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Rte. 49 crash results in fatality

STURBRIDGE—Police continue to investigate an accident on Route 49 last week that resulted in the death of a Spencer woman.

On August 13 at approximately 7:20 a.m., police responded to a two-vehicle wreck at the intersection of Route 49 and Putnam Road. When attempting to pull out onto Route 49 from Putnam Road, the driver of a 2008 Buick LaCrosse drove directly into the path of a tractor-trailer car carrier.

Kelly Lacroix, age 50, the driver of the Buick, was pronounced dead at the scene. The truck driver, a 54-year-old man from Manchester, NH, sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported by Sturbridge EMS to Harrington Hospital in Southbridge.

Lacroix was attempting to enter the south-bound lane of Route 49, State Police troopers determined during an initial investigation. Before reaching the intersection, Lacroix had previously been headed westbound on Putnam Road, then came to a stop before turning onto Route 49.

The posted speed limit on Route 49 is 55 miles per hour, but vehicles regularly travel 15 miles over the limit. The road is a regular route for car carriers making deliveries from an auto ship-

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT UNITES TOWN

Gus Steeves photo

From children’s mascots to yes, that is indeed automatic weaponry; National Night Out is a chance to introduce to the public to public safety in a different setting. Yes, youngsters visit fire stations, and officers visit schools; but a chance to see a rescue dog up close and talk to a SWAT team sniper?

The display was well patrolled and a highlight for many. Charlton police officer and regional SWAT team sniper Tim Smith wraps a scarf around his “old girlfriend.”

Running of the Bears

BY GUS STEEVES
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Every year, Spain features the Running of the Bulls. At the end of September, Sturbridge will see the Running of the Bears.

OK, we’re not talking literal bears here, but the inauguration of the Burgess Bear 5K run/walk, aimed at raising funds to send the school’s sixth-grade class on its annual ecology field trip next year. Racers take off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept 23.

“It’s an idea that’s been kicked around a while,” said Christine Neslusan, one of the organizers.

Parents and school administration wanted to find a way “to get the community together for one large fundraiser,” instead of the many small ones the field trip has previously relied upon.

She’s referring to a field trip to The Ecology School on Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine. Sixth graders from across the Union-61 district have gone to Ferry Beach annu-

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Gus Steeves photo

A runner hits the finish line of this summer’s Southbridge VFW race. Runners in that venerable race will get another, new race to try their skills this September: the Burgess Bear 5K

Sturbridge seeking members of the Design Review Committee

The Design Review Committee currently has two open positions we would like to see filled! If you are a resident of Sturbridge and have an interest in the appearance of the commercial areas of town, please send a letter of interest to the Town Administrator. Meetings are currently held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m., typically once a month or as needed.

This is a great opportunity to get involved with the town. Please visit the Design Review Committee webpage to get an idea of what is involved with DRC: <https://www.town.sturbridge.com>

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Domestic violence agency offers its help

STURBRIDGE — In response to last week’s alleged domestic violence homicide in Sturbridge, the non-profit domestic violence agency, New Hope, Inc.’s and its Executive Director and President Marcia Szymanski issued a statement to inform the Sturbridge community about services available to them.

“Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Maddilyn Burgess. There are no words that anyone can say to express how horrible and senseless this was,” said Szymanski.

New Hope, Inc. provides domestic violence services to 41 communities, including Sturbridge. New Hope provides counseling services in Southbridge and

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5K BURGESS RUN
The first annual Burgess Bear 5K run / walk will be held on Sunday 9/23! Proceeds will go to the Student Activity Fund to support the 6th grade ecology trip. Race will begin at Burgess Elementary School, 45 Burgess School Rd. Sturbridge. Kids Fun Run at 9:00 a.m.; 5k Run/Walk at 9:30 a.m.
1/2 Mile Kids Fun Run (ages 12 and under): \$5 -day of registration only; All Kids Fun Run Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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www.lightboxreg.com search Burgess or find us on Facebook!
T-shirts: Register by September 1 and receive an inaugural race t-shirt. T-shirts are NOT available for those registering after September 1. Parking: On-site parking will be limited. Shuttle buses will be available from parking lots at former Country Curtains building and OSV Education Center (1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd. Sturbridge)

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Toastmasters plans contest

STURBRIDGE —Village Toastmasters of Sturbridge will host a speech contest on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm.

On Sept. 20, members of Village Toastmasters will compete in a humorous speech contest and a speech evaluation contest. Contestants in the humorous speech contest will present five- to seven-minute comical tales or stories. Other Village Toastmasters members will serve as judges, scoring the humorous speeches based on content and delivery.

Immediately following the humorous contest, Village Toastmasters members will compete in a speech evaluation contest, where contestants look to deliver the best possible two- to three-minute assessment of a test speech. Judges will score each evaluation on their analytical quality, organization and recommendations.

Speech contests are a Toastmasters tradition.

Last year's humorous speech contest winner, Charles Cook, who went on to the area and divisional contests, says, "Participating in a speech contest is always a learning experience and a fun time. It pushes you out of your regular speaking comfort zone. But it also helps you fine tune your speaking and timing. Advancing to the next level speaking contest is always a challenge because the next level speakers bring out the

best in you!"

Winners from the Village Toastmasters contests will continue competing through the Toastmasters' area, division and district levels in October and November.

Visitors and guests are always welcome at Village Toastmasters contests. The group meets every Thursday night from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Central Mass South at 46 Hall Road, Sturbridge.

Village Toastmasters, located in Sturbridge, is focused on helping members improve their public speaking and leadership skills while building confidence in their abilities. The group meets every Thursday night 7-8:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Central Mass South, located at 46 Hall Road. For more information, visit VillageToastmasters.org.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, the organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on Twitter.

#MeToo luncheon planned in September

Woman in Business, Inc., a Sturbridge-area support group of dynamic women of all types of careers, has announced its September luncheon.

Held Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center, the informative session will focus on the "Me, Too" movement — what employers are doing, what employees should know, and what changes are happening on a state and national level.

#MeToo spread virally in October 2017 as a hashtag used on social media in an attempt to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, especially in the workplace. Since then, it is a topic that countless women have responded to with their own stories and experiences. It also launched a movement that continues to call out and bring down men in all spheres of business and politics, who are now being held accountable for their actions and inaction.

WIB welcomes the public to join the conversation with Lisa Mason, SHRM-SCP, and Amelia J. Holstrom, Esq.

Mason is the director of human resources for Harrington HealthCare System, a position she has held since 2009. In this role, she provides leadership and counsel in HR matters including employee relations, salary administration, benefits, staffing, compliance, training and education to the health-care system's 1,400 employees. She has also designed, developed and delivered training programs including employee engagement, sexual harassment prevention and employment law. Prior to her role at Harrington, Mason was the HR director for the (then) Hubbard Regional Hospital. She has more than 30 years of experience in HR, including 13 years at Allmerica Financial (now Hanover Insurance) where she managed employee relations and staff development for 6,000 employees.

Holstrom is an attorney with Skoler, Abbott and Presser, P.C., with offices in Springfield and Worcester. Since 1964, Skoler Abbott has exclusively represented management and employers in the fields of labor relations and employment law. Skoler Abbott's clients range from small, not-for-profit agencies to national Fortune 500 companies. Since joining the firm, Holstrom has provided legal advice to employers who want to remain union-free; represented clients at arbitrations; and defended employers against claims of discrimination, retaliation, harassment, wrongful termination, as well as actions arising under wage & hour law and other state and federal laws. Additionally, Holstrom frequently provides counsel to management on taking proactive steps to reduce the risk of legal liability that may be imposed as the result of employment practices, including comprehensive policy and handbook reviews. She is a current member of the board of directors and executive committee for GSCWM; member of the board for Clinical and Support Options, Inc.; and an ad hoc member of the personnel committee for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. Holstrom was a selected as a 40 Under Forty honoree by BusinessWest in 2015; received the Massachusetts Bar Association Community Service Award in 2016, and was named as an Up & Coming Lawyer Honoree by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly for its Excellence in the Law Event in 2017.

The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests.

WIB is welcoming new members to its organization. The group holds events year-round including an annual scholarship fundraiser, networking receptions, breakfast presentations and luncheon seminars. Members also receive newsletters, social media attention, a website listing and other incentives to further expand professional development and growth. For more information, or to register, visit wibsturbridge.org or email info@wibsturbridge.org.

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Harrington Physician Services welcomes new providers



Shannon Short, DO



Jeffrey Gordon, MD



Alfrezza Nazhad, MD

Alfrezza Nazhad, MD, board-certified cardiologist, has joined the Harrington Physician Services office at 79 Sayles St. in Southbridge. He joins Dr. Paul Santolucito and nurse practitioner Paula Shonak.

The HPS office provides preventive and diagnostic cardiology care including stress testing, lipid and hypertension management, permanent pace-maker therapy and more. New patients welcome; call 508-764-6041.

Dr. Nazhad received his medical degree from Shiraz University of Medical Sciences in Iran. He completed both his internal medicine residency and fellowship in cardiovascular medicine at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

Dr. Nezhad is a well-versed academic

professional. He has presented numerous academic presentations and has many online publications, in addition to over 25 peer-reviewed articles and webinars. He has sat on various committees including First Iranian Congress in Emergency Medicine and chaired a committee for enhance public awareness of cardiorespiratory resuscitation while at Shiraz University. He is a member of several professional affiliations, including the American Medical and Massachusetts Medical Society.

Jeffrey Gordon, MD, has joined The Cancer Center at Harrington, providing both oncology and hematology care for patients. He joins Dr. Christopher Seidler and Physician Assistant Donna Kentley at 55 Sayles St. in Southbridge. New patients welcome; for a referral or

more information, call 508-764-2400.

Dr. Gordon received his medical degree from Brandeis University in Waltham and completed his fellowship in oncology and hematology at University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He also completed his residency and internship in internal medicine from University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester.

Dr. Gordon is a Worcester native and currently lives in Woodstock, CT.

He is very active in community education and municipal government. Dr. Jeffrey Gordon was part of the Town of Woodstock, Planning & Zoning Commission, Municipal Telecommunications task force, and sat in the state of Connecticut medical examining board appointed by the



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Governor. He is also an active member of the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology and American Medical Association.

Shannon Short, DO, has returned to the HPS family practice office at 255 E. Old Sturbridge Road in Brimfield. She will join Drs. Ruth Benet and James Goodwin and nurse practitioner Kim Vetal beginning in September. New and former patients welcome. For an appointment, call 413-245-3389.

Dr. Short, board certified in family medicine, will be providing routine and preventative care for all ages. She previously worked for HPS from 2014-16.

She received her medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at the Puget Sound Family Medicine Residency Program in Bremerton, WA, as well as an internship in pediatrics at Naval Medical Center in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Short most recently practiced at Harrington from Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, where she started two new practice locations and supervised midlevel providers.

The Last Green Valley's Tastes of the Valley

At 4 p.m. on Aug. 26 at the The Publick House, Sturbridge, the Tastes of the Valley is a unique dining experience only available once a year as part of a major fundraiser for TLGV.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.thelastgreenvalley.org or by calling 860-774-3300. All funds raised are used to support the mission of TLGV.

The evening starts with a social hour featuring local wines, beers and beverages, as well as appetizers prepared by area chefs utilizing products farmed in the 35 towns of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Guests will then be invited into the main dining room where they will be treated to an amazing multi-course, sit-down, farm-to-table dinner showcasing dishes created specifically for our event by some of the area's top chefs. Seated at each table will be a special guest – either a local farmer, vintner, brewer or agriculture expert for you to converse with as you learn more about what it takes to keep The Last Green Valley green and delicious.

The end of the evening features a dessert buffet and live auction featuring guest auctioneer Gene Michael Deary. Silent auctions and a raffle will be held throughout the evening. Call 860-774-3300 for more information.

