Deanna Laske hugs her grandfather Roy Laske moments before the start of graduation.

Tantasqua seniors together until the end

Nearly 300 graduate with Class of 2009

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUAY
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Sunday, June 7 marked the last time the nearly 300 graduating students from Tantasqua Regional High School would all gather together as classmates.

With students from both the academic and technical divisions of the school together for one last time, family, friends, teachers and administrators all gathered to say goodbye to the class of 2009.

People came from all over to attend the commencement services. Some came from Brookfield, near Tantasqua’s northernmost student body from Brimfield, while others had the convenience of having the graduation in their hometown, Sturbridge.

One came from Wyoming. Karin Boltz, possibly the greatest grandparent in the Tantasqua Field House, came to the graduation to see her eldest granddaughter Lauren Boltz, receive her diploma.

Boltz explained that her son, Lauren’s father, passed away over a little more than two years ago from a brain tumor, leaving behind three children.

In an incredible showing of family solidarity, Boltz boarded an Amtrak train in Cody, WY, and made a Schenectady to Massachusetts trip in time to see her granddaughter.

“It’s worth it,” Boltz said, laughing over the thought of her impending 50-hour return trip.

Boltz was obviously not the only grandparent beaming with pride and admiration on Tantasqua Sunday. Boy and Pat Laske were also present, celebrating the graduation of their first grandchild too, Deanna Laske.

“I can’t believe that she’s grown up to fast,” Pat Laske said, looking back over the last 18 years. “The years go by so fast.”

“She’s our first granddaughter,” Boy Laske said. “We’re very proud of her.”

While hundreds of congratulations were tossed around for academic accomplishments and awards, some students and family members will most fondly remember athletics and other school activities.

Neighbors to the rescue

NEW COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS CERTIFIED

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUAY
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STURBRIDGE — Twenty-five fire average citizens from surrounding towns, all with a penchant for helping their community walked away from the Sturbridge Public Safety Complex Saturday May 30 as the newest members of the local CERT — Community Emergency Response Team.

The CERT program was first established in the 1980s by the Los Angeles Fire Department in response to actualities caused by earthquakes, during which victims or whole areas were not accessible to professional emergency workers. The goal of the program is to provide basic disaster preparedness training that leaves them on their own.

The CERT program was adopted as a national program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1995. Since then, 20 states plus Puerto Rico have instituted CERT teams in their communities.

“If you take care of yourself, you’re less one less person we have to worry about,” Sturbridge Lt. Alan Curley said during the first CERT class on April 15.

“That whole neighbors helping neighbors thing does work,” Curley said after the final exercise of the CERT team, a simulated disaster requiring participants to use the skills they learned during the eight-week training course.

Curley introduced a myriad of topics ranging from how to properly use a fire extinguisher to how to protect yourselves and others from potential terrorist attacks.

ConCom backs Fish and Wildlife

HAMANT DAMS MAY COME DOWN

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUAY
VILLAGER STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — The Conservation Commission voted Thursday, June 4, to support the State Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Hamant Brook Restoration Plan.

The Commission voted 3-2 to endorse the hereby deleted plan, but will remain vigilant of the state agency’s progress throughout the entire process.

They would have to come before it is submitted, will be used to include a number of ecological and biological public meetings will be held during the planning process.

“All of this is really structured,” Barnicle said. “There’s lot of check points,” he added, informing additional public meetings will be held during the planning process as well.

“Once they apply they would use the Conservation Commission in the application process,” Barnicle said.

The first step in working towards river restoration, Barnicle said, is to have the Hamant Brook Restoration Plan approved by the Conservation Commission. The plan, which also includes a number of ecological and water studies that must be conducted before it is submitted, will be included in their overall planning process.

Answer inside.
**Concert series features Village Harmony**

Concerts in the Concerts program presents Village Harmony, the unique and lively town meeting ground for a community of singers in Sturbridge, as it was until the building was donated to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals who served during several site plan reviews for similar establishments that now exist in town.

Conway said that taking a left turn off Shepard Road is already a hazard at times, and by adding a commercial entity that, by nature, would attract more cars, the danger at Shepard Road is going to be even greater.

The hearing included noise and light pollution as additional concerns that were raised at the hearing. Shepard Road is a major thoroughfare and the results of a review of the traffic study on the site shows that the area by consultants at Fuss and O’Neil.

Even with the removal of the carwash from the proposed plan, Conway said, “there will still be a lot of activity going on on this site.”

Not counting the spaces for cars directly in front of the gas pumps, Lovejoy’s design for the facility has the necessary minimum of 24 parking spaces. According to Decker, a good portion of those spaces will be rented because of positioning either in front of the dumpster that must remain accessible or in the way of the delivery trucks that must go in and out of the station. “To legitimize those parking spaces, the loading zone should be somewhere else,” Decker said.

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Several weeks after nearly being summoned to phone, cut of $1,100. Carol B. wishes she had recourse against the people who overcharged her.

