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Help Sturbridge update its Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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STURBRIDGE — The town and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission are collaborating to update the town's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and are asking residents to fill out an online survey to help them get their data.

The plan is constructed based on a study of the various natural hazards that could affect Sturbridge and proposes ways in which the town can reduce the risk of those hazards. When it is approved and adopted locally, the 2018 plan will also allow Sturbridge to more easily access emergency preparedness funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Taking the survey is a great way to get

involved and give us the data we need," said Kevin Filchak, the emergency management coordinator for Sturbridge. "Our goal is to make sure that we're talking about all the important issues, and to get residents' answers in writing is ideal."

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was last updated in 2012 as a regional plan through the CMRPC that included 39 towns. For the 2018 update, funded by FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, each of the 27 participating towns is getting its own plan, and Sturbridge has a chance to personalize its plan according to the town's specific needs and hazards.

"Our emergency plans are a living document," said Filchak. "They are something we are constantly updating.

Sturbridge and public safety officials in general learn from the past. We take lessons learned into consideration for future events and evolve with the times."

The plan will take both short-term and long-term protective measures into consideration, taking a very comprehensive look at which natural hazards the community currently faces and those it could potentially face in the future.

Chief Thomas Ford of the Sturbridge Police Department, who also serves as the emergency management director, noted that one of the recent problems in Sturbridge has been flooding, which has been corrected in the past through repairs to roadways. He urges residents

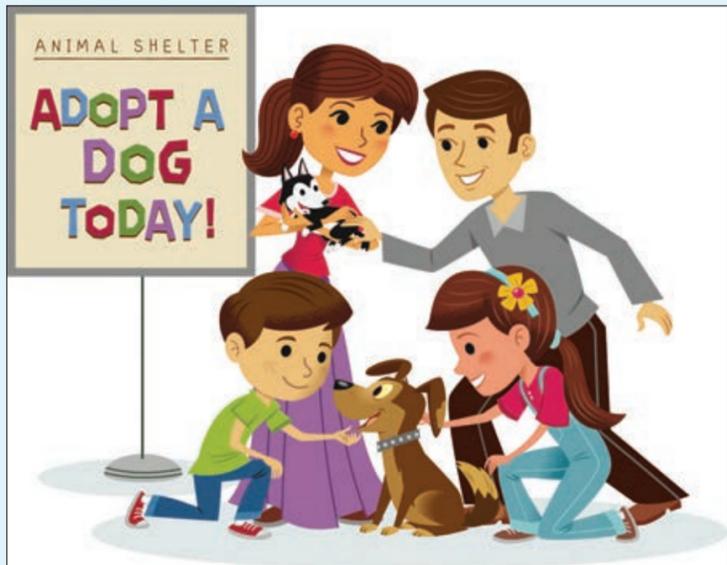
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HONORING ANCESTORS AND THE EARTH

Gus Steeves photo

A pair of young dancers swirl through the circle as part of the celebration at this year's Nipmuc Powwow held at Lake Siog in Holland. More photos on pages 6 & 7.



Rescue shelter Is saving lives one step at a time

Brimfield shelter, Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, along with hundreds of animal rescue groups, is participating in a tremendously fun way to raise funds to continue its lifesaving work: Best Friends Animal Society's Strut Your Mutt. This annual fundraising event, put on by national animal welfare organization Best Friends Animal Society, is a series of charity walks that bring together four- and two-legged participants of all ages to raise money toward saving the lives of homeless pets.

In celebration of Strut Your Mutt, Here Today Adopted

Tomorrow is holding our sixth annual Trails on the Trail, from 10am-noon on Saturday Sept. 15 on the Brimfield Commons. Registration begins at 9am. It's so much more than a charity walk! It is a fun-filled festival with so much to see and do including, dog training demos, a photo booth, vendors, the farmer's market, raffles, contests and more.

Executive Director Rachael Max said, "Here Today Adopted Tomorrow is proud to be a Best Friends Network partner and the annual Strut Your Mutt is so inspiring. Raising money for a for a good cause and hav-

ing a festive event to celebrate our success, what could be better? We invite everyone participate! You may not know it, but you are part of the solution to help our community become that place where every animal is cherished. So, come walk with us and have fun this Saturday on the Brimfield Commons."

To sign up to Strut Your Mutt at the Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Trails on the Trails, please visit heretodaysternctuary.org or call 413 324-8224 or email smudge@heretodaysternctuary.org.

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How Sturbridge Voted

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
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Last week, Sturbridge voters headed to the polls to vote in the primaries. Sturbridge saw a 17 percent turnout, with the results mostly in line with how voters overall in the state voted. Town Clerk Lynne Girouard swore in poll workers early in the morning and lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed procedures before opening the polls for the day. Constables L. David Covino and Thomas Creeden were at the polls to handle order and deco-

rum.

Listed below are the number of votes in Sturbridge for each contested seat in the primary, broken down by party ballot.

Governor
DEM: Jay M. Gonzales, 333; Bob Massie, 172
GOP: Charles D. Baker, 372; Scott D. Lively, 189
Lieutenant Governor
DEM: Quentin Palfrey, 346; Jimmy Tingle, 131
No race in GOP
Secretary of State
DEM: William Francis Galvin, 428; Josh Zakim, 168
No race in GOP

Representative in Congress

DEM: Richard E. Neal, 445; Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, 157
Senator In Congress
GOP: Geoff Diehl, 258; John Kingston, 190; Beth Joyce Lindstrom, 95
No race in DEM.
Attorney General
GOP: James R. McMahon III, 293; Daniel Shores, 180
No race in DEM.
Registrar of Deeds
GOP: Kate D. Campanale, 421; Kevin J. Kuros, 108
Sturbridge Voter Turnout: 17%

Gaumond to leave for Weston

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
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STURBRIDGE — Town Administrator Leon Gaumond announced in early August that he will be resigning from his position for the town for a new position as town manager of Weston, a town about 15 miles west of the city of Boston, effective Sept. 13.

Gaumond has been the town administrator since February 2015, replacing Shaun A. Suchoski, who left in August 2014.

"I can honestly say that I really enjoyed my time in Sturbridge," said Gaumond. "Every town is a little bit different, and I am really happy with the response I've gotten from my supervisors, the board of selectmen, and the residents. There's a lot about the town that I'm going to miss, but I know that they're in a

great position moving forward."

Gaumond will be replacing Donna VanderClock, who has worked for the town of Weston for 34 years and held the position of town manager for the last 13 years. Gaumond will be only the fourth manager in the history of the town.

"I don't know much about the town, so the first few months is going to be getting to know the people, the employees, the staff, the boards, the residents. I have a lot of people I have to meet and introduce myself to. The one glaring difference between the two towns is that Weston is a very affluent community. They have the highest average tax bill in the state of Massachusetts. There are a lot of expectations on service deliv-

ery in the town of Weston that far exceed the level of expectations in the town of Sturbridge."

Holding a bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public administration from American International College, Gaumond has spent his entire professional career working in state and local government. He was the town administrator of West Boylston for over 10 years, the executive secretary for East Longmeadow for two years, and his three years in Sturbridge has been filled with successes.

Since he became town administrator of Sturbridge in 2015, Gaumond has initiated

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TAILS ON THE TRAILS!
Brimfield - Love animals? We do too!! Register today for the Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary 6th annual Tails on the Trail Walk. The walk is on Sept. 15th on the Brimfield Town Common. You do not need a dog to walk! We will have raffles, prizes, dog training demos, vendors and crafts! Free t-shirt with registration! All proceeds to benefit the trap, neuter and return program along with veterinarian bills at our shelter. Please visit www.heretoday sanctuary.org for more information.

5K BURGESS RUN
The first annual Burgess Bear 5K run-walk will be held on Sunday Sept. 23! Proceeds will go to the Student Activity Fund to support the 6th grade ecology trip. Race will begin at Burgess Elementary School, 45 Burgess School Road Sturbridge. Kids Fun Run at 9:00

a.m.; 5k Run/Walk at 9:30 a.m. 1/2 Mile Kids Fun Run (ages 12 and under): \$5 day of registration only; All Kids Fun Run Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Registration: 5k pre-registration 12 and under: \$15; 5k pre-registration 13 and up: \$25; Same day 5k registration: \$25 all ages. www.lightboxreg.com search Burgess or find us on Facebook!

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

FREE PROGRAM
The New Roxbury Land Trust will host, Kimberly Stone, PhD from the Ct Agriculture Experimental Station, "Planting for Bees". Learn where they live, plants they need to survive and more. Sunday, Sept. 23, 2-4 p.m., at the Barn at Roseland Park, Woodstock. Free.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COLLEGEVILLE PA — Shayna Kushner of Fiskdale was named to the Dean's Honor List at Ursinus College for the spring semester. This honor is awarded to students who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester.

ANNVILLE, PA — Elise Hanks-

Witaszek of Brimfield is one of 17 Lebanon Valley College students who will participate in an immersive experience by studying abroad during the Fall 2018 semester. Hanks-Witaszek will be studying in Shanghai, China.

This program offers students the opportunity to take an introductory Mandarin language course, combined with relevant Chinese contextual courses and a valuable internship with a multinational company. Students live on the campus of Eastern China Normal University in Shanghai. Hanks-Witaszek, a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School, is pursuing a bachelor of science in actuarial science and analytical finance at The Valley.

WORCESTER — Becker College student Caitlyn Waddell, has been chosen to participate in the Millennium Fellowship, a joint project by the Millennium Campus Network (MCN), a Boston-based non-profit, and the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), to help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Students from more than 280 campuses across 57 countries applied to participate, but only 30 institutions were selected. Becker is the only college in Worcester chosen to host a Millennial Fellowship Program. Waddell, of Fiskdale, is pursuing a BS in nursing. Waddell's Millennium Fellowship will focus on psychological well-being of senior citizens.

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Volunteers are sought. This is your personal invitation. The volunteer activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. SHARP with registration at Buffumville Park at 229 Oxford Road, Charlton. Participants will be given snack packs to take with them to their project work sites.

Pre-registration advised. You have two ways to pre-register: by calling (508) 248-5697- ask for Park Ranger Jamie Kordack x399 or e-mailing Jamie at jamie.r.kordack@usace.army.mil. With an expected turn-out of greater than 125 volunteers, it is important you pre-register. If you are an organized group, please let us know that too!

Preliminary Projects: You have several important tasks to pick from: Parking

Lot Rehab & Cleaning, Hodges Village-MUA (moderate in difficulty), Hodges Village Dam Pollinator Garden Plots (easy/students/scouts), HVD Disc Golf Course- install tee box (moderate in difficulty), Invasive (plant) Species Removal (moderate in difficulty), Bridge repair at Hodges (difficult in difficulty/adults only), Trail maintenance at both projects (moderate to difficult, trail experience a plus), Rid BVL Bog of Purple Loosetrife Invasive (must have own vessel & PFDs), Anchor blacktop, Erosion Control at Dam (moderate in difficulty), Rehab Horseshoe Pit in Park (moderate-difficult, need folks with constr. / carpentry skills), Painting and/or Water Seal Projects (4 separate easy/kid's project), Improve Park Gardens- add plants & bushes, mulch (easy/kid's project).

Please give us 2+ hours of your time: We'd love assistance taking care of YOUR federal land

Car Buying Tips

People ask Place: What can I expect from cars of the future?
The Right Answer: The distant future of cars is yet to be determined but we can see the start of things to come in today's cars and some of the next generation vehicles. As for Ford even just the shape of cars is changing. Ford is eliminating the "TRADITIONAL SEDAN SILOUETTE." In the coming years the cars will be more like today's SUV's or Crossover vehicles having shapes giving a higher seating position and view of the road and creating more interior space. These vehicles will continue to build on the technology being developed for self-driving cars. Collision avoidance, lane keeping and adaptive cruise control are the early adoptions from this

developing technology. We can expect more electrification of the autos of the future. Ford is developing and introduced conventional Hybrid, plug-in Hybrid and all electric vehicles like our Focus and Fusion of today and upcoming versions of the Explorer and iconic Mustang. New unnamed models will likely blend all of this technology and some yet to be developed. There is speculation that concepts that show fully autonomous vehicles and even those that fly short distances will be entering the market in the foreseeable future. The future of automobiles looks to be an exciting one. Many things only dreamt of in SCI-Fi books are becoming reality just like much of today's reality was only dreamt of when Henry Ford built his first mass produced automobile.

