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Great Grandchildren Makayla and David IV at last year's event.

## Still questions concerning death

AUBURN – Police continue to investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of a man whose body was found on the Mass Turnpike last month.

Johannes Songdahl III, age 22, of Norwell, was identified by authorities last week as the victim. At about 10 p.m. on Aug. 30, his body was found in the roadway near Exit 10 on the westbound side of the highway. State troopers shut down two westbound lanes to begin an investigation into how the victim ended up on the highway.

There is no overpass near the scene, police said, and troopers did not locate any unattended vehicles in the area. Moreover, police received no reports of disabled vehicles or pedestrians on the highway.

Investigators continue to look into the possibility that the victim was intentionally thrown from a vehicle on the highway. Any motorists driving past Exit 10 around that time are asked to contact police.

The investigation is being run by the State Police Crime Scene Services Section, the State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the State Police Detective Unit for Worcester County, and Auburn Police.

# Grammie's Groupies fight for her memory

KIMBERLY MASCHI  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Alzheimer's is a disease that extinguishes memory and can affect many other motor and mental functions. It is a very common diagnosis with over 3 million cases each year in the U.S. There is no cure for Alzheimer's, treatment can help, but the disease will last for many years and can be lifelong.

When Sonia Lee Dobson was diagnosed with Alzheimer's at the age of 69, it came as a shock to her entire family. Sonia and her husband, David Dobson had big plans for their retirement together. The two were to travel, see the world, and experience everything the world had to offer. The diagnosis of Alzheimer's put an end to their future voyages and began a new, frightening, and unimagined journey for the entire Dobson family.

Sonia and David were high school sweethearts. They were married for 58 years and have three children, six grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Their relationship was one to envy and



Grammie's Little Groupies Savana and Ariana at the 2018 Walk.

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# Drury Square enhancements proposed

AUBURN — On Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm in the Auburn High School presentation room, the town of Auburn will review a proposal to potentially rezone the Drury Square area of town in order to strengthen Auburn's New England character.

The Village Center Zoning that is being considered seeks to gradually convert the Drury Square area to a traditional town center. The long range planning effort, which will likely take decades of implementation to take its desired effect, strives to result in a walkable, mixed use development including retail,

office, service, and residential uses.

The town seeks your input on a draft bylaw that it is has been working together on with the assistance of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, a consultant that was hired with grant monies for technical support. Property owners with a vested interest in Drury Square area will be sent notifications of the event.

All members of the public are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in the workshop. For questions, please contact Elizabeth Wood, ewood@cmrpc.org

# Santos returns to active duty

KIMBERLY MASCHI  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT



Courtesy photo

Officer Luis Santos is glad to be back on the job.

Officer Luis W. Santos returns to his post at the Auburn Police Department after he was struck by a car fleeing a crime scene. Santos was standing outside of his vehicle when a suspect sped from a home robbery in Millbury. The driver of the sport utility vehicle, Matthew Ostrander, admitted to be under the influence of heroin while driving.

Santos was aiding in the capture of Ostrander when he was struck. Santos suffered multiple injuries including a broken leg, an injured knee, and a head injury. After an extensive stay at the hospital, multiple surgeries, and intense physical therapy, Santos is back on duty.

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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](http://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 vocation-

al 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](http://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

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# Auxiliary offering boating safety certification

Our local United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla 1002 will be instructing a one day ABOUT BOATING SAFELY course developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat on Saturday, Sept. 22 at Milford High School, 31 West Fountain St. The all day class will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences, and this course is perfect for families that have just purchased a boat or are planning to in the future; and also for the boater keeping up with changes to boat-

ing regulations and laws. Successful completion of the course will also certify a minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski for 16 & 17 year-old operators, on Massachusetts waters. Certification is in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Rhode Island residents born in/or after 1986 can also take the "Challenge Exam" for certification to operate motor vessels over 10 HP along with anyone, any age, from any state, wanting to operate a PWC on RI waters. ABS also meets the requirements to operate a vessel in many other states & most

countries where boating safety education is mandatory. Several of the boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums on successful completion of this course.

Offered as part of the Milford Community School Use Program, course information and the registration process can be found in the Fall Milford Community Center catalog that is sent out by mail to the surrounding community.

Course information by calling 508-478-1119, online at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> (under: Adult Programs – Fall - Boating), The USCGAux. offers Public Education Courses given by

certified, experienced, volunteer instructors at a cost that covers: a facility usage/registration fee to MCSU for this course; and the additional cost of the ABS Course textbook, certification, hand-out materials, including lunch for the day.

For additional USCGAux. information: [phil.uscgaux@verizon.net](mailto:phil.uscgaux@verizon.net) or (508) 478-3778.

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## NEWS NOTES

### TOMORROW NIGHT

There will be a community roast beef supper at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 10 and under are free. No reservations are needed. Additional parking is available at the Town Hall.

### CRAFT VENDORS WANTED

Grace Ministries Harvest Fair, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn has outdoor spaces available for their fall fair on Saturday Nov. 3. An approximate 10x10 lawn space is \$35. Questions and a verbal commitment may be made to Judy Sampson at [jas2155@charter.net](mailto:jas2155@charter.net) or 508-987-5969. Verbal commitment is needed by Oct. 8 to hold a spot. Financial commitment is payable by Nov. 2.

### HARVEST FAIR

On Saturday Nov. 3 the Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave. Auburn will host its annual Harvest Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Handmade knits and linens; tea room & luncheon; bake shoppe with breads, cakes, cookies and candy; attic treasures and a holiday shoppe with crafts.

### HISTORICAL MEETING

Auburn Historical Society will be holding its first meeting of the Fall 2018 season on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn. The speakers will be Tim Cronin and Rich Tobin and they will be presenting Memories of the Auburn Police Department. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting at 5:30, so bring your favorite dish to share. This event is free and open to the public.

### HISTORY LESSON

Auburn historian Ken Ethier is presenting in Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program in September: On Sunday, September 16, 1:00 p.m. to

2:00 p.m. there will be a Stoneville Mill Village Tour in Auburn. Walk down Auburn's Main Street with Auburn historian Ken Ethier to see the Jeremy Stones 1939 Mill Village Housing and learn about the town's reservoirs created to power the textile mill. Meet at St. Joseph's Church, 194 Oxford St., Auburn. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit [www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org](http://www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org).

### PUMPKINS, GET YOUR PUMPKINS HERE!

The Pumpkin Patch at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn will be open daily 10 a.m. (11 a.m. on Sundays) 'til dusk Sept. 29 through Oct. 31. There will be gourds and pumpkins of all sizes and prices – one for every need; be it for your fall decor, carving, baking – you name it! Taking in the beautiful sight of the pumpkins, in combination with the changing leaves and the backdrop of the church steeple – makes it worth the trip! If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 508-832-2845. See you there! Where do these pumpkins come from? The pumpkins are raised and harvested by the Navajo Indians on their reservation in New Mexico. The money they receive helps their schools and other programs and a percentage of the sales helps our church as well.

