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Sturbridge Rotary announces TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Trail Race winners

STURBRIDGE — The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced the winners of its first TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K and Fun Walk that was held on Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Old Sturbridge Village Education Center. The event included a family-friendly, 5K Trail Run and 5K Walk using the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mt. Conservation Lands, a 1K Race for pre-teens, and activities for kids, including relay races, and organized games. The results below were

Sturbridge voters reject horse park, support senior center

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE – A Town Meeting that drew more than 1,000 people rejected zoning changes that would have enabled the development of a controversial equine center off Breakneck Road.

Despite the fact that Moderator Mike Caplette tried to steer debate to stay on the zoning itself, both sides frequently referred to the specific project being proposed by Richard Fields and partners, called the Sturbridge Equine & Agricultural Center, for their arguments. For its proponents, the key arguments emphasized the proposal's inclusion of playing fields and the economic benefits, both in terms of \$1.2 million in annual taxes and visitors' use of local restaurants and hotels.

For opponents, though, lack of clarity about how much impact the project would have on roads, environment and other issues was more important. Several were also concerned that what the proponents were promising now could change, as could limits on racing. They won the day by a vote of 449-325 after about an hour of debate that was marred by some technical difficulties.

Proponent Reed Hillman said he was volunteering to be part of the site's oversight committee to ensure those kinds of concerns would be met and to protect the horses. He dubbed it “quintessential Sturbridge” and “a boon to this entire area.”

Selectman Chase Kaitbenski agreed, saying, “This is our chance to get something with minimal impact to our town.”

Proponent's attorney Karen Davis claimed it would have “zero carbon imprint” and become the town's largest taxpayer with more than twice the annual taxes of the current top payer.

Another man said his wife's family owns that property and warned they had two residential developers interested in buying it if the zoning failed. Those subdivisions, he noted, would come off Breakneck Road and not have the amenities the project was proposing.

Breakneck, however, loomed large in opponents' eyes, too. Although the zoning requires there be access directly from I-84, John Kashmanian said he was concerned it has “a multitude of exemp-

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tabulated by Doug Kingman for RaceWire.

TREKSturbridge Halloween 5K Trail Run top finishers included first place, Henry Domnarski, (Time 17:34); second place, Colby Mayen (Time 20:27); third place, Jeff White (Time 21:38); fourth place, Robyn Hillard, (Time 24:03); fifth place, Olivia Holden (Time 24:26), and sixth place, Leslie Daniels (Time 24:35).

Top finishers in the TREKSturbridge Halloween 1K Kids Trail Run included first place, Mason Gormley, Age 12 (Time 05:02); second place, Kalea Gormley, Age 15 T(time 05:32); third place, Gavin Gormley, Age 10 (Time 05:42); fourth place, Samantha White,

Age 10 (Time 05:42); fifth place, Aurora Gagne, Age 9 (Time 05:57), and sixth place, Riker Gendron, Age 6 (Time 06:14)

“We were delighted with how everything turned out,” said race director Klaus Hachfeld. “The participation was terrific, the local business community was very welcoming of the event, we were blessed with good weather, and the cooperation from Old Sturbridge Village and the Town of Sturbridge, especially first responders, was exceptional. We can't wait to do it again next year!”

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Man arrested for embezzling funds from local nonprofit

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – A Northborough man was recently arrested and accused of embezzling funds from a nonprofit organization in town.

Kyriakos Kapiris, 35, was indicted on two counts of wire fraud, plus one count of money laundering. Also known as Rick Kapiris, the suspect is accused of embezzling approximately \$370,000 from the nonprofit organization.

Several agencies were involved in the investigation, beginning with the Sturbridge Police Department.

“This call initially came into the Sturbridge Police Department and was subsequently

assigned to Sgt. Hillary Murray to investigate. Sgt. Murray recognized the complexity of the case and reached out to our federal partners at the Worcester FBI office,” read a statement released by SPD Chief Earl Dessert. “A lengthy investigation followed, ultimately leading to the arrest of Kyriakos Kapiris on several felony financial crimes. Great job to Sgt. Murray and the special agents from the FBI.”

Investigators say Kapiris worked as an information technology manager at the nonprofit organization between April 2015 and May 2020. The suspect had access to a pair of credit cards used to purchase IT equipment and services as needed.

The nonprofit organization has not been publicly named by investigators.

Beginning in 2016, Kapiris is alleged to have created three vendor accounts to embezzle funds, then fabricated sales invoices for purportedly purchased equipment to conceal the scheme. Investigators say he used the names of legitimate Massachusetts companies for two Square accounts and also created an Amazon account in the name of a fictitious company, “Networking Plus.”

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Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale appoints new pastor



STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale has appointed David W. Cote, M. Div. of Webster as its new Pastor, according to Holice

Turnbow, vice president of the Church's executive board. Pastor Cote has been serving as temporary pastor and teacher since March, leading weekly

services and providing pastoral support to members of the congregation.

“The Meeting House of the Federated

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Courtesy

(Left) Pastor David W. Cote, M. Div.

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How to show your appreciation for the military in a unique time

United States military personnel serve both domestically and abroad. Active-duty personnel are following in the footsteps of retired veterans and protecting the freedoms of their fellow Americans while also playing a vital role in protecting millions of non-Americans across the globe.

United States military personnel make myriad sacrifices every day. Recognition of those sacrifices is just one of the many ways Americans can show their appreciation for the military, even during the era of social distancing.

• Help a veteran. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2019 there were 17.4 million military veterans liv-

ing in the United States. More than half of those veterans are 65 or older. As difficult as social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic has proven for everyone, perhaps no group has sacrificed more than men and women over 65, millions of whom have been separated from their families. Aging men and women spent a year or more isolated at home to protect themselves from a virus that public health officials acknowledged was especially lethal to people over 65. Adults who want to show their appreciation for military veterans can reach out to local veterans' organizations and offer to lend a hand. Such organizations may be delivering

meals to vulnerable veterans, driving veterans to appointments to see their doctors or get vaccinated or organizing events for veterans who have already been vaccinated. Pitching in to help with such efforts is a great way to show veterans their efforts are still appreciated, even if it's been decades since they last served.

