become champions in the ring- they are merely recognized there...if you want to see where someone develops into a champion, look at their daily routine.”

In the same way that investing in the stock market will not make you instantly rich, you can never become a leader in a day. It only happens through consistency, regular learning, practice, and focus. You can learn to lead!

Harvesting red and green tomatoes

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Harvesting when they are fully ripe ensures the best flavor for eating fresh, cooking, and preserving.



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the average first fall frost in your area. This allows the existing flowers to develop into fruit and the existing fruit to mature before the end of the growing season.

Extend the harvest season with the help of floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light, and water through, but trap heat around the plants. Protecting plants from the first few fall frosts often provides time for more tomatoes to ripen.

Sometimes you cannot protect plants from frost or hungry critters prevent you from leaving the tomatoes on the plant to fully ripen. You can pick any tomatoes that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The blossom end should be greenish white or starting to color up. Use blemished and cracked fruit right away since these do not store well.

Store green and under-ripe tomatoes in a cool 60-to-65-degree location to maximize their storage life. Set the tomatoes on heavy paper spread apart so they are not touching. Or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit



‘Tye Dye’ tomato in the garden with red and green tomatoes to harvest.

do not make direct contact. This helps prevent rot spreading from one fruit to the next.

These tomatoes will ripen over the

next few weeks. You can speed up the process by moving a few tomatoes to a bright, warm location a few days before they are needed.

Extend the tomato season next year by growing a Long Keeper. The flavor is not as good as vine-ripened fruit, but you can pick these before the first fall frost and enjoy garden tomatoes for up to three months.

And don’t let the rest of the green tomatoes go to waste. Use them for frying, chow chow, green salsa, and other tasty treats.

Keep harvesting and enjoying your garden-fresh tomatoes as long as your growing season allows. Then make space to store them a few weeks after the first fall frost.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardeners 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.

Local students named Peer Advisors at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Charlton resident, Ashley Figueroa and Courtney Farrell of Sturbridge have been named a Peer Advisor for the 2022-2023 academic year at Western New England University.

Peer Advisors are a group of highly selected and comprehensively trained students dedicated to helping first-year and transfer students throughout their transition to Western New England University. Peer Advisors undergo more than 150 hours of training in order

to better support first-year and transfer students.

Each first-year student is assigned a Peer Advisor who serves as a source of information, point of first contact, and conduit to university programs and support services. Peer Advisors work during the summer and academic year to assist new students in the formation of their personal success plans and act as an advocate for student success. The personal success plans provide new students with a frame-

work for establishing specific, measurable, reasonable, realistic, and timely goals for the first year at the University.

Figueroa is working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE’s

215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four

Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

New student representatives at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy!

CHARLTON — New student representatives to the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2023 were elected recently and began their term this fall.

Practical nursing students Patrick Ndegwa of Dudley and Evan Cleveland of Westborough were voted as student representatives for the PN class of 2023. 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. Ndegwa and Cleveland represented the students of PN Class of 2023 on the advisory board and steering committee meeting held on Sept. 27.

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 2023.

"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 in 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.

Ndegwa was with the Hospital for Behavioral Medicine as a mental health technician and the Evergreen Center Milford as a care giver. He holds a certificate in automotive technology from Porter and Chester Institute. He was a recent recipient of the Charles, Christine, and Cecilia Paradise Scholarship. Cleveland is a Personal Trainer/CrossFit Coach at Prototype Training Systems. He took a four-year exercise science program (BS, CSCS) at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

Both Ndegwa and Cleveland have a valid Health Care Provider/ Basic Life Support Provider CPR, are Dementia Care Certified, and are Mental Health First Aid Certified. Ndegwa and Cleveland 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.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy: Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit us online at www.baypath.net.



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Colin Donovan named Resident Advisor at Western NE University

SPRINGFIELD — Charlton resident, Colin Donovan has been named a Resident Advisor for the 2022-2023 academic year at Western New England University.

Resident Advisors are a group of students selected based on their leadership, interpersonal skills, and commitment to positively influencing their peers.

Resident Advisor assumes overall responsibility for the management of a corridor or residential area with approximately 30-80 students. Resident Advisors are assigned to all living areas on campus and are there as resources to students of all class years. They serve as a liaison between students and the University. The primary responsibility of a Resident Advisor, after their academic work, must be to the RA position where their focus is ensuring their residents are having a safe and enjoyable experience. Resident Advisor is also expected to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.

Donovan is working toward a BA in Elementary Education/ Psychology.

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More than 150 attend Southbridge Catholic Schools reunion

SOUTHBIDGE — Southbridge Catholic Schools recently held a reunion of alumni up to 1990. This event included all Notre Dame, St. Mary's, Marianhill and Trinity Catholic Academy high school alum age groups including grammar school classmates from Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and St. Joan of Arc School!

More than 150 came together for this fun and memorable evening. The festivity offered the perspective of 150 years of Catholic Education in Southbridge with Trinity Catholic Academy, a STREAM school (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math), now representing this legacy of the school system in Southbridge. Through the years Southbridge Catholic schools have served, and continue to serve, students from across Southern Worcester County and northern Connecticut. The Saturday evening reunion was preceded by the Annual TCA Golf Classic and followed by a Sunday morning celebratory Mass by Fr. Ken Cardinale with TCA students presenting banners that represented each school. A tour of Trinity Catholic Academy followed Mass, featuring the new science lab. Comments during the tour included lots of "remember when" and the mention of different activities that occurred throughout the school.