"It is lazy, they are getting away with it," said one caller, who wished to remain anonymous.

Targets of these types of scams, however, are not without recourse. If they are indeed frauds, they can be filed against phone scammers, according to local and federal officials. Often times, however, authorities are unable to track down the scammers making these calls.

If the scammer is located, several types of action can be taken. The Sturbridge Selectmen, the Leicester Police Chief James Hurley. If somebody should run to the scammer; police can charge the perpetrator with swearing in an oath. The City Council also has the ability by false pretenses. Even if the victim does not pay the money, a scammer can also be charged with attempting to commit a crime. Hurley said, along with harassing or annoying phone calls.

Victims can also file civil lawsuits against scammers, according to Federal Trade Commission (FTC) spokesman Peter Torok.

"In our lawsuits, we are primarily look-
ing to getting consumers money back," he said.

But there is one caveat to going civil actions with the FTC. Torok said his agency would only file suit if they identify a single group of victims. The FTC does not have the resources to file on behalf of every individual. His, said. If a suit is filed, it typically claims the scammer has used "inducements or deceptive acts or practices." Just an example — the scammer making a claim indicates a person’s decision to do business will be influenced by whether or not they are a member of a company.

Often, both, through legal options are available, authorities can’t find the phone scammer.

"Sometimes locating scammers) can be difficult," Torok said.

Culprits often take steps to hide their identities, such as using different computers and opening another entry under a different name. In many cases, said Torok. Many of the scammers in other countries, further complicating attempts to locate them, according to Torok.

"That presents an even additional set of challenges," he said.

Even if the federal government locates the scammer aboard, with the help of a foreign
government, legal action can only be taken in the United States. Torok said.

Another obstacle also complicates any legal options, according to Torok. A criminal case could be filed against a scammer, authorities often have to decide whether to inform the public of the hoax or a better option, according to federal sources. Hurley said.

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Police funds cut as Town Meeting OKs budget

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUY

STURBRIDGE — After a meeting with the Police Department by nearly 15,000 voters of Sturbridge accepted the town’s fiscal 2010 budget.

"As everybody’s aware we continued our Annual Town Meeting with a large group of concerned voters, trying to identify the best way to help our financial picture," Town Administrator James Malloy said.

At the Police Department, there was not a reduction in state receipts. The department identified several areas the department should use to cut costs: the department reviews reports and deter-
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Dialing up help for scam victims

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Webcast to help veterans in need of services

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUY

STURBRIDGE — For civilians, Memorial Day — besides all the flag-waving and parades on the park — is seen as the beginning of the summer season. For veterans, each day is a token of support that many are in need of all year round.

On Monday, June 16, the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services will be host a live webcast to help guide recently returned veterans to the services they require.

"It's all about making sure that our veterans know that the Department of Veterans Services is here to help them," said Sturbridge Veterans Agent Thomas Chamberland. "That's what this webcast is all about. It's getting them the tools they need to be successful in their everyday life in the community." The 90-minute presentation will discuss different health-related, social and other services and programs available to veterans and their families as well.

"Every person deals with the stress of serving their country in a combat situation differently," Chamberland said. "Some home life may have changed, kids grow up, relationships change and all of these can have various affects on the returning veteran."

Sturbridge Selectman Thomas Creamer, a veteran of 30 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, agrees with Chamberland about the unique stresses facing soldiers when they return.

"Many veterans when they come home, despite the support services available to them … people don't really understand what they're struggling with," Creamer said, explaining that the transition from battlefield to home can be traumatic for many of the soldiers. "So many times, alone, or just feel alone," Creamer added.

As a result, a group of 2005 study conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, approximately two million — or 6 percent — of combat veterans developed narcotic or alcohol dependence upon returning home.

According to Chamberland, there are a multitude of programs designed to assist men and women of the armed forces ease into civil life. Unfortunately those services are not in the immediate area.

"The best place to be is within the VA. (Veterans Administration) health care system," Chamberland said. "The nearest facilities are in Worcester." Chamberland went on to say that transportation to the VA facility is available to those who need it to the VA facility. "It will provide the empathy."

As Veterans Agent, Chamberland said he will assist any Sturbridge area veterans in finding the services they require.

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To contact Chamberland or for more information on veterans' services in Sturbridge visit the Veterans Agent page at www.town.sturbridge.ma.us.

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Webcast on 211 for Homeless Veterans

United Way of Southbridge-Sturbridge and Chaffin volunteered unanimously to support 211 at the Board of Directors Meeting held on May 11 at Harrington Memorial Hospital. In Massachusetts, 211 is the direct link between people in need and the people who can help. 211 connects individuals in need to local services — from food, clothing, and shelter assistance to counseling, legal and financial services, and much more. In the past year, 211 was called more than 800,000 times in Massachusetts, and it could not, and it couldn't be easier United Way and its partners in the Commonwealth have partnered together to bring you this helpful service.