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Old Sturbridge Village announces fall guest speakers

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STURBRIDGE— Old Sturbridge Village will host three distinguished guest speakers this fall, a Presidential profiler, a musical act, and a historical novelist, as part of its 2018 Fall Speaker Series.

The Speaker Series has been going on at Old Sturbridge Village for over a decade, and the museum usually hosts around six speakers to the Fuller Conference Center each year. A committee decides on which speakers will be featured, trying to relate each event to the museum's period of early American history in New England.

"Our past participants have always learned something new," said Michael Arnum, director of marketing & public relations at Old Sturbridge Village. "A lot of our speakers have given a different perspective of the topics that are covered. It's always educational, but it doesn't have to be a lecture format. It can be interactive."

On Sept. 20, psychotherapist and teacher Herb Pearce, M.Ed., will tell stories from his new book, *Presidential Profiles: Washington to Trump: Enneagram and Myers-Briggs Perspectives*, which details the lives and personalities of each of the 45 American Presidents. While considering their historical backdrops and place in American history, Pearce strives to understand each president's character through using the nine personality types of the Enneagram and the 16 types of the Myers-Briggs. Pearce is one of the leading educators on the Enneagram of Personality and has given lectures on American history.

Musical duo David and Ginger Hildebrand will perform on Oct. 4, playing and speaking about the music of the American Revolution and the War of 1812. They recreate the popular songs of the era, including patriotic anthems, ballads, marches, and dance and theater tunes, and perform on period appropriate instruments, including violin, Baroque guitar, English gui-

tar, hammered dulcimer, spinet, and English flute. At the OSV Speaker Series, the Hildebrands will make the performance especially relevant to the region by playing several broadside ballads collected in Boston in 1814 and preserved at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester.

A novel based on the American Revolution will be the topic of conversation for the final Fall Speaker Series event on Oct. 25 with author James Glickman. He will be speaking about his latest book, *Crossing Point*, and reading excerpts to the audience. The novel brings the American Revolution to life through combining historical accuracy with fictional characters, telling the story of Guy Watson, a slave to the Hazard Family in Rhode Island, who is engaged in service for the American army by Samuel Ward, head of one of the most prominent families in New England. It reveals the brutality and cost of war in a new way and presents an obscure chapter in the founding of America.



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All OSV Fall Speaker Series programs have a reception that begins at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for each program are \$12 for non-members and \$10 for members. A bundle ticket for all three programs is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. For more information on this fall's guest speakers or to purchase tickets, go to <https://www.osv.org/events-experiences/fall-speakers>.

Sturbridge seeks members for the tree warden advisory committee

Due to the recent gypsy moth infestation and the discovery of the emerald ash borer in Sturbridge, the Board of Selectmen agreed to reestablish the Tree Warden Advisory Committee.

The Sturbridge Tree Warden Advisory Committee which shall consist of a minimum of five voting members appointed by the town administrator for three year terms. It is the purpose of this Committee to:

(A) Protect and maintain town trees in order to promote environmental, aesthetic, historical and community values.

(B) To continue renewing town trees by replanting for the benefit of future generations in Sturbridge.

(C) To execute projects suggested by the tree warden and/or the tree committee consistent with protecting and maintaining town trees for the purposes described in (B) above.

(D) Work towards sound policy formulation, admin-

istration, management, representation and advocacy regarding town trees and all matters related thereto.

(E) Assist the tree warden in the completion of a yearly inventory of town trees; Identifying all "Heritage Trees" - A public shade tree specifically designated by the Department of Environmental Management, Urban Forestry Program, upon recommendation by the town tree warden to be a heritage tree. Heritage trees may qualify for state funds for maintenance under this program. A tree may qualify as a heritage tree if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

(a) Old Age: 100 years or greater; Size: 32 inches diameter or greater;

(b) Species rarity;

(c) Association with specific historical event or person;

(d) Healthy abnormality; e.g., shape, etc.;

(e) Scenic enhancement; e.g., trees around Sturbridge Common;

(f) Wildlife value.

It shall be the responsibility of the committee to aid the tree warden to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The committee shall consider, investigate, make finding, report and recommend upon any special matter of question coming within the scope of its work.

Anyone interested in serving on the Tree Warden Advisory Committee should submit a letter of interest/resume by Sept. 28 for preliminary consideration to: Town Administrator's office, Town of Sturbridge, 308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566 or email at jlacy@town.sturbridge.ma.us.

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The COA meets monthly 2nd Tuesday
at 10:15 a.m.

Here at the Center we have the 2018 edition of "Taking Control of Your Future: A Legal Checkup" a resource guide. You can also download the guide from the website at:

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BARRE ABOVE -Join Kelly for a fantastic core workout, as she mixes Pilates, yoga, and ballet to create the newest exercise craze, Barre Above. Wednesdays at 10:30 am

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS: 10 am Stay Fit, 10 a.m. learn to play Mah Jongg; noon Lunch; 6 pm Texas Hold'em,

TUESDAYS: 10:30 am Open Crafts, Quilting; 6 pm Dance Fit; 6 pm Open Crafts 6 p.m. Dance fit

WEDNESDAYS: 10:30 am Barre Above; noon Lunch; 1 pm Mah Jongg; 5 pm Yoga

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go over and fix that or hire someone to do that. When one tenant is fighting with the other one and they call the police you usually end up with a phone call or when the tenants decide to have a bonfire going and the fire department shows up and calls you.

With all that being said, Real Estate is a great investment and many people have built lots of wealth Real Estate Investing while others have lost a lot of money. If you are doing a buy and hold strategy on investing and keeping



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a mentor who has successfully done what you plan on doing or a Real Estate Agent who can advise you on such things and also has successfully invested in Real Estate themselves. It is even better if you can have both. You always

them for the long term it is tough to mess up big time because the equity paydown over the years will probably fix your mistakes. If you desire to invest in Real Estate do not just buy a book and go out and invest. I suggest either finding

want to ensure you can afford to have vacant units in your buildings so you can be picky and only rent to qualified tenants. You also want to make sure you have trusted contractors such as Electricians, Plumbers and a handyman and possibly even a property manager if you do not have time to do any work yourself before making your first purchase. Lastly, ensure you have a business plan with how many doors you want to own and what is your target location so when looking you will not make emotional decisions in your Real Estate investing business.

Sturbridge woman celebrates first year of business

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT



Cheryl Mawdsley

STURBRIDGE — In July 2017, 17-year Sturbridge resident Cheryl Mawdsley took a risk by closing her successful home-based daycare to pursue her passion of providing back office support services to other business owners. Just over one year later, her new business is thriving.

Offering services to small and midsize businesses throughout Massachusetts, Mawdsley's company specializes in taking on organizational functions to help manage daily operations. These tasks include tax preparation, bookkeeping, and financial management, payroll services, office administration work, and human resource functions.

"I am passionate about my company because the work

we do helps our clients focus on growing and managing their own businesses," said Mawdsley. "Business owners can get caught up in the back office needs of their company and their focus should be on their own goals and visions. We handle the details and we understand our clients needs, which is a win-win for both of us."

Mawdsley is a single mom and started Sunshine Daycare in 2009 after having her third child as a way to make money while being home more with her children. Yet she has worked in customer support and finance her entire life, starting with Verizon and moving to bookkeeping for a construction company, and specialized in back office support for the last 12 years, so starting her own company was always in the back of her mind.

"I still worked in bookkeeping on the side part-time," she said. I always knew that providing support services was the profession I wanted to work

in. I miss the kids I had in my daycare, but I get to see them locally around town."

Mawdsley now has three clients in Boston, one in Oxford, one in Shrewsbury, and one in Sturbridge. She works with many different types of businesses and her clients come from many different industries, including investment, employment recruiting, digital marketing, and construction. Her newest client is Cater2Kids, located at 64 Main Street in Sturbridge, which specializes in pediatric occupational therapy.

"We customize our services to meet the needs of each individual client and their business," she said.

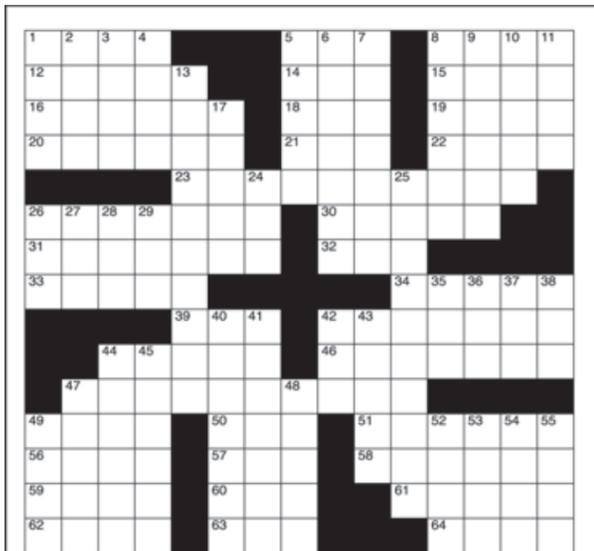
Although her clients are all based in Massachusetts thus far, Mawdsley will accept clients that are located in different states because her company can provide services both onsite and virtually. She currently does all the onsite work and has an employee who is in charge of the virtual work.

"Virtual support services provide a cost effective solution since the client doesn't need to hire their own employee or provided benefits," she said.

Mawdsley is looking forward to the future of her new company, planning to stay located in Sturbridge. She is hoping to find at least five new clients within the next 12 months and eventually have a team of employees who do all the day to day work and directly support the clients with her overseeing them and meeting with the owners of the businesses.

"I believe that every business needs the back office support main tasks," she said. "They just need those services in different ways depending on the goal of the company and the industry they are in."

To inquire about Mawdsley's services, you can visit her company facebook page or email her at cmmawdsley@gmail.com.

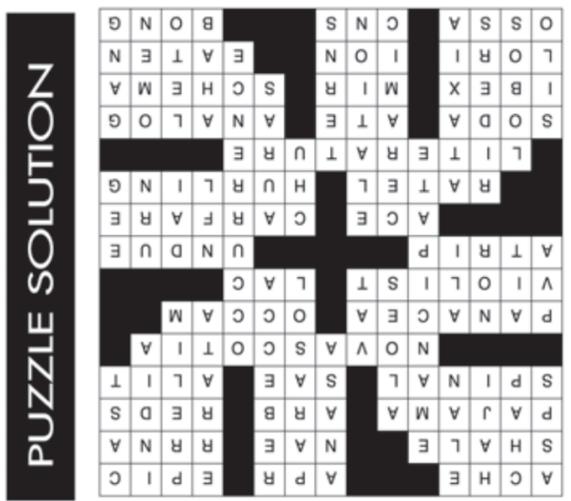


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Feel pain
- 5. Interest rate
- 8. Long narrative poem
- 12. Sedimentary rock
- 14. No (Scottish)
- 15. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 16. Sleep gear
- 18. One who buys and sells securities
- 19. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 20. Of the backbone
- 21. Car mechanics group
- 22. Iranian village
- 23. Canadian peninsula
- 26. For all ills or diseases
- 30. Known for his "razor"
- 31. One who plays the viola
- 32. Resinlike substance
- 33. Educational association
- 34. Inappropriate
- 39. A team's best pitcher
- 42. The cost of bus travel
- 44. Badgerlike mammal
- 46. Popular sport in Ireland
- 47. Written works
- 49. Pop
- 50. Consumed
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. Wild goat
- 57. One-time space station
- 58. Outline of a plan
- 59. Actress Petty
- 60. An electrically charged atom
- 61. Chewed and swallowed
- 62. Bones (Latin)
- 63. Central nervous system
- 64. Type of pipe

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Pal
- 3. One who has been to Mecca
- 4. Energy and enthusiasm
- 5. Leaf-footed bug genus
- 6. Southern belle accessory
- 7. de Mornay, actress
- 8. Print errors
- 9. Preceding
- 10. Asian nation
- 11. The people in a movie
- 13. Liberate
- 17. Strong laxatives
- 24. Tub
- 25. Happening
- 26. Polyvinyl acetate
- 27. Small island (British)
- 28. Neither
- 29. The G.O.A.T.
- 35. What Goodell oversees
- 36. One who engages in Dawah
- 37. Tall, rounded vase
- 38. Electroencephalograph
- 40. Made of clay and hardened by heat
- 41. Great happiness
- 42. Chinese surname
- 43. Supposed emanations
- 44. Travelers
- 45. Loss of bodily movements
- 47. Los __, rock group
- 48. Seabirds
- 49. Used to store grain
- 52. Whale ship captain
- 53. "Joker" actor
- 54. Portends good or evil
- 55. Organized group of criminals



bankHometown welcomes Sabrina Grillo as Branch Manager of Sturbridge Branch

Matthew S. Sosik, President and CEO of bankHometown, announced that Sabrina Grillo has been promoted to branch manager of the Sturbridge Office.