### HAM & BEANS

The Baptist Church of Grafton is starting its Public Dinner Season again with a Ham and Bean Supper with our famous desert buffet on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 5:30pm. The suggested donation is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Please call (508)839-4911 to reserve seat and leave your name and phone number and number of people that will be attending. You can also email [officebcg1800@gmail.com](mailto:officebcg1800@gmail.com) if that is more convenient.

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## Lucky Duck and family day coming up!

**SOUTHBRIDGE:** — Save the date! The Harrington Auxiliary will hold its 27th annual Lucky Duck and Family Fun Day, in conjunction with Southbridge Business Partnership's AutumnFest, on Saturday, Sept. 22 on the Southbridge Common from 10 am to 4 pm.

In addition to the Lucky Duck Pluck, the event will include live entertainment, a beer/wine garden, arts and crafts, a farmer's market, food vendors and plenty of fun activities for children.

Lucky Duck tickets will be available for purchase that day. One duck is \$5; a "6-quack" is \$25; a flock of 13 ducks is \$50. Awards include \$1,000, \$500, \$300,

\$200 and \$100 for first, second, third, fourth and fifth prize, respectively. Winners do not have to be present.

Through the generous support of the Lucky Duck event in the past, the Auxiliary has been able to provide financial assistance for Harrington Hospital. For example, the Auxiliary has conducted educational programs and projects that promote patient safety and has given new and/or updated equipment to several hospital departments.

So mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 22 for the Harrington Auxiliary Lucky Duck and Family Fun Day.

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# Sen. Moore participates in early college roundtable discussion



CHELSEA — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) attended a roundtable discussion with Governor Charlie Baker, top state education officials, students and staff at Chelsea High School regarding early college programs. Senator Moore, who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, has long advocated for expanded early college opportunities in the Commonwealth.

“The Early College Initiative is helping thousands of Massachusetts students achieve college completion and career success,” said Senator Moore. “It was fantastic to speak with students and staff about the program, and the difference it is making to provide students with the opportunity to pursue their educational and career goals.”

Early college programs combine traditional high school courses with opportunities to earn college credits at a public college or university. The ultimate goal of these programs is to make college more accessible, particularly for low-income students, by providing students the opportunity to earn college credits during high school at no cost. Studies have consistently shown that early college programs have boosted college completion rates and have reduced barriers to accessing a

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**Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury), Governor Charlie Baker and state education officials speaking with students and staff at Chelsea High School.**



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college education.

Senator Moore has filed legislation that would direct state agencies to establish and administer an early college education program to increase post-secondary completion rates and participation in career pathways. This past spring, state awarded official designation status and grant funding to nine early college programs across the state, including Worcester, giving students the opportunity to better prepare for college.

The state continues to pursue efforts to significantly increase the number of early college seats available to high school students. Currently, there are more than 2,000 students already enrolled in early college programs in the Commonwealth.

## New legislation reduces access to tobacco

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the passage of comprehensive legislation to reduce youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. The legislation was signed into law by the Governor on July 27.

Tobacco use and nicotine addiction remains the leading cause of preventable illness and premature death in Massachusetts, responsible for more than \$4 billion in annual health care costs to the Commonwealth. Youth are particularly susceptible to nicotine addiction, nicotine has harmful health impacts on the developing brain, and 9 in 10 cigarette smokers begin using before age 18.

“The passage of this legislation is an important step forward in reducing youth tobacco and nicotine product use here in our Commonwealth,” said Senator Moore. “While youth smoking has declined considerably in the last two decades, youth use of other addictive tobacco products like e-cigarettes is increasing sharply and this new law seeks to address that.”

Among its provisions, the newly-signed law raises the minimum legal sales age for all tobacco products to age 21. The legislation also adds vaping products to the smoke free workplace law and prohibits the sale of tobacco products in health care institutions, including pharmacies.

While nicotine delivery products like e-cigarettes may sometimes help some nicotine-addicted adults to stop smoking traditional cigarettes, they present a significant new threat to the health and wellbeing of young people who have not previously used tobacco products.

To directly target youth use, this legislation increases the legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21. This is a proven and effective strategy to reduce youth tobacco use because it removes legally purchased tobacco products from high school social networks. The Institute of Medicine projects that increasing the age from 18 to 21 will reduce overall tobacco use in a population by 12% - the equivalent of 150,000 Massachusetts tobacco users.

Meanwhile, youth use of e-cigarettes has grown alarmingly, becoming a pervasive presence in our high schools. The provisions in this bill build upon the regulations promulgated in 2016 by the Attorney General, and ensure that the places that are tobacco free will also be vape free, including schools, restaurants and workplaces.

This legislation also prohibits the sale of tobacco products in health care institutions, including pharmacies, a policy already in place in more than 160 of our cities and towns, and a practice already adopted by firms like CVS.

Other provisions included in the bill include new authority granted to the

Department of Public Health to regulate new, emerging tobacco products; and language requiring the Center for Health Information and Analysis to study the current tobacco cessation benefits offered by commercial insurers, MassHealth, and the Group Insurance Commission.

Many cities and towns have enacted policies to reduce tobacco use and nicotine addiction that go beyond current state and federal laws and regulations, creating a patchwork of different laws across the Commonwealth that can confound retailers, distributors, consumers and public health officials. This legislation will provide a uniform statewide set of rules that protect youth and simplify the interaction between our state and local laws.

The text of the newly-signed law, codified as Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2018, is available on the Legislature's website, [www.malegislature.gov](http://www.malegislature.gov).

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Real Estate is considered passive income, however there are plenty of non-passive activities performed on rental property. One of the activities is just rent collection which could be you knocking on the tenants door on the 1st of the month and hoping they open it and give you money to having them transfer money every month into your account. You could also hire a property manager to do the rent collection for you. There are many other things to consider such as the lawn will need to be mowed, and the walkways and driveways shoveled. When the toilet is constantly running even though it is a simple fix you will probably need

to 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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JAMES BLACK

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 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 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.

## Learn more about non-compete changes

Skoler, Abbott & Presser to hold briefings in Agawam and Auburn this month about legislative changes to non-competition agreements with employees taking effect Oct. 1

Massachusetts contract law is evolving, and on Oct. 1, 2018, employers' ability to enter into valid and enforceable non-competition agreements with their employees will change dramatically. For example, employers will not be able to prohibit non-exempt employees from competing, and in most cases, non-compete clauses will be limited to 12 months.

Skoler, Abbott & Presser, P.C., the leading labor and employment law

firm serving employers in the greater Springfield area, will hold two breakfast briefings entitled, "Complying with the New Non-Competition Law & Limiting Exposure for Employment Claims through the Use of Arbitration Agreements." The first will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 8-10 a.m. at the Employers Association of the NorthEast (EANE) Training Center, 67 Hunt St., Agawam. The second will be held on Friday, Sept. 28 from 8-10 a.m. at the EANE Training Center, 15 Midstate Drive, Auburn.

