

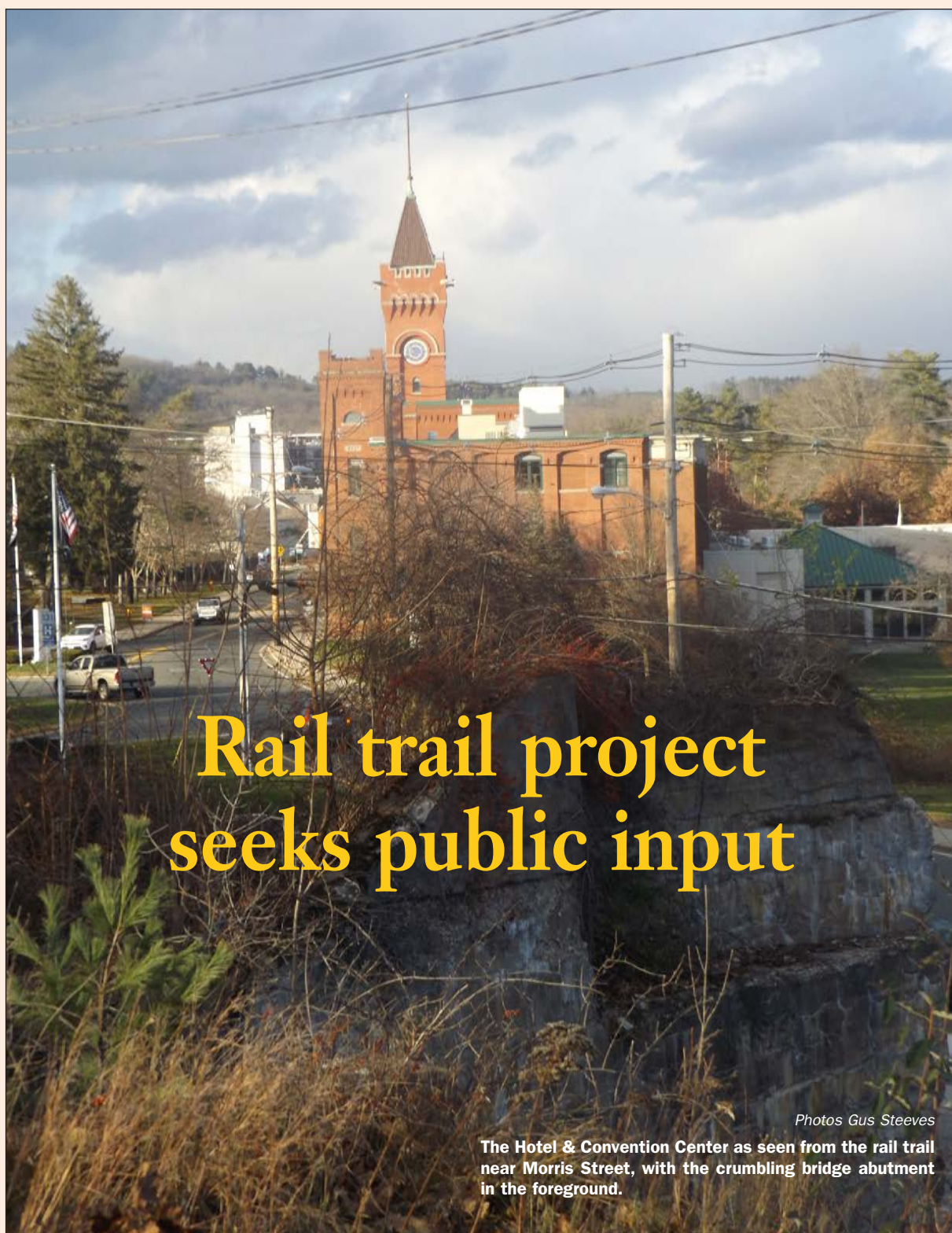


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Rail trail project seeks public input

Photos Gus Steeves

The Hotel & Convention Center as seen from the rail trail near Morris Street, with the crumbling bridge abutment in the foreground.

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — The long-awaited Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail is taking steps forward as designers seek input from the community on what it should include.

“I always tell the public I don’t live here, but I know what it’s like to live near a trail,” said BSC Group engineer Bill Paley. “We want to hear what you want. We’re just nerds and engineers and want to see stuff get built. ... This isn’t going to be a one-and-done thing. We’ll keep getting comments through the spring.”

Specifically, he was talking to the recently recreated Recreation Commission last Monday about the roughly five-mile plan to build the rail trail across Southbridge. In some places, the exact route is still being determined, but the general layout runs from Westville, down West Street to River and Crane, and along the defunct rail route across downtown all the way to Sandersdale and Dudley town line. Two spots might get bridges – over Main Street at the rotary and over Morris Street – but that depends on whether the grant funding can cover those costs; they might have switchbacks to the road instead.

There was also some talk of whether to plan for sections or loops on the other side of the river using part of the actual Grand Trunk route, including a “flyover” and tunnel near Big Bunny, an area near the Dudley line that’s already popular with bikers, and a possible Main Street-Westville connection via the Polish Club land. Those are not likely to be in this design due to cost, however.

The project is being funded by a combination of \$2.6 million from the federal government, \$1.1 million from Mass Department of Transportation and \$500,000 from Mass Trails. The town’s share is \$100,000 from its ARPA funds, some of that for planning.

According to Economic Development Coordinator Peg Dean, the grant calls for construction to start in July 2023 and be done 17 months after that. That will require some aspects of planning to happen concurrently; the next major stage is for the Town Council to approve a long-term (probably 99-year) lease for the right of way.

The lease was a stumbling block a few years ago, when councilors balked at the potential liability for contamination on unbuilt sections of the trail. She argues, however, that the fact this project aims to build it

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Charlton Town Meeting survey deemed inconclusive

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Charlton Board of Selectmen have decided not to pursue any changes to the annual town meeting format and schedule after conducting a survey earlier this year.

The survey took place following the annual town meeting in May to help lead the Board of Selectmen in determining how to draw more participation at town meetings. During the Board of Selectmen’s meeting on Nov. 15, Town Administrator Andrew Golas discussed the turnout and results which represented a small fraction of the total number of voters.

“We had 107 responses to the survey with some mixed results,” said Golas. “Some recommendations are not feasible due to legal restrictions on town meetings such as remote partici-

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Bay Path announces John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners



Photo Courtesy

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School recently honored its John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients.

CHARLTON — Superintendent-Director Kyle Brenner is pleased to announce that over 70 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Students were recognized recently as recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This year’s recipients were honored

at an awards breakfast banquet held at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is a merit-based program that provides credit toward tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. For this

scholarship, merit is based on student scores on the 10th-grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. The purpose of the award is to reward and inspire student

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Holiday Lites: Wings of Song celebrates the season

STURBRIDGE — The Wings of Song Chamber Chorale, directed by Nym Cooke, offers a program of pure fun to help folks put aside their woes and maybe catch a little of the holiday spirit. Wings of Song is one of the area’s oldest and most inventive choruses. Formerly known as the Quinebaug Valley Singers, and before that the Interfaith Chorale, its twice-a-year concerts have been entertaining, inspiring, and uplifting audiences for several decades.

This time around, as we all crawl out of a global pandemic, Music Director Cooke figured that people could use a little humor, old-fashioned sentiment,

and just pure diversion at holiday time. So here is the lighter side of Christmas, to take your mind off—well, whatever it’s been on. There are gorgeous pop classics from the American songbook: “White Christmas” of course, along with “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” “The Christmas Song” (“Chestnuts roasting...”), “Sleigh Ride,” and “Hurry Home for Christmas.” These songs’ lush and jazzy harmonies—American commercialism at its best—helped inspire the “Lite” in Cooke’s title for the program.

The chorus also dips ‘way back into the American pop past: to 1902 for Harry

Eldridge’s “When Good Old Kris Comes ‘Round” (a great audience singalong), and to 1857 for James Pierpont’s “The One Horse Open Sleigh” (guess the modern title of that one). And the program even touches on classical music that has been “lightened up”: Tchaikovsky’s “Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy” set for chorus, with the text being 100 percent “fa la la’s and “plum”’s; and John Rutter’s finely-wrought “Banquet Fugue,” where the text is largely four different words: guzzle, munch, gobble, and chomp, with a well-placed (burp) at the end.

A range of traditions under the umbrella of “Christmas Lite” is

touched upon, with songs like “African Noel,” “Children, Go Where I Send Thee!,” “Hanerot Halalu,” “Chanuka, oy Chanuka,” and “Christmas is Coming” (“...and the geese are getting fat”). The delights and satisfactions of the season—get-togethers with family and friends, good eating, TOYS for “tiny tots with their eyes all aglow,” burning candles to drive away the dark, the mystery of Santa dropping by in his sleigh in the middle of the night, that perennial yearning for snow before Dec. 25, and (lest we forget) giving to those less fortunate—are all here.

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School district to welcome transportation bids

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON — The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District will be weighing its options for new transportation contracts this school year with both the special education and daily student bus contracts set to expire.

