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"Breaking Legs" rehearsal with David Corkum, Shaun Moriarty, Patrick Bracken and Jim Piehl.

Gateway set to 'break a leg'

New play debuts Oct. 14

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Gateway Players is presenting "Breaking Legs," a comedy by Tom Dulack opening on Oct. 14. Producer Lou-Ellen Corkum said it's a lighthearted comedy that will allow the audience to escape and have a few laughs.

"Breaking Legs" takes place in an Italian restaurant owned by a successful mobster, managed by his unmarried daughter. The daughter's former college professor comes to the mob boss to ask for financial backing for a play he has written. Three mafia members become interested in producing the play.

"It's funny with great interactions between the mafia members and the professor, who sees some of their life, what they do," said board president Corkum. "The play spoke to director Mike Dupuis. There must have been something about this play that he really liked. Maybe he was able to relate to the characters, not that Mike's in the mafia."

According to Corkum, despite being members of the mafia the characters

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Walktober kicks off in area

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's the 26th year for Walktober in The Last Green Valley, and the long-running fall tradition for the National Heritage Corridor shows no signs of slowing down.

Every fall, The Last Green Valley hosts an organized calendar of events ranging from the end of September through mid-November of free and one-of-a-kind events stretching throughout the corridor stretching through eastern Connecticut and south central Worcester County in Massachusetts.

Marcy Dawley, Project Administrator for The Last Green Valley, said the 26th year continues the trend of Walktober surpassing even the organization's own expectations with more businesses, organizations and historic groups getting involved in the fun.

"Last year after we surpassed 200 opportunities for participants to get out and explore and we thought, 'How on earth will we ever keep growing?' This year we're over 270 so indeed we did grow," Dawley said. "I think what's happening is it's continuing to grow so well because all of the attendees that have gone for years and years are now thinking about their own towns and organizations and they're realizing that they, themselves have stories to tell and places to offer. Walktober is a great opportunity to get people to visit and it's a great way to show off what you have."

Several highlight features are included on The Last Green Valley's 2016 Walktober calendar. The Town of Southbridge specifically is fully embracing it's involvement in the Walktober campaign with several events celebrating the town's 200th anniversary.

"In conjunction with that they kind of took a look at their town and thought they had a lot of history to share," Dawley said. "It's not really an old town for this area but it's had a log of things that have happened over those 200 years. It's got a historic downtown with beautiful architecture and some wonderful organizations. The library jumped in, the recreation department jumped in. They all really worked together to put a pretty good lineup out there and they followed Norwich's example who had been doing that same thing for a few years."

Walktober has a record number of forestry walks on this year's calendar along with the traditional farm tours, night sky events, the return of dam tours to the lineup and many historical site visits to everyone to learn the

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Public hearing targets Casella for contamination

'Charlton has issues with the landfill'

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — State Sen. Anne M. Gobi called a public hearing at the Charlton Town Hall on Thursday, Sept. 15, to discuss the well contamination in town. Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Director Mary Pigsley pointed to Casella Waste Systems as the source of the contamination.

She stated: "If you're the owner or operator at a site where contaminates have been located, you are responsible."

More than 60 people attended the meeting, including state representatives, town board members and concerned citizens. In October of last year, human carcinogen 1, 4-dioxane and other toxins were detected in 21 residential wells in the H. Foote Road neighborhood, halting Casella's plans of expanding into Charlton.

While Casella has been providing water bottles to the affected homes since the discovery, Director of Landfill Development Tom Cue said Casella has provided the DEP with numerous documents that prove Casella is not at fault for the contamination.

According to Cue, Casella has had meetings with the DEP, who told them DEP's research could not eliminate the landfill from contamination. But Casella has yet to see the findings. There will be a meeting late September (as of press time, no date was decided on) between Southbridge, DEP and Casella to discuss the DEP's findings, which contradict Casella's own

Please Read **CASELLA,** page **A18**

Cabinet Making Instructor Dave Martinson and Bay Path students helped make storage shelves and railing. Said Martinson: "This is the fourth year we've been doing this. It's something we look forward to doing with the students."

Olivia Richman photos

All Star Incentive Marketing employees Tammy Perras and Chelsea Lowe helped out at Charlton's Chip-In Food Pantry. "We both volunteer frequently," they said. "It feels good to give back and learn about organizations out there and what they do for the community."

DAY OF CARING

The United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton held its 10th Annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, Sept. 21. More than 140 volunteers from various businesses and organizations in the area went out to non-profit organizations in the tri-community area to perform maintenance, grounds keeping, building and painting duties. *For more information, turn to page A4!*

Halloween events add flair to library lineup

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Library is going green for Halloween!

This Saturday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the library is hosting their first ever Halloween Costume Swap. Children of all ages are encouraged to either donate a gently used costume or bring in a costume to trade for another gently used costume.

Children's Librarian Patricia Lalli came up with the idea when the library staff realized that so many families had extra costumes. Said Assistant Children's Librarian Jude McDonald: "Some people can't afford costumes. And there are people buying costumes every year. The old costumes are sitting up in the attic for years. Another child could wear it and have fun on Halloween."

The community seems to agree with the sentiment. A few families have already started to donate their gently worn costumes and other families have promised to bring some by. Library staff are hoping there will be enough costumes for children to "swap and shop" on the day of the costume exchange.

"Dressing up for Halloween is just something kids like to do," said McDonald. "A lot of times parents are working so hard but still can't afford to buy a costume or don't have the time to make a homemade costume, which many parents around here do. Children just love Halloween and love to get dressed up and use their imaginations."

Realizing that kids love Halloween, the Joshua Hyde Library has planned a lot of Halloween-themed events for library patrons. An upcoming event is called "Spooky, Slimy, Slithery: Animals for All Hallow's Eve," will be coming to Joshua Hyde on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. Animal Adventure is bringing snakes, lizards and other misunderstood reptiles and creatures to educate and excite the children.

The program is free, but pre-registration is required. A lot of kids have already signed up, so the event appears to be quite popular, said McDonald. She said: "It's a little scary, going along with Halloween. Some kids feel these creatures are spooky and creepy. It also raises awareness and lets children come and learn about these interesting animals."

Joshua Hyde Library will also have Read for Treats. Starting Oct. 1 children can come in and get a paper pumpkin with lines on it, where they can write down five books that they've read. Then they bring it back and it goes on the library's window and the children are rewarded with a treat from the treasure box. The program continues until the end of October.

"It encourages children to come in and take out books, increasing circulation. It keeps kids reading," said McDonald. "They also like to be rewarded for reading. It's like Trick-or-Treating. It's Halloween!"

To find out more about an upcoming program or pre-register call 508-347-2512.

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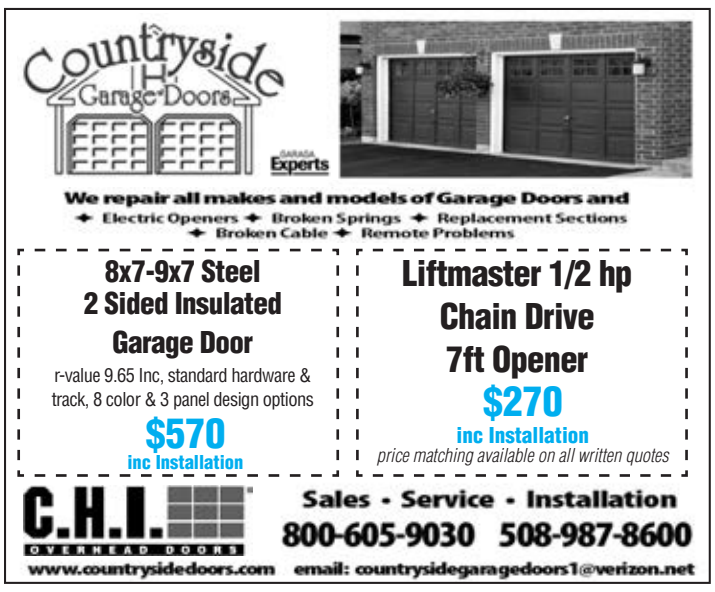

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Harrington Hospital Auxiliary presents psychic event

STURBRIDGE — The Harrington Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a special event featuring world-renowned, professional medium and psychic Gary McKinstry on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Old Sturbridge Village from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Auxiliary invites you to attend McKinstry's presentation and make a "connection" with your loved ones on the "Other" side.

McKinstry's reputation is well known in New England. He is one of a handful of psychics to have toured the Victorian Mansion in Gardner, which he certified as definitely haunted. His psychic activities have been chronicled in Ghost Hunters of America: Real Stories of Paranormal Investigators. McKinstry has also verified that the Publick House in Sturbridge is haunted and has been since the Colonial era.

At the event attendees will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for two raffles. Proceeds from a 50/50 raffle will enable the Auxiliary to purchase equipment and provide community health programs that support Harrington Hospital's mission. The winner of the second raffle will receive a one-hour private reading with McKinstry.

Tickets for the event are $20 each and can be purchased through Harrington Hospital's Volunteer Office at 100 South Street, Southbridge. For more information, please call 508-765-6473 or email khibbard@harringtonhospital.org.

This event featuring Gary McKinstry is held in memory of Cecile T. Edmunds.

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American Legion District 4 Baseball League awards scholarship

The Phil Samko District 4 American Legion Baseball Scholarship, in the amount of $1,000, was awarded to Conor Scully of Auburn. Conor has been an outstanding member of the Cherry Valley Post 443 baseball team for the past three years. He graduated from Auburn High School Class of 2016 and is now a freshman at Western New England University in Springfield. Conor will finish his last season with Cherry Valley Post 443 next summer.

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- The United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton Executive Director Mary O'Coin, commenting on last week's successful Day of Caring.

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‘Everyone is afraid of something’

Local writer visits JEL to discuss latest horror work

BY OLIVIA RICHMAN
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Prolific writer Kevin Flanders visited the Jacob Edwards Library on Sept. 15 to discuss his most recent published novel, “Burn, Do Not Read.” The Monson resident has written 12 books and published five at only 28 years old, something he’s accomplished while holding a full-time job as a reporter for Stonebridge Press.

Olivia Richman sat down with Flanders to find out what inspires him to write his scary mystery novels and get some advice for other young writers looking to get published.

For more information on his books, visit www.kmflanders.wordpress.com.

What is your latest book, “Burn, Do Not Read,” about?

“It’s about an elderly gentleman who moves to the West Coast following a tragedy. But as soon as he arrives there, he notices that something is off about his new house. Strange things begin to happen, and before long, he realizes that the darkness of guilt and grief that plagued him back east has followed him to his new home. Something else is lurking there as well, though, and he must unlock several mysteries before it’s too late.”

What inspired this most recent book?

“‘Burn, Do Not Read’ was inspired by my grandparents’ previous house in Pennsylvania. It was located in an extremely remote wooded area — miles away from anything resembling a neighborhood. We only stayed overnight there a few times, but creepy things would always happen, from shadows to strange noises to bizarre happenings. One time, an air conditioner exploded without warning. Another time, I awoke to find my dog standing on my back and growling at the door, something she never did before or after. Simply entering the house, my family and I got a bad omen.”

What got you into writing mysteries/horror books? What do you like about writing this genre?

“I love horror because it is easily relatable for people of all ages. Everyone is afraid of something, and I found that people can quickly identify with my characters. As a kid, I loved the ‘Goosebumps’ series and watching ‘Are you Afraid of the Dark?’ on Nickelodeon. In my high school years, I gravitated toward Stephen King, Dean Koontz and Peter Straub, which really allowed me to sharpen my own skills.”

Have those authors inspired you to write? Who are some other inspirations?

“Everyone from family members to teachers to coaches have inspired my work. I feel like I’ve been able to take the best of what everyone has taught me in life and translate that into my fiction. Of course, a few of the unpleasant people I’ve encountered have also inspired characters, but everyone loves a good villain as well! In terms of authors, R.L. Stine really got me loving to read every day as a kid. Stephen King made me want to get better at writing. Dean Koontz’s works showed me the beauty and joy of writing.”

What really got you started with writing? When did you write your first book?

“I didn’t start writing seriously until college. Previously, I was heavy into ice hockey as a goalie. There was a lot of pressure to win at our school – the program hadn’t won a sectional title since 1981 – and school took a back seat to hockey in terms of my mental preparation. I knew I had a strong vocabulary and enjoyed reading, but there wasn’t much extra time when I was playing hockey almost every day. In college, with my hockey career behind me, I got into writing seriously at Franklin Pierce University. My first book, ‘The Inhabitants,’ was written during sophomore year at the very apartment in Rindge, N.H. that inspired the novel. Since then, I have written about two books a year. I always thought hockey was my true passion, but in college I discovered that writing is actually my calling.”

Photo courtesy Kevin Flanders

Mystery author and Stonebridge Press Staff Writer Kevin Flanders visited the Jacob Edwards Library to discuss his newest novel “Burn, Do Not Read.”

What do you like about writing?

“I enjoy the ability for my writing to transport and transcend. Sometimes when I’m really getting into a scene I’ll look up from my laptop screen after a few minutes of typing and be surprised to find that I’m in my bedroom – and not in the scene itself. Whether I’m writing about a necromancer in the fog-filled bayous of Louisiana, or a haunting aboard a rickety old night train, writing is the cheapest and fastest form of travel. It brings you straight to the scene, spanning thousands of miles in seconds…and without having to wait in line for security or take off your shoes!”

You are only 28 and have five published novels! What is your advice for others looking to publish their books or even looking to start writing?

“Whenever I talk to young writers or students in schools I always tell them to just keep going no matter what. Writing is a challenge. There aren’t a lot of opportunities for large-scale validation. To the best of my knowledge there are no reality TV shows in which you’ll read a passage from your work and celebrity authors will spin around in chairs for you, grinning and applauding and begging you to be on their teams. Instead, you’ll get thousands of rejections from agents and publishers, but all it takes is one yes. For me, all it takes is one person to enjoy one of my books or identify with a character, and that’s all I need. If I can impact one person’s life through my work, then I’ve done my job. But no matter how hard things get, or if I lose confidence in my abilities, I always tell myself to just keep writing. Even if it’s for only a few minutes a day, keep writing.”

How does it feel when people do give you positive feedback? How does it feel to know people are out there enjoying something you created and worked so hard on?

“It’s an indescribably rewarding feeling to hear praise for my work. I want to not only entertain people but provide thought-provoking, inspiring characters and compelling scenes. I want to move people through the transitions of my characters, creating a mirror to life itself through which people can see their own improvements and development. There is nothing more powerful than seeing ourselves in fictional heroes. Often times they are the best versions of ourselves — the people we aspire to be, the people who far exceed our bravery and determination.”

Outside of writing, what are some of your hobbies? What do you enjoy doing?

“I play hockey on Sunday nights — we’ve won seven beer league championships and counting. I also enjoy speed chess at three minutes — it gets the mind thinking in an entirely different and strategic way, which helps with both writing and hockey. I also love model railroading, watching baseball, hanging out with friends, family and my dog, and traveling.”

What’s next for you? Any upcoming books you’re working on?

“My current book, ‘Somnolence,’ is by far the scariest. It surrounds the sudden disappearance of 10 people in a remote Vermont town. There is a theme of sleep paralysis throughout the book (which some say is contagious, and that just speaking about it will allow you to contract it). Readers are kept on edge in terms of determining the antagonist. The book also provides several subplots and insights into societal issues and challenges.”

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United Way celebrates a decade of caring with projects

The United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton held its 10th Annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, Sept. 21. More than 140 volunteers from various businesses and organizations in the area went out to non-profit organizations in the tri-community area to perform maintenance, grounds keeping, building and painting duties. Volunteers did work at the Chip-In Food Pantry, Charlton Arts & Activities and Heritage School in Charlton, The Bridge, Venture Community Services and Food Share in Southbridge and Federated Church and Sturbridge Senior Center in Sturbridge, among others.

"It's great to have these hard working community members from area businesses," said Executive Director Mary O'Coin, "supporting member agencies and other non-profits that provide outstanding service to the tri-community."

Olivia Richman photos

Jessica Joseph, from the Southbridge Credit Union and training supervisor at Bay Path, painted some signs with students.

Karen Largesse (Southbridge Savings Bank), Alan Melidossian (Savers Bank), Debbie Twigg (Southbridge Savings Bank) and Angela Parker (Spencer Bank) painted rooms for the Sturbridge Senior Center.

More than 140 volunteers from various businesses and organizations in the tri-community performed maintenance, grounds keeping, building and painting duties at project sites.

The Bridge employees with their newly painted porches. In the past, they had volunteers participate in United Way's Day of Caring.

All Star Incentive Marketing employees gardened at the Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale.

Harrington Hospital employees Ross Anderson, Jeffrey Boucher II and Charles Hall painted decks and stairs for The Bridge. "We've done it for a number of years," said Anderson. "These guys are rookies, but I bet they'll be back next year!"

CLUES ACROSS

1. __ blache: Freedom
6. Plan
12. A jolt
15. "Doonesbury" character
16. Inspiring with love
17. Blood type
19. Anno Domini
20. Janet Reno held this post
21. Arab Republic of Egypt
22. Midway between south and east
23. Sodium
24. Twitches
26. Not loud
28. Hindmost
30. Be quiet!
31. This gives you money
32. Check
34. Short-term memory
35. Askew
37. Platforms
39. Towards the mouth
40. Copied
41. Emerges
43. Menial laborer
44. Chinese sword
45. Energy unit
47. Unhappy
48. The Golden State (abbr.)
50. External
52. Strayed
54. Liquid body substances
56. Plutonium
57. Truckers use this
59. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
60. Beloved British princess Lady __
61. The Bay State (abbr.)
62. Thallium
63. Rebuilt
66. Element
67. The law of retaliation
70. Cuts
71. Mexican monetary units

CLUES DOWN

1. Mothlike insect
2. Equally
3. Flightless birds
4. Grilling tool
5. When you plan to arrive
6. Thoroughfare
7. Philosophical life force
8. Birds
9. Anxious
10. Man's title
11. Issued
13. Prayer leader
14. Edible red algae
15. Hitters need this
18. Froths on fermenting liquors
25. A two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
26. Amount (abbr.)
27. Small amount
29. Fundamental quality
31. Cubage unit
33. Bleated
36. No longer is
38. Initial public offering
39. Hard to interpret
41. Highly skilled
42. The woman
43. A bachelor has one
46. Trial prints
47. Passover feast
49. Military forces
51. Plant part
53. Remake
54. Flanks
55. Swiss river
58. Ottoman governors
60. Vale
64. Encountered
65. One track circuit
68. Opposite of yes
69. Hello (slang)

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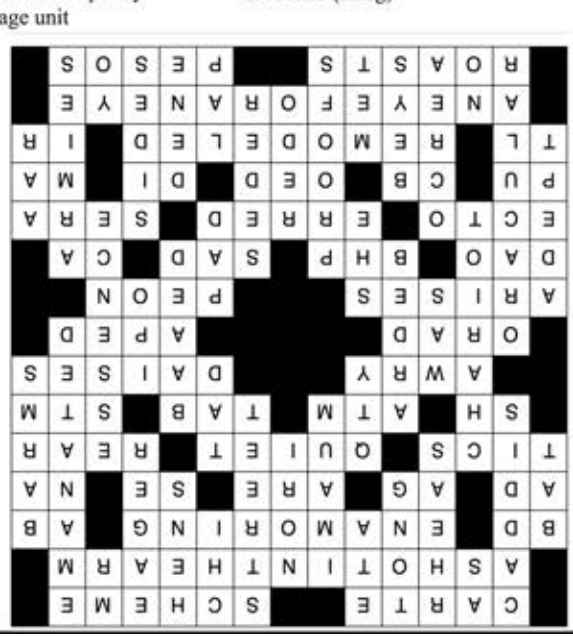

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Church concert raises awareness for gun violence

SOUTHBRIDGE — Holy Trinity Episcopal Church took part in Concert Across America, a national event where churches across America agreed to hold a concert on Sunday, Sept. 25 to raise awareness against gun violence.