Attorneys Marylou Fabbo and Timothy F. Murphy, partners at Skoler Abbott, will discuss the benefits of entering into non-competition and/or arbitration agreements with employees, including:

An overview of the new non-compete statute

What constitutes an enforceable non-competition agreement

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What an arbitration agreement is and how it can benefit an organization

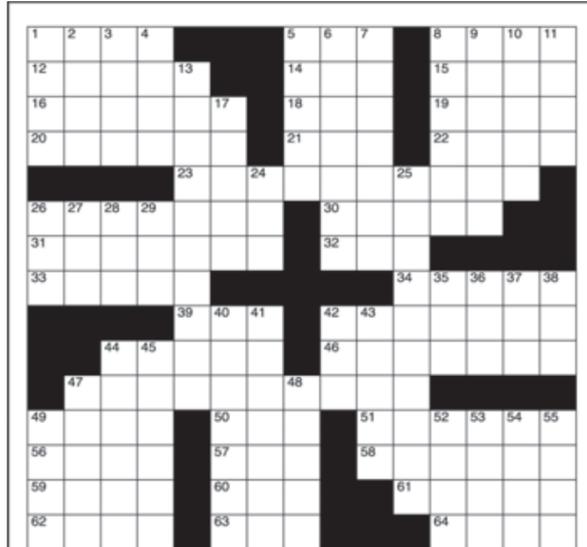
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What's involved in the arbitration process

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- 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



## 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 speaking and leadership skills while build-

ing 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 nonprofit 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](http://www.toastmasters.org). Follow @Toastmasters on Twitter.

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# 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.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
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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 '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](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other upcoming events.

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



## Running and walking for children in foster care

DUDLEY — The second annual run-walk for Rise Above is being held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the town beach in Dudley.

This 5K fun run and 1-mile family-friendly walk is expected to draw hundreds of attendees from across central and MetroWest Massachusetts. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the run and walk getting started at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the run and walk, attendees can enjoy children's activities, music and refreshments from 8 a.m. until noon.

Free t-shirts will be given to registered runners and walkers. Registration is \$30 for adults, \$15 for youth ages 10-17, and free for youth under 10. Foster and adopted youth are also free. Registration and additional details on the run-walk can be found online at [www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/runwalkriseabove](http://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/runwalkriseabove), on Rise Above's Facebook page or its website: [www.weriseabove.org](http://www.weriseabove.org)

Participants and attendees have the opportunity to help raise additional funds for kids in foster care by creating an individual or team fundraising page. Prizes will be awarded to top individual and teams that raise the most funds. Personalized fundraising pages can be set up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/runwalk-for-rise-above-tickets-46888141694?lang=en-us>

Rise Above is an IRS approved 501(c)

(3) non-profit organization that provides Massachusetts children in foster care with enriching activities, opportunities and experiences.

There are more than 10,000 youth in foster care in Massachusetts. These children are missing out on a lot of experiences and activities most other kids their age get to take part in. Since foster parents are paid only about \$27 a day to cover a child's most basic needs, sports signup fees, instrument rentals, and other costs for extracurricular activities aren't always a possibility.

Founded in 2009, Rise Above responds to this growing need to give youth in foster care opportunities that will give them a sense of normalcy, provide comfort, and build self-esteem. By funding individual wishes for requests like prom expenses, soccer registration, and clarinet lessons, Rise Above strives to provide positive experiences for foster children. Learn more at [www.weriseabove.org](http://www.weriseabove.org).

Funds raised through this year's Run-Walk for Rise Above will be critical in helping the organization meet its goal of serving more than 1,000 foster youth this year, improving their self-esteem, social skills, and mental and physical health.

For more information please contact: Sarah Baldiga at 508.320.8676 or [sarah@weriseabove.org](mailto:sarah@weriseabove.org).

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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**  
 Finding the Right School Fit, A Parent & Student Panel  
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# LEARNING

## Nichols College honored as a National College of Distinction

DUDLEY — Nichols College has been recognized as a 2018-19 national College of Distinction for its expert blending of the liberal arts with professional programming in business as well as for its committed implementation of high-impact educational practices.

Nichols College has proven itself to be at the forefront of American higher education with a modern, student-centered approach to teaching, according to the organization Colleges of Distinction. With a unique learning environment, the Nichols experience engages students with character building, first-year seminars, alternative spring breaks, diversity and global learning programs, collaborative assignments and projects, undergraduate research, study abroad programs, and internships. In addition, today's job market demands employees who are stellar communicators and critical-thinkers. It is with Nichols College's well-rounded approach to career development that its students are prepared to take on the post-graduate world.

"We are absolutely thrilled to recognize Nichols College as a College of Distinction for its effective dedication to student success," said Tyson Schritter, chief operating officer for Colleges of Distinction. "Colleges of Distinction is so impressed with Nichols College's curriculum, which is enriched with the kind of 'High-Impact Educational Practices' that are most crucial for student development. Such innovative engagement is preparing the next generation of young adults to thrive after college."

The fast-paced, modern world of business requires effective communication and innovative strategies. Nichols College's programs in accounting, criminal justice management, economics, finance, hospitality management, human resource management, integrated marketing communication, international business, management, and sport management, among others, keep future leaders ahead of the curve and ready to grow alongside the industry. Graduate & Professional Studies at Nichols

boasts an array of competitive master's degree and certificate programs, and corporate partnerships that are designed for career-focused professionals ready to take the next step toward leadership, seek and conquer a new challenge, and expand their career opportunities.

Professor Luanne Westerling, associate dean for business at Nichols College, said, "We are honored that Colleges of Distinction continually recognizes Nichols College as a leader in professional education. We attribute our strengths to our focus on providing experiential learning and leadership opportunities for all of our students."

"Building on our extensive liberal arts and business curricula, Nichols students are prepared to take what they learn in the classroom and apply those skills to a real business environment," added Westerling. "We also ensure our students are career-ready upon graduation by offering our signature professional development seminars. Through these seminars, all Nichols students focus on

the development of a resume, and are provided with interview skills training and experience."

Colleges of Distinction's selection process consists of a review of each institution's first-year experience and retention efforts alongside its general education programs, alumni success, strategic plan, student satisfaction, and more. Schools are accepted on the basis that they adhere to the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes.

"Colleges of Distinction is far more than a ranking list of colleges and universities," said Schritter. "We seek out the schools that are wholly focused on the student experience, constantly working to produce graduates who are prepared for a rapidly changing global society. Recognized as a College of Distinction, Nichols College stands out in the way it strives to help its students to learn, grow, and succeed."

View Nichols College's Colleges of Distinction profile to find more information about

the innovative learning experiences it offers.

Read about Princeton Review naming Nichols a 2019 "Best in the Northeast" College.

Colleges of Distinction has recognized and honored schools throughout the U.S. for excellence in undergraduate-focused higher education for over 15 years. The member schools within the Colleges of Distinction consortium distinguish themselves through their focus on the undergraduate experience. For more information, visit [CollegesofDistinction.com](http://CollegesofDistinction.com).

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom. Founded in 1815, Nichols transforms today's students into tomorrow's leaders through a dynamic, career-focused business and professional education. Nichols serves students interested primarily in a comprehensive business education that is supported by a strong liberal arts curriculum.