ACCIDENT

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ping and processing center in Spencer. The road features many perpendicular intersections between Sturbridge and East Brookfield.

The crash continues to be investigated by troopers from the Sturbridge State Police barracks, the State Police Crime

Scene Services Section, the State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section, and the State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section.

Members of the Sturbridge Police, Sturbridge Fire Department, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation all assisted at the scene.

No charges have been filed in connection with the wreck.

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you send them homes to see they should research to see if there is any reason this home will not be a fit for you and bring out those reasons. This will prevent wasting your time looking at the wrong homes. Once this process is followed you should be able to find the right home within 6-10 homes or less unless your criteria changes or you are in a competitive market and you keep getting beat out on offers. If you are not really sure what you want, then it may make sense for you to stop by some open houses to get an idea of what is out there prior to starting your home search. This way you can just go when they are open on Saturday or Sunday and not have the sellers have to leave for a showing if you are not serious about buying a home just yet.

Police seeking witnesses to freak accident in Spencer



John Madaio, a longtime local attorney, was killed last week when a crowbar penetrated his windshield on Route 9 in Spencer. Pictured, Spencer Police officers investigate the August 13 wreck.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Following a freak accident last week that left a man dead, police throughout the area are reminding drivers to secure all items before traveling.

On Aug. 13, John Madaio, age 63, of Paxton, was traveling east on Route 9 when a crowbar penetrated the windshield of his Toyota Rav 4 and struck him in the head. Madaio's vehicle left the road and struck an unoccupied car in a parking lot before crashing over an embankment. First responders had to break the passenger window to gain access to Madaio, who was transported to Harrington Hospital in Southbridge and pronounced dead.

The crowbar was either sent airborne by Madaio's vehicle or fell from another vehicle, police said. The incident occurred shortly before 10 a.m. near the Crestview Condominiums. Madaio, a defense attorney based in Worcester, had just left

East Brookfield District Court on Route 9. Colleagues, clients and residents continue to mourn his loss.

"John was a great father, great lawyer, and extremely well-respected member of the DA's office for more than 15 years," said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr. "More recently as a defense attorney, John was a dedicated advocate for his clients. John touched many people in his life with his sharp wit, his compassion, and his legal abilities. He will be missed by all who knew him. This is a big loss for our community."

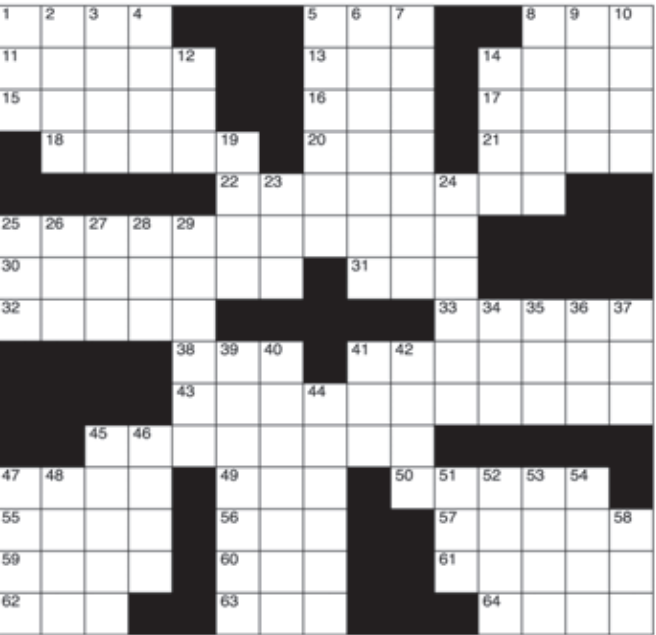
Investigators continue to search for the source of the crowbar, though it will be difficult to determine how long it was in the road before the collision or if it was kicked up by a passing vehicle. The accident reconstruction team is comprised by officers from the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council. Spencer Police officers were assisted on scene by members

of the State Police and East Brookfield Police, along with the Spencer Fire Department and East Brookfield EMS.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has information on the source of the crowbar is asked to contact the Spencer Police Department at 508-885-6333. Police are also reminding drivers to make sure their loads are secure, especially vehicles with trailers or overhead storage.

"Law requires that a vehicle be loaded in such a manner to prevent the escape of contents that could create litter or a potential hazard to another vehicle," said Spencer Police Chief David Darrin. "Vehicle operators should be mindful of this and also report any road hazards they may observe to police."

Madaio is survived by his wife, Sue, and his daughters, Molly and Laura. Molly Madaio currently works in the Worcester County District Attorney's Office, her father's former employer.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sacred bull (Egyptian myth.)
- 5. One-time European money
- 8. Disfigure
- 11. Polish city
- 13. Move quickly on foot
- 14. Landlocked West African country
- 15. Used in aromatherapy
- 16. The greatest of all time
- 17. Type of horse
- 18. Volcanic craters
- 20. Type of graph (abbr.)
- 21. Supporters
- 22. North and South are two
- 25. Spread
- 30. Adjusted
- 31. Vietnamese offensive
- 32. Nazi architect
- 33. Nigerian peoples
- 38. When you hope to get there
- 41. Ridicules
- 43. Allied Powers vs. Central Powers
- 45. Produce
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 50. Type of sword
- 55. "Sin City" actress
- 56. Female reproductive cells
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Garland
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Negative
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Form of "to be"
- 2. A hand has one
- 3. Thought
- 4. Physical body
- 5. Removes
- 6. One who perpetrates wrongdoing
- 7. Make one
- 8. Kate and Rooney are two
- 9. ___ Ladd, "Shane" actor
- 10. Makes fun of
- 12. Space station
- 14. Gene
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Livid
- 24. It comes after "et"
- 25. More (Spanish)
- 26. Electronic data processing
- 27. Buffer solution to separate DNA and RNA
- 28. Primate
- 29. Scattered
- 34. Evergreen tree
- 35. What engaged couples will say
- 36. Barbie's friend
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. A position from which progress can be made
- 40. Showed up
- 41. Insecticide
- 42. Type of milk
- 44. Verandas
- 45. Annoyingly talkative
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. "Heat" director
- 48. Plant genus
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Freedom fighters (slang)
- 58. Criticize



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Motor vehicle accident Charlton Road and I Capen Road on Aug. 12. We have seen a lot of MVAs and we are amazed the operator was walking, talking, and transported to a hospital with what appears to be non-life threatening injuries.

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17 Chicken Cacciatore Penne Pasta California Blend Vegetables Yogurt Split Pea Soup	18 Baked Potato w/ Chili & Cheese Broccoli Sour Cream Granola Bar	19 Turkey Supreme Rice Pilaf Brussel Sprouts Fruited Ambrosia	20 Meatloaf w/ Gravy Garlic Mashed Potatoes Country Blend Vegetables Pears	21 Mac 'n Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Green Beans Fresh Fruit
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National Night Out

STURBRIDGE – The National Night Out filled the Common with people, dogs, food, music and camouflage. Sort of.

The annual event is aimed at introducing the community to various public safety entities, the military, emergency and counseling services, and volunteer opportunities in those areas. In this case, it also featured several groups promoting not-quite-related things – the upcoming Burgess 5K student fundraiser, nurses talking about a November ballot question, costumed OSV staff offering 1820s games, and a booth for T-ball, among others.



A young participant says hi to Jackson the rescue dog.

Gus Steeves photos



Gabrielle and Maya Bellofatto hang out.



Braelynn Frigon sports a butterfly.



Boris Hartley contemplates his hot dog as Eleanor Hartley looks on.



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A couple of guys get a top-down view of events on the common.



Young hands sample a little art at the painting table.

Celebrating peach season

Here in New England, summer is celebrated with the long awaited peach crop. Native peaches are offered up by area orchards, local farmers markets and roadside stands. Patrons, eager to taste the first juicy peach of the summer, often extend the short peach season by toting home a bag or bushel of fresh peaches to become holiday pies and top shelf jams and jellies.

In recognition of the refreshing, ever so sweet, summertime peach, this week's column will celebrate the pleasures of peaches.

Peach History: Did you know? Peaches were first grown in China, traced as far back as 551 BC. Peaches are a member of the same family as the rose, which accounts for its sweet fragrance. But early peaches, which were tiny and tart with a larger pit and lots of fuzz, barely resembled today's plump, juicy fruit. Despite its shortcomings, the historic peach earned its place in early Chinese folklore, as it was considered to bring luck and immortality. In fact, today, the Chinese still consider peaches are proper birthday gifts.

Strains of early peaches attracted favor and the tasty fruit traveled from China through Europe and finally to the "New World," gaining legions of fans along the way. The Romans fondly dubbed peaches "Persian Apples," for the country that first introduced the sweet fruit to the west. Louis XIV of France was so fond of peaches that he once awarded a pension to the man who provided him with peaches from Montreuil, a suburb of Paris.

While Spanish explorers brought the peach to America, Native Americans are credited with spreading their cultivation. Eventually, Georgia was named the Peach State, for its abundant peach crops, which flourished in the warm, southern climate.

Tips to Pick Perfect Peaches
Peaches should be picked at their prime of ripeness as the fruit does not always ripen well after its been plucked off the tree. Choose your peaches carefully, as a fruit picked prematurely could spoil before it ripens.

A peach that is ripe to be picked has a yellowish color, which extends to the stem area. Avoid peaches that show a greenish tinge, as they may have been picked too early to contain the desired sweetness. And ignore the peach's red blush, as it does not promise superior taste, simply an abundance of sun exposure.

The flesh of a peach should have a slight give. Not sure which peach to pick? If all are ready to harvest, choose the larger fruits as they have been on the tree longer, upping the odds of a sweeter pick.

To properly pick a peach, carefully twist the stem off the tree. Experts

advise handling freshly picked peaches as if they were eggs to avoid bruising. A soft tree-picked peach should be eaten within two days of picking.

To ripen peaches at home, spread them on a flat surface and do not allow them to touch. Bruising can be fatal to a peach, so keep handling to a minimum. Or place peaches in a brown paper bag to escalate ripening. Do not pile peaches in the bag, rather spread them out so they do not touch. Ripened peaches will keep their flavor for up to five days in the vegetable crisp-drawer of the refrigerator.

Health Benefits of Peaches
Peaches are low in calories and are rich in beta-carotene, vitamin C, calcium, boron, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, fluoride, iron and flavonoids. The fruit is also a moderate source of vitamin A and B carotene.

One average peach is typically under 50 calories and provides almost three quarters of the daily vitamin C requirement. Peaches are also an antioxidant, diuretic, expectorant, and a laxative. Studies show the potassium in peaches, coupled with the fiber of the fruit, can help lower blood pressure.

In addition, peaches have also been touted as a weapon in treating the following ailments: anemia, asthma, acidosis, bronchitis, bladder and kidney stones, constipation, gastritis, and poor digestion.

Peaches are also used to improve skin tone and elasticity; strengthen the lungs, aid in proper circulation and reduce perspiration.

Plant a Peach Tree
Both kids and adults alike enjoy this simple project, which requires only a peach pit and patience. Here's how: After you enjoy a fresh peach, remove the pit, wash it, and store in the refrigerator until the weather just begins to cool, usually in late September, or early October. At that time, plant the cooled pit in the ground about five inches deep. Cover with soil. In the spring you will see green sprouts. Continue to water and fertilize the growing plant and your young tree will bear fruit in as little as two years!

Peachy Recipes
Shortcut Peach Jam
Don't have time to "put up" jars of peach jam? Try this shortcut way to produce peach preserves:

Ingredients: Two cups fresh peaches, peeled, pitted and mashed; four cups sugar; two tablespoons lemon juice; two teaspoons Fresh Fruit; one 3ounce pkg. liquid pectin (Sure Gel); one quarter teaspoon cinnamon.

