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Open House a success

SOUTHBIDGE — On Saturday, Oct. 17, the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge and other lodges throughout Massachusetts, held their annual Open House. The public was invited to come and see what Freemasonry is all about. People were curious about Ancient Free and Accepted Masons along with their organizations still thriving today.

People came to see what is so secretive. Is it the tradition, mystery, or the hush hush of what is going on at the Masonic Lodge meeting room? Visitors were able to see the inside of the meeting room and all the mysterious symbols hanging on the walls. This is what's called the "Masters Carpet" or "Masonic Lecture Charts." They are basic emblematic charts full of symbols and pictures which aid in teaching the instructions of our Ancient Craft of Freemasonry. Visitors also toured rooms with photos over 100 years old. The oldest photo dating back to 1859 when the lodge

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Sturbridge crash claims teen's life

STURBRIDGE — A 16-year-old Newton boy was killed this month in a single-vehicle crash on Route 84.

On Oct. 12, State Police troopers responded to the wreck at 10:15 p.m. The accident occurred on the eastbound side of the highway.

Responding troopers found the driver entrapped in his vehicle, a 2014 Subaru Forester. The driver was the only occupant of the vehicle.

Sturbridge EMS personnel determined the victim to be deceased at the scene.

A preliminary investigation indicated that, for reasons still to be determined, the Subaru veered to its right, struck the guardrail along the southern edge of the road, then traveled back to the left across all three travel lanes. The vehicle ultimately went off the northern edge of the road before striking several trees along an embankment, police said.

As of press time, police had not released the victim's name.

The crash remains under investigation by the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, as well as the State Police Crime Scene Services Section.



Courtesy

Left to right: Wor. Larry Burbridge explaining symbols from the Masonic Lecture Chart to a visitor Terrance Mount and a potential candidate who was memorized by the tradition and history of Freemasonry.

United Way kicks off annual campaign with \$450,000 in grants

SOUTHBIDGE — Thursday morning the United Way of South Central Massachusetts (UWSCM) kicked off its annual appeal campaign via a virtual Zoom event.

"Usually, we hold a

breakfast and invite our workplace campaign managers, corporate partners, member agencies and individual donors to a breakfast event to introduce the new campaign theme and video and to

learn more about our programs. But due to Covid-19 restrictions we all have to do things differently this year," stated UWSCM Executive Director Mary O'Coin.

The United Way of Webster & Dudley merged with the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton in April creating the United Way of South Central Massachusetts. By combining the two regions, resources and programs were combined. The funds raised in the 2020 We are Stronger Together campaign will support the \$435,000 in grants awarded to 28 local non-profit programs through the UWSCM Community Impact Fund. In addition, UWSCM has raised and distributed more than \$15,000 in grants to help local food pantries impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, bringing its total recent grant awards and distributions to \$450,000.

The UWSCM Community Impact Fund makes grants annually to programs that address the region's most critical needs in the areas of health, education, and financial stability. The recent round of grants will support a wide variety of programs that provide services including housing and shelter, food and nutrition, early literacy resources, and youth engagement.

"We are honored to support these dedicated and mission-driven organizations, as the need for these critical services has never been greater," says 2020 Campaign Chairman Jim Croteau. "We look

forward to working together to strengthen our community during this unprecedented time."

Several non-profits have received Community Impact Fund grants for multiple years, enabling them to build long-term partnerships with UWSCM. For example, both the Boys and Girls Club of Webster-Dudley and YMCA of Central MA Tri-Community Family Branch in Southbridge continued to receive funding for their services for families and children experiencing both daily and after-school childcare needs.

"There is the rich history of support and partnership between the Tri-Community YMCA and the United Way of South Central Massachusetts," says Christina Hadis-Blackwell, Branch Director of Tri-Community YMCA. "From childcare to teen programs, summer camp to family programming, the United Way and the YMCA Tri-Community Family Branch are committed to working together to make our community a place for families to learn, grow and thrive. We look forward to continuing our work together and ensuring the success of the region."

The United Way of South Central Massachusetts serves the communities of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton. To learn more about programs, view the new United Way video and donating to the United Way visit www.uwscm.org.



Courtesy

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2021 announced the election of new officers. Elected were Angela Letourneau of Auburn, Ashley Winters of Spencer, Elizabeth Larson of Webster, Meghan Reidy of Auburn, and Isabella Boateng of Manchester, Conn. for Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Press relations Officer.

Bay Path UNICEF Club announces new officers

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CT for Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Press relations Officer. The election was held recently as the Practical Nursing Class of 2021 held the

US Constitution Day. The UNICEF Club Advisor if Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN.

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SUPPORTING
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AWARENESS MONTH



THINK PINK IN OCTOBER!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Please see some important info below.
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More than 200,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in America each year, but there are steps you can take to reduce your risk. Healthy lifestyle choices like consuming a low-fat diet rich in fruits and vegetables, engaging in regular physical activity and avoiding cigarettes and excessive

alcohol are all important steps in helping to prevent breast cancer. Early detection is also key in the fight against breast cancer, so be sure to perform a breast self-exam each month, and ask your doctor when to schedule mammo-



During October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we remember the mothers, daughters, friends, sisters and wives who have lost their lives to breast cancer. We also salute the survivors whose successful fight against breast cancer gives us hope for the future and a cure.

Treatment

A breast cancer diagnosis can be devastating to the more than 200,000 American women who receive one each year, but it's important to remember that great strides have been made in successfully treating the disease. At Harding Cancer Center, we take a multidisciplinary team approach to breast cancer treatment, using

the latest technological advances and research findings to help patients experience greater success rates with fewer side effects. We also offer a variety of support services to ensure a level of care that goes beyond the standard to make each patient experience the very best it can be.

Hope



It is estimated that more than 200,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, but we find hope in knowing that there are more than 2.9 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today. Great strides have been made in early detection and treatment of breast cancer, and these survivors are living proof. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month and all year, we are committed to fighting the disease with education outreach, screening tests, advanced treatment options and a team of dedicated medical professionals whose commitment to beating breast cancer never stops.



Standing Together in the Fight Against Breast Cancer

Statistics indicate there will be more than 256,000 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in American women this year, and breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women of both countries. Thanks to early detection and treatment advances, survival rates have improved dramatically, but much room for progress remains. As diagnosis and treatment options continue to evolve, medical experts agree that early detection is a key factor in overcoming the disease, and performing a monthly breast self-exam is often vital to detecting abnormalities, including lumps or tenderness, in the breasts that may indicate illness. Take steps to protect yourself against breast cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness Month by initiating healthy lifestyle changes, beginning monthly breast self-exams, and talking to your doctor about the appropriate clinical breast exam and screening mammogram schedule for you.