District Director of Finance and Operations Richard Mathieu discussed the matter with the School Committee on Nov. 9, explaining that the district will be issuing a request for qualifications for what is called their “Daily Big Yellow Bus Contract” to transport students throughout the district. The district’s contract with First Student is set to expire, opening the door for other companies to produce offers for

the district. Mathieu expects it to be a competitive bidding process.

“We certainly expect that First Student will continue to be a participant in that bid,” said Mathieu. “We’ve also had outreach from other companies like Datto Transportation from Connecticut and Vanpool has recently merged with NRT Transportation and they’ve expressed an interest in possibly bidding on the contract as well.”

Mathieu acknowledged that this is a challenging time to go out to bid for transportation services with a variety of factors, including driver shortages, driving up costs. However, Mathieu is hoping the competition will create opportunities for agreeable pricing to benefit both the district and their potential partners.

At the same time, the districts special education transportation contracts are also expiring. Mathieu said he spoke with Director of Pupil Personnel Services Robert Bergeron about the potential of combining the special education contract with the Big Yellow Bus agreement and going out to bid for all contracts at the same time. They decided against this and chose to avoid a bidding process for those services.

“After kicking that around for a while, having our internal discussions and having discussions with our transportation providers our recommendation is to continue to negotiate a contract for special education transportation outside of the bid process,” Mathieu confirmed. “That doesn’t mean we will only look at one bidder. We certainly

want to get pricing from as many interested parties as possible, but given some of the shortages that are out there in terms of vehicles and staffing it may make more sense not to put it out to bid.”

Another option that Bergeron and Mathieu discussed was the potential for a district fleet of buses and handling transportation internally rather than contracting out the service. Mathieu said this certainly wouldn’t be implemented overnight and was, at best, a long-term idea.

The typical length of the district’s Big Yellow Bus contract is three to five years while the special education agreements have typically run for three years. Mathieu expects the new contracts to follow that same standard.

SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

SOUTHBRIDGE — Southbridge Public Schools announces the first quarter honor roll for the first quarter of the 2022 - 2023 school year at Southbridge Academy, Southbridge High School, and Southbridge Middle School:

Southbridge Academy

High Honors: Savanna Mulrain, Jaymes Dupuis

Honors: Emma Colon, Virgilio Franceschi

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Seniors Honors: Sidney Corbin, Reynaliz Garcia-Torres, Sara Gerena Espita, Eva Kusi-Marfo, Alondra Lopez Melendez, Gisset Mateo, Adrianna Ortiz-Concepcion, Kyle St. Laurent, Mya Veras Rosario

Juniors High Honors: Daniel Castillo, Haycee Garcia, Jayneee Velazquez

Juniors Honors: Jovanna Beltran Andres, Ty’Air Brown, Brody Carlson, Kayli Haskins, Yaneliz Henriquez, Paulina Koo, Emma Latour, Justin Lee, Cheewatan Mahapanyavong, Aaron Maldonado-Rosario, Karian Ortiz, Christian Ortiz-Torres, Nitzel Rivera Luquis, Iliana Rodriguez, Yasiri Rojas, Joan Sanchez, Nola Shanbaum, Ava Tougas, Genesys Vargas Hernandez

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Sophomores Honors: Genesis

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Southbridge Middle School

Sixth Grade High Honors: Mason Patchen

Sixth Grade Honors: Carson Brunnett, Joshua Cardenas, Benjamin Clough, Ava Gollman, Yanzel Machado Aponte, Xavier Metcalf, Yamariliz Miranda Rojas, Estella Mondor, Landyn Moreau, Antonio Muise, Kohl Neeser, Juan Negron, Randy Pena, Jose Perez, Bryan Perry, Dezi Rivera Pineda, Ember Robbins, Tynelle Rohena Torres, Alexandria Romero, Sophia Santa, Chloe Skarzenski

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Seventh Grade Honors: Nicholas Ahern, Jayden Castro, Kaiden Celso, Bryan Colon Serrano, Elijah Cornier,

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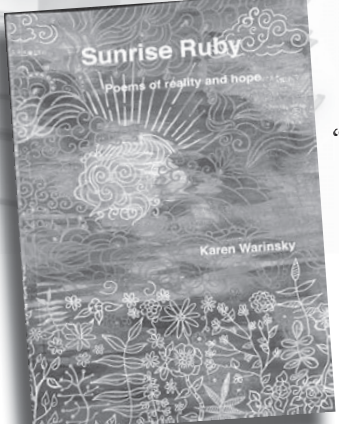
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Charlton holding clothing drive through holidays

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Town of Charlton is looking to support a different cause during the holidays in 2022, moving away from the traditional toy collecting to assist adults in obtaining proper clothing to help them enter the workforce.

Every year, the town hall hosts a holiday collection and while in the past the

town has tried to assist families in giving children a magical holiday, they are changing things up this year by seeking donations of adult clothes instead. Selectman David Singer announced the change during the Board of Selectmen's Nov. 15 meeting, putting out a call for suits, sports coats, slacks, dresses, blouses, and shoes to assist several different causes in clothing adults in need.

"I have one charity already lined up which is called 'Dress for Success.' They

will only take the women's clothes. I am currently working with someone else at Worcester State University to try and make arrangements there," said Singer. "Collecting clothes for work interviews would help those in need trying to get back on their feet. It also would help young students who are graduating and don't have jobs yet to have new interview and work clothes."

The clothes won't be limited to just adults looking to return to the work

force, they will also benefit young adults looking to enter the workforce for the first time. Singer said the donations will also help college students who may not be able to afford nice clothes for interviews to dress for the occasion.

Donations will be accepted for the rest of the calendar year with the final day for drop off being Dec. 31. A drop box will be available in the Charlton Town Hall near or inside the Town Administrators office.



Southbridge Garden Club greens sale returns

SOUTHBRIDGE — It's back! The Southbridge Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Sale at the Ruth Well Center for the Arts at 111 Main St. (Route 131) in Southbridge on Friday, Dec. 2, from noon to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sale will feature a variety of handcrafted items, including decorative wreaths, holiday centerpieces, door

swags, and assorted decorations and greens. All items contain different types of live, fresh greens.

Visitors to the Greens Sale will also have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a basket filled with gourmet foods, specialty items and holiday accessories.

The Southbridge Garden Club is a non-profit organization and proceeds

from the Greens Sale support various programs, scholarships and local beautification projects.

For more information, please contact Paige Szugda at 774-230-7330, pszugda@gmail.com or Sally Anderson at 508-207-6882 or sally.h.anderson@outlook.com.

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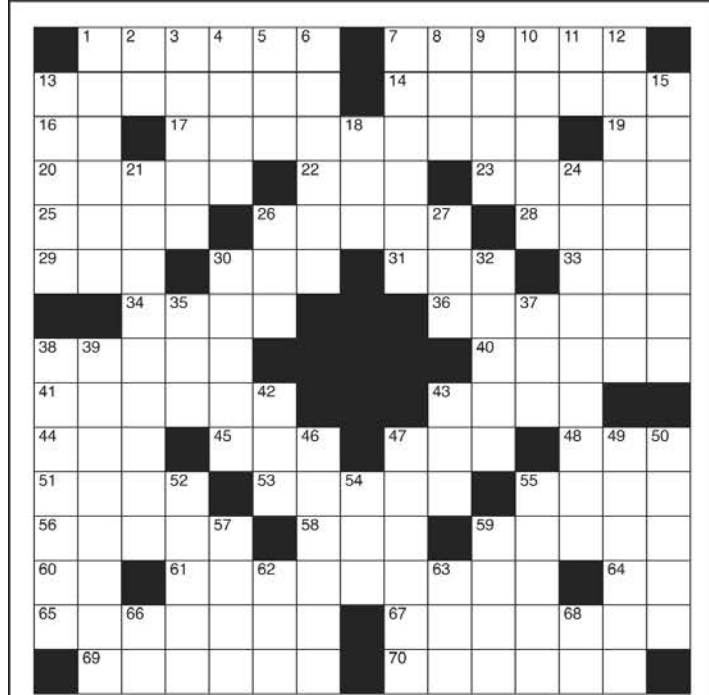
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- 7. Large marine mammals
- 13. Used to carry belongings when traveling
- 14. Rechristens
- 16. Equally
- 17. Heavy plant-eating mammals
- 19. Milliheny
- 20. Japanese immigrant to N. America
- 22. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 23. Norse gods
- 25. Peppermint and pekee are two
- 26. Auguste __, founder of positivism
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
- 30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
- 31. V-shaped open trough
- 33. People of southern Benin
- 34. People of southern Ghana
- 36. It's a significant creed
- 38. Period between eclipses
- 40. Furies
- 41. Emerged
- 43. Philippine Island
- 44. Where wrestlers battle
- 45. Unhappy
- 47. Central European river
- 48. Language
- 51. Semitransparent gemstone
- 53. Forming in a bottom layer
- 55. Distinct region
- 56. Broad blades
- 58. Leavened bread
- 59. Influential cosmetics exec
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Era free of war
- 64. One who helps professors
- 65. Idealistic
- 67. Ornamental plants