Grillo joined bankHometown in 2009 as a teller in the Sturbridge office, and was promoted to assistant branch manager of the Oxford branch in 2015.

Grillo is currently pursuing her Bachelors of Science degree in business administration at the New England College of Finance. A graduate of Tantasqua High School, she is the volunteer coordinator for bankHometown's Community and Events Committees, part-



Sarah Grillo

nering with other departments and branches to promote internal and external community

events participation.

In her free time, she likes to relax on the beach, read, and spend time with her family and friends.

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NBSB to host home buyers night at Rapsallion Brewery

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On Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, North Brookfield Savings Bank's Mortgage Center team will host a free Home Buyers Night at Rapsallion Brewery located in Sturbridge.

This fun, evening event will offer complimentary, delicious BBQ-style food from B.T.'s Smokehouse, have chances for attendees to win a \$200 Lowe's® gift card, take home a \$250 off closing costs coupon and cool promotional items, all while learning about the home buying process. Plus, attendees will each receive a ticket for one free craft beer or non-alcoholic drink with dinner.

North Brookfield Savings Bank mortgage expert and vice president of residential lending Frank Amato will kick off the event, sharing his lending

knowledge, various available financing options and advice for when it comes to obtaining financing for your dream home. To fully encompass the home buying process from start to finish, the event will feature local guest speakers Michelle Terry of EXIT Realty, Joel Cranston of the Law Offices of Cranston & Cranston, P.C. and Kerry Murtagh of Arch Mortgage Insurance to share their expertise.

"This home buyers night is a great way to kick off the fall home buying season by giving the community access to mortgage professionals that can help prepare them for the journey of homeownership. Purchasing or refinancing a home is a very important financial decision and educating yourself at events like this is the first step towards setting yourself up for success," said Amato. "We feel this venue will create a fun and inclusive atmosphere where people will be able to seek advice from the experts while enjoying all that Rapsallion has to offer."

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Jim "if you're not first you're last" Lyman with trophy

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Leicester Police Department's car



East Brookfield Fire Department's car



Holland Police Department's car

KIMBERLY MASCHI
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Auburn Police Department continues to work hard in the fight against cancer. During the Spencer Fair's Demolition Derby, the APD #pinkpatchproject Cancer Destroyer was named the winner! Congratulations to the detective who drove the car to victory, Jimmy

Lyman. Lyman, and all other officers and personnel at the Auburn Police Department worked hard on this most prestigious victory. The APD would like to give special thanks to Ken Rabouin, Nikki and Terry Gaspie, Glenn Maffei, Patrick Montique, Gary Cooper from Brooks Motors, Ray Butler from Mid State

Auto Group, Ray Gagner from G&S Graphics, Central Mass Drag Racers, Jaymayco Tool & Equipment, Dan Harris Construction, L.A. Automotive, Gary Rice Shop Equipment and Michael King from King Family Racing. It was a team effort in winning the derby.

Those in attendance for the derby were blown away by the display.

"I loved the victory lap at the end! Would love to see the towns do that's again next year," says Holly Marks.

"We are Auburn strong!" says Cheryl Lawrence.

"Great job Jimmy! Way to go APD!" states Aaron Suss.

The Cancer Destroyer was battling against the Spencer Police Department, the Leicester Police Department, the Holland Police Department, and the

East Brookfield Fire Department. Each car brought its own taste for destruction, and even though Holland Police were close to winning, the Auburn Cancer Destroyer did what it does best, destroys.

The demolition derby and all Pink Patch accessories and gear is to help those fighting against cancer. Pink Patch items can be purchased at the Auburn Police Station and all money donated goes to the Adam Bullen Foundation to help those who are affected by cancer and their families. A great display of camaraderie and caring on the part of the Auburn Police Department and all other departments involved. When a town comes together for a noble cause there is a need for celebration, or in this case, a demolition.



Spencer Police Department's car

Friday's Child



Shemar
Age: 6

Hi! My name is Shemar and I like to read and be read to.

Shemar is an adorable 6 year old boy of Caucasian and African American descent. Active and busy Shemar likes to play outside on his bike and his scooter. He also likes to read, play with Legos, play with his superhero figures, coloring and watching movies. He gets along well with all in his foster family including his foster dad, mom and 3 foster siblings. He needs clear expectations and limits and then he can easily follow a routine

Entering 1st grade in fall 2018 Shemar does well in school with the help of a sticker chart. He gets along well with his teachers and with his school peers.

Freed for adoption, Shemar would do well in any family constellation with or without other children in the home. The ideal family will need to keep him active, loved and provide him with a structured home with clear routines and limits. He has sibling with whom he would like to maintain contact with monthly. Right now, they visit with Shemar monthly.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Celebrating connections to Earth

The Lakota expression "Aho mitakuye oyasin" translates as "thanks to all our relations." It's echoed in various forms in many Native American languages, with "relations" meaning far more than just human relatives. Instead, the thanks go out to all the various species we share the world with, plant and animal, and in some cases to things like air and water

our society doesn't generally identify as alive, but are crucial to life.

People with various tribal ancestry gave such thanks Saturday and Sunday as part of the 38th annual Nipmuc Powwow, held this year at Lake Siog. For both days, people wearing a wide range of garb, from extra-colorful, tasseled, beaded, feathered and belled

regalia to street clothes, took turns in the sacred circle, dancing to the beat of drums and the traditional chants of groups including the Walking Bear Singers and Blackstone Valley Singers. Outside, tents featured a wide array of jewelry, carvings, stones, beads, fabric art and other items celebrating Native life, art and history or material with which to make such art.



Jude Winter Owl Fitch and Cheyenne Mann of Worcester take a walk outside the circle.



Several attendees wore garb as colorful as this dancer's.

Gus Steeves photos

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This design on the edge of a drum commemorates what many Native stories called North America "Turtle Island." In some creation stories, Earth is carried on the back of a turtle.



A powwow would not be possible without the drummers.



A woman checks out what's available at a tent selling furs, leather and drums, among other things.



Sean Lamore and Mariah Embrela put together packets of stones at the Peace, Love & Rocks tent.



One of the circle gate keepers "smudges" a participant by waving herbal smoke over his body. Such smoke often comes from sage, sweetgrass, tobacco and/or various other sacred plants believed to purify.

Village Toastmasters Hosts Speechcraft Program

STURBRIDGE, MA - September 14, 2018 — Village Toastmasters of Sturbridge will be holding a Speechcraft program at the Joshua Hyde Library in Sturbridge. This program will provide a fun introduction to public speaking and an opportunity to learn some new communication skills. The class will be offered on four Tuesday evenings (10/16, 10/23, 11/6, and 11/13) from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. There will be a nominal charge of \$ 6.00 to cover materials.

The program will be facilitated by Bob Barnes, ACS, ALB of Village Toastmasters who will be joined by other club members. Topics include, but are not limited to, speech organization, impromptu speaking, vocal variety, and effective speech evaluations. The program will be hands-on with opportunities to practice in a friendly environment.

Call 508-347-2512 to sign up or if you have any questions. Class size is limited to 10 participants.

About Village Toastmasters
Village Toastmasters, located in Sturbridge, MA, is focused on helping members improve their public speak-

ing and leadership skills while building confidence in their abilities. The group meets every Thursday night 7:00-8:15 p.m. at the Chamber of Central Mass South, located at 46 Hall Road. For more information, visit VillageToastmasters.org.

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

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Saturday, September 15:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar turns 50! Help us celebrate! Children are welcome to enter a drawing for a Very Hungry Caterpillar prize. Drop-in craft available between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Monday, September 24:

Homeschooling families and those considering homeschooling are welcome to visit the library to learn of the resources available to students (K-6). There will be a brief tour of the children's room as well as opportunity to browse and ask questions. A library scavenger hunt for the children will add to the fun! Pre-register please. 1:00 -1:30 PM

Thursday, September 27:

Hide and Seek Book Club for Kids. There's no better autumn topic to kick off our book club than squirrels! We'll meet, enjoy snacks, and discuss "Nuts to You" by Lynne Rae Perkins. Copies of the book are available in the Children's Room. Students are not required to have finished reading the book in order to join us. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 welcome. Pre-register please. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 6:30-7:30 PM

Please join the Quiet Corner's three independent schools, Pomfret, Rectory and Marianapolis, for a series of events showcasing the benefits and value of private school education. To RSVP to any of the events, please email admissions@rectoryschool.org.

The series kicks off Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00pm at Victoria Station's upstairs event space with the Heads of School from all three.



Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 - 8:00pm

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Car care and tips

Summer will soon be a memory, but few simple pleasures compare to cruising down the highway with the fresh breeze blowing in the open window! While savoring late season joyrides are a summer tradition, do you really know how much that carefree cruise is costing you in gas? And are you sure your tires are giving you your money's worth? For answers to these questions, along with some frugal car washing tips, read on!



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

pay to slow down!

 Here are some tips for the do it yourself car washer:
 Experts claim you should wash your car every ten days, and especially after it rains or snows. Waxing is recommended only every six months.

 From Consumer Reports: When rinsing, use a hose without a nozzle and let the water flow over the car from top to bottom. This creates a sheeting action that helps minimize pooling of water.

 Did you know more frequent waxes are needed if your car is red, black or white? The reason for this is because these colors are more susceptible to acid rain and UV rays. And one of the most critical times to wash your vehicle is immediately after a rainfall. Even after the lightest rain shower, the water evaporates, but the acid remains on the vehicle's finish.

 When you wash your car, be sure to use a separate sponge to clean the wheels and tires. They may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car's finish.

 Never wash your car when the body is hot, such as immediately after driving it or after it has been parked in direct sunlight for a while. Heat speeds the drying of soap and water, making washing more difficult and increasing the chances that spots or deposits will form.

 If you need to get all the water off the car, try using your leaf blower. It will blast water from even the tiniest crevices.

 Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Consider financial gifts for your grandchildren

National Grandparents Day was observed on Sept. 9. If you're a grandparent, you may get some gifts or cards – or maybe even a phone call! But you might feel that it's better to give than to receive, especially when it comes to your grandchildren. And you can make a real difference in their lives by making a financial gift for their future.

For starters, think about your grandchildren's education. If college or some type of vocational school is in their future, you may want to help them meet some of the costs, which can be considerable. One common education-savings vehicle is a 529 savings plan. With this plan, earnings on withdrawals are tax free, provided they are used for qualified education expenses. (Keep in mind that 529 savings plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) You also may be eligible for a state income tax incentive for contributing to a 529 savings plan. Check with your tax advisor about these incentives, as well as all tax-related issues pertaining to 529 savings plans.

A 529 savings plan's contribution limits are quite generous. And, as the owner of a 529 plan, you have flexibility in choosing where the money goes – if your grandchild decides against college or another type of advanced education, you can transfer the plan to another beneficiary. And due to recent tax law changes, the scope of 529 plans has been expanded to include qualified withdrawals of up to \$10,000 for tuition expenses per year per beneficiary at public, private or religious elementary or secondary schools. Be aware, though, that a 529 savings plan could affect any financial assistance your grandchild might receive. Although a 529 plan owned by a grandparent won't be reported as an asset on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), withdrawals from the plan are treated as untaxed income to the beneficiary (i.e., your grandchild) — and that has a big impact on financial aid. So, you may want to contact a financial aid professional about the potential effects of any gifts you're considering.

A 529 savings plan isn't the only financial gift you could give to your grandchildren. You also might consider giving them shares of stock, possibly held in a custodial account, usually known as an UTMA or UGMA account. However, you only control a custodial account until your grandchildren reach the age of majority as defined by state law, at which time they take it over. They then can use the money for whatever they want – and their plans may not have anything to do with books or classes.