The evening was full of socializing and reminiscing amongst the classes and schools. A roll call of all classes got the crowd "wild" claiming their class acknowledgement. The Marianhill Class of 1975 dedicated their cheer to Ralph Loconto-St. Mary's '65, the basketball coach at Marianhill during the 70's. The amazing Notre Dame Class of 1958 had ten alumni attend! The Marianhill Class of 1972 had the highest atten-



The Class of 1972 poses for a photo during the Southbridge Catholic Schools reunion

dance, celebrating their 50th reunion year. Alumni traveled to Southbridge for the occasion from California, Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and states throughout eastern US. Included in attendance was Lucille Bartlett LeBeouf whose last year at St. Joan of Arc School was 1945, celebrating over 70 years since her days at the school. (photo) Raffles were held with proceeds going to Trinity Catholic Academy.

Memorabilia tables lined the walls as attendees reflected and remembered days gone by.

The committee and attendees would like to thank Margaret Trahan Farrand (Notre Dame High School, '62) the facil-

ity manager of La Salle; Hearthstone Market Catering, owned and run by Lenny Petrillo (St. Mary's Grammar School alum); DJ, Mark Genereux (Notre Dame Grammar School alum); as well as Photos by Coral; and the teachers, students, and alums of Trinity Catholic Academy, who participated. Their kindness, generosity, and conscientious work is appreciated.

Special thanks to Fr. Carlos of St. John Paul II Parish and Fr. Luc Martel - Notre Dame High School, '62 for offering the blessings before dinner and Mrs. Angela Symock, TCA Principal for sharing her vision for Trinity Catholic Academy going forward.

We couldn't have done it without our reunion sponsors: Thomas Palmerino - Marianhill '74; Gerry Proulx Marianhill '71; and Trinity Catholic Academy. Entertainment sponsor was St. Mary's High School, Class of '64 and beverage sponsor was Dennis Ravenelle -Marianhill '70. Appetizer and dessert sponsors were Jeanne Perry-Lynskey and Judy LeBlanc Laroche both Marianhill '76, Barbara Kudzol Gentry - Marianhill, '69, and Paul Berry, owner of Paul's Automotive, who attended Notre Dame and St. Joan of Arc grammar schools. Additional thanks to local businesses for their support especially Globe Sign Company, Universal Tag - Paul Mandeville, a student at Notre Dame Grammar School, and Southbridge Rent-A-Center.

The event's amazing committee spanned the U.S. Ninety percent of the event was planned via zoom meetings! Committee members included alumni from St. Mary's High School - Paul Moriarty '63, Judith Wild Kordash '64, Bill & Doreen Sacramone '65. Marianhill was also represented on the committee; Louise Perry '69, Nancy Germaine Coderre '70, Gerry Proulx '71, Rita Blais '72, Paulette Proulx Fontaine '72, Mary Berry Perry '72, Cathy Gravel Fournier '74, Diane Proulx-Perry '74, Trish Bombardier Bourassa '75, Sue Forcier Paradis '7), Diana Ravenelle DiBello '82, and Suzanne Beaudry Adams '85.

Reaching out to alumni was done though local press releases, social media, church bulletins, radio announcements, posters, flyers, and personal notes from class ambassadors when addresses were available.

Photos by Coral captured the memories at this event. Photos can be found at photosbycoral.smugmug.com.

Greater Worcester Community Foundationnames Tim Johnstone as Interim CEO

WORCESTER — The board of directors for the Greater Worcester Community Foundation has selected Tim Johnstone as the organization's interim president and chief executive officer. Johnstone currently serves as the president & chief executive officer of Johnstone Advantage Consulting Group, and most recently worked in a full-time capacity for Ascendia Care Alliance as its Chief Operating Officer from 2016 through 2020.

Johnstone also works with Interim Executive Solutions providing interim services for organizations undergoing leadership changes - as is the case with the Foundation.

"While we evaluate the field of candidates for the Foundation's CEO position, we are extremely grateful to have Tim step into this interim position," said J. Christopher Collins, Chair of the Board. "His knowledge of both the Central Massachusetts non-

profit and philanthropic landscapes is not only invaluable; but will be instrumental in helping our internal teams and the Foundation as a whole grow its support of the greater Worcester community in more strategic and significant ways."

In regard to its permanent CEO, the Foundation has retained Kittleman, an executive search firm specializing in the recruitment of CEOs for nonprofit organizations, to lead the search. They will

partner with the Foundation's search committee—a group of representatives from across the Community Foundation's audiences, including the Foundation's board, staff, volunteers, and corporators — to conduct a comprehensive search.

"The Foundation has learned a lot about itself over the last few years," said Collins. "Our search committee has revised the requirements for the Foundation's top leadership position and we feel confident that the next CEO will be a strategic, impassioned individual with detailed knowledge of the Greater Worcester community - and well established local networks."