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beloved hound
- 2. Equal to 100 grams
- 3. S-shaped moldings
- 4. Hawaiian cliff
- 5. Everyone has one
- 6. Subatomic particle
- 7. Ghost
- 8. Adult female bird
- 9. Greek temple pillars
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. Measures the width of printed matter
- 12. Musical interval
- 13. Tantalizes
- 15. Places of worship
- 18. An unskilled actor who overacts
- 21. One who volunteers to help
- 24. Precaution
- 26. Beverage holder
- 27. Very long period of time
- 30. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 32. More critical
- 35. Sends packing in a boxing match
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- 38. Decorative Russian tea urn
- 39. North American Great Plains natives
- 42. Seize
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
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- 47. Devil rays
- 49. Bubble up
- 50. Veranda
- 52. Outcast
- 54. Car mechanics group
- 55. Realm
- 57. A place to get off your feet
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- 62. Consumed
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- 66. Thus
- 68. Indicates it's been registered

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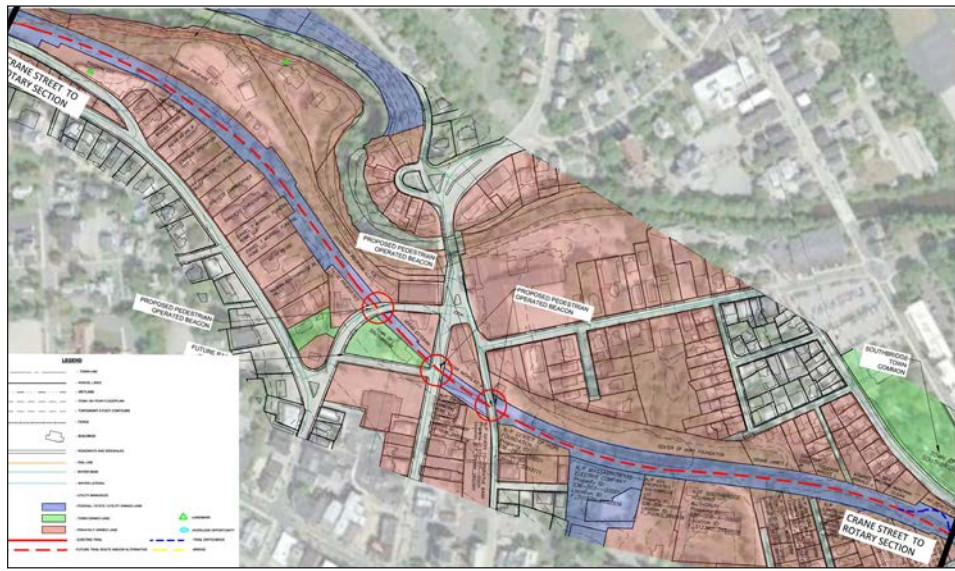
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The downtown section of the rail trail plan shows the Rotary to Crane Street.

RAIL TRAIL

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all at once using state Department of Conservation and Recreation criteria for sealing in the contaminants should protect Southbridge going forward.

“For years, I’ve been chomping at the bit [to see this done], and now it’s like a jet plane just flew by,” Buxton remarked.

Paley said the DCR guidelines will allow use of either pavement or stonedust, as long as there’s a buffer between the soil and people using it. “I’ve had several projects where we’ve done that,” he said.

That issue sparked a few other ideas as well, with Kevin Buxton (a trails committee member) suggesting using a landfill-liner-type “geotextile” material under the asphalt or stonedust for extra protection. Doing so, he noted can also help the trail drain properly in areas that wouldn’t drain to wetlands.

He’s a big proponent of not using asphalt if possible, arguing he sees it as “cold and impersonal.”

Paley noted the surface is largely up to community wishes; he’s designed trails using both types. He noted asphalt may work better in urban zones that get a lot of commuter-type use, but he also just finished the extension of the trail from Calcutt Bridge to River Road in Sturbridge using stonedust. Asphalt requires repaving about every 20 years, while stonedust requires regrading about every five.

The wide-ranging discussion hit on a variety of related topics, many of them surrounding how the trail interacts

with its neighbors. They heard ideas regarding gates to streets and other trails, how to highlight and protect historical and ecological features nearby, crosswalks to nearby commercial sites, potential overlooks at long-unused rail siding points at Case Street, vernal pools, the keystone arch near Big Y, and how to tie the trail into other community services, parks, etc.

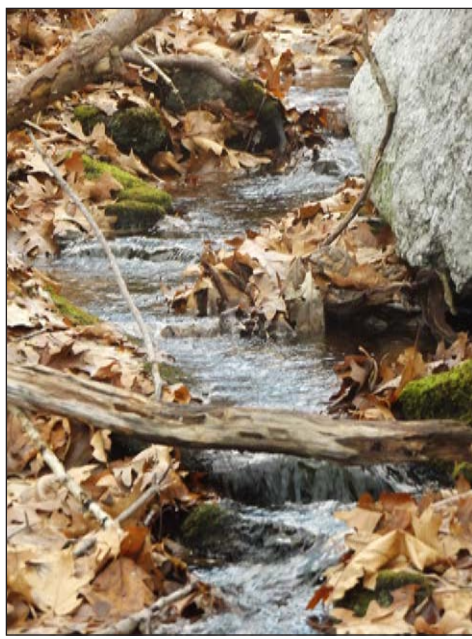
Paley said a key part of building it will be outreach to abutters to identify their needs “and not just roll over you.” In several cases, he’s seen such direct contact help bring “the tough ones” into the fold by negotiating slight changes in the route and other issues. In some cases, neighbors have gradually encroached on the trail right of way, and that will be an issue determined when they do the formal property survey, he noted.

So will the trail’s actual width. Paley is aiming for 10-12 feet, which is “comfortable for bikes passing each other,” but some spots might need to be eight feet. Additionally, there might be spots where slightly shifting the route can provide views of notable historic and natural sights and/or provide good access to the street for both users and emergency vehicles, Dean said.

The latter was also a previous sticking point. An older grant from MDOT required the town to design it to road standards at much higher cost, including making the bridges able to hold an ambulance (even though the road is right next to the bridges at Morris and Main). MDOT ended up doing the work to repair erosion along the Golden Greek to Dudley stretch, but essentially took back the remaining grant money.



About halfway down the section between Route 169 and Golden Greek, the railbed passes over this historic arch bridge.



Across from Case Street, the railbed crosses this unnamed stream flowing out of the woods.



One of the few remaining switching posts that controlled which section of the rail a train rolled along. When active, it would have probably been used by Columbian Mill near today’s Big Y.

Paley and Dean noted this is no longer an issue under the current grants, enabling the project to build a far longer stretch of trail.

Paley and landscape designer Joe Coan also spoke to the Trails Committee Wednesday. That board will be the “public face” of the overall project. Other public presentations are in the works, and people with suggestions can con-

tact Peg Dean at Town Hall, 508-764-5402.

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

First Church of Monson to host Christmas dinner

MONSON — On Saturday, Dec. 3, the First Church of Monson Music Committee will hold its annual Christmas dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a concert at 7 p.m. The menu will be baked ham, roasted rosemary potatoes, applesauce, butternut squash, and a special dessert. David Neill will lead the Jazz Bones in a special concert featuring songs of the season.

Tickets for the concert and dinner are \$20, available by calling Gail at 413-267-4818. Seating is limited. Concert tickets are \$5, and will be available at the door. First Church is located at 5 High St., Monson. All are welcome!

Sturbridge Historical Society announces program on Blackstone Canal

STURBRIDGE — In the early 19th century, a transportation revolution transformed the landscape, economy, and everyday lives of New Englanders. The Blackstone Canal, an artery connecting Worcester to Providence permanently changed the area.


Join the Sturbridge Historical Society on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Publick House as Tom Kelleher, Historian, and Curator of Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village tells the story of this optimistic, but ultimately financially unsuccessful, endeavor.

Mr. Kelleher has literally and figuratively worn many hats in his 35 years at OSV. He has researched and developed dozens of programs, which he has presented to scores of museums, schools, and historical societies around the country.

Doug Quigley, President of the Historical Society, notes that “Tom is always a reliably knowledgeable and interesting presenter. His talks are well worth attending.”

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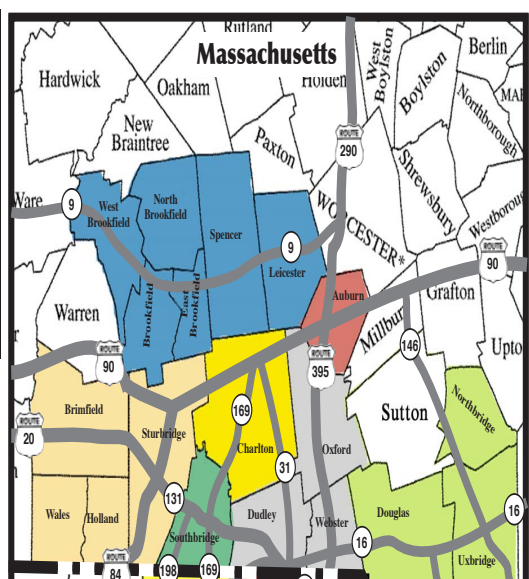
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Deer season explodes into action

The Massachusetts hunting deer season exploded with action this past week, with numerous big bucks being harvested locally. The colder weather that rolled in for the last few days has made sitting in a tree with a bow a bit more unpleasant but for those that can handle the cold their patience has paid off. Numerous archers reported seeing a lot of does that they did not shoot while deer hunting, with one archer showing this writer a picture of a buck with a single antler growing down the side of his face, that he did not harvest. He likes to harvest big bucks with heavy antler growth. Don't we all!