## 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 bankHometown 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.

### BAY PATH

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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](http://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](http://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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The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in

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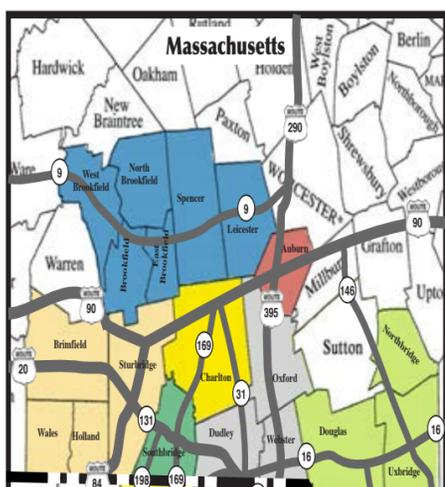
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## EDITORIAL

### 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.

It may be that this is entirely a SNAFU.

## New software highlights start of a new year

Now that the school year has started and our students have settled in, they have no doubt become aware of two new major changes that occurred within the Auburn Public Schools. Over the course of last winter, spring and summer, the District has been hard at work transitioning many of our core school software to new systems. In the past you may have heard of Midas and Google Classroom, but this year you will hear of Schoology and PowerSchool. Both new software packages will play large roles in how students and parents access coursework and grading information.

PowerSchool is our new Student Information System (SIS) and is replacing the Midas program we have used for the last four years. Many parents and students only knew Midas from the Parent Portal, where they would login to check grades. The Midas Portal has been discontinued and parents in the Middle and High Schools will soon receive login information to access the new Parent Portal though PowerSchool. PowerSchool is one of the largest student information vendors in the country and a leader in the industry. Our schools are using it to track grades, attendance, student biographical information, schedules and many other critical data elements throughout our District's schools. Transitioning to a new SIS is a massive undertaking that requires migrating years of student data to a new system. We are excited the new system is live for the 2018-2019 school year and already seeing the positive value it brings to our schools. Our staff is learning how the new system works and beginning to enter data that will soon be available through the portal system. While we are not quite ready to open the portal to parents and students, we are planning that roll out and will be providing information to parents very soon on how to access and utilize the portal.

ROCKETS  
REVIEW  
BY – ERIC BOUVIER, DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

For our students, the largest change is the replacement of Google Classroom with Schoology. Schoology is an online classroom environment that allows our teachers to assign, collect and assess student work online. This works seamlessly through an iPad App to ensure that students can access all their critical classroom content through their iPad, at any time. Schoology is the only online classroom environment that seamlessly integrates with PowerSchool, meaning that course schedules and enrollments are updated automatically from PowerSchool to Schoology, and grades sync from Schoology to PowerSchool with little effort. By keeping all this data synced, it ensures our teachers always have the most accurate classroom information available to them.

We realize that changes of this magnitude have a large impact on our school community. When everything is new to everyone, it can make people feel uncomfortable and anxious. We believe that these new software packages will have a very positive impact for our entire community once people get a chance to use them regularly and become more comfortable. I believe that parents and students will find these new programs to be upgrades over both Midas and Google Classroom. I am excited for everyone to have the chance to use the new programs, and I hope using them will make your experience with the Auburn Public School District an even more positive one.

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*Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Auburn Public Schools!*

## Consider financial gifts for your grandchildren



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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 your 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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## 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!

Do you love highway driving with the wind whipping at your hair? If so, it's a pleasure you'll pay for. Did you know driving with your windows all the way down at higher speeds, will waste 10% more gallons of gas than driving with them closed? The drag will cost you more in fuel, so avoid cranking the windows completely until you're at a slower pace.

If your car has cruise control feature, use it. Not only will you give your accelerating foot a rest, you'll save money too! Using cruise control will save you 5% to 10% of a gallon of gas on long trips!

Want to conserve more gas? Just use the overdrive shift as soon as your speed is high enough. It also acts as a fuel saver.

Keeping tires properly inflated and aligned equals gas savings. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts.

According to a major tire company approximately one third of all tires on the road are under inflated. These tires not only wear out quicker and but they are more at risk for a blowout. Since tires lose air at a rate of about a pound a month, it pays to periodically check your tires

Not sure how to rotate your tires? According to the experts, radial tires can be crossed from side to side in the rotation pattern. Bias ply tires should never be rotated from side to side, only front to back.

Confused when it comes to using your car air conditioner efficiently? Memorize this mantra: In town, turn it down; going fast, let it blast! According to cooling experts, when traveling 45 mph or less, you should open the windows or vents to create a steady airflow that'll give your car a cool boost. When going faster than 45 mph, you should crank up the a/c instead. This method avoids the drag generated when windows are left open during high-speed travel.

Believe it or not, tires driven at 70 m.p.h. wear out almost twice as fast as cars that go 55 mph. So it really does pay



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

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.

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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*

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# Create a Healthy Foundation for Fall Plantings



## GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

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.

Further improve your soil by using a slow release fertilizer with a high percent of organic matter like Milorganite (milorganite.com). The 85% organic matter feeds the soil microorganisms

and your plants as it improves all soil types. You get multiple benefits with this type of fertilizer.

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.

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## Welcome autumn at the annual Apple Festival

Located at 286 Mendon Street, Blackstone, the historic Daniels Farmstead is celebrating the arrival of fall in New England with its second annual Apple Festival on Sunday, Oct 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine). Daniels Farmstead is known to have played a pivotal role in the growing of apples and the production of apple cider and vinegar at the largest surviving cider house in the Blackstone River Valley.

Are you a baker who would want to show off your best apple pie recipe? All are invited to participate in the apple pie contest which will be judged at 1:00 p.m. Forms are available online at [www.danielsfarmstead.org](http://www.danielsfarmstead.org) or you can register on the day of the event. Judges for the contest will be local "celebrities." Slices of the pies will be available for purchase.

At 2:00 to 3:00PM we will be holding a Field Day Olympics consisting of three events. A sack race, three legged race, and an egg drop race. Two age groups are invited, 8 years old and younger, and over 8 years old. Prizes to be awarded. Entry forms available online at [www.danielsfarmstead.org](http://www.danielsfarmstead.org) or you can sign up on the day of the event.

Browse the Farmer's Market where there will be fresh produce, apples and cider from local orchards, apple related foodstuffs including apple crisp, locally made craft items and much more! Baked products will also be available for sale at the food concession along with burgers, hot dogs, and sausage sandwiches from our grill.

Music will be provided by the Blackstone Valley Music led by Shanna Keegan from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

Tours of the historic cider house and the Daniels' home will take place throughout the day.

The day concludes with the dedication and blessing of the Daniels Farmstead Memory Orchard to be held from 3:30PM to 4:00PM where individuals have an opportunity to plant an

apple tree in memory of a loved one.