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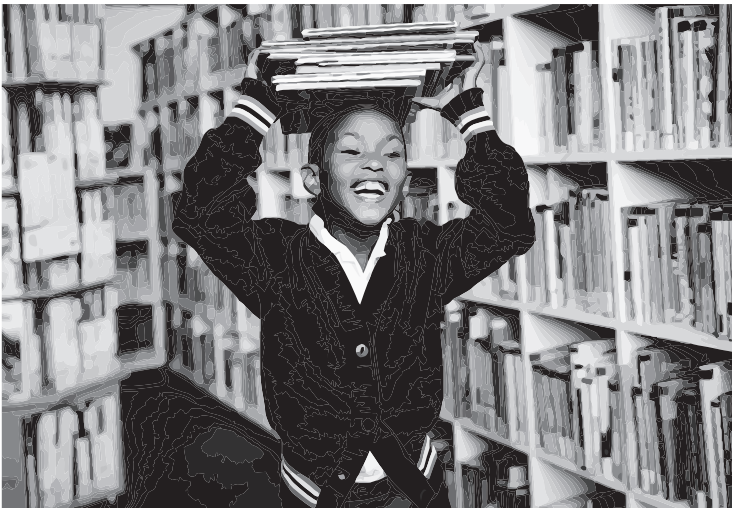
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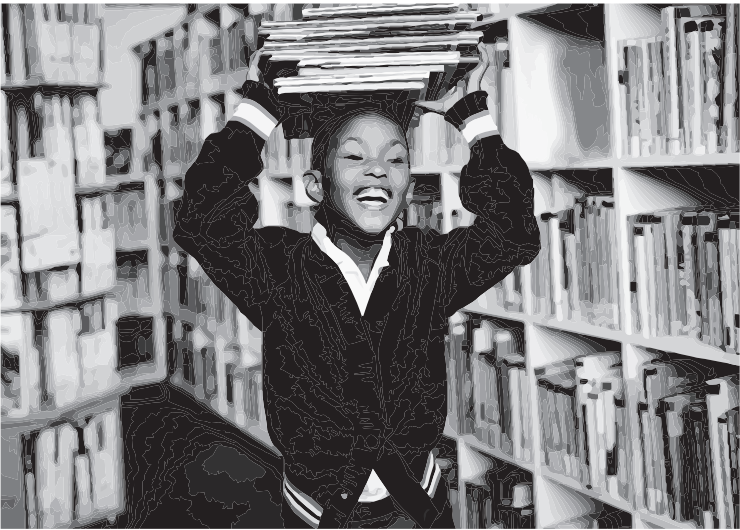
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Clue: Measures temperature

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Clue: Microorganisms

Answers: A. chill B. heat C. thermometer D. bacteria

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ANSWER:

Quinebaug Masonic Lodge installs new officers

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

SOUTHBIDGE — On Monday, Sept. 12, family and friends gathered at the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to witness the installation of new officers for the 2023 Masonic year. Chartered in 1859 this tradition has been going on for 164 years. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge continues to grow in members and men in the community want to know the secret on how this nonprofit organization of Master Masons can make good men even better. For you skeptical men out there that is just a little bite curious about Freemasonry, come and stop by the first Monday of the month between 6-7 p.m. Come and talk to some of our brethren before our meeting start at 7:30 p.m. You may even be surprised to know one or maybe two men from the community. We are also having an open house on Saturday Oct. 15 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. You can get a private tour and see all the mysterious Masonic symbols and artifacts. You will see old photos dating back to the 1800's of our Past Master up to the present day.

You may also recognize some of these pictures with old names of prominent citizens from the 1800-1900's like the Wells, Hyde's, Harrington, Morris, to name a few, and all these men were industrial giants with successful businesses. A couple still in town thriving today. These are family-oriented men that had a vision of what men can be and could become. Many of these prominent citizens during that time frame had made Southbridge what it is today.

Our members are immensely proud of the deep tradition the lodge continues to hold true. We are enormously proud of the next generation of officers to hold the honorable positions and to continue these long-lasting traditions going forward into the future. If you would like more information about freemasonry in your area, go to massfreemasonry.org and find a lodge nearest you.



Photo Courtesy

First row, from left to right Wor. George Makara, bro. Chip Hubert, bro. Rick Lavergne, Wor. John Shaw, Wor. Chris Kanz. Second row, left to right: Wor. R.J. Parron, bro. Will Proper, with top hat Master of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge Wor. Bill Bellanger, bro. Ben Marinelli, R.W. Chris St. Cyr. Back row, left to right: Wor. Mike Seriglia and bro. Bob St. Cyr. We are proud of our new 2023 officers of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge.

QCC's Legislative Breakfast and Food Pantry ribbon cutting spotlights student hunger

WORCESTER — Local legislators, community organizations, food pantry donors, and members of the Quinsigamond Community College community gathered together on Friday, Sept. 23 for a legislative breakfast and ribbon cutting of the college's HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center. The morning events featured QCC students who shared their stories and the impact the food pantry and resource center has had on theirs and their students' lives.

The event was moderated by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society President Lindsey Colgate, who shared her experiences as a college student at QCC.