The cold weather had many anglers hurrying to winterize their boats and put them in winter storage. The 2022 fishing season for saltwater species is pretty much over for most anglers with their own boats, but charter boats are still taking out the most hardy fishermen to catch a few more tautog before winter really sets in. It has been a great year for anglers fishing for sea-

bass & tautog.

This is also a good time of year to clean and lubricate your saltwater fishing gear, so that it is ready for spring of 2023. Saltwater fishing equipment can get rust and corrosion in a very short time, if it is not properly cleaned before storing it. The cost of new fishing gear is not cheap.

If you are a deer hunter, you hopefully have taken the time to sight in your shotgun by now. With the Mass. deer hunting season ready to open on Nov. 28 this year, there is not much time left to get it done. So many deer hunters do not take the time to sight in their guns prior to the new season, often causing a bad shot that fails to hit its mark, and the end result is the loss of a big buck. Do not let it happen to you!

During the shotgun deer season, a hunter can use a primitive arms gun



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blackpowder guns are the most popular among hunters. The easy loading of the 50 caliber guns is quick and easy, if you use the 50 grain plugs that can be quickly dropped down the barrel followed by the projectile of choice. Most hunters prefer two 50 grain plugs per shot resulting in better accuracy. It was this writer's load of choice.

If you shoot a big buck and you plan to have it mounted, be sure to have the deer properly skinned and placed in a freezer as soon as possible. It will preserve the skin until you find a taxidermist of your choice. There are a lot of

great taxidermists in the area, but be sure to check them out before you hand over your money, and get a timeline on when you can expect to get the finished product back. Never pay in full until you get your deer head back.

Ice fishing is not far away I hope! If we can get some early ice it would be great, but anglers need to take precautions when attempting to navigate first ice. Carrying a chisel and constantly monitoring ice thickness can save your life. No ponds have the same thickness of ice on them and can vary quickly, as you navigate the frozen ponds. Have a talk to your children and tell them to stay off all frozen ponds with adult supervision.

Wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving, and remembering all of our servicemen and women!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Holiday Hassles Resolved



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Decking the halls, trimming the tree, and prepping for the holidays is a seasonal tradition - but the tasks are not always the joyous chores of Christmas carols. If the hustle and bustle of the holiday has you frazzled as you rush to get everything done right and on time - take heart. The following problem solvers offer quick and inexpensive fixes to save precious time and money this holiday season.

Problem: Christmas light strings are a tangled mess!

Solution: First make sure you have lots of room to spread out the snaking lights; the floor is an ideal space. Locate the plug and work your way from there to the other end. Gently spread the strings and work the plug in and out of the tangles. Using a chopstick, bamboo skewer, or pencil, work any knots out of the strings. Untangled lines should be laid straight along the floor.

To prevent this hassle next year. Wind each string around a stiff cardboard; tape the end and place into a plastic grocery bag (only one string per cardboard) and stack to store.

Problem: Commercial spray on "snow" for windows is

messy and expensive.

Solution: This DIY version of artificial snow is inexpensive and easier to clean up! Best of all this faux frost can create a crystal ice painting on even the most insulated windows!

Ingredients: A few tablespoons of Epsom salts; one can flat beer; cotton balls.

Instructions: Use a cotton ball to dab the mixture onto clean windows. Treat only the corners for a realistic look. As the mixture dries, it crystallizes.

Problem: You love that delightful pine scent of your Christmas Tree and wish you could extend the fragrance throughout the season.

Solution: You can! This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year! To do: Mix together: ½ cup bayberry leaves; ½ cup snipped balsam needles; ½ cup miniature pine cones; ½ cup rose hips; 2 tsp orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil. Mix the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Note: To rejuvenate and extend your pine potpourri, try this economical trick: Put some ground corn cob material (sold as cellulose or litter material at the pet store) in a jar. Add several drops of essential oil, place lid on jar and shake. Shake the jar every day for about a week or so. Add it to your potpourri, to give it body and hold the scent.

Problem: You want to give a holiday present to your mail carrier, but heard there are strict gift regulations:

Solution: For reference: Mail carriers working for the United States Postal Service are allowed to accept the following items during the holiday season:

Snacks and beverages or perishable gifts that are not part of a meal.

Small gifts that have little intrinsic value (travel mugs, hand warmers, etc...) and are clearly no more than \$20 in value.

Perishable items clearly worth more (large fruit baskets or cookie tins) must be shared with the entire branch.

Mail carriers working for the United States Postal Service may not accept the following:

Cash gifts, checks, gift cards, or any other form of currency.

Problem: Old fashioned flaming pinecones for fireplaces are not readily available and when found are costly.

Solution: Make your own! The traditional firestarters of days of yore are easily crafted. Best of all, pinecones not only add a great seasonal scent to a cozy fireplace, they can also add some delightful color with the addition of a few pantry ingredients. Here's how to make your holiday hearthside flames fabulous: Dip pinecones in wax (recycle candle stubs) and roll in table salt for bright yellow flames; If you use a no-salt substitute, you'll be treated to violet flames. For green flames,

dip the pinecones in borax (found in the laundry aisle). Baking soda will reward you with bright yellowish orange flames, and Epsom salts will result in white flames. For hot pink flames, dip or roll pinecones in plaster of Paris. For more economical and natural looking pinecones without the wax properties, simply marinate the fire flashers. Dissolve eight ounces of one activator (salt, borax, etc.) in a half gallon of water. Soak pine cones for about six hours. Dry them in a warm, dry place for a few days. For gift giving, fill up a cellophane bag, add a bow, and attach a tag with the color codes. Pinecone Pointer: To prompt tight pinecones to open fully, heat them in a 220 degree oven on a foil lined cookie sheet. Caution: Make and use firestarters and flammers with care and at your own risk. Do not mix activators.

Problem: Christmas dinner requires perfect gravy, but it's a challenge to get it right.

Solution: Why not go to the source of "foolproof" gravy, Betty Crocker? After all, the cooking icon's recipe has been at America's holiday table for decades!

Ingredients: 1/4 cup turkey drippings (fat and juices from roasted turkey); 1/4 cup all-purpose flour; 2 cups liquid (juices from roasted turkey, broth, water); 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Directions: Pour drippings from roasting pan into bowl, leaving brown particles in pan.

Return 1/4 cup drippings to roasting pan. (Measure accurately because too little fat makes gravy lumpy.) Stir in flour. (Measure accurately so gravy is not greasy.)

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Stir in liquid. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in a few drops of browning sauce. Stir in salt and pepper.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

The holidays are coming to Charlton!

CHARLTON — The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a fun filled Christmas and Cookies Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at 74 Stafford St., Charlton.

As we approach the countdown to the holidays, Charlton City UMC warmly invites the community to participate in our Cookies & Christmas Fair on Dec. 3. Visitors to this warm and intimate

fair will find items for everyone. To be expected are all of your favorite wares, such as treasures from "Granny's Attic," handcrafts, jewelry, plants, silent auction, white elephant table, a fine selection of Christmas decor from our Thrift Shop, and as many handmade baked goods as you can carry out!

Get your wish list ready as we also bring back our Silent Auction, taking place both in-person as well as online (through BiddingOwl.com.) Items will not be cross-posted, so items listed online will differ from the church-hosted auction. An extra incentive to check both! You can sneak a peek at items

online at <http://bit.ly/CharltonCity>.

Proceeds this year will benefit the Hearts of Heat (Spencer chapter), who assists senior citizens at risk of not meeting their winter heating/cooling costs. This amazing organization relies on the generous donations of local businesses, fundraiser events, and individuals to help serve the area's most vulnerable population.

Charlton City UMC hopes you will join us, help raise money for a worthy cause, and cross items off of your holiday shopping list! The church is handicapped accessible and ample parking is available



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Left to right: Marion Sergel, Judy Fortin, and Janice Ashton.

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OBITUARIES

Faye D. Fulone-Sweeney

Charlton - Faye D. Fulone-Sweeney of Osgood Rd. passed away at home on Thursday, November 17, 2022 of Ovarian Cancer.



She was born in Woonsocket, RI and was raised in East Douglas. She lived in Southbridge for 23 years before moving to Charlton. She leaves a beautiful and loving daughter, Sherri Lynn Sweeney and her husband Josh Skowron; a beloved sister, Susan C. Fulone of Bozeman, MT, and her 2 adored rescue dogs, Dixie and Missy. Faye was predeceased by her parents Eleanor A. Fulone and Frank D. Fulone; her much-loved sisters, Dale K. Fulone Phillips in 2022, and Jane P. Fulone in 2001. Two of Faye's other beloved rescues, Jenny and Lucy died within the past few years.

Faye believed in giving back to her community and did whatever she could to help others. She was a longtime volunteer for the Southbridge public school system, and was an advocate against smoking. She also volunteered for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for 20 years, and most recently, the Second Chance Animal Shelter until she had to stop due to illness. It was there that Faye met and adopted all of her "Girls", and made many amazing friendships.