Still, your grandchildren might be particularly interested in owning the stocks contained in the custodial account – many young people enjoy owning shares of companies that make familiar products. And your gift may even get your grandchildren interested in long-term investing.

No matter what type of financial gifts you give to your grandchildren, make sure you keep enough money to pay for your own needs. It's important to balance your personal savings needs with your desire to be generous.

Giving financial gifts can be rewarding – to you and your grandchildren. Consider exploring some possibilities soon.

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EDITORIAL FYI – IMO

If you use Facebook, or your cell phone. If you message or Twitter, you probably know the new shorthand, or at least a bit of it.

It is frustrating to know, despite the very best efforts of English teachers everywhere, the new crop of students in school right now will eventually lose all knowledge of grammar, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure as they continue to communicate only in word bites of 140 characters or less.

We heard recently of someone who wrote a 'novel' using Twitter B/C, YOLO & they could.

If that is so, how small could the newspaper be, if we could CYE, dl, and Twitter the results directly with XOXO to our readers? YNT?

Of course, for most people, they wouldn't be getting the information they really needed; certainly never TMI. W/E.

Well, OBS.

There are some problems, beyond being understood with this language barrier; and parents are being warned to learn this new shorthand quickly as their kids have found ways to communicate in code. Sometimes to their own detriment.

Kids will find another way, if their parents figure it out of course, they always do. It's part of the rebellion IIRC.

FWIW, and AFAIK, there are no plans in the works to change the usual way of doing business at our own level. We will continue to double check our facts, edit for grammar and punctuation NTN.

Some of this shorthand is quickly recognizable of course, like ETA, TLC, OMG, or even LOL; in use so long and by so many they are no longer a mystery.

And a few need a good foreign language translator: TTFN (ta ta for now); or GOMB (get off my back), apparently in general use by teens worldwide.

We're just SMH (shaking my head) and realizing IDKWTD (I don't know what to do) with this information.

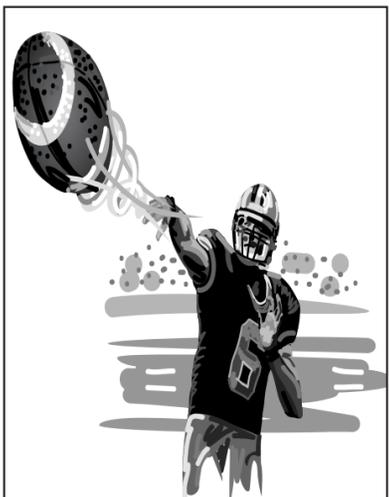
A language made only of initials completely understood by those in the know reminds us of an old Star Trek episode in which the entire population spoke in well know parables. Speaking just the name of the parable described an entire situation; that for the citizens gave them context. For the crew of the Enterprise, it was an infallible mystery.

And that is where we are at this point in our language development, as our younger, more savvy and technologically advanced citizens do initial speak to one another; they have a POA that OBS leaves out an entire 90 percent of the older citizens in the entire world. IKR?

So while you are geeking out over there at the veiled threat contained by this situation, realize this; in less than 10 years since the messaging world was invented, we could have written this entire essay in almost entirely initials, and only people younger than 25 could have read it.

As it is, we may have to translate those enigmatic initials we DID give you, but we can end with one those youngsters may scratch their heads over.

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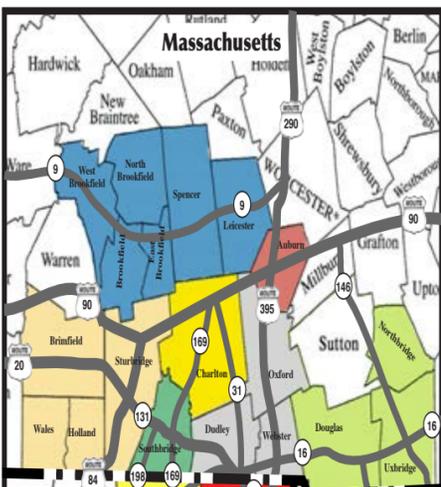
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The first segment of goose hunting opened in Massachusetts this past Tuesday, but it provided very little action for local hunters. Even if there were birds available to shoot at, the weather was too hot for this writer, and using a dog in this weather to retrieve them would have been a bit too much for them also. Gunners hunting on the water would at least provide some relief for the dog. I am sure some goose hunters did very well outside of the Valley area. Hunting private golf courses and fields still produce the best action during the early goose season!



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gist and other personnel to run the agencies need to require them to not only have degrees in their particular field, but they also need to make sure they have the sportsman that pay their salaries, are being represented. A little common sense

would also be nice!! Too often brilliant minds lack any common sense. Making sure that new hires hunt or fish should be one of the requirements before being selected for the job.

The stocking of trout in local lakes and ponds by Mass Fish & Wildlife should start soon but the water temperature needs to drop a lot more before the fish are distributed in local waters. Rushing the stocking of trout could prove to be disastrous to the trout if the temperatures are too high at the time of stocking. It would sure be a waste of sportsmen's monies to lose the fish because the stocking of trout was too soon. The trout can also get infected with a fungus if they are placed in a stocking truck and bounced around prior to stocking. It is not a pretty sight and the trout will eventually die.

Eight local bear hunters from the Valley had a great time in Maine last week with six out of eight hunters harvesting a black bear. One bear weighed in at more than 500 pounds but was not harvested by their group. The extreme warm weather had the hunters hoping for cooler weather, and when it arrived it proved to be just what the bear hunters needed. Changes in the regulations to register their bear caught many hunters by surprise. Some of the regular Mom & Pop tackle shops had their big game registration license discontinued because they could not use the computers to compile the data that Maine Fish & Wildlife required under the new regulations. One particular check station was given only one week to comply. This put a very unusual burden on bear hunters that tried to register their harvested bear. A 40 minute ride to a licensed check station to comply with the new regulations, had many hunters upset with the last minute changes. Fish & Wildlife personnel wonder why hunting licenses are down??

Hiring a new Fish & Wildlife biolo-

gist and other personnel to run the agencies need to require them to not only have degrees in their particular field, but they also need to make sure they have the sportsman that pay their salaries, are being represented. A little common sense would also be nice!! Too often brilliant minds lack any common sense. Making sure that new hires hunt or fish should be one of the requirements before being selected for the job. The stocking of trout in local lakes and ponds by Mass Fish & Wildlife should start soon but the water temperature needs to drop a lot more before the fish are distributed in local waters. Rushing the stocking of trout could prove to be disastrous to the trout if the temperatures are too high at the time of stocking. It would sure be a waste of sportsmen's monies to lose the fish because the stocking of trout was too soon. The trout can also get infected with a fungus if they are placed in a stocking truck and bounced around prior to stocking. It is not a pretty sight and the trout will eventually die. Last week this writer talked about the grouse population in the Valley and in neighboring states. It drew a lot of response from our readers although some of the younger generation of bird hunters never experienced the great grouse hunting that we old timers enjoyed back in the '60s in the Valley, they do not miss it as much as we do. The heath hen was another game bird in the '50s that became extinct because of problems of mismanagement and numerous other problems. We do not want to see this happen to the grouse. Hopefully Mass Fish & Wildlife will become more involved with reasons for the dramat-



Photos courtesy Fat Nancy's Bait

King salmon season is roaring on the Salmon River

ic population drop in this once fast flying game bird. Loss of proper cover and West Nile are a couple of reasons that have been uncovered, but more needs to be done.

With the Massachusetts bird hunting season only weeks away, there is little for the average upland bird hunter to enjoy afield this fall, other than pheasant hunting. Woodcock have also hit an all time low in the Valley. With an annual limit of six pheasant per bird hunter, there is little reason for owning a dog like a setter or pointer unless you have deep pockets and can hunt a couple of hunting preserves once a week. It is the sign of the times! I guess I just miss the good old days!!!!

Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski NY reported fantastic fishing on Lake Ontario for king salmon this past week. A few salmon have entered the river but it will be a week or two longer before fishing explodes with action on the Salmon River. The water was running at 335 cfs as of last week. This week's two pictures were courtesy of

Fat Nancy's last year on the Salmon River. You have not had a real fish on the end of your rod until you hook up with a king salmon!!

The Canal got hot for a few days last week with anglers catching numerous strippers daily. There were many fish that tipped the scales at 30 pounds but very few were considered monsters. Stay Tuned!

The Whitinsville fish & Game Club will hold their annual Field Day on Sept. 22 this year at the club grounds on White Court in Douglas. The event is open to the public. Grounds open at noon. Plenty of free parking is available. An old fashion clambake with all of the fixings will be only a portion of the great food available at the event. A chicken barbecue will also be available. Plenty of entertainment, and dancing to a DJ will also provide some great music for young and old. Don't Miss It. See You There.

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GAUMOND

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the creation of many new positions in the local government, including economic development coordinator to manage the area's local tourism, facilities director to handle construction and structural issues, and IT specialist to work on technological operations.

"When I arrived in Sturbridge, there were issues that some of our departments really wanted to see resolved," he said. "They were either personnel related issues or administrative issues. One of the first things I did was look at the master plan of the town and discovered

that we had been taking for some time about creating new positions, and I feel good about the positions we created."

Along with the creation of needed jobs in the local government, Gaumond is also happy with the work that has been done to further develop the assets of Sturbridge and protect the land.

"I'm very happy about the budgets that were brought forward for adoption by the town, I'm happy with a lot of the economic development programs and opportunities we've seen, and I'm happy about the land conservation programs that we've had offered in the town," he said. "There's a lot of things I'm really happy to have worked on and that I'm proud of, and I'm most proud of

the people I've worked with. The staff in Sturbridge are among the best I've ever worked with."

Gaumond is hoping that the next town administrator of Sturbridge will continue some the things he hoped to accomplish, including focusing on making some policy changes to and expanding human resources, while enjoying working with everything Sturbridge has to offer as a tourist community.

"The thing that makes Sturbridge so wonderful is that, for a small town, they have a good level of resources available to them," said Gaumond. "We have such great dining and entertainment opportunities due to the fact that we are a tourist town in Massachusetts. We

have a lot of things going for the town of Sturbridge, and I think that the new town administrator is going to enjoy doing that aspect of the job."

As far as the future of his career goes, Gaumond said that he wouldn't be surprised if Weston is the town he retires from, as its previous managers had many years of service to the community.

"This might be my last hoorah," he said with a laugh.

The Sturbridge Board of Selectmen were to interview candidates who have applied to serve on a five-member Town Administrator Search Committee in a special meeting on Sept. 10th.

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SPORTS

Farland helps Warriors outlast Westborough in dramatic fashion



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Tantasqua's Chandler Horne makes his way up the field on a kickoff return.



Tantasqua's Ryan Sears carries the ball and takes on a Westborough defender head on.



Tantasqua's Sebastian O'Leary squares up to make a tackle against Westborough.



Sean Farland of Tantasqua makes a pass down the field.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Tantasqua Regional signal caller Sean Farland dropped back and looked right, stepped into the pocket, rolled to the left and launched a 31-yard pass to wide-out Espyn Davis over the middle in the end zone to give the Warriors' varsity football team a 26-21 lead with seven seconds left in regulation versus Westborough High at the Reservation on Friday, Sept. 7. A squib kick made it final, as Tantasqua made the comeback to down the Rangers on Opening Night.

"I threw that interception and I knew that we had to forget about it and keep going," Farland explained. "I knew my linemen were going to be there for me and give me a lot of time. That last play was great, my linemen were blocking the whole time, enough time for me to make a pass to a wide open receiver for a touchdown."

On the previous drive Farland muffed the shotgun snap, recovered and threw a wild pass that resulted in a Rangers' interception. Westborough then scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 32-yard pass that was caught by Jack Slocum with 1:12 remaining. The extra point made it 21-20.

"Sean is a great guy," praised Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis. "He is a competitor, he wants to try and score on every play, so we try to calm him down on those plays a little bit. He is a competitor, he is going to stiff-arm

as many people and get as many tough yards as possible, he wants to score every single time. It is one those things where it bit you and it can be rewarding, so it is up to us to balance that out."

Farland bounced back in a big way on the game-winning drive. He hit Sebastian O'Leary for a 10-yard screen pass to set up the biggest play of the game. It was first-and-10 from the Warriors' 35-yard line when Farland dropped back, began to scramble while under pressure and took off up-field through a huge hole made by his offensive line. He gained 39 yards on the run.