Instructions: Combine peaches, sugar, lemon juice, Fresh Fruit and cinnamon in a large, deep casserole dish.



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Microwave on high, uncovered, for five minutes. Stir well. Microwave on high uncovered for about 16 more minutes, or until a full rolling boil is reached. Stir in pectin, skim off foam with a spoon. Pour into hot sterilized jars, leaving a quarter inch space. Cover with metal lids, and screw on bands. Let stand at room temperature until cool. Store in refrigerator up to 3 weeks. Makes seven half pints.

Peachy Salsa
This salsa balances sweet and hot, for a versatile topping that's sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Ingredients: one pound peaches, (about three medium); one tablespoon lemon juice; two ripe tomatoes; six large green onions; one tablespoon canned jalapeño peppers, chopped; 12 tablespoons good quality olive oil; six tablespoons sherry vinegar; two tablespoon honey.

Instructions: Dip peaches into boiling water and then peel the skins. Cut peaches into thin strips and throw away pits. Toss with lemon juice. Dip tomatoes into boiling water, then peel and seed them. Cut into medium julienne strips. Combine peaches and tomatoes. Add onions and peppers. Whisk together oil, vinegar and honey. Pour over other ingredients. Refrigerate.

Fresh Peach Pie
Homemade made easy (and scrumptious)!

Ingredients: Ten fresh peaches, pitted and sliced; one third cup all-purpose flour; one cup white sugar; one quarter

cup butter; pastry for a double crust pie
Instructions: Mix flour, sugar and butter into crumb stage. Place one crust in the bottom of a 9 inch pie plate. Line the shell with some sliced peaches. Sprinkle some of the butter mixture on top of the peaches, and then put more peaches on top of the crumb mixture. Continue layering until both the peaches and crumbs are gone. Top with lattice strips of pie crust. Bake at 350° F (175° C) for 45 minutes, or until crust is golden. Allow pie to cool before slicing. Best when eaten fresh.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Hiking the Appalachian start to finish

On Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail with Sam Ducharme join the Oxford Free Public Library for this FREE presentation!

Ducharme set out on a 2,180 mile, 14 state backpacking trip from Springer Mountain, Georgia to Mt. Katahdin Maine. During his six month journey he documented the rugged beauty of the Appalachian Mountains, the wildlife, the hardships encountered on the trail, as well as the people, culture and humanity at its finest. Come join him as he takes you through the trail towns, over the mountaintops and through the backcountry. The images and stories will leave you with a renewed awe of the beauty of our country and its people. See his gear, how he cooked, and hear what it is like sleeping in a hammock for six months through three seasons. Ducharme is a retired K9 officer and is a lifelong resident of Connecticut. He has two adult sons, both serving in the United States Air Force. As an avid outdoorsman, and finding the empty-nest, Sam decided to buy a backpack and a plane ticket to Georgia. From there, he started walking north. With no prior backpacking experience, he learned on the trail. Gear, trail nutrition, enduring the elements, and the logistics involved in a long distance backpacking trip were hard lessons. After 20 years working within Connecticut's prisons, the search for a positive recharge resulted in a life changing journey.

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EDITORIAL

Continuing: Free speech is for BOTH sides

When you read the letters to the editor today, you might find one from someone not from your town. That is because we are using it as an example for this editorial. You see, we need to stress yet again, that you don't get to choose who gets free speech.

Right away we need to say we don't agree with the letter writer, and we continue always to stress to our opinionated people to make certain they tell those reading it is indeed their opinion, even if they are attempting to cite facts as they know them.

Example: no, America is not "85% Christian." The latest Gallup poll conducted in 2017 had people self identifying as Christian a bit less than 75% of the time, and mostly without an affiliation to any specific church. The trend, according to Gallup, was expected to continue downward, as the younger respondents did not identify with any organized religion at all.

The controversy over the raising of a statue of the 10 Commandments at the Little Rock AR state capitol is not a done deal. The American Civil Liberties Union has a lawsuit pending in federal court over the matter, stating obviously it violates the First Amendment against establishing religion in government. It has been the site of several continuing protests, had a car driven into it, and the statue of Baphomet is just the latest protest.

Baphomet, who is actually a made up "deity" and if anything is a demon and not the devil at all; was originally described as the idol of the Knights Templar when the church was attempting to discredit them centuries ago. Descriptions of "him" vary depending on which compendium you choose to read, but it is known that Alistair Crowley, one of the earliest "magicians" who attempted to codify the various branches of the occult in some fashion, took the name as his own magical identification.

And yes, there does exist a group calling itself the Satanic Temple. Its headquarters are right in Salem (how appropriate); and it does not call itself a church. It does have enough organization, to launch freedom of speech and religion campaigns nationwide, include lawsuits in Missouri and Arkansas. Among its seven tenets of conduct is "The freedom of others should be respected, including the freedom to offend."

The group manages to do that quite well. And the eight and a half foot (even the size is quoted wrong by the letter writer) statue of Baphomet (by the way the name, which is combination of Greek and Roman words, means torch of wisdom), which they will continue to use as a tool and representation of their group at various venues where they feel a point should be made.

Will it offend. Yes.
Should they have the right to do so. Yes.

Should the letter writer have the right to decry the event. Absolutely. But please get the facts correct.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dubois: blasphemy is not free speech

To the Editor:
Last Friday, "The Satanic Temple" used a truck and a forklift to bring a giant 7.5 ft. tall bronze statue of a goat-headed-and-winged creature to the Arkansas state capital in Little Rock and attempted to display this next to the 10 commandments. This is blasphemous and as Americans we cannot allow this to continue.

The organizers gathered for what they called a "First Amendment Rally." They called the Satan statue a symbol of tolerance. There is nothing more intolerant to Christians which represent 85% of the country than Satan. As a society, we don't allow hate speech, and we shall not allow hate statutes. I don't even think the Satanic Temple is real, I think it is a bunch of hell-

bound atheist college students trying to mock Christianity and Christians. Thankfully they were forced to remove the statue at the end of their rally.

The legislature of Arkansas has been courageous through it all. They were admirable for erecting the 10 commandments monument in front of the state capital, on the Capitol grounds in 2015. I commend them for passing a law in 2017 requiring all monuments be sponsored by an elected legislator in an attempt to avoid the predicament they are in. The Satan statue is offensive, it is hate speech, it is blasphemous, and it is NOT free speech.

CHRISTOPHER DUBOIS
SPENCER

Next move, closeout all opposition media?

Conservative outlets are aflame with what appears to be Internet giants Facebook, Google and Twitter's intentional move to closeout conservative viewpoints on their platforms. This is significant because the big five Internet companies' collective worth is estimated to be about \$4 trillion, a total that places them above the GDP of nearly all countries. Since they are the major vehicles through which all information is disseminated globally, should they succumb to a collective political view they could control the world. If conservatives are correct this may be in progress.

We show we are free to the extent we tolerate opposing viewpoints. How does one know he is free unless everyone is free to express himself?

In July Facebook suddenly dropped a campaign ad from California Republican congressional candidate Elizabeth Heng claiming the ad, showing scenes of Cambodian genocide experienced by her family, was "disrespectful" content. No such barometer is used on left of center outlets. Something similar happened, conservatives argue, to other conservatives this year notably Diamond and Silk (said to be "unsafe to the community"), Ben Shapiro, Dave Ruben and Dennis Fraser.

But the incident bringing this to a head nationally last week was when Internet giants ganged-up on Alex Jones. Apple pulled several of his podcasts from the iTunes store, Facebook unpublished four of his pages, and YouTube "suspended the Alex Jones channel with its \$4 million subscribers," all charging that he violated their "hate speech" policies (Laura Ingraham, The Ingraham Angle, August 7, 2018). Hate speech has become synonymous with opposition speech. All this begs the question, "Is the next move of the globalist to close out all opposition media?"

Ingraham told her audience that this Internet heavy handedness began in earnest last February when "Facebook launched a new algorithm that would cause top conservative pages to see a dramatic drop in traffic and this included personal pages by the way. President Trump's Facebook page saw a 45% drop."

She asked, "Why do leftist... always seem to escape big tech censures?"

"But this isn't about Alex Jones," she argued, "This is about freedom and our access to information from the sources we as individuals trust and like. If big tech can control the information flow then they can also perhaps even influence the outcome of the midterms and even future presidential elections... And that is the point! Controlling who has a voice and who doesn't on these monster platforms is tantamount to limiting speech."

In the national media war, it is increasingly obvious that the Establishment Media, mostly the over 300 Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) members who have dominant power in it, seriously threaten the 15% (as reported on The Tucker Carlson Show Aug. 8) that is not yet controlled by them. The fact that still half of Americans have not heard of this ever growing influence over the last nearly 100 years, because they are already hooked on only



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Establishment News sources is evidence of its power expansion. A very real possibility exists that those who do not already know of CFR control over the media and government never will, allowing a future existence of no opposition media. We would have entered an Orwellian society from which there exists no exit.

But when this dominance moves to Internet giants Facebook, Google and Twitter this threat becomes global. The conservative panic watching their diminished ability to resist the "secret combination" chorus of the globalist, the Deep State, and the Establishment media for ending free speech opposing them is not new to those who read or view more than just Establishment sources.

Internet bias against alternative news has been going on for more than a decade. Matt Drudge, Alex Jones, Steve Bannon of Breitbart and Mike Adams of Natural News have all talked about it. Over a year ago The New American reported: "Breitbart News, the Drudge Report, InfoWars, Natural News, and dozens of other Internet-based news providers have already been targeted and are feeling the impact of the corporate-government jackbooted heel on their jugulars" (News: Alternative, Real, Fake, May 8, 2017, p. 11).

But bias against alternative news sources was not enough. A second tier of the attack has been to cut off conservative advertisers. Each has complained about this — even Rush Limbaugh. AppNexus, who specializes in Internet ad delivery and handles about \$2.5 billion in ad spending, has also adopted the "ideological squeeze play" as have Omnicom and AdRoll "two additional huge advertisement buying networks that have joined the thought police."

Over a year ago AdRoll informed InfoWars that their advertising campaigns were suspended.

"All content on your website should be relevant, accurate, informative, and up to date. Any claims should be easily verifiable" (Ibid.).

Using this criteria, anything could be excluded. Since so much of MSNBC, NBC, CNN and other news cites dominated by CFR globalists are not accurate or verifiable, as per the Trump Russian Collusion story, why should they get a pass? That is the point.

As reported the latest ploy in the "ideological squeeze play" is the current practice of Internet giants Facebook, Google and Twitter's intentional move to closeout conservative viewpoints on their platforms by removing their pages or even, in the case of Alex Jones, suspending his channel. It does appear that the present move of the globalist is to close out all opposition media?

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Time to put excess cash to work?



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You'll always want to base your investment decisions on your own needs and goals. But there may be

times when you might consider adjusting your portfolio because of risks and opportunities. Now may be one of those times.

Here's some background: In recent months, the Federal Reserve has raised short-term interest rates several times, and given its generally favorable outlook on the economy, it has indicated it may continue bumping up interest rates gradually over the next year or so. The Fed doesn't control long-term interest rates, but these rates often follow the lead of short-term movements. However, longer-term rates haven't yet risen as much as shorter-term ones, which means the difference between short- and long-term rates is relatively small, historically speaking.

This doesn't mean you should make drastic changes to your portfolio. You still need to stick with the asset allocation that's suitable for your situation, which typically involves owning a certain percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, and a certain percentage of fixed-income securities, such as bonds. However, if you do have space in the fixed-income part of your portfolio, you may find the higher interest rates offered by short-term bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) to be attractive. To take advantage of this opportunity, though, you will need to have the cash available to invest.