After graduating high school, Faye worked for UPS for 4 years until she took on the opportunity to work a sea-

son in Yellowstone National Park in 1979. She enjoyed listening and dancing to local live music, particularly at Dunny's Tavern in E. Brookfield. Some of her favorite adventures were learning how to ballroom dance, jumping out of a perfectly good airplane, and working at Yellowstone. She enjoyed a multitude of different things, but most of all she loved spending time with her daughter, her dogs, and having "porch time" with her long-time friends. Faye worked for ten years at LUK, Inc. in Worcester before starting her own dog walking/boarding venture. Beginning with a single client (Daisy), Faye's business grew nicely through word of mouth. Soon she was walking, boarding and loving 18 other dogs. Unfortunately, the pandemic and her illness brought her business to a close.

Faye was fortunate to have so many amazing people in her life ranging from friends from her youth in Douglas, to her cribbage playing dog-loving crew, to fellow volunteers from Relay for Life and Second Chance. She loved and appreciated each and every one of them.

Fayes wishes were to be cremated. Her remains and the remains of her beloved dogs will be scattered in the mountains of Montana. Services will be privately held at the convenience of her family. To leave her family a condolence message please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com. Faye's loving words...Please be kind. Be safe. Be well.

Pauline Ayotte

Southbridge- The family of Pauline Ayotte is saddened to share that she passed away on Tuesday, November 15, at Webster Manor. Pauline was born on December 5, 1938, in Southbridge, the youngest of seven children to Beatrice (Gaumond) and Armand Ayotte.

She was a 1956 graduate of Notre Dame High School and a lifelong parishioner of Notre Dame Church (St. John Paul II Parish) where she was a Eucharistic Minister, a lector, and a greeter. She was a member of the Ladies of Saint Anne Sodality and the former Children of Mary.

Pauline retired from the Southbridge Savings Bank and worked at McKinstry Oil Company and JC Penney's for many years.

She was a beloved aunt to 16 niec-

es and nephews, many great nieces and nephews, and a number of great great nieces and nephews. Pauline was predeceased by her parents and all six of her siblings and their spouses Ray (Anita Casaubon), Rita (William Berry), Lionel (Yvonne Pelletier), Robert, Jeanette, and George. She was cared for in her later years by Nancy Berry, a niece by marriage.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at Webster Manor for their excellent care.

Pauline's funeral Mass will be held at Notre Dame Church, 446 Main Street, Southbridge on Saturday, November 26th at 10:00 AM. Burial services will be private.

Those wishing to remember Pauline are asked to send donations to St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

Sylvia M. Checka, 78

Southbridge: It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Ms. Sylvia Maida (Chapdelaine) Checka, 78, of Southbridge.

Sylvia passed away November 16, 2022 at home surrounded by her loving family after a very long illness. Though our hearts are completely broken, we know that we will heal one day because of the love and strength that she provided to all of us.

Sylvia leaves behind her six loving children, Karin Checka of Southbridge, Kevin Checka of Southbridge, Joel Checka of Charlton, Jason Checka of Southbridge, Jonathan Checka and his spouse Jennifer Tenczar of Charlton, and Justin Checka of Southbridge; as well as her four beloved grandchildren, Brendan Baxter; Samantha Checka, Jason Checka Jr., and Dylan Checka; her brother, Ronald Chapdelaine and his wife Darlene of Sturbridge;

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And of course there are several reminders that for Christians, "Jesus is the reason..." The heavenly babe's birth is celebrated in songs as diverse as "African Noel" (based on a folk song from Kenya), Englishman John Rutter's "Jesus Child," and the cumulative African-American classic "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" (wait 'til you see Syl King's choreography and hear accompanist Brooks Milgate's dazzling piano pyrotechnics on that one!).

The concerts are on Saturday,

and nephew and nieces, Jeffrey Chapdelaine, Monique Chapdelaine, and Michelle Chapdelaine. Sylvia will also be missed tremendously by her very long-time friends, Donna Besse, Patty Lamontagne, and Dot McFarland and by her long-time companion, Alfred Dobson. Her former husband, Ernest Checka, passed away in 2020. Sylvia was born and raised in Southbridge the daughter of Adelard and Vivian (Capistrand) Chapdelaine. Sylvia graduated from Putnam Catholic Academy and worked at Rom's and Kahula Restaurants for many years while raising her family.

Sylvia enjoyed the beach, the casino, horse racing, traveling, reading, and dining out, but most of all cherished spending time with and caring for her beloved family.

A funeral Mass for Sylvia was held on Monday, Nov. 21st, at 11:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial followed in Old Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. There are no calling hours.

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Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Joachim Chapel of St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish in Fiskdale (Sturbridge, junction of Routes 20 and 148); and on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Woodstock, Conn. (24 Child Hill Rd.). There's plenty of parking and easy handicap access at both venues. Santa hats will be passed for your freewill offering. And, once again, after a long hiatus, yummy refreshments will be served after the music! Truly, there's something for everyone here. So come prepared to laugh and sing and eat and drink—and listen up a bit!

Worcester State University awards are valued at \$970. At the UMass Amherst award amount, with 75 students receiving the award, the value of the scholarship for Bay Path students nears \$130,000.

"On behalf of the entire Bay Path faculty and staff, we congratulate all of this year's John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients," Brenner said. "They have proven themselves to be exceptionally dedicated students who should be commended for their efforts."

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tion. Changes to the time and date of the annual town meeting would need to be amended at town meeting as they are set currently under Article 15 of the town bylaws."

With more than 13,000 citizens in Charlton according to the 2020 census report, the total number of participants in the survey represents less than a percent of the total population of the town. Selectmen saw the data as inconclusive at best with even the small number of voters who chose to participate showing a clear divide in opinion.

Selectman Bill Borowski said he couldn't justify moving on any proposed changes.

"One percent of the registered voters took a survey, and approximately 50 percent of them are happy with the way that it is. So that tells me that this was unfortunately statistically insignificant, and I have nothing in this data that shows me that we should make any change whatsoever at this point," Borowski said.

Singer agreed, stating the split didn't provide sufficient enough data to warrant any motion.

"The only potential outcome I see is making the change for the other

half that wanted change to come, but then we lose the other half, so it's a wash. Also, if you go through the results, 75 percent of them said they do attend (meetings), but the big question was really about the date and time, and with an almost 50/50 split, it doesn't even really warrant going into the details of reasons that people provide. It's good for us to know, but with a 50/50 split, I don't see any reason to make changes," said Singer.

The selectmen concluded the brief conversation choosing not to pursue any changes to the annual town meeting for the time being.

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To be eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, students currently must score in the Advanced category on one of three high school state assessment tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, or STEM (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics or Technology/Engineering); score in the Proficient or Advanced category on the remaining two high school state assessment tests; and have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that ranks in the top 25 percent in their school district.

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TOWN OF BRIMFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

The Brimfield Select Board will hold a public hearing on the following pole and wire locations petition filed by National Grid on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the following: Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Monson Road: #30636687
Reason: Monson Road. – National Grid to install (1) JO Pole #20 and remove (1) JO Pole #20-50 Monson Road beginning at a point approximately 350 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Sutcliffe Road and continuing approximately 100 feet in a west direction: pole #20, 132 feet west of existing pole 21. Work being done will improve reliability of power to Sutcliffe Road, Dean Pond Road and Old Palmer Road.

Persons with an interest in this public hearing are asked to appear at the Brimfield Elementary School, 22 Wales Road, Brimfield, MA on the date and time affixed to this notice.

Martin J. Kelly
Select Board, Chair
Town of Brimfield
November 25, 2022

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Holly A. Moran, to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated September 17, 2003, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31726 at Page 52, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., S/B/M Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the LB Igloo Series IV Trust, dated May 5, 2021, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65100, Page 244; and by an assignment from US Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the LB-Igloo Series IV Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the LB-Cabana Series IV Trust, dated July 23, 2021, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65813, Page 83, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 P.M. on the 13th day of December 2022, at 9 Cricket Drive, Sturbridge, MA 01566, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
That certain lot or parcel of land with any buildings thereon located in the Municipality of Sturbridge, Worcester County, State of Mass.; bounded and described as referenced

below.

Being shown as Lot 11 on a Plan of Country Hill Estates by Wayne Morse and Donald Murray, dated February 19, 1964 and filed with the Worcester Registry of Deeds, in Plan Book 280, Plan 45, to which reference may be made for a more particular description. Subject to all rights, restrictions, covenants and easements of record, insofar as the same may be in force and applicable.