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LPN, Bay Path alumna honored for volunteer work

WORCESTER — Not long after Ruth “Dee Dee” Betz graduated from nursing school in 2015, she started volunteering with many non-profit organizations and soon wound up being honored by the American Red Cross. Betz received the 2019 Community Impact Award for providing extraordinary care to her community through volunteerism. “Earlier this year, when COVID-19 impacted Worcester,” Betz said. “I ended up being one of the nurses that helped to take care of people at one of the shelters.” Betz’s continuing volunteer work and eventual employment at the DCU Center field hospital site has garnered recognition from the state with a letter signed by Mayor Joseph M. Petty and City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr. In the letter, the leaders expressed gratitude for all the hard work Betz and all the volunteers have done over the last few months and the important work they continue to do as the City moves into the recovery phase of the emergency response. “It’s just a huge honor to represent LPNs in the area and give back to



Ruth Betz
those in our community who are in need,” Betz said. “I am very happy to be an LPN and enjoy what I do. I

have to share the recognition with the Bay Path Community.” Betz received an enamel pin locally sourced by Olympic Trophy and made possible by a donation from Fidelity bank as the City’s token of appreciation. Betz recently accepted the full-time staff position at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton. Betz said she was inspired volunteer more while she was in nursing school participating in service learning. “One of our clinical sites was Harrington Hospital and our then Instructor, Gretheline Bolandrina was involved with their Mental Health Awareness event,” she said. “While I volunteered, she was encouraging me to volunteer at other events and give back to my community. Betz volunteered in many events since and have signed up with the Medical Reserve Corps. She also helps in mentoring practical nursing students and is always happy to help people. Betz’s tireless volunteerism has worked to engage the Bay Path Practical Nursing community. “We give back because we can. We don’t do this for the awards, although it’s nice to be appreciated” said Betz. “We do it because we are nurses, we care, that’s what we do!”



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Warriors beat Leicester twice to remain unbeaten

Oct. 14
Tantasqua 169, Leicester 226 — The Warriors’ varsity golf team faced the Wolverines at Hemlock Ridge and won their fourth straight match. On a modified par 37 layout, senior Jack Barnes earned medalist honors with a four-over par 41 followed by fellow seniors Jake Gagnon and Will Pieczynski, who both shot 43. The low golfer for Leicester was Tyler McKay with a 51.

Tantasqua 35, Leicester 19 — Travelling to Leicester Country Club, the Warriors’ golf team faced off with the Wolverines again. Competing in match play format, Tantasqua won again. Medalist honors go to the Warriors’ Nathan Wright, a junior, who carded a 39 on the par 34 layout. Tyler McKay of Leicester was next with a 40. Tantasqua senior Will Pieczynski also contributed to the victory with a 41 and Jake Belanger shot a 45. The Warriors are now undefeated at 5-0.

Oct. 15

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Lariah Age 14

Her new family should have knowledge of or be willing to learn about Lariah’s culture, including foods and personal care. In addition, Lariah needs positive praise, love, affection, consistency, and a structured home life. Her new family will need to help Lariah maintain contact with her siblings as well.

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QCC stays the course with remote instruction for spring semester

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College will continue with remote instruction for its Winter Intersession and Spring semesters. Classes will remain fully remote with only a select few courses offered on campus, such as labs or clinical experiences that require direct hands-on participation or specialized equipment.

“We made this decision based on the increased COVID-19 cases we are currently seeing locally, regionally and nationally. Many models project an increase in COVID-19 cases during the colder months, and based on this information, we have chosen to stay with our current mode of remote instruction,” QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja said. “Our concern, first and foremost, is the safety of the QCC community and our region.”

QCC’s online experience is vast. For more than 20 years, the College has delivered online education to students, offering hundreds of remote instruction courses prior to the pandemic. This past summer, all QCC faculty

attended comprehensive remote instruction training to learn additional key strategies for helping students succeed in a remote learning environment. The College has maintained all its support services, transitioning all departments and services to a remote format. Services such as admissions, advising, financial aid, tutoring, transfer services, student life and accessibility services are delivered remotely through emails, phone, or virtual meeting platforms. Support services, such as QCC’s Food Pantry and Resource Center, as well as counseling and wellness are also delivered remotely to provide vital support to those in need.

“We will continue to listen to local, state and Federal experts to ensure our plans are in line with best practices and protocols, and reassess as applicable,” President Pedraja stated.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

Home of the Brave virtual 5K kicks off Nov. 14

STURBRIDGE — Please join the Sturbridge Special Events Committee and the Friends of the Sturbridge Seniors as they honor veterans and those currently serving at our Second Annual Home of the Brave 5K Run/Walk – Virtual for 2020. Keeping the focus on our cause of supporting local military veterans, those currently serving, and their families; we will have a virtual race day of Nov. 14. Let’s come together as a communi-

ty while we run our own courses during the week of Veterans Day to honor those who serve.

All proceeds will be donated to Project New Hope and Veteran, Inc.

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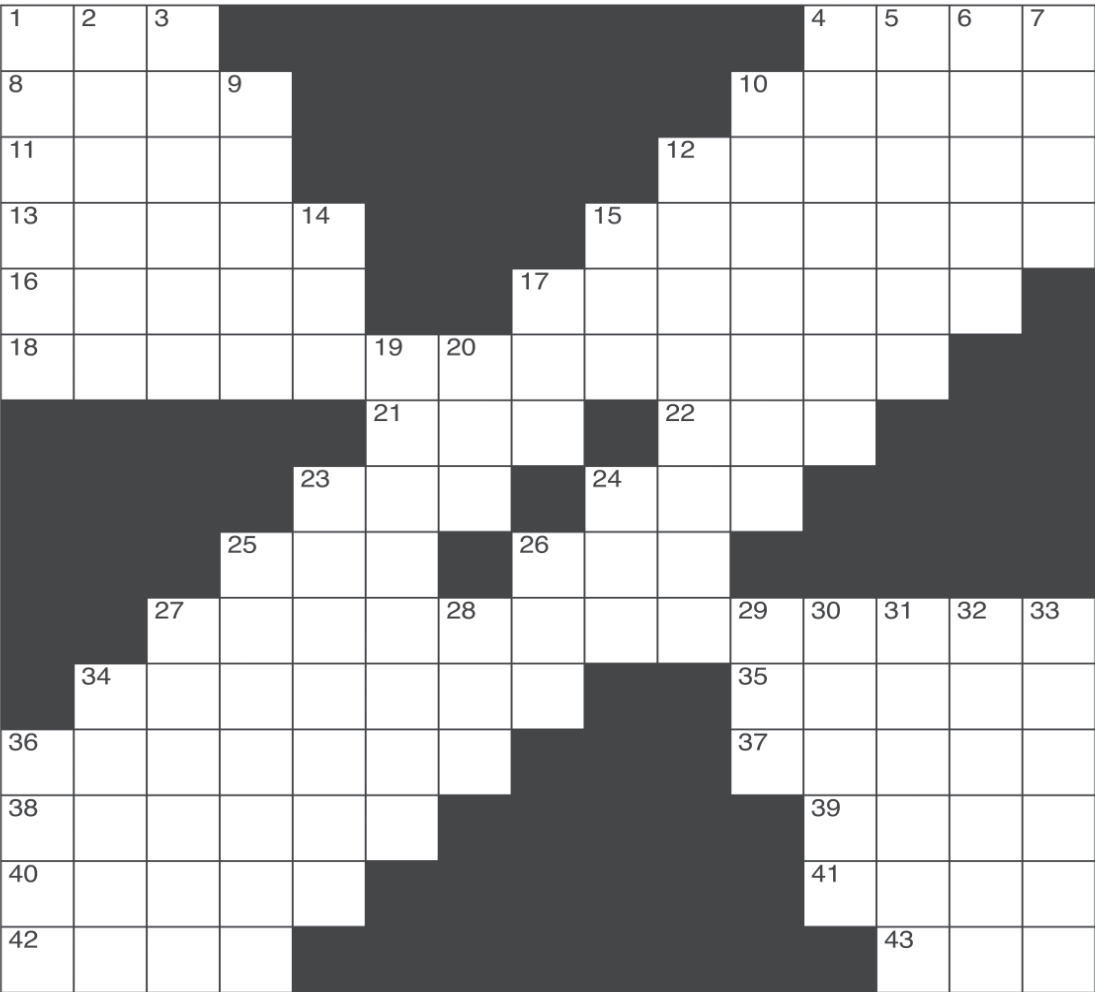
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1. Engine additive