Hiram T. Daniels was proprietor of the farm beginning in the late 1800s. He constructed a cider mill for the apple orchard which he had on the property and which would become a mainstay crop for the farm for a period of time in the early 1900s. The cider mill was later improved with a second press for the thriving apple orchard and to accommodate vinegar and cider production for farmers as far away as Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Throughout the mid-twentieth century Hiram's son, Adin Thayer Daniels, better known as "Charlie", raised peaches and hayed the fertile fields. He also worked the cider mill with two presses powered by a steam engine and a large outside cistern until 1950. Vinegar and cider were processed and sold at the farm until Charlie's passing in 1993. Some years ago, the steam engine, which powered the cider presses, was sold to Hopedale Mill, yet the cider mill retains its works representing an important building type and function.

The Daniels Farmstead Foundation, Inc. was founded in 2003 with an all-volunteer board of directors with the goal to protect and preserve this historically significant farm and buildings and its pristine farmlands; to restore the farm to its former splendor; and to operate a living museum where local historians, schools, and the general public can learn about the New England Farm life from the 18th and 19th centuries. This remarkable endeavor is due to the efforts of Doris Daniels King and her family to preserve the farmstead's history and legacy. The Foundation's focus is to provide a place for people to gather, celebrate, and learn the values of a working farm and its traditions.

Come join the celebration! For more information for this event, contact Jim Beauchamp at [jim.beauchamp2251@gmail.com](mailto:jim.beauchamp2251@gmail.com) or call 508-498-0270. Visit our website at [www.danielsfarmstead.org](http://www.danielsfarmstead.org)

## SANTOS

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Many in the Auburn community took to the Auburn Police Association's Facebook page with praise and welcome.

"I am very glad Officer Santos is back on the police force here in Auburn! Police work is extremely dangerous. Good luck to you officer Santos!" said Jeffrey Richardson from Auburn.

"Congratulations Luis!!! Glad to see you're doing well and back to fighting crime," said Maritza Sanchez-Gonzalez.

"Welcome back and thank you for all

you do for us. Stay safe," writes Michael J. Lauzonis Jr.

Bill Smith writes, "The town of Auburn is now safer to travel through and also to live in. Welcome back officer Santos."

Hundreds of residents praised the return of a beloved officer.

Santos, married and a father of four, was injured in the line of duty. Many in the community rallied around Santos and set up fundraisers for him and his family. When one person in the community suffers, the town of Auburn comes together to protect and help their own. Santos is back to work less than two years since injured.

## 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](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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# Charlton honors local citizens



Charlton Veteran Frank Gaylord is honored with a Community Service award



Roland and Nancy Jackson are named the Honorary Parade Marshals for the Charlton Old Home Day Parade



Jason Bleau Photo

Charlton Town Administrator Robin Craver congratulates local educator Erin Anderson who was named Citizen of the Year



Jody Maskell (center) poses with town officials and state legislators after receiving a Community Service award.

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town recognized several of its own on Labor Day with the annual Old Home Day Committee Awards honoring standout members of the community who live and work

in Charlton and have committed their time and effort to making the town a better place.

Nine awards were given out over the course of the annual Labor Day event, including five community service awards, a youth award, a business

award, a Citizen of the Year honor and the naming of the honorary marshals for the Old Home Day Parade.

The first to be honored were the Community Service awards, which were handed out to Karen Fierro, Frank Gaylord, Brenna Ann Larson, Judy Maskell and Gail Stokes. Each volunteer came with their own story of commitment to their town. Some gave through helping organizations, others through patriotism, but all of them were unanimously voted as award winners after being nominated by members of the community at large.

It was a particularly special honor for Jody Maskell, who got to celebrate her honor with her father who turned 100 years old earlier this year. Maskell held back tears as she shared her emotions about being selected as an honoree.

“It’s very generous. You never do things by yourself. I have a lot of support from family and friends and from my Helping Hands Society membership and others so when you can receive something like this you have to extend it to everybody,” Maskell said. “My father is a hundred years old this past March and we try to bring him to events like this so he can enjoy them to so it’s nice to have him here to be a part of it.”

Karen Fierro and Frank Gaylord also expressed gratitude and their sincere thanks to the town for honoring them while Gail Stokes and Brenna Ann Larson were not able to attend the ceremony in person to accept their awards.

The next to be honored was young Cutter Beck who was recognized for his longstanding work as a volunteer with Chip In as a local Scout. Since beginning his work with the organization, he has helped with initiatives, and in the eighth grade he even held a drive filling two vans full of food.

It’s this commitment that earned the young man the Youth Award which he humbly accepted.

“I like being recognized a lot, but I don’t do what I do for recognition. It does feel good and it’s appreciated,” said Beck.

The biggest award of the day was the Citizen of the Year Award which was presented to local educator Erin Anderson who, despite living in Dudley, has become known as an important asset to the youth of Charlton, helping inspire them to think green and to respect not only their town but the planet they call home. Anderson said it was an unexpected but great honor to be informed of the award.

“I’m humbled. I’ve worked in Charlton Middle School for 18 years as a teacher and I was shocked. I’m involved in the Earth Day here and I try to get my students as involved as I can there,” Anderson said. “I want them to be responsible and caring citizens in the town and of the Earth in general so it’s nice to be recognized for it.” “It is nice that people recognize what you do and the work you put in. I love this community. I’ve had a lot of kids come through the fifth grade and met a lot of the families and all of them have become near and dear to my heart.”

Other awards handed out at Old Home Day were the Business Award which was presented to Advantage Enterprises, Inc. and owner Matt Gagner while the honorary parade marshals were revealed to be Roland and Nancy Jackson who helped lead the Old Home Day Parade to close out the annual Labor Day celebration. While that was a great honor itself, they also took pride in the fact, granddaughter Stella Worters was first place Charlton resident in the Old Home Day road race.

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5. Cutter Beck received the Youth Award as well as citations from Senator Anne Gobi and state Representative Peter Durant



Matt Gagner proudly accepts the Business Award for his local company Advantage Enterprises



Sonia and David's Wedding 1960



Senior Prom 1958

**ALZHEIMER'S**

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adore. Together through the good times and the bad, Sonia and David were a match made of love, trust, and sincere devotion.

"When my mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia," says Karen Dobson, daughter of Sonia and David, "my dad stepped up and was a remarkable caregiver."

David cared for his wife in every capacity, he had loved her from when they were young, and would not give up on her at any point.

"He did everything for her with such dignity and love," said Karen.

Although husband and wife had plans for their future, this diagnosis changed their vast adventures and journeys, but the family did not let it change everything.

"We took her out everywhere. Where we went, she went," says Karen.

Sonia was diagnosed June of 2009 and was in the care of her husband and daughter until the day she passed away, on June 1, 2018. They were not alone however; a local program was there to lend a hand. "We were unsure what the future held for my mom, thankfully Summit ElderCare was there to help," says Karen.

Summit ElderCare was there to answer any and all questions the family had. Sonia went to the day program Monday through Friday and thoroughly enjoyed her time there.

"The day program was for those who were suffering from memory loss," says Karen.

The PACE program, Program of All-Inclusive Care for Elderly is offered by the Fallon Clinic and was a big help to Sonia and her family.

"This disease is very difficult," Karen recalls, having to keep a very strict and consistent routine for her mother with no surprises.