"I'm a single mom; I've dealt with homelessness. I was even working full-time and just couldn't get out of that hole. Now I'm here and I never thought I'd be running an honor society or speaking at an event like this, but it shows that community college offers so much more than a degree," Colgate said.

Many members of the QCC community referenced how QCC's HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center allowed students such as Colgate to continue their education by assisting with basic needs.

"The food pantry is used by many types of people who just want to better their lives. Now they don't have to choose between school and work," said QCC Student Resource Manager Bonnie Coleman, who added that this is helping to remove the stigma from food insecurity.

A student survey done in 2018 by Wisconsin Hope Lab found that close to 50 percent of students at QCC were food insecure and 11 percent were homeless. To address this issue, QCC opened the first iteration of the college's food pantry in July 2018. In 2021 the food pantry doubled in size due to increased student need.

Today, the HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center offers fresh produce, dairy, and personal hygiene products, in addition to shelf-stable food items through the Worcester County Food Bank and Giya Foods. The food pantry serves approximately 150 students per week, with many who also feed their families. Thanks to a grant from United Way, which provided a software program similar to Instacart, students are able to safely pick up food each week in a grocery store-type setting. In the coming weeks the Greater Worcester Community Foundation will also be providing funding for a refrigerated truck and food lockers to increase efficiency.

"It's a truly collaborative effort," said Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Theresa Vecchio. "Our own Hotel Restaurant Management program is creating grab-and-go meals to supply the HomePlate Food Pantry."

Julia Rooney, a QCC criminal justice student, spoke about her experiences working in the food pantry as an employee.

"I'm thanked by many different people, including someone I'm lucky enough to now call a friend. She told me that without the food pantry, she and her two-year-old son would still be living in a homeless shelter. I'm happy to tell you that now she has a full-time job and an apartment and is on her way to graduating this spring," Rooney said.

At the breakfast QCC alumna and former PTK student Ashley Woodland spoke of her challenges to get to higher education, as well as her work with the HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center.

"Thanks to my involvement in the HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center I was able to attend my dream school, Lasell University. Now I work full time as a housing special and human rights officer for a social service organization in Worcester County," Woodland said.

State Senator Harriette Harriet Chandler attended the breakfast. Chandler presented a congratulatory citation from the state senate for QCC's work in fighting food insecurity.

"I've seen this school from the beginning, and I'm honored to see what it's become. This breakfast is an important opportunity to educate your legislators. You (QCC) ask for very little, but when you do I know it's important. It's been a pleasure to represent you," Chandler said.

"Our responsibility here is not just to listen, but to act. We are lucky to have a team at QCC that acts," Chairman of the QCC Board of Trustees, Alex Zequeira added.



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SPORTS

Wild fourth quarter sees Wolverines hang on to defeat Tantasqua



Nick Ethier photos
Tantasqua quarterback Adam Howe delivers a pass up and over the reach of Leicester defender Andrew Boisvert.



Tantasqua's Liam Hubacz hauls in a beautiful touchdown reception.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

STURBRIDGE — The Reservation was packed on Friday night, Sept. 23, and those in attendance that watched the Tantasqua Regional varsity football team host Leicester High saw a dramatic fourth quarter play out.

The Wolverines held a 7-6 halftime lead and that lead held as play moved to the fourth quarter. In that final 12 minutes — the first four minutes, to be precise — both teams scored a pair of touchdowns as Leicester held on for a 21-19 victory.

The Wolverines were 0-2 to start the season, so this victory was paramount for the team's morale.

"We feel like we've been in games, but our turnovers have just sucked the life out of us," said Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths, of which the Wolverines have accumulated 16 in the three games. "Practices have still been upbeat...but you can see the frustration on all of us.

"I can't even express the toughness of giving up a couple of quick touchdowns and coming right back," added Griffiths. "The one thing that's been constant from Day One in our scrimmages is the front five."

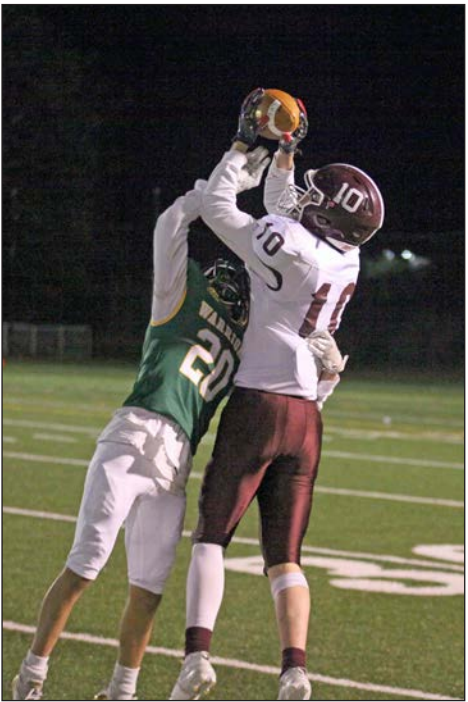
The five offensive linemen Griffiths spoke of were Matt Direnzo at center; Anthony Saksa and Justin Long on the right side, and Miguel Mackenzie Andrew Boisvert on the left.

"We've been moving the ball against everybody, so we've been relying on them," said Griffiths.