For title see deed dated 9-15-83 from Elizabeth K. MacGrath, aka, Elizabeth K. Sladdin, to Holly A. Moran, recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds Book 7913, Page 349.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

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

November 17, 2022

November 24, 2022

December 1, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO20P2492PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
In the matter of:
Ronald Billib
Of: Bristol, ME

Protected Person/Disabled Person/
Respondent

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **Temporary First and Final and First and Final account(s)** of Jonathan M. Spim of Waltham, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/06/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s)

Additionally within 30 days after said return day (or within such time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to

ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 15, 2022

Stephanie K Fattman
Register of Probate

November 24, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22P0449EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:

Theresa A Cuddy
Date of Death: 12/17/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Elizabeth A. Martinelli of Petersham MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Jane M Daigneault of Auburn MA** and **Elizabeth A. Martinelli of Petersham MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/13/2022.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 15, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

November 25, 2022

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 22 SM 003417
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Joseph L. Griffin
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Sturbridge, numbered 95 Cricket Drive, given by Joseph L. Griffin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Norwich Commercial Group, Inc. D/B/A Norcom Mortgage., its successors and assigns, dated July 14, 2016, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55635, Page 81, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or

before December 26, 2022, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 14, 2022.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

22-008177

November 24, 2022

Town of Sturbridge Public Hearing Notice

Notification is hereby given that an application has been filed by Maximus Enterprises LLC d/b/a Tutti Quanti for a New Off-Premises Package Store Liquor License for Wines & Malt Beverages with Cordials/Liqueurs at the premises currently located at 538 Main Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518 with the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen. In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:35 p.m. This hearing will be held at Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
November 24, 2022

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT FAMILY DIVISION BENNINGTON UNIT DOCKET NO. 92-5-19 Bnjv In re: D.S.

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: JOSE SANTIAGO, JR., father of D.S.

The State of Vermont has filed a petition to terminate residual parental rights to D.S. You are hereby notified that the court has scheduled for a trial to be held on **March 21-24, 2023, at 9am each day at the Bennington Superior Court, Family Division, 200 Veterans Memorial Drive, Bennington, Vermont 05301.** You are notified to appear in connection with this case. Failure to appear at these hearings can result in termination of parental rights. The State is represented by the Attorney General's Office, HC 2 North, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-2080. Other interested parties include Shakiria Rodriguez and D.S.

Honorable Howard A. Kalfus

Family Court Judge

11/3/2022

November 24, 2022

December 1, 2022

Sturbridge Planning Board Public Hearing

Application for Site Plan Approval Interstate Towing

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §11, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Sturbridge Center Office Building, 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA on **Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:35 PM** on the application of Wrecker, LLC, 1660 Westover Road, Chicopee, MA 01020. The applicant requests Site Plan Approval in accordance with Article XIX of the Zoning Bylaw to allow the construction of a new 7,000 square foot building for the purpose of Interstate Towing, Inc's auto towing and recovery business, to be located at 698 Main Street (Route 20) Sturbridge, MA.

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

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Members of the public may watch the meeting online via the Town's on demand video broadcast or via cable television on Channel 191. In the event of a remote hybrid meeting, notice shall be posted on the Planning Board website and those that wish to participate will find specific information on how to access the meeting on the website. Please note that the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law.

Charles Blanchard

Chairperson

November 24, 2022

December 1, 2022

Bay Path releases honor roll

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Central Pizza to complete state-of-the-art renovations

S O U T H B R I D G E — Southbridge's historic Central Pizza, the Greek family-owned pizzeria with Kyriakos Konstantakis at its helm, is set to host its soft opening at 55 Central Street in late November—almost 56 years after its founding.

"We are so excited to be completing a total renovation to the business my father and extended family started back in 1967," said Kyriakos "KK" Konstantakis. "We have upgraded the business and property from top to bottom—including new infrastructure, a new dining room, a new bar, and most importantly, a state-of-the-art kitchen."

Born and raised in Southbridge, KK grew up working in his father Christos' business, creating original family recipes and learning how to make the perfect hand-tossed Greek pan pizza.

Eventually, KK used his schooling and business sense to cofound a tech company called Amcomm Wireless, which was sold in 2021. It was then he decided it was time to come back full circle and continue the legacy of his family's pizzeria.

Since opening its doors in March of 1967, Central Pizza and the family have touched the lives of thousands in the Southbridge and surrounding communities. On almost any given day when you venture into Central Pizza, conversations often turn to Christos, the man whose spirit lives on at 55 Central Street.

KK invested more than \$1 million in revitalizing his father's pizzeria as well as the property and hopes that by doing so, he can inspire others to invest in Southbridge as well.

"This town has so much poten-

tial, especially in the area of business development," KK said. "I want to give the town I love a family style dining experience that encompasses tradition and the family values we all share."

A family man just like his father, KK enjoys spending time with his wife Danielle and their children and stepson when not working.

To take the business to the next level, KK joined forces with business partner Krenar Jaupaj from Worcester, Mass. Krenar brings more than 20 years of professional restaurant and pub experience to Central Pizza. He managed multiple restaurants including the 99 Restaurants on Central Street and SW Cutoff in Worcester, Mass., and most recently, the 99 in Auburn, Mass. His locations were consistently ranked among the best in the 99 chain.

Krenar will be leading operations at the Central Pizza restaurants. "I'm certain he will continue his record of success," KK said. "Krenar has brought a high degree of professionalism and overall management skills that have already made a significant difference in the operation," he continued. "Having Krenar focused on the overall operations at Central Pizza will ensure our team will perform at the highest level and the food and drinks served to our guests will provide a great dining experience."

A family man as well, Krenar enjoys spending time with his wife Venera and their children outside of work.

In addition to all of the improvements in Southbridge, KK opened a second Central Pizza at 222 Chandler Street in Worcester, Mass. Krenar joined Central Pizza

in June and immediately had a huge impact on the menu, food quality, and performance. Since then, the Worcester location has been very successful.

For a business to survive and thrive for more than 50 years takes dedication and a commitment to quality. The restaurant business is tough, but KK and his partner Krenar are focused on taking Central Pizza far into the future and developing new memories for those young and old.

KK and Krenar will soon be announcing the exact date of the reopening and look forward to seeing and serving all of their friends and guests with some of the best food and drinks in the area.

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Isabel Tolomio, Nicholas Visci, Adrian Vitkos, Amelia White, Sadie Wilber, Dayzyah Wintzel Neely, Brady Wisniewski

Principal's List: Connor Allain, Minos Anifantis, Connor Barrette, Briana Berrios, Cherise Berthiaume, Joshua Blackwell, Zachary Bogar, Lake Boucher, Trentin Buzzell, Hannah Cavan, Mikayla Clyne, Noah Cournoyer, Travis Cronin, Angelina Degon, Jasai Diaz, Logan Edwards, Ari Erkoc, Aiden Fausek, Hailee Gelinas, Keegan Hall, Skylar Johnson-Mello, Evean Lotti, Brady Marcoux, Chloe Monahan, Brendan Moran, Blakey Morse, Andy Nieves, Kayleigh Norris, Isabella Pabon, Jordan Packard, Carmen Pantoja, Markshka Piltzecker, Eva Powers, Vince Randall-Ortiz, Nevin Rivera, John Rutter, Corey Scobil, Kalli Sheehan, Nash Sicari-Swinier, Aysel Silva Nieves, Raymond St. Francis, Zoeybeth Streeter-Wornham, Anthony Sullivan, Hailie Tod, Brady Tremblay, Kevin Vazquez-Rivera, Nayelix Vega

Grade 9

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Shepherd Hill hosts 30th Festival of Crafts

DUDLEY – Shepherd Hill Regional High School played host to the 30th Annual Festival of Crafts, and yearly tradition to help support the high school’s music programs and students. Organized and operated by both parents and students, the event included more than 150 vendors and added food trucks

to the 2022 lineup. Hundreds of guests visited the event in 2022 hoping to find a new addition to their home décor or an early holiday gift during one of the most beloved unofficial kick-off events of the holiday season in Southern Worcester County.



Photos Jason Bleau

Wicked Good Treats by Elaine offered a wide variety of confections to fit the holiday season.



Shepherd Hill Choir singers perform holiday classics to entertain guests to the annual Festival of Crafts.



Shepherd Hill Music parents and supporters helped run the food sales tables to support the school’s music programs.



Volunteers for the Festival of Crafts greet guests as they walk in the door. Literally hundreds of guests showed up throughout the day for the annual event.



Diane’s Creative Stitch was a popular stop for many in the crowded gymnasium where many crafters showed their goods.



Shepherd Hill Music students help spread the word for the schools Holiday Spectacular.



The John Paire Student Support Fund set up a booth to help spread awareness for their mission to provide all Dudley-Charlton students with access to an enriched, well-rounded educational experience regardless of their socioeconomic status.



WoodCreations11 provided a large variety of wood-based décor including patriotic and cared items as well as birdhouses.



Taylor Shea, Executive Director of Northeast Opportunities for Wellness in Northeastern Connecticut, serves a customer some locally ground coffee. The products are part of a fund-raising partnership between NOW and Putnam business Chubby Dog Coffee.



Bri’s Sweet Treats was one of many food-based vendors during the 2022 Festival of Crafts.



Every crafter at the festival provided a good to be raffled off throughout the day as guests placed their tickets hoping to take home a delightful home-made item.

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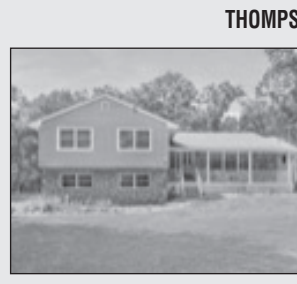


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The traveling Tyler Sword is coming home

BY BRO. JIMMY FALZONE
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE
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SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, Nov. 19, members of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge traveled to The Rose of Sharon Lodge located at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton. These members traveled to Rose of Sharon to retrieve the traveling regalia called the Traveling Tyler's Sword. This sword has been traveling throughout the 24th Masonic Districts Lodges. This sword is in a traveling case with a stand, in which there is a Masonic knocker and sight peep hole. This Traveling Tyler Sword was created and dedicated back in 2019 in memory of Brother Armand Richards

who was Quinebaug Masonic Lodge's Tyler for 15 years.