Some people hold too much in cash, waiting for interest rates to rise, or as protection against the risk of a market decline. But holding excess cash involves its own risk — the risk of not investing. So, if you have your cash needs covered, you may want to consider investing any excess cash.

To determine if you are holding excess cash, you'll need to review your entire cash situation. For example, do you have enough cash, or cash equivalents, to create an emergency fund of three to six months' worth of living expenses? This fund can be vital in helping you pay for things like a major car repair or an unexpected medical bill without dipping in to your long-term investments. And, of course, you need enough liquidity to provide for your lifestyle, including your regular spending needs — your mortgage, utilities, groceries and so on. Also, you may want to set aside enough cash for a goal you want to reach in the next year or so, such as a vacation.

But if you have taken care of all these needs and you still have excess cash, you may want to consider putting this cash to work, possibly by investing in short-term fixed-income vehicles now being issued at higher interest rates.

And keep in mind that regardless of where interest rates are going, bonds and other fixed-income investments can offer some key benefits to investors. In addition to providing a source of regular income, these types of investments can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. While bonds can, and will, fluctuate in value, they typically can provide more stability to your portfolio and tend to behave differently than stocks over time.

After years of historical lows, short-term rates now have risen to levels that are more attractive to investors. Take the time to review your situation, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, to determine if taking advantage of these rates may be appropriate for you.

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Artist from Puerto Rico exhibit at Arts Center



Sarah Champagne photos

Francisco Marrero with a painting that features los flamboyanes - trees with bright red, yellow or orange leaves.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Francisco Rivera Marrero's colorful paintings provide a visual interpretation of the history and the culture of places he has lived, including Puerto Rico, New York City and now Southbridge.

Marrero, who goes by the name of FRIMA in his work as an artist, will have an exhibit of his work with Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities in Southbridge, from Sept. 8 to Sept. 30 with an opening reception Saturday, Sept. 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

At the reception, Marrero will share background on selected pieces in English and Spanish. He provides a particularly vivid interpretation of a painting based on the poem "Black Majesty" by Luis Palés Matos. Marrero shows his painting, bearing the same title as the poem, and recites the poem in English and in Spanish. While some at the opening won't completely understand the Spanish portion (or perhaps the English portion), they are likely to understand the emotion, the rhythm and the intent of the piece.

FRIMA has worked professionally as an artist since the early 1980s, when he was looking for extra work to support his young family. His first major public work of art was a mural the mayor of Cataño, Puerto Rico commissioned after seeing some of FRIMA's paintings. Since then, he has worked on murals for other public spaces, has documented archeological digs and has worked in film and television as a contributing artist, amongst other uses of his artistic talent.

The history of Puerto Rico is deeply woven into his artwork. One painting explores the impact of more than 20 women who died in childbirth, whose remains were found during an archaeological dig on which the artist worked.

Another piece depicts a woman on a beach, as the artist imagines the hot weather of Puerto Rico and warm ocean waves creating a warm and comforting place to sleep. Other paintings depict the food, culture and history of Puerto Rico.

Locals might know Marrero best for his mural work in Southbridge, even if they didn't already know his name. He painted the mural on the side of Los Vecinos Market (formerly Los Hermanos Market), which faces Hook Street. The mural was created just over two years ago when Marrero moved to Southbridge.

As an established mural artist, he likes to create art that documents and serves the community where it is seen, so he decided to contribute to his new community through his artwork. The mural facing Hook Street celebrates the multicultural richness of Southbridge, with nods to Puerto Rican, French Canadian, Polish and other ethnic groups that have settled here and created a unique community.

"I painted the mural because that's what I did in Cataño. It represents the four seasons and the people who live here," Marrero remarks.

Marrero was not commissioned to paint the mural on Hook Street as he had been for many of his previous works; he painted it using his own materials and free time. He included details in the mural to document things unique to this area, such as blue jays or other natural elements not common to other places he has lived.

Marrero says he has enjoyed living in Southbridge because he has found friendly faces and a welcoming community - as opposed to his experience living in New York, where people were

not as quick to say hello and where he said there were "a lot of long faces."

Marrero works at United Lens in Southbridge, where he says he can use his technical and mechanical skills in a meaningful way. His perspective as an artist persists in how he describes his workday though. He says at United Lens, he helps transform glass into something new that serves the needs of people, much like an artist transforms a canvas into something that serves others.

Marrero's artist's biography lists a variety of professional experiences in Puerto Rico and New York, both artistic and vocational. He painted for the Taino people of Puerto Rico on a project called Travesia Taina (Crossing Taina). He worked in television and movies, "doing freelance set painting, carpentry and props." His work in these contexts include over a decade at a television station and work on the movies "Assassins" and "Amistad."

His exhibit in Southbridge will also feature works that he describes as "escape windows." These nature and landscape pieces are framed with the image of a window, as seen from the inside of a home or building. The paintings represent the escapism and the pleasure of dreaming of a warmer place or time.

"When I came here, I was thinking of looking through a window and seeing the seasons go through summer, and fall and winter. And most people don't like winter too much," he explains with a laugh. "What if a window was there, but I could see something that made me feel like I was in Puerto Rico?"

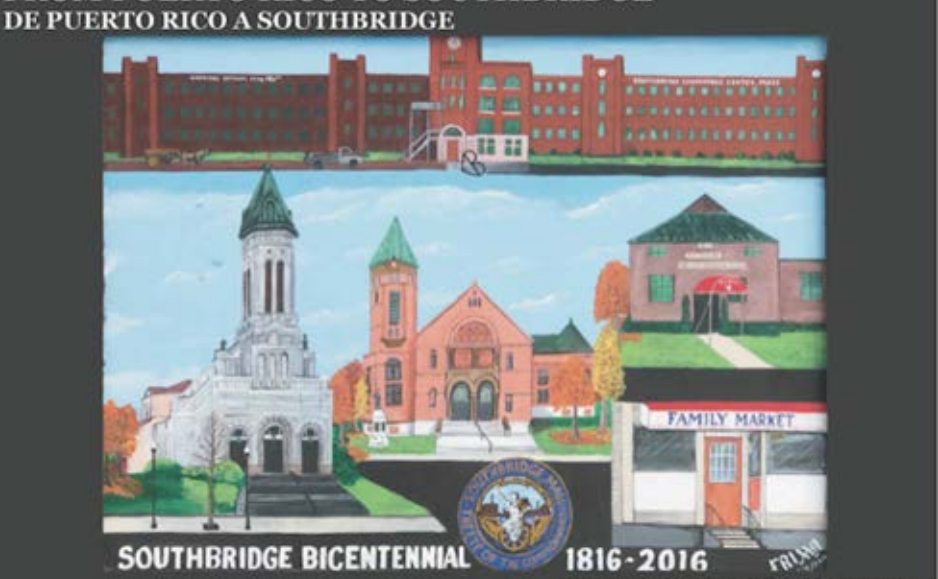
"From Puerto Rico to Southbridge" will open at The Quinebaug Valley Council for the Arts and Humanities at 111 Main St., Southbridge, Saturday, Sept. 8 with a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A special work by Marrero/FRIMA called "From Puerto Rico to Southbridge," which depicts Southbridge, will be auctioned. After the opening, Marrero's artwork will be on display from Sept. 9 to Sept. 30. Gallery hours are Fridays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call the arts center at (508) 764-3341.



The artist poses with some of the favorite fruit of Puerto Rico



The artist poses with a painting of the Puerto Rican countryside.



Francisco Marrero's painting depicting Southbridge at the bicentennial will be auctioned off at the opening reception.

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Baker challenger upbeat despite apparent odds

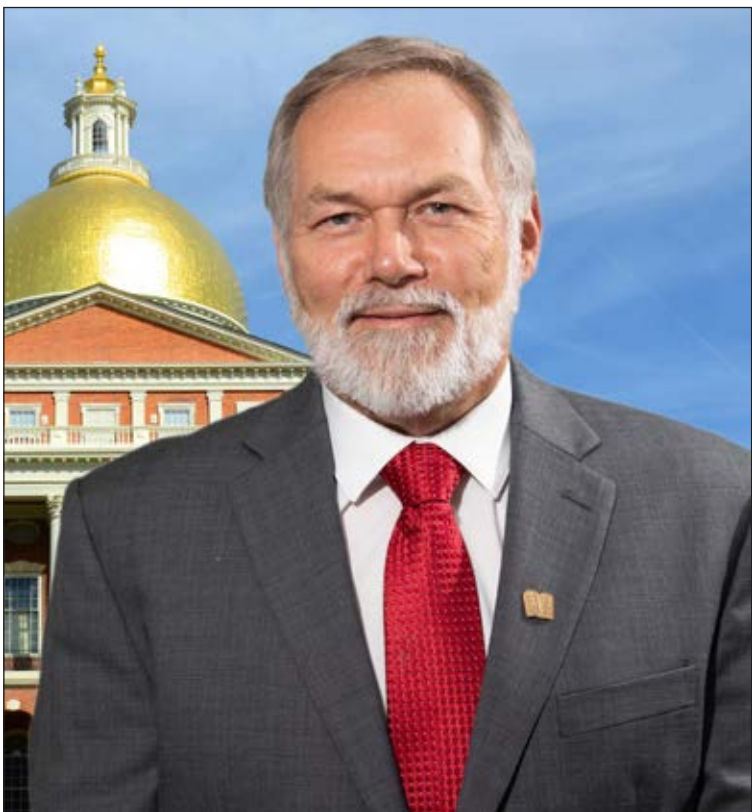
BY GREG VINE
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Four years ago, Dr. Scott Lively ran for governor of Massachusetts as an independent, garnering just over 19,000 votes; about .9 percent of ballots cast. Lively is running for governor again this year, but instead of seeking the office as an independent he has taken on the apparently Herculean task of trying to snatch the Republican nomination away from incumbent Charlie Baker in the September 4 state primary.

At the Republican State Convention in Worcester last April, Lively stunned many political observers by capturing the support of nearly 28% of the delegates, well over the 15% required to earn a spot on next month's primary ballot. However, a WBUR/MassINC poll conducted in late June showed Baker leading Lively among likely primary voters by a margin of 70% to 17%.

But three months is a lifetime in politics and, for his part, Lively remains unbowed.

"I'm very unhappy with the direction Charlie Baker is taking the Commonwealth," Lively told Stonebridge Press in a recent interview. "He's taking the entire Republican Party and shifting it farther and farther to the left. He just signed a biggest state budget ever; he's anti-Second Amendment, having signed the so-called 'Red Flag' bill; he's funding Planned Parenthood. Baker is more aligned with the



Scott Lively

Democratic platform than with the Republican platform."

Lively is also critical of Baker for failing to support President Trump.

"He opposes the Trump agenda," said Lively. "I am 100% pro-Trump. His priorities are right on the money. I want to be the most pro-Trump governor in America."

The 60-year-old Lively, who

has earned a PhD in theology and a Juris Doctor of Law, proudly boasts of his support for the Second Amendment.

"I believe in the Second Amendment codification of the right to self-defense," he told Stonebridge. "Any attempt to restrict weaponry runs counter to the Constitution. Whatever weapons are in the hands of those who would kill us should

be available to the citizenry. I might even consider what they do in some areas of the south by enacting mandatory gun ownership."

When it comes to economic policy, Lively says, "The ever-expanding service economy favors the large urban centers. We need to restore manufacturing to help revitalize the smaller cities and towns like Winchendon. But with the way things are, why in the world would any company, any manufacturer, want to come to Massachusetts? Businesses here are over-regulated and taxed to death. Liberal policies have driven companies out of state."

"President Trump's economic miracle," he continued, "is benefiting the state in a macro sense. More could be done. But Charlie Baker has shown disrespect to our president at every opportunity. He even refused to meet with Vice President Pence when he came here. It infuriates me. We need someone to cooperate with President Trump."