4. Undemanding

8. “__ your enthusiasm”

10. Well-known island

11 Not saintly

12. Habitual

13. Central parts of church buildings

15. Trust

16. Intestinal

17. Deep-bodied fish

18. Live up to expectations

21. Snag

22. Partner to haw

23. General’s assistant (abbr.)
24. Sheep disease

25. Male term of endearment

26. United

27. Popular TV host

34. Overnighters

35. Beloved British princess

36. Obtains from

37. Third Mughal Emperor

38. Shares the opinion of

39. Central European river

40. Feudal estates

41. KU hoops coach Bill

42. Spreads out for drying

43. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

1. Picturesque

2. South Pacific island country

3. Shrub of the olive family

4. Establish the truth of

5. Unfettered

6. Originations

7. Famed English park

9. Sheep’s cry

10. Danced

12. More upstanding

14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)

15. Type of lettuce

17. Place to call a pint

19. Backs
20. Partner to cheese

23. Makes it there

24. Value

25. One’s convictions

26. Former CIA

27. Clashed

28. Affirmative

29. Journalist Tarbell

30. Athletic shoes

31. Roof style

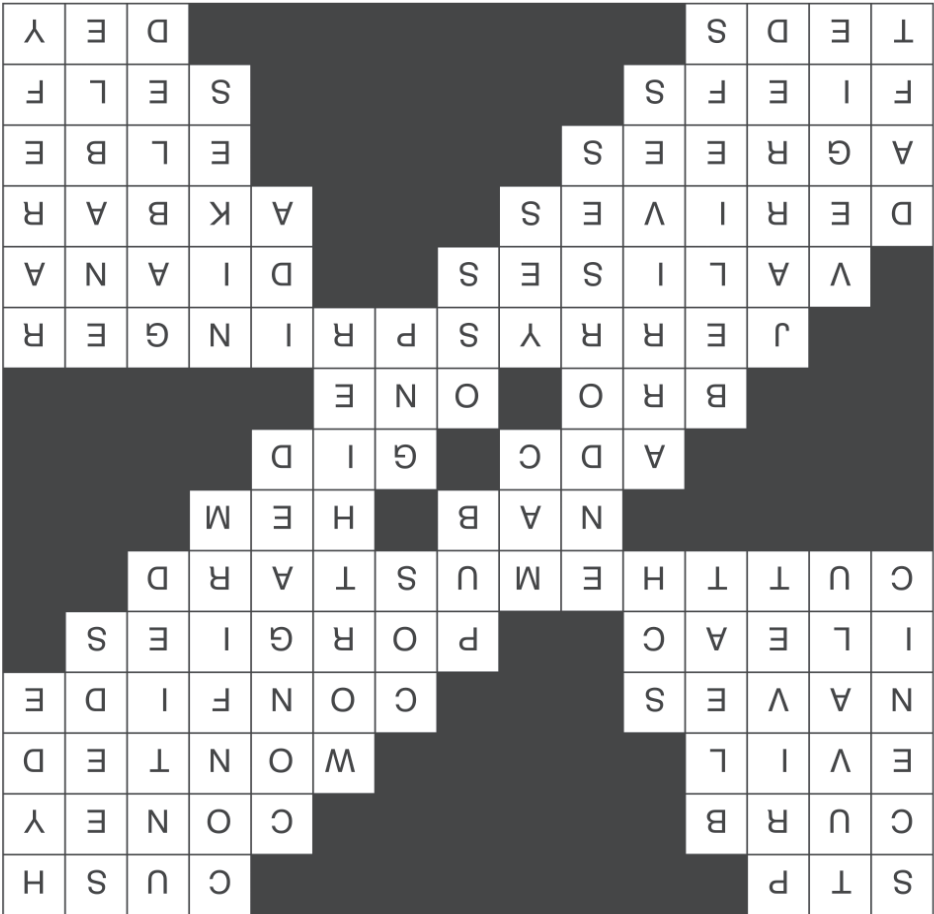
32. Make possible

33. Make less dense

34. Healthy food

36. Silly

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Whiz Kid Support launches real estate division

WORCESTER — Whiz Kid Support, a Worcester-based IT support company tailored toward household computer users and home-based business and work-from-home, announced the launch of its real estate division. This special division will feature products and services tailor-made to real estate professionals who work out of a home office.

“The pandemic has slowed down a number of businesses, but not the real estate market. Having your computers go down can literally cost a realtor thousands of dollars with one missed sale,” said Paul LaFlamme, owner of Whiz Kid Support. “We created this division with support staff who have specific experience in working with real estate professionals to keep those folks up and running online.”

Whiz Kid Solutions provides remote computer services for real estate professionals experiencing a wide range of common issues—slow computer, e-mail problems, security, stopping pop-ups, or setting up new computers. For those issues that can’t be fixed remotely, Whiz Kid Support also offers on-site and zero-contact drop off repair by appointment.

Other issues Whiz Kid Support

addresses include computer security and safety; printing problems; e-mail issues; slow dropping Wi-Fi; back-ups; and more. Whiz Kid Support also offers coaching and training as well as new computer sales and replacements.

“Many realtors have the added challenge of being a one- or two-person show but are tied into a national company and their server. That can mean a few things. First, they need their computers to be running at peak efficiency at all times. Second, if they do have an issue, the company IT staff might not be nearly as responsive as Whiz Kids,” said LaFlamme. “Again, with this new division, we can give real estate professionals a leg up on their competition who may not have a resource like us. The real estate industry uses many web sites and online resources that don’t work correctly if web browser settings aren’t just right. Our Whiz Kids know how to keep these sites working.”

In addition to real estate professionals and household customers, Whiz Kid Support also serves small businesses with three computers or less. Whiz Kid Support service plans range from one-time fixes to Bronze, Silver and Gold options. The plans

are per computer and not for one specific individual.

“Our service plans are flexible and offer a viable, stress-free solution for a wide range of users, including households with one or more

students; home businesses; seniors; etc.,” said LaFlamme.

For complete information on Whiz Kid Support plans and services, visit whizkidsupport.com.

Hitchcock Academy hosts Pumpkin Path

BRIMFIELD — On Saturday, Oct. 24, the Hitchcock Academy at 2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield, invites you to their first Pumpkin Path event.

From 3 – 5 p.m., participants will carve (bring your own carving tools) or use our supplies to decorate or paint a pumpkin to display in the Pumpkin Path walk that will begin at 6 until 8 pm. The event is planned for outside on the lawn. Food will be available from a food truck from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is just \$10, which includes a pumpkin to decorate. If you just want to enter

the contest with your own decorated pumpkin, you can bring it down between 3 and 5:30 p.m. to be displayed for the competition. That fee is just \$5.

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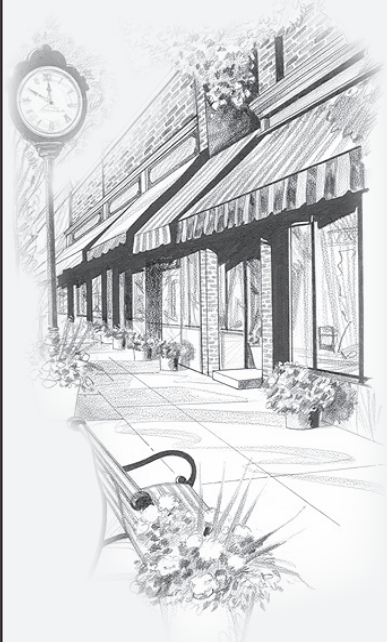
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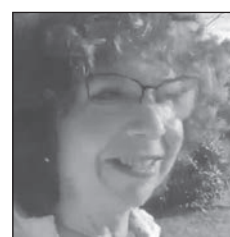


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EDITORIAL

Time traveling with television

It's been a tough 2020 for many; there's no denying that. Life as we know it has changed. Hopefully, the pandemic will be nearing an end soon, but let's remember not to get complacent, and to continue practice guidelines distributed by the experts. There's no harm in being cautious.