"It brings awareness," said Senior Warden Nancy Waugh. "We're trying to come from a positive angle. It's not against guns. It's against violence and in support of the victims of gun violence."

Members of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church sang hymns and prayers about peace, along with community members. A way to bring people together, the positive event had people laughing and smiling, as well as talking seriously about gun violence.

Community and church members sang "I Vow To Thee, My Country."

Jean Frost and John Grant were on guitar.

Pianist Anne Bouvier-Monroe.

Church members sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

"We're coming at this from a positive angle," said Senior Warden Nancy Waugh. "We aren't against guns. We're against gun violence."

Olivia Richman photos

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church members took part in Concert Across America.

The Concert Across America was a way for churches to stay positive and promote peace during a time when gun violence is prevalent.

Father Richard Signore started with a prayer.

Tamsin Lucey, of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, took part in the concert.

The upbeat messages in the songs acted as a way to bring awareness to gun violence and promote peace.

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QVS auction fundraiser nets $6K in first year

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Edward and Shirley Rossmeisl came out to support the choir.

CHARLTON — The Quinebaug Valley Singers held their inaugural silent and live auction on Sept. 7, raising more than $6,000. Complete with live music and a free dinner, the QVS fundraiser was a huge increase from the organization's previous annual yard sale fundraisers.

"This was a substantial help to our organization as we now plan to go ahead with the professional recording of our '10 Years of QVS Christmas Favorites' album coming this January," said QVS member Linda Lambrecht.

The silent auction included gift cards, handmade items, gift baskets and instruments.

The silent and live auction raised around $5,000 for the QVS.

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Pianist Brook Milgate performed for the auction crowd.

Richard and Kerstin Forrester and Pauline and Bob White enjoyed their free dinner at the auction.

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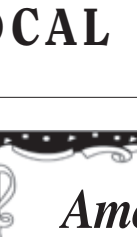

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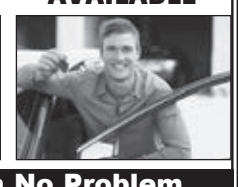

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'Dancing With the Stars' drives home domestic violence message

STURBRIDGE — Music was in the air on Saturday, Sept. 24, as the Tri-Town Domestic Violence Task Force presented the latest edition of the local Dancing With the Stars event at Burgess Elementary School. Inspired by the television show of the same name, the competition paired local dancing professionals with local celebrities, including a daredevil, EMT, Relay for Life activist, Judo Master, and a professional clown. Each contestant brought little something different to the table to add to their performance, with famed daredevil and record setter Doug Danger and his partner Joanne Chidester coming out on top at the end of the night. The event also included audience participation, a judo demonstration and even a Lady Gaga tribute show while helping raise awareness of domestic violence and not only how to recognize it, but inspire victims to speak out about their experiences.

Jason Bleau photos

The trophies presented to the winners of the 2016 Dancing With the Stars event in Southbridge.

Doug "Danger" Senacal, along with his professional partner Joanne Chidester, practices his routine before taking to the stage with "Danger Zone," by Kenny Loggins, providing the music for their paso doble/tango mix. The stunt rider's practice paid off as the duo took home the top prize.

Local volunteer, Relay for Life activist, and Community Emergency Response Team Supervisor Jackie Brogna poses for a photo with her partner, Tony Miloski, before their dance.

Mickey Splaine, a local singer, personal trainer and EMT, and his partner Edna Stefeniak. perform the Foxtrot to the sounds of Frank Sinatra's "This Town."

Performing the Cha-Cha with his professional partner Heidi Schoenfeldt, local judo master Aaron Cote didn't have to go far out of his element for the dance competition later explaining that he was able to incorporate much of his martial arts training into his moves.

An all-star panel of judges was on hand to critique each performance. Cheryl Noel, State Representatives Anne Gobi and Todd Smola and last year's Dancing With the Stars winner Dennis McCurdy served as the judging panel to decide the winner.

Driving home the significance of domestic violence awareness in the local community, each of these plates told the story of a domestic violence victim. The Dancing With the Stars event was put on in part to help raise awareness of these cases and the countless others that go unheard.

Nicole Portwood, better known to the public as Maggie the Clown, was the first star to take the stage performing a jazz dance with her professional partner, Tantasqua sophomore and aspiring dancer and actor Zoe Watson.

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Nickie Fuller, a Lady Gaga tribute artist, capped off the show with her back up dancers Jose Santos and Brenden Silbaugh by her side.

During intermission, guests were given the opportunity to partake in some Zumba, led by Erin Greene Wallace.

Apple Bazaar draws a crowd in new location

Olivia Richman photos

Usually held on the Sturbridge Town Common, the Apple Bazaar had success at their new location, the Trinity Catholic Academy.

SOUTHBRIDGE — The St. Anne & St. Peter Apple Bazaar saw success at their new location, the Trinity Catholic Academy. On Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25 members of the parish came together to sell homemade goods, baked goods and raffle tickets for the 117 theme baskets. The two-day sale is the parish's largest fundraiser of the year.

Church members Jennifer, Lucy, Ricky and Carson Ricci.

Rachel Lavallee, Terry Caplette and John Krupinski ran the theme basket raffle.

Knitted hats and scarves by Pauline Devlin and Jeannette Krans were a huge hit at the fundraiser.

Father Peter, Charlene Szwarc and Pauline Sey at the bake table, which was filled with homemade chocolates and sweets.

Parish members sold apples from Breeze Lands.

Jeanne Benoit and Lucille Tremblay sold knit and crotchet items they made throughout the year.

There were over 117 theme baskets for people to pick from.

"This is a hobby for me," said Peter Precourt. "I really enjoy nature."

Friday's Child

Nick is a fun-loving 11-year-old Caucasian boy who is creative and loves to sing. He is caring and polite. His hobbies include reading, playing Wii, using his bug catching kit, playing soccer, building with Legos, and listening to music. He has a vivid imagination and likes to engage in role-playing games while active outside or inside with action figures. He is helpful with his younger foster brother playing with or reading to him. Nick enjoys one-on-one attention, and also enjoys playing independently with action figures, Legos, and Pokemon cards. Nick's favorite foods are chicken nuggets, pizza, and tacos. He also loves fruits and veggies including broccoli and carrots. While he has a short list of favorites he is willing to try new foods. Nick has played on a town soccer team for two seasons and would like to explore some new activities, too. Nick helps with chores around the house such as putting away silverware and sweeping the porch. He makes his bed and keeps his room neat. Nick loves dogs and is really good with them. He likes all kinds of pets and is interested in animals. Nick is very smart and does well at school academically. He does his homework every night cheerfully and quickly. He is in a regular education classroom but accesses school counselors when needed

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OPINION

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Me, myself and I

The Minor Details

Adam Minor

It happens more often than you might think, and you might not believe this because I am a member of the dreaded "media" (gasp!) — but yes, it's true, even I receive "hate mail" from time to time.

I'll give you a few seconds to recover from that world-altering piece of sarcastic truth.

The term "hate mail" is actually a little strong. These people don't actually "hate" me. They don't even know me. They might just "strongly dislike" everything I say and stand for. And it's easier to lob fireballs from a distance behind the veil of an e-mail or anonymous phone call than putting your name and face to it, but I digress.

This particular piece of vitriol that inspired this column was sent a few weeks ago (which I won't put a name to), and was actually a carefully crafted, several-hundred-word e-mail directly aimed at this column. Now, before you all get your pitchforks out, let me remind you that people are entitled to their opinions, even this guy, whom I'll just say frankly, is not a fan of my work. To be clear, I am not naïve enough to assume that everyone likes this column. It's an acquired taste, a light piece of marshmallow fluff in an otherwise weary world of news. I like to think that sharing my life with my readers is a good thing. Some people think I should write about politics (FYI, that's not going to happen), others think I should write about history of local towns (what they don't realize is that this column is published in more than 25 towns — what would someone in Pomfret, Conn., care about a historical look at Auburn, Mass.?). "Less about your kids, man!"

Anyway, I write about what I know — fatherhood, being a husband, loss, love, parents, friends, circumstances, everything we all deal with. It's a slice of my life. Hopefully, it brings a smile. Sometimes, it may bring a tear. Other times, it may elicit a nod of agreement, or maybe even make you think. Either way, I think most people can relate. If you can't, that's OK. The beauty of it is, if you don't like it, you don't have to read it!

Anyway, back to the matter at hand. Negative comments are commonplace in this line of work, and I am way past the time when comments like that affected me. I've grown quite a thick skin in my nearly 11 years in this business. It comes with the territory. I'm a big boy, Mommy! But the two words that stuck out in this latest salvo by this reader were "narcissistic" and "self-centered."

Now, I laughed at this, because, in a strange way, he kind of has a point — if he were participating in the Hyperbole Games of 2016. I mean, yes, the column is about me most of the time, but isn't that kind of the point of a "slice of life" column? It's called "The Minor Details" for a reason. I wouldn't go so far as to call myself "narcissistic" — that's pretty extreme. Most people who know me would probably disagree (at least … I hope they would — if that particular instance of fishing for compliments was successful, please send any and all compliments and head-expanding praise to aminor@stonebridgepress.news to satisfy my ever-growing, out-of-control ego).

Normally, I wouldn't have even written about this, and given this person's comments the light of day. So congrats, reader — you inspired me — and for that, I thank you. I'm not sure your letter had the desired effect, but at least you can know that I publicly appreciate you voicing your opinion, even if it was a negative one. But you probably won't read this — after all, you don't even like this column!

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Fun at Five and a ribbon cutting

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The Chamber of Central Mass South is thrilled to be holding its October networking event at a brand new venue in Sturbridge.

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The event takes place on Thursday, Oct. 27 with a Ribbon Cutting at 4:45 p.m. sharp. Fun at Five networking begins at 5pm. All are welcome! There is no cost to attend the Ribbon Cutting. The cost to attend Fun at Five is $10 for Chamber members who pre-register, $15 for members at the door, $20 for non-members. Please RSVP by phone 508-347-2761 or e-mail info@cmschamber.org.

Thank you to October's Fun at Five Co-Sponsors: United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge & Charlton and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/MetroWest.

Celebrate Massachusetts Apple Month! It's time to celebrate the arrival of autumn and the wonder fruit that is fat-free, has no cholesterol or sodium, and provides fiber and natural anti-oxidants. As declared by Gov. Charlie Baker, September is Massachusetts Apple Month and we consider ourselves very lucky to live in an area that allows us to revel in the season!

"Massachusetts Apple Month is an opportunity to recognize the hard work local apple growers do to produce delicious and healthy fruit from Massachusetts," said Baker. "I encourage everyone to support Massachusetts' farmers this month by purchasing locally grown apples and other produce."

Massachusetts boasts more than 140 varieties of apples grown in the state, including local favorites such as McIntosh, Cortland, Macoun, Gala and Honeycrisp. Due to unusually dry conditions this year, our apple farmers have faced a challenging growing season and The Chamber of Central Mass South echoes the Governor's support for our local farms and orchards by encouraging you to purchase locally grown produce whenever possible.

Treat yourself and your family to a visit to one of our bountiful local farms and orchards this weekend and experience the joy of harvest time! Check the websites or call ahead for specific hours and offerings at these wonderful spots:

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• Brookfield Orchards, Inc.: 12 Lincoln Rd., North Brookfield, 508-867-6858, www.brookfieldorchardsonline.com

• Cook's Farm Orchard: 106 Haynes Hill Rd., Brimfield, 413-245-3241, www.cooksfarmorchard.com

• Overlook Farm: 15 Long Hill Road, Brookfield, 508-867-2099, www.overlook-farm-ma.com

• Westview Farms Creamery: 111 East Hill Rd., Monson, 413-267-5355, www.facebook.com/WestviewFarmsCreamery

Here Comes Harvest Festival: Oct. 15-16 — The 27th Annual Harvest Festival on the Sturbridge Town Common and grounds of the Publick House Historic Inn is a family fun tradition. The event includes countless local crafters, artisans, specialty food vendors and farm fresh harvests. The Publick House's Scarecrow Contest is a perennial favorite. Enter your scarecrow for a chance to win incredible cash prizes. The scarecrows start going up on Sept. 23 and will be in place by Oct. 7! Visit The Publick House online (www.publickhouse.com) for more details and the complete Scarecrow Contest rules.

This year's entertainment features magic shows and roving magic by 'Magic By George' (Magic's only two-time Gold Medal Winning Champion!) on both days. Live music acts include 'Livestock' and 'Luscious Lushes' on Saturday and 'The Otters' on Sunday. See more details and the complete entertainment schedule at www.sturbridge-townships.com. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rain or shine. Admission and parking are free.

The 27th Annual Harvest Festival is presented by the Chamber of Central Mass South and The Publick House Historic Inn. Harvest Festival is sponsored by Sturbridge Tourist Association.

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Is our real estate market shifting?

REALTOR's Report

James Black

If you have read many of my articles analyzing the market they are usually very positive as the last several years we have seen a huge growth in our market in prices as well as home sales.

In 2010, the average sale price for a single-family home in Worcester Count was around $258,000 while today it is just over $300,000 or a 16.3 percent increase. Year to date in Worcester County, 5,832 homes have sold while only 2,809 sold in the same period in 2010, which is a 53-percent increase in sales.

We do have some early signs that the market may be shifting however, the numbers are still positive. Six months ago we had 1,992 homes for sale in Worcester County and today there are 2,338 homes for sale. Average days on market for homes six months ago was 166, and today it is 146, which is a positive sign. We are selling about 778 homes a month in Worcester County, so there is still only three months of inventory, which still shows this as a seller's market. I looked at my town of Charlton, and it is almost identical. We had 53 homes for sale six months ago, and 70 are for sale now. However, the days on market for those homes has dropped from 204 to 182. Which again means we are still cycling through the inventory. One of the signs of a shifting market is increasing inventory and another is a gap between what buyers are willing to pay and what sellers are willing to sell for.

Over the last few weeks, I started noticing many homes getting priced ahead of the market assuming the market will continue to improve and homes being priced higher than any other homes have sold for which will result in growing inventory and a slowdown in the market. Buyers seem to be much pickier and making much slower decisions than in the past and their lack of urgency is much lower. As inventory increases this will be amplified.

Keep in mind, this is for the Worcester County and this has been seen many places nationwide lately. However, real estate is local and you want to check with an expert in your local market to ensure how that market itself is trending before making any decisions.

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Want to retire early? Start planning now

Financial Focus

Jeff Burdick

The average American retires at about age 63, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau. If you enjoy your work, of course, you may want to go well beyond that age. But what if you don't want to wait until 63 or so? Can you afford to retire early?

Possibly – if you follow these suggestions:

Research the costs involved. What will you do during your retirement years? Will you travel the world or stay close to home, pursuing your hobbies? Will you downsize from your current home? How will you pay for health care until you're old enough for Medicare? You will need to answer these and other questions to determine how much you will need to sustain a comfortable lifestyle as an early retiree.

Invest more – and invest for growth. One big advantage in retiring at the usual age, or even later, is that it gives you more time to invest. But if you're determined to retire early, you will almost certainly need to accelerate your investment rate – which, in practical terms, means you'll likely have to contribute more each year to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan than if you were going to retire later on. Plus, you may have to "ratchet up" the growth potential of your investment portfolio. However, because growth-oriented investments typically are more volatile than other investments, you will be taking on more risk than you might otherwise. If you are truly uncomfortable with this risk level, you may need to re-evaluate your plans for retiring early.

Cut down your debt load. It's always a good idea to enter retirement with as few debts as possible – but if you want to retire early, you may need to be even more diligent in controlling your debt load.

Know the rules governing retirement plan withdrawals. If you want to retire before age 59 1/2 and begin taking distributions from your IRA or 401(k) plan, you will generally be subject to a 10 percent early distribution penalty, plus normal income taxes (to withdraw your earnings from a Roth IRA tax and penalty free, you generally must have owned the account for at least five years and have reached age 59 1/2. You can withdraw your contributions at any time tax and penalty free). However, you may be able to avoid the 10% penalty if you take "substantially equal periodic payments," which are calculated based upon your age and other factors. Once these distributions begin, they must continue for five years or until you reach age 59 1/2, whichever is longer. Other rules apply to these distributions, so before taking any, you will want to consult with your tax and financial professionals. And keep in mind that if your withdrawal rate is too high, you risk seriously depleting your retirement accounts, especially if your investments decline in value during the years you're taking these payments.

Most importantly, do everything early: Plan early, invest early (and don't stop), and lower your debt load early. Getting a jump on all these activities can go a long way toward turning your early retirement dreams into reality.

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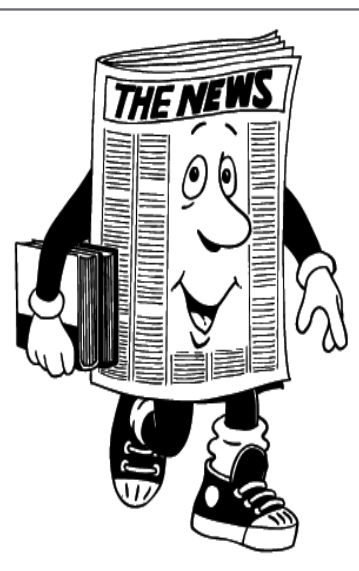

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Fall landscape and garden tips

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

As the harvest season wanes and the leaves slowly begin to turn color, it becomes apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter's nap. While bountiful garden rewards may soon be behind us, garden chores will not. There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planting spring bulbs to protecting harvest root foods, the following tips, culled from green thumbed gardeners, are aimed at making fall chores a little easier.

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Planting Pointers: Planting in the fall encourages good root development. Nurseries often slash prices on perennials and shrubs this time of year, so planting now will reward you with healthy plants on the cheap!

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Nix Nibbles: Experts agree this time of year is perfect for planting spring bulbs. While squirrels and chipmunks keep away from Daffodil bulbs, Tulip bulbs risk invasion from the hearty nibblers. One way to protect your individual bulbs is to add some crushed rocks or shells into the holes when planting the bulbs.

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Forbid Food: Experts say now is the time to stop fertilizing your flowering shrubs and trees and cut down on watering them. This strategy allow this years' growth to harden off before the cold weather settles in.

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Farewell Fungus: By the end of this month tuberous begonias are usually past their best. Before any frost, they should be lifted out of the garden and stored in a dark, cool area. To prevent rotting during storage, sprinkle a light dusting of fungicide on them. And always be sure plants are totally dry before storing for winter.

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Root Roster: Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality. Here's the rundown on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful: Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

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Root Cellar Sub: Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple; today some improvising is in order: Those with unheated basements report success creating a substitute root cellar by partitioning off one corner, installing insulation and a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards. Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area.

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Leave Leaves for Lawn: Take a cue from nature and use the autumn's fallen leaves to your lawn's advantage. Leaves are rich in nutrients, plentiful, and free! Here's how to mulch your own leaves: Set your lawn mower to a normal 3-inch height. Remove bagging attachments and block off the chute on a rear discharge machine (only if it is safe to do so). Run the mower slowly over the lawn to allow time for the leaves to shred.

Note: Make sure you mow before the lawn is smothered in fallen leaves.

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Lime Lawn: If a soil test indicates lawns and gardens need lime, aerating the lawn first will reduce compaction and allow the roots to absorb the lime more quickly. No aerator? Wearing old golf shoes or baseball cleats while you hand mow can do the job.