"It felt great," Farland expressed about the last drive. "My linemen gave me a great hole. I was scrambling a little bit and I just found a hole due to the great blocking down field and it got me a lot of yards."

Farland contributed three touchdowns on the night, two through the air and one on the ground. He scored on a 20-yard scramble and two passing touchdowns of 22 and 31 yards to O'Leary and Davis, respectively.

The first two offensive drives of the game for Tantasqua resulted in turnovers (two fumbles lost), which brought potential scoring drives to a halt. O'Leary took the first carry of the game 57 yards inside the five, but fumbled when he was tackled from behind. Westborough took over at the 25 after a touchback. On the next drive the Warriors got inside the red zone, but Ryan Sears lost handle of the ball,

which resulted in a change of possession. The Tantasqua defense was key in making stops to keep giving the offense chances.

"The defense played well," Hargis explained. "Last year we had a new system, defensively it took them a little while to get used to it. This week we challenged them to line up correctly and go out and play football. They put themselves in the right position and we have been challenging them to be physical."

The back-to-back defensive stops after the turnovers were capped by two touchdowns to give the Warriors a 14-7 halftime lead.

"I have always challenged them this year, it seemed last year we would make some critical mistakes and we could never recover from it," stated Hargis. "I told them one play at a time today, one day at a time, and one game at a time and they just responded. We made some critical mistakes, but we never got down on it and kept fighting."

Sears was a huge part of the Warriors' offense and bounced back after the early fumble. He carried the ball 18 times for 97 yards and a touchdown.

The Warriors lost to Westborough last year 17-0, but have been relentlessly working to get better this off-season and it showed on Friday night.

"I was anticipating the game," said Hargis. "I knew we had gotten better than we were last year. Westborough is a great program, they battled the entire time. They have a great coaching staff over there with some great athletes. They were a playoff team last year, so we wanted to see if we could make that next jump and we did, but we had to battle until the last few seconds, they're a great program."



Kyle Boone and Noah Galonek of Tantasqua chase down Westborough's ball carrier.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sturbridge Recreation offering adult leagues

Sign ups are now available for adult recreational sport leagues in Sturbridge. The 2018-19 program is as follows: Advanced Volleyball (highly competitive), Mondays from 7-9 p.m., Women's 3-on-3 Basketball, Mondays 7-9 p.m., Men's 3-on-3 Basketball, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m., Adult Recreational Volleyball, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. These programs take place at the high school pending their field house availability, and are open to both Sturbridge and Non Sturbridge residents. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 19. More information can be found at <https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/recreation/pages/adult-recreation-leagues>.

Trinity Catholic Academy's annual golf tournament comes to Heritage CC

Trinity Catholic Academy in Southbridge will hold its 24th annual golf tournament at Heritage Country Club on Saturday, Sept. 15. For more information please visit our website at .

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Tantasqua golf grabs two victories

Aug. 31

Tantasqua 200, East Longmeadow 210 — Will Pieczynski of the Warriors' golf team shot an even-par 36 to lift the golf team to a win in the first match of the season. Tantasqua's Grace Farland helped out with a 38.

In the JV matchup, East Longmeadow edged the Warriors, 204-209. Ryan Manners was the medalist with a 50.

Sept. 5

Tantasqua 156, Bartlett 182 — Medalist honors go to the Warriors' Will Pieczynski in Tantasqua's golf match with the Indians. Pieczynski shot a 2-under par 34 at Hemlock Ridge, birdieing three out of his last four holes. The Warriors are now 2-0.

SPORTS

Tantasqua's strong second half helps take down Indians



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Aiden Casinghino delivers a shot toward Bartlett's goal.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WEBSTER — With just four minutes to play until halftime and down a goal, 1-0, the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity soccer team was reeling. But a tying strike before the break, followed by an inspired four-goal second half led to an impressive 5-1 victory for the Warriors over Bartlett High in the season opener for both teams on a hot and humid Wednesday, Sept. 5.

"Slow starts aren't good and we started slow today," said Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin. "In the second half we played much better."

Guertin added that the 36th minute equalizer "deflated [Bartlett] a little bit. We needed that as a boost to kick-start us."

On the contrary, the Indians didn't have enough offensive flow to get back into the game.

"I thought for the most part we struggled to generate quality chances," said Bartlett head coach Ryan Renauld. "We had decent buildup into what could result into a dangerous cross, but their defense played very well."

"Once [Tantasqua] saw the ball going in they took that momentum," added Renauld. "We didn't have enough to stymie them."

The Indians scored their goal in the 32nd minute to take a short-lived lead.

Patryk Piwowarczyk took a free quick from long range and, as the ball soared toward Tantasqua keeper Bradley Beu, Bartlett's Jacob Vosburg also attacked the ball. It eventually squirted loose and onto the foot of Justice Ofori, whose shot found the back of the net.

The Warriors, who saw many shots sail up and over the crossbar, finally got one to go in the net when Logan McCarthy took a short free kick. Able Lidonde and Brandon Rodrigues both touched the ball until Hunter Ramsland's boot provided the tying tally.

"We looked at that stat at halftime and we wanted to correct it," Guertin said of shots taken that didn't go on goal. "If you don't put it on frame, it's not going to help the team out."

That changed in the second half, as the Warriors scored in the 42nd, 53rd, 62nd and 67th minutes.

In the 42nd Tyler Rodrigues used his blazing speed to carry the ball down the left side. His pass went to McCarthy, who one-touched it off the right post and into the net.

Tantasqua's Aiden Casinghino, who peppered the net all game long but continued to either miss the target or see Bartlett keeper Taven Phanthavong (15 saves) make a nice stop, finally found the scoresheet in the 53rd minute. His bullet from 25 yards out on a free kick



Amsey Eroh of Tantasqua looks up the field while dribbling the ball.

was deposited into the upper left-hand portion of the net.

Tyler Furey then scored in the 62nd minute off a rebound before Casinghino scored his second free kick of the half, this one from even deeper and in the 67th minute. His rocket again found the upper left portion of the goal.

"He'll be taking those the rest of

the year," Guertin said with a laugh. "That's definitely a great attribute that he has."

Despite the loss, Renauld said that his team "battled" and that they "can take a lot from this and learn moving forward."

"I'm not disappointed with effort except for a 10- to 15-minute lapse...that we can't have," he added.



Hunter Ramsland of Tantasqua heads the ball further down the field.



Tantasqua's Logan McCarthy shields a Bartlett defender while collecting a pass at his feet.

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer — U10 Division 1 boys tangle with Shrewsbury



Harper Foley drives a ball up-field against Shrewsbury.



Easton Ferro shields the ball and avoids a determined Shrewsbury defender.

Courtesy photos

Tantasqua Regional Youth Soccer (TRY) Soccer is in full action again this season, and the U10 Division 1 boys, marshaled by coaches Nick Ferro and Johnny Buday, got up early to take on the visitors from Shrewsbury on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Lewis Field in Brookfield. Tantasqua aligned themselves in a 2-3-1 formation, with Logan Cavaliere getting the start in net. Cian Babcock and Jeremy Mrotek anchored the defense while Wyatt Springer, Easton Ferro and Jax Buday spread across the mid-line. Tyler Truax was positioned as the striker.

Shrewsbury came out and established a passing game

meant to spread out Tantasqua. Eventually, Shrewsbury's strong midfield found a gap and shot home the game's first goal at five minutes in. Shrewsbury followed up four minutes later to double the score. Tantasqua sent in substitutes Colin Bailey, Harper Foley and Jeremy Shea. Although Tantasqua tried to rally, Shrewsbury tucked away another goal 15 minutes in to go up 3-0. Tantasqua finally managed some chances on net, but Shrewsbury tipped the field back and scored again just before half and took a 4-nil lead into the break.

Bailey was assigned netminder duties for the second half, and Tantasqua came out more

settled and more determined. Despite the more even play, Shrewsbury cleaned up on a corner to go up 5-0, and then knocked in a shot from the corner of the penalty area to extend the lead to 6-0. Undaunted, Tantasqua persevered and Truax finally found the daylight he'd been hustling for all day. Ferro threaded a cross into the speedy striker who zipped one past the goalie to lift the spirits of the team and fans. The game ended with Shrewsbury leaving the field victorious at 6-1, but the Tantasqua boys jogged across to salute their families and fans with big smiles having put in a hard day's effort.



Colin Bailey clears a ball away from the Tantasqua goal box.



Easton Ferro dribbles into space while Jeremy Mrotek makes sure Ferro's back is covered.

CALENDAR

Saturday September 22

GIANT MEAT RAFFLE: On Saturday, September 22 at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Charlton beginning at 6 p.m. 6 Meat Tables and 1 Lobster Table; 3 Early Bird Tickets for arrival before 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild

Sunday September 23

INTEGRATIVE THERAPIES EXPO: At Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, 366 Main Street, Sunday Sept. 23 1:00-5:00 pm. Free admission. Connect with local practitioners in the complementary holistic fields of Oncology Massage, Restorative Yoga, Reflexology, Lymphedema, Acupuncture, Meditation, Hypnosis, Reiki, Aromatherapy, Music Therapy, Skincare, and more

Saturday September 29

AUTUMN FEST & CRAFT FAIR: St. Joseph Church of Charlton, 10 H Putnam Road, hosts its annual Autumn Fest and Craft Fair Saturday, Sept. 29 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Included will be craft booths, food and drink, bake sale, children's activities, a Big Money raffle, meat pie sale and a theme basket auc-

tion. On Sunday, Sept. 30, following 10 a.m. Mass, a breakfast will be held followed by the drawing for raffles.

Saturday October 27

HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR On Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer a Halloween event to benefit Second Chance is planned. Indoor and outdoor event activities including costume contest and trick-or-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle, Walk 'N Wag pledge raising trail walk with scavenger hunt, doggie games and contests, music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include indoor RC racetrack sponsored by Turn4 HobbyTown, guest appearance by the Pike's Adam Webster, CGC certification by 4 Paws Academy and agility 'Try Its'. **FREE ADMISSION!** Families and pets are welcome!

Month of October

PUMPKINS! The Pumpkins are Coming! The Pumpkins are Coming! Spread the word that the best place to get your fall decorations is at the Sturbridge Federated Church where the best pumpkins and gourds will be for the month of October. Proceeds will benefit many local and regional charities as well as support the daily opera-

tion of the church.

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: third Wednesday each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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

THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church.

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

Baby boomer toys

In my last column, I discussed the history of toys and shared some valuable old toy prices. We often find toys from the 1950s and 1960s in the estates that we handle. Despite there being so many '50s and '60s toys produced for the Baby Boomer generation, some are still quite valuable.

There are too many types of mid-century toys to cover them all, but I'll describe some of the most popular and valuable. Character toys are one type that remain very popular with collectors. Superhero toys command some of the highest prices. A 1958 tin Linemar tank that Superman halts and lifts sold for \$5,500 in a November 2017 auction. A similar tank, this one featuring Popeye rescuing Olive Oyl, fetched \$14,000. A 1967 mint in box Ideal Toys Captain Action Spiderman sold for over \$7,100. A Japanese Yanoman Batman car with the box brought \$8,500 at a May 2018 auction. A mint in box 1966 Batman playset sold for \$10,000 in 2016.

Barbies are some of the most popular dolls from the '50s and



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'60s. A 1959 #2 brunette doll in a Sweet Dreams silhouette box sold for \$5,500 in 2015 and a blonde #1 in near mint condition with the box brought \$9,000 in 2011.

Space toys and robots are another example of desirable toys. Masudaya's Gang of Five toy robots, from the late '50s and '60s, are some of the most highly collectible toys of the era.

The five robots are: Radicon robot, Giant Sonic robot, Non Stop robot, Target robot and Machine Man robot. Masudaya Nonstop robot brought \$6,000 at a 2012 auction. A Giant Sonic robot sold for \$7,000 in a 2012 auction. A Target robot with the box sold at auction for \$20,500 April 2011. A Radicon robot with original box sold for \$25,000 in 2014. A Machine Man robot reached \$38,000 at auction in 2012.

Many other toys from the era have also brought great prices at auction. A rare Lesney Matchbox No.30 Magirus Deutz Crane recently sold for over

\$4,600. A 1965 James Bond 007 Road Race set sold for \$5,100. A Frankenstein bobble head sold for \$5,150 in 2008. Four 1960s GI Joe military police figures and accessories sold for \$5,500 at auction. A PEZ store display box picturing Bozo, Bullwinkle, Popeye, Mickey Mouse and other characters recently sold for \$9,999. Mint condition toys from the '50s and '60s could earn you plenty of money to play with.