No one is alone on the phone with 211 and you will speak with a friendly, helpful Information and Referral Specialist who can put you on the right track with your very first call. Find private, confidential help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 211 is always home. We've staffed around the clock to give you the sensitive, confidential help you need. Multilingual and TTY services are also available.

With 211, we all can build the state's most comprehensive system of available services resources due to an existing relationship with Executive Office of Health & Human Services. The collection of demographic data and case notes provides another valuable resource by presenting an overview of the problems facing Massachusetts residents. The Massachusetts Changing Communities Management Committee, an initiative of the Massachusetts Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the Executive Office of Health & Human Services, has designated Mass 211 as the Commonwealth's primary telecommunications Access Point for the Commonwealth's Council of United Ways across the state, and the Executive Office of Health & Human Services and the Board of Directors unanimously to support 211 at United Ways across the state. Chamberland agreed with Executive Office of Health & Human Services. Chamberland went on to say that transportation to the VA facility is available to those who need it to the VA facility. "It will provide the empathy."

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### SOUTHBRIDGE CREDIT UNION
#### Names Students for Scholarships

The Southbridge Credit Union announced today the names of 13 area high school graduating seniors receiving scholarship funds as part of the community credit union’s annual scholarship program. For students of local support.

From Sturbridge Regional Vocational Technical High School, received $750 toward her higher education tuition, and Dan Brumell, of Charlton, received $750 toward trade costs. From Tantasqua Regional District High School, Arisi Carpiog, of Dudley, received $1,000 toward higher education tuition. Southbridge High School, Allen Fullwood, received $1,000 toward higher education tuition. In providing $1,000 per school, the Southbridge Credit Union represents many students for the scholarship funds to schools for the Southbridge High School, the names of the scholarship recipients. The Credit Union’s scholarship program in working to make strong the communi- ty support of students and families.

### Log Highlights

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**STURBRIDGE — 11:42 a.m.** — An accident was investigated, Main Street.

**STURBRIDGE — 9:39 a.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Jennifer Yvonne Trevino, 30, of 91 Hall Road, for failing to appear at a scheduled date.

**STURBRIDGE — 3:29 p.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Owen J. Curboy, 19, of 67 Breakneck Road, for breaking and entering in the daytime, larceny of drugs and an assault.

**STURBRIDGE — 10:32 a.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against John C. Williams, 67, of 11 South Road, for breaking and entering in the daytime.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

**STURBRIDGE — 12:31 a.m.** — An investigation was initiated, Road 20.

**STURBRIDGE — 10:52 a.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Edgardo Contos, 51, of 271 Main Street, for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**STURBRIDGE — 6:26 a.m.** — A hit and run accident was investigated, Mount Dan Road.

### Arrests & Summons

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

**STURBRIDGE — 9:42 a.m.** — Larceny/theft complaint was filed against Jessica S. Ogrady, 39, of 45 Pleasant St., Southbridge, for violating an abuse prevention order, Main Street.

**STURBRIDGE — 9:45 p.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Jolene F. Colangione, 31, of 528 Grove Street, Southbridge, for violating an abuse prevention order, Main Street.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

**STURBRIDGE — 12:32 a.m.** — Hailey A. Crow, 18, of 180 Fiske Hill Road, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, reckless oper- ation of a motor vehicle and no inspection sticker, Route 148.

**STURBRIDGE — 7:00 p.m.** — A suspicious activity was investigated, Main Street.

**STURBRIDGE — 6:14 p.m.** — Larceny/theft with property damage was investigated, Southbridge.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

**STURBRIDGE — 9:45 p.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against John C. Williams, 67, of 11 South Road, for breaking and entering in the daytime.

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

**STURBRIDGE — 2:50 a.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Aubrey Brown, 27, of 3 Island Road, Holland, for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, Union Street.

**STURBRIDGE — 4:17 p.m.** — A hit and run accident was investigated, Charlton Road.

**STURBRIDGE — 4:52 p.m.** — An accident with property damage was investigated, Route 28 and Cedar Street.

**STURBRIDGE — 10:06 p.m.** — An accident was investigated, Route 148.

**STURBRIDGE — 8:31 p.m.** — A hit and run accident was investigated, Crescent Way.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

**STURBRIDGE — 6:19 p.m.** — A burglar alarm was investigated, Mount Dan Road.

**STURBRIDGE — 9:45 p.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Andrea Powers, 28, of 105 Elm Street, Southbridge, for operating a motor vehicle and not being in possession of a license, Main Street.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

**STURBRIDGE — 8:12 a.m.** — A hit and run accident was investigated, Main Street.

**STURBRIDGE — 6:19 p.m.** — A burglary attempt was investigated, Mount Dan Road.

**STURBRIDGE — 9:45 p.m.** — A criminal complaint was filed against Donald J. Moriarty, 48, of 300 Woodstock Road, Southbridge, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, reckless oper- ation of a motor vehicle and no inspection sticker, Route 28.