While we don't spend too much time watching anything but the news, a flip through channels one evening made us realize that television shows are not what they once were. For nostalgic reasons, we thought it would be fun to ask staff about some of their favorites from the past. Thinking back to a time when life was seemingly easier than it is now.

Our Sports Editor (currently on hiatus, but still very much a part of the family) says that "Cheers" was one of his favorites. Of the Boston based show, he said, "Cheers had great writing and the best T.V. Theme song of all time as well as the best ensemble casts ever." Spaulding added one more to his list, "ER is my favorite show of all time. It started prior to 2000, but lasted until well after. It had a great cast, great stories and great action."

Our Editor, known around the office for his extensive knowledge of movie and TV trivia said one of his favorite shows was "In Search Of," a show that debuted in 1976 hosted by Leonard Nimoy. Berube said, "Every episode explores a different mystery, whether it be paranormal phenomena, famous disappearances from history or buried treasure. I own the entire series on DVD, and to this day I still marathon all seven seasons once or twice a year." He added, "I love it because it's like opening up a time capsule. The topics they covered show you what was in the american zeitgeist back in the late '70's and early '80's."

"My other favorite, and I'm not ashamed to admit it, is 'Star Trek: the Next Generation,'" said Berube. He went on to tell us, "My dad and my brother got me into the show when I was growing up and that was my reward on weeknights for finishing my homework." He added, "I would get to watch reruns of Star Trek at 6 p.m. on the old WNDS channel, when Al Kaprielian was the weatherman. Then at 7 p.m., A&E would play an hour-long block of 'In Search Of' reruns."

One of our writers can say, with great enthusiasm, that "Three's Company" was, and still is, the best sit-com of all time. There has been no better trio than Jack, Chrissy and Janet. Cameo's by Larry and Mr. Roper made the show even better. The fact that John Ritter who played Jack Tripper, was willing to trip over couches and fall all over the place with his slapstick comedy speaks volumes. If there ever was a show to bring you out of the dumps, it's "Three's Company."

Added to that list is "Quantum Leap." The show began in 1989 and starred Scott Bakula, who played Sam Beckett. Beckett would time travel, taking the place of other people in hopes to correct historical mistakes. Time travel shows are always interesting and fun to watch.

"The Mary Tyler Moore Show" was an iconic show that demonstrated a rise for women in the workplace. Mary's friendship with Rhoda Morgenstern and work relationship with Lou Grant always made for good entertainment. Noted most however, was the main character's optimism.

Honorable mentions go to "Gilligan's Island," "Happy Days," "Different Strokes," "What's Happening," "WKRP in Cincinnati," "Lassie," "Highway to Heaven," "I Dream of Jeannie," "Dennis the Menace," "Leave it to Beaver" and "The Wonder Years."

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Tips to Scent Your Home this Season

Fall is here, and from picking the last of the harvest crops to raking up (and jumping in) piles of fallen leaves, the chores of autumn season are a labor of love. Read on for a medley of seasonal tips that are geared toward making New England's favorite season a little more enjoyable!



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Harvesting herbs from the fall garden? When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves. And to enhance the flavor of dried herbs, simply chop up some fresh parsley with them!

Wondering how to store all those onions and other garden root vegetables through the winter? If you don't have a root cellar, pack Styrofoam packing peanuts into a wooden crate. As long as the vegetables are kept cool and dry, this method will do the trick.

Local apples are a seasonal treat that are not only delicious but super healthy too. According to Cornell University researchers one apple packs more cancer-fighting antioxidants than a 1,500-milligram dose of vitamin C. Want more bang for your bite? Eat Red Delicious Apples, as they have twice the antioxidant activity than Empire apples. Northern Spy came in second; then Cortland, Ida Red, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Mutsu and Empire.

Did you know not only can an apple a day keep the doctor away - it may even help keep the fat away! Pectin in apples contains soluble fiber, which absorbs water in the intestines, mixes the food into a gel and can actually limit the amount of fat your cells can absorb!

Have some native apples you need to use up? Believe it or not, you can make homemade applesauce in the crock pot. To do: Peel, core and slice ten large apples, add one cup water, one cup sugar and one teaspoon cinnamon. Cover cook on low for eight to ten hours! Start it in the morning and it'll be done when you get home.

Flu season will soon be here. Want another weapon in the fight against flu? According to several Japanese studies, gargling with black tea twice a day from October to March, significantly improved participants abilities to fend off the flu bug.

Feel a case of the sniffles coming on? The fiery spice cayenne is a hot commodity in home remedies, Have a head cold? A dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea relieves congestion. Touted as a natural antibiotic, a few shakes of Tabasco sauce into tomato juice is said to boost the immunity and fight flu. But never give cayenne to kids!

Although "Born in the USA," The Boss may be packing his bags

I guess his hit song, "Born to Run" may turn out to be prophetic. Bruce Springsteen announced last week that if President Trump wins re-election, he'll be on the next plane to Australia.

It seems to happen every election cycle. A celebrity... usually an actor or singer... makes the grand announcement that if the election does not go as they wish, they will move to Canada, France, Australia, or some distant land. Like a spoiled child, their threats are made as if they honestly believe it will change voting hearts and minds.

Barbara Streisand and other celebrities have made similar threats during past elections. Mötley Crüe's Tommy Lee told The Big Issue recently that he'll go "back to my Motherland." (Wherever that is.) But is there any evidence that they ever really leave? Do their threats change anything?

There is a pattern. It's almost always a musical performer or actress/actor... and it's usually someone from left of center making the threat. The next part of the pattern is that it always seems to backfire, having the opposite of the desired impact, and the final step of the pattern is... they never actually leave.

I'm always surprised by how much political power celebrities believe

they carry. Why would Springsteen think we care about his political views and what would bring him to the conclusion he would sway a single vote?

Want to capture your best fall foliage shots on camera this season? While experts agree there's no bad time of day to photograph colorful fall foliage, they note morning and late afternoon often provide the most interesting shadows. And try later too: The golden light just before sunset highlights not only leaves on trees, but those on the ground too.

To preserve colorful fall leaves for decorating try this quick drying tip: Place leaves between two paper towels and microwave on medium one to 1 ½ minutes checking every 30 seconds for dryness. This will remove moisture from the leaves, and they'll retain their brilliant colors!

Outside garden chores are winding down, so here's some help for house plants! Using a flowerpot with large draining holes? Keep water in by placing a large coffee filter in the bottom of the pot. And if you cut and old sponge into small pieces and add it to the potting mix. You won't have to water plants as often.

Now's the time to give your neglected indoor plants some TLC. To make your lackluster indoor plants glow feeding them a tablespoon of castor oil, mixed with water. And simply dusting the leaves exposes them to more beneficial light!

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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.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE



When Bruce, Barbara, Tommy Lee and others spend years stepping onto a stage to standing ovations and adoring crowds, I think the thrill of the adoration gives them a false sense that because we enjoy their performance, that we are willing to take their directions on politics and general life. I respect the views of Bruce and his activist group of entertainers, but their successful lifestyle is nothing like the life that those without the same talents and opportunities live. In my opinion, the only thing to come from Bruce Springsteen's threat to leave the USA is that he has totally shattered his "blue-collar-common-man persona" forever.