Our live toy and collectibles auction will be on Sept. 27 in Worcester. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on Oct. 15 at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. We are planning a multi-estate antique auction on Oct. 25. I'll also be appraising items for the Winchendon Historical Society's appraisal event on Oct. 28 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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Create a Healthy Foundation for Fall Plantings



Fall is a great time to start a garden or renovate an existing planting bed. The soil is warm while the air is cool – a perfect combination for establishing new plantings. It is also a great time to prepare gardens for the next planting season. Investing time up front to create a healthy foundation for your plants will pay off with years of beautiful, healthy and productive gardens.

When you read plant tags and seed packets you'll find that the majority of plants prefer moist well-drained soil. Unfortunately, most gardeners aren't growing in plant-friendly soils. Heavy clay, sandy and droughty soils are much more common. Understanding what you have is the best place to start when creating a healthy soil foundation

for new and existing gardens.

Start with a soil test. Contact the local office of your Extension Service or state certified soil testing lab for details. They can direct you on how to take a soil test and where to send the sample. The test results will tell you how much, if any, fertilizer, lime, or sulfur is needed. Following soil test recommendations can save you money spent on and time applying unnecessary soil additives. Plus, following the results will increase your gardening success.

While waiting for the results you can do a bit of analysis yourself. Soils are made of clay, sand, and silt particles. The feel and cohesive nature of this sample will tell you a bit about your soil. Take a handful of soil and create a

ribbon by rubbing it through your thumb and index finger to get a feel for your soil type.

If the soil easily forms a ball or rolls into a sausage shape, feels slippery when wet and smoother when dry, you have a high percent of clay in your soil. Soils with a high percent of the very small clay particles are often called heavy soils. They stay wet longer and hold onto soil nutrients. Clay soils are slow to dry out and warm up in the spring. Avoid working them when wet. This leads to compaction and clods you will be contending with all season long.

Soils with a larger percent of sand particles don't form a ball when moist and feel gritty to the touch. The much larger sand particles create bigger pores in the soil for water and nutrients to move through quickly. They tend to be nutrient deficient, fast draining and dry. But they warm up and dry quickly in the spring.

Silt feels smooth like flour when dry and soapy slick when wet. They are the middle-sized particles that hold water and nutrients longer than sand, but not as much as clay particles. Silty soils drain slower and stay colder longer than sandy soils in the spring. Overworking soils with a high percent of silt leads to crusting and compaction, decreasing drainage and water infiltration.

Consult your soil test report when preparing your new garden beds. Prior to planting is the easiest time to add organic matter to any of these soil types. It increases the water-holding ability,

the infiltration rate so less water runs off the soil surface and builds plant-friendly soil structure. Incorporate several inches of compost, aged manure or other organic matter into the top eight to twelve inches of soil.

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So, as you plan your new landscape additions this fall, include testing and amending the existing soil into your plans. Understanding your soil can help you create a strong foundation important to the health, longevity and beauty of your gardens and landscapes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone"* DVD set and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Milorganite for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Leonard DiGregorio, 89



SOUTHBRIDGE- Dr. Leonard M. DiGregorio, 89, of 97 South St., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 4th, in his home surrounded by his family after a long illness.

His wife of 65 years, Vivian L. (Lippe) DiGregorio, passed away this past November. He leaves his three children, JoAnn Kass of Brimfield, Karen Walker and her husband Keith of New Braintree and Alan DiGregorio of Webster; his six grandchildren, Jason Kass and his wife Julie of West Hartford, Jamie Kass of Sturbridge, Azur Ostrowski and her husband Sean of Woodstock, CT, Michael Walker and his fiancé Ashley Davis of Wales, Loryn Walker of Dudley and Nicholas Walker of New Braintree; his eight great grandchildren, Joel Kass of Victorville, CA, Justin Richardson of Hubbardston, Jayden Kass of Sturbridge, Leah Kass and Alexander Kass of West Hartford, Ashley Palmerino, Madison Palmerino and Cameron Palmerino, all of Woodstock, CT; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Concetta Deterando, and his six brothers, Armond, Albert, William, Raymond, Richard and Ronald. He was born in Southbridge the son of the late Fileno and Maria (Sonsini) DiGregorio. Leonard was a 1947 graduate of Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, VA. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia where he received a BA in Psychology and a BA in Biology. He went on to receive his Doctorate in Optometry from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago in 1955. He also did post graduate studies at the University of Indiana. He was a member of the Omega Delta Fraternity. Leonard was also a boxer while attending Staunton Academy and at the University of Virginia and never lost a match.

Dr. DiGregorio started his optometry practice in Southbridge in 1955 and retired just this past year. He also had a part time practice in Oxford. He was the first optometrist in the area to have a testing device for early detection of Glaucoma. While starting his practice he also worked as a physicist in the research department of the American Optical Co. in Southbridge. For 15 years he served as a member of the State

Board of Registration for Optometry and also served as its Chairman of the Board for a period of time. Leonard also served on the Board of Directors of the United Lens Co. in Southbridge and on the Board of Directors of Incom, Inc in Charlton; he served on the Board of Directors and former president of the Tri-Community YMCA in Southbridge and was the chairman of the Building Committee of the YMCA; he served on the Southbridge School Committee and was a member of the School Building Committee; he served on the Southbridge Charter Revision Committee; he was a former member of the Jaycees in Southbridge; and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Southbridge. He was a lifelong dedicated parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Southbridge.

Leonard was a 60-year privileged member of the Southbridge Lions Club in and served as its King Lion. Along with the Lions Club he started a pre-school eye clinic giving free vision checks at the Southbridge Town Hall. He also volunteered his time every year with the Lions Club's Sight mobile at the Relay for Life event in Southbridge. Dr. DiGregorio was honored by the Lions Club with the prestigious Joseph Protano Founders Award and was also a recipient of the Lions Club's Joseph Camarda Award, the Lion of the Year Award and on an international level the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Outside of his profession he had a passion for gardening and yard work. He enjoyed golfing, sailing, snow skiing with his good friend Al Aliberti. He also enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and watching the Patriots and Red Sox.

Leonard enjoyed spending as much time possible at his beloved cottage at Bonnet Shores, Narragansett, RI. He often referred to it as his sanctuary for him and all his family.

His funeral Mass was held on Friday, Sept. 7th at 10:00 am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. There were no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Southbridge Lions Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 622, Southbridge, MA 01550.

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

Marcia J. Jewell, 75



MONSON - Marcia J. (Wiles) Jewell, 75, of Colonial Village, formerly of Webster, passed away Thursday, August 30, 2018 in Brookside Rehab & Healthcare Center, Webster, after an illness.

She leaves 4 children, Daniel R. Jewell of North Grafton, Darlene M. Jewell and Scott W. Jewell, both of Webster, and Chad A. Jewell of Monson; 5 grandchildren, Donald, Victoria, Tyler, Althea and Caleb; a brother, David Wiles of Fort Lauderdale, FL.; a special sister-in-law, Gloria Van Van of Webster; and 7 nieces and nephews.

She was born in Malden and raised in Shrewsbury, the daughter of Sidney and Eleanor (Knipe) Wiles. She attended Oxford High School. She resided in Oxford and North Grafton, in Webster for 16 years until 1993, and then in Palmer and Monson.

Marcia was a specialist doll maker. She owned and operated Marcia's Dolls in Webster and then in Palmer. She created soft sculpture, porcelain and reborn dolls and also repaired antique dolls.

As she wished, no services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

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Therese A. Brodeur, 85



STURBRIDGE- Therese A. Brodeur, 85, of Pleasant Pkwy, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, in the Overlook Health Care Center, Charlton, after an illness.

She leaves her five daughters, Judith M. (Paquin) Payeur and her husband David of Southbridge, Denise T. (Paquin) Dargie and her husband Michael of Southbridge, Betty Anne (Paquin) Marino and her husband Dan of Woodstock, CT, Jane M. Paquin of Auburn and Amy L. (Paquin) Lemieux and her wife Cindy Graybill of Ware; a brother, Robert E. Brodeur of Charlton; a very special friend, Robin Rano, her close friend Barbara Vosburt, her beloved dog Max; her grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Therese was born in Southbridge the daughter of Edmond and Eva (Bosse) Brodeur.

She graduated from Notre Dame High School. Therese worked for JI Morris, Galileo, Russell Harrington and Sturbridge Host in the gift shop. She later worked at Big Y and as a greeter

at Walmart. Therese enjoyed traveling, playing Scrabble and Words with Friends. She was a member of Notre Dame Church of St. John Paul II Parish and its Ladies of St. Anne's Sodality. Therese was an active member and volunteer at the Sturbridge Senior Center and this past May she received citations from both the State Senate as well as the House of Representatives for her significant contributions to the Sturbridge Senior Center and her dedication to community service and her commitment to her family, friends and neighbors.

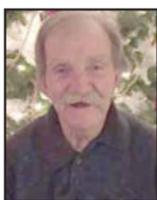
The family would like to thank Christopher Hart of Overlook Hospice for all his care and support, the staff and nurses from skilled nursing SNF2 for their loving care especially Marie, Jamie and Kamby.

A Memorial Mass for Therese will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

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

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Niles Allen Deveau, 75



Niles Allen Deveau, born 4/15/1943 passed away at the age of 75 after a very long illness in Harrington Hospital on Aug. 29, 2018 with family and friends by his side. He leaves behind a wife of 18 years, Bonnie

Deveau of Woodstock, a son, Niles Deveau Jr in South Carolina, a brother, Jim Kaczmarek of Woodstock, 2 sisters, Barbara Guyette of Sturbridge and LuAnne McElroy in Vermont. He was predeceased by 2 brothers Raymond Kaczmarek and Frederick Deveau. He

also leaves behind 2 stepchildren Mandy Castillo and Melanie Magalhaes, many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He enjoyed many things in his life which include, stock car and drag racing, singing, softball, his dogs, the flea market, fishing and hunting. He was dubbed the "Geriatric junk man" by his peers and he was proud to hold that title. He was a comedian on WESO radio as Geraldine and Harold the drunk. He also was National archery champion and travel across the country competing. He will be sadly missed, as it seemed, the whole world knew him. A celebration of life will be held soon for all to attend.

Richard T. Williams (AKA Pooh Bear), 84



FISKDALE - Richard T. Williams (AKA Pooh Bear), 84 died August 16, after an illness. He leaves his wife of 47 years Beverly (Lamb) Williams, 4 children Denise A.

Matolcsy-Cowden and her husband Dr. Alexander Matolcsy of Haverhill, Cathleen L.

Burgess of N. Fort Myers, FL. James J. Williams of N. Fort Myers, FL. Pamela J.

Lind of Brimfield, 6 grandchildren Paul Cowden and his wife Michelle Krukowski

of N. Grosvenor Dale, CT. John Cowden and his wife Mio of W. Jordan, UT. Jared

Cowden and his wife Alison of Sturbridge, Kathi Poswiatowski and husband John of

Wales, Melinda Lind and finance Scott Riggs of Milford, Melissa Lind of

Brimfield, 8 great grandchildren will and Melodi Cowden of W. Jordan, UT, Jonah,

Merrick and Landon Cowden of Sturbridge, Keltin and Ashlinn Poswiatowski of

Wales, Sophia Maria Riggs of Milford, sister in law Patricia of Hyannis, nephew

and nieces Kathleen Williams Kittlesen, Linda Williams and Stephen Williams. He

was predeceased by a brother Peter Williams Dick graduated from St. John's High

School, Class of "51", and Holy Cross College, Class "56". Following his graduation, He served 2 years in the U.S. Army in Europe. Upon discharge from the service, he entered the Insurance Claim Field, where he completed

thirty-seven years in Springfield, MA, Providence RI, Hartford CT, and New

Haven, CT areas as a Claim Representative, Supervisor, Manager and Claim

Director. In the 70's and 80's he was a member of The Hartford Arbitration Committee and The Hartford Claim Managers Council. He was a member

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in North Brookfield. He also served in the

Boston Temple of the Church for several years as an Ordinance worker. He was a

manager of the Bishop's Storehouse in Worcester for 2 ½ years. Calling hours were 10am to Noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, in

the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge. A service followed at NOON in the funeral home.