"With the help of Summit, we got



1 Grammie's Groupies numbers in the thirties.

through it," says Karen.

Sonia was always involved in the community. She was a volunteer for Camp Fire Inc and soon became a program director. Sonia taught CCD and volunteered for helping the homeless programs and the Special Olympics. Her devotion to others was prominent and she touched many lives. Sonia was a loving and devoted mother. She adored her grandchildren and absolutely worshiped her great grandchildren. Her life changed drastically and suddenly, but Sonia always felt love, felt safe, and shared a smile with everyone.

"We could see with a twinkle in her eye and knew that she was happy," says Karen. "We just wanted her to feel secure and to know that we love her."

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will be at Quinsigamond Community College on Sept. 23. Grammie's Groupies will be at the walk for Sonia Dobson and all other afflicted with the disease. With

over 30 people walking for Sonia, they hope to share her story so it may help others.

"This will be the first year not walking with my mom," says Karen. "I miss her so much and I know she will be there in spirit."

Everyday the Dobson family remembers Sonia. They will always reflect upon the wonderful woman she was; a pinnacle of strength and guidance in the community, a caring and devoted mother, and a source of everlasting love for her husband. On this day family and friends will wear their Grammie's Groupies shirts, walk along the path with strangers, loved ones, and friends, and know that Sonia is with them for every step. Alzheimer's disease may steal pieces of a person, but it can never take away their love or their spirit. Sonia is proof that her soul and heart will live on forever in all who have known and loved her.



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# SPORTS

## Rosario runs wild as Auburn tops St. Peter-Marian



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com

Auburn's Eric Paine surges ahead for positive yardage while carrying the ball.



Manny Rosario of Auburn finds open running room for a big gain.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Auburn High senior running back Manny Rosario led a lethal ground attack as the Rockets' varsity football team won a 20-8 game in the opener over St. Peter-Marian High on Thursday, Sept. 6.

It was clear early in the game what Auburn wanted to do on offense. The Rockets drove 49 yards for a quick touchdown on their opening possession, which took half of the first quarter off the clock. On the drive Auburn ran the ball nine times and eight of those were in the hands of Rosario.

As a result Auburn went up early, 6-0. In addition to Rosario's eight carries,

44 yards and a touchdown on the first drive, his work was far from over. He ended with 28 carries for 170 yards and the aforementioned TD.

"A little bit from previous seasons and seeing the line how they were doing so great I expected a good run game," Rosario commented about his expected workload. "Griff [Handfield] did a good job staying comfortable handing it off. We did a great job."

The star running back was just happy to be playing in front of his hometown fans. The big night was a plus.

"It felt amazing to go from summer lifting and seeing all the progress of us coming together as a team and really put it out for the people in this town,"

the senior expressed. "It was a great feeling."

Senior running back Jack Laperle accounted for Auburn's other two touchdowns as he ran for 59 yards on eight carries.

Auburn had a good night on the ground, but a huge play in the game came on SPM's second drive when linebacker Colin Fitzgerald shot through the line of scrimmage on second-and-goal to force a fumble. He recovered it at the 9-yard line and stalled the Guardians' long offensive drive.

"I was complimenting our kids, specifically our defense," explained Auburn head coach Jeff Cormier. "That was a great drive by them. They drove the length of the field, they make a play, convert a couple third downs and breaking your back on a couple big plays to get inside the 10, it was a matter of time for them to punch it in. For our guys to cause a loose one that says a lot to their stamina and effort to not give up, believing they can make a play."

The defense only let up one scoring drive and made many stops late to give the offense their chances to score. A highlighted defensive stop was late in the third quarter when they forced a St. Peter-Marian punt, which resulted in good field position for the offense. The Rockets got the ball on SPM's 23 and punched the ball in for a touchdown four plays later on a 4-yard touchdown run by Laperle to go up 12-8.

Winning the home opener was the goal for Auburn and they did it in dominant fashion. The game ended on kneels after a game ending interception by Aidan Gowaski.

"It is always good to win the opener," expressed Cormier. "It is a goal of ours to win it. We turned it over; they turned it over a couple penalties here and there as well as some broken tackles. It is the first game; you get those butterflies out and find out what you are doing well and what we need to improve on. Both teams are going to come away with some work that they need to do."



Auburn lineman Luke Laplante points out something to his teammates.



Auburn's Griffin Handfield looks deep before launching a pass.



Ben Baer of Auburn goes in for the tackle of a St. Peter-Marian ball carrier.

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### SPORTS BRIEF

#### Oxford Little League Memorial Golf Tournament comes to Pine Ridge Country Club

The seventh annual Oxford Little League Steven J. Horgan Memorial Golf Tournament is set for Sunday, Sept. 23 at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford. The 11 a.m. shotgun start (\$100 per player) also features good food, prizes, contests, sport collectibles and a silent auction. Sign-up and sponsorship information is available at [www.oxfordlittleleague.com](http://www.oxfordlittleleague.com) or by emailing [horgangolftournament@gmail.com](mailto:horgangolftournament@gmail.com). The sign-up deadline is Friday, Sept. 14. Tee and green sponsors are also available for \$200. Interested in dinner only? The cost for that is \$25 per person.

# SPORTS

## Rockets' Opening Night a successful one vs. Uxbridge

AUBURN — Wednesday evening, Sept. 5, was Opening Night for Auburn High's varsity field hockey and boys' soccer teams. They played simultaneously under the lights, and both had great results taking on Uxbridge High.

The field hockey team emerged victorious, 5-1, while the boys' soccer club topped the Spartans, 4-0.



Auburn's Samuel Almeida places his foot on the ball while being bumped into by an Uxbridge defender.



Auburn celebrates a goal versus Uxbridge.



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Marcus LaPointe of Auburn boots the ball up and away from an attacker from Uxbridge.



Reese Levansavich of Auburn battles for possession of the ball with an Uxbridge defender.



The Auburn field hockey team took charge against Uxbridge, defeating the Spartans by a final of 5-1.



Auburn's Fidel Castro handles the ball at his feet while keeping it away from Uxbridge's attacking player.

## Gillespie (4 TD's) outduels Lazo (3 TD's) as Bay Path edges Pioneers



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's passing game was on target as the Minutemen completed 16 passes, including this one here.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

**SOUTHBRIDGE** — Simply put, the final score of the Bay Path Regional versus Southbridge High varsity football game could have been 4-3. That is because when the two teams took to Harry J. McMahon Field on Friday night, Sept. 7, the Minutemen's Tyler Gillespie scored four touchdowns to Garrett Lazo of the Pioneers' three to make a 28-20 victory for the visitors.

"He's young and he's figuring it out as we go," Fall began on Gillespie. "He's really liking contact and he's just raw talent. I couldn't be more proud of him. He's a sophomore that came through in a big moment. He's definitely someone to look forward to in the future."

Fall and Southbridge head coach Frank Koumanelis also had strong words on Lazo.

"Garrett Lazo, that kid put his team on his back and carried them," said Fall. "Hats off to him because he was a warrior out there for them."