While not denying it will be tough to unseat a popular sitting Republican governor, Lively remains steadfast in his quest.

"I don't take positions based on whether they're popular," he said, "they are based on my strongly-held beliefs. Charlie Baker panders to the left in order to win. I was up against a stacked deck at the Republican convention but still managed to pull off a huge upset. No one

expected me to get that kind of support. But I'm giving voice to the conservative base of the Republican Party."

Asked if he'd consider attempting another independent bid for governor in the event he loses the GOP nomination, Lively demurred.

"I wouldn't do that," he said. "I'm committed to rebuilding the conservative base in the party; to taking it back from the Republican establishment."

"I think I have a very good chance of winning. The anger of Republicans against Charlie Baker is palpable. Some people will vote for me simply because I'm not Charlie Baker. But there are a lot of people who know who I am, who know what I stand for, and who are working hard to get me elected. They're getting out the message."

Lively said a major motivation for challenging Baker is corruption.

"I want to work for the restoration of ethics. Charlie Baker has talked about doing away with patronage but he's the worst culprit ever. We've had a culture of corruption in this state for a very long time. He didn't introduce it, but it's gotten worse under his administration."

The Shelburne Falls resident points to the recent State Police overtime scandal as just one example of corruption in the Baker administration.

Lively has been married to his wife Anne for 36 years and the couple have four children.

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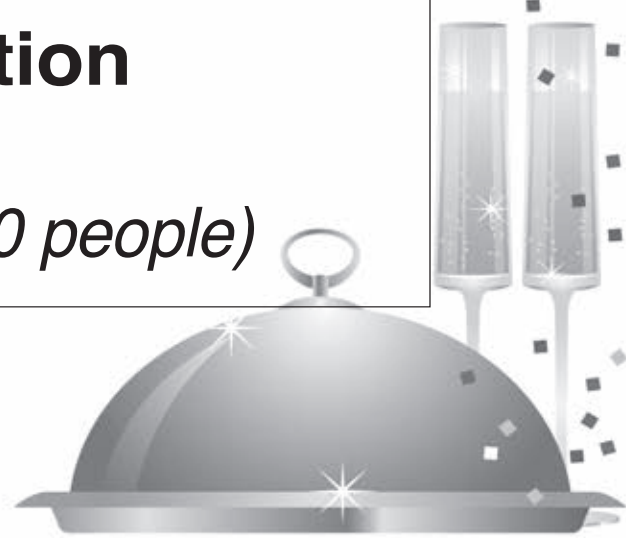


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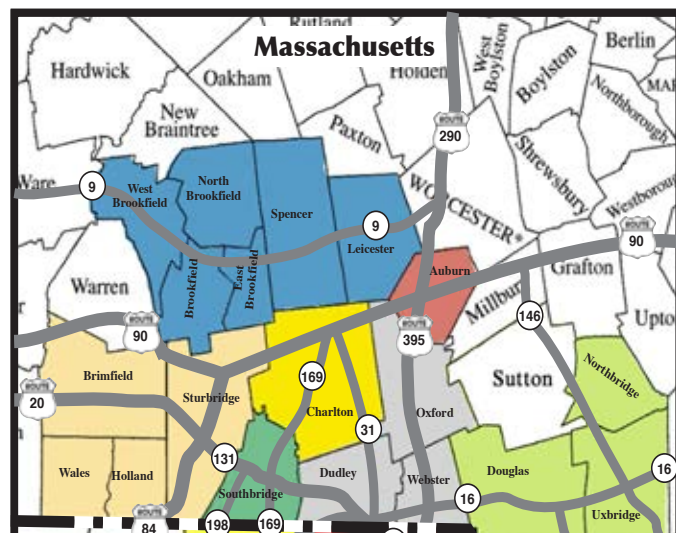
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SPORTS

Nuts defuse Bomb Squad to capture LBCBL Championship for third straight season

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD — Watching the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) is a lot like watching television in the summer — nothing but reruns.

For the third consecutive year, the Turner's Club Nuts of Sturbridge are the LBCBL champions, thanks to a two-game sweep of the Oxford Bomb Squad, which beat the Nuts twice during the regular season. The Bomb Squad was the only team to defeat the Nuts this summer.

With this year's championship the Nuts became the first team in the six-year history of the league to win the championship three times, breaking the record of two league championships, which was held by the North Brookfield Gunners.

Because of those two losses to the Bomb Squad, the Nuts finished in second place in the regular season to the Bomb Squad. In the Championship Series the Nuts were focused on not only avenging those two losses, but winning a third consecutive league title.

As a result Turner's Club (14-2 in the regular season) took care of business quickly, winning the first game of the best-of-three series 8-2, on Saturday, Aug. 18, at Horgan Field. The game was called with one out in the top of the sixth inning when heavy rains made the field unplayable for the rest of the day.

Leading the way for the Nuts in their Game 1 win was Ray Bell, who belted a two-run homer, and starting pitcher Pat Button, who went the distance and allowed just two runs. The Bomb Squad's lone highlight from the Game 1 was a solo home run off the bat of Nick Bruzios. The round-tripper was Bruzios' first-ever LBCBL dinger.



Courtesy photo

The Turner's Club Nuts of Sturbridge celebrate following their third straight Laid Back Competitive Baseball League title.

The Nuts then made sure there was no cardiac comeback by the Bomb Squad on Sunday, Aug. 19, returning to Horgan Field and prevailing in a pitching duel, 2-0, to claim the 2018 LBCBL Championship.

Game 2 of the Championship Series saw Bell on the bump for the Nuts and he threw a complete game shutout. Oxford's Kris Doyle also turned in an impressive performance on the hill, allowing just two runs in six innings of work.

The Bomb Squad finished 11-1 in the regular season, its only loss coming to the Southbridge Spectacles, 8-1, back on June 30. This was the team's first-ever trip to the LBCBL Championship Series.

Offensively in the

Championship Series the Nuts' Logan Nellis led the way, driving in a total of four runs.

"It was a pretty competitive series; today's game [Sunday's 2-0 win] was extremely well played," said Eric Proulx, a former player at Tantasqua Regional who is currently vice president of the LBCBL as well as a member of the Southbridge Spectacles. "The competition was good both days, to be honest."

The LBCBL was founded back in 2012 by Cody Mundell, who ran the league until this past offseason when Matt Higgins took over as league president and Proulx became vice president. Higgins said the league is doing well and he hopes it will get stronger and

bigger.

"This year we had 10 teams and at the end of the season we kind of threw a couple of teams together because they were struggling to get nine guys out there for some games," Higgins said. "From a long-term perspective, however, I think we're in pretty good shape. We're gaining a lot of interest around the surrounding communities. I think overall we're in a good position to keep growing."

Higgins, who played his high school baseball at Southbridge High and is also a member of the Spectacles, said he hopes to have 12 teams in the league next year.

"I'm not 100 percent sure about expansion for next year,"

Higgins said. "The original goal was to get to 14 teams, but I think a more realistic goal is to have 12 teams next year. I do think we can get more teams than we had this year. It will come down to really advertising in the surrounding communities. We're going to have a golf tournament as a fundraiser so we'll be able to really advertise in the surrounding communities and gain some more interest. So, I definitely think [12 teams for next year] is a realistic possibility."

The 10 teams currently in the league represent several towns and communities throughout Central Massachusetts, including Sturbridge, Southbridge, Oxford, Shrewsbury, North Brookfield, Dudley and Charlton.

Going forward the LBCBL hopes to continue to expand into other towns and communities throughout Central Massachusetts. Some of the towns that could field teams in the near future include Spencer, Leicester, Auburn, Millbury, Sutton, Webster, Douglas, Grafton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Worcester.

Higgins said the LBCBL has recently filed paperwork to become a 501c3 non-profit organization.

"We just incorporated about a month ago," Higgins said. "We're a non-profit corporation and now we've filed the paperwork for the 501c3 tax-exempt status, but that can take up to six months to be finalized. Things are going really well. We have a long term prospectus and we want to partner with the local communities and local Little Leagues and towns to use the proceeds that we get to not only make our league better but to also make the community ball fields better and help the Little Leagues get better at the same time."

Kayak for a Cause raises over \$2,000 to Center of Hope Foundation



Courtesy photo

The Cedar Lake Association's 2018 Kayak for a Cause raised \$2,206 for the Center of Hope Foundation. The event was held on Sunday, Aug. 5 at the Host Hotel Beach.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Sturbridge Wicked looking for interested softball players

The 2018 Sturbridge 10U Girls' Fastpitch Softball team, who also play in four summer tournaments under the name "Wicked-Softball," finished their season with 24 wins and only four losses. They went undefeated in the recreation season, won the Webster Tournament and made it to the semi-finals of the remaining three tournaments in Dighton, Bellingham and Wyantskill, N.Y. This team is aging up to 12U and looking for the right players to fill a few openings.

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build confidence to play the game the right way. If your daughter is on our team, so are you. The cost is minimal, we all split the cost for tournaments equally.

While based in Sturbridge, the Wicked opens playing opportunities to the entire Tantasqua Regional District and surrounding towns.

"Between 'rec' and Wicked, this group of girls begin indoor practices locally once a week, November-March; then play the Sturbridge recreation spring season April-June; compete in four tournaments in June and July; seven games of Fall Ball in September and October; and one October Halloween tournament...the four coaches for this team are super committed to preparing players for their future Junior High School and High School team," said head coach Tom Stewart.

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Running Out of Summer 5k
Sturbridge road race to benefit
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WORCESTER — Wormtown Milers

and RapsCALLion Brewery are pleased to announce 9Round Worcester as the naming sponsor of the inaugural Running Out Of Summer 5K to be held on Saturday, Aug. 25. The race, which begins and ends at RapsCALLion Brewery in Sturbridge, benefits Second Chance Animal Services of Worcester and East Brookfield.

"We are extremely excited to be part of such a worthwhile event," commented Sheri Barrette, Owner of 9Round Worcester. "Not only does this event support animal welfare — a cause deeply important to me personally — but it also focuses on including fitness in a healthy lifestyle, a core value of 9Round Fitness."

The race was conceived by the Wormtown Milers and RapsCALLion Brewery as a means to promote community, philanthropy and fun in south central Worcester county. The charity was chosen by asking RapsCALLion Mug Club Members and Wormtown Milers members to vote for their charity of choice, with Second Chance being the overwhelming winner.

Participants in this inaugural event will enjoy a scenic, timed 5K race that is dog- and kid-friendly, and will also receive a tech shirt, medal, and a free beer specially brewed by RapsCALLion for the event — the Running Out Of

Summer Ale. The beer will be brewed in a very limited quantity, on tap solely on the day of the event and the evening prior during bib pick-up.

The race, which takes place at 10 a.m., caps at 300 runners. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to register early to avoid missing out on this memorable event. Register online at www.runningoutofsummer.racewire.com.

Charlton Old Home Day Road Race fast approaching

The 52nd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 3. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 300 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at the Charlton Town Hall, Charlton Optical or on www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

Salmon on the run and anglers ready to make the pursuit

Salmon fishing on Lake Ontario has started to heat up for anglers in pursuit of king salmon. A report from Fat Nancy's Bait & Tackle shop in Pulaski, N.Y. this past week was all good news for local anglers that want to make the trip to the area to catch king salmon.

The summer fishing has been great and the fishing is only going to get better in the coming weeks. Lake fishing is good now through September and the Salmon River heats up in middle to late September as the salmon migrate up the river to spawn. October will have hundreds of fish in the river providing fast action for most anglers, but trying to fish with as many anglers as fish is absolutely crazy. The carnival like atmosphere for anglers casting their bait to the fish from both sides of the river, results in chaos for many anglers. Fishing Lake Ontario from a boat has a more relaxed, but exciting fishing adventure.