Burial was in Holland Cemetery. An online

guestbook and more information can be found on www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Jane L. (Chase) Blake, 81



SOUTHBRIDGE- Jane L. (Chase) Blake, 81, of Lebanon Street, died Thursday, August 23, 2018 at UMASS Hospital (University Campus).

Jane is survived by her husband of 61 years, Barry L. Blake,

whom she married on July 20, 1957. She is also survived by her children, Michael L. Blake, and his wife Michele,

of Fountain Inn, SC; Catherine G. Mauro of Fiskdale, MA; and Darcy J. Coderre, and her husband, Joseph, of

Sturbridge, MA; six grandchildren, Brenna Roohr and her husband, Michael; Casey Burtis and her husband, Michael; Kellen Blake, Nicholas

Coderre, Katie Coderre, and Stacey Mauro; a brother, Charles S. Chase, and his wife Patricia of Southbridge;

a sister, Barbara A. Kiusalas and her husband, Richard, of West Barnstable, MA; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Honey. She was predeceased by her brother, Henry Chase, Jr., and sister, Elaine L. Vizard.

Maryann A. Glinisky, 73



SOUTHBRIDGE- Maryann A. (Rines) Glinisky, 73, of Idlewood St., passed away at home on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, after an illness.

She leaves her longtime companion of 33 years, Ronald

Schonborg; her daughter, Kathleen D. Parent of Sturbridge; three grandchildren, Danny, Courtney and Samantha; three great grandchildren and a niece and a nephew. Maryann was predeceased by a daughter, Christine C. Marleau and a sister, Marguerite Ann Fiske.

She was born in Westfield the daughter of Harold S. and Claire J. (Bastien) Rines. Maryann was a graduate of Mary Immaculate High School in 1964. She attended classes at Quinsigamond

Community College. Maryann worked for several years as a Social Service Technician for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. She previously worked for Westwood Incorporated from 1964-1974. Maryann enjoyed trips to the Cape and loved spending time with her friends and family.

The family would like to thank the staff of Overlook Hospice for all their care and support.

A Funeral Service for Maryann was held on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, at 10:00am in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, from 9:00 - 10:00am, prior to the service.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Doris June Petruzzi, 85

EAST BROOKFIELD- Doris June (Bledsoe) Petruzzi, 85, of 117 West Main Street, died Saturday, September 1 at her home surrounded by her family.

She leaves her husband of 66 years, John J. Petruzzi, Sr., two sons; Peter Petruzzi and his wife Heather of Savannah, TN., Jeffrey Petruzzi of Spencer and his companion Melissa Begley of Sturbridge, four daughters; Noreen Quinn and her husband Paul of Worcester, Patricia Giguere of East Brookfield, Susan LaCroix and her husband Joseph of Spencer, Christina Petruzzi of East Brookfield, a brother, Stephen Bledsoe and his wife Deborah of Spencer, 18 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by a son, John Petruzzi, Jr., a daughter, Lori Ann Petruzzi, a son-in-law, Gary Giguere, three sisters; Betty Grenier, Sue Duffrense, Joyce Petruzzi and a brother William Bledsoe.

Born in Checotah, OK., she was the daughter of Floyd & Clara (Connell) Bledsoe.

Mrs. Petruzzi was a graduate of David Prouty High School, Class of 1952 and in that same year married the love of her life, John, on June 28.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in East Brookfield and a former member and president of St. John's Women's Guild

She enjoyed sewing and making dresses for her daughters including

prom and wedding gowns. She was a fantastic cook, welcoming all for "ronis and gravy". Most of all she loved spending time with her children and family.

The funeral was held Wednesday, September 5 from the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, with a Mass at 11:00 A.M. in St. John the Baptist Church, North Brookfield Rd., East Brookfield. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, East Brookfield. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-6 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in June's memory to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital

501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105, or East Brookfield Fire Association, P.O. Box 356, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

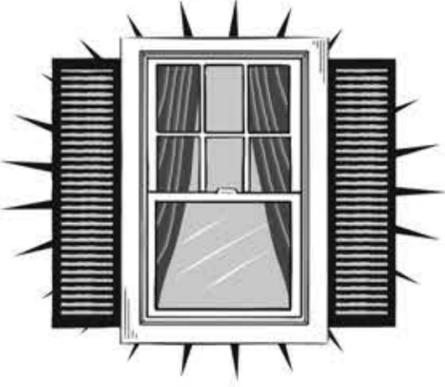
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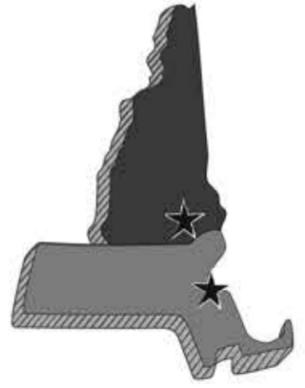
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Online applications now available for Bay Path

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is pleased to announce eighth grade students and their families interested in applying for admission to the school for the Fall of 2019 may now apply to the school online at www.baypath.net.

The school has partnered with GO2CTE, a Massachusetts technology company, to manage the online admissions system. The new system provides an easy way for the school to interact with prospective students and families throughout the admissions process. The secure online application is designed specifically for vocational technical schools to better manage the admissions process. Bay Path can easily track and monitor the entire application process from registration to enrollment.

Bay Path counselors will visit each of the middle schools in its 10 town district early this fall to make presentations to students. On Oct. 12, all eighth grade students are invited to attend

tours of Bay Path during the school day. Students will be picked up at their middle school by Bay Path buses and returned to their town school after the tour. Four days later, on Oct. 16, the school will hold its annual open house for students and parents/guardians from 6-8 p.m.

All students and families wishing to apply to Bay Path for admission in the fall of 2019 would go to www.baypath.net and look for the red APPLY button. The application is available in over 100 languages. Easy to follow instructions are embedded in the software. The school looks forward to working with eighth graders and their families and guardians as they explore the possibility of attending Bay Path next year. Bay Path does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, disability, religion or sexual orientation.

La escuela Superior Técnica Vocacional Regional Bay Path se complace en anunciar que los estudiantes

de grado 8 y sus familias interesadas en solicitar la admisión a la escuela para el otoño de 2019 ahora se pueden aplicar a la escuela en línea en www.baypath.net.

La escuela se ha asociado con GO2CTE, una compañía de tecnología de Massachusetts, para administrar el sistema de admisión en línea. El nuevo sistema proporciona una manera fácil para que la escuela puede interactuar con los futuros estudiantes y las familias durante todo el proceso de admisión. La aplicación en línea segura está diseñada específicamente para escuelas técnicas y vocacionales para administrar mejor el proceso de admisión. Bay Path puede rastrear y monitor fácilmente todo el proceso de implementación desde el registro hasta la inscripción.

Los consejeros de Bay Path visitarán cada una de las escuelas intermedias en sus diez distritos a principios de este otoño para hacer presentaciones a los estudiantes. El 12 de octubre, los estudiantes de grado 8 están invitados

a hacer una gira por Bay Path durante el día escolar. Los estudiantes serán recogidos en su escuela intermedia por los autobuses de Bay Path y regresados a su escuela después de la gira. Cuatro días más tarde, el 16 de octubre, la escuela realizará su acto anual de Puertas Abiertas para los estudiantes y los padres / tutores de 6-8 pm.

Todos los estudiantes y familias que desean inscribirse en Bay Path para el otoño de 2019 deberán ir a www.baypath.net y buscar el botón rojo APLICAR. La aplicación está disponible en más de 100 idiomas. Las instrucciones fáciles de seguir están incorporadas en el software. La escuela espera trabajar con los estudiantes de grado 8 y sus familias y tutores mientras exploran la posibilidad de asistir a Bay Path el próximo año. Bay Path no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, identidad de género, discapacidad, religión u orientación sexual.

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to keep up with the town news and social media in order to be aware of natural emergencies, such as flooded areas, and educate themselves on the natural hazards that are impacting the area.

"It is important that residents make themselves aware of the things they can do to make themselves, their families, and their houses ready for an emer-

gency," said Chief Ford. "Always have an eye to the sky, know your neighborhood, and look out for each other."

The Sturbridge plan is expected to be completed later this year with the help of residents taking the survey to provide input and public officials making sure that the town is as prepared as possible for any natural hazard, disaster, or emergency.

"Governor Baker did just make September 'Emergency Preparedness Month,'" said Filchak. "People should be aware of where they live and what

hazards could be around them. We expect certain things to happen in New England, but what we are trying to do is prepare for the unexpected situations."

To take the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan survey, go to <https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/local-emergency-planning-committee/news/natural-hazard-mitigation-plan-survey>.

For more information on how to prepare for or respond to natural hazards and emergencies, go to the Federal Emergency Management Agency website at <https://www.fema.gov>.

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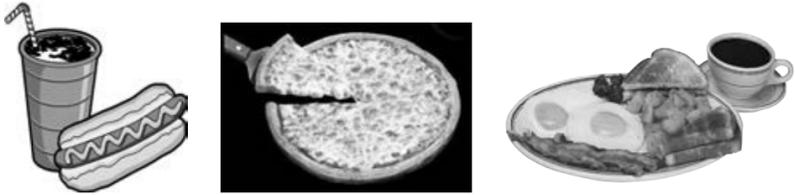
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Foundation contributes to Family Fun Day

The Hometown Bank Community Foundation announced their contribution to the first Southbridge Family Fun Day that took place on Aug. 25.

As a major sponsor of the event, bankHometown worked closely with The Salvation Army, who put on

the event, Southbridge Community Connections, Tradewinds Clubhouse and KIVA Wellness Center. The event served around 500 meals, much of which was donated, and provided free fun activities such as face painting, raffles donated from local businesses, two

bounce houses and a live DJ.

"We wanted to do something for the community that was fun and free – a 'get away' from everyday life, even if it was only for a few hours," said Sabrina Grillo, branch manager of the bank-Hometown Sturbridge branch.

This was the first ever Family Fun Day in Southbridge, and due to the event's success, sponsors are looking into making this event happen annually.

Hometown Bank Community Foundation, Inc. was formed in early 2016 by bankHometown, a state-chartered cooperative bank headquartered

in Oxford, Massachusetts with \$750 million in assets.

bankHometown has served its communities since 1889 with offices in Massachusetts (Athol, Auburn, Leominster, Oxford, Lancaster, Sturbridge and Webster) and Connecticut (Putnam, Brooklyn, Killingly, Thompson and Woodstock). Depositors of bankHometown have their deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for amounts up to \$250,000 with amounts in excess of \$250,000 insured in full by the Share Insurance Fund, a private excel insurer.

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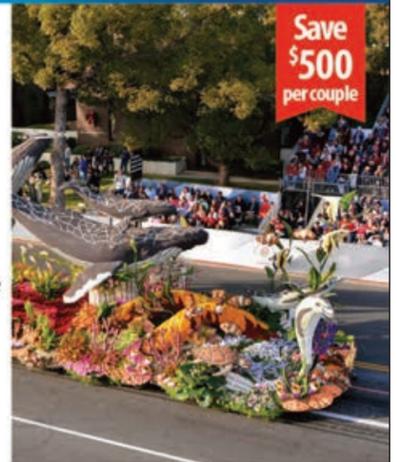
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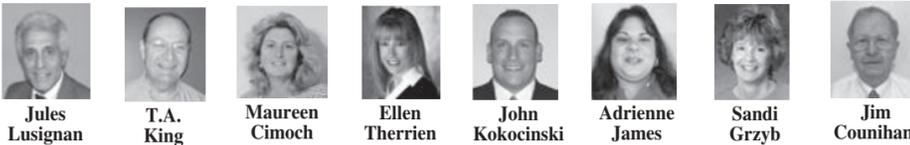
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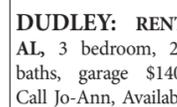
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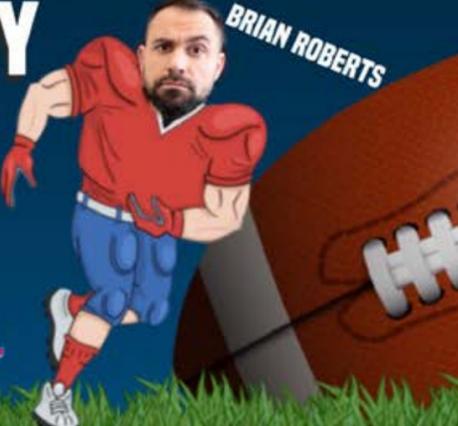


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Plan your fall foliage excursion

Autumn means different things to many people. Students may embrace the dawn of a new school year, while others might embrace the crisp weather after a season of heat. One of the more widely enjoyed aspects of autumn is the chance to take in the brilliant foliage.