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Tantasqua students work to control brook erosion

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGUAY
STURBRIDGE — Nineteen students, from Tantasqua Regional High School last week, donated their time, energy and silver-gross to help restore water quality in the Hamant Brook Watershed and control erosion along the brook.

The students have been working on a project along Hamant Brook Thursday, June 4.

Environmental science teacher Darcy Foley said the idea to help Jungpat at the ground cover at Hamant Brook came not only as a follow up to the bridge project, but is a new element to an annual project that examines the water quality in different locations throughout the Quinebaug River Watershed.

A primary component of the project is a look at what effects soil erosion has on the aquatic ecology.

“It’s really comparable to what happened when the bridge project was being constructed. The machinery needed to do the job had to be cleared of debris deposited by strong rainstorms last fall. The machinery needed to do that work had a detrimental impact to the shoreline plants in that area of the former Camp Robinson Cemetery (C.R.C.)”

“That’s when all this vegetation here got disturbed,” Jacque said, standing on the bank of Hamant Brook last Thursday, June 4, after students’ working session here.

“Erosion destroys the water quality in the whole entire river,” Carlson said.

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With no roots in the ground to stabilize shoreline soil, over time, soil erosion will deposit in the water.

“The more sediment in the water, the more sunlight is absorbed, raising the temperature of the water. With the spike in temperature, comes reduced levels of oxygen to sustain aquatic life.

“The best way to control the erosion of soil into waterways is to maintain substantial vegetation along the banks. The plants the students could move the first shovelful of dirt, they and four senior class students who had completed their school year prior to the planting project, researched different types of plants and created a plan of how and where it would all be installed.

“It’s really comparable to what we would see from a professional consultant,” Jacque said the plan.

Carlson said the two week drafting process concluded with a computer assisted design (CAD) rendering of a map that included the best ideas from a number of different proposed projects developed by students.

“We really got a taste of what you have to do,” said Garrett Dana, another student involved with the project. “It’s a lot of planning before.

The plants the students decided to use, which are all native species, include blue wood aster, trailing arbutus, sweet fern, buttonbush, swamp rose, as well as birch, hick and grape trees.

“All of the plants,” Jacque said, “have really strong root systems and work together to control vegetation along the banks.

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Jacque said that from the town’s standpoint, volunteer projects such as this are invaluable.

“We don’t get a lot of public funds for labor projects out here,” Jacque said, explaining that she has worked in a similar capacity in two other communities and has seen an incredible passion for land stewardship in Sturbridge.

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Foley said there is an equal benefit to the students for doing the work.

“We do like to keep them involved in the community,” Foley said. “It gives them a sense of pride and ownership of their community.”

Student Kelly Kirkpatrick said he enjoyed the project primarily because he got to be outside working with his hands.

“I had fun,” Kirkpatrick said. “It’s a lot of fun helping and learning stuff outside.”

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Monday, June 22

rot sticks, fruit, milk.

fruit, juice. Lunch: "Bag lunch" — Turkey cheese, macaroni salad, peas, fruit.

Tuesday, June 16

Last day of school. No lunch.

Monday, June 22

veggies, fruit, milk.

Fajita chicken over a bed of rice, seasoned Toasted cheese sandwich, soup of the day, milk.

Alternate: nuggets, white rice, whole carrots, assorted desserts, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, June 18

BBQ chicken, pasta salad, peas, cranberry bread, assorted desserts, fruit, juice, milk.

Cheeseburger macaroni, corn, cinnamon bun, potato wedges, green beans, fruit, juice.

Monday, June 15

Last day of school. No lunch. Snack: Yogurt, cereal bar, cereal, milk or juice.

Tuesday, June 16

Snack: Yogurt, milk or juice: Lunch menus not available.

Wednesday, June 17

Last day of school. No lunch. "$2 Lunch" — Chicken vegetable pasta salad, lettuce and milk.

Monday, June 22

Chips, fruit, milk.

tomato cups, cheese logs, fruit, milk.

Chicken vegetable pasta salad, lettuce and milk.

Tuesday of what she sees as a primary concern for the Finance Committee.

Daniel G. Durigon, chairman of the Tantasqua School Committee, said that the administration would not jump behind a plan to fund a new police officer in Sturbridge and not immediately reclaim that position, but it would do so if they were looking for a solution that was consistent with other schools in the district.

"We're well within the norm," he said. "But the administration did not come to the Finance Committee with a plan, which is what we expected in the event of an emergency."

"They're equivalent receptors of their diets or some of their medications."

To qualify for the Dean's List, full-time students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 without receiving a grade below a B. Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits during the spring semester of at least 3.5 at the end of a semester are recognized with an academic scholarship by inclusion on the Dean's List.

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Tantasqua Regional Junior High and High School

LEARNING

Debate renewed over Tantasqua resource officer

BY CHRISTOPHER TANGNEY

STURBRIDGE — For the second year in a row, the Finance Committee has made a strong impression on the concern over the lack of a police officer at Tantasqua High School.