This past week this writer and Harry Salmon enjoyed a great day catching fluke and seabass off of the Point Judith lighthouse in 40 to 50 ft. of water. Harry caught numerous fluke in the 18 inch class and were released because they fell short of the 19 inch minimum legal size. He was rewarded with a nice 24 inch doormat near the end of the day.

The huge fluke hit his combo of frozen shiners as bait, affixed to his #3 circle hooks. Love them or hate them, circle hooks work. You just need to remember not to set the hook when a bite is felt on the rod. The hook is designed to hook the fish by itself. It works very well when the rod is placed in a rod holder. By the time you remove the rod from the holder, the fish is already



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hooked. I use multiple rods when bottom fishing using circle hooks and often find all of the rods with fish on them at one time. At the end of the day we caught and released close to 100 seabass, retaining our six fish limit.

Numerous boats were observed chasing schools of false albacore as they fed on schools of bait (bunker fish) near the surface. Seagulls and other shore birds also fed on the bait-fish allowing the anglers to constantly monitor the feeding fish. Catching these hard fighting fish with a fly rod can provide a lot of fun for the angler as they strip line from the reel. The boats often need to chase the fish down to retrieve some line before the reel is totally stripped. After we had called it a day, we observe a large school of albacore surface feeding on the schools of bait-fish near the entrance of the west wall, but they quickly disappeared to deeper water as we approached them. Most all of the seabass that we caught were feeding on the bunker and coughed them up while we were removing them from the hook.

The first segment of the Massachusetts goose season is scheduled to open on Sept. 4 this year statewide. The 15 bird daily limit of Canada geese will be hard to fill if not impossible. Most of the corn fields in the area will not be cut prior to opening day due to the heavy amounts of rain. Some fields are so waterlogged that harvesting the crops anytime soon is going to be tough for the local farmers. The heavy rain has impacted many crops of vegetables in the area this year, including resident back yard crops.

The regular Massachusetts waterfowl



Courtesy photo

Last week we had the wrong photo for Mike Daniels and his monster salmon; so get a load of it here. It weighed in at 39 pounds 9 ounces, nearly 40 pounds total. As big as some children...one monster of salmon.

season opens on Oct. 9 in the Central District for ducks and geese. Teal were the number one bird that provided this writer with some great shooting in my younger years, but seem to have disappeared from the area. Flights of blue wing teal and green wing teal migrating south were early in October, and we always asked Fish & Wildlife to consider this when setting the duck season, giving waterfowl sportsmen the opportunity to harvest some of the birds before they passed through the area. The local duck population is in good shape with wood duck populations increasing every year. Mallards and

black duck populations are also increasing in the area.

Surplus Massachusetts antlerless deer permits go on sale Sept. 25 for zone 11, Sept. 10 zone 10, Sept. 27, 9,13, & 14. All sales start at 8:00 a.m.!

Last week's picture of Mike Daniels' 39 lb. 9 oz. striper was incorrect. This week's picture shows Mike with his fish. Also one local angler observed a seal carrying a large striper in his mouth last week in the canal. They sure do eat a lot of fish!

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RUNNING

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ally "since at least the '80s," Neslusan said. The school itself was found in 1998.

According to the school website, "Over the course of their stay, students draw connections between ecosystems, notice patterns in the world around them and witness natural processes such as cycles, change and disturbance at work in different ecosystems."

Among other things, its program includes sessions in food systems, plants, astronomy, life's interaction with the non-living, how specific ecosystems work, "Nature at Night," and various other areas

"Just as with the alphabet, as students learn their ABCs of Ecology, they learn the skills to read the landscape," the website states. "This is a skill they can not only put to use while engaged in Ecology School programming, but also when they

get back home or to school or even on vacation!"

Since this is the race's first time, Neslusan admitted they don't have a specific dollar goal. But they'd like to see at least 100 runners participate with no maximum number, since the cost per child runs \$350-\$400 for the program. She noted the route begins and ends at Burgess and weaves up through the neighborhoods along Cedar Street.

"We're trying to get the word

out first...and are always looking for more sponsors," she said. "It's a healthy way to raise money for a science field trip."

The Burgess Bear Facebook page links to several sponsors, as well as featuring suggestions for training for such a run, running health tips, kids' books on running, other races in the area, and other information. Those who register by Sept 1 get a free T-shirt. One repeating image there is of a turtle

saying "Your speed doesn't matter. Forward is forward."

One of the other races is this weekend's "Running out of Summer 5k," starting and ending at Rapsallion Brewery on Saturday. The inaugural public event of a regional group called Wormtown Milers, it's a benefit for Second Chance Animal Shelter's various facilities.

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

AGENCY

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an advocate who works directly within the Dudley Court to assist survivors of domestic violence with safety planning, obtaining restraining orders, and other legal protections to ensure their safety.

Szymanski stated, "We want to inform the public that New Hope has a 24-hour, toll-free hotline available to survivors and witnesses to violence, as well as to concerned family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may need support. Our hotline is 1-800-323-HOPE (4673), and we encourage anyone who may be in need of our services to call and get help."

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survivors fleeing violent homes, counseling services for adults and children, a supervised visitation center where non-custodial parents can visit in a safe supervised setting with their children due to domestic violence and other issues, court-based legal advocacy to help survivors obtain restraining orders, safety planning, an intimate partner abuse education program, education/outreach services and more. The agency serves 41 cities and towns throughout central and southeastern Massachusetts, and has five offices located in Attleboro, Milford, Southbridge, Taunton and Worcester.

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Richard Loren Jenks, 72



Richard Loren Jenks, known to his friends and family as Loren, died on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 surrounded by his family. He was 72 years old. Loren had lived in Sturbridge, Massachusetts since 2006 but previously lived for 25 years in Brentwood, California, where he had many close friends. Loren was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma State University before joining the United States Marines and serving in the Vietnam War as a First Lieutenant. After the war, Loren worked as a science writer for the University of California at Irvine. He continued to work as a writer, editor and graphic designer until his retirement in 2013.

Loren was predeceased by his father, Loren Howard Jenks, and is survived by his wife, Robin Jenks, his stepson, Gabriel Harmell of Los Angeles, California, his stepdaughter Elizabeth Clements and her husband John and two grandsons, Ben and James of Grafton, Massachusetts. He is also survived by his mother, June Jenks, his sister, Christina Nunn and her husband, Clark, of Cleveland, Texas, his brother, Alan Jenks, and his wife, Katherine, of Houston, Texas and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Loren was a lifelong pianist, organist,

guitarist and offered his gifts of music to his family, friends and church communities both in California and Massachusetts. He also wrote his own music and enjoyed singing and acting. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking with his family, including their many family dogs over the years. He enjoyed writing short stories, poetry, plays and science fiction.

Loren was a lifelong Methodist and most recently a member of the Charlton City United Methodist Church and formerly of the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church where he served both congregations as church organist and choir member, lay speaker and active community member.

Loren's family wishes to thank Dr. Herta Chao and the entire oncology and general staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut as well as the staff at the Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester and the VNA Hospice nurses and staff. The family would also like to thank their fellow church members, neighbors and friends for their incredible support.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Rose Monahan Hospice House, 10 Judith Road, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01602. EC



Paul J Belanger 73



SOUTHBRIDGE- Paul J Belanger 73, of Rogers Street, died Saturday, August 11, at Harrington Hospital.

His wife Gail Splaine-Belanger died in 2014, his first wife Joan (Ledoux) Belanger died in 1994. He leaves 2 sons Scott Belanger and his wife Kelly of Dayville, CT. Kevin Belanger and his girlfriend Tara of Thompson, CT. a daughter Kim Brousseau and her husband Vance of Woodstock, CT. a brother Robert Belanger and his wife Margaret of Sturbridge, 3 sisters Susan Curran and her husband Richard of FL. Francine Martel and her husband Bernard of Southbridge and Yvette Belanger of Southbridge, 11 grandchildren Tre', Devin, Abigail, Madyson, Jordyn, Riley, Harlie, Jerry, Hadley, Braxton, Grayson, 3 stepsons Sonny Splaine and his wife Heather of Southbridge, Kevin Splaine and his wife Jen of Dudley, Todd Splaine and his wife Denise of FL.

Phyllis M. Champeau, 90



SOUTHBRIDGE- Phyllis M. (Staves) Champeau, 90, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 15th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

Her husband of 63 years, Leonard A. Champeau, passed away in 2011. She leaves five sons, Kenneth Champeau and his wife Denise of Sturbridge, Ronald Champeau and his wife Tina of Southbridge, Kevin Champeau of Southbridge, Paul Champeau of Southbridge, and Greg Champeau and his wife Kristen of Naples, FL; two daughters, Lenore Brigham and her husband Richard of Charlton, and Janice Varin and her husband Jeffrey of Sugar Hill, NH; a daughter-in-law, Suzanne Champeau of Oceano, CA; 17 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by a son, Stephen Champeau and a daughter, Patricia Champeau Snow. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of Arthur and Graziella (Suprenant) Staves.

Phyllis was a member of Notre Dame Church (now St. John Paul II Parish) and its Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. Phyllis dedicated her life to raising her 9 children, a dedication that is reflected in the successful and happy lives they lead. She was also a wonderful, kind and thoughtful grandmother and great grandmother.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, Aug. 18th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial followed in New Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home were held on Saturday, Aug. 18th, from 9:00 to 10:30am, prior to the Mass.

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Christopher A. Wemyss, 46

BRIMFIELD- Christopher A. Wemyss, 46, died at home Monday, August 6, 2018.

He was born in Springfield, April 8, 1972, son of the late Alexander and Diana M. Wemyss and has lived in this area all his life.

He is survived by his daughter, Chelsea Wemyss, and his siblings Larry Wemyss and his wife Jolene of Stafford, VA, Robert Wemyss and his wife Tina of Brimfield, James Wemyss of Virginia, Neil Wemyss of Brimfield, and his sis-

ter Patricia of Sturbridge, and 3 nephews T.J. Wemyss of Brimfield, Kyle Wemyss of Stafford, VA, and Michael Wemyss of Stafford, VA.

He attended Tantasqua Regional High School and worked as a roofer for many years.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, August 12, 2018, from 2-4PM at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Kenneth J Zmetra, 55



Kenneth J Zmetra, age 55, of Brimfield, died Friday, August 17, 2018 at Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA. after a long courageous battle with cancer. Kenneth was born

Webster, MA. He is the son of the late John J and the late Theresa M (Gonszowska) Zmetra.

He is survived by one daughter: Nicole Zmetra and one son: Matthew Zmetra both of CA; His Companion and life partner Kim Brill of Brimfield.

Predeceased by his brothers James Jay Zmetra and Richard Rick Zmetra.

He worked for his dad many years at the former Zmetra Appliances and repairs on West Main St. in Dudley.

Most recently he was still helping folks out with repairs until retiring last fall due to illness.

Ken was a true enthusiast of any type of vehicle that went fast, he loved Nascar and Drag racing. He always loved any place that was tropical and hot. He would have gone without a thought. He was genuinely a true gentle soul that had a passion for life like no other.

A Mass of Christian burial was held 10:00 am on Thursday, August 23 at St. Anthony Of Padua Church, 24 Dudley Hill Rd., Dudley. Followed by A service at the columbarium at Joseph Garden Of Peace Cemetery, Webster. Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue is directing arrangements. There were calling hours .www.bartel-funeralhome.com

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Saturday September 1

GENERAL LAFAYETTE RETURNS: Join the Charlton Historical Society at the Rider Tavern, 255 Stafford St. beginning with tours of the tavern from 1-3 p.m. and Gen. Lafayette as portrayed by Ben Goldman arriving on foot as he really did at a reception in his honor during a Farewell Tour in 1824-25 at approximately 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Historical Society and the Friends of Lafayette, is free and open to the public.