• Help a military family. Data from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense indicates that there were roughly 1.3 million active-duty military personnel in 2018. Many of those service members serve overseas for months at a time. Their families back home can use a helping hand even in the best

of times, but they might be especially needy while confronting the pandemic. Though vaccination projections suggest hundreds of millions of Americans will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer, in the meantime neighbors can help local military families handle life at home. Invite a local military family over for a weekly meal, offer to take kids to a sports practice if it's safe to do so or help out with chores like mowing the lawn or washing the car.

• Donate to charities that serve the military. Adults who have not been vaccinated and are hesitant to be around others can still show their appreciation for military service members. Various organizations help both active-duty military and veterans, and donating to such charities can be a great way to help an excellent cause. If you're unsure about which organization to support, visit Charity Navigator at charitynavigator.org. Charity Navigator evaluates hundreds of thousands of charitable organizations and can be an invaluable resource for prospective donors.

Veterans and active military personnel deserve support. There are various ways for people to express that support, even as the world continues to confront the pandemic.

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You might get away with accepting candy from Pennywise, but don't accept his invitation into the sewers....



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A gypsy clan roams on to the Common.



Gus Steeves

(Left) Daddy's little witch princess.

SOUTHBIDGE — Sunday's Halloween Horribles Parade timed itself well, breaking up just before showers began. That didn't seem to daunt the various monsters from roaming the streets afterward seeking their sugar fix... or were they really seeking blood?



ACCURACY WATCH

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Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joins Coats for Kids & Families effort

STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale has been selected as a distribution partner for the Anton's Cleaners Coats for Kids & Families Program, according to Holice Turnbow, vice president of the Church's executive board.

Coats for Kids & Families is an annual collaborative effort by Anton's Cleaners that aims to collect and distribute 50,000 warm winter coats for individuals and families in need from now through Jan. 6, 2022. The program includes two components, the local drop-off locations and local distribution partners.

All donated coats are cleaned

free of charge by Anton's Cleaners then made available to a network of over 90 distribution partners made up of local non-profits, social service agencies, schools, and religious groups to ensure the coats are given to those who really need them, also free of charge. As a new distribution partner, The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale will pick up donated coats and assure that they get delivered to those in need throughout the Sturbridge and surrounding communities.

In the Sturbridge area, Teddy G's Pub & Grille is serving as a Coats for Kids & Families drop-

off location, accepting warm winter coats - kids, adults, and babies - that are gently used, good quality, and all sizes (especially XL and infant/pre-K sizes). For the second year in a row, Teddy G's is also offering its customers a 15 percent discount off a customer's dining tab with the donation of a coat (the discount does not apply to alcoholic beverages, tax, or tip).

For more information about this program, please call the Church Office at 774-304-1021 or email churchoffice@sturfed.org.

Partners for this year's Coats for Kids & Families drive include Anton's Cleaners,

Jordan's Furniture, and Enterprise Bank.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale unites the worship and mission of the Congregational Church, the Baptist Church of Fiskdale, and the Unitarian Church. The Church is in fellowship with the United Church of Christ, American Baptist, and the Unitarian Universalist denominations, and affiliated with the Massachusetts, National, and World Councils of Churches. The Church seeks to fulfill its mission through ecumenical dialogue and action, and through membership in the Tri-Community

Ecumenical Fellowship, bringing together churches in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton.

High School Notebook

North Brookfield finishes up strong regular season — On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the North Brookfield High varsity field hockey team defeated neighboring Quaboag Regional, 2-1, to end its regular season with a record of 12-3-3. Sophia Giangrande and Ty Babineau scored the goals for the Indians. Next up for North Brookfield is the Division 4 State Tournament, which gets underway in early November.

Tantasqua's Phillips competes in Division 2 State Golf Tournament — Sandy Burr Country Club in Wayland played host to the Division 2 State Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 25. There, Tantasqua Regional's Aubyn Phillips took part in the individual portion of the championship. Phillips carded a 94 on the par-72 layout, tying for 74th place of the 92 competing golfers.



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November events at the Joshua Hyde Library

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Friday, Nov. 12: Drop-in Story Time. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and a Take & Make craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. This will take place in our meeting room; masks are required for ages five and up. 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13: STEM Saturday. Join us for a fun assortment of STEM activities. For ages 5-12 with adult part-

ner. In our meeting room; masks required for ages five and up. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Registration required at www.sturbridge-library.org. 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16: Drop-in Story Time. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and a Take & Make craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. This will take place in our meeting room; masks are required for ages five and up. 10:45 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 19: Drop-in Story Time. Join us for stories, songs,

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Local residents make Dean’s List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Summer 2021 semester.

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* Aiden Bishop of Charlton
* Erik Fuhrmann of Charlton
* Keith Manseau of Charlton
* Patrick Crowley of Sturbridge
* Robert Mulder of Sturbridge
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18. Doddering
19. Resist authority (slang)
20. Antsy
22. Wrath
23. Spills the beans
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27. The woman
30. One has 24 hours
31. Talk
32. It can sting
35. Astronomy unit
37. Halfway
38. Chinese dynasty
39. Australian river
40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
41. Fabric
42. Crucifix
43. Defunct European economic group
44. “Hotel California” rockers
45. Michael Knight’s car
46. Actress Ryan
47. A digital tape recording of sound
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Golden-__ corn
55. Israeli city __ Aviv
56. Sword
60. Ottoman military title
61. Aromatic plants
63. Cold wind
64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)
65. Political unit
66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets
67. Comfort food dish
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. One point east of southeast
2. Italian monetary unit
3. Warship prison
4. Tropical American tree
5. Alias
6. Normal or sound powers of mind
7. English county
8. Not compatible with
9. Female deer
10. Not late
11. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
12. “Jupiter’s Legacy” actress Leslie
13. Impudence
21. Advises
23. Founder of Babism
25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
26. Male parent
27. A type of plug
28. Capital of Vietnam
29. Fungal disease
32. Shelter
33. Finished
34. Excrete
36. Unhappy
37. Partner to cheese
38. Coffee receptacle
40. Spend time dully
41. Makes full
43. Snakelike fish
44. Take in solid food
46. __ student, learns healing
47. A way to take away
49. Impart a lesson to
50. “Transformers” actress Fox
51. Spiritual leader
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Indian city
54. 17th stars
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