The offensive line helped Leicester backs Griffin Metcalf and Mitchel Giggey go to work, especially in the second half. Of the Wolverines' 25 offensive snaps over the final two quarters, Metcalf and Giggey combined for 21 carries and 155 yards. Metcalf scored Leicester's two fourth quarter touchdowns — from 5 and 22 yards out — while Giggey found pay dirt from 34 yards away in the opening quarter.

"Our seniors are supposed to lead us, and Griffin and Mitchel did that. They had their ups and downs in the first couple weeks, but they did what they're supposed to do tonight," said Griffiths.

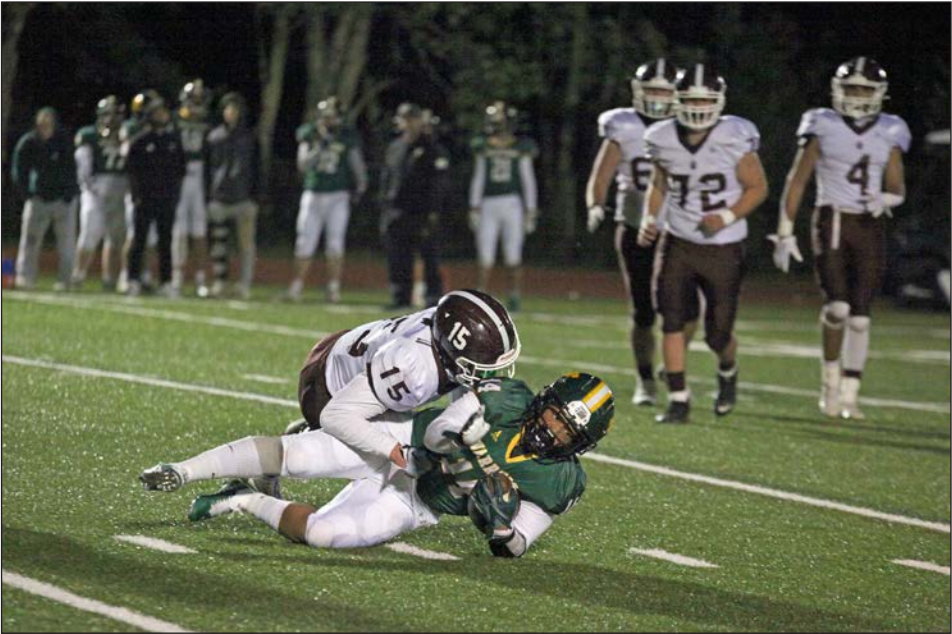
"I was seeing the field well and the linemen really stepped up today," added



Hunter Senior of Leicester goes up and over Tantasqua defender Luke Boisvert to catch a pass.



Abner Colon Martinez of Tantasqua braces for impact from Leicester's defense while carrying the ball.



Leicester defender Griffin Metcalf tackles Tantasqua ball carrier Abner Colon Martinez.

Metcalf. "Me and Mitch, we knew we were going to run the ball down their throat all game, so we stepped up."

Metcalf's first touchdown came on the first snap of the fourth quarter, and Mason Griffiths booted his second of three successful PAT's to give the Wolverines a 14-6 lead. Tantasqua then countered with a touchdown a minute later, quarterback Adam Howe hitting Liam Hubacz on a 67-yard pass to cut the deficit down to 14-12.

Moments later, Leicester extended its lead to 21-12 following Metcalf's second touchdown, but the Warriors responded when Howe (13 for 28, 287 yards, 3 TD's) connected with Derek Plowman (5 receptions, 148 yards) on a 58-yard scoring strike. Luke Marvin's extra point kick made the score 21-19 with 8:26 to play.

But the scoring ended there, and the Wolverines held on.

"We really needed that one," said Metcalf. "We played a tough South team and a tough Northbridge team, and turnovers have been killing us lately,

but we stepped up today, held onto the ball and made it happen."

Tantasqua dropped to 1-2.

"They physically beat us up. They outcoached us, outplayed us. They destroyed us on the offensive and defen-

sive line," said head coach Nate Orzech.

The Warriors' first half touchdown came in the second quarter, Hubacz catching his first touchdown from 21 yards out. Hubacz's two touchdowns — and two receptions — totaled 88 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



Courtesy photo
The Leicester High boys' and girls' cross-country teams have enjoyed impressive starts to their respective seasons.

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Tantasqua 167, St. Paul 168 — The Warriors traveled to Green Hill for a golf match with the then-undefeated Knights. In a down to the wire match, Tantasqua edged St. Paul by a single stroke. The stellar play of freshman Sam Pieczynski (1-under par 35) and junior Colm McGrath (2-over 38) were key to the Warriors improving to 5-2, while the Knights dropped to 6-1.

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Leicester 15, North Brookfield 50; Quaboag 20, Leicester 35; Quaboag 15, North Brookfield 50 — Competing at Quaboag Regional's 3-mile course, the Leicester High girls' cross-country team saw Abby Bernabei win her third race of the season. Both Juliana Dahlgran and Savannah Kulig ran their best times of the season as the Wolverines are now 4-2.