OLD HOME DAY: Old Home Day 2018 in Charlton starts off on Saturday, Sept. 1 with '60s music by ThrowBack at 6:30 p.m. at the Overlook Communities on Masonic Home Road followed immediately by fireworks.

Monday September 3

OLDE HOME DAY: The official Old Home Day celebration will be held on the Charlton Common on Monday, Sept. 3 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the citizens' award celebration at 2 p.m. that day and the parade finishing off the afternoon. Charlton Garden Club flower show 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Federated Church.

Saturday September 8

BUONO SERA! Join us for an Italian Affair. The Charlton City United Methodist Men are starting up their delicious monthly suppers. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 8 5:30-7:00 p.m. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$6, children under 5 are free. Family maximum \$40. Tickets may be purchased at the door, reservations are greatly appreciated. You may call the church at (508) 248-7379 to place reservations or questions. Handicap accessible with ample parking. 74 Stafford St. Buon Appetito!!

Sunday September 9

STURBRIDGE PLANNING HALF-MARATHON: a half-marathon road race to honor Sturbridge resident and ESPN's ESPY award winner, Rick Hoyt will be held on Sept. 9 at 10:00 a.m. Registration page can be found at: <https://app.racereach.com/event/the-rick-hoyt-sturbridge-half-marathon>. If you have questions about the event or wish to participate, please contact Kevin Filchak at kfilchak@town.sturbridge.ma.us

STURBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET: Sturbridge Farmers Market every Sunday June 24 until September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Live music from noon until 2 p.m.

Monday September 10

CHARLTON GARDEN CLUB: Sept. 10 Charlton Garden Club Meeting. at 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Meeting will feature Gretel Anspach from the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association speaking on Using Cold Frames to Extend the Season. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300 or Marcia Liedigk at (508) 434-0507.

Month of October

PUMPKINS! The Pumpkins are Coming! The Pumpkins are Coming! Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is at the Sturbridge Federated Church where the best pumpkins and gourds will be for the month of October. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of the church including Habitat for Humanity, St. Luke's Guesthouse, and the Navajo reservation.

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88

Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of coin collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61

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ma.us/design-review-committee. You can read through the handbook and design guidelines, take a look at recent filings reviewed and approved at DRC meetings, and see what the applications look like for architectural and sign review.

The Design Review Committee (DRC) was approved by town meeting in 1982 and is intended to balance commercial

development interests with a preservation of community character and identity. This Design Review bylaw charges the DRC with reviewing the design of any construction or renovation project and all signs within non-residential zoning districts with the purpose of preserving for the citizens of Sturbridge, the natural and architectural qualities and historic assets that the town has developed throughout the years.

The purpose of Design Review is to promote safe, functional and attractive development of business and commer-

cial areas; to preserve and enhance the New England character of the town's commercial centers and thoroughfares as a valid general welfare concern; to unify commercial (and industrial) properties, both visually and physically, with surrounding land uses; to facilitate a more healthful town atmosphere; to protect and preserve the unique and cultural features within the town; and to protect commercial and residential property values by enhancing the town's appearance.

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How to conserve water as the mercury rises

Conserving natural resources is often so simple that people make some adjustments without affecting their daily lives at all. But sometimes it's not so easy to conserve.

Summer is one time of year when conservation efforts tend to require more sacrifice than normal. Even the most devoted conservationist may find it difficult to conserve water during the dog days of summer, when drought and soaring temperatures make it difficult to maintain lawns and gardens. Thankfully, there are ways to help lawns and gardens withstand summer's dog days without wasting water.

- Water wisely. Watering lawns and gardens in the early morning hours is a savvy move for various reasons. Heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion pose a serious threat to people of all ages, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cooling off in air conditioned places as temperatures climb. By watering their lawns and gardens early in the morning, homeowners are ensuring they won't be outside watering during those times of day when their risk for heat stroke and heat exhaustion is at its peak. In addition, watering in the early morning when the sun has not yet reached its peak decreases the amount of water that will be lost to evaporation, thereby increasing the amount of water that will make it into water-needy lawns and gardens.
- Shower at the beach. Beach enthusiasts can conserve water and save money on their water bills by taking quick showers at the beach to wash the sand off. A cold shower can be the perfect remedy after a long day of soaking up some sun at the beach. And because beach showers use cold water, beachgoers are less likely to take luxurious, potentially wasteful showers than they might at home.
- Take nights off from doing dishes. Hand-washing dishes may seem like a more effective way to conserve water than using a dishwasher, but that's not the case. The National Resources Defense Council notes that hand-washing dishes can consume as many as 27 gallons of water, while Energy Star®-rated dishwashers consume just three gallons of water. Before running the dishwasher, make sure it's full.
- Cover your pool. Keeping pools covered during the dog days of summer reduces the likelihood that pool water will be lost to evaporation. In fact, the GRACE Communications Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating sustainable food systems, notes that uncovered pools can lose as much as 1,000 gallons of water to evaporation each month.

Conserving water during the dog days of summer may require some sacrifice. But such sacrifices are easier than many people may expect.



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Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton. Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent,

child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and

furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

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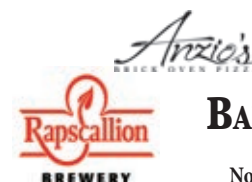
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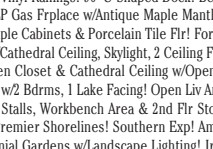
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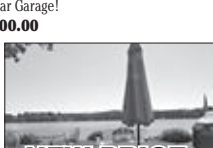
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LEGALS

TOWN OF BRIMFIELD PLANNING BOARD

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Brimfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing, on the following:

Public Hearing Notice

The Brimfield Planning Board will be holding a Site Plan Review Public Hearing for **SWEB Development USA, LLC** for the proposed project of a **2.3 megawatt direct current solar project**, which is located at **0 Palmer Road (parcel id: Map #13 Block# A, Lot 4)** on **September 5, 2018** at the Brimfield Town Hall (21 Main Street) at **7:30pm**.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Brimfield Planning Board or appear at the time and place designated above. A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Board Office in the Town Hall, please call 413-245-4100 x153 or email planning@brimfieldma.org.

August 17, 2018
August 24, 2018

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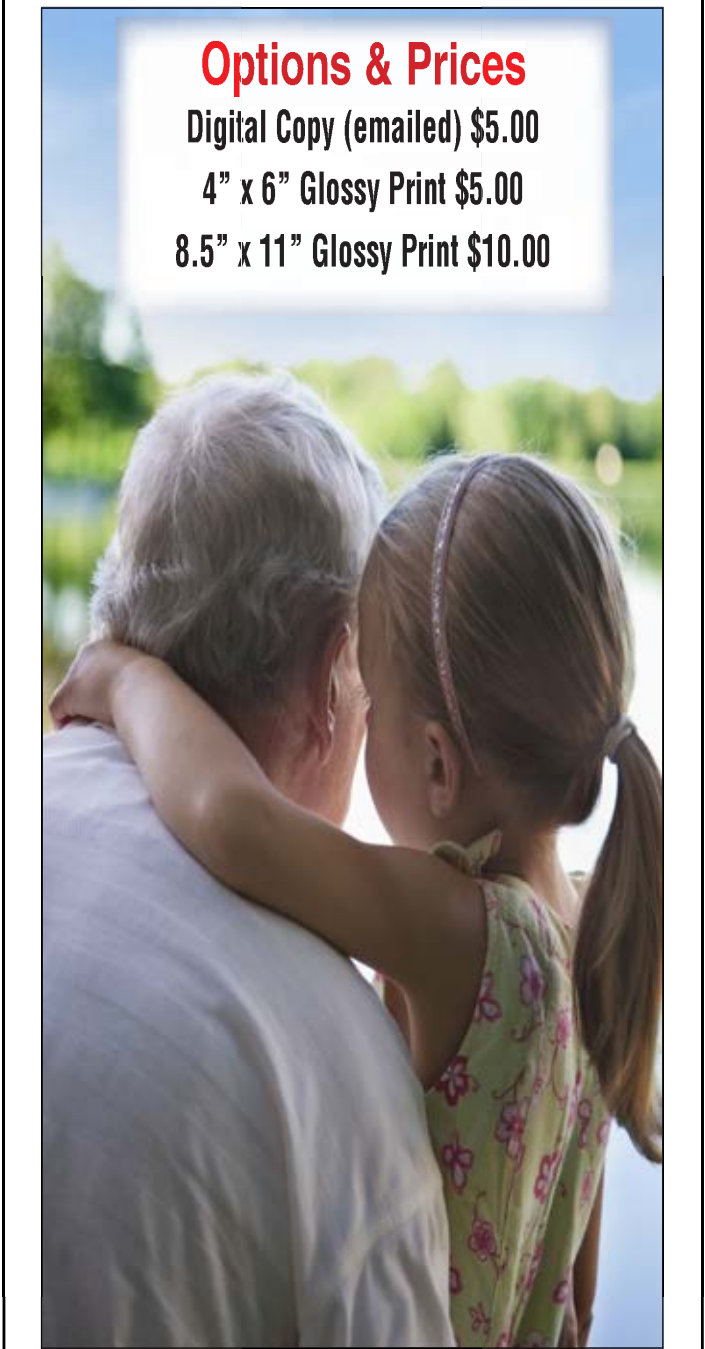
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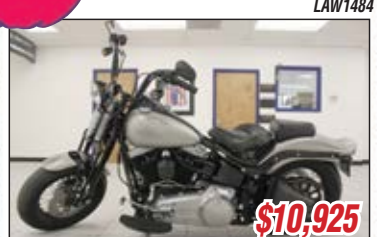


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How to conserve energy throughout summer



Ceiling fans can reduce reliance on costly air conditioners when cooling homes in summertime.

Energy bills tend to be high in summertime, when many people crank up their air conditioners in an attempt to combat the heat. For some households, higher energy bills might be stretching their budgets, while others might be looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprints.

Conserving energy can help homeowners save money and help the planet at the same time. And reducing energy consumption in the summer does not require men and women to sacrifice comfort in the name of conservation. In fact, various strategies can help homeowners and apartment dwellers reduce their summertime energy consumption.

- Stop cooling an empty home. A cool home might be the ultimate necessity during summer heat waves, but there's no reason to cool a residence when no one is home. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, operating thermostats more efficiently can help homeowners trim their cooling costs by as much as 10 percent. One way to

be more efficient with thermostats is to keep the house warmer than normal when no one is home. Programmable thermostats can be set so air conditioning units turn on shortly before residents arrive home, ensuring the house is comfortable and no energy is wasted.

- Narrow the gap between indoor and outdoor temperatures. The DOE notes that the smaller the difference between the temperature indoors and outside the lower cooling costs will be. While it may be tempting to set thermostats to room temperature (68 F) on days when temperatures reach 90 F or above, that's an enormous temperature gap that will result in a high energy bill. Instead, the DOE recommends setting thermostats to 78 F whenever possible.
- Open the windows at night. Daytime temperatures, particularly during the dog days of summer, may necessitate the use of air conditioners. But men and women who live in climates where temperatures drop considerably at night can sleep with their windows open. This reduces energy consumption and saves money, and can be a great way to introduce fresh air into a home during a time of year when air can become stagnant.
- Do not set air conditioner thermostats at lower than normal temperatures when turning them on. The DOE notes that setting thermostats at lower than normal temperatures when turning air conditioners on will not cool homes any faster than setting them at typical temperatures. Such a strategy will only lead to excessive energy consumption and higher energy bills.
- Install ceiling fans. Ceiling fans can improve cooling efficiency in a home. According to the DOE, ceiling fans allow men and women who use air conditioners to raise the thermostats on their AC units about 4 F without adversely affecting comfort levels. Men and women who live in temperate climates may find that ceiling fans are enough to keep rooms cool without the need for air conditioners.