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Festive Flowers: Christmas Cactus and Poinsettia plants provide festive flowers, but you must act now if you want to be rewarded with flowers in time for the holiday season. If you were prudent enough to keep your poinsettia going throughout the summer, or have a Christmas Cactus indoor plant, here's how to force the plants to bloom at the right time: Poinsettias must be kept at about 65 to 70 degrees, and subjected to at least six weeks of 14 hours of total darkness per day (mid to late September).

The Christmas Cactus require cooler temperatures of about 50 to 60 degrees. Place the potted plant in a closet or unlighted room, or by covering the plant with black cloth, black plastic over a frame or a cardboard box. The plant must then be returned to the light each day and given a minimum of four hours of direct sun, or ten hours of bright light. The application of a 0-10-10 fertilizer this month and again next should help encourage the development of flower buds, then feed your plant every two weeks with a high nitrogen fertilizer once color has begun to show.

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Win Dinner for Two — Your tips can win you a fabulous 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 publications? Send questions and/or hint to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three-course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

Enjoy it

MOM IN MOTION

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I used to have these visions of being a soccer mom in a cute minivan loaded up with kids and giant backpacks and juice boxes and singing happy songs while on our way from one activity to another.

I always had this vision, but my reaction was very different. As a teen I envisioned this as my horror story! A mom, wearing "mom jeans" I'm sure, driving a mini van filled with screaming children was not my idea of a good time. Then I got older, got married, had a family of my own. My previous minivan nightmare became a possibility. Now I was having those fantasies of happy children, home cooked meals, watching the news with my husband after the kids go to bed, and getting up the next morning with a smile on my face, coffee in my cup, and a happy family ready to start this all again.

Now, let me tell you the truth. My life is chaos! I love every minute of it, but sometimes it becomes a choice of brushing my own hair or making sure my kids are wearing pants while we have about 30 seconds to make it to the bus stop.

To all the parents out there who go through this every day, bless you! I am your number one fan. When I had one baby I was living in Worcester and working in Boston. I would take the 4:45 a.m. train every day, get to my office by 7 armed with coffee and ready to go. I was home by 6:30 p.m. typically and while exhausted I was OK. That baby is now almost 9 years old and his sister is 3 going on 13. I have no idea how moms do the schedule I used to keep. I can barely find matching socks.

This school year my son started Hebrew School, twice a week, 30 minutes away. Granted, I did this when I was younger and him going was a no brainer, it was just the way it was going to be. Except I now get him off the bus, fly to Hebrew School, occupy my toddler for a few hours, and head home only to realize I took nothing out for dinner, the toddler wants a bubble bath but I'm out of bubbles, the 8 year old wants to argue the point of homework, and the husband is going to be late and needs to work more from home. This is just one day, we also have scouts, karate, kickboxing, preschool, and an incredibly messy house.

I still don't own my minivan, but I am at the point now where I actually want one, I want those bells and whistles to keep the kids happy since we practically spend most our time driving around. I see moms who have it all together, and I just think to myself, "you are amazing, you must have a coffee making in your purse, but you are my hero!" I used to get upset when I realized at the end of the week I had a couch full of laundry, the paper towel is still next to the empty holder but not on it, I have had a sink full of soaking pots and pans for two days, and I cant remember the last time I washed my hair. But I stopped worrying, I realized that playing Mario

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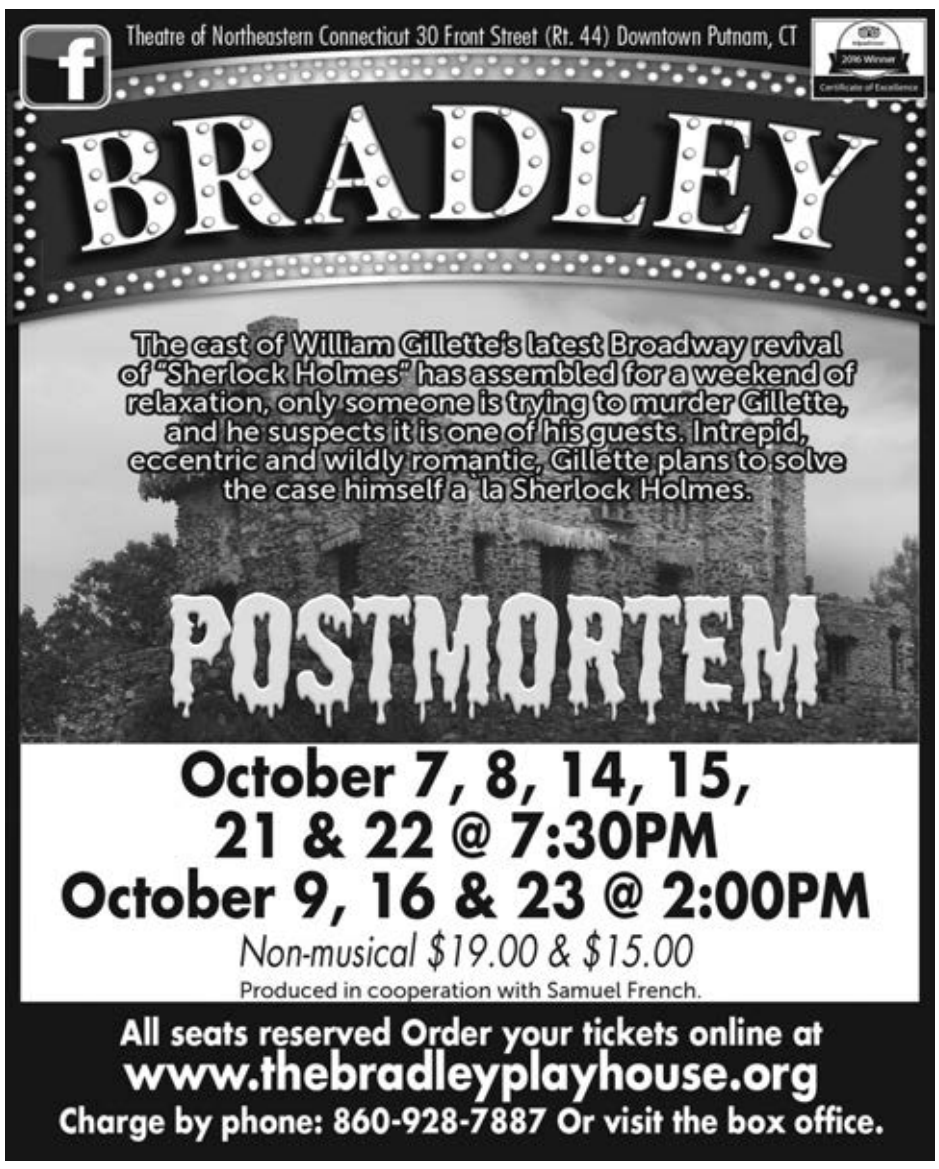
Join us in downtown Putnam for the First Fridays Art & the American City: An Artistic Road Trip through the USA. Each evening of the First Fridays festival will explore the art, music, culture, and cuisine of a major U.S. City. Enjoy live music, art, food, and theater, as we arrive at our final stop - The Big Easy, New Orleans!With its blend of French, Spanish, and Creole cuisine, music, and language, New Orleans is a uniquely cultural American City. Famous landmarks like the French Quarter draw countless tourists each year to experience the blues, jazz, food, and annual events that have made the city legendary. Playing on the voodoo culture of New Orleans, the First Fridays Zombie Fashion Show will return, drawing crowds from across the region.We invite you to stroll your decaying corpses across our putrid runway for prizes!



Opacum Land Trust hosts hurricane-themed fundraiser

Olivia Richman photos

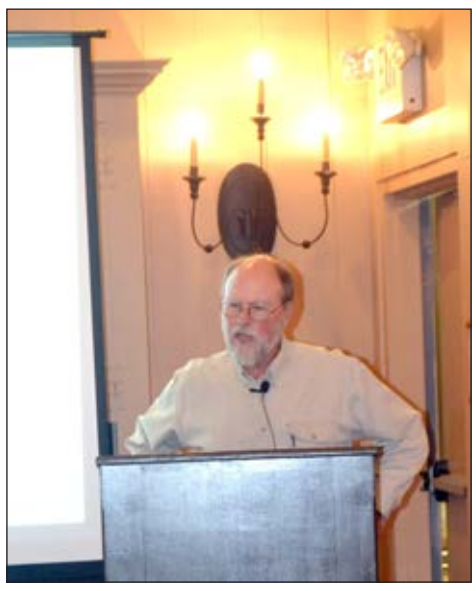
STURBRIDGE — Opacum Land Trust celebrated the 78th anniversary of the Hurricane of 1938 with a fundraiser dinner on Sept. 21 at the Publick House. The 145 attendees enjoyed dinner and drinks while listening to author Stephen Long discuss how the hurricane impacted the area's communities and forests at the sold out fundraiser.

Opacum Land Trust Executive Director shared some opening remarks with the crowd about Opacum's mission.

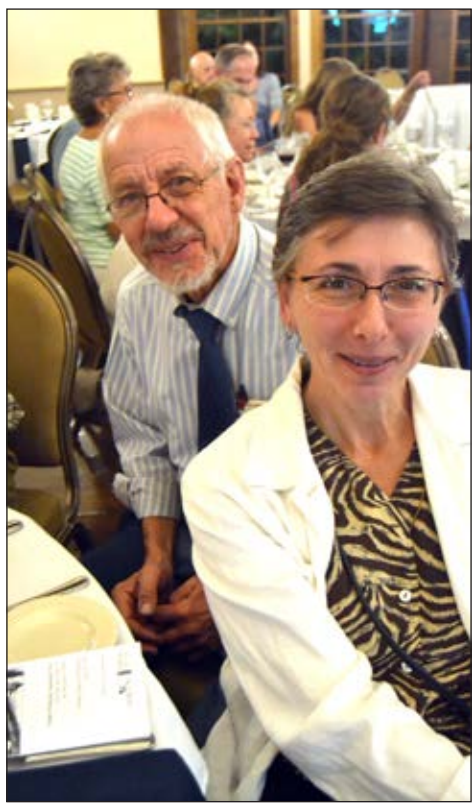
There was 145 attendees at Opacum's fundraiser. It was a sold out event.

Jeff and Cathy Hehman said they feel strongly about preservation of land and what Opacum stands for.

Tony Lengowski was born on the exact same day of the 1938 Hurricane.



Stephen Long discussed his book with the eager and interested crowd as they finished up their turkey dinner.

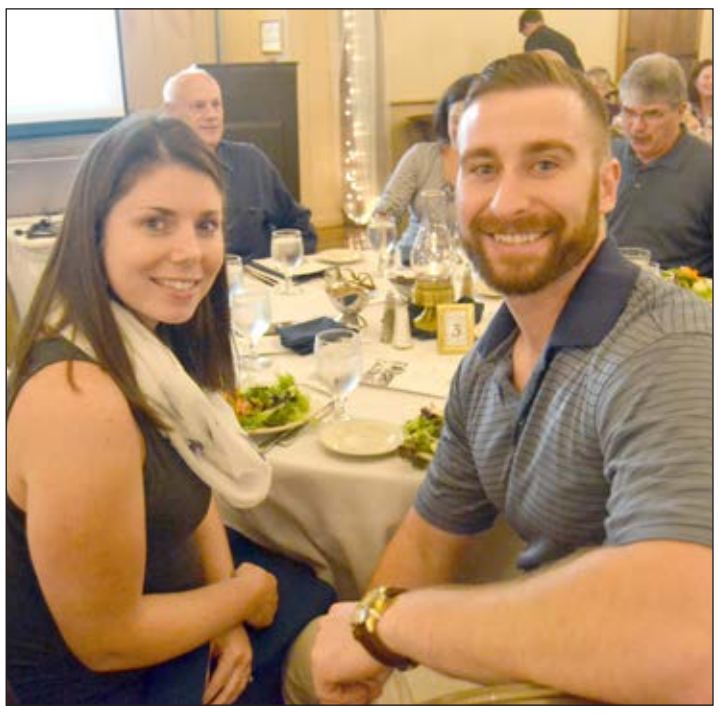


Ken Pickren and Karen Pickarski volunteer on some of Opacum's properties, maintaining the trails.

"I'm a conservationist and believe in everything Opacum does. I'm also an amateur historian focusing on natural events," said Davis Johnson, pictured with wife Joanie Simmons. "The Hurricane of '38 is iconic in New England history. I just love weather. I'm fascinated by it. It was a no brainer to come here tonight."

Cindy and Howard Mosher and Lisa and Eric deGray wanted to learn more about Opacum Land Trust and how they could get involved.

Opacum members Bill and Nancy Cormier often do bird walks on Opacum's properties.



Joseph and Chace Gerrish were excited to learn more about Stephen Long's research on the '38 Hurricane.

"I'm glad this event is happening," said Larry Lowenthal with his wife Kitty. "It's a wonderful turnout."

Gateway Players to present 'Breaking Legs'

BREAKING LEGS

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"could be anyone you know." They could be your father, your cousin, your teacher. Many of the issues facing the characters are universal, including love, romance and dealing with big families.

Of course, it's easy to relate to the characters when the actors are really "getting into their characters," said Corkum. "The character development has come along so well." Most of the actors are local and have been in Gateway shows in the past.

"I like the show because of the comedic aspects," said Corkum. "All of the different personalities... It's not just the words that are said, but the actions. It's funny. None of the mobsters have ever produced a play before and have no experience with it. The mobster that owned the restaurants, he starts talking about opening night. He talks about a stretch limo and if he'll have a bimbo on his arm. Their perception of opening night – they think bigger of it than what it really is."

A rehearsal scene from "Breaking Legs."

For people looking for a fun night out, a step out of their normal lives, Corkum feels "Breaking Legs" is the perfect solution. It will be performed on Oct. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. For tickets, contact Gateway at 508-764-4531 or order them online at brownpapertickets.com. Tickets are $13 for adults and $11 for seniors.

Meanwhile, producer an treasurer Barbara Day has begun casting for Gateway's Holiday One-Acts Festival, which takes place on Dec. 2, 3 and 4.

Auditions for the unique holiday performance was on Sept. 27, where Day and others were looking for people with the ability to have fun with and commit to a role.

The collection of one-act plays gives the audience a chance to have a different take on the holiday season, with a mixture of comedies and dramas. Said Day: "There's a range of emotions, a range of stories and styles…"

Each character is unique and has depth, said Day, who feels there's so much feeling. She continued: "Even though they're short, there's movement and real character development. You get involved in their lives, even if it's just a for a short time."

Offering a break from the stress of the holiday season, the Holiday One-Acts Festival will make people think, as well as entertain the audience.

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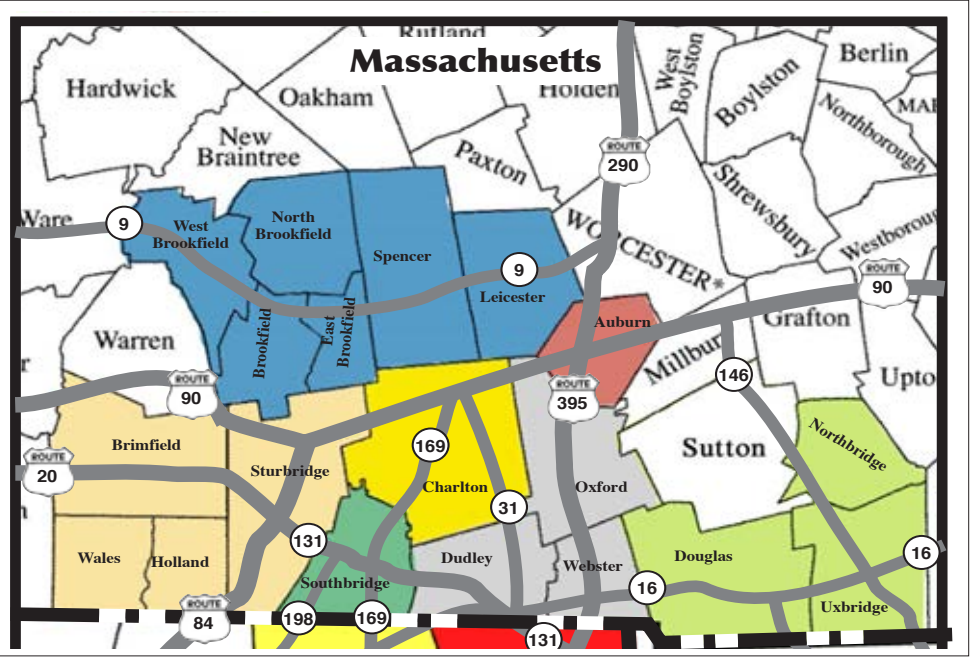

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SPORTS

Shepherd Hill boys' soccer tallies early, Colonials score late in 2-2 draw

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY — Simply put, the Shepherd Hill Regional boys' varsity soccer team buried its offensive chances in the first half, while Shrewsbury High countered with a pair of second half strikes as the Rams and Colonials fought to a 2-2 draw at Carmignani Field on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

"We possessed the ball and moved the ball really simply," Shepherd Hill head coach Kurt Savage said of the first half attack. "It wasn't hard for us to keep possession. This team has done a pretty good job usually capitalizing on chances when they have them."

After Shrewsbury opened the contest with a few scoring opportunities, the Rams struck first in the 10th minute. Brian Burns took a short free kick from the attacking left side and placed a beautiful ball on the head of teammate Cameron MacLean. The perfectly positioned MacLean further advanced the ball into the upper right portion of the net, giving The Hill a 1-0 lead.

Then, in the 27th minute, the Rams doubled up to a 2-0 advantage. Joshua Bagley received a pass in stride and worked has way past a Colonial defender. Bagley took a shot on net, which was saved, but Brock Dubey was there to deposit the rebound into the net.

The two legitimate scoring chances Shepherd Hill possessed both resulted in goals, and Shrewsbury couldn't quite get past the defense of Jeremy Martin, Anthony Corridori, Jacob Barrows, Vaughn Hammond and Keith Manseau, as well as keeper Zachary Cournoyer. The lone Colonial chance that got past that core was a shot that hit the right post in the 37th minute.

Shrewsbury found its stride in the second 40-minute stanza, though.

"We opened up the second half and Shrewsbury had a bit more intensity than we did and put us back on our heels," said Savage.

Cournoyer made the best of his five saves in the 46th minute from point blank range, but just a minute later the Colonials cut their deficit in half.

Then, in the 53rd minute, Shrewsbury hit the crossbar before netting the equalizer in the 55th minute. That goal came as a result of a corner kick.

Shepherd Hill then amped up its offense from that point forward — their best chance came in the 58th minute when Barrows hit the crossbar — but it wasn't enough to earn themselves a win. Instead, both teams earned a point for the tie.

Nick Ethier photos

Shepherd Hill's Marc Widing, Jr. (12) fast approaches a Shrewsbury player dribbling the ball.

"They're sitting on top of the Mid-Wach A," Savage said of the Colonials. "I don't know if they were full power today, but they're a good team."

The Rams, meanwhile, are now 1-3-1 as they try to gain traction in the early stages of the regular season.

"We're kind of struggling to make our way," explained Savage. "It's a work in progress the beginning of the season. Finding their chemistry to make it all come together without loose ends is where we're at."

Shepherd Hill will certainly take the tie, though, as they attempt to right the ship and advance to the Central Mass. Division 1 district tournament for the third straight season participating in the Mid-Wach A Division, arguably the toughest and most talented league in the region, after a long stay in the Southern Worcester County League.

"At the end of the day we get a result. The result would have been a lot nicer to get the win, but to get a result at this point in the season was a needed thing," concluded Savage.