"I thought Garrett Lazo had a heck of a football game, both ways," added Koumanelis of Lazo playing both fullback and defensive end. "I think we've got to start using him a lot more. He's a tough kid."

Gillespie had nine carries for 77 yards and a trio of touchdowns, plus three

receptions for 43 yards and another score. Lazo rushed 10 times for 40 yards and a touchdown, and also grabbed three passes for 35 yards and another TD.

The Pioneers scored first on their opening drive of the season. Alex Torres scampered for a 20-yard gain on the second play from scrimmage, and Lazo eventually scored from 2 yards out to make it 6-0 early.

The Minutemen responded on their first drive, as Gillespie had a 26-yard run four plays before grabbing a 14-yard pass from quarterback Michael Keeler for the touchdown. Keeler then connected with Joseph Rosario for the two-point conversion to make it 8-6 in Bay Path's favor.

At halftime the score remained 8-6 until a wild, back-and-forth second half ensued.

There, the Minutemen took a 14-6 lead when Gillespie strolled into the end zone from 5 yards out, but the Pioneers cut into the lead, 14-12, when quarterback John Cortez threw an 18-yard TD pass to Lazo.

Then, with 4:56 to play in the fourth quarter, Southbridge regained the lead. Facing a fourth-and-goal from the 6, Lazo barreled his way up the middle and in for the score. Cortez then hit Simon Gonyea with a two-point pass to make it 20-14.

Bay Path rallied,

though, and tied the score at 20-20 with 2:35 to play. There, following a Southbridge offside penalty on fourth down, Gillespie took advantage of the flag and scored from 2 yards out.

After forcing the Pioneers to go three-and-out and punt, the Minutemen scored with just 51 seconds to play. Gillespie found the end zone from 6 yards out and tacked on the two-point conversion to make it 28-20.

"It was a dig deep moment," Fall said of the game's waning moments. "I thought that these guys have been preparing hard, they've been playing hard, they've been forcing each other to be better in practice, and I think when things were tough on the line they kind of gathered together and they were able to take care of business. Hopefully this transfers into another week of hard work."

Fall was proud to have beaten a Southern Worcester County League team before facing another one in Bartlett High on Friday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at Webster's Memorial Athletic Field.

"Any time we play a SWCL team it's going to be a tough game," said Fall. "Even though we're a 10-town school, border wars are huge. It's all sending schools and you can never discount that type of rivalry."

And despite the loss, Koumanelis knows that his team battled hard and is a better group than 2017's squad that finished 1-10.

"We're a better football team than last year. These kids are committed. They were freshmen and sophomores last year, so now they're sophomores and juniors," he said. "I think they played their heart out tonight, but penalties killed us. We shot ourselves in the foot."

Southbridge will play at Ayer-Shirley Regional, also on Friday at 7 p.m.



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# OBITUARIES

## Jefferey C. Goodrow, Sr., 75



SPENCER- Jefferey C. Goodrow, Sr., 75, died suddenly, Friday, Sept. 7 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester after being stricken ill. His wife of 34 years, Jane I. (Marderossian) Goodrow, died in 2001. He leaves his sons Jefferey C. Goodrow, Jr. and his wife Maureen and John F. Goodrow all of No.Brookfield, three grandsons, Jacob M. and Jarod J. Goodrow all of No.Brookfield, and Jackson J. Goodrow of Newbury, four brothers John E. Goodrow, Jr. of Wilmington, NC, James P. Goodrow of Rutland, Jason Goodrow and his wife Mary Ellen of Oakham and Joel Goodrow and his wife Joni of Auburn, several nieces and nephews.

Jeff was a Principal Analyst for National Grid in Westboro for 37 years, retiring in 2005.

Born in Worcester, he was the son

of John E. Goodrow Sr. and Julia (Dauderis) Cooney, graduated from Commerce High School and attended Nichols College in Dudley. He served his country with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War was wounded and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Jeff enjoyed hunting and was an avid golfer and member of Quail Hollow Golf Club in Oakham.

Funeral services for Jeff was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the J.HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Calling hours were Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

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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 Kamy.

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.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Sunday September 15

COMMUNITY DINNER: There will be a community roast beef supper at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 10 and under are free. No reservations are needed. Additional parking is available at the Town Hall.

### Sunday September 16

MILL VILLAGE TOUR: On Sunday, Sept. 16 from 1-2 p.m., walk down Auburn's Main Street with Auburn historian Ken Ethier to see the Jeremy Stones 1939 Mill Village Housing and learn about the town's reservoirs created to power the textile mill. Meet at St. Joseph's Church, 194 Oxford St., Auburn. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit [www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org](http://www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org).

### Tuesday September 18

HISTORY OF THE PD: Auburn Historical Society will be holding its

first meeting of the Fall 2018 season on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive. The speakers will be Tim Cronin and Rich Tobin and they will be presenting Memories of the Auburn Police Department. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting at 5:30, so bring your favorite dish to share. This event is free and open to the public.

### Saturday September 29

LIFE BEFORE REFRIGERATORS: On Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1-2 p.m. learn the History of Ice Harvesting. Learn what life was like before refrigerators. Visit the Little Red Shop Museum (12 Hopedale St., Hopedale) for a presentation with Auburn town historian Ken Ethier to learn about the cultivation of the ice field and the storage of ice. Ken will show you his collection of ice harvesting tools. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit [www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org](http://www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org).

### Friday September 28, Saturday September 29, & Sunday

### September 30

AUBURN ALUMNI WEEKEND: and Fall Festival at Auburn High School. On Friday night, Auburn football versus Tantasqua at 7 p.m. On Saturday, games against Tantasqua include girls' soccer JV & varsity at 10 a.m.; boys' JV & varsity at noon and field hockey, varsity at noon and JV at 1:30 p.m. Train rides, pumpkin decorating, food & craft vendors 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Golf tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pakachoag golf course. Sunday morning breakfast at 9 a.m. at AHS followed by tours of the high school 8-10 a.m. \$5 for adults and \$3 fro children younger than 8.

### Saturday September 29-Wednesday October 31

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### Sunday September 30

AUBURN FARMERS & CULTURAL MARKET: at the Pappas Recreation Complex 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Local farms & businesses, live music and entertainment, food, crafts, gifts and more. For information log onto [www.auburnfcm.org](http://www.auburnfcm.org).

### 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,

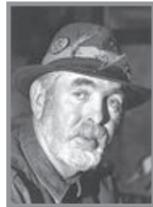
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# Goose, goose, grouse....

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!

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 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??

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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.

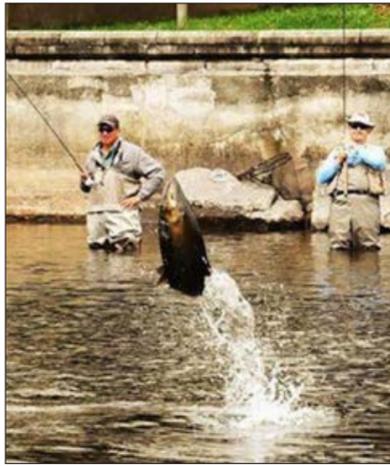
A little common sense would also be nice!! Too often brilliant minds lack any common sense. Making sure that new hires hunt or fish should be one of the requirements before being selected for the job.