Although New England may be renowned for its bright, orange, red and yellow panoramas, dazzling displays of foliage can be witnessed anywhere temperatures descend enough for deciduous trees to shed their leaves.

The first step to a successful fall foliage excursion is to find the right spot. The Catskill and Adirondack Mountains of New York, Amish Country in Pennsylvania, the Great Lakes from Michigan to Ohio, and many other areas can be great places to witness nature at its most colorful. To make the most of fall foliage road trips, drivers can keep the following suggestions in mind.

- Get off the highway. To see great fall vistas, take a detour from major thoroughfares and visit small towns and mountain passes. Invest in some maps, as cellular networks may be inaccessible in remote locales.

- Avoid tourist-heavy areas. Drivers may prefer less crowded roadways to accompany the great scenery. Such drivers should visit areas that are not tourist meccas. Any area that plays home to forests and sprawling landscapes will do.

- Go on foot. To get the best photos, head out at sunrise or sunset. Soft, golden light dappled by leaves will bring out the golden tones in photos. Going on foot will help you discover the nuances of the season



Fall is the time of year to take in colorful foliage and landscapes.

and slow down for a change.

- Don't overlook overcast days. Traveling in the rain may not be fun, but overcast days might be ideal. On such days, the sun won't be too warm and drown out the colors.

- Bring along binoculars. Wildlife is often mobile and abundant in the fall, as ani-

mals scurry to feed and gather supplies before the winter. As a result, autumn is a great time to spot wildlife that's normally hiding in thickets and woodland areas.

- Plan for stops along the way. Don't forget to bring some spending money in the form of cash so that you can enjoy the

small farm stands and shops that often dot rural landscapes. Pick up farm-fresh produce or choose a plump pumpkin. Yard sales also are abundant this time of year. Small shops may not take credit cards, so if you plan to buy, cash is king.

Trees begin shedding their leaves as early as the beginning

of September in Canada and the northern United States. As the days press on, the fall finery will gradually shift southward. For those who can afford to take a weekday off, do so, as weekends might be overcast with fellow nature enthusiasts.

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."

FALL

Leaf peeping planning guide

Millions of people each year look forward to the magnificent colors on display in autumn. Fall offers irreplaceable views, whether you're atop a mountain ridge or thick in the folds of a forest. In addition, the crackle of leaves underfoot and the earthy smell of the soil tempts the senses even more.

Some advance planning can help make fall foliage trips that much more enjoyable and awe-inspiring.

PEAK VIEWING TIMES

Areas of the north-

ern-most latitude will start to show color earlier than more southern areas. Generally speaking, the leaf-viewing season begins in late September and runs through early November for much of North America. Peak times for viewing depend on areas of travel and time of year. For large swaths of Canada and the United States, plan trips for late-September to mid-October. The Weather Channel offers maps and charts at www.weather.com/maps/fall-foliage for the peak times for many areas of

the U.S.

PICK YOUR DESTINATION

Anywhere with deciduous trees provides the opportunity to witness blazing autumn color. During leaf-peeping season, travelers can go coast to coast and see awesome vistas. Some regions are particularly known for their leaf displays. New York's Catskill and Adirondack regions are prime spots for visitors in the autumn. Those who live further north will find that leaves in Vermont are such an attraction that routes

are published indicating where to enjoy the best views. Further south, Central and Eastern Virginia peak in late October. And don't forget the shores of the Great Lakes, which are awash in reds, oranges and yellows by mid-September. The travel resource Frommer's offers more leaf-peeping locales to visit.

PACK THE RIGHT GEAR

While most people are not without a smartphone that can capture amazing high-resolution imagery, serious leaf

photographers may want to take out their prized camera equipment for leaf-peeping excursions. Also bring along a map or a GPS-enabled device so you can explore back roads and areas off the beaten path more readily.

There are plenty of apps that can help with foliage-finding adventures, so a phone is a handy tool. When packing, also bring along hiking boots, comfortable layered clothing and any equipment you'd normally take for an afternoon in the great outdoors.

Another idea is to hit the ATM machine prior

to the visit. Many smaller towns and their local shops may not take credit cards, so it's best to have cash on hand for food and souvenirs.

EXTEND THE DAY

Make leaf-peeping part of a larger series of events for the day. Scope out vineyards where you can sample local wines or plan trips around orchards, where you can come home with beautiful photos as well as fresh-picked apples and pumpkins. You may find a county fair or street festival while exploring.

Natural ways to fight fall allergies



Leaves are a known cause of fall allergies. Raking them can stir up mold and pollen.

As the days become shorter and the weather cools down, a new crop of allergy symptoms can arise, turning the autumn season into one marked by sneezing, scratchy throats and itchy eyes. Medications can alleviate such symptoms, but allergy sufferers may want to investigate some natural ways to beat allergies.

According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology,

ragweed is one of the more common triggers of autumnal allergies. Ragweed contributes to "hay fever," which is a term to describe allergic rhinitis that occurs as a symptom of ragweed pollen in the air. Ragweed releases pollen in mid-August, and it can continue to be problematic until a deep freeze arrives.

Other sources of fall allergies include leaf mold and pollen that is

present on fallen leaves. This gets circulated when people begin to rake or blow fallen leaves. Classroom pets and chalk dust in schools (although chalkboards are largely a thing of the past) are other autumn allergens.

The good news is that many natural remedies work just as effectively as over-the-counter medications in regard to combatting ragweed and pollen problems. Here's how to beat

the fall allergy blues.

- Stay away from pollen. Stay away from pollen and prevent it from being tracked indoors. Remove shoes when walking through the door. Take off clothes worn outside and launder them promptly, showering to wash pollen off of the body. Use an air conditioner or keep windows closed when the pollen count is high.

- Increase omega-3 fatty acids. It is well documented that fatty acids are good for brain health and cardiovascular well-being. But these acids also may help with allergies. A German study linked foods high in omega-3 fatty acids with the ability to fight inflammation, which is a hallmark of allergy suffering. Foods that are high in fatty acids include walnuts, flax, eggs, and cold-water fatty fish.

- Rinse off pollen. Use a mild cleanser to rinse the eyelids and eyelashes of pollen, as this is where it tends to congregate after being outdoors. Use saline spray to clear nasal passages of excess pollen as well.

- Take natural supplements. A study published in the journal *Clinical and Experimental Allergy* found participants who used tablets of the herb butterbar showed significant allergy relief after only one week. Select herbs from reputable manufacturers who certify them.

- Use eucalyptus oil. This oil is great to have in the house to help clear up sinuses and provide nasal congestion relief. Mix a small amount with coconut oil and rub onto the chest. There also is some evidence that adding a few drops of eucalyptus oil to cleansing products can help kill dust mites around the house.

- Wear a mask. When doing housework or yard work, wear a mask to reduce the inhalation of specific allergens.

Avoid seasonal allergies by exploring natural ways to find prevention or relief of symptoms.

Autumn is a prime time to tend lawns and gardens

Autumn is gardening season. That statement may not seem right to those who think of the spring as the peak time to care for lawns and gardens. However, autumn is an ideal time to get into the garden and ensure that flowers, trees and garden beds will over-winter successfully.

A number of things make autumn a prime gardening season. The cooler days of fall enable gardeners to spend ample time outdoors without the threat of blazing heat. In addition, soil harbors a lot of residual warmth in autumn. Also, the colder temperatures haven't yet arrived in autumn, nor have the leaves completely fallen, making fall a prime time to assess what's already in the landscape, what needs pruning back and where to address planting for next year.

Gardening enthusiasts can focus their attention on these areas this fall.

- Pamper perennials. As annuals and perennials start to fall back, mark the spots where perennials are located so they can be easily identified later on. This way, when planning spots for spring bulbs or other spring layouts for next year, perennials won't be overlooked or covered over.

- Prune shrubs. Look at shrubs and trees and cut out dead or diseased wood.

- Clean up borders. Weed and tidy up borders and lawn edging.

- Install pavers or rock wall. Embrace the cooler temperatures to work on labor-intensive projects, such as putting in a garden bed, retaining wall or walkway.

- Remove spent summer veggies. Take out vegetable garden plants that have already bloomed and borne fruit. Tidy up vegetable gardens and start to sow cooler weather plants, such as onions, garlic, beans, and sweet peas.

- Rake and compost. Rake the leaves and gather grass clippings to add to the compost pile.

- Plant spring bulbs. Get tulips and other spring bulbs ready for planting so they'll burst with color next year.

- Dig up herbs. Relocate herbs like parsley or basil to indoor gardens. Otherwise, strip all leaves and freeze for storage during winter.

- Consider mums. Chrysanthemum plants are perennials. While they look beautiful in pots, if planted, maintained and winterized, they can bloom every fall.

- Fertilize the lawn. Fertilizing in autumn helps ensure grass will stay healthy throughout the winter.

- Add mulch and compost to the garden. Replenish spent soil with mulch and compost so garden beds will be revitalized for spring planting.

- Prune hedges. Tidy up hedges, as they won't be growing much more this year.

- Clean and store equipment. Clean, sharpen and oil all equipment, storing lawn and garden tools properly so they are ready for spring and not lying out all winter.

Autumn may not seem like gardening season, but there are plenty of lawn and garden tasks to tend to during this time of year.



Mums are perennials. When properly planted and cared for, they can bloom every autumn.

10 FUN FACTS IN TIME FOR FALL

Autumn is a season of many changes, with some of the most notable including the dramatic multicolored displays that occur just prior to trees shedding their leaves. It's also a time of year when many people feel reenergized by cooler temperatures and spend many hours outdoors enjoying all that fall has to offer.

Whether one is collecting leaves, picking apples, exploring corn mazes, or driving the countryside enjoying the foliage, autumn is full of fun facts that can make the season that much more enjoyable.

1. Autumn begins on the autumnal equinox, which occurs on or near September 22 in the northern hemisphere. This year, September 22 is the day when the sun crosses the celestial equator moving southward. When the equinox occurs, there are an equal number of daylight and nighttime hours.

2. Since ancient times, autumn has been an important time of year for many civilizations. Autumn is a main harvesting time in many areas, and a successful harvest was once necessary for survival. Many steps are, and have long been, taken to ensure a bountiful autumn harvest.

3. Fall is a time when trees and other plants prepare for dormancy during winter. As autumn progresses and the hours of daylight gradually decrease, trees begin to close down their food production systems and reduce the amount of chlorophyll in leaves. Chlorophyll is the chemical that makes tree leaves green, and as it declines, other chemicals become more prominent and shine through in the leaves. That is why leaves change color.

4. Some scientists believe that global climate change can impact autumn colors, such as delaying the change in trees. Also, red pigments may start to decline as trees use sugary fuel to grow new twigs rather than to cause red leaf displays.

5. Americans more readily refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use "autumn." Both terms date back to around the 16th century. Prior to this period, autumn was known as "harvest."

6. Much of the United States bids farewell to monarch butterflies in the fall. Each autumn, monarch butterflies migrate from the United States to Mexico and some parts of Southern California. They fly at

speeds ranging between 12 and 25 miles per hour.

7. A study of U.S. centenarians born between 1880 to 1895 published in the Journal of Aging Research, found that babies born during autumn months are more likely to live to age 100 than those born during the rest of the year. Thirty percent of the centenarians followed were born during the fall.

8. Squash, pumpkins and other gourds are prominent in the fall. The largest squash grown on record belonged to Joel Jarvis of Ontario, and his huge winner weighed in at 1,486.6 pounds in 2011.

9. The many-colored leaves are not the only display one might see during the fall. The autumn equinox signals the aurora borealis, also called the Northern Lights. Besides the lengthening of nights and cool evening weather, which are great for stargazers, autumn is "aurora season," according to NASA. That's because, during the fall, geomagnetic storms are about twice as frequent as the annual average.

10. Full moons are named for the month or season in which they rise. The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox.



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