Shepherd Hill's Joshua Bagley creates just enough separation to fire a left-footed shot on frame versus Shrewsbury.

The Shrewsbury offense didn't score on this opportunity against the Rams' defense and keeper Zachary Cournoyer — the shot hit the right post — but the Colonials erased a 2-0 halftime deficit to force a tie with Shepherd Hill, 2-2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

New England Colonials announce 2017 International Basketball Tour

The New England Colonials International Basketball Club has several places on its April 2017 basketball tour to Scotland and Ireland for qualified Massachusetts high school students. Our New England Colonials Rovers Celtic Tour team will enroll 10 New England players (grades 9 and 10) for a 10-day basketball tour that will take the team to Edinburgh, Falkirk and Dublin for homestays and games.

This international tour is sponsored by the New England Colonials International Basketball Club. Founded in 1979, the New England Colonials International Basketball Club is a non-profit, volunteer-run program that has as its central purpose the support and encouragement of international friendship and understanding between New England student-athletes and their peers around the world. Colonials tours are led by experienced high school coaches and an ITMI certified international tour manager with 38 years of tour leadership experience. The April 2017 roster will likely be completed by early October. We do not hold tryouts and rely instead on personal interviews and school references.

For additional information, please contact Scott Bryson at (508) 734-5660 or by email at necolonials@aol.com. Interested parents and players may learn more about the Colonials' program online at the team's website located at www.NewEnglandColonials.net.

Charlton Youth Basketball announces travel division tryout schedule

The Charlton Wildcats' travel teams play in the SCMYBL, which is a competitive basketball league in South Central Mass. Participating would require a three-day commitment each week (all games are played on Sundays) from November through mid-March. Unlike in-town basketball, playing time is not equal and travel to other towns is required. Please note that the below dates/times are for the Travel Division only. The In-town evaluation dates will be announced at a later time.

Girls:

Fifth Grade — Friday, Oct. 7, 6-7 p.m., Charlton Middle School (CMS) and Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6-7 p.m., CMS. Fourth grade girls may try out for the fifth grade team.

Sixth Grade — Friday, Oct. 7, 5-6 p.m., CMS and Wednesday, Oct. 12, 5-6 p.m., CMS.

Seventh and Eighth Grade — Friday, Oct. 7, 8-9 p.m., CMS and Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7-8 p.m., CMS. The grades will try out together but will have separate teams.

Boys:

Fourth Grade — Thursday, Oct. 6, 7-8 p.m., Heritage and Friday, Oct. 14, 6-7 p.m., CMS. Third grade boys may try out for the fourth grade team.

Fifth Grade — Monday, Oct. 3, 5-6 p.m., CMS and Friday, Oct. 14, 5-6 p.m., CMS.

Sixth Grade — Friday, Oct. 7, 7-8 p.m., CMS and Thursday, Oct. 13, 7-8 p.m., Heritage.

Seventh Grade — Monday, Oct. 3, 6-7 p.m., CMS and Friday, Oct. 14, 7-8 p.m., CMS.

Eighth Grade — Monday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m., CMS and Friday, Oct. 14, 8-9 p.m., CMS.

Please check the Charlton Youth Basketball website for any updates to dates and times of tryouts. http://www.sportsmanager.us/CharltonBasketball.htm. For more information email rschulman@charter.net.

Pitching lessons come to Southbridge

Pitching lessons begin Sunday, Oct. 9 and run through Feb. 26, 2017 at the Southbridge Armory, located at 152 Chestnut Street. The 50-minute lessons run from the timeframe of 8:30 to 11 a.m. Special consideration will be given for teams and leagues. For more information contact Coach Bill Rahall at 860-576-3440 or email wlrah@yahoo.com.

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SPORTS

Second half surge propels Valley Tech football over Minutemen

Nick Ethier photos

Ben Paquette of Bay Path gets behind the Blackstone Valley Tech defense and hauls in a 59-yard pass.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — With the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team clinging to an 18-13 lead over Bay Path Regional on Saturday, Sept. 24 at George L. Fowler Memorial Field, the Beavers were hoping to swing momentum back in their favor in the third quarter.

No one could have expected how quickly that would happen.

Valley Tech's Aidan Fitzgerald hustled down the field on the half-opening kickoff and recovered the ball before any player from the Minutemen could do so. The Beavers scored two plays later and never looked back, as they took a 44-13 decision behind 26 third quarter points.

"It seemed like they had all the momentum going into the half," Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald said of Bay Path trimming the halftime deficit to five points just 19 seconds before the break. "We challenged our kids and said 'keep playing physical.' We get the ball right away and we get a touchdown right out of the chute and took the momentum back. It seemed like once we got going they just couldn't stop us."

Quarterback Hector Petri called his own number on that third quarter touchdown — a 17-yard jaunt — which came just 29 seconds into the frame. Petri wasn't done there, though, as the signal caller rushed 18 times for 174 yards and a staggering five touchdowns.

Teammate Kevin Barthelmes, a tailback, rushed 10 times for 152 yards and a score, which came from 90 yards out.

"Our offensive line and our backfield did a great job," said Archibald. "We wanted to just play them two-on-two and our two being Hector and Kevin, I'll take those two against anybody all day long."

"We ran a new offense this week and without the line pushing up front me and Kevin wouldn't have been able to get the yards we had this game," added Petri.

Bay Path head coach Matt Fall credited Archibald and his crew for their strategy against his team.

"They had a game plan that neutralized us about as much as they could, so hats off to their coaching staff because they had a great game plan for us," he said. "Additionally, their players were very disciplined with that game plan and they took their time."

Fall was also quick to mention that his team's mistakes led to the Beavers running away with this one in the second half.

"Just a couple mistakes on our behalf that really just opened the door for them to take the lead and for them there was no looking back," he said. "They had a great hustle play to open the third quarter. They used that as momentum and they were off to the races."

Petri got his offense rolling early, as he scampered in for a pair of 6-yard scores in first quarter action as BVT took a 12-0 lead.

From there, Bay Path trimmed the deficit to 12-7 when Matt Pecore (5 carries, 29 yards) scored on a 4-yard run and Ben Paquette kicked the extra point.

But the Beavers' defense came though next, as Jordyn Amero tipped quarterback Christian Keeler's pass and ran it back to the house, good for a pick-6 to make it 18-7. Amero added two fumble recoveries later in the contest for his monster game.

"Special player, he's only going to get better," Archibald said of the sophomore. "He's in tremendous shape…and does everything we ask him to do. He's one of the guys that set the tone for us."

Keeler (5 of 11, 145 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; 6 carries, 49 yards) then righted his wrong before the half when he found Travis Gillespie (3 receptions, 75 yards) on a 55-yard scoring strike down the left sideline to bring the Minutemen within five points before Valley Tech distanced themselves in the second half.

Bay Path quarterback Christian Keeler finds some open running room on the right side.

"A winter and a summer of hard work really showed today," Archibald said after improving to 2-1. "Those guys [Petri, Barthelmes] were breaking tackles, moving piles and getting the big yards when we needed them."

Bay Path slipped to 1-2 as Fall challenged his defense in the latter stages of the game, and they impressed him.

"I particularly liked the fact that our defense stayed in the game," he explained. "I put a couple challenges out to them and to just finish the game off on a strong note and I think that they answered the bell on that behalf."

Fall, a first-year head coach after serving as an assistant for Al Dhembe — who manned the sidelines for 42 years at Bay Path before retiring — will look to Dhembe for inspiration as the Minutemen hope to improve to .500 and beyond.

"I'm trying to pick up right where he left off," Fall said. "He's still a mentor of mine and I'm going to talk to him sometime this week and see if there's something I could have done differently as a coach to make sure that I as a coach can get this team back on track for next week."

Blackstone Valley Tech's Jonathan Lynch tracks down Bay Path quarterback Christian Keeler before pushing him out of bounds.

Matt Pecore of Bay Path grabs the ball during a handoff exchange with quarterback Christian Keeler.

Bay Path's Pat Dyer (16 carries, 56 yards) charges through the grasp of a Blackstone Valley Tech defender.

Hector Petri of Blackstone Valley Tech fires a pass down the field versus Bay Path.

Bay Path's Travis Gillespie turns back toward the ball before scampering down the field to finish off a 55-yard touchdown.

CALENDAR

The calendar page is a free service offered for listings for government, educational and non-profit organizations. All calendar listings are due Fridays at 12 p.m., for publication on the following Friday's edition. Mail to Editor Adam Minor at Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; send by fax at (508) 764-8015 or by e-mail to aminor@stonebridgepress.news. Please write "Calendar" in the subject line. We will print such listings as space allows. Please note: Items with an RSVP date will be listed by their RSVP date, not by the date of the actual event, unless otherwise requested.

Thursday, Sept. 29

SOUTHBRIDGE

The Southbridge Republican Town Committee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Veterans Room of the Town Hall in Southbridge. Any registered Republican is welcome. For more information about the meetings or about joining the Republican Town Committee, please contact Chairman Michael Jaynes at 508-764-6555.

Friday, Sept. 30

BRIMFIELD

Sept. 30, at 4 p.m., "Victorian Tea Party." Don your hats and come on over to the Old Town Hall in Brimfield for a high tea Victorian style. Mrs. Gordon, a middle-class housewife, has time-travelled from 1908 to 2016 to join us for a story telling program that will illuminate life at the turn of the century. You will be served tea, small sandwiches, scones & other delectables. This program is being presented in partnership with the Brimfield Public Library & the Brimfield Senior Center. Children over 10 years old are welcome with an adult. Space is limited so please reserve your seat early and no later than September 26th. The fee for this event is $5 p/p and yes, feel free to dress as Victorian as you please.

Saturday, Oct. 1

SOUTHBRIDGE

The Elm Street Congregational Church in Southbridge invites you to its "Harvest Fair." The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Come out and have a fun time. Our tables include jewelry, attic treasures, crafts, bake table including delicious jams and jellies, Buster's Bark, Yankee Candle. The raffle table with gift certificates from The Vienna, Annie's Country Kitchen, Publick House, Zorba's, Napoli Pizza, Dexter Russell Cutlery, C&R Tire, Sadie Green's Curiosity Shop, Cormier Jewelers, Wal-Mart, Cracker Barrell Restaurant, and several others. Also our "church mouse" is back selling Cabot cheddar cheese. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include soup or chili, sandwiches, homemade apple pie, beverages. come out and win!

WALES

Motor Tour of the Norcross Sanctuary — Saturday, Oct. 1, at 1 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m., 30 Peck Road, Wales. Reservations required. Board our Sanctuary van for a guided tour through the core of the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary. Tours last approximately 1 1/2 hours and are not recommended for children. Additional tours are available for groups, please call for information. Please call 413-267-9654 or e-mail ohop@norcrosswildlife.org to register.

Sunday, Oct. 2

SOUTHBRIDGE

The Pilsudski Polish American Citizens Club will be sponsoring a Polkafest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the club function hall located on 18 Ballard Ct., in Southbridge, from 1-5 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The event will be featuring Dennis Polisky and The Maestros Men, who will be providing the entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure. Homemade Polish foods will be available along with an American food menu. Advance tickets available at the club.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

STURBRIDGE

Looking for an entertaining and informative evening? Come to a historical reenactment entitled, "A Revolution of Her Own!" that explains the fascinating life of Deborah Sampson Gannett, the first woman to enlist, fight and be honorably discharged from the American Military. This portrayal highlights her life from being an indentured servant at age five through her experience during one-and-a-half years of active combat. This program has gotten rave reviews and promises to offer a fascinating evening! The re-enactment will be followed by the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library annual business meeting. Join us on Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturbridge Town Hall in the upstairs Veteran's Memorial Hall at 308 Main Street in Sturbridge. The meeting is open to all members and the general public.

Looking for an entertaining and informative evening? The Friends of the Joshua Hyde Public Library will be holding its Annual Meeting on Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturbridge Town Hall in the upstairs Veteran's Memorial Hall at 308 Main St., in Sturbridge. The meeting is open to all members of the Friends and the general public.

This year's meeting will feature a historical reenactment entitled, "A Revolution of Her Own!" that explains the fascinating life of Deborah Sampson Gannett. Sampson Gannett was the first woman to enlist, fight and be honorably discharged from the American Military. This portrayal highlights her life from being an indentured servant at age five through her experience during one-and-a-half years of active combat.

Actress Judith Kalaora portrays this fascinating woman while dressed in authentic colonial attire. The presentation covers topics such as her time as a schoolmarm, farm hand and dealing with life as a second-class citizen. This program has gotten rave reviews and promises to offer a fascinating evening!

The program will be followed by the Friends' annual business meeting. Members will be voting on the slate of officers for the coming year. Any one interested in having their name added to the ballot can contact the Friends at www.SLFriends.org. Any one who would like to be eligible to vote at the meeting, but is not yet a member, can join through the website as well.

CHARLTON

Charlton Public Library — Author Visit: Ann Hood, Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. Bestselling author Ann Hood will be here to discuss and sign her new book, "The Book That Matters Most," an enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature. Ann is also the author of the bestselling novels, "The Knitting Circle," "The Obituary Writer," and "An Italian Wife." Hood's best-selling memoir, "Comfort: A Journey Through Grief," chronicles her own struggle after her 5-year-old daughter's sudden death. Please join us for what will surely be an informative and entertaining evening. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

STURBRIDGE

The Harrington Hospital Auxiliary Program Committee, in collaboration with the Harrington Hospital Cardiac Rehab Unit, will sponsor "Keeping the Beat Going," an educational evening focused on heart health for the general public on Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the Federal Parlor at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village.

The keynote speaker will be Nicole Lynn Fillipon, DO, a Yale-New Haven Hospital fellow, who is now affiliated with Harrington Hospital. Dr. Fillipon earned her Massachusetts State Medical License and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Cardiovascular Disease.

The program begins at 4:15 p.m. with an information session regarding the effects of nutrition, body mass, medication, blood pressure, exercise and stress on heart health.

There will also be a display of CPR manikins, which were purchased for the Cardiac Rehab Unit with a grant from the Auxiliary's Appropriations Committee.

Dr. Fillipon will deliver her message following a meal, which will be served at 5:15 p.m. Attendees have their choice of Chicken Arrabiata or Salad Nicoise. Cash bar is available. The cost is $18 per person. The deadline to make reservations is Sept. 22. All proceeds benefit the purchase of equipment, programs and services that support the mission of Harrington Hospital.

For more information, please contact 508-765-6472 or 508-765-6473 or email khibbard@harringtonhospital.org.

Thursday, Oct. 6

STURBRIDGE

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Festival of (Giving) Trees presents professional medium and psychic Gary McKinstry. Join us at Kahula Restaurant, Route 131, Sturbridge on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. for a buffet dinner followed by an evening of connections with well renowned Gary McKinstry. Tickets are $40 per person. Due to Gary's popularity, this event is expected to sell out. To purchase tickets, go to www.sparklingtrees.com or contact Janet Garon at 774-230-7382. Raffles; Door Prizes; Cash Bar. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Center at Harrington, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, and Silent Spring Institute.

Saturday, Oct. 8

CHARLTON

The Men's Club is hosting a Roast Pork dinner at Charlton City United Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with friends and neighbors.

A tasty roast pork with potatoes, vegetables, and your choice of beverage, along with a delectable dessert, will be served. As always there will be continuous serving and take-out. Adults $10, children 6-12 $6, children 5 and under free. Family maximum: $40. Take out orders available. Tickets may be purchased at the door although reservations are appreciated. Call the church office at (508) 248-7379 for information and reservations. The building is handicap accessible and ample parking.

Friday, Oct. 14

BRIMFIELD

Oct. 14, 10:45 a.m. Come on down to the Brimfield Senior Center for a fun Pumpkin Painting class. Make it scary, funny, pretty – whatever you like. Your instructor, Rebecca McMannus will provide the paints and pumpkins so just bring yourself. The cost is only $3! Please reserve your space prior to Oct. 12. Eva will be making sandwiches and one of her fabulous soups for a light lunch immediately after the class. Please call 413-245-7253 to register for this class. The Senior Center is located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, 413-245-7253.

Saturday, Oct. 15

STURBRIDGE

$3 Bag of Book Sale — Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bargain Day – Bag of Books for only $3. Find everything you are looking for at the Sturbridge Friends of the Joshua Hyde Library book sale. The great bargains will be available on the lower level of the library. Stop in on your way to the Annual Harvest Fair on the Common. Let the Friends offer you this easy opportunity to support your library while enjoying a wonderful time browsing through quality books. Thousands of books are sorted by categories including: fiction and mystery, science fiction, romance, classics, history, sports, cookbooks, young adult, and many children's books. Fill a bag (provided by Friends) for $3. Overfilling bags will cost more. Joshua Hyde Public Library is located at 306 Main Street (Route 131) Sturbridge.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

CHARLTON

The St. Joseph Church, Charlton, Council of the Knights of Columbus, Council 11379, will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Oct. 19, between 1-6 p.m. in the Church Hall, 10 H. Putnam Road Extension. A $5 Dunkin' Donuts gift card will be given to all donors. No previous experience is necessary. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For further details, contact the American Red Cross, or arturmelle@charter.net.

Thursday, Oct. 20

BRIMFIELD

The Brimfield Senior Center is offering an educational program "Getting to Know Food Labels." Reading the Nutrition Facts panel can help you shop and eat or drink smarter. Come listen to our nutrition program being offered on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 11:15 a.m. Whether you want to eat better to lose weight or lower your risk or manage a chronic disease, get to know the experts! Registered dietitian nutritionists from Harrington Hospital are presenting this program and can help you by providing sound, easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice. Lunch is available for a $2 suggested donation but you must reserve your meal prior to 11 a.m. on Oct. 19. Please call 413-245-7253 to register for this class. The Senior Center is located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield.

Antiques, Collectibles and Estates profile: Bill Safer

Antiques, Collectibles & Estates

WAYNE TUISKULA

I hear from many of you that you enjoy watching the "Antiques Roadshow" and other antiques and collectibles nationally televised shows. There is a show taped in Worcester every month where you can learn more about antiques on a local level.

Bill Safer is the host of "Hidden Treasures." Bill has had a number of local dealers and auctioneers on his show who share their expertise with viewers. One of his favorite guests was a nephew of Harry Houdini who has a collection of Houdini memorabilia worth around $500,000. The show runs on WCCA TV, which is the Worcester cable station. Although most of the readers of this column don't live in Worcester and can't watch the show live, you can view it on the web. See www.wccatv.com/video/hidden-treasures to view all 45 episodes. I was his guest on episode 35.

Bill's interest in antiques started when he was about 10 or 11. He appreciated the workmanship involved in making a quality box. He noticed details like the dovetailing on a wooden box. He appreciated the precision work with tight tolerances that made the metal boxes seat tightly. When he was old enough to drive, he started going to yard sales searching for the rocks, minerals and seashells that had begun to collect. When he bought other objects that interest him he looked through the antique reference guides at the library to learn more about them. His knowledge and collecting interests grew and he now also collects miniature books, knives, English silver boxes, postcards and fountain pens.

Bill's knowledge has helped him make some good buys. He found a snuffbox listed on eBay that lacked some important details. He bought it for $30. He relisted it describing it as a snuffbox made for the Northern troops in the Civil War. With his more accurate description it brought $60. He also made an even a better discovery about 15 years ago. He found a box for $1 in an antique shop bargain bin. He recognized the hallmark as being Russian. He sold it on eBay. When the bidding ended, it sold for $1,800. The bidder that one it said that it was a salesmen's sample by Cartier Jewelers.

He offers some tips for those out hunting for antiques. Bill said that the Arundel Flea Market in Arundel, Maine is one of the best in the Northeast in his opinion. It's open year round weather permitting. Bill says that he doesn't know everything about all antiques but can find someone who knows about an area outside of his expertise when he needs one. He advises people to look at eBay and elsewhere on the internet when researching pieces. Bill said that he offers seminars on eBay and antiques.