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Teddy G's Pub & Grille Coats for Kids & Families Drive now underway

STURBRIDGE — For the second year in a row, Teddy G's Pub & Grille, at 179 Main St., Sturbridge, will be conducting a month-long winter coat drive beginning Tuesday, Oct. 26 and ending Friday, Nov. 26, according to owners Ted and Jenna Gidopoulos. The local effort is being conducted in partnership with the Anton's Cleaners Coats for Kids & Families program that each year aims to collect 50,000 warm winter coats for individuals and families in need.

"Last year, we collected more than 100 coats from our customers, and with more people dining out this year, we're hoping to increase that number substantially," says Ted. "And to say thank you, we are offering a discount to customers who participate in the drive."

Customers will receive a 15 percent

discount off the food portion of their tab on the day they bring in one or more coats for the drive, according to Gidopoulos. "To obtain the discount," he added, "customers should place the coat they wish to donate in a bag, and present it to the host on arrival, who will exchange it for a coupon to be presented with your payment at the end of your meal. Your server will then deduct 15% from the food portion of your bill (the discount does not apply to alcoholic beverages, tax or tip)."

Coats for Kids & Families accepts warm winter coats - kids, adults, and babies - that are gently used, good quality, and all sizes (especially XL and infant/pre-K sizes). The drive does not accept coats with rips, tears, broken zippers, or permanent stains, nor does it accept sweatshirts, vests and spring

coats. "Please donate coats you would give a friend to wear in the winter," advises Jenna, "and please be sure to empty all pockets."

All donated coats are cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners then made available to a network of over 90 distribution partners made up of local nonprofits, social service agencies, schools, and religious groups to ensure the coats are given to those who

really need them, also free of charge.

Teddy G's is a casual American Pub & Grille that is open for dining and take-out Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). Reservations are accepted until 3 p.m. daily at (508) 347-1900 or (508) 347-9300.

Partners for this year's Coats for Kids & Families drive include Anton's Cleaners, Jordan's Furniture, and Enterprise Bank.

Clerk for the Police Department (part-time position)



The Town of Wales is seeking applicants for the part time position of Clerk for the Police Department. This position works under the direction of the Chief of Police and performs administrative and secretarial services for the Chief and department. This position maintains confidential departmental information, receives telephone calls and visitors, develops office procedures, maintains filing systems, prepares reports and a variety of correspondence, responds to requests for public records, schedules and coordinates appointments, gathers, duplicates and distributes information as necessary.

Applicants must have a high school diploma; three (3) to five (5) years experience in an advanced clerical position preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Complete job description available at www.townofwales.net. Successful candidate will be subject to an extensive background investigation.

Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume and three (3) professional references to: Thomas Ford, Chief of Police, Town of Wales, 3 Hollow Road, P.O. Box 262, Wales, MA 01081 or via email to tford.police@townofwales.net. Resumes will be accepted until 12PM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. The Town of Wales is an AA/EOE.

Road Commissioner (full-time position)



The Town of Wales, MA seeks a qualified professional to fill the full time (40 hours per week) position of Road Commissioner. Appointed by and serving under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, the ideal candidate will possess the ability to effectively manage and supervise staff, budgets and operations while maintaining a positive and professional appearance and attitude in the performance of the duties of the position.

The position requires the ability and willingness to respond to seasonal weather related emergencies 24 hours daily. Minimum education and experience requirements include a high school diploma; five (5) years of experience in construction, road maintenance, pavement management and winter weather operations; supervisory experience preferred; or any combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for the job.

Eligible candidates shall possess a valid Class B Commercial Driver's License or the ability to obtain within one (1) calendar year of appointment and a valid Hoisting License Class 2B or the ability to obtain within one (1) calendar year of appointment.

Complete job description available at www.townofwales.net. Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume and three (3) professional references to: Ms. Pamela Leduc, Executive Secretary, Town of Wales, P.O. Box 834, Wales, MA 01081 or via email to select@townofwales.net. Resumes will be accepted until 12PM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. The Town of Wales is an AA/EOE.

Friday's Child



Maxxon
Age 13

Hi! My name is Maxxon and I love music!

Maxxon is a sweet, inquisitive, and kind boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent. He is generally easy-going and calm. His favorite activities include riding his bike and watching television. Maxxon is fascinated with broadcasting and radio. He also enjoys interacting with adults and loves music, especially classic rock. Maxxon has a good sense of humor and will often surprise everyone with a funny joke out of nowhere.

Maxxon is currently attending a therapeutic school with extra supports. He is doing well overall

in school and gets along with his peers. He can do his own daily care and hygiene, and with a little adult support is comfortable accessing his community.

Legally freed for adoption, Maxxon is eagerly awaiting his forever home. His social worker believes that he will thrive in a nurturing family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Maxxon has an Open Adoption Agreement and an adoptive family must be willing to help him visit with his birth father three times a year. Maxxon also has two half-sisters in Massachusetts who he would like to remain connected to. Maxxon can be placed outside of Massachusetts but must be within driving distance of the central part of the state.

Who Can Adopt?

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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 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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AND

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2021 Ox Trot 5K a resounding success

STURBRIDGE — The fourth annual 2021 Ox Trot 5K was held on Saturday, Oct. 16 on the grounds of

Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge. With generous community support, the event raised an impressive amount

for Academy students' expeditionary learning projects for the 2021-22 school year. Real world learning experiences

in a supportive and nurturing school community help all students to become reflective inquisitors, articulate communicators, critical thinkers, and skilled problem solvers, while scholars demonstrate the Academy's Five Habits of Character: high-quality work, collaboration, stewardship, courage, and perseverance.