Leicester 22, Quaboag 33; Leicester 23, North Brookfield 33 — The Wolverines are now a perfect 4-0 in boys' cross-coun-

try after Leicester won the meet at Quaboag. Running the same 3-mile course, the Wolverines' Jason Fournier won with an impressive time of 18:32, his third victory of the season. Teammate Gio Aguir (20:37) took second place after an impressive closing kick, and Tyler Herron placed fourth (21:46).

Tantasqua 40, Shepherd Hill 14 — Competing in match play against the Rams' golf team at Dudley Hill, the Warriors won to improve to 6-3. Medalist honors again go to Tantasqua's Sam Pieczynski as well as teammate Colm McGrath. Both shot 40's on the par-36 layout.

Monday, Sept. 26
Tantasqua 158, Leicester 208 — Playing at Hemlock Ridge, the Warriors' golf team defeated the Wolverines, improving to 7-2 in the process. Medalist honors go to Tantasqua's Sam Pieczynski, who shot an even-par 36 after birdieing his final two holes.



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SPORTS

With limited offensive production, Shepherd Hill can only tie Hudson



Shawn Maple of Shepherd Hill goes lefty to kick the ball out of his team's defensive end.



Shepherd Hill's Mike Sobocinski looks down the field and sends a long ball toward Hudson's goal.



Shepherd Hill's Dan Gronek shields Hudson's Ivan O'Neill while gaining possession of the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DUDLEY — After a 1-1 tie with Hudson High on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Carmignani Field, Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity soccer head coach Tim Cormier didn't mince words when expressing how he felt about the Rams' outcome.

"They [Hudson] haven't had that good of a year; they're not a very high-pressure team and they're not very organized. It feels like a loss," said Cormier.

Shepherd Hill scored in the game's opening moments, which was nice to see. But from there, the Rams were unable to remain on the attack and double the lead — which would have essentially put the game away.

"We got lucky on the corner goal and you've got to take advantage of having control of the game," expressed Cormier.

On the goal, Mike Sobocinski insert-

ed a corner kick toward the Hawks' met. From there, chaos ensued.

"Sobocinski took the corner kick and the defender tried to clear it, it went under him, and it popped up and hit the goalie and went right in. None of our players touched it," said Cormier of the score that in professional soccer would have went down as an own goal.

Shepherd Hill's uninspired play from there carried over into the second half, where Hudson increased its offensive attack.

"We were begging to give it away. I don't have a lot of faith in that squad that we played. We've got to work the ball and possess it," said Cormier. "We lose it in the offensive third. We lose that possession-minded play. That's not how we try to play. The opportunities come when you keep the ball."

The Hawks eventually tied the score in the 62nd minute when John Kuhn

was dragged down in the box by a pair of Ram defenders. Cormier called the play a "clear penalty."

From there, Hudson's Davi Nunes took the penalty kick. He aimed his shot toward the right corner of the goal, but Shepherd Hill keeper Ryan Davis dove to his left to make the save. But the ball bounced right back to Nunes, who deposited his rebound attempt into the open net.

"He's unbelievable. He's been a top goalie in the area for a couple of years," Cormier said of Davis and his ability to make the initial stop. "The bounce went right to the [Hudson] player. Everyone else is six yards further away, so we're not going to win that race."

The final 18 minutes didn't provide much offense for either team, as the Rams are now 2-2-1, while Hudson is 1-3-1.

Youth hockey returns to Northeast Connecticut

CT OUTLAWS TO OFFER INSTRUCTIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AT POMFRET'S JAHN RINK

POMFRET, Conn. — The long-time tradition of youth hockey in Northeastern Connecticut is about to enter a new chapter. Beginning this season, the Connecticut Outlaws will provide learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, and hockey skills programs at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

Outlaws Hockey will continue the tradition of Griffin Youth Hockey which over the past 50 years has established a rich legacy of teaching hundreds of children in our area to skate, play, and love the game of hockey.

Now, those opportunities will be provided by the Connecticut Outlaws, a program affiliated with the Central Mass Outlaws who play out of the New England Sports Center in Marlboro. The Central Mass Outlaws feature learn-to-play and hockey skills programs under the tutelage of former



NHL and NCAA Division 1 stars.

Long-time GYHA coach skating instructor Andre Bessette will oversee skating and hockey skills programs for the coming year and will continue to team with several of his experienced GYHA coaches. Andre has helped hundreds of young kids learn to skate, play their first hockey games, and develop into high school and hockey players.

Over the past 10 years, the Outlaws have grown into one of the largest programs in the Premier Hockey League of New England. Under the current board of directors the program more than doubled in that time, with 18 Outlaws teams competing at various levels last season. The Outlaws Hockey program also oversaw teams and programs of the Tri-Valley Youth Hockey program.

Outlaws hockey strives to teach the fundamentals of ice hockey to make it fun, safe, and inclusive for all children interested in trying out the sport. We will continue the tradition of offering Instructional, Recreational, and Travel programs for everyone from

first-time beginners to accomplished players. Additionally, top players will be offered to opportunity to play in Tier 1 leagues through the Outlaws.

House League programs will continue for all players ages five and up for the coming season. Young players will progress from half-ice to full-ice games.