Along with his antique experiences, Bill has many other interesting life experiences. He was a military police officer, a Worcester police reserve officer and also worked as investigator for the federal government. He also is a member of the screen actor's guild and played a Boston Police officer in a motion picture.

The Harvard online auction with the 1969 Volkswagen Beetle is currently open for bidding. The preview is Oct. 1 and 2 at the estate in Harvard. The preview is Oct. 8 for a Worcester online moving sale. See www.centralmassauctions.com for more information.

Courtesy photo

Bill Safer interviewing Houdini's great nephew, John Hinson, on "Hidden Treasures" TV show.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111), info@centralmassauctions.com.

OBITUARIES

Gerard D. Fox, 71

STURBRIDGE — Gerard D. Fox, 71, of Walker Pond Rd., passed away on Friday, Sept. 23, in the Rose Monahan Hospice Home, Worcester, after a 9 month battle with brain cancer.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, Janet C. (Yeager) Fox; his daughter, Jennifer J. Fox of Philadelphia, Pa.; his son, Ian B. Fox of South Burlington, Vt.; his two sisters, Paula Linwick of Atlantic Beach, Fla., and Barbara Chinners of Moncks Corner, S.C.; his grandson Finley of Philadelphia; and two nephews. He was born in Amityville, N.Y., the son of Gerard B. and Dorothea (Detlefsen) Fox, moving to Wayland, when he was 9 years old. He was a graduate of Wayland High School, he received his Bachelor's Degree from Merrimack College and his MBA from Boston College. He moved to the Sturbridge area in 1973.

Gerard was the comptroller for the Linatex Co. in Stafford Springs, Conn., for many years. He later was the comptroller for several companies in the Boston area until he retired. Jerry pursued his love of teaching at Quinsigamond College where he taught part time before retiring and continued to teach part time after retirement. He also previously served on the Finance Committee for the Town of Sturbridge.

Jerry was an avid golfer and was a member of Heritage Country Club in Charlton. He loved cycling and enjoyed hiking and fishing.

His family would like to thank the staff of the Rose Monahan Hospice Home for all the care and compassion they gave to Jerry during the final days of his illness.

Calling hours for Jerry were held on Thursday, Sept. 29, from in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a memorial service following in the funeral home. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society on line at www.defeatgbm.org.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Frances D. Thompson, 95

SOUTHBRIDGE — Frances D. (Kroll) Thompson, 95, of Paige Hill Rd., passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

Her husband, Willard Ray Thompson, died in 2007.

She leaves her two sons, Jeffrey Thompson of Brookfield and Robert Thompson of Southbridge; a daughter, Beverly Lacasse and her husband Kenneth of Kennebunkport, Maine; a sister, Eleanor Detrich of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and three grandchildren, Natalie Thompson, Gabriel Thompson, and Tyler Thompson.

She was predeceased by a brother, John Kroll.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1920, in New Britain, Conn., the daughter of John and Helen Kroll, she was six days shy of her 96th birthday.

Frances graduated from Bartlett High School in Webster. She worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge prior to starting and raising her family. She was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Church in Southbridge. Frances enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, swimming in Webster Lake, and family trips to New Hampshire and Florida. She truly loved holidays and cherished her time spent with family especially her children and grandchildren.

The family would like thank the entire staff at Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center as well as Western New England Hospice for their professional and loving care which the gave Frances.

Funeral Services and burial in Oak Ridge cemetery will be private. There are no calling hours.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Jesse James Davis, 41

CHARLTON — Jesse James Davis, 41, died unexpectedly on Thursday, Sept. 15.

He is survived by his father, James W. Davis and his companion Linda Cestodio of Charlton; his mother, Elizabeth M. (Hoffman) Davis of Charlton; his sister, Mindy Davis of Charlton; his brother, Brad Davis of Charlton; three nieces, Juliana Callahan, Scarlet Davis, and Talia Davis, all of Charlton; extended family, Kelly, Shari, Kina and Dana Iverson as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was born in Southbridge and lived most of his life in Charlton. He attended Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton.

Jesse was an experienced Roofer and also enjoyed the time he spent working at Worcester Sand and Gravel. He loved trucks and race cars, and enjoyed auto body work, painting, and working on the engines. He was also passionate about football and heavy metal music. He cherished the time he spent on the family farm in Charlton, whether riding horses or operating the tractors. He was a jack-of-all-trades and was a great friend to many people.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2at North Cemetery, Main St., Oxford. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army ARC, Attn: Donna Sequin, 72 Cambridge St., Worcester, MA 01603. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Visit paradisfuneralhome.com.

Dolor R. Pearson, 76

CHARLTON — Dolor R. Pearson, 76, passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, peacefully in his home with his beloved wife of 54 years at his bedside.

He leaves his wife, Janice A. (Keenan) Pearson, who he married Sept. 15, 1962, and many nieces and nephews and two sisters.

Dolor was born Oct. 15, 1939, in Bangor, Maine, the son of the late Earl L. and Frances (Reed) Pearson, he was also predeceased by a brother.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1961.

He and his wife built their own home in 1971, something that they both enjoyed.

Dolor worked for many years at the former Rex-Nord Co. in Auburn for 22 years before they closed and the worked at Micro-Networks in Worcester where he retired.

He was a member of Smith-Wiley Post #4 American Legion in Gardiner, Maine and a Life Member of Worcester VFW.

Dolor was an avid fan of the New England Patriots and also was a pet lover, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

The family would like to give a special thank you to their devoted neighbors, also to thank Dr. David Shepro and his staff, Dr. Peter Lindbland and Dr. Fitzgerald.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Robert J. Miller-Charlton Funeral Home, 175 Old Worcester Rd. Funeral service for Dolor was Thursday, Sept. 22, in the funeral Home. A private burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Catholic Cemetery in Bangor, Maine.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: Charlton Animal Control, 85 Masonic Home Rd. or Charlton Food Bank, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA. 01507.

Online guest book or to share a memory of Dolor, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net.

Yolanda L. Tenczar, 102

SOUTHBRIDGE — Yolanda L. (Rossi) Tenczar, 102, of Green Ave., passed away on Monday, Sept. 19, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after an illness.

Her husband, Lucas S. Tenczar, died in 1976. She leaves her two daughters, Louise Zajac of Southbridge and Mary Ann Tenczar of Southbridge; her son, Stanley Tenczar of Southbridge; and her three Granddaughters, Angela Zajac, Jennifer Zajac and Tara Tenczar, all of Southbridge.

She was predeceased by a brother, Phillip Rossi, and two sisters, Annie Russman and Mafalda LePain.

She was born in Worcester the daughter of Antonio and Josephine (Iannucci) Rossi.

Yolanda worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for nearly 20 years. She also worked for her father, Antonio Rossi in his tailor shop. She was a devoted member of St. Mary's Church in Southbridge. Yolanda was a loving and devoted mother and dedicated most of her life to taking care of her parents, children and grandchildren.

Yolanda's funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 24, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Saturday, Sept. 24, before the Mass.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Erin L. Williamson, 32

SOUTHBRIDGE — Erin L. Williamson, 32, died Sunday, Sept. 18, after a brief illness.

She leaves her father Barry E. Williamson and his longtime companion Elizabeth Davis of Charlton, her mother Loretta J. (Alling) Pokorny and step-father James F. Pokorny of Sturbridge. She also leaves a brother Ian Williamson of Charlton, and sister Carrie and her husband Kevin Lauritsen of Holland, two nephews Seann Lauritsen and Caden Lauritsen, and a niece Katelyn Lauritsen. She also leaves many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents Francis W. Alling and Mildred I. (Richard) Alling, and her paternal grandparents Macfarlane Williamson and Rita H. (Shamper) Williamson.

Erin was born April 12, 1984, and attended Charlton Public schools. She was a sales representative for various cleaning supply companies with her last place of employment at New England Cleaning Services in Marlborough. Erin enjoyed cooking, swimming, cookouts "on the pond," spending time on the Cape, her two black cats, and was a true people person, Erin especially loved her family above all.

The funeral was Saturday, Sept. 24, from Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 with calling hours and a prayer service with Rev. Juan Herrera officiating. Burial followed at St. Anne's Cemetery, Arnold Road, Sturbridge, MA.

Visit www.sansoucyfuneral.com.

Raymond L. Webber, 81

SOUTHBRIDGE — Raymond L. Webber, 81, of Mill St., passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, in the Lanessa Extended Care, Webster, after an illness.

He leaves 11 children, 34 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren; a sister, Donna; four brothers, Ronnie, Bobby, Brian, and Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

Raymond was predeceased by two brothers, Reggie and Ricky; and two sisters, Fay and Elaine. He was born in Sanford, Maine, the son of Raymond P. and Alice E. (Mace) Webber. Raymond served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1958 during the Korean Conflict. He worked for several years as a union painter and later as a manager for Smiley's Welcome Inn in Southbridge before retiring many years ago. Raymond was a past State President and Golden Eagle Member of the Southbridge Fraternal Order of Eagles #334.

A memorial service for Raymond will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Southbridge Fraternal Order of Eagles, 59 Mill St., Southbridge. Burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Memorial Fund for Ray Webber, c/o Stephanie DeGray, 124 Pine St. 3F,Southbridge, MA 01550.

Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge is directing the arrangements.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Richard E. Puduski Sr., 79

BRIMFIELD — Richard E. Puduski Sr., 79, of Colonial Park, passed away on Monday, Sept. 19, in the Life Care Center of Auburn, after an illness.

Richard was predeceased by his son, Richard E. Puduski Jr., in 2008.

He leaves his brother, David Puduski of Fort Mill, S.C.; his sister, Joyce Tetreault of Ware; and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by his brother, Donald Puduski, and four sisters, Loretta Pierce, Hazel Galard, Marie Martin and Jane Kapinos. He was born in Chicopee the son of Stanley W. and Loretta (Lyons) Puduski.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Richard worked for many years Smith & Wesson, Inc. in Springfield, retiring many years ago. He was a member of the American Legion post 103 in Palmer.

A funeral Mass for Richard was held on Friday, Sept. 23, in St. Christopher's Church, Rt. 20, Brimfield. Burial was in Brimfield Cemetery. There were no calling hours.

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

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

CASA Project hires new executive director

WORCESTER — The Board of Directors of the CASA Project of Worcester County is very excited to announce the appointment of Robb Zarges, PhD as their new executive director.

Dr. Zarges joins CASA having had 24 years of previous nonprofit management experience, 10 of which were as an Executive Director. He was Executive Director of Straight Ahead Ministries, Inc. for Worcester and New England Director. Dr. Zarges was Executive Director for Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc., Boston. Additionally, he is an adjunct Professor at Clark University. Dr. Zarges has a PhD in Organizational Leadership.

CASA is a financially stable, well-respected, non-profit human service corporation committed to abused and neglected children in the care of Worcester County Juvenile Court.

And since 1981, we have provided court advocacy for abused and neglected children by recruiting, training and supervising volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardians ad Litem (CASA/GALs) who are appointed by a judge to serve one child or sibling group at a time.

In 2015, less than half of the above children in the court system in Worcester County received a CASA advocate. There are not enough trained volunteers. The board and staff have committed to double the number of children served by 2020 by ensuring a sufficient core of trained and supervised CASA advocates are available for all children in need of a court-appointed advocate.

Child abuse and neglect exists in many forms throughout all the communities of Worcester County; it is not limited by geography, race or socio-economic conditions. CASA Advocates serve in all five Worcester County courthouses where these cases are heard: Fitchburg, Leominster, Worcester, Dudley and Milford.

The CASA Project is in the midst of a transformation, growing from an organization powered by a network of dedicated volunteers to a mature, mission-driven and outward-facing organization that will be a partner and leader across Worcester County's human service sector. Dr. Zarges, as our new Executive Director, joins at a very important time for the organization.

Dr. Zarges started as Executive Director effective Aug. 29, 2016.

For more information regarding CASA Project, Inc. visit www.casaworcestercounty.org.

TLGV kicks off 'Walktober' events in region

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history of the region and how it came to be. However, Dawley revealed that 2016 would offer one thing that Walktober has never offered before, a swim event.

"We have the first ever swim in Walktober and that's a pretty cool thing thanks to the Hale Youth and Family YMCA in Putnam," she said. "It's the same day at the Great Pumpkin Festival in Putnam and they are offering a couple of blocks of swim time later in the day so after you go to the festival you can stop in to the YMCA if you pre-registered for the swim. Until we had the YMCA we didn't really have the opportunity for swimming adventures or activities and it is open to members and nonmembers of the YMCA who pre-register. They really want to introduce people to the place so I think that's really cool."

Whether you like swimming hiking, history or just getting out and seeing new things you may have never seen before, Walktober 2016 offers an opportunity for everyone to embrace the beauty and majesty that is the national Heritage Corridor of The Last Green Valley. A full lineup of events can be found at www.thelastgreenvalley.org with daily updates on The Last Green Valley's Facebook page for new and upcoming events all through Walktober. Below is a list of local events that will be taking place in the local area this year.

MULTI-DAY EVENTS:

• Thompson, Conn.: Fort Hill Farms Corn Maze Adventures, Fort Hill Farms, through Oct. 31, open daily

• Southbridge Highlights, QVCAH-The Arts Center in Southbridge, through Oct. 23, Thursdays through Sunday

Saturday, Oct. 1

• ABC Abolish Breast Cancer 5K, Pomfret Recreation Park, 9 a.m.

• Dynamic Duo: Kayak & Hike Along the French River, 1017 Riverside Drive in Thompson, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• French River Canoe Trail, U.S. Army Corps Greebrier Recreation Area in Oxford, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Black Tavern Annual Craft Fair, Black Tavern in Dudley, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Walk in Gertrude Chandler Warner's Footsteps, Boxcar Museum in Putnam, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

• Where Our Water Comes From, 511 Breakneck Road in Southbridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

• Everyone's History Matters – Woodstock Hill, Roseland Cottage in Woodstock, 12-1 p.m.

• WWTP Tour – The Ins and Outs of Wastewater Treatment, 83 Dresser Hill Road in Southbridge, 1-2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 2

• Mt. Wachusett Bike Ride, Southbridge Bicycles in Southbridge, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Historic Ramsdell Walk, West Thompson Lake in Thompson, 10-11:30 a.m.

• Pomfret Farm Tour, Lapsley Orchard in Pomfret, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Nipmuck Trail Hike to Pixie Falls with Chief Ranger Bill, Eastford Road Nipmuck Trailhead in Eastford, 1-3 p.m.

• Historic Killingly Hill/ Putnam Heights Cemetery Walk, Corner of Wilson Road na Liberty Highway in Putnam, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

• Chamberlin Mill and its Neighborhood, 286 Old Turnpike Road in Woodstock, 2-3:30 p.m.

• Oktoberfest Southbridge, Southbridge Town Common in Southbridge, 3-6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 3

• Pizza & Pages at the Pearle: A Teen Book Group, Pearle L. Crawford Library in Dudley, 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

• Knitting with Sonya, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6

• Native Pollinators-Meet the Bees, Southbridge Town Hall in Southbridge, 6-7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

• The View From Aicher's Hill, Weiss & Hale Financial in Pomfret, 1-2 p.m.

• First Friday, Downtown Putnam, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8

• Third Annual BIG-little Apple Festival, Killingly Grange Hall in Killingly, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Connecting to Earth-Meditation Walk, The Woods at Long Pond on the Brimfield/ Sturbridge Town Line, 9-11 a.m.

• Firefighting Museum Tour, Huguenot Steamer Museum in Oxford, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

• 10 Years to Pluto & Mars Adventure, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 10-11:30 a.m.

• Buell's Orchard Harvest Festival, Buell's Orchard in Eastford, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Harvest Hike at NEFF's Goodell-Morse Memorial Forest, Eastford Road in Woodstock, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Lesley Orchard Fall Harvest Festival, Lesley Orchard in Pomfret, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Morning Beckons YOU to the Farm, a Trail & a Wildlife Sanctuary, Morning Beckons Farm in Thompson, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Carelot Harvest Festival, Carelot Children's Center in Killingly, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Southbridge Historic "Centre" Village, 6 Larochelle Way in Southbridge, 12-3 p.m.

• Robbins Preserve, End of Fred Davis Road in Thompson, 1-3 p.m.

• Stories in Stone Walls, 147 Wolf Den Drive in Pomfret, 1-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9

• Bird Watching, CT Audubon Center in Pomfret, 8-10 a.m.

• Hike it Up & Cover Some Miles With Thompson Trails & TLGV Rangers, Cheney Road in Thompson, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Morning Beckons YOU to the Farm, a Trail & a Wildlife Sanctuary, Morning Beckons Farm in Thompson, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Treasurers at the American Optical Heritage Museum, Optical Heritage Museum in Southbridge, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Where the Buffalo Roam, Creamery Brook Bison in Brooklyn, 10-11:30 p.m.

• Lesley Orchard Fall Harvest Festival, Lesley Orchard in Pomfret, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Tour of the Fire House on the Hill, South Killingly Fire Company in Killingly, 12-2 p.m.

• Tour Brooklyn's General Putnam Gallery & More, Brooklyn Historic Society Museum in Brooklyn, 1-5 p.m.

• Hike Opacum's Thompson Preserve, 910 Eastford Road in Southbridge, 1:30-3 p.m.

• Social Ferment and the Old Meeting House, Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, 3-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 10

• Where the Buffalo Roam, Creamery Brook Bison in Brooklyn, 10-11:30 p.m.

• Lesley Orchard Fall Harvest Festival, Lesley Orchard in Pomfret, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

• Buell's Orchard Harvest Festival, Buell's Orchard in Eastford, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Notre Dame Church Celebrates, Notre Dame Church in Southbridge, 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

• Meet The Friesians!, Wolf Den Friesians in Brooklyn, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Heins Farm Photowalk, Ledmine Road in Sturbridge, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

• Welcome to the Graveyard with the Gravestone Girls, 125 Main Street in Southbridge, 5:30-7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

• Dexter-Russell's Factory Outlet Store Southbridge Walktober Day, 44 River Street in Southbridge, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Tackle The Trail, Air Line Trail in Pomfret, 9 a.m.

• Chase Kimball Forest, Jericho Road in Pomfret, 9-11 a.m.

• From Pulpit to Tomb: The Preachers of Westfield Church, Westfield Church in Danielson, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Nature Scavenger Hunt, TEEG in Thompson, 9-10:30 a.m.

• Organization Expo, Southbridge Community Center in Southbridge, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Roseland Cottage Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, Roseland Cottage, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• 27th Annual Sturbridge Harvest Festival, Town Common & Publick House, All Day Event

• Publick House's 27th Annual Scarecrow Decoration Contest, Town Common & Publick House, Al Day Event

• Cider & Pumpkins! Celebrate Fall at Devon Point Farm!, Devon Point Farm in Woodstock, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

• The Stillness of the Still River, 12 Westfield Road in Eastford, 10-11 a.m.

• Tour the Historic Black Tavern, Black Tavern in Dudley, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

• Where Did My Trash Go?, Southbridge landfill in Southbridge, 1-2:30 p.m.

• Camp Woodstock Family Event, YMCA Camp Woodstock in Woodstock Valley, 2-4 p.m.

• Mills, Rivers & Rails of Putnam, Rotary park Bandstand in Putnam, 2-4 p.m.

• Night Visit to North Cemetery under a Full Moon, Pomfret Post Office in Pomfret, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16

• Southbridge is Flying High in The Last Green Valley, Southbridge Municipal Airport in Southbridge, 9-11 a.m.