The Ox Trot Committee would like to extend their sincere thanks to the following supporters: Huge thanks go to our Gold Sponsor Henry's Tree Service of Monson, our bronze sponsors N.M. Construction of Palmer and Shaun Richard, CPA, of Spencer; to our Kids Fun Run Sponsors Advanced Mobile Pediatrics of Brimfield, Custom Pallets of Palmer, Escape the Pike of Sturbridge, Executive Auto of Sturbridge, F & N Contractors, LLC of Brimfield, I Am T Shirts of Charlton, Leveillee Architectural Millwork of Spencer, and the Smith Family in Memory of Elizabeth Audrey Smith.

A grateful thank you also goes out to our Water Station Sponsors, AccountTek Advantage, LLC, of Spencer, Michael L. Wales Painting of Brimfield, and the Clancey Family. Thank you to our generous Community Sponsors and those who have contributed to our raffle or swag bags this year, including the Cournoyer Family of Big Bunny Market in Southbridge for their donations of product, food and time, and the generous donors from the Sturbridge Farmers Market. And of course, the Ox Trot would not be possible without our partnership with Old Sturbridge Village, and a heartfelt thank you goes out to the Village for their unwavering support.

The OSA PTSA could not do what it does without the generous support of a caring community. Thank you to all of our supporters for your thoughtful gifts to the Old Sturbridge Academy Parent Teacher Scholar Association and the 2021 Ox Trot 5K.

Southbridge Garden Club holding pre-sale on holiday wreaths

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Garden Club is proud to offer the opportunity to pre-order their popular, custom-made holiday wreaths this year.

The wreaths are available in three different styles. The traditional red bow wreath is a 24-inch Noble fir wreath with assorted greens, faux red berries and white-tipped pinecones, topped with a red bow (\$40).

The birch and bird wreath has a horizontal birch branch across a 24-inch Noble fir wreath, decorated with assorted greens, white-tipped pinecones and faux red berries. A weather-proof red bird sits atop the branch (\$45).

The gilded wreath, a 24-inch Noble fir wreath, is lightly flocked with mixed, assorted fresh and faux greens, dusted pinecones and gold-sugared balls, finished with a gossamer bow (\$50).

To place an order, send your name, address, phone number, email and choice of wreath with a check to Southbridge Garden Club, P.O. Box 912, Southbridge, MA 01550. Orders must be submitted before Thursday, November 25. For questions, please call Paige Szugda at 774-230-7330.

Wreaths will be available for curbside pick-up at The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main St., Southbridge, on Thursday, Dec. 2 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 3 between 5 and 7 p.m.

Please note that all wreaths are made to order so there may be some slight variations.

Proceeds from the sale of the wreaths supports programs, scholarships and beautification projects sponsored by the non-profit Southbridge Garden Club.



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The mission of the OSA PTSA is to promote collaboration between families, scholars and teachers to enrich the educational experience at OSACPS. OSA PTSA will support the needs of scholars and staff through fundraising and by being active stewards of the academy.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. HD21P2002EA
Estate of:
Clyde J Dumas
Date Of Death: April 23, 2021
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PUBLICATION NOTICE
G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate by Petition of **Tyler L Reynolds of Spencer MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Tyler L Reynolds of Spencer MA has been informally appointed as the of Personal Representative of the estate, to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but in-

terested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
November 5, 2021

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 15, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge MA

The Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. regarding an application for well drilling. The applicant is requesting a variance of the local well regulations to install a water well for the property

at 126 Westwood Drive. The applicant is proposing to install a new well.
Any concerns, please contact: Sturbridge Board of Health at (508) 347-2504
November 5, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN SITE MEETING MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE SERVICE AREA 6W (GOULD-CEMETERY ROAD SAMPLE AREA) CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS RTN 2-0000760

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 21E §14(a) and 310 CMR 40.1404, the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for Mass Turnpike 6W Service Area (i.e., the Site) was updated in January 2021. A Public Meeting was held on March 15, 2021 to present the updated PIP to the public and solicit/ respond to comments. On July 9, 2021, Exxon-Mobil submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) a report presenting its findings regarding the

source of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in the Gould-Cemetery Road Area of Charlton. This report has been reviewed by the MADEP's technical expert. A virtual public meeting has been scheduled via Zoom on November 17, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., to present the findings of the July 9, 2021 report and solicit comments. Copies of the report and comments provided by MADEP's technical expert are available through eDEP (refer to link below) and will also be made available during the meeting. Any questions regarding this meeting should be directed to Elizabeth Zinkevich of ExxonMobil at (207) 363-8345. The entire disposal site file can be reviewed on the MADEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 2-0000760 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at the MADEP Central Regional Office, 8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606, (508) 767-2884. The meeting can be joined via web browser at <https://tinyurl.com/bdru3aj2> or by phone at +1 (929) 436-2866 using the Meeting ID 833 9724 9104 and Passcode 298320.
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EDITORIAL

Remembering our roots

We remember the ‘good ol’ days’ when the thought of a video phone conversation would be epic. We thought the best we might get is something along the lines of Max Hedroom, who was introduced in 1984. What we ended up with is substantially better. What a great way to keep in touch with family members and friends across a far distance.

That being said, the rate at which technology is advancing is moving a bit too fast. It seems as though once an item has been unveiled, it becomes obsolete in a nano-second, paving the way for something better, faster and with more bells and whistles.

As time moves forward, how can we maintain a solid grip on our past? A recent trip to a local Historical Society had us speaking with those in charge, in regard to how ‘most people just don’t care about history anymore’.

The destruction of old buildings is becoming more and more common, and we wonder how that will affect future generations. It is one thing to look at old photographs of old schools, buildings, churches and other landmarks, however the history becomes more alive when you have something you can stand next too, observe with your own eyes in person, touch it, walk around and get a feel for how things once were. There really is a magic to it.