So why do we look to Bruce for direction? We don't.

Only Bruce, and a few others are narcissistic enough to believe we do.

And it has nothing in my mind to do with left or right ideology. I read this morning that President Trump said, "If Biden wins, maybe I'll have to leave the country." My response is the same to

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If you're a caregiver, possibly for a loved one dealing with an illness such as Alzheimer's disease, you're probably already facing some significant emotional and physical challenges – so you don't need any financial ones as well. Yet, they are difficult to avoid. What steps can you take to deal with them?

First of all, you may be interested in knowing the scale of the problem. Consider these numbers from the Alzheimer's Association: About 5.8 million Americans ages 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease, and in 2019, caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementias contributed more than 18 billion hours of unpaid care – worth about \$244 billion in services. Furthermore, about two-thirds of caregivers are women, and one-third of dementia caregivers are daughters.

But whatever your gender or relationship to the individuals for whom you're providing care, you can take some steps to protect your own financial future. Here are a few suggestions:

- Evaluate your employment options. If you have to take time away from work – or even leave employment altogether – to be a caregiver, you will lose not only income but also the opportunity to contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But you may have some options, such as working remotely, or at least working part time. Either arrangement can give you flexibility in juggling your employment with your caregiving responsibilities.
- Explore payment possibilities for caregiving. Depending on your circumstances, and those of the loved ones for whom you're providing care, you might be able to work out an arrangement in which you can get paid something for your services. And as long as you are earning income, you can contribute to an IRA to keep building resources for your own retirement.
- Protect your financial interests – and those of your loved ones. You may well want to discuss legal matters with the individual for whom you are a caregiver before Alzheimer's robs them of the ability to think clearly. It may be beneficial to work with a legal professional to establish a financial power of attorney – a document that names someone to make financial decisions and pay bills when the person with Alzheimer's no longer can. And whether you or someone else has financial power of attorney, the very existence of this document may help you avoid getting your personal finances entangled with those of the individual for whom you're caring.

- Keep making the right financial moves. As long as you're successful at keeping your own finances separate from those of your loved one, you may be able to continue making the financial moves that can help you make progress toward your own goals. For example, avoid taking on more debts than you can handle. Also, try to maintain an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Of course, these tasks will be much easier if you can maintain some type of employment or get paid for your caregiving services.

There's nothing easy about being a caregiver. But by making the right moves, you may be able, at the least, to reduce your potential financial burden and brighten your outlook.

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A good soaking of rain last week sure helped alleviate the threat of brush fires and helped bring some of the small ponds and lakes water table up a bit, but we still need a few more inches of rain to get into the water table before a ground freeze, and it hopefully will happen this week.

The start of the Massachusetts bow hunting season started this past Monday in zones 1-9. Some white oak trees had a good number of acorns this year, while others had very few. Bowhunters setting up tree stands in the areas of a heavy drop of acorns, should increase hunters' chances of harvesting a deer. The heavy winds and rain of last week helped defoliate many trees, and made observing deer a lot easier as they approached a tree stand or ground blind.

Tree stands are the number one choice of most bow hunters, but as some deer hunters age, it is time for them to keep their feet on the ground. Numerous fatal or serious injuries happen every year by hunters falling from a tree stand. If you do hunt from a tree stand you need to be sure you use a safety belt or harness. Even then they do not protect a hunter from falling from a tree stand, as most accidents happen

Courtesy

(Right) This past Sundays catch of Tautog, Seabass and one cod, taken at Point Judith light, while fishing with Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge.



Fall garden tasks to protect your landscape from winter wildlife damage



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As the seasons change, we adjust our gardening tasks and plantings to match. Animals also make changes this time of year, often changing their eating habits and dining locations. These adjustments can impact your gardens. Reduce the risk of damage by starting in fall to protect your landscape from hungry animals this winter.

Take a walk around your landscape to evaluate plants and plantings for their susceptibility to animal damage. Look for pathways that animals use to access your landscape and areas of potential damage.



Melinda Myers

MOORE

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our President as it is to the celebrities on the left... "Go!" If President Trump loses the election, I don't care where he lives, if he leaves the White House in an orderly and peaceful transition... and I believe he will.

I'm not an America, "Love it or leave it" kind of guy, but these kind of threats from entertainers have grown tiring and I believe ineffective.

We assume Bruce lives somewhere in New Jersey, but we really don't know. I always assume Streisand is somewhere in California, but it doesn't matter to us where they live. Does their address impact our lives in any way?

When the Beatles exploded into our lives, we heard and saw them so often, they could have been the garage band next door. The fact they lived across the ocean didn't limit their exposure. If Bruce moves to Australia and releases a new album, does he think the distance will somehow limit the play in the USA and therefore punish us by depriving us of his music? If the album is good, it will get just as much play as if he were still in New Jersey.

So, what's the point?

The point is that this exposes the false sense of influence and power entertainers believe they hold over our lives. Arrogance is never attractive. I think entertainers who become activists become less popular in their genre and often have the opposite impact on the public. Think not? Ask the "Dixie Chicks."

I think comedian, Michael Loftus, said it best. "They really think they're that important," he said. "They really think we're walking around going, 'Wait, what? Springsteen's going to leave? And Tommy Lee? Oh, I'm changing my vote!'"

So, what's positive about this?

I believe if we love our country, we will not let the results of an election chase us out. We stay and work hard because we believe in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and Bill of Rights... and we realize the importance of our nation in the balance of the world.

The American people will vote on November 3 based upon their beliefs and not because an entertainer threatened. Even though I don't always agree, I always trust the will of the voting public and the power of our system. I believe the right person for the job is usually selected and when mistakes are made, we can make a correction in four years. And during those four years, we have a system of checks and balances that can keep things from going horribly wrong. The brilliance of our Founding Fathers still shines through after almost two-hundred and fifty years.

Vote. Make your choice heard. Don't threaten anyone. Don't lose friends. Don't damage family relationships. Because half the nation, and many people you know and love, may feel and vote differently, it doesn't make them wrong. It certainly doesn't make them your enemy. I've always been a Streisand fan. I'll still listen to Springsteen's music wherever he lives.

Rather than being angry over politics, let's celebrate the incredible opportunity that the American system provides. And once the final votes are counted and the selection is made... let's accept the will of the American people and move forward together.

May God continue to Bless America.

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To protect plantings from rabbits, use fencing that is at least four feet tall or a repellent that discourages them from dining on plants.

Note new plantings, animal favorites and those special plantings you would hate to lose. Make sure these are protected.

Check mulch around trees and shrubs. Deep layers of mulch and mulch piled around the trunk of trees and the base of shrubs provides shelter for mice and voles. These rodents like to gnaw on the bark of trees and shrubs in winter. Pull mulch off tree trunks and stems and spread out deep mulch so it is only two to four inches deep.

Protect young trees and shrubs with a four-foot-tall fence of hardware cloth sunk several inches into the ground to prevent vole damage at ground level and most rabbit damage. Mature trees are usually only bothered during years where the vole and rabbit populations are high and food is scarce.

Fencing around garden beds filled with animal favorites is another option. Make sure your fence is high enough, tight to the ground and gates are secure. You will need a four-foot-high fence for rabbits and at least five- to six-foot-high fence to keep deer out of small gardens. A fence of several strands of fishing line has proven to be successful for some gardeners.