Bro. Armand Richard proudly stood guard at the west gate of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge and exemplified to his fellow brethren on how Master Masons should act and support his fellowman. He there stood a just and upright Mason, and always lived by the Plumb, Level and Square. A Tyler is a Master Mason who guards and protects his fellow brethren while a meeting is in session with his mighty sword in hand or by his side guarding the west gate of our lodge meeting room entrance.

This Traveling Tyler's Sword is like the Traveling Gavel that many Masonic Lodges already have in place. Other lodges in

our district or state may come to collect this Traveling Sword or Gavel by attending one of our official monthly meetings. To collect these items and return it to their lodge there must be a minimum of three people attending which must include the sitting Worshipful Master, the installed Tyler and any other lodge member who is in good standing. In return the lodge that it was taken from must go to one of their meetings to retrieve it. This is how fellow Master Masons meet new brethren.

If you would like additional information about Freemasonry, go to www.mass-freemasonry.org and read about this great fraternity and to find a lodge nearest you.



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Left to right: Bro. Clay Tull, R.W. Christopher St. Cyr, Newly Installed Worshipful Master Jeremy Foss of Rose of Sharon Lodge in Charlton, center is The Traveling Tyler's Sword, Bro. Terrance Mount and Bro. Bob St. Cyr, Secretary. The Traveling Tyler Sword is heading home until the next Masonic Lodge decides to come to one of our monthly official meeting to retrieve it.



CHARLTON — Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN of Oxford lead a group of grateful Bay Path Practical Nursing students who volunteered for

Bay Path nursing students provide hearing, vision, BMI screening

a hearing, vision, and BMI screening to assist the school nurses at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School. The team included Emily Rossignol, Gearlyn Wetherbee, Fidelis Mensah, Ana Hilner, Alice Maina, Etta Lahai, Lauren Young, and Laurie Barkoskie.

The photo shows Fidelis Mensah and Alice Maina both of Worcester demonstrating height and weight measurements. The hearing, vision, and BMI screening for the 10th graders were coordinated by school nurse Rachel Goetz, BSN, RN, NCS. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty, Professor Cahill who supervised the PN volunteers stated, "it was a great experience for the PN students and great practice for pediatric nursing and health assessments."

The experience at the Hearing, Vision, and BMI Screening gives the nursing students the opportunity to work hand in hand with the school nurses.

"This is not the first year that our Practical Nursing students volunteered with the school nurses. We collaborated with Lion's Club in the past for Sight mobile through the coordination of Chairperson Helene Doucette, PDG. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy prides itself in being a part of the Bay Path community outside of the Charlton campus so having the practical nursing students assist the school nurses and be invited back has a tremendous impact on service learning," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

"We recognize service-learning

and emphasize its importance, to get involved outside the classroom to better prepare themselves for their healthcare careers, and this is something they will definitely remember their whole career," added Bolandrina.

In other service-learning activities, the practical nursing students assist the healthcare team, assess, give out COVID-19 vaccines, monitor for untoward reactions, and complete tasks efficiently, all under the supervision of qualified PN faculty. The training for the future nursing workforce in the Bay Path community and across the region allows practical nursing students to respond to emergencies and assist in community events.

Bay Path assembles all-female mock code team



CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Mock Code Team (MCT) and Simulation Training improves response to code events. The Practical Nursing Class of 2023, under the guidance and leadership of Professors Rianna Romano, Cheryl Cahill and Jennifer DeFilippo, prepared and executed the Term 1 Mock Code Scenario dubbed emergency preparedness. During cardiac arrests, the quick response of a code team requires cohesiveness, timely defibrillation, and clearly defined roles.

"We are blessed to have the guidance, experience, and expertise of Professors Romano, Cahill, and DeFilippo," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. "Using simulation training improves performance," Bolandrina added. The timely use of defibrillation and empowered, confident nurses result in a positive response to code events. According to the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) resuscitation program, time to first shock is one of four achievement metrics. The guidelines state that hospitalized patients exhibiting ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia should receive defibrillation within

two minutes to improve outcomes.

Members of the PN Class of 2023 Mock Code Team are Ana Hilner of Oxford, Animat Poku of Southbridge, Fidelis Mensah, Angela DiGregorio, Elizabeth Agyeiwaa-Asabere, Ramatu Abukari, and Nancy Kamicha, all of Worcester.

It is important for members of the healthcare team to intuitively know their role as part of the response team especially during code situations when seconds count.

In 2017, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy MCT was formed to improve resuscitation skills and comfort levels for practical nursing students. The MCT meets for a full day of preparation, with members practicing as much as possible. On Mock Code Day, the MCT runs the code scenarios multiple times. The formation of the MCT increased mock code opportunities and participation three times in an academic year. Participation in mock codes increases the comfort level of practical nursing students. An effective code team is one that acts safely, and efficiently, and saves lives. The MCT aims to be proficient with skills and knowledge, effective with communication, and highly organized.

BAY PATH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



Photo Courtesy

At Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, a group of students is involved in the Massachusetts Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation with instruction provided by the New England Laborers' Union. Students in the program learn the process for applying to the laborer, carpenter, iron worker, electrician, and operating engineer unions. They also learn skills in such areas as lining and grading and how to mix and install concrete. As part of the program, students also take a field trip to an apprenticeship training center. Participants may earn CPR/First Aid certification and can become eligible for scholarships. In the photo, according to Lead Instructor Mr. Thomas Lemon, "Students were instructed in the use of an auto level. All students learned to calibrate, set up, and calculate elevations throughout the campus, building highways, parking lots, and sidewalk at a precise elevation - all extremely important in the highway construction industry." Pictured in the photo (left to right) are Gabriel Osciak of Southbridge, Lead Instructor Thomas Lemon, Sebastian Tomei of Southbridge, Devon Goulet of Dudley, Maximilian Ward Spencer, Ronald Desrosiers of Spencer, Coulton Benvenuti of Southbridge, Aidan Watroba of Dudley, Yadiel D. Vazquez of Southbridge, Alex Besaw of Southbridge, and Garrett Podkowka of North Brookfield.

DA's office expands access to Drug Story Theater program

REGION — The Worcester County District Attorney's Office is expanding access to the Drug Story Theater program for all middle and high schools across the county.

The goal of the expansion is to ensure that all students have an opportunity to receive an education on substance misuse and addiction. District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and his staff are looking forward to seeing the results of the expanded access.

"Through the federal Department of Justice Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program grant, the District Attorney's Office is funding a \$25,000 expansion of the Drug

Story Theater program," read a statement released by the DA's office.

Recognizing that today's students are facing challenging decisions at an earlier age, the District Attorney is committed to providing them with the tools needed to make safe, informed choices.

"Education can combat the social pressures a child faces when making decisions around drugs and alcohol," Early said. "Drug Story Theater provides students of all languages and backgrounds with the tools and knowledge they need to stay substance-free, keeping them out of the criminal justice system and preventing tragedies before they occur."

The Drug Story Theater program will now be available to all schools in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

In 2018, the Worcester County District Attorney's Office hosted Drug Story Theater at its annual wellness conference at Anna Maria College. The program teaches kids about peer pressure, addiction, and recovery from drugs and alcohol through the first-hand experiences of teens in a theatrical setting.

The ultimate goal of the program is to decrease adolescent substance misuse, officials said.

Cornerstone Bank donates \$50,000 to Worcester Community Action Council

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$50,000 to the Worcester Community Action Council (WCAC) in support of its Emergency Fuel Fund. Due to higher fuel costs and an increase in calls for support from the community, the emergency fund has been depleted. In September and October of 2021, WCAC helped over 350 households with payments totaling more than \$150,000. This is the third consecutive year Cornerstone Bank has donated to WCAC.

“We are proud to support WCAC’s mission of helping those struggling to

heat their homes as the weather begins to trend colder,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “As a community bank, we put a major focus on bettering the lives of our neighbors. We were happy to answer WCAC’s call for help to ensure the people they serve will be warm this winter.”

The Worcester Community Action Council is one of 23 community action agencies in Massachusetts with the mission of helping people toward economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships, and advocacy. To help break the cycle of poverty for tens of thousands of people annually, WCAC provides opportunities for ener-

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Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale childcare services return

STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale has announced that activity-centered childcare services will be provided during its 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service starting Sunday, Nov. 27, according to Pastor David W. Cote, M. Div.

Trained childcare professionals will be available from 9 to 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to care for infants and children up to fourth grade. Newly appointed staff members have been fully vetted by the Church’s leadership, and CORI-certified.

“We have made a lot of accommodations during the past couple of years of pandemic to make it possible for people to continue to attend Sunday services,” said Pastor Cote, “including streaming services online, masking, and distancing, but childcare just wasn’t possible.”

“We are delighted to be able to restore childcare

services,” he said, “so our families may resume in-person attendance with confidence that their youngsters are safe in the care of qualified professionals.”

The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ’s presence and God’s grace in our lives. Members of the community are welcome and invited to join in worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The services are also live-streamed on the Church’s Facebook page at FederatedChurchSturbridgeFiskdale.