• Cider & Pumpkins! Celebrate Fall at Devon Point Farm!, Devon Point Farm in Woodstock, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

• West Thompson Dam Tour, West Thompson Dam in Thompson, 10-11 a.m.

• Roseland Cottage Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, Roseland Cottage, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

• 27th Annual Sturbridge Harvest Festival, Town Common & Publick House, All Day Event

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• A Hidden "Gem" in Woodstock's Woods, Leavitt Road in Woodstock, 12-1 p.m.

• McKinstry Brook North-Post Tornado Hike, 570 Pleasant Street in Southbridge, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

• For Kids/By Kids Scavenger Hunt on the Lyon Preserve, Lyon Preserve in Pomfret, 1-2 p.m.

• Why is the Cat Hollow, Cat Hollow Park in Danielson, 104 p.m.

• Golden Oaks, Border Woods Preserve in Woodstock, 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

• De-Stress & Self-Express at Adult Coloring, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20

• Oakes & Smith Folk Duo Concert, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

• Things That Go Bump In The Night, Black Tavern in Dudley, 7-9 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 21

• Tucker District Cemetery Stories & Snacks with Renee, 157 Tucker District Road in Dayville, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22

• Bird Watching, 910 Eastford Road in Southbridge, 7-9 a.m.

• Thompson Railroad Day, Tourtellotte High School's 1909 Building, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

• The Great Pumpkin Festival, Downtown Putnam, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Did You Know?, Putnam Public Library in Putnam, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.

• Meteor Crater Walk, 52 Stallion Hill Road in Sturbridge, 1-3 p.m.

• East Thompson Train Wreck Site, East Thompson Road in Thompson, 2-4 p.m.

• Swim With The Pumpkins, Hale YMCA & Family Center in Putnam, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23

• Windham County Extension Center Open House, UConn Extension in Brooklyn, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Nature-Framed!, Windham Tolland 4-H Camp in Pomfret, 1-2:30 p.m.

• Hatchet Hill Hike, 1914 Eastford Road in Woodstock, 1-2:30 p.m.

• Fat Tire Fun, Chartlon Street Recreation Area in Southbridge, 2-4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 24

• Scary, Scary Night Pumpkin Contest, Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library in Dudley, 12-7:45 p.m.

• Images & Lore of the Quabbin Visit Southbridge, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

• cRIPt: Investigation of the Paranormal, Killingly Public Library in Killingly, 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

• East Thompson Train Wreck Site, East Thompson Road in Thompson, 2-4 p.m.

• Be Spoken, Starlite in Southbridge, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

• Dexter-Russell's Factory Outlet Store Southbridge Walktober Evening, 44 River Street in Southbridge, 5-9 p.m.

• Legends & Haunts of New England with Tom D'Agostino, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28

• Downtown Putnam Trick Or Treat Night, Union Square in Putnam, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29

• Griggs Pond Historical Hike, Nipmuck State Forest in Woodstock, 9-11:30 a.m.

• Meet Local Heroes Part 1 – Southbridge Fire Department Tour, Southbridge Fire Station in Southbridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

• Meet Local Heroes Part 2 – Southbridge Police Department Tour, Southbridge Police Station in Southbridge, 1-2 p.m.

• Wilderness Scavenger Hunt, The Woods at Long Pond in Sturbridge, 1-3 p.m.

• Scarecrow Kingdom and Trick or Treat on Main Street, David Park in Danielson, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 31

• Halloween Movie Night – Don't Be A Chicken, Jacob Edwards Library in Southbridge, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3

• Your Land, Your Legacy; A Workshop for Landowners – Learn about Conservation Options, Southbridge Town Hall in Southbridge, 7-8:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4

• Night Photography at West Thompson Dam, West Thompson Lake in Thompson, 8-10 p.m.

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Landfill issues come to a head in Charlton

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findings.

Since the DEP named Casella as the potential cause of the contamination, Cue said Casella has been doing what they are supposed to do, which includes searching for another possible source of the contamination.

"Being called the potentially responsible party is not unlikely or unexpected. We are a landfill and we are right there. We understand we are easy pickings. We have to not only prove it's not us, but find out who it is," explained Cue. "It's a needle in a haystack – we don't know what it is. We have found two to three potential other sites that could have done it. We are in the process of getting them tested and when we do hopefully DEP will factor it into the report."

One of the possible sites named in the Tighe & Bond report was Millennium Power. But their spokesperson Todd Martin stated at the public hearing that 1,4-dioxane "is not used in electricity production and is not a byproduct of the company's operations." To this, Pigsley said the DEP was not considering Millennium Power as a source and continued to point fingers at Casella.

"Charlton has issues with the landfill in general," said Cue. "They don't get a penny for it and their houses are all right next to it. They get the downside of it. That's the problem. We are not in the business of opinions. We are in the business of facts. And right now we need more facts. And that's what we are working on."

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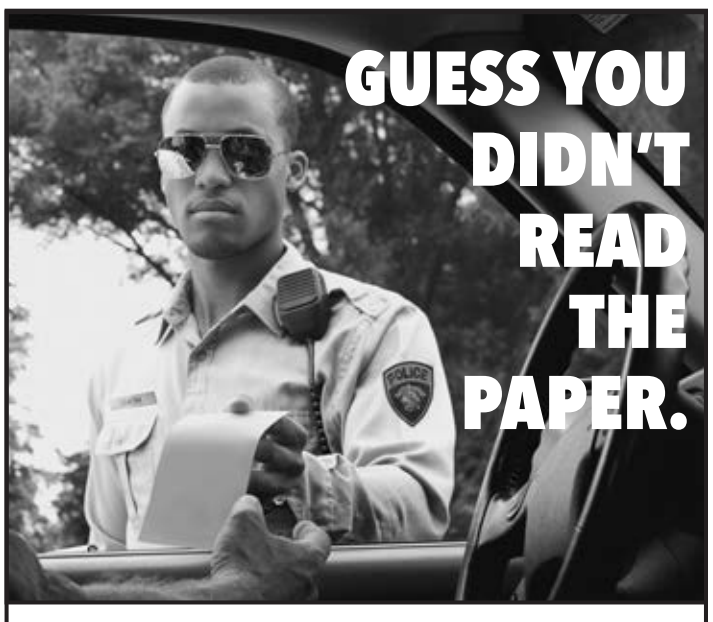

When thing like speed limits change,
we're the first to know.
You could be the second
Your Community Paper.
Told ya.

School Menus

SHEPHERD HILL

Monday, Oct. 3: BBQ ribs, rice pilaf, romaine salad, fruit

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 5: Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, roll and butter, fruit

Thursday, Oct. 6: Shepherds pie (hamburger, corn, potatoes), rolls and butter, fruit

Friday, Oct. 7: Nachos, guacamole, salsa, cheese, three-bean salad, fruit

CHARLTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 3: BBQ ribs, rice pilaf, romaine salad, fruit

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 5: Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, roll and butter, fruit

Thursday, Oct. 6: Shepherd's pie (hamburger, corn, potatoes), rolls and butter, fruit

Friday, Oct. 7: Nachos, guacamole, salsa, cheese, three-bean salad, fruit

CHARLTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 3: BBQ ribs, rice pilaf, romaine salad, fruit

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Chicken dippers, sweet potato fries, wheat roll and butter, fruit

Wednesday, Oct. 5: Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, roll and butter, fruit

Thursday, Oct. 6: Shepherd's pie (hamburger, corn, potatoes), rolls and butter, fruit

Friday, Oct. 7: Nachos, guacamole, salsa, cheese, three bean salad, fruit

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Monday, Oct. 3: Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, jardinière veggies, fresh fruit

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Shepherd's pie, peas, carrots, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, Oct. 5: Bacon omelet, O'Brien potatoes, green beans and tomato, fruit ambrosia, Diet: SF pudding, chicken veggie soup

Thursday, Oct. 6: Chicken cacciatore, penne pasta, Italian blend vegetables, vanilla mousse

Friday, Oct. 7: Catch of the Day: Baked fish, tartar sauce, lemon seasoned potato, peas and mushrooms, peaches

POLICE LOGS

Editor's Note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or other public documents kept by each police department, and is considered to be the account of police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the arrested party.

CHARLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thursday, Sept. 15

6:08 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Brookfield Road

7:42 p.m.: Police investigated suspicious activity on N. Sturbridge Road

Friday, Sept. 16

1:42 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Carpenter Hill Road

4:41 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Muggett Hill Road

8:03 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Old Worcester Road

11:42 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Flint Road

Saturday, Sept. 17

1:25 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on H. Putnam

7:18 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Southbridge Road

Sunday, Sept. 18

1:36 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Mass Pike

4:18 p.m.: Police responded to a disturbance on Dresser Hill Road

Monday, Sept. 19

10:54 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Saundersdale Road

4:39 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Worcester Road

Tuesday, Sept. 20

9:25 a.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Southbridge Road

12:55 p.m.: Police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Sturbridge Road

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Kart with my son was more important than folding socks, the painting watercolors took priority to doing the dishes. Yes, it is super important to keep a clean and safe house, but these things can wait. They will be here tomorrow, our time spent with those tiny maniacs in our life will go by too quickly, and they will be teenaged maniacs, then grown ups, and they will have little maniacs of their own.

Enjoy this time you have with your family. It is a scary world out there and they need us as much as we need them. No one cares if you wear the same jeans all week, or if your hair is consistently in a messy bun. Get out and play before the weather gets too cold, and take a moment for yourself. I know this is the advice I should heed myself, and I will. My plan is to become more organized and laugh more. You should too!

Please write in and share your thoughts! As always, take what you want from what we discuss as advice or information, share with me your favorite tip or recipe and join me on our next edition of "Mom in Motion." E-mail me your thoughts and tips at jill@stonebridgepress.com.

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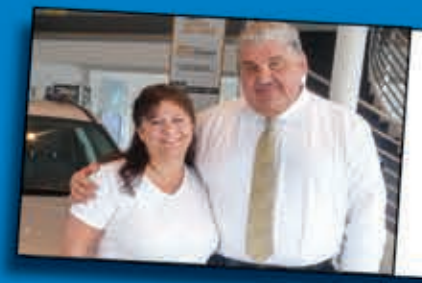

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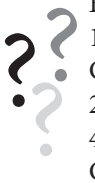

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AUBURN – 55 Loring St! RVer's Dream! Pull Your Motor Coach into 24X60 Garage! Full Hook Ups! 7 Rm 1,820' Contemp Ranch! Granite Kit w/ Island! 14x27 Liv Rm w/Cathedrals! Frplc Fam Rm! Frplc Master/Master Bath! 2 Bdrms! 3 Baths! 28x51 "Indoor Pool" Rm! C/A! 1.43 Acres! Super Convenient! **$449,900.00**

WEBSTER – 52 Upland Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Spacious Applianced Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm or 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Built-Ins! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Den or Office! 1/2 Bath on Main Level! 2 Oversized Bdrms w/Hrdwds on 2nd Flr! Full Bath! Mud Rm! Full Walk-out Basement! Rear Patio! Immediate Occupancy! **$179,900.00**

DUDLEY - 43 Mason Rd! Remodeled 7 Rm Ranch! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/ Quartz Counters, Breakfast Bar & Tile Flr! Large Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Din Area w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 2 Full Exceptional Bathrms! Fam Rm! Office! Security! Oil Heat! AG Pool! Trex Deck! Shed! 2 Car Garage! **$264,900.00**

WEBSTER – 25 Black Point Rd! 6 Rm 2050' Colonial! 13 Yrs Young! Applianced! Open Flr Plan - Dining Rm & Living Rm – 30'1 9' Ceilings! 22' Master Bdrm w/Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2.5 Baths! Corner Lot! Farmer's Porch! Deck! Across the Street from Webster Lake Colonial Park Beach Rights! **$269,900.00**

DUDLEY – 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Applianced Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/ Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **$359,900.00**

WEBSTER – New England Commons! Adult 55+! 2 Bdrms! 1 to 2 Baths/Master! Applianced! Granite! Hrdwds, Tile & Carpet! Basements! Garage! C/Air! Security! Community Center! Walking Trails! Low Fees! Convenient! **From $234,900.00**

ALEXANDER'S LAKE – Killingly, CT! 95 Island Rd! Beautiful Inside & Out 8 Rm Waterfront Colonial! Applianced Kit! Frplc Liv Rm! 1st Flr Bdrm, Bath & Laundry! 3 2nd Flr Bdrms! Lake Facing Master w/ Cathedrals, Skylight, Bath, Private Deck! 2 Car Garage! **$489,900.00**

SOUTHBRIDGE – 32 Glenview Ave! Custom 6 Rm Contemp! Open Kit & Din Area w/Cathedrals & Skylight! Liv Rm w/Pellet Stove, Slider to Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Private Deck! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Finished Lower Level w/LP Frplc! New Kit Cabinets, Counters & Roof 2014! **$249,500.00**

WEBSTER – 17 Fort Hill Rd! Looking 30 ACRES OF PRIVACY & SERENITY! 5 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Kit w/Updated Cabinets! Formal Din Rm! Liv Rm Leads to Screened-in Porch Overlooking Pond! 2 Large Bdrms! Updated Bath! Full Basement w/Laundry! 2 Car Detached Garage! Oil Heat! Gas Hot Water! **$274,900.00**

LEICESTER– 39 Boyd St! Updated 7 Rm Cape! Applianced Granite Kit w/Tile Backsplash & Pantry! Spacious Din Rm! 1st Flr Bdrm/Off/Playroom! 3 Brdms! =Master w/4 Closests! 1.5 Baths! Garage/Shed! Updates Inc: Bit, Baths, Roof, Oil Tank, Paint, Fence, Driveway, Electrical, Pluming & Windows! **$234,900.00**

DUDLEY – Waterfront! Pierpont Meadow Pond! 112 Klondike Rd! 100' Sandy West Facing Shoreline! Sunsets! 15,375' Lot! 5 Rm Year Round Ranch with that Cozy Cottage Feel! Knotty Pine, Cathedrals & Hardwoods! 2 Bdrms! Open Floor Plan! Shed! **$279,900.00**

WEBSTER – 16 Elm Street! 6 Rm Colonial! Conveniently Located! Off Street Parking for 3+ Cars! Nice Back Yard! Newly Applianced Kit w/Tile Flr! Liv & Fam Rm w/Refinished Hrdwd Flrs! 2/3 Bdrms! Spacious Master! 1.5 Baths w/New Vanities! Gas Heat & Hot Water! Walk-out Basement! Deck! **$119,900.00**

WEBSTER - NEW ENGLAND COMMONS! 55+ Adult Community! 5 Rm 1 Level Living! Kit w/Pantry, Tile Flr, Corian Counters & Breakfast Bar! Liv Rm & Master w/Trey Ceiling, Master Bath w/Step-in Shower! 2nd Bdrm w/Cathedral Ceiling! 2nd Full Bath! Attached Garage! Farmers Porch! Full Basement! **$249,900.00**

DUDLEY - 174 Klondike Rd! Pierpont Meadow Waterfront! West Facing! Beautiful Sunsets! Full Recreational! Cozy Yr Rd Getaway! Renovated! Applianced Kit w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/ Frplc & Hrdwds! 1 Bdrm! Updated Bath! Heated Sunroom Overlooking Water! Recent Electrical, Plumbing, Well & Septic! **$219,900.00**

WEBSTER – 36 North Main St! 6 Room Cape! Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Dining Area! Living Room w/Wall to Wall! Den w/Wall A/C! 1st Floor Bedroom! 3/4 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Recent Roof & Furnace! Will be Updated to Circuit Breakers! Nice Back Yard! Off Street Parking! **$99,900.00**

WEBSTER – 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! **$117,900.00**

DOUGLAS – 15 Mt Daniels Way! 8 Rm Custom Colonial! 2.2 Acres! 2 Story Grand Entry Foyer! New Applianced Granite Kit! Formal Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! Frplc Fam Rm! Frplc Master Suite w/ Cathedrals! 2.5 Baths! Expandable 3rd Level! New Roof & Furnace! CVac, Security, Irrigation! 2 Car Garage! **$469,900.00**

WOODSTOCK – 291 E Quasset Rd! WAPPAQUASSET "QUASSET" POND! Hidden 88 Acre Recreational Gem! Woodstock Fairgrounds Near! Yr Rd or 2nd Home! 6 Rm Ranch! 152' Waterfront! 26,136' Lot! Appliance Kit! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! A/C! Garage! **$259,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Chestnut St Unit 22! "Stonegate" Conveniently Located! Freshly Painted 4 Rm 2 Bdrm Condo! Applianced Eat-in Kit w/Pantry Closet, Tile Counter, Dble Sink & Ceiling Fan! Liv Rm w/Wall A/C & Flat Panel TV! Full Bath! Electric Heat & Hot Water! Storage! 2 Parking Spaces! Coin Op Laundry! **$69,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 71 Birch Island! 7 Rm Colonial w/Lake Views from Every Rm! Hrdwds in Din/Liv & Master Bdrm! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Walkout Lower Level Fam Rm! 239' Waterfront! New Metal Roof! 2 Car Attached Garage & 3 Car Detached w/2nd Flr! Needs to be Seen to Appreciate Everything it Could Be! **$674,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 402 Treasure Island! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874'! Hardwood Floors! Applianced! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplcd Fam Rm! CAir! Gas Heat! Recent Trex Deck! Garage! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 21 Wakefield Ave! In a Cove Protected! Idle Out to the Lake - South Pond Lake Access! 10 Rm Colonial! 5 Bdrms & 2.5 Baths! Applianced! Flexible Flr Plan! Master Suite w/Bath, Dressing Rm & Office Area! Buderus LP Gas Heat! **$344,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 46 Pt Pleasant Rd! Middle Pond – Southern Expo! 8 Rm Custom Cape! Open Flr Plan! Fully Applianced w/Lunch Counter! Lake Facing Brick Frplc Liv Rm, Din Rm & Fam Rm! 19' Master! 4 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! 2 Baths! Huge Trex Deck! Buderus 5Z Oil Heat! **$449,900.00**

CHARLTON - South Charlton Reservoir! 302C Partridge Hill Rd! Full Recreational! 75' Waterfront! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm Ranch! Great Water Views! Open Flr Plan w/Cathedrals, Skylights, Frplce! 2 Baths! Fam Rm! Garage! Sandy Shore, Great Swimming! Dock! **$329,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Technical/Electrical Marvel! 2 Story Grand Entry! Fully Appliance Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/2 Dishwashers, Heated Flr & Pantry! Spacious Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to the Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm w/Entertainment Center! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! 1st Flr Lake Facing Master w/Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet, Full Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool & Corner Shower! Upstairs 3 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing, Both connect to a Full Bath, the 3rd has its Own Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Walkout Lower Level Lake Facing Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Cedar Sauna & Full Bath! Separate Utility Rm & Workshop! 3 Car Attached Garage! Detached 1 Car Garage! Security System! LP Gas Whole House Generator! Boat House that Auto Draws Boat Out of the Water, Launches It on a Rail System! Weather Station! Well Irrig System! See/Ask For All Attachments! **$1,195,900.00**