Repellents are another less obtrusive option. These use smell or taste to discourage animals from dining in your landscape. Check the label to see if the repellent works on the animals and rodents you are trying to manage. Apply repellents before animals start feeding for best results. Then reapply as recommended on the label. Look for one, like organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com), that

while climbing into their stand. The most popular tree stand is a ladder stand, but they too can be dangerous.

Ground blinds work very well for deer hunting, and keep a hunter a bit warmer and dry during the hunt. They also work very well for deer hunters that bring along their son or daughter, introducing them to the sport of deer hunting. There are more women that hunt deer and birds than ever before. Hunting is not for everyone, but if they enjoy the sport, they will get to enjoy quality time with their adult parent, and will hopefully pass it along to their children.

Hunting during the rut is the most exciting time to be in the woods, and will make your chances of a deer encounter almost a guarantee. It is also the time of year to harvest that big buck that has avoided you for many years. They often let their guard down as they chase a doe in heat, and if you are in the right spot at the right time, you could get lucky and harvest the deer of a life time.

Cleaning and field dressing a deer needs to be done properly, or you could taint the meat, making it uneatable. Many people that do not like eating venison have more than likely had venison that was not properly cleaned and packaged. A lot of venison is ruined during field dressing. There are plenty of videos that can be watched on YouTube. Taking the time to watch one can insure some great eating in the coming weeks and months. Choosing the correct meat cutter to process your deer is very important, and be sure that you are getting your deer meat, and not someone else's.

Proper dressing of the trophy deer that you are planning to take to a taxidermist also needs special care. Be sure to check that out also on YouTube or from your taxidermist. Choose the right Taxidermist & be sure to ask the following questions. What is the final cost? How long will it take before I get my mount back? Ask to see some of his or her work. Ask for references, and never pay in full before you receive your mount back.

Tautog fishing remains great as this week's picture shows. Recently stocked trout are being caught at some local hotspots. Check out the stocked waters by going to Massachusetts Fish Hunt Web site. One local angler caught a huge rainbow trout at an undisclosed site last week.

Goose and duck hunting were great for most hunters last week, but the absence of mallard and black ducks were noticeable in many areas. Wood Duck were providing the best shooting opportunities.

My apologies for the incorrect date for pheasant season in last week's column. You should always check your abstracts prior to hunting any species, but I still take my reporting seriously, and try to be as accurate as possible. It is not easy growing old!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

LEGALS

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE PUBLIC NOTICE

Snow Plowing Equipment

The Town of Sturbridge, Department of Public Works is accepting bids for "Snow Plowing Equipment for the 2020-2021" winter season.

Bids will be received by the Town Administrator, Town Hall, 308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566 until 11:00am on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at which time bids will be opened. Bid packages may be obtained at the Sturbridge Highway Department, New Boston Rd., Ext., Mon-Fri, 7:00am-3:00pm. *Snow plow drivers that are not owner operators with be required to have workers compensation insurance.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Town.

Butch Jackson
DPW Director
October 16, 2020
October 23, 2020

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 140 §58 the **Wales Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on November 2nd, 2020 at the Wales Town Offices at 6:30 PM**, on the application of William Matchett of 45 Union Rd, for a special permit seeking a Class II car dealers license. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date to participate virtually. If you have any questions or concerns please email planning@townofwales.net
October 23, 2020
October 30, 2020



OBITUARIES

Cindy A. Poirier, 57



STURBRIDGE- Cindy A. (Ryan) Poirier, 57, of Sturbridge, passed away on Friday, October 9th at home after a courageous 4 year battle with Glioblastoma brain cancer. From her initial terminal cancer diagnosis in 2017, Cindy promised all who knew her that she would someday be the longest living survivor of a Glioblastoma, and she defied many statistics associated with this lethal disease. She was proud to remind family, friends and her medical team that she had accomplished her dream of outliving the typical 12 month prognosis. Her fight was a courageous one.

Cindy leaves her mother, Gloria I. Ryan of Sturbridge; her aunt, Louise (Ryan) Ojerholm and her husband Don of North Brookfield; her aunt and uncle, June and Ray Richard of Myrtle Beach, SC; and several cousins that were more like siblings. She also leaves behind countless friends and loved ones who admire and adore her for all she has shared with them and taught them. She was predeceased by her father, Michael K. Ryan in 2015.

Cindy was born in Southbridge the daughter of Michael K. and Gloria I. (Richard) Ryan. She was a 1981 graduate of Southbridge High School and went on to receive an Associate's degree in Interior Design from Becker College, a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Worcester State University and her MBA from Nichols College. Cindy held several managerial positions of increasing responsibility at Bose Corporation, retiring in 2017 due to illness. Cindy loved her 18 years at

Bose and was proud to call the close friends she made through the years as her "Bose family". She was an institution there.

She leaves us with the warmest of memories and with holes in our hearts that cannot be filled by anyone or anything. More telling of Cindy's legacy is not who she leaves behind, but rather what Cindy has left with us – and modeled for us – every day. Relentless determination, indescribable kindness and compassion, a quick and razor-sharp wit, unwavering loyalty, authenticity, leadership and calm in times of turmoil, and grace and grit in perfect harmony. Cindy was a role model for all to emulate and she remains a reminder for each of us to try to be better at the things we so admired about her and that she made look effortless. No matter the setting, Cindy was most times the brightest and most insightful person in the room. Strong-willed but never overbearing, convicted but always open to new ideas, she was the perfect balance of things. Cindy also absorbed the beauty around her. She loved architecture, fine antiques, animals, nature and international travel. To say she was one of a kind would be a profound understatement.

Cindy's funeral services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 www.secondchanceanimals.org or to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., SW120, Boston, MA 02215 www.dana-farber.org.

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

OPEN HOUSE

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was first chartered. The pictures represented Quinebaug Lodge Past Masters and what they wore back then. Do historic photos just want to make you want to ask questions about Freemasonry?

The symbols have a story behind them. Where do you think the symbol of the "All Seeing Eye" on the Masonic Lecture Chart and above the pyramid on the one-dollar bill came from? The Illuminati symbol of the "All Seeing Eye" came out on the one-dollar bill in 1935. A Master Mason and our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was so impressed with the symbol that he suggested adding it to the One Dollar Bill, providing the Catholics had no objections. There were no objections and Roosevelt approved the final

new design. Yes people, there is history in the symbols on the Masonic Lecture Charts. The new one-dollar bill hit the streets in the summer of 1935.

Quinebaug Masonic Lodge has been in Southbridge for 162 years and what we do know is that we continue to make good men better. If you happen to drive by 339 Ashland avenue on the first Monday night of every month, you will see the parking lot full of local, family-oriented men who believe in a god and their community. Stop in and ask yourself "Is there greatness in you?" Members of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge are immensely proud of the accomplishments made in the previous years and continue to thrive, to keep the traditions of Freemasonry alive and active in our surrounding communities.

GARDENING

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is rain and snow resistant, lasting up to six months on dormant plants over the winter so you will need to apply it less often.

Scare tactics may be effective depending on where you live. In urban and suburban areas animals are used to human scents and sounds. Gardeners often hang old CDs and shiny ribbons in tree branches to scare hungry animals. If you opt for scare tactics, be sure to employ a variety of options and change their location to increase your chance of success.

Constantly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the methods used and check all plantings for damage. When animal populations are high and hungry, they will eat about anything. Be willing to change

things up if one method is not working. Using multiple tactics will help increase your level of success.

Protect your landscape from hungry deer, rabbits, and voles this winter. Start preparing in fall before their winter dining habits begin. If you are vigilant and persistent, you can coexist with these creatures and still have a beautiful landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Tree World Plant Care for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news



ANTIQUES,
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WAYNE TUISKULA

It has been over a month since my last antiques, collectibles, and auction news report. A lot has happened since. Let's begin with an upcoming Halloween auction in Ireland.