"We are thrilled to share our passion and experience for the incredible game of hockey with young players in Northeast Connecticut," said the Outlaws Hockey Board of Directors. "We look forward to building upon the great history of Griffin Youth Hockey in the coming weeks."

Programs at Jahn Rink will begin in October. All players interested in learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, and House League hockey should register immediately at <http://www.outlawshockey.com>.

October events at the Joshua Hyde Library
306 Main St., Sturbridge

Saturday, Oct 1: Teeny Tiny Art Show – Kids' Edition: supplies available beginning today. Return artwork on or before November 1st. Judging will run between November 7 – 28. For children ages 6-12 years. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL.

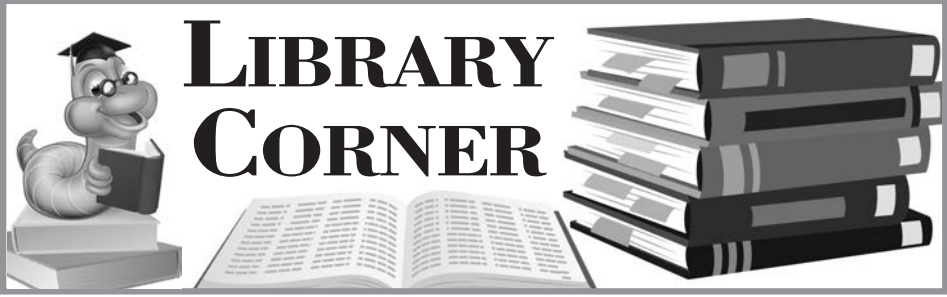
Tuesday, Oct 4: Drop-in Story Time. Stories, songs, craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Wednesday, Oct 5: ELF (Early Literacy & Fun!) Join us for a brief book-in-hand program that includes stories, songs & rhymes. Followed by playtime! Open to children 9-18 months of age accompanied by a caregiver. Sponsored by the Friends of the JHPL. 10:45 AM

Friday, Oct 7: Drop-in Story Time. Stories, songs, craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Tuesday, Oct 11: Afternoon Book Group. We'll be discussing "Painting the Light" by Sally Cabot Gunning. Pick up your copy at the library. 1:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct 12: Guided Meditation with Sylvia Murphy of pinkhippyorg, offering integrative therapies for cancer patients, survivors, and their families with a focus on breast cancer. Open



to all. Free for patients, survivors, and caregivers attending with a patient. To register call or text 508-304-3463. 6:15-7:30 PM

Saturday, Oct 15: Friends of the Library Book Sale Thousands of books to browse! 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct 18: Drop-in Story Time. Stories, songs, craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Wednesday, Oct 19: Armchair Travelers Take to the Open Road. We'll be discussing "The Map of Lost Memories" by Kim Fay. No registration required. Pick up copy of book at the library. 7:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 20: Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library Annual Meeting and Author Talk. The meeting will start with an author talk by Cesar Becerra, author of "Orange Blossom 2.0." We will be voting on the Library's Wish List and the Slate of Officers. If you are interested in running for a position, please let us know. Open to the public. Located in the library meeting

room. 7:00 PM

Thursday, Oct 20: Lego Club will meet in the Children's Room. Suitable for kids ages 5-12 yrs with adult caregiver. 6:30 PM

Tuesday, Oct 25: Drop-in Story Time. Stories, songs, craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Friday, Oct 28: Drop-in Story Time. Stories, songs, craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 10:45 AM

Saturday, Oct. 29: Haunted Halloween Magic Show with Tommy James! Enjoy silly & spooky family magic show that incorporates age-appropriate safety tips. Perfect for children K-5 with adult. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHPL. 11 AM

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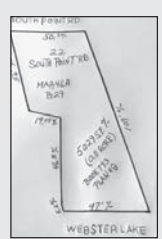
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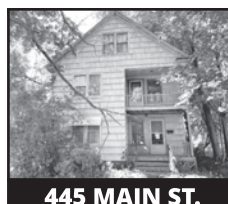
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husband thomas, father Renholt Berg and his wife Christine, brother Michael Berg, brother Kevin Berg and wife Crystal, adopted grandfather Jake Menzigan, as well as Many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in laws, cousins, aunts and uncles. Glenn was born in Southbridge April 14, 1967 and attended Charlton Schools and was a Charlton resident.

There are no calling hours. A Memorial Service was held at the Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Rd. Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 3 P.M. The ROBERT J.MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. Charlton is helping and assisting the family with arrangements.

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District celebrates AP Capstone diploma recipients

DUDLEY — At Shepherd Hill Regional High School, six students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma.™ A total of nineteen students have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ during the 2021-22 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are critical for academic success. “We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program,” said Corey Stefan, AP Capstone and English teacher at Shepherd Hill. “This group of students were our first group at Shepherd Hill to complete the program. Our AP Capstone™ students showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This is a meaningful college readiness program that will serve our students well after high school.” To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar,

AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. Students are increasingly participating in the AP Capstone program. Over 2,200 schools participated in the AP Capstone program worldwide during the 2021-22 school year. Approximately 14,100 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma, and 9,200 earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. Unlike traditional AP® subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of per-

sonal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects. “I’m thrilled to congratulate these motivated students, who worked hard to earn the AP Capstone Diploma and AP Seminar and Research Certificate,” said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement® Program. “These students have enhanced the foundation for their future academic and professional careers by honing their ability to manage long-term projects, collaborate with teams, and deliver effective presentations on topics they’re passionate about.” Of the students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program at Shepherd Hill: Six were awarded the AP Capstone Diploma by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on 4 additional AP Exams. They are Connor Cluett, Elzbieta Gronek, Ashley Harvey, Bridget McGonagle, Connor Montville, Gabe Roach Thirteen were awarded

the AP Seminar and Research Certificate by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. They are Alexandria Christenson, Adam Faucher, Austin Giarnese, Kiley Hanlan, Joshua Martin, Erin Moran, Kyle Norberg, Reagan Peck, Caroline Poplawski, Jacob Roberts, Molly Starczewski, Juliana Zalewski, Nina Zurawski. 18 were graduating seniors in the class of 2022. The College Board Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. A 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for stu-

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Charlton sets 2023 Water Master Plan grant initiatives

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Charlton’s Water & Sewer Commissions have ironed out the plan for the 2023 Water Master Plan Grant scope of work as the town continues to seek out new public water sources with help from outside engineering firms.

The town is working with both the BETA Group and Bristol Engineering to help spearhead initiatives to prepare the town of new water line extensions and find feasible and reliable water sources to connect into the system in the coming years. The Water Master Plan Grant is a source of funding to help pay for the research, investigation, testing, and drilling required to make it all happen.

The Water and Sewer Commission was joined by BETA Group Vice President Bob Mackie and Peter Newton, President of Bristol Engineering Advisors, who discussed the six tasks built into the Fiscal Year 2023 plan. These include updating the GIS information, updating water models, and a series of well drilling and testing initiatives primarily on what has become known as the “Santos” property in town. Peter Newton did much of the talking, updating the Commission on the progress made in the previous fiscal year.

“It was a busy year. We undertook a geophysical liniment study. Basically, using arial photographs I try to identify features that would likely be bedrock fractures through which water would flow. We accomplished that and it was

primarily the Santos property. That’s where we were directed at the time so because it’s a limited geographic scale, we were able to devote all the resources in that area and we identified a number of fractures that look promising,” said Newton.

They determined seven or eight sites that had potential with two being drilled and tested as potential well sites. Only one was able to produce enough water to be considered promising. Reaming that well is considered the final task of the 2023 plan, but Newton indicated that he’d first like to see the town explore other potential wells that could be even more promising. The hope is that in the near future Charlton will have a confirmed new public water source they can draw from to provide more water to the growing system.

“The expectation is that we’re going to have multiple wells in this plan and that probably we won’t get 150 or 200 gallons a minute from any one well. We might get lucky. That would be fantastic,” said Newton.

There was talk about whether or not the size and depth of the digging could result in more or less water running through any of the potential well sites, but both Newton and Mackie stressed that they are dealing with fractures that allow only so much water to run through the natural material. However, Newton indicated that utilizing additional pumps could help with the yield. First, they need to determine the most reliable source, then they can examine how to best utilize it to finally provide Charlton with a new source of public water.

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Adoption gives dogs a new ‘leash’ on life



“Adopt don’t shop” is a mantra utilized by many organizations devoted to finding loving homes for shelter animals. With thousands of dogs, cats and other companion animals residing in

shelters or being fostered until they can find their forever homes, rescue organizations urge the pet-loving public to adopt rather than purchase dogs from private breeders.

Individuals who choose to adopt a dog from a private rescue, humane society, animal shelter, or another welfare group would be wise to follow some guidelines that can help individuals and families find the best matches with their new pets.

“It’s important to be honest with the rescue group regarding, not only what you’re looking for in a dog, such as disposition, energy level, age, and size, but to describe the overall household dynamic,” advises Toni Diamond, founder of Diamond Dogs Rescue, Inc. (www.diamonddogsrescueinc.com), a foster-based rescue with resources in New Jersey and Massachusetts. “This way the rescue can match your needs with the dogs they have available to ensure the best opportunity the placed

pet will remain in your home.”

Here are some other tips to consider if you’re thinking of adopting a pet.

- Think about fostering first. If you’re on the fence about whether to take in a dog right now, fostering offers a way to gauge how life can change with a dog in the household. Fostering a dog can free up resources and enable rescues to help other dogs. Many “foster fails” are dogs that foster families adopted themselves because they couldn’t bear to give the dogs up.
- Expect to be vetted. Rescue groups generally do some type of adopter check, which includes an application questionnaire, and may want to visit your home to be sure that it is safe and comfortable for the dog. Expect an adoption fee, as this helps defray the cost of sheltering animals.

- Don’t feel limited by geography. Rescues handle dogs from across the country. Some may even be willing to facilitate travel from one area to another. If you see a dog online that seems to be a perfect fit but is a good distance away, contact the rescue to see what can be done.
- Be patient and open-minded. Rescued animals often have been jostled around a bit, moving from place to place. Expect a transition period for the shell-shocked animal to settle down before judging his or her true personality. It’s possible for rescued dogs to have accidents in a home, act out or be hesitant around people while they learn to trust their new owners.

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