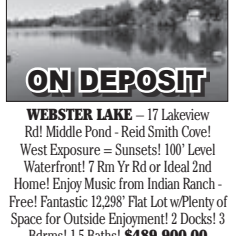
WEBSTER LAKE – 30 S. Point Rd! Tons of Sun! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! Country Kit w/ Din! Spacious Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walk-out Lower Level! Fam Rm w/Summer Kit! Recent Roof & Siding! **$394,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 103 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/ Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/ Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **$279,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 113 Birch Island Rd! Overlooking Middle Pond! Eastern Expo – Beautiful Sunrises! 5 Rm Year Round Waterfront Home! 2 Bdrms! Renovated Kit & Bath! Din Rm! Liv Rm w/Frplc! Listed by Another, **SOLD by Century21 Lake Realty!** **$285,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 15 South Point Rd! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Build Your Waterfront Dream! 100+' of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147'! Town Water & Sewer Available! 2 Docks Already in the Water! Lots on Webster Lake are a Rarity, Don't let this Slip By without Your Consideration! **$189,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE COMPOUND! 2 Checkerberry Isl! Private 2.09 Acre Waterfront Peninsula Estate! Park Like Grounds! 2,800' 8 Rm Colonial Main House w/Lake Views from Most Windows! SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Area w/Tile Flr! Lake Facing 38' Din/Liv Rm w/Frplc, Recessed Lighting & Slider to Wrap Around Deck! French Dr Fam Rm Surrounded by Water! 3 Bdrms! 21' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Slider to Private Deck w/Lake Views, Master Bath! 2nd Bath w/Dble Vanity Sinks, 3.5 Baths! Skywalk Attached 750' 4 Rm Guest/In-Law Apartment w/Granite Kit, SS Applianced, Open Din & Liv Rm w/Slider to Lake View Deck, Bdrm, Nice Bathrm! Detached 3 Rm Yr Rd Guest Cottage or Rental Unit w/Kit, Frplcd Liv Rm, Bdrm & Bathroom! Enclosed 3 Season Pavilion Great for Entertaining! Tree Lined Private Drive! Rolling Lawn! Decks! Patios! Ideal Dock Setup! Boat Ramp! For the Discerning Buyer! **$1,449,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 17 Lakeview Rd! Middle Pond - Reid Smith Cove! West Exposure = Sunsets! 100' Level Waterfront! 7 Rm Yr Rd or Ideal 2nd Home! Enjoy Music from Indian Ranch - Free! Fantastic 12,298' Flat Lot w/Plenty of Space for Outside Enjoyment! 2 Docks! 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! **$489,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 36 Laurelwood Dr! Magnificent Lake Property! .75 Acres! Western Expo – Beautiful Sunsets! Frplc Liv Rm! Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 3 Car Garage! Mahogany Deck! Cabana! Sandy Beach! New Dock! Boat Ramp! **$799,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 17 South Point Rd! Middle Pond! 6 Room Cape! 72' Waterfront! Completely Renovated! Center Island Kit! Mostly Lake Facing Rms! Master w/Bath & Private Deck! 2/3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Oil by Buderus! 4 Electric Mitsubishi Heat Pumps w/ Air! Farmers Porch! Garage! **$499,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 14 Bates Crossing! South Pond! East Expo – Beautiful Sunrises! Expansive Water Views! 11,000' Level Lot! 6 Rm Colonial! 10x46 Porch! Open Flr Plan! 3 Bdrms! 2nd Flr Master w/Cathedrals, Master Bath! 2 Baths! A/C! Garage! **$559,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 296 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 180 Degree Panoramic Water Views! Front Row Seat to 4th of July Fireworks! 5 Room Ranch! Ideal Second Home or Live Year Round! Winter in Florida – Summers on Webster Lake! Open Floor Plan! 2 Bedrooms! Nice Deck! Garage! **$299,900.00**

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WEBSTER - 47 ASH STREET

Pride of Ownership says it all with Huge 1400+ sq ft Young Ranch !!!! Meticulously Maintained, 7 Room, Master Bed with Master Bath and Walk-in Closet. Cathedral Ceiling with Exposed Beams! .Plus a Fantastic Great Room with Sliders to a Generous 16ft x 16ft Private Deck. Fully Applianced Kitchen! Solid 6 Panel Interior Doors, 4 Year Young Asphalt Shingles, Partially Finished Basement, 15,000+ sq ft Beautifully Landscaped Family Friendly Flat Level Lot. All Town Services! This One is For You! **$227,500.**

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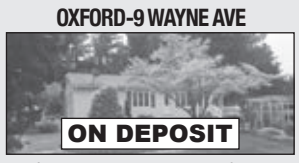

First Time Offered! Beautifully Maintained Ranch has Something for Everyone! Custom Kitchen - Birch Cabinets & Breakfast Bar! Finished Basement! Newer Pellet Stove for Alternate Heat Source! Full Bath! Kitchen Area w/sink & Refrigerator! Perfect as a Teen Suite or Game Room!! Detached 2 Stall "Powered" Garage for the Car Enthusiast! Loft Area AND an Oil Furnace! Side Entry Features a Large Sitting Room! Cozy Sunroom! Colorful Perennial Gardens Border! Patio! New Septic being Installed. **NEW PRICE $257,000.**

THOMPSON CT- 351 QUADDICK RD

Welcome to the country at its best! This gorgeous 3 bedrm 2.5 Bath contemporary home, nestled on a private beautifully manicured yard on 2.64 Acres! Granite countertops and island! Brazilian cherrywood throughout kitchen, dining, & living room! Cathedral ceiling living rm! Propane fireplace heater! Downstairs master bedroom, full bath! First flr half bath w/ washer dryer. 2 Car garage! **$304,900.**

DUDLEY - 17 EAGLE DR

First Time Offered! "WOW" is the Reaction when Entering this Beautiful Home ! Outstanding Quality in this Custom Colonial! Large Upscale Kitchen w/ Solid Maple Cabinets! GE Profile Appliances! Granite Counters! Lg Angled Breakfast Bar! Formal Dining Room! Hardwood Flrs Throughout both Levels! Brick Fireplace. Cathedral Ceiling, Second Floor Balcony! 1st Flr Master w/LuX Bath & Sep. Shower, Double Vanity w/Granite! 1st Flr Laundry w/Sink! 2nd Flr - 3 Bdrms, 2 Full Baths, Rm above garage! Lg Deck 14x30! Security Sys.! Central Air! Oversized Garage! **$424,900.**

DUDLEY- 23 INTERVALE RD

Welcome home to this charming 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath cape! One acre! First floor master bdrm w/ full bath! Living room w/pellet stove! Lower level has additional heated family room! W/ 2nd full bath! Sit out and grill on the recent deck and enjoy the fresh air! Make sure you put this one on your "to see" list! **New Price $199,900**

LAND!

WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS

Webster - Lot 119B Thompson Rd Town Water & Sewer $43,500.

Webster - Lot 119A Thompson Rd Town Water & Sewer $43,500.

Webster - 114 Lake St. **Multi-Family Zoned**, 12,000 +/- Sq Ft Lot. Town Water & Sewer, and City Gas! $56,900.

Webster- 122 Gore Rd. Lot Approx. 1-1.2 +/- Acres. Town Water & Sewer. Level Lot. ***Business Zoned*** $110,000.

Dudley - Lot# 149 Southbridge Road - 4.5 +/- acres. 150 ft +/- of Rd. Frontage,610 ft +/- River Frontage $85,000.

HOLDEN-2 PIONEER RD

Gracious classic New England Cape near Holden Center! Wonderful flow to the first floor for entertaining or every day living! Large living and dining rooms with hardwood floors throughout! Fireplaced family room! Two-tiered deck! First floor bath! Spacious eat in kitchen with beautiful granite counters! Front to back master bedroom with double closets! Lovely flat fenced yard. Two car garage! **assisted sale $295,000**

WEBSTER-4 PANARELLI WAY

Beautiful Colonial Located In A Quiet Cul De Sac! Amazing Grand Foyer With Cascading Stairway! 7 Room, 3 Bed 2.5 Bath Home! Gleaming Hardwoods! Fireplaced Living Room! Applianced Kitchen! Master Suite! Jacuzzi Tub And Shower Stall! Private Back Deck! 2 Zone Heating And Cooling! **New Price $309,900**

DUDLEY - 6 CHASE AVE

Own your own business! Opportunity to walk into a turn key operation! Full liquor license, full commercial kitchen with grill, double ovens, fryolaters, walk in fridge, freezers! Expand with catering or take out! Property sale is both the business and building with all bar/business fixtures. Outside has horseshoe pits for league games and volley ball court. Property holds 198 person occupancy. **$629,900**

DUDLEY - 217 DUDLEY SOUTHBRIDGE RD

Lovely Country Setting for this 3 Bedroom Cape! Motivated Seller! Private setting on 1 Acre. Roomy 2 Car Garage Open Concept Floor Plan. Living-Dining Area. Country Kitchen with Eat in Dining Area. Access to Rear Deck for Summer Fun. Walk out Basement for Convenient Access to Backyard. Electric Fence to Keep The Dogs Safe ! Needs some Cosmetic Updates but still a Good Value! **$257,000**

DUDLEY- 6 WEST STREET

Investor's attention! - A Must See! 4 - 5 Units. Town of Dudley has the dwelling with 4 units. 4 Units source of Heat is Gas/Gas Stove.Newer Kitchens & Baths! Easy access to Heated Walkout Basement! Coin-op washer & dryer! Large Paved, Level Fenced, secure, off street Parking Area! Updated electrical panels. Requires some attention! **$139,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 113 BIRCH ISLAND RD

WebsterLakeWaterfront!BreathtakingviewofMiddlePond! Catch the Early Morning Sun at breakfast right at water edge or in the huge 4 season porch! Many recent updates! Interior Freshly Painted! FieldstoneFireplace!Hardwoods!OilHeat!2bedrooms!And much more! **NEW PRICE $319,900**

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 LAKESIDE AVE

Authentic LOG HOME Summer Cottage! 100' Waterfront! Western Exposure! 10,000 + sq. ft. Lot offers loads of enjoyment! Other possibilities due to the size and frontage of the lot! EXPANSIVE VIEW OF SOUTH POND! Inground Sprinkler System! Don't let this one pass you by! **$374,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 16 PATTISON RD

Webster Lake Waterfront! Private, Quiet & Peaceful Location on Dead End Street! Colonial Park on Nipmuch Point! South Pond! Prime Waterfront! Large Lot - 41 Acre, 17,859 Sq. Ft., with 130' +/- of Water Frontage!! 2900 Sq Ft +/- Lake Home! Great Swimming! Relaxing Views! Oversized 15'X30' Screened Gazebo! Evening Shade! 3 Bedrooms! 3 Full Baths! Gas Fireplace in Master Suite w/Roman Size Ceramic Shower! Cathedral Ceilings! Also, The Entire Top Level is One Suite with Large Sitting Area/Study & French Doors Leading to Bedroom! Lower Level offers! 2 Car Heated Garage! Multi-Level Decks W/Natural Landscaping, Beautiful Tall Pines for Shade! Suspended Dock And So Much More! **$825,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE • 7 WAKEFIELD AVE

WATERFRONT: Summer has ARRIVED and so Should YOU! Roomy Ranch! Lots of House for the Money $$ 3 Floors of Living Space provide Lots of Room for Family Get Togethers or Quiet Enjoyment of the Priceless "Waterfront" Living! Large Tiered Deck gives Access to a Level yard and Water Access! Spacious Lower Level with Wide Open Spaces for Game Tables and Movie Shows! Property is Located in a Cove! **$349,000.**

WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD

WEBSTER LAKE: PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakefront, large deep lot 10,489sf , flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty offstreet parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, Year-round, 2 story Cape home, 4 BRs (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BAs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year+/- young roof. **NEW PRICE $445,000**

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East Brookfield - First time on the market! Come over and see this 3 bedroom Cape zoned for business! Perfect for single family living with three bedrooms, open living & dining rooms, 1.5 baths, mud room and deck. Full, walkout basement to the backyard. Currently rented as a single family home. New roofs on both the house and garage, updated windows, natural gas heat, public water. Back yard is fenced in or make more parking space. Walk to town, shopping, Lake Lashaway. **$178,900**

Spencer - Remarkable home on a beautiful corner lot in an A+ location! Professionally manicured grounds, large inground pool with cobblestone patio & walkways! Imagine enough heated garages for 4 cars! Inside is an open floor plan with sunken living room & fieldstone fireplace. Expansive kitchen with corian countertops, custom cabinetry and amazing details throughout. Relax in your master suite with a private balcony, walk in closet and luxurious bath. Entertain in style in the finished basement with an outstanding wet bar, built in keg & refridgerator, pool table, game room & steam shower! **$384,900**

Leicester - Tasteful 4 bedroom home nestled on almost 2 acres of privacy. Rooms are generous sized and have hardwood flooring! Enjoy entertaining in the open kitchen and livingroom area! Lots of cherry cabinets, granite countertops and stainless appliances! Livingroom has vaulted ceilings, fireplace and plenty of room for large furniture. Formal livingroom and diningroom with crown molding. Wait until you see the mastersuite! Vaulted ceilings, walk in closet and spa like full bath with double vanity, jetted tub and separate shower! Full basement & central air! **$399,900**

Spencer - Antique Cape in a wonderful neighborhood! Lots of charming details and updates! Updated roof, siding & windows. New first floor bath with soaking tub. Wide pine & hardwood flooring! Partially finished, walkout basement. Large, beautiful and private yard. Have a green thumb? You'll love the attached greenhouse! Big deck off the diningroom overlooks the backyard. Detached 2 car garage with storage. Nice, enclosed porch on the front of the house too plus an additional rocking chair porch great for relaxing. House being sold in "as is" condition. **$185,000**

Spencer - Modern and dramatic one level beauty! Loaded with top of the line upgrades inside and out! The kitchen, livingroom and dinining area have an open floor plan! Enjoy the 6 burner gas range, sub zero refrigerator, oversized breakfast bar, triple sliders leading to your outdoor oasis! Relax in the luxurious Mastersuite with spa like bath, steam shower & walkin closet! The basement has been finished for the fun of life! Great outdoor space with a gorgeous stone patio, manicured lawn, lush landscaping, stone walkways & walls & custom gas firepit. Rights to Assoc. Beach at Sherwood Forest! **$479,900**

Spencer - Are you looking for room to spread out? If the answer is yes than this is your house! Imagine two, huge great rooms, both with vaulted ceilings! On the first floor you will appreciate gleaming hardwood flooring throughout! The Mastersuite has a walkin closet and full bath! A full walkout basement can easily be finished! If you crave privacy you can experience that here on the 5 acres of land. The house is tucked back off the street on this scenic, peaceful road. Save energy costs with the solar panels. **$299,900**

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Charlton: Perfect One Level Living with this Custom Built Ranch. Open Concept with 5 rooms 3 bedrooms 2 baths. Master bedroom has master bath! Spacious Living room/Dining room and kitchen-all open to each other. Great for entertaining. Attached 2 car garage with ramp to house. Front farmer's porch. Rear deck overlooking woods. HUGE attic! HUGE basement! 3.12 acres! 7 years old. **$349,900.**

Sturbridge: HORSE LOVERS-this home can be used as a single family with in law, or a two family! The good news is there is a 30 x 30 Barn with 6 stalls. Has not been used for horses for many years, you would need fencing BUT the owner willing to separate 5 acres to go w/ this home. Exterior updated with siding & roof. 1st floor has 6 rooms 3 bedrooms & second floor has 5 rooms-1-2 bedrooms full bath plus kitchen, DR, & LR. Located on dead end street but just minutes to RT84 & Mass Pike. **$259,900**.

Southbridge: Investors Cheap 2 Family! 4 room 2 bedroom units. Separate Utilities! Gas heat. Vinyl siding. Some hardwoods. **$95,000**

Southbridge: Wonderfully updated 3 family-nothing to do-no updating needed. 3 room 1 bed, 4 room 1 bed, 4 room 2 bed. Vinyl sided, replacement windows, roof and updated electrical. Newer kitchens, updated flooring. Tenants pay own utilities. **$169,900.**

Southbridge: COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE! 3200sf of Space right on Rt 169-great visibility! 2 floors! Off street parking! Printing company rents the space but can be broken up into other units. Plus single family home with 7 rooms, 4 bedrooms being rented for $950 monthly. Helps with mortgage payment. **$179,900.**

Southbridge/Charlton Line: Extra Special Antique Colonial with beautiful "dream" kitchen!! Custom hickory cabinets, quartz counters, double ovens, center island, pantry closet plus laundry closet! 7 rooms 3 bedrooms 2 baths-all large rooms! 3rd floor w/bonus rooms! Sliders to great deck. Great backyard with shed. Pellet stove, wood furnace plus oil heat. Sunny & Bright! You will love this home! Move in condition! **$229,900**

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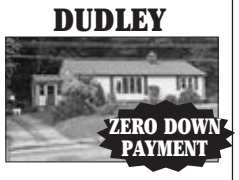

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* Fireplace
* Hardwoods
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96 Charlton Rd $234,900

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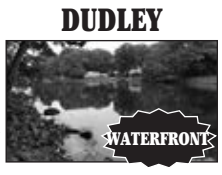

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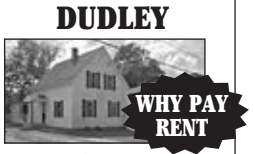

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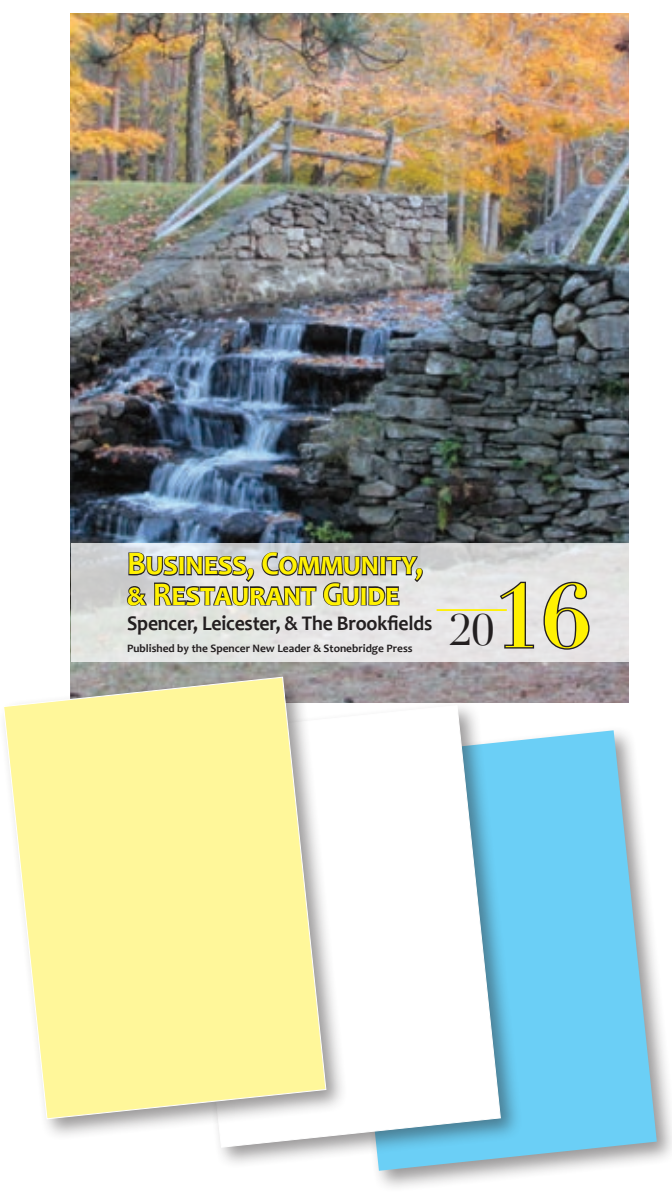