The Irish Times reports that Mullen's Auctioneers of Dublin, Ireland will be holding a Halloween auction. The auction features many prints, photos and medals related to historical events in Ireland. There are two items fitting for an auction on Halloween. A movie poster from the 1958 film "Dublin Nightmare" which has an estimate of 150 to 200 Euros (approximately \$175 to \$235 U.S. dollars) will be one of the offerings. A death mask of Irish novelist James Joyce is the other. The Irish Times reported that Joyce's wife Nora authorized sculptor Paul Speck to make two death masks of Joyce when he died in 1941. Speck made an additional mask for himself. The two authorized masks are owned by the James Joyce Foundation. The third was sent to the Irish Library of Congress. Speck made 6 bronze castings before he presented the mask to the Library of Congress. Speck gave one of the castings to film director James Huston. Huston in turn had 12 more bronze cast-



ings created by Lunt's Castings. One of the 12 Huston created will be auctioned on Halloween. Its auction estimate is 1,500 to 2,000 Euros (approximately \$1,750 to \$2,350).

There are very few paintings by 15th Century Renaissance painter Sandro Botticelli in private hands. It's rare for one to come up for auction, but this noteworthy event will take place in January, when his "Young Man Holding a Roundel" will be offered. A Mutual Art article states that "Botticelli's striking paintings in the late 15th-century made his work sought after by some of Europe's richest patrons, and his works' appeal was widespread." CNN reports that this painting was produced in the 1470s or 1480s. According to Mutual Art: "it's reasonable to assume that the sitter is an elite nobleman, due to his high quality clothing and

pensive, refined appearance." The current owner purchased it for £810,000 (a little over \$1 million U.S. at the current exchange rate) in 1982. Despite the pandemic, the auction house and the consign- or have found the auction market to be resilient. The auction estimate on the painting is \$80 million.

A Kalamazoo, MI couple recently found that their \$5 estate sale buy may be worth thousands, according to WWMT TV. The husband bought a poster rolled up in a tube without a price. He collects movie posters and thought that's what he was purchasing. He offered \$5. The seller accepted and the buyer gave the tube with the poster to his wife. It sat in their basement for five years until their son was searching for some wall art. He looked through the items his parents had accumulated and opened the tube with the poster. It was much larger than the family expected. WLNS TV reported that the poster they thought to be movie poster size was instead a whopping 8 feet x 13 feet large. The poster was

produced by Air France in 1959. Their research determined that it was an original lithograph created by French artist Lucien Boucher. It depicts aircraft flying to destinations around the globe. The couple found auction results for a similar piece that sold for 18,750 British pounds (over \$24,000 U.S.) in 2014. The couple decided to donate the poster. WWMT reported that the airline map is expected to land at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Bidding ends on Oct. 28 for our online coin auction. Our next auction featuring gold estate jewelry, sterling silver, pocket watches, World War I and II Red Cross posters, a 1931 Auburn automobile and a wide selection of other antiques and collectibles will be online soon with bidding ending November 17th.

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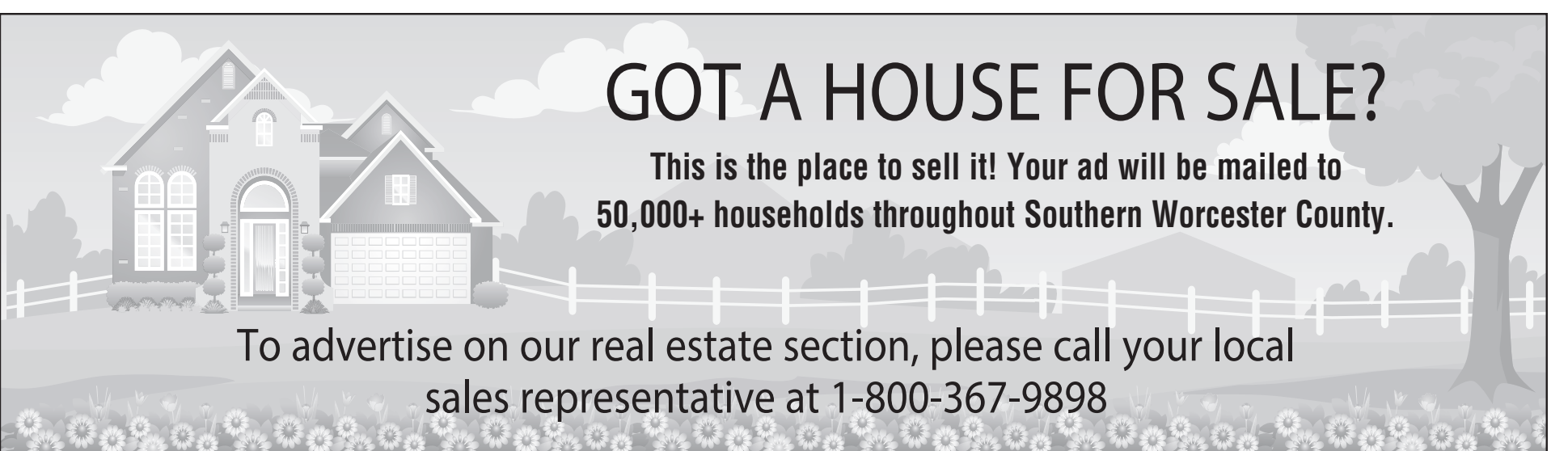
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STURBRIDGE — Optim LLC, a leading manufacturer of proprietary portable flexible endoscopes and videoscopes for use in the visual diagnosis of Ear-Nose- and-Throat (“ENT”) disorders, contraband detection equipment as well as components for the Ultrasound market, announced today the company is celebrating a major milestone with 50 years in the optical imaging industry.

Originally founded in 1970 as Applied Fiberoptics Inc., AFI was one of the first companies to produce glass fiber imaging for use in surgical device illumination. With the acquisition in 1996 of Schott Fiber Optics’ flexible endoscope division, medical and industrial endoscopes were added to the prod-

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Since its inception, Optim has developed and marketed a wide variety of visualization products including Medical Endoscopes, Industrial Borescopes, as well as OEM components for large medical device companies. In recent years the company has expanded from a fiber optic-based company to offer a range of video-based products for endoscopy and inspection.

“Optim has a long track record of innovation and customer focus” said Doug Hughes, President & CEO. As we

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About Optim

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QCC awarded more than \$198,000 to support students impacted by COVID-19

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has been awarded a \$198,263 Grant from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. As part of the Education Stabilization Fund through the CARES Act, the grant was awarded to support emergency need-based assistance for eligible students impacted by COVID-19.

“These funds come at a crucial time for many of our students, who have been struggling with financial issues since the start of the pandemic,” said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja.

The GEER fund was designed in response to COVID-19, to support an array of educational expenses critical to students’ enrollment status.

In addition to Federal CARES

funds and the GEER state funding, the College’s Foundation instituted a Student Emergency Fund that to date has raised over \$114,000.

“The Student Emergency Fund is unique in that all current QCC students qualify for the Fund, whether they are degree-seeking, non-degree seeking, certificate-seeking, full-time, part-time, international, or undocumented,” President Pedraja continued. “In these continually challenging times we want to make sure our students are supported and have the financial support they need in order to be successful.”