The message to see this concern is not lost on the place on the school board that the administration and other members of the Finance Committee raised the issue during a meeting on the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee raised the issue that they see as a dire one.

The concern stems from the Finance Committee's responsibility to make judgments on the town's financial matters, and the performance of what the Finance Committee member Larry Ryan said.

Gimas said that during her time as education director, when the learned the resource officer's position — a new position at the school — which was organized in 2008, she had been active for several years since the grant expired. At a March 17 budget hearing before the Board of Selectmen Regional School Committee, the Finance Committee, along with the School Water-Servers, present their concerns to the other nine members as an uncontrolled situation.

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STURBRIDGE —
Clockwise from above: The beach balls were sailing amid the tossed mortar boards during the class of 2009’s graduation. Amber Trafford, of Brimfield, laughs with friends after throwing her cap along with some silly string. A senior blows up a beach ball on the sly. The Class of 2009’s Adrienne Provost smiles as she stands ready to receive her diploma. Rosemary Blair, holds up Annie “Bananie” Brower, 4, of Brimfield so she can get a picture of her cousin graduating in the class of 2009 at Tantasqua Regional High School.

Class of 2009 says farewell to Tantasqua

STURBRIDGE — A green and gold tassle lays atop a diploma as seniors get ready to throw their caps, left. At right, seniors study their newly acquired diplomas to make sure they are
‘Walkability’ focus of Sturbridge event

PLANNING DEPARTMENT, CMRPC HOST WEEKEND STROLL, WORKSHOP

STURBRIDGE — You couldn’t ask for a better day to take a stroll through the community.

“That’s just what the Sturbridge Planning Department did on Saturday, June 6 as it, along with Jonathan Church of the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), hosted a walkable community workshop.

The goal of the workshop was to look at different ways of making downtown, particularly the Route 20 corridor in the Commercial Tourist District, more hospitable to pedestrians.

In a brief presentation to the group that consisted of Planning Board members, representatives of the Board of Selectmen, police, and downtown businesses, as well as interested citizens, Church explained that having a walkable community has a myriad of positive effects on a town and the people in it.

“Walkability doesn’t focus on mobility; it focuses on access and how to get there,” Church said.

Some examples of the access Church referred to include different angles and designs for ingress and egress from driveways and street corners making sidewalks more easily traversed by the elderly, handi- capped or those pushing a stroller.

“Raising crosswalks a little bit higher than the roadway Church explained, is also a method of [traffic calming], or slowing down, which contributes to walker safety as well.

Adding buffer zones like trees, benches, trash receptacles or even on street parking can help the overall atmosphere of pedestrian areas, more definitively separating them from the street.

Even simple measures like widening existing sidewalks can have a huge impact on the attractiveness of an area to a pedestrian.

“A recommended sidewalk width is five feet,” Church said, indicating an area to a pedestrian.

Impediments such as utility poles, mailboxes and other objects on the sidewalk can also hinder walkability on a narrow walkway.

Church explained that not only does improved walkability increase the amount of people out and about in town, it could potentially help businesses along Route 20 that are currently not very contiguous when traveling on foot.

Besides the benefits to the town, Church said by providing a safe environment for people to walk around, the overall health of the community improves as well.

“It’s good for your heart, good for your immune system and your bones,” Church said.

After his presentation, the group took a stroll walking tour of the section of Main Street from the intersection of Arnold Road to the Crescent Gate adult community to assess some of the needs of that immediate area.

Sidewalks on the northeast side of the road only large gaps between crosswalks and other things identified as innreparable to walkers were all taken into consideration during the last portion of the workshop when the group brainstormed on a list of suggestions that would improve the walking atmosphere of Sturbridge’s downtown.

Suggestions included widening sidewalks, lights placed around crosswalks, completing sidewalks on both sides of the street, creating a park and municipal parking lots and creating a bicycle trail connecting Route 20 to the Grand Trunk Trail.

Following the workshop, Chairman of the Planning Board Sandra Gibson-Quigley said, “The more of this information that gets out now … the more these ideas will keep percolating.”

By the end of the summer, the Planning Board will be working on updating the town’s Master Plan as well as beginning work on the Downtown Revitalization Plan, both of which will benefit from increased walkability.

Christophorous Tangney said that while the concepts discussed at Saturday’s workshop may seem like they’re refreshing them in the minds of the Planning Board, would make sure they are included in the upcom- ing planning projects.

Jonathan Church of CMRPC (center) explains different aspects of pedestrian friendly communities while town officials and interested citizens look on.

Christopher Tangney photo.

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Sturbridge Villager
25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550
To the Editor: 

I would like to make residents aware of the assessment of Fish & Game’s proposal for dam removal and stream restoration of Hassenbrook Neck not approved. This is the beginning of “the change we need to make.”