History is fascinating. The way things once were, the way human beings have evolved over the years and how things have changed are some of the best stories one can hear. History keeps us grounded and in tune with who we are, especially family history dating back as far as you can go. You could find out that your great grandfather was an Editor of a newspaper in Philadelphia and have an ‘a-ha’ moment, that perhaps that is why you’re sitting in front of a newfangled typewriter, writing, which is the case for this Editor. DNA is a pretty neat thing.

History is what has shaped us into who we are as a society. Preserving history is crucial in that it, if it can be done, represents different aspects of our culture, politics and economy. Being able to walk through Paul Revere’s house in Boston, gives us a direct connection to that specific time and place, often representing major milestones. The ability for those sites to connect the dots to where you’re standing over the years is something that should never be taken for granted.

If old buildings and structures continually are demolished, what will be left of our past? While we do understand that sometimes this is a necessity due to safety or financial reasons, we also have the motto, “If they can put a man on the moon, they can save a building.”

Preserving history is a way to appreciate our local and national heritage. Some buildings may be the only iconic ones left in a small New England town. Those are the places that give these small towns and big cities character. Often, even just one old building is enough to define a town. While new structures can draw in investments into a town, it is the history of a place that lures people to it.

Every major city, and every town worth its salt has a historic village. We feel it is our duty, as we move throughout our lives, to do what we can to protect the past.

In the words of Marcus Garvey, “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

OPINION

Views and commentary from Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The kindness of strangers

To the Editor:
On Sunday, Oct. 17, the kindness of three strangers in Sturbridge reminded me that people are basically good. I had made plans to meet my son and his family at the Publick House Bake Shoppe, at three o’clock. He was driving home to New York from New Hampshire, and I was driving from Rhode Island. I arrived early, and reached for my phone to let my son know I was there, but discovered I had forgotten my phone—and my purse. I walked from the parking lot to the bakery, and after waiting for a while, I asked a woman taking a picture with her phone for the time. She said, “It’s three o’clock,” and added that she didn’t know anything without her phone. I agreed and explained that I had left mine home, along with my purse, and was waiting for my son. She offered her phone to call my son, but of course I had his phone number in my phone, not in my brain. She wished me luck and left with her husband to enjoy the festival.

I waited, and waited; cars pulled into the parking lot and people walked in and out of the bake shop, but none were my son and his family. I asked another woman for the time and told her my story. She also offered her phone, and repeated the story to her friend when she came out of the restaurant. Both women were concerned and tried to figure out how to help me. It was now almost three-thirty and I had visions of my

son trying to call me, and worrying when I didn’t answer, and I was worried about him. One woman offered to check at the main desk and ask if anyone had called to leave me a message, and the other went to ask at the Bake Shoppe, while I stood watch. The first woman came back with her husband and found me still there. She asked if I could call someone else, and offered her phone again. I remembered the cell number of another of my sons, and left a message with him to call his brother. The two women who had checked for phone messages returned, and one offered me \$10 so I could get coffee and a snack while I waited. All three stayed with me, watching for a car with a New York license plate to pull into the parking lot. Eventually, my son arrived safely, almost an hour later than planned. I had asked strangers for the time, but they gave me so much more—their kindness and concern, use of their phones, and even money for coffee. I don’t know their names, but I hope they will read this and know how grateful I am. Their caring helped ease a stressful afternoon. They reminded me that people are basically kind, and they reminded me that when someone asks for a small favor, it’s an opportunity to offer more. Would I have responded the same way if the situation were reversed? I hope so. Would you?

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Recipes for Leftover Pumpkin

Halloween might be over, but the pumpkins live on. Whether leftover pumpkins were used as harvest decorations, or were passed over for carving, the big question is: What to do with perfectly good sugar pumpkins? Each year, this column tackles the annual dilemma by promoting pumpkin repurposing! Read on for some recipes that use up pumpkin leftovers.



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Pumpkin Martini

Talk about pushing pumpkin power up a notch! Several years ago Food Network star Sandra Lee came come up with this pumpkin cocktail that continues to please!

Ingredients: one half cup brown sugar; two teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, divided; two tablespoons granulated sugar; two cups half-and-half; two tablespoons pumpkin puree; one half teaspoon vanilla extract; ice cubes; four ounces vanilla vodka; one liter sparkling water

Instructions: In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the brown sugar, one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice, and a half cup water. Stir until the sugar is dissolved and bring it to a boil. Remove from heat and cool for 30 minutes. Syrup can be stored in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Mix together the granulated sugar and remaining one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice and put it onto a shallow plate. Pour two tablespoons of the simple syrup onto a plate. Dip the rims of four martini glasses into the syrup, and then in the spiced sugar. Set aside.

In a large measuring cup, combine the half-and-half, pumpkin puree, vanilla, and half the simple syrup and whisk until well blended. Pour in to a pitcher filled with ice. If using the vodka, add it to the pitcher before serving and stir. Pour into the prepared glasses. Top with sparkling water. Makes four servings.

Homemade Pumpkin Soup

What can be better than homemade pumpkin soup? How about a recipe from the kitchen of Food Network’s ‘Pioneer Woman’ Ree Drummond?

Ingredients: Two whole pie pumpkins; one quart vegetable or chicken stock; one half cup heavy cream; one third cup maple syrup; dash of nutmeg; salt to taste; extra cream for serving.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place pumpkins on a cookie sheet and roast them until slightly shriveled and soft. Allow to cool slightly, then slice in half and carefully scoop out seeds and pulp. Scoop yummy flesh into a bowl. Set aside.

In a pot, heat up the pumpkin flesh with the stock and maple syrup until simmering. Mash out the big chunks, the transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor (or use an immersion blender) and puree until velvety smooth. Add cream and nutmeg, and then blend again.

Reheat if you need to, or just go ahead and serve in a hollowed-out pumpkin of whatever size you’d like.

Pumpkin Cake Squares

A boxed cake mix makes this homemade pumpkin dessert quick and easy!