For additional information about childcare services at The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale, please visit the Church Web site at sturfed.org or contact the Church office at (774) 304-1021 or churchoffice@sturfed.org.

First Church to host Jazz Bones concert and dinner

MONSON — The Jazz Bones will be presenting a concert at First Church of Monson on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

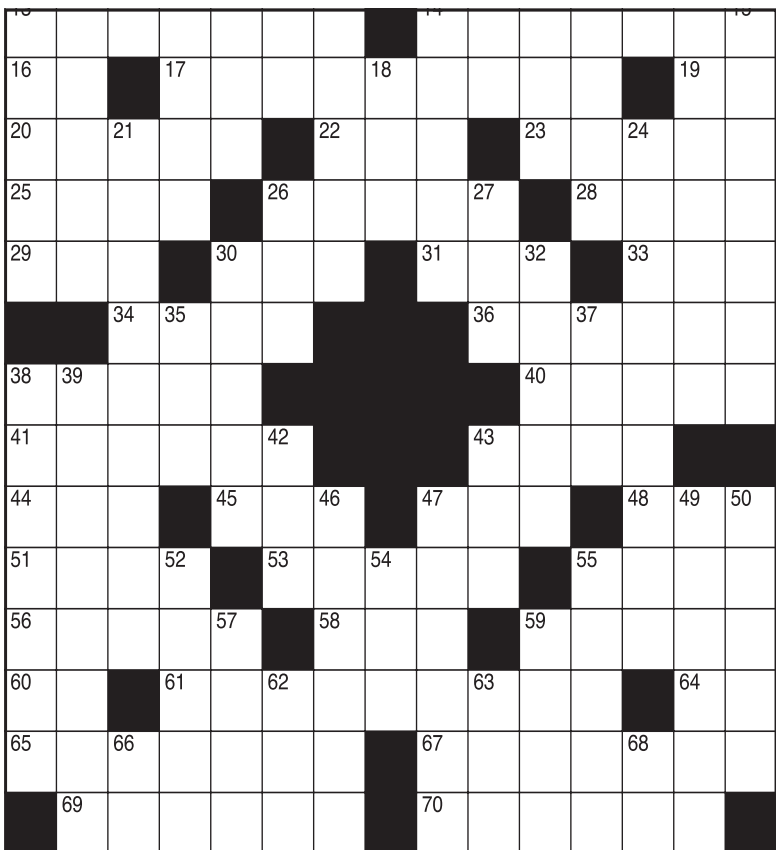
The Jazz Bones, directed by David Neill, originated as a group in 1985 as a performance group of the Western Massachusetts Trombone Association. The group consists of five trombones, a guitar, bass, and drums. This unique ensemble plays arrangements written in five part harmony especially for trombones. Whether playing hard swing, fast jazz, or sweet ballads, they are backed by a first class rhythm section. Their repertoire consists of swing, jazz standards, blues, rock, Latin and funk. Some of the numbers they plan

for the evening are “Just Friends; Don’t Get Around; All of Me; Bad, Bad Leroy Brown; Los Matadores; and California Dreaming.” The concert is supported by the Monson Cultura Council. Concert tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

The Music Committee of First Church will prepare a pre-concert dinner which is open to the public. The menu is baked ham, roasted rosemary potatoes, homemade applesauce, butternut squash, and a special dessert. The dinner will be served at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Church. Tickets for the concert and dinner are \$20 available by calling Gail at 413-267-4818.

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 - 6. Subatomic particle
 - 7. Ghost
 - 8. Adult female bird
 - 9. Greek temple pillars
 - 10. Emits coherent radiation
 - 11. Measures the width of printed matter
 - 12. Musical interval
 - 13. Tantalizes
 - 15. Places of worship
 - 18. An unskilled actor who overacts
 - 21. One who volunteers to help
 - 24. Precaution
 - 26. Beverage holder
 - 27. Very long period of time
 - 30. Bullfighting maneuvers
 - 32. More critical
 - 35. Sends packing in a boxing match

- ACROSS**
- 1. India’s “City of Lakes”
 - 7. Large marine mammals
 - 13. Used to carry belongings when traveling
 - 14. Rechristens
 - 16. Equally
 - 17. Heavy plant-eating mammals
 - 19. Millinery
 - 20. Japanese immigrant to N. America
 - 22. Deep, red-brown sea bream
 - 23. Norse gods
 - 25. Peppermint and pekoe are two
 - 26. Auguste ____, founder of positivism
 - 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - 29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
 - 30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
 - 31. V-shaped open trough
 - 33. People of southern Benin
 - 34. People of southern Ghana
 - 36. It’s a significant creed
 - 38. Period between eclipses
 - 40. Furies
 - 41. Emerged
 - 43. Philippine Island
 - 44. Where wrestlers battle
 - 45. Unhappy
 - 47. Central European river
 - 48. Language
 - 51. Semitransparent gemstone
 - 53. Forming in a bottom layer
 - 55. Distinct region
 - 56. Broad blades
 - 58. Leavened bread
 - 59. Influential cosmetics exec
 - 60. Exclamation of surprise
 - 61. Era free of war
 - 64. One who helps professors
 - 65. Idealistic

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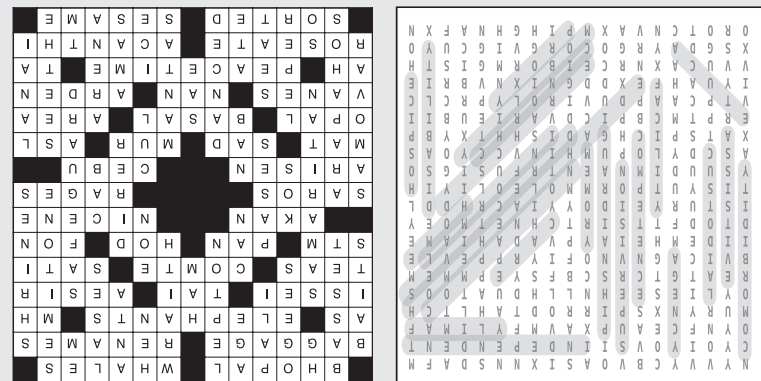
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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill, Tantasqua well represented at State Cross-Country Championships

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DEVENS — Both the Shepherd Hill and Tantasqua Regional cross-country programs were well represented in the State Championship meets, which took place Saturday, Nov. 19 at Fort Devens.

The Rams, competing in Division 1, had the girls' squad qualify as a team. In fact, aside from the 2020 COVID-19 season, when there were no postseason races, Shepherd Hill has reached the States dating back until at least 2016, according to head coach Nicole Fossas.

The Hill placed 19th, with Meghan Stevens leading the pace with a time of 20:02.59, which was good for 58th place. Other scoring Rams included Emery Mullen (79th place, 20:18.45), Emily Hultgren (104th, 20:33.23), Grace Bateman (116th, 20:44.62) and Megan Andress (141st, 21:18.14).

"They went out there and they battled. That's all you can do," said Fossas.

Shepherd Hill was equipped with seniors in Mullen and Bateman, but also a new-to-cross-country sophomore in Stevens and a pair of freshmen in Hultgren and Andress.

"They have never been in this type of situation, and it's unique. You're condensing the talent. It's concentrated, it's intense and you're in the middle of the pack. You don't know where you are and you've got to run hard," Fossas said of the moment not being too big for the newcomers.

Fossas was also pleased with how the team, which includes only 11 runners, stuck with it all season long and battled through until the State Meet.

"We couldn't get hurt, they had to take care of themselves and they did all the things that I asked them to," said Fossas.

In the Division 1 boys' race, Shepherd Hill's Andrew Trudel competed as an individual. He placed 117th, crossing the finish line in 17:22.95.

Division 2 was the landing spot for Tantasqua. On the boys' side, Camden Foley qualified as an individual for the second consecutive year. Foley's time of 17:49.89 was solid, and he finished the race in 82nd place, but his emotions



Shepherd Hill's Meghan Stevens



Emery Mullen of Shepherd Hill



Tantasqua's Brooke Bergevin



Camden Foley of Tantasqua

were mixed.

"I came in a little bit more confident than I should have," said Foley, who was hoping to beat his time of 16:55 from a week before at Stanley Park in Westfield in the State Divisional Meet.

Foley thought that he may have come out of the gate too quickly in Devens.

"The first sprint, in order to get in the front before it bottlenecked, I probably pushed a

little bit too hard and got too excited. It was hard to recover from that," he said.

Nonetheless, Foley and the Warriors had a tremendous team season.

"I'm so happy with this year. I'm so proud of the team because we won SWCL," Foley said of the team winning the Southern Worcester County League Championship Meet. "It was incredible, I was shocked because Uxbridge has

been winning it for so long now."

In the girls' race, two Warriors were supposed to compete. But Tessa Kline, who qualified for States in 2021 and did so again this year, frac-

tured her foot during the State Divisional Meet. Instead, teammate Brooke Bergevin was the lone Tantasqua runner to take part in States. Her time of 21:21.06 was good for a 73rd place finish.

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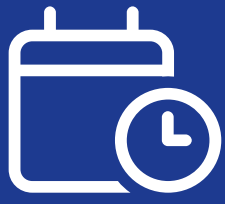
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