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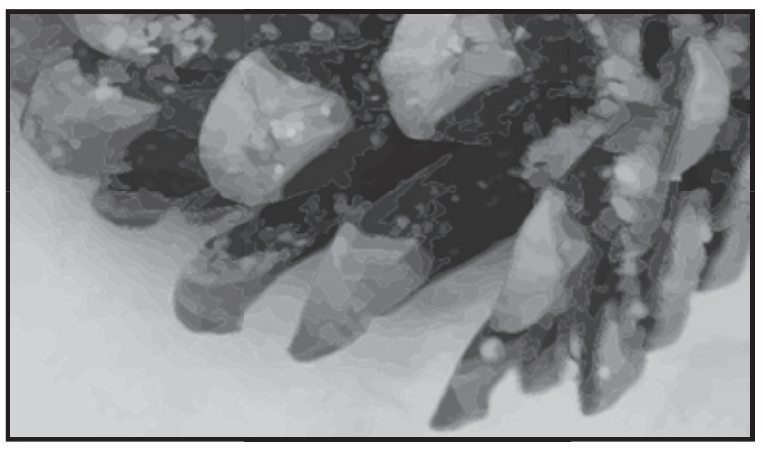

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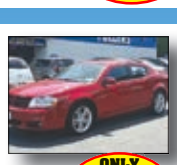
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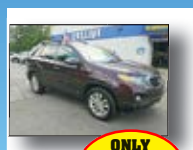
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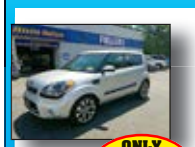
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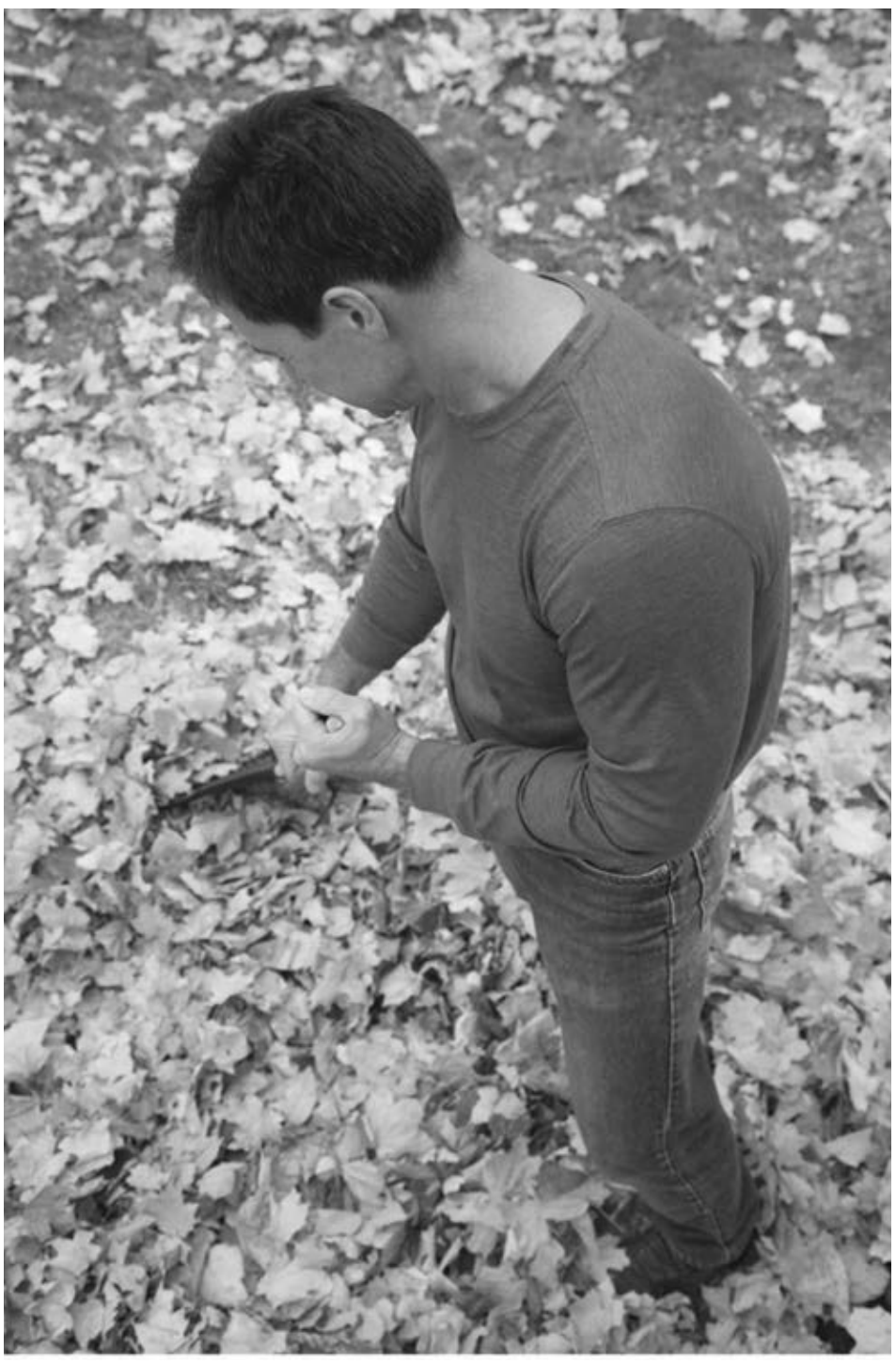

Winter weather can be harsh, especially on lawns. Homeowners who spend much of spring and summer tending to their lawns may fear the impact that winter will have on their once-lush landscapes, making the fall a great time to fortify lawns against any harsh conditions to come.

Homeowners must take grass type into consideration before taking steps to prepare their lawns for the winter. Some grasses are best fertilized in late-summer, while others should be fertilized in autumn. Cool-season grasses, including fescue and bluegrass, are best fertilized sometime between the months of September and November. Warm-season grasses, such as Bermuda or zoysia, should be fertilized between July and September. Once homeowners have gained a greater understanding of their lawns, they can begin exploring the various ways to prepare their lawns for whatever winter has in store.

1. Explore winterizing fertilizers.

Homeowners who want to make their grasses more winter hardy can consult landscaping professionals to determine if winterizing fertilizers will work for their lawns. These specially formulated fertilizers, many of which are made exclusively for cool-season grasses, contain higher levels of potassium and lower levels of nitrogen than early-season fertilizers. Potassium helps strengthen and harden plants, and cool-season grasses may need extra potassium as winter settles in. Homeowners who are not sure if they should apply winterizing fertilizer can conduct soil tests to determine the potassium levels in their soil. If the test indicates the soil has sufficient potassium, then applying a winterizing fertilizer is likely unnecessary. In addition, homeowners who have fed their lawn a balance of nutrients throughout spring and summer likely will not need to apply winterizing fertilizer.

2. Get rid of fallen leaves.

While fallen leaves may be integral components of idyllic autumn landscapes, leaves left on the lawn throughout the winter may lead to disease in the grass. Leaves trap moisture and block sunlight and air from reaching grass, and that can encourage the development of disease. In addition, leaves can harbor insects that also may contribute to disease. While it might seem like common sense to delay leaf removal until the end of autumn when all the leaves have fallen, that, too, can prove harmful to lawns. Leaves left laying on lawns for long periods of time can contribute to the same types of damage as leaves left on the lawn throughout winter, so do your best to remove leaves as they fall.

3. Take steps to fight snow mold.

Homeowners who live in regions where snow falls into spring or where spring tends to be cold and damp may want to take steps to prevent snow mold. Gray snow mold typically looks fuzzy and gray, and lawns infested with snow mold may develop unsightly gray or brown spots indicative of dead grass. Pink snow mold may be even worse than gray snow mold because pink mold attacks the roots as well as the leaves. To prevent snow mold, continue mowing into the fall, even as lawns grow dormant, clearing the lawn of grass clippings and leaves after each mow. Thick lawns may provide a breeding ground for snow mold, so homeowners whose lawns have a history of developing snow mold may benefit from mowing their lawns into the fall.

Winter is rarely easy on lawns, but homeowners can take several steps to prepare their lawns for potentially harsh winter weather. FH168291

Identifying problems that can threaten lush lawns

Landscaping can be a rewarding hobby that instills a sense of pride in homeowners. Whether you prefer to get your hands dirty planting perennials or devote the bulk of your attention to crafting a lush, green lawn, chances are you will run into a problem during lawn and garden season.

Some problems are easy to identify, while others are more complex. The following are a handful of diseases homeowners may encounter when spending time on maintaining their lawns and gardens over the next several months.

ANTHRACNOSE

Anthracnose is a term used to describe various diseases that produce a host of unsightly symptoms. Those symptoms include tan to brown leaf spots or blotches; distorted, cupped or curled leaves; irregular defoliation, such as leaves falling in spring; and dieback, a condition in which trees or shrubs begin to die from the tips of their leaves or roots backward. Permanent damage due to anthracnose is rare, but the diseases can weaken trees over time and that can leave them vulnerable to pest infestations.

BROWN PATCH

Brown patch is unsightly and most likely to occur during summer. According to the Penn State Center for Turfgrass Science, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue and bentgrasses are the grass species most susceptible to brown patch. When a lawn is suffering from brown patch, its leaves and stems die out in large, circular patches. In high-cut grasses, these patches can stretch from a few inches to several feet. Tall fescue grasses may not exhibit symptoms of brown patch in patches. In such instances, the brown patch may be noticeable on individual leaves that feature tan or light brown lesions, and the Center for Turfgrass Science notes that these lesions will be surrounded by dark brown borders.

DOLLAR SPOT

The American Phytopathological Society notes that dollar spot refers to a disease of the leaves of turfgrass. Grasses suffering from dollar spot will have white to straw-colored lesions that progress downward from the leaf tip or laterally across leaf blades. Leaf blades affected by dollar spot may have several small lesions or one large lesion, and in some instances, the entire leaf blade may be affected. Turfgrass affected by dollar spot may be susceptible to weed invasions.

SUMMER PATCH

Summer patch is most common in warm climates and is characterized by yellow to straw-colored patches that can be several inches or several feet in diameter. According to Scotts Lawnservice, summer patch is often linked to shallow root systems that result from poor soil conditions. Large swaths of grass suffering from summer patch can be an eyesore, appearing as though the grass has burned under the summer sun.

Lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs are susceptible to the elements. Identifying lawn diseases quickly can help homeowners find solutions before the problems escalate. GT164990

Autumn yard work gone 'green'

Autumn marks the time to transition from the hot days of summer to the chilly weather of winter. As people remove sweaters and long pants from storage, cleaning up their yards also may be on their minds.

Fall is a season of beautiful foliage, but once that magical color show is over, thousands of leaves have fallen to the ground, necessitating a few weekends' worth of yard work. Some homeowners may be on the lookout for environmentally friendly ways to handle autumn yard work, and thankfully there are plenty of eco-friendly ways to tackle such tasks.

Leaves

The tallest task with regard to fall yard work is collecting the leaves that fall to the ground. Some homeowners prefer to wait until all of the leaves have fallen before starting the collection process, while others handle the task in stages to make it more manageable. Regardless of your timing, skip the noisy gas- or electric-powered leaf blower in favor of a reliable rake. Raking not only collects the leaves but also helps men and women burn calories while ensuring they are not creating any noise or air pollution.

Invest in a durable, ergonomic rake to get the job done quickly and without injury. Innovators are constantly reinventing the rake, and now there are designs that do not trap leaves, saving homeowners from the time-consuming tasks of cleaning the rake's teeth. Rake on a calm day so the wind isn't thwarting your efforts.

When it comes time to bag the leaves, use biodegradable paper bags or look for mesh-like bags that are made from cornstarch. These are more eco-friendly than plastic bags, which can take much longer to decompose.

You won't need to dispose of all the leaves you collect. Shred some to use as mulch, which can prevent soil erosion during the winter. Some leaves can be added to compost piles or used as a soil ammendment in planting beds.

Compost

Autumn is an ideal time of year to get started on building a compost bin. Take advantage of the cooler temperatures to make outdoor work more comfortable.

According to the Audubon Society, American yards generate two tons of clippings each year. A lot of that waste ends up being bagged and thrown away. Instead of producing waste, compost leaves and grass trimmings to use as valuable fertilizer come the spring planting season.

When choosing a location for your compost bins, be sure to place them a good distance away from the house but near enough to garden beds. Most yard waste and food debris can be added to the compost pile. Just avoid animal products, which can produce harmful bacteria.

Skip the leaf blower and pick up a rake for eco-friendly leaf cleanup.

Keep the compost damp and turn it periodically to facilitate the decomposition process. Soak finished compost in water to create "compost tea." This liquid mixture can be sprayed on lawns in the fall to give the yard a nutrient boost that promotes healthy regrowth when the warmer weather returns.

Eco-friendly lawn care can save energy, money and natural resources. TF149545

FALL

Strategies for proper pruning

As the leaves fall off the trees and greenery thins out for the season, exposing branches and undergrowth along the way, homeowners may be tempted to prune their trees and shrubs. But while autumn pruning may seem like a good idea, many gardening experts say it is often best for homeowners to wait until winter or early spring before pruning.

Although pruning does thin out branches and tame spent blooms, which can be eyesores, pruning also stimulates new growth. Pruning in the autumn, when plants are naturally preparing to go dormant, can weaken the plants considerably. This can compromise their chances of surviving into the next growing season.

Fall temperatures also can be deceiving. While it may be warm during the day when the sun is shining, temperatures can quickly drop overnight. Pruning during the warmth of day, when the sap has risen in the plants, may deplete energy from the plant. When the mercury drops at night, the plant can suffer.

If you must spend time in the yard in the fall, tend to the leaves and debris that have already fallen to the ground rather than focusing energy on fall pruning. If you have been diligent during the spring and summer, your shrubs and other plants likely won't need pruning at this time of year.

Wait until winter before taking out the shears. At this point, the woody parts of many plants are dormant and will not be harmed or primed to grow by the pruning. Chances are you won't prune too much as well, as chilly temperatures will keep you from spending too much time outdoors.

When it's time to prune, consider these other pointers.

* Keep tools clean and in good working order. You risk injury if your tools are dull and in poor shape overall. Spend time sharpening pruners and keep manual tools oiled and clean. Debris can lodge itself in clippers, making it more difficult to open and shut them. Wash and dry tools after use, especially when dealing with diseased plants. Otherwise you risk spreading disease to healthy plants.

* Cut back stems completely. It's usually a good idea to prune branches back to the main stem. Leaving a portion sticking out can catch on people or animals and produce a gathering spot for bacteria and insects. Take out thinner, smaller shoots first before moving on to any dead or dying branches.

Fall pruning can stimulate growth in plants preparing for winter dormancy, threatening their ability to return next spring and summer.

* Prune dry branches. Do not prune when plants are wet. Pruning damp plants encourages the growth of microbes that can infiltrate the plant. This is not as significant a problem in the winter, when microbes have already been killed.

* Ask an expert. If you are unsure of how and when to prune particular plants, consult with an expert at a nursery or wherever you buy your plants. FH149522

Simplify fall leaf cleanup

Apple pie, pumpkins and blooming chrysanthemums are symbols of autumn. But nothing signals the arrival of fall more than the millions of leaves that begin to cascade from the trees as the temperatures dip.

Many people feel nothing is more beautiful than the yellow, red, purple, and orange leaves that coat neighborhoods and countrysides each fall. But in spite of their beauty, leaves might be a nuisance to homeowners tasked with removing the growing piles of them from their lawns. Those with large oak and maple trees in front of their homes understand the seemingly endless work of leaf removal.

As the days begin to grow shorter and colder, these changes trigger a hormone release in trees, prompting them to drop their leaves. This chemical message causes the formation of abscission cells where the leaf stem meets the branch, say botanists at the Missouri Botanical Garden. So rather than merely dropping off of trees when the wind blows, the leaves actually fall off deliberately.

Left untouched, fallen leaves can contribute to lawn problems such as poor aeration, mold growth and moisture issues. Leaves also can cause staining on driveways and walkways. Prompt removal can help prevent any problems. To make faster and easier work of leaf removal, keep these tips in mind.

• Mow over thin leaf coverage. If only a few leaves have fallen, use a mulching mower to shred the leaves until they are small enough that they won't suffocate the lawn. The small pieces will decompose in the lawn, reintroducing nutrients as a result.

• Use an ergonomic leaf rake. Ergonomic rakes can prevent back and arm pain, much in the way that ergonomic shovels do when shoveling snow.

• Invest in a quality leaf blower. Using a rake is good exercise, but homeowners with large properties might want to use a leaf blower. These machines can dislodge leaves from bushes and hard-to-reach crevices, and they work faster than rakes.

• Use a tarp. Rake or blow leaves onto a tarp and then drag the tarp to the curbside or to the back of a truck for proper disposal. Special leaf scoopers enable you to grab more leaves if they need to be picked up and transported. Otherwise, you can use the covers from two garbage pails to achieve a similar effect.

• Work with the wind. Rake in the direction the wind is blowing and downhill if your property slopes. This way it will be easier on you, and you won't be working against Mother Nature.

• Spread out the job. Do not attempt to remove all fallen leaves in a single day. Schedule a few cleaning days during the season to make lighter work of the job than if you tried to do it all at once. Keep in mind that leaves will continue to fall throughout the season and you may need to spend a few days removing leaves from your yard.

Removing leaves is a large part of fall home maintenance. Employ these tips to make this task less strenuous. FH168298

Creative ways to recycle leaves

Leaves cascading down from trees indicate the arrival of autumn. However, colorful and awe-inspiring autumn leaves can be a hazard if left to lie on the ground too long.

Fallen leaves form a dense insulator to protect trees' roots and prevent competing plants from growing. Decomposing leaves also provide nutrients for the tree. But wet leaves can be a safety hazard and leaves left on the lawn through the winter can pose a threat to the grass. These are just a couple of reasons why so much effort is placed on leaf clean-up in the fall. The following are some creative ways to recycle leaves that fall from your trees in the weeks to come.

• Mulch: Shredded leaves can make for a great amendment to fertilizer for garden beds and even the lawn. Leaves lying on the grass can be mulched into small pieces with a mulching mower so they don't choke the blades of grass. Leaves also can be broken down with a string trimmer, a leaf blower that has a vacuum function or a commercial shredder/chipper. Add the shredded leaves to a compost pile or use them to fill container plants before adding regular potting soil.

• Insulation: Collect leaves to mound over delicate perennial plants and shrubs. The leaves will add more warmth to the soil and may help plants make it through harsh winters. Just remove the leaves slowly when spring arrives so that the soil underneath can get the sunlight and water it needs to thrive. Leave some leaves in the yard so that animals can use them as nesting material and line their dens for the winter.

• Stuffing: Create whimsical scarecrows as part of your autumn decoration scheme. Gather older clothes that you no longer use and stuff the sleeves of shirts and the legs of pants with leaves, which are less expensive and easier to come by than straw. Use a few pieces of straw around the neck and hand areas of the scarecrow for visual effect. Tie off with twine and display your scarecrow.

• Bedding: Chicken owners can use fallen leaves as bedding in their chicken coops. Dry leaves also may create more comfortable and drier conditions for goats and other livestock. Goats may look to recently fallen leaves as a nutritious food source. Gather the leaves and let the goats munch before you further rake and compost the leaves.

• Decorations: Natural leaves can be used as decorations both inside and outside a home. String freshly fallen leaves together and wrap them around a grapevine wreath for a rustic door decoration. Leaves can be placed in clear vases and put on display for a cheap way to showcase some autumn color. Preserve favorite leaves with a lamination machine or by sealing them between heated sheets of waxed paper. Cut out the leaf shapes and use for hanging window decorations.

• Recreation: Leaves have long been favorite toys for children, who eagerly await jumping into large piles of fallen leaves. Fill paper bags with leaves and draw a target on the front. Let kids test their skill aiming for the targets. Children can camouflage their clothing with leaves and masking tape and have a more intense session of "hide and seek." TF159521

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