Ingredients: one pound pumpkin, pureed (see method below); one can evaporated milk (12 oz); one cup granulated sugar; one half cup brown sugar; four beaten eggs; one tsp. cinnamon; one quarter tsp each salt, ginger, and cloves; one box yellow cake mix; one cup butter, melted

Instructions: Preheat the oven to 375

degrees. Mix the pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugars and spices together. Pour mixture into a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over top of mixture; then pour melted butter over all. Bake for about an hour or so until cake is fully cooked. Cover top loosely with foil if top becomes too brown. Cut into squares to serve.

Pureeing Pumpkin: Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin for use in holiday recipes. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender; then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

To store, freeze in Ziploc bags or frost safe containers.

Pumpkin Raisin Bread Pudding

Warm, bread pudding merged with spicy pumpkin creates a double dose of comfort food!

Ingredients: 12 slices cinnamon-raisin bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 8 cups); four eggs; one cup milk; 15 oz fresh pumpkin; one cup plus one Tbsp. packed brown sugar, divided; one tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided; tsp. vanilla; one half cup pecans; one half cup sour cream; one cup Cool Whip, thawed; one quarter cup maple syrup.

Instructions: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place bread cubes in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Beat eggs, milk, pumpkin, one cup brown sugar, one half tsp. pumpkin pie spice and vanilla with whisk until well blended. Pour evenly over bread; sprinkle with nuts. Bake 45 min. or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, mix sour cream, remaining sugar and remaining pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl until blended. Stir in Cool Whip.

Drizzle syrup over pudding. Serve warm topped with sour cream mixture.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

Build your ‘cash’ account before retiring



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If you’re going to retire in the next few years, you’ll want to start thinking about making some changes to your investment portfolio. And one area you may want to look at is whatever type of cash account you might have – because, when you’re retired, the amount of cash you have readily available may be even more important than when you were working.

Your cash management account could pay a slightly higher rate than a typical savings account, as well as serving as a holding place for funds that may eventually be transferred to other investments. Furthermore, it can provide you with these benefits:

- You can pay for emergency expenses. You might be retired, but life goes on – and life is full of unexpected expenses, such as a new furnace or a costly auto repair. It’s a good idea for retirees to keep at least three months of living expenses in a separate cash account, which can help pay for emergencies without forcing you to dip into your longer-term investments.

- You can save for a short-term goal. You may have several short-term goals, such as a long vacation or a kitchen remodeling project. If you are trying to reach this type of goal within a year or two, you may want to start moving funds into your cash management account. For goals with longer time frames, you may want to consider using other types of investments appropriate for the specific goal and your risk tolerance.

- You can protect some money from market volatility. When you’re a long way from retirement, you may not be particularly bothered when the financial markets drop, leading to a decline in the value of your investment portfolio. However, once you’re retired, those downturns might not be quite so tolerable. As a retiree, you may want to maintain one year of expenses (adjusted for outside income sources such as Social Security) in a cash management account for spending purposes. Knowing you have this cash set aside may help you feel more comfortable when markets are volatile. Nevertheless, holding too much cash has risks of its own. Retirement can last for more than 30 years, so you’ll want to be invested in enough equities and fixed-income vehicles to provide your portfolio with the balance and growth potential necessary to help you avoid outliving your money.

As you can see, building your cash management account can be helpful in several ways. So, in the years preceding your retirement, look for opportunities to add to this account. For example, you could use some of the money from a tax refund or a bonus at work. And, if you haven’t already done so, you might direct your bank to move a certain amount each month from your checking or savings account into your cash management. When you’re retired, do what you can to replenish your cash account as much as possible.

Your cash management account is important at every point in your life, but it may take on even greater meaning when you’re retired – so do whatever you can to keep it in good shape.

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It is hard to believe that October has come & gone already. One thing about New England — if you do not like the weather; just wait a while. The four seasons are

the one thing this writer enjoys. This past week, I decided to winterize my boat and put it in storage in my back yard. Removing the batteries from the boat every year; and storing them in my cellar, prolong their life for many years. Storing them away after a full battery charge will ensure me that they are ready for the

(Right) This week's picture of an English pointer holding a beautiful point on a pheasant in a local field.

first fishing trip in the Spring. Winterizing my outboard motor takes little time. The lower unit needs to be drained and new oil

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Delight friends and family with winter-blooming bulbs



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Give a holiday gift that is guaranteed to bring joy and feelings of well-being. Research by Rutgers University found the gift of flowers generates a smile, elevates the recipient's mood, and provides feelings of happiness that last for days. Amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs make it easy for anyone to enjoy these benefits by growing their own living bouquet of flowers.

Non-gardeners will appreciate receiving an amaryllis or paperwhite gift kit that includes the bulb, soil, and pot. All they need to do is open the box, water the soil, and wait for the beauty to unfurl. Or make your own ready-to-grow gifts by purchasing bulbs and planting them in decorative pots.

Each amaryllis bulb sends up multiple stems topped with flowers that can measure up to eight inches across. Nurturing amaryllis or paperwhites from bulb to bloom requires no experience or special care, but answers to any questions can be found at LongfieldGardens.com.

Are there gardeners on your list? Keep it simple by selecting some winter-blooming amaryllis or paperwhite bulbs and tucking them into an attractive gift bag. While most people are familiar with the classic red amaryllis, there are many other colors and flower styles to choose from. Make your gift extra special by ordering some of these less-common varieties.

Elvas is a double white amaryllis with petals outlined in red. As the flowers mature, they gradually open wider and the red highlights become more apparent.

Giant Amadeus features layers of petals that start out white and blush to pink, coral and salmon. The color and intensity increase as the petals open.

For a twist on traditional red, consider Magical Touch. Its cherry red blossoms have broad, ruffled petals edged in white. When the flowers are fully open, they are flat rather than trumpet shaped.

Ruby Star is another uncommon amaryllis. Classified as a papillon or butterfly amaryllis, it has large, irregular-shaped petals in a striking color combination of wine red and apple green.

Brighten dark winter days with the cheery, lemony yellow flowers of amaryllis Yellow Star. Each bulb will send up multiple stems topped with four to six long-lasting flowers.