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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Letourneau is a 1998 graduate of North High School in Worcester. She obtained her Nursing Assistant Certificate from the American Red Cross in 1999, a Phlebotomy Certificate from Quinsigamond Community College in 2002, EMT-B Certificate from METCA in 2008 and most recently, Care Manager Training Certificate in 2018 from All Care Plus Pharmacy in Northborough. She works as an Anesthesia Technician at Shields Surgery Center in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Winters took courses at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA for social work major. She obtained her certifications as a nursing assistant and Home Health Aide from the American Red Cross in 2017. Larson obtained her certificate in Medical Assisting at the Health Training Center in Worcester, Mass. in 2011. She has been employed with the Harrington Physician Services Primary Care in Webster since 2011 and moved to Cardiology in Southbridge in 2015. Reidy is a 2017 graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Facilities Maintenance Shop and attended Quinsigamond Community

College through her sophomore year. She is certified in OSHA 10 as well as Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR, and AED through the American Red Cross. Her spent the summers of 2014 to 2019 as a Lifeguard at Camp Woodhaven in West Boylston, MA and has a co-op position as Facility Maintenance at Kay Gee Sign in Auburn, MA 2016-2017. Boateng is a Certified Nursing Assistant for All Ways There Home Care in Vernon, Conn. and a Hospice Aide for Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care of Bloomfield, Conn. She holds a Diploma in Business Management from Kumasi Polytechnic in Kumasi, Ghana and a Diploma in Accounting from Konongo Odumase of Konongo, Ghana. Most recently she completed The Columbia- Suicide Severity Rating Scale training from The Columbia Lighthouse Project of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias for Nursing Homes, Adult Day Care, and Hospice from ATrain Education, Inc. in Willits, California.

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BY GUS STEEVES
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REGION — Voters began casting ballots last Saturday, and by mail even earlier, but there's still a full week and Tuesday, Nov 3, to vote in the 2020 elections. Early voting polls are open whatever the local Town Hall hours are during the coming week, plus 9-12 on Saturday and Sunday, then from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Like most years, the two major parties have gotten all the publicity — Republican incumbents Donald Trump and Mike Pence against Democrats Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. But, as those who have seen ballots already, there are numerous other candidates seeking the nation's top office.

In Massachusetts, two other parties have formal ballot access — the Greens (known here as the Green-Rainbow Party) and the Libertarians, and both are fielding White House contenders. In both cases, they must collect at least 3 percent of the state's vote in a national or statewide race to retain ballot access. Back in July, the Greens chose Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker as their top two, while the Libertarians nominated Jo Jorgenson and Spike Cohen in May.

Hawkins

According to Ballotpedia.org, Hawkins, a New York resident, has run for office numerous times over the last 20 years, including four attempts at the governorship, with his best showing at 4.8 percent in 2014. The Green campaign focuses on Medicare for All, a version of the Green New Deal that's stronger than the Democrats' version, economic rights, making "each region of the country as self-reliant in food as possible," legalizing marijuana nationwide, and ending overseas wars "to ensure peace and combat climate change."

Regarding the first of those, the Hawkins website (<https://howie-hawkins.us/>) states, "It starts by immediately implementing National Health Insurance, what is commonly called today a single-payer, improved Medicare for All. In the second phase, it builds out a National Health Service where health care facilities are publicly owned, health care workers are salaried, and the system is governed by community boards elected by the public (two-thirds of the seats) and health care workers (one-third of the seats)."

Regarding the military issue, he writes, "An enduring peace requires replacing capitalism with ecosocialism — capitalism's nationalistic competitive militarism with ecosocialism's international cooperative security. We will call for deep US military spending cuts and converting to a defensive military posture from today's global military empire of over 800 foreign military bases."

A retired Teamster who worked for UPS and Vietnam veteran, Hawkins co-founded the Clamshell Alliance and



Gus Steeves

Green candidates Howie Hawkins and Angela Walker



Gus Steeves

Libertarian candidates Jo Jorgenson and Spike

Cohen. the US Green Party. When Ballotpedia asked what his first action as president would be, he wrote, "Declare a climate emergency."

Jorgenson

Although the phrasing is different, the Jorgenson campaign also aims to end the ongoing wars. At Ballotpedia, her candidate questionnaire states, "My plan is to turn America into one giant Switzerland, armed and neutral, with the military force to defend America's soil and shores against any foreign attackers or invaders, protected by an armed citizenry and a military laser-focused on defending America." She adds she wants to bring home our troops and give no more military aid to other governments.

On the other hand, the Libertarians favor eliminating government involvement in health care entirely "by allowing real price competition," which she feels will "reduce the cost of legacy programs" including Medicare, she wrote. She also specifically plans to veto any new debt, wants to give all departments spending reductions, "oppose government-mandated shutdowns and overreg-

ulation that harms economic growth," and generally "make government smaller - much, much smaller."

Like Hawkins, Jorgenson has run for office a few times unsuccessfully, including as Libertarian vice-presidential candidate in 1996. She's currently a psychology lecturer at Clemson University and an IBM marketing representative; her website is <https://jo20.com/>.

"On Day One of a Jorgensen administration, I will pardon all 80,000 non-violent people imprisoned on federal drug charges. The War on Drugs has been a disaster, and has been used to target the poor and people of color, and to ruin lives that could have been salvaged," she wrote at Ballotpedia. "... The land of

the free will no longer lead the world in incarceration."

Others

Beyond those two, the Federal Election Commission website lists 1220 people who formally filed statements of candidacy for president this election cycle, some of them in the last week. That list includes all of the well-publicized people in both major parties who dropped out over time, hundreds of Democrats and Republicans you've never heard of, several dozen Greens and Libertarians, and a very large number of people filing as "independent," "unaffiliated," "none" and other catch-all non-partisan terms.

On the list are a few candidates for other third parties that have some recognition, and even ballot access in some states. Among them are the Constitution Party, which is fielding Massey Coal CEO Don Blankenship and William Mohr; the Progressive Party, which nominated Dario Hunter (who also ran as a Green) and Dawn Adams; the Prohibition Party, fielding Phil Collins (of Nevada, not the Genesis drummer) and Billy Joe Parker; the Socialist Party USA, which co-nominated Hawkins and Walker; and the American Independent Party, which nominated Roque de la Fuente for president, as did the Reform Party, Natural Law Party and the Alliance Party. (Fuente also filed as a Republican.)

Fuente's Reform running mate is Darcy Richardson, but his AIP and Alliance running mate is rapper Kanye West. West's FEC filing identifies his political affiliation as "BDY," elsewhere identified as "the Birthday Party," and he appears on some ballots for president with other running mates. To make things a little weirder, the FEC lists at least two other people claiming some version of West's name as their own — "Kenye Omari West" of the Peace and Freedom Party, who claims the White House as his address, and "Gay Kanye West Fish" of the Communist Party, also from Washington, DC.

The FEC list goes downhill from there. Among the other oddities listed are "Michael Williams Lucifer Jr" of Philadelphia, whose campaign committee is "Lucifer for President," somebody filing as "Creamy Chode Yuh Yuh" of Portland, OR; "The Almost Famous Mr Gipperman" of Big Bear Lake, CA; "Big Chungus" of Orem, UT; and "Karen Deez Nuts" of England, AR.

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UNICEF CLUB

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Heart Association. As UNICEF Club officers they will lead the PN Class of 2021 in children's advocacy and raising awareness.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club was founded in 2016 and each year club officers lead members through various fund-

raising methods that serves to educate and raise awareness to relevant issues happening locally and globally. The UNICEF Club meets after school hours. For October fundraiser the club officers will be distributing UNICEF Halloween donation boxes for trick-or-treaters. Plans are underway for more fundraising activities.

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