“The Conservation Commission has in the过去 approved funds — $13,000 — for a second opinion for dam repairs. That second opinion said basically the same thing as the first estimate, except that it also includes a report on the on-take devices built at 34 million CWM engineers quoted state: “The general improvements that would be performed to bring the dams in to acceptable conditions are listed below.” These are for the first engineering firm hired by the Department of Fish & Game and not right hands over their hearts. During the seven-minute ceremony, the 17-year-old junior at the Niskayuna High School addressed the audience and asked for people to stand followed by two minutes and explained what he believed to be true. “Come on America, you should be the example.”

The same attention to brevity and clarity should apply to would-be editors. The National Anthem doesn’t just mean a band of words and tunes and that they should undergo rigorous inspection. The article closed with: ‘Music is how I will proceed to term papers, and he warned us,” said one of my peers.

The “dictionary source that, like the word encyclopedia — and was not an acceptable place.”

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I believe — and sincerely hope — he’s right. I hope you don’t mind, but today we must stop to remember, and perhaps, eternal. When you think about it, there are a number of defining moments that build to something bigger, or lead to something worse.

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New CERT volunteers ready to help in emergency

CERT volunteers ready to help in an emergency

Hamant Brook in Charlton, Mass. was the scene of a meeting Monday night, as selectmen from both Charlton and Southbridge discussed the future of the waterway.

Residents again raised concerns at Thursday’s meeting, which was held at previous hearings on the topic.

At the end of Thursday’s hearing, and as it was when the town acquired them.

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**SOCKS FOR SIBERIA TO HOLD ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

BY TERESA A. FRANCO

It’s been 10 years since Wally and Michele Connor created the organization, Socks for Siberia, in 2007 to help children’s homes there since 1999. Connor credits the fact there is no charge for admission as the reason for their success, and she said she thinks people like that there is “no pressure” when entering the grounds of the festival.

"People seem to have a heart for this cause," she said.

Michele and Wally Connor travel to Moscow every year to deliver the money and gifts. Michele Connor stresses that the couple pays their own way, so all of the money raised is given to the children and gifts. Michele Connor said they get the chance to spend time with the children while in Russia and go shopping to purchase items the children may need.

"We are so lucky to be the ones to go over and experience the gratitude and love," Connor said. "We always make sure we remind the children that there are so many people who care about them."

Socks for Siberia is also sponsoring 25 students and five adults who are participating in a 10-day seminar at a camp, which Connor said she is excited about.

Connor also said the next thing they would like to do with the organization is to offer support to some of the children who are transitioning out of the orphanages.

For more information, on Socks for Siberia and its Spring Family Festival, visit www.socksforsiberia.org or call Wally Connor at (802) 877-1240. Donations may be sent to Socks for Siberia, c/o North Brookfield Savings Bank, 128 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA 01585.

Teresa A. Franco may be reached at (508) 890-4727 or tfranco@sturbridgebridgepress.com

**Hayloft Steppers host dance**

STURBRIDGE — The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a dance on Saturday, June 20 from 8 – 10:30 pm. The caller is Noah Netting and the night is called, “Barnyard Night.” Admission is $7 per person.

The club is located at 232 Poodok Road in Sturbridge. For information on our next beginner class, please call Bob Sargent at 508-967-8308. Lots of fun and great exercise.

**Kelli Miller Circus to return to Spencer**

SPENCER — The Kelli Miller Circus will return to O’Gara Park in Spencer Monday June 22 for two performances, at 4:30 and 7:30 pm, as a fundraiser for the Spencer Parks and Recreation Commission to support summer programs for kids.

Advance tickets are $6 for children 12 and under, $11 for adults and $16 for families of four. A $1 surcharge applies if tickets are bought at Bob’s Variety in North Brookfield, Mirandaz Gifts in Spencer, Food Emporium in Spencer, Crossroads Marketplace in Leicester, Mobile Mart in East Brookfield, Klem’s and Laney’s Mart in East Brookfield, and Klem’s and Laney’s Variety in Spencer. Tod’s Groceries in Charlton and Saveway in Rutland.

Tickets are available at the gate on the day of the event and are $7 for children 12 and under, $13 for students and five adults who are participating in the event. Children under 2 are admitted free.

Tickets are $14 adults, $11 seniors 65+, $8 children 12 and under. There will be no performance on Saturday, July 4. Tickets are available at the gate on the day of the event.

**Stageloft presents My Fair Lady**

STURBRIDGE — Stageloft Repertory Theater, 90A Main St., Sturbridge announces the opening of its June musical, “My Fair Lady,” to be performed at its theater from Friday, June 19 to Sunday, July 12. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 pm and Sunday’s performance is a special matinee at 2 pm, Thursday, July 2.

There will be no performance on Saturday July 4.

Tickets are $16 adults, $14 seniors 65+, $12 students under 14. For more information and reservations call 508-347-9001. Stageloft Repertory Theater is fully handicap accessible and air-conditioned.