The flowers of amaryllis Cape Horn



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(Left) The flower petals of Giant Amadeus amaryllis start out white and turn to pink, coral and salmon.

feature big, rounded petals in a lovely shade of rose-pink. Each blossom has a white star at the center and a lime green throat.

Most amaryllis bulbs begin flowering eight to ten weeks after planting. Paperwhite narcissus bulbs bloom in half the time and can be grown in soil or a shallow bowl of stones and water. For maximum fragrance, plant Ziva paperwhites. Varieties such as Nir and Inbal produce the same snowy-white flowers but have a much lighter fragrance.

Store winter-blooming bulbs in a cool, dry and dark place until you are ready to plant. Once you pot up the bulbs and

Tips for selling your antiques and collectibles

If you're interested in selling your antiques and collectibles, today's column is for you. I'll share some tips to help you get the most of your sale.

My first tip relates to timing: sell holiday collectibles in season. If you have Halloween collectibles, selling them in early October is best because Halloween is on peoples' minds. November and early December would be the right time to sell your vintage Christmas bulbs.

Second, sell items where they were made. I often get calls or emails from people around the country who have Massachusetts-related items because they realize their local items will sell better here. I collect old Worcester-related photos,



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advertising pieces and other items because I live in the area.

Beyond photos and ephemera, additional items do well when sold locally. Joseph Greenwood was a Worcester impressionist painter. Whenever we auction one of his paintings, it sells very well because so many of our local bidders are interested in his works.

Third, decide how you want to sell your items. You can sell them to a dealer; hire an estate sale company or auc-



tion house, or sell on your own. If you decide to sell things on your own, research your items. Be sure to check what similar items sold for, not the price the seller asked for. If you sell on your own, you can have a tag sale, sell on Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, eBay, ad in this paper or on other platforms. It's important to consider that you will need to pay a fee if you list on eBay. You will also

have to describe your item taking note of any defects, take detailed photographs, answer bidder questions, and handle shipping. With Craigslist, you may have people you don't know coming to see your items so you may want to have someone else with you or take other safety precautions. With Facebook Marketplace, you can do some vetting of the buyer by viewing their profile before you

place them in a warm, bright location, they will break dormancy and begin to sprout. Watching as the stems emerge, buds develop, and flowers appear is all part of the fun.

Be sure to order a couple extra bulbs for yourself. You will enjoy the stress relief these beautiful winter bulbs provide during the holiday season and long winter months.

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gold jewelry, coins, Sterling silver, paintings, vintage sports cards and comic books, and a wide range of other antiques and collectibles that sell to local buyers or are shipped around the globe.

Selling your antiques and collectibles is a great way to earn some extra cash before the holidays. Speaking from experience, you may even like selling so much you start your own business.

Our next multi-estate online auction will begin on Nov. 10. I'll also be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Beginning in late November, we will be running an online auction of the contents of a West Boylston estate with a newer model car and three wheeled motorcycle. The virtual antique appraisal event for the Townsend Historical Society has been postponed until next year. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://central-massauctions.com>

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Accomplish your goals

All of us have dreams that we would love to accomplish during our life. For some people, their dreams are merely fantasies, and they do nothing to bring them to fruition; some take small steps but never fully commit, and then some transform their dreams into reality.

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Many techniques in the positive thinking world can help you accomplish your goals but let's not pretend that hard work and sacrifice won't be required. If you're going to achieve a big goal, hard work and sacrifice will become a daily activity.

I believe in the power of positive thinking, and if you're optimistic, you'll always get closer to your goals than if you're pessimistic. I've also learned positivity alone will not bring you to the life you want; you'll also need to work. You'll need to put in the time, and you'll need to burn the midnight oil; you'll have to work harder than expected.

When you're moving towards your goals, inevitably, obstacles will arise. You'll find yourself working many hours doing things that seemingly have nothing to do with your goals. Still, if you approach every activity that crosses your path by doing the best you can, you'll become a person of excellence, and a person of excellence will eventually get what they want.

One of my favorite speakers, Jim Rohn, said something profound, "How hard should you work? As hard as you can. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. How high does a tree grow? As high as it can!"

Working as hard as you can requires motivation. Finding motivation requires a goal; you'll have to know where you want to go with a clear, detailed plan on how to accomplish it.

I haven't always accomplished my goals. I've failed a lot, but in doing so, I've found a pattern in my successes and failures.

When I have a clear goal written on a piece of paper and hanging on the wall in my bedroom, I almost always accom-

plish it.

I wake up in the morning, and before I walk out of my room, I read the goals, and I'm reminded of where I'm headed and how I will get there. Before I go to sleep, I read them. It's easy to get sidetracked, and reminding yourself of your goals several times a day is necessary.

Norman Vincent Peale wrote his goals on a card and put them in his shirt pocket over his heart. He read them several times a day.

If you have a big goal, you'll need to think about it several times a day. Empty your mind of negativity, believe with all your heart that you will turn your goal into reality. If you do this, you'll find the desire inside of you to do whatever it takes. You'll wake up early, you'll stay up late, you'll show up early, and you'll

be the last to leave. You'll excel in every area of your life.

What if you don't have the time?

So many of us think that if we have a full Time job and a family to take care of, and other obligations that we don't have enough time to accomplish our goals.

What if you only spend one hour a day working toward your goals? It may not seem like much, but if you commit yourself to one hour a day for an entire year, you'll have spent three hundred and sixty-five hours working on your dream! For some of us, that may be all that's required.

Try it out, write your goal down with a plan to accomplish it, read it several times a day, work hard even if it's just for an hour a day, stay committed and see what happens. I'm betting you'll like the results.

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Fogging the motors pistons and carburetors is done every year, and gasoline is protected by a gas stabilizer. Time to cover the boat with a good tarp, and securing it with some bungee cords, is the final step. Protecting the wheels by placing the tires on a piece of wood, will help extend the life of the tires, especially if the trailer is parked on a grassy area.