Homeowners can combat high utility bills and excessive energy consumption during the summer with various eco- and budget-friendly strategies.

Clean indoor air can help reduce asthma attacks



Did you know that, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 25 million Americans, including roughly seven million children, have asthma? It's true, and those numbers have steadily risen in recent years.

Asthma is more than occasional wheezing or feeling out of breath during physical activity. Asthma is chronic and can lead to coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, fast breathing, and chest tightness, states the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. In the 21st century, people spend significant time indoors at home, school or work, and indoor air environments could be triggers for asthma. Improving indoor air quality can help people breathe clearly. The AAFA notes that the following agents can adversely affect indoor air quality, potentially triggering asthma attacks.

ALLERGENS

Allergens such as mold, dust mites, pet dander and fur, and waste from insects or rodents thrive in many homes. Ensuring indoor air quality is high can cut back on the amount of allergens in the air. People with asth-

ma can invest in an air purifier and vacuum regularly, being sure to use a HEPA-equipped appliance. Routinely replacing HVAC system filters can help prevent allergens from blowing around the house. Also, frequent maintenance of HVAC systems will ensure they are operating safely and not contributing to poor indoor air quality.

Mold can be mitigated by reducing moisture in a home. Moist environments in the kitchen and bathroom may promote mold growth. Ventilation is key to keep mold at bay.

TOBACCO SMOKE

Thirdhand smoke, or THS, may be unfamiliar to many people. A 2011 report published in Environmental Health Perspectives says THS is an invisible combination of gases and particles that can cling to clothing, cushions, carpeting, and other materials long after secondhand smoke has cleared from a room. Studies have indicated that residual nicotine levels can be found in house dust where people smoke or once smoked. Studies have indicated that smoke compounds can adsorb onto surfaces and then desorb back into air over time.

Keeping tobacco smoke out of a home can improve indoor air quality and personal health.

VOCS

Volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, are gases released from commonly used products. These can include paints and varnishes, cleaning supplies, air fresheners, new furniture, and new carpet. People with asthma may find that VOCs can trigger attacks. Airing out items, reducing usage of products that are heavily scented and choosing low- or no-VOC products can help. Making cleaning products from baking soda, vinegar and liquid oil soap also can keep indoor air quality high.

Homeowners who plan to renovate their homes can consider using the appropriate specifications for HVAC systems to promote good indoor air, as well as address any other potential problems that may be compromising indoor air quality.

Run air conditioners without wasting energy



Having central air conditioning units serviced before the start of summer can ensure they run as efficiently as possible when temperatures begin to rise.

Few people can make it through the dog days of summer without turning on their air conditioners. Men and women concerned about the environment and conserving energy may try to avoid using their air conditioners, but doing so on especially hot days can be challenging and potentially even deadly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 600 people die from complications related to extreme heat each year. Heat stroke can result when a body overheats after prolonged exposure to or physical exertion in high temperatures. The Mayo Clinic notes that the condition is most common in summer and that a lack of air conditioning during periods of sustained hot weather is a risk for heat stroke.

Conserving energy during

summer is a noble pursuit, but people should not jeopardize their health in an effort to conserve energy. Air conditioners might not be the most eco-friendly appliances, but there are ways to run them without wasting energy.

- Use a window unit or zoned system overnight. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that central air conditioners are more efficient than room air conditioners, which are typically installed in windows. But central air conditioning systems that are not zoned may be cooling empty rooms overnight. Apartment dwellers may find window units less wasteful, while homeowners who can afford to install zoned air conditioning systems may rest easier knowing they are only paying to cool certain parts of their homes overnight. Zoned systems come equipped with

programmable thermostats that homeowners can adjust when they go to bed, ensuring they won't be cooling empty living rooms and basements overnight.

- Have units serviced before summer begins. Well-maintained central air conditioners will work more efficiently. Routine maintenance of air conditioning systems will ensure that systems aren't working harder, and therefore consuming more energy, than necessary to cool a home.
- Let fans and air conditioners work together. The DOE notes that using fans and air conditioners simultaneously is an effective way to circulate cool air throughout a home. By running both fans and air conditioners at the same, the air conditioners won't have to be run as long or as hard as they would if no fans were turned on.
- Conserve energy in other ways. Because the dangers of heat stroke and heat exhaustion are so considerable, men and women should never keep their air conditioners off on hot days simply to conserve energy. Finding safer alternatives to conserving energy on hot days can be just as effective and won't put consumers' health at risk. Unplug appliances that are not being used and prepare cold dinners so ovens that can make home interiors feel hotter won't need to be turned on. In addition, take advantage of the longer daylight hours in summer and keep lights off until the sun goes down. These are safe ways to conserve energy on hot days.

Air conditioners can keep people safe during summer, and there are ways to use them and still conserve energy.

How to conserve water as the mercury rises



Conserving natural resources is often so simple that people make some adjustments without affecting their daily lives at all. But sometimes it's not so easy to conserve.

Summer is one time of year when conservation efforts tend to require more sacrifice than normal. Even the most devoted conservationist may find it difficult to conserve water during the dog days of summer, when drought and soaring temperatures make it difficult to maintain lawns and gardens. Thankfully, there are ways to help lawns and gardens withstand summer's dog days without wasting water.

- Water wisely. Watering lawns and gardens in the early morning hours is a savvy move for various reasons. Heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion pose a serious threat to people of all ages, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends cooling off in air conditioned places as temperatures climb. By watering their lawns and gardens early in the morning, homeowners are ensuring they won't be outside watering during those times of day when their risk for heat stroke and heat exhaustion is at its peak. In addition, watering in the early morning when the sun has not yet reached its peak decreases the amount of water that will be lost to evaporation, thereby increasing the amount of water that will make it into water-needy lawns and gardens.
- Shower at the beach. Beach enthusiasts can conserve water and save money on their water bills by taking quick showers at the beach to wash the sand off. A cold shower can be the perfect remedy after a long day of soaking up some sun at the beach. And because beach showers use cold water, beachgoers are less likely to take luxurious, potentially wasteful showers than they might at home.
- Take nights off from doing dishes. Hand-washing dishes may seem like a more effective way to conserve water than using a dishwasher, but that's not the case. The National Resources Defense Council notes that hand-washing dishes can consume as many as 27 gallons of water, while Energy Star®-rated dishwashers consume just three gallons of water. Before running the dishwasher, make sure it's full.
- Cover your pool. Keeping pools covered during the dog days of summer reduces the likelihood that pool water will be lost to evaporation. In fact, the GRACE Communications Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating sustainable food systems, notes that uncovered pools can lose as much as 1,000 gallons of water to evaporation each month.

Conserving water during the dog days of summer may require some sacrifice. But such sacrifices are easier than many people may expect.

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Green options in home siding

If new siding is on the list of must-do home projects this year, there are many factors to consider. Though it's a transformative renovation, replacement siding is a significant and potentially expensive undertaking. Therefore, careful consideration must be given to the materials used and their maintenance, longevity, insulation factor, and cost. Many homeowners also want siding that is eco-friendly.

Sustainability is an important consideration for many homeowners. Data from the National Association of Home Builders' "Green Multifamily and Single Family Homes 2017 SmartMarket Brief" indicates that at least one-third of single-family and multifamily home builders who were surveyed said that green building is a significant portion of their overall activity (more than 60 percent of their portfolio). By 2022, this number should increase to nearly one-half in both the single-family and multifamily sectors. Green building has become an important and established part of the residential construction sector.

Where siding is sourced, the materials that go into its fabrication and how well that siding insulates a home are key aspects of its "green factor." The following are some of the more sustainable options in home siding.

RECLAIMED TIMBER

A house sided with clapboard, or a log cabin-inspired look, is iconic. These types of siding are typically made from insect-repellant pine, cedar, cypress, or redwood. While lumber certified by the Forest Stewardship Council is envi-



Stucco, reclaimed wood and brick can be more eco-friendly than vinyl siding and other materials.

ronmentally friendly, homeowners may want to seek out reclaimed lumber. This wood has history and causes very little environmental impact. Plus, timber salvaged from old buildings or fallen trees may be superior to new wood because it likely came from slow-growing, old trees with dense grain.

BRICK

Avoid any negative environmental impact by choosing locally produced or reclaimed bricks — or those made from post-consumer content. The

longevity of bricks can often offset the energy expenditure in their manufacture. Plus, many bricks are made from natural clay, which can be an excellent insulator.

STUCCO

HouseLogic says traditional stucco is made from sand and Portland cement mixed with water to make a usable plaster. It's tough and durable — often lasting the life of the house. Eco-friendly variants include stucco made with an earth-and-lime mixture, offsetting the

CO2 emissions associated with cement production. Stucco can reduce air infiltration that causes drafts in a home.

FIBER-CEMENT

Fiber-cement is similar to stucco in that it is made from sand, Portland cement, clay, and wood pulp fibers. It can be fire-resistant and insect-proof and will not rot. It's a stable material that can recover almost 80 percent of the initial cost, according to the National Association of Realtors®.

STONE

This nonrenewable resource can be beautiful on a home and durable, but mining it can impact the environment. If homeowners can use reclaimed or displaced stone, those are more sustainable options. Manufactured stone, which is cement and other materials molded to look like stone, is also aesthetically appealing and more eco-friendly.

Replacing siding is a significant undertaking. Homeowners can consider sustainability when selecting replacement siding materials.

Maintain indoor air quality all year long



Ducts may need to be serviced by professionals in homes where indoor air quality is poor.

Millions of people anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring. Months spent cooped up indoors as temperatures outside dip below freezing can take their toll, and those first warm, sunny days of spring can be just what people need to kick the winter blues.

Winter can be dreary for people confined to indoors as temperatures drop, and poor air quality

in a home can add to that dreariness while adversely affecting individuals' health. Air quality tends to suffer most in winter, but there are ways to ensure the air inside a home stays healthy all year long.

- Inspect and address any sources of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an invisible, odorless gas that can contribute to poor

indoor air quality and a host of health problems if it goes undetected in a home. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, potential sources of CO in a home include improperly vented natural gas appliances, such as stoves and water heaters, gas-powered tools that are used indoors, clogged chimneys, or blocked heating exhaust vents.

Men and women can periodically inspect potential sources of CO and address any issues they find while also making sure all CO detectors are properly installed and functioning optimally.

- Inspect HVAC ducts. Ductwork is used to deliver warm or cool air in homes with heating and air conditioning systems. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes

that much of the dirt in air ducts adheres to the duct surfaces without ever entering living spaces. However, the EPA notes that homeowners should consider having their ducts cleaned if an inspection uncovers substantial visible mold growth. In addition, the EPA recommends homeowners consider cleaning if ducts are infested with vermin or clogged

with excessive amounts of dust or debris.

- Avoid chemical cleaning products. Chemical cleaning products may be great at disinfecting dishes, countertops and other areas in the home, but such items may be toxic and adversely affect indoor air quality. For example, chemicals such as bleach and ammonia, which are used in many commercial cleaning products, can linger in the air, irritating the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Homeowners concerned about the quality of air in their homes also can avoid scented products, such as air fresheners and scented detergents, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health notes may release volatile organic compounds into the air.

- Inspect bathrooms for mold growth. Mold can grow on surfaces that are routinely wet, and that makes poorly ventilated bathrooms common sources for home mold infestations. Mold can adversely affect indoor air quality when mold spores are released, potentially triggering allergic reactions, asthma attacks and respiratory conditions. After bathing in bathrooms without vents, men and women can open windows so the room dries before mold can grow. In bathrooms with vents, make sure vents are running during baths and showers and afterward until ceilings, walls and floors appear dry.

Poor indoor air quality can be easily addressed to ensure individuals stay healthy throughout the year.



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