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Lendon Earl Barnes, 81

GRANTSBORO, N.C. — Lendon Earl Barnes, 81, of Grantsboro, formerly of Brookfield, Mass., died unexpectedly at his home in Brookfield, Mass., on Sunday, May 31. He was the husband of the late Louie Sargentelli of Smith and his wife Maureen, Robbie Smith Jr., 64, of 38 Market St., died unexpectedly on May 31. He was the son of the late James and Marion (Moulton) Belanger-Bullard.

BROOKFIELD — Wayne R. Harvey, 61, of Brookfield, died suddenly, Thursday, June 4, 2009, at his home, after a brief illness. He was the son of Laura (O’Day) Harvey, to whom he had been married for over 24 years. The family said that he was survived by two children, Wayne J. Harvey of Massachusetts, and Renee Harvey of New Hampshire; his father, David Harvey Sr. of Gilbertsville, Ky.; his mother, Dorothy O’Day of Sturbridge; his brothers, John E. Harvey of Alberta, David P. O’Day of Brookfield; his grandparents, and several nieces and nephews.

She was the daughter of Joseph M. Harvey and his wife of the late Maureen of Yarmouth, Kathleen Lavato and Jane of Auburn, John Burke and his wife Susan,Priscilla L. Barnes, one son, David B. Barnes and wife, Denise, of Holden, Mass., two daughters, Barbara Verdin Smith of Sturbridge, and Jennifer Collins of Stoutsville, Mo., one son, Brian Smith of Princeton, Ky., one daughter, Labyt Barnes of Seymour; Town. and Mary Lee of Livonia; one grandson; seven grand- daughter, Tracey; Katey Smith, Andrea, and John Sciaraffa.

The family asked that memorial contribu- tions be made to Shriners Children’s Hospital, 489 New, Bevra 01550 or to Abby’s House, 52 High St. Worcester, MA 01550, or to the battered women’s shelter, Inc., as a manager and previously worked for the Town of Central Mass for many years. She was a member of the Amazing Grace Fellowship Church in Sturbridge and was very active in its ministries. She attended the Bangkok Baptist Church, 370 Plantation St., directed the arrangements.

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STURBRIDGE — Tantasqua coach Jean Glennon talks to her players during a timeout in her girls’ lacrosse team’s contest April 21 against Northbridge. The Warriors left with a 21-1 victory, and eventually finished the season with a winning record in the Mid-Mass League and a berth in the postseason.

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Nichols athletes honored for academic success

SPRINGFIELD — Commissioner Greg M. Keay named 19 Nichols College student-athletes to the Commonwealth Coast Conference 2008-2009 Academic All-Conference Team. A total of 382 student-athletes from all 14 conferences’ institutions were represented on the team.

The Academic All-Conference Team consists of any player who has attained at least sophomore status and has maintained an overall minimum GPA of 3.50 on a scale of 4.00. Only members of sports teams that have won a conference championship or a championship as eligible for this team. Any conference team with two or more seniors, juniors and eight seniors from 10 of its 11 varsity sports teams may select one senior as a team selection. Six seniors were dual majors. The most represented major was accounting, followed by sport management and marketing. In total, 11 majors were represented on the team.

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- Gold Star Campaign, 9 p.m., The Grey Hound, Kelley Square, Worcester
- The Little Red & The Rider, 9 p.m., Gilmore’s, Worcester
- Sean Ryan, 7 p.m., Greendale’s Pub, Worcester
- Grip on the Sun, Prying Eyes, Doctor G, P.J., Lucky Dog, Worcester
- Bob Adams, 8 p.m., Ugly Duckling loft @ The Whistling Swan Restaurant, Sturbridge
- Doctor Robert, 9 p.m., The Cannery, 12 Crane Street, Southbridge, $7
- Shayne, 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge
- RAM, 9 p.m., Altones, Jewitt City, CT
- Classic Albums Live: The Who’s Who’s Next, 8 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
- Mark Benburke, 8:30 p.m., Spruce Street Tavern, Clinton
- Dana Lewis, 9 p.m., City Lights Pub Worcester
- The Mike Crandall Band with Rick Russo, 9 p.m., Greendale’s Pub, Worcester
- Delta HighWay, 9 p.m., Gilirene’s, Worcester
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- Lesions, Raziel, Birch Hill Damb, I cared the Monday, 6 p.m., Mill Street Brews, Southbridge
- Columbia Fields, 9 p.m., The Cannery, Southbridge, $8
- The Draft, 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge
- Mr. Breeze (Lynedyr Skynryd trib.), 9 p.m., Crossroads, Route 20, Palmer
- Whiskey Hill, 9 p.m., Ye Olde Tavern, West Brookfield
- Strictly Sinarta with Mike Dutra, 8-10 p.m., Oxford Casual Dining, 2 Millbury Boulevard, Oxford
- Occidental Gypsy Jazz Quartet, 8 p.m., The Vanilla Bean Cafe, Pomfret, CT, $12
- Stuart Ferguson w/Lori Diamond & Fred Abatelli, 8 to 10 p.m., Victoria Station, Putnam, CT
- Lisa Martin, 9-30 p.m., The Gold Eagle @ The Laurel House, Rt. 395 Exit 94, Dayville, CT
- Johnny Press Mess w/Rd & Ned Peacock, 9 p.m., The Lake Tavern, Dayville, CT
- Boogie Wonder Band, 8 and 10 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
- Dana Lewis, 8 p.m., Caffe Sorrento, Millbury
- Blues Jam, 2 p.m., The Cannery, 12 Crane Street, Southbridge
- The Next Movement, 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