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.

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 an 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-



King salmon season is roaring on the Salmon River



Photos courtesy Fat Nancy's Bait

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.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

**CALENDAR**

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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!

Saturday November 3

**CRAFT VENDORS WANTED:** Grace Ministries Harvest Fair, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn has outdoor spaces available for their fall fair on Saturday Nov. 3. An approximate 10x10 lawn space is \$35. Questions and a verbal commitment may be made to Judy Sampson at jas2155@charter.net or 508-987-5969. Verbal commitment is needed by Oct. 8 to hold a spot. Financial commitment is payable by Nov. 2.

Saturday December 15

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR:** the sixth annual holiday craft fair, presented by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Committee is planned Saturday, Dec. 15 with a snowdate of Dec. 16; at the Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 80 craft vendors to get you into the spirit, Santa will make an appearance, and other activities for the kiddos as well. Food available, schedule of events at [www.auburnguide.com](http://www.auburnguide.com).

**ONGOING EVENTS**

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**STORY TIME:** Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

**MUSEUM HOURS:** The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free to see a variety of artifacts and memorabilia concerning Auburn as far back as when it was known as the town of Ward. All are welcome to come. For more information contact Sari Bitticks at sarilb@verizon.net.

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**STORY TIME:** Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

**BOYS' GROUP:** Chuck wants boys in the 6th through 10th grades to join The Man Cave. The Man Cave is a boys' group that meets from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Thursdays at the AYFS, 21 Pheasant Court, Auburn. This is where members will learn that peers their own age share similar concerns. Group members will be able to discuss ways to cope with their concerns as well as receive positive feedback. Each week will center around a particular topic for discussion. No cost to join. For information, call Brandon Pare (508) 832-5707 x 16 or Dan Secor (508) 832-5707 x 14. Free food available.

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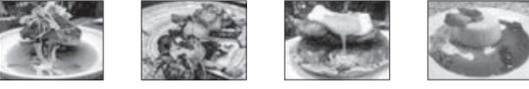
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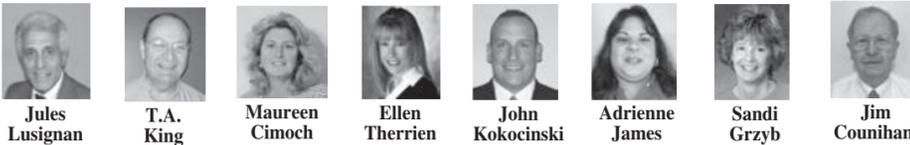
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<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15</b>				
WEBSTER 17 Cutler St	C	10-12	\$104,900	ReMax Advantage 1/Maureen O'Connor 508-981-4902
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**26 River St ~ \$279,900**



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**17 Cutler St, unit 1 ~ \$104,900**

**OPEN HOUSE SAT 10-NOON**



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<p><b>OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/15 9:30-11:00</b></p>  <p><b>525 Dugg Hill Rd, Woodstock \$450,000</b>                  Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4000 SF, 4 BR 3 full BA on 1.17 acres w/lovely views! Chef's kitchen extraordinaire &amp; gorgeous 3-car garage!                  The Gosselin Team:                  Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p><b>OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/15 11:30-1:00</b></p>  <p><b>105 English Neighborhood Rd, Woodstock \$295,000</b>                  2 acres on 2 sides of the rd, this 2 BR 1890 home has loads of details, front porch &amp; stonewalls. Generator, 1 car garage &amp; private yard.                  The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p><b>OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/22 11:00-12:30</b></p>  <p><b>330 Paine District Rd, Woodstock \$375,000</b>                  Perfect 1 floor living in this beautiful custom ranch in Woodstock, CT. Just built in 2016. Beautiful pastoral views.                  John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p><b>Putnam \$499,900 NEW PRICE</b></p>  <p>Truly one of a kind architectural masterpiece. Amazing grounds, 3 BR 2.5 BA.                  Catherine Howard 860-234-2901</p>	<p><b>Thompson \$399,900 NEW PRICE</b></p>  <p>Elegant home with a two story glassed great room &amp; fireplace. Corian kitchen, finished lower level and 1st floor master.                  John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$575,000</b></p>  <p>Over 4900 SF sprawled on 3 floors of living! 6 BR &amp; 3.5 BA w/hen kitchen, baths &amp; a park-like back yard. Pool, pool house &amp; barn/garage!                  The Gosselin Team:                  Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	
<p><b>Canterbury \$449,000</b></p>  <p>Unique Contemporary, spacious, open, sunny, total privacy, 47 acres! 4 BR, 3 BA. Architect design, separate bldg lot.                  John Rich 860-315-2615</p>	<p><b>Tolland \$299,900</b></p>  <p>Pride of ownership shines in this 4 BR, 3 BA over-sized Raised Ranch in a private country setting. This is a must see!                  Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363</p>	<p><b>Congratulations Agents</b></p> <p><b>Top Listing Agents</b> <b>Top Selling Agent</b> <b>Top Buyers Agent</b></p>  <p>Gosselin Team 860-428-5960</p>  <p>Robert Viani 860-264-5921</p>  <p>Catherine Howard 860-234-2901</p>			<p><b>Eastford \$314,900</b></p>  <p>Pristine Eastford home, frontage on year-round babbling brook. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, granite kitchen, expand bonus room.                  John Rich 860-315-2615</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$248,500</b></p>  <p>1,656 SF, 1.21 acres, 2 car detached garage, off street parking, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, partially finished basement w/ bonus room.                  Lauren Heidelberger 860-933-0735</p>
<p><b>Pomfret \$539,900</b></p>  <p>Custom Colonial built for entertaining. Cooks kitchen &amp; great rm w/ fireplace &amp; cathedral ceiling. Detached &amp; attached garages.                  Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>	<p><b>Brooklyn \$224,000</b></p>  <p>Private, 4 BR, 2 BA Cape with 3 bay garage, paved drive nestled in the woods, back deck overlooks a pond!                  Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343</p>	<p><b>Dayville \$230,000</b></p>  <p>Pristine Country Cape in cul-de-sac. Updated granite kitchen &amp; hardwoods throughout. 4 BR, 2 updated BA. Close to 395.                  Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>	<p><b>Woodstock \$1,490,000</b></p>  <p>Wonderful Antique Colonial with 182 acres, pastoral views w/ 4+ miles of wooded trails. Unique open concept, 3 story barn.                  White/Cook Team:                  Amy Archambault 860-377-2830</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$275,000</b></p>  <p>Private 3 acres Custom Ranch 1,478 SF FP in living room, dining room, 3 BR, 2 BA, woodstove, 2 car garage.                  Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>	<p><b>Pomfret \$475,000</b></p>  <p>Enjoy comfortable and spacious living in this bright, modern, 5 BR, 3.5 BA home. 3 beautiful floors of living space located on 5 acres.                  John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	
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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](http://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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