Monday, June 15
- Open Mic, 8 p.m., Dark Horse Tavern, 12 Crane Street, Southbridge
- The Carlettes, 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
- Bill McCarthy’s Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., Greendale’s Pub, Worcester
- Bob Adams, 7:30 to 10 p.m., The Copper Still, 31 Main St., Sturbridge, Fluddal
- The Next Movement, 7 p.m., Wolf Den, Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, CT

In addition, there will be Irish dance, along with Irish gift shops, food and beverage courts, children’s activities, and lots of other fun activities. Headlining Friday night is The Town Pants, Celtic rock band from Vancouver, British Columbia. With lively renditions of traditional, contemporary and original Celtic-influenced tunes, the group’s distinctive sound has attracted fans across the globe. Headlining on both Saturday night and Sunday afternoon is the Glengarry Bhoys. Described as bold, unorthodox, vibrant and evocative, the Glengarry Bhoys. They perform an extremely entertaining act. Below is the complete live music schedule:

Friday, June 12 is “the craic” all over and not so quiet here in Northeast Connecticut, don’t miss Eastford’s annual Heritage Day celebration, which will feature The Fever Band from 6 to 8 p.m. It’s happening Saturday, June 13 behind the Eastford Elementary School. A chicken BBQ sponsored by the Eastford Independent Fire Co. will be available. For more information and tickets call 974-0256 or 974-2021.

For more information, please visit www.worcesteririshmusicfestival.com
Simple Tips For An “Ultra” Extraordinary Soiree

Food

Tips For Eating Better On A Budget

Outdoor entertaining has a certain ease to it. Don’t overcook the details (as simple, as though you had planned it all) creating a memorable experience for your guests. Start by throwing a event for your family and friends, set it just like the circus, and have a great time. The foods you can make when they support a central theme.

“Create an ocean-side feel by filling glass cylinders with sand and small seashells,” says Arpana. “Place candlelits lanterns in the middle of the tables for a beach cookout. Once the theme is set, the pace of the event and can become more relaxed and fun. Additions to the table setting can be a simple and special presentation. One of the best ways to make your food dollar work hard. Use brush, the cheapest form of health insurance you can offer higher vitamin, mineral and protein content, and use a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Melt butter in the right baking dish and use as a mixing bowl. To spend less time serving and more time entertaining, try these tips:

Add a Mediterranean flare to burgers with grilled sweet onions, sun-dried tomatoes, cornichons and extra-virgin olive oil.

Serves: 6

The Ease of Entertaining: Serve It Up Simple

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 clove garlic, minced

8 dried porcini mushrooms (optional)

1/2 cup dry white wine

1 cup chicken broth

3 cups sliced peaches (fresh, frozen or canned, such as jarred peaches in syrup)

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup sugar

3/4 cup buttermilk pancake mix

1/4 cup butter, melted

1/2 cup sliced almonds

1/4 cup powdered sugar

Prep time: 5 minutes; hands-off cooking time: 30 minutes

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.

2. Select an 8 x 8-inch square greased baking dish or 9-inch round pan for the cobbler (If you're feeding a crowd, double the recipe for the days ahead.)

3. Add pancake mix, sugar and milk to the bowl. Add peaches and mix well. Melt butter and add to chopped almonds. Place topping on peaches. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve warm.

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3. **Prepare the Soil**: The type of soil in your garden will affect the types of vegetables you can grow. Prepare the soil by removing weeds, adding compost, and amending it with organic matter to improve drainage and fertility.

4. **Plant Early**: Plant early vegetables like spinach, kale, and peas to ensure a good harvest. Later vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and squash can be planted later in the season.

5. **Consider Pest Control**: Vegetable gardens can be prone to pests like aphids, cucumbers, and tomato hornworms. Use organic pesticides or insecticides to control these pests and ensure a healthy harvest.

6. **Water Regularly**: Watering is crucial for the growth of your vegetables. Make sure to water your garden regularly, especially during hot and dry weather.

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By following these tips, you can plan and plant a successful vegetable garden. Happy gardening!

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**A simple action can help prevent weeds.**

A bumble-irrigation system can deliver much-needed moisture to your garden and prevent it from drying out.

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