Fishing rods need to be cleaned and reels oiled to ensure that they are ready for the start of the fishing season in the spring. As I was putting my fishing gear away, I spotted my ice auger in the shed, and realized it was time to give the motor a quick start. A couple of pulls on the starter cord and away it went. It sure pays to add gas stabilizer to the gas prior to storing it for the summer. I use it in all of my power lawn equipment, to keep them running. The gas today has numerous parts of ethanol that can eat up the seals in your carburetors, not only in your outboard motors, but in all of your power yard equipment. This writer loves ice fishing, but I still like to jig fish over fishing with ice tip ups (tilts). It is not far

off. More in the coming weeks.

Deer hunting continues to improve for archers, as the bucks come into the rutting season. Numerous impressive bucks have been harvested to date, along with some huge does. Archers now harvest more deer, than during the shotgun season annually! It may turn out that the 2021 Massachusetts hunting season will again have a record harvest, if mother nature cooperates.

Deer do the strangest things to survive or move from one piece of property to meet new friends. A number of years ago, I was fishing with the late Doc Fenzel of Douglas. He was a highly respected Veterinarian in the valley, and had a practice for many years on Quarry Hill. We had decided to fish around the Block Island area. As we headed out, we were half way to the island, when I noticed something in the water. I pointed it out to the Doc, and he slowed the engine to get a better look at the strange object in the water. We were both shocked and amazed that the object was a good size buck, swimming from the Island to the Mainland. I guess he just got tired of the scenery at the island, and was looking for love somewhere else.

Deer are good swimmers as their hairs

are filled with air to keep them buoyant, but their navigation is very slow. Our main concern was that it may get run over by a vessel, but we never heard of any deer collision in the coming days and weeks after the incident. Just recently, I read in the Hawkeye magazine in New Hampshire about a buck that had gotten himself into a precarious situation. A homeowner heard the grunting of a deer, he thought. As he waked down to the end of his driveway, he noticed a six-point buck with his antler stuck in the rear leg. He must have had a serious itch and decided to scratching the area with his antler which they often do, & ended up piercing through the flesh and lodging in the back leg between the bone and tendon. The resident walked around the deer and made a quick decision to help the animal by very quickly grabbing the rear leg and gave it a quick tug. It was a dangerous move, but it worked and the buck was free and scampered off into the nearby woods.

Numerous bucks have lost their life during the rutting season by getting their antlers locked together while fighting for their does. Many times, they end up dying locked together with their antlers, unable to free themselves from each other. One

local hunter found a pair of deceased big bucks in the Maine woods a few years ago and reported the find to the state environmental police. He had cut the antlers free from the animals, with the antlers still locked together. The environmental police confiscated the antlers, and it took some time before they were returned to the hunter. It was the proper thing to do.

Local freshwater fishing continues to provide anglers with numerous trout and bass with an occasional pickerel mixed in. Hornpout fishing is also improving on the Wet River, for anglers that enjoy catching them, and they also provide great eating. Most hornpout (a member of the catfish family) are caught bottom fishing with worms and nightcrawlers. At this time of year, the hornpout is migrating up or down river to their winter home. During the summer, hornpout fishing is best at night, but this time of year can be caught during the daytime hours. Give it a try and bring the kids. Be careful when handling the fish as they have sharp horns on both sides of the head, and at the top, which can be somewhat painful if your skin is accidentally punctured by the fish.

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RACE

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Complete list of top finishers TREKSturbridge Halloween 5K Trail Run Top Finishers

First place, Henry Domnarski, Time 17:34
Second place, Colby Mayen, Time 20:27
Third place, Jeff White, Time 21:38
Fourth place, Robyn Hillard, Time 24:03
Fifth place, Olivia Holden, Time 24:26
Sixth place, Leslie Daniels, Time 24:35

Female (20 & Under)

First place, Kathryn Chechile, Time 40:30

Second place, Nora Miller, Time 59:34

Female (21-30)

First Place, Helen Nguyen, Time 26:02
Second Place, Mikayla Hillard, Time 28:03

Third Place, Kailey Face, Time 34:25

Female, (31-40)

First place, Meagan Heslin, Time 25:11
Second place, Jenna Janson, Time 25:31
Third place, Paige Sanborn, Time 25:51

Female (41-50)

First place, Heather Stapel, Time 25:06
Second place, Ann Dranchak, Time 25:09

Third place, Jennifer Scherer, Time 26:01

Female (51-60)

First place, Kelly Gonya, Time 28:07
Second place, Denise McCarthy, Time 28:22

Third place, Devra Kingman, Time 29:05

Female (61-70)

First place, Teresa Simpson, Time 27:31

Second place, Erin Pincince, Time 30:20

Third place, Patricia Kritzman, Time 32:42

Female (70+)

First place, Carol Goodrow, Time 54:42

Male (1-20)

First place, Kyle Stapel, Time 22:09

Second place, Colin Humphries, Time 24:13

Third place, James Hanlan, Time 24:56

Male (21-30)

First place, Jeffrey Marlowe, Time 24:20

Second place, Connor Parsons, Time 27:10

Third place, Nathan Simonelli, Time 33:54

Male (31-40)

First place, Matthew Debettencourt, Time 27:55

Second place, Patrick Elston, Time 31:48

Third place, Peter Masse, Time 34:23

Male (41-50)

First place, Jay Gormley, Time 23:52

Second place, Dan Bellerive, Time 24:36

Third place, Jonathan Stapel, Time 26:00

Male (51-60)

First place, Timothy Onderdonk, Time 24:29

Second place, Anthony Valley, Time 25:13

Third place, John Tarasiak, Time 26:14

Male (61-70)

First place, Bob St. John, Time 22:32

Second place, Kenneth Cox, Time 42:17

Third place, Chris McCall, Time 57:36

Male (71-79)

First Place, Howie Bottomly, Time 27:27

TrekSturbridge Halloween 1-K Kids Trail Run Top Finishers

First place, Mason Gormley, Age 12, Time 05:02

Second place, Kalea Gormley, Age 15, Time 05:32

Third place, Gavin Gormley, Age 10, Time 05:42

Fourth place, Samantha White, Age 10, Time 05:42

Fifth place, Aurora Gagne, Age 9, Time 05:57

Sixth place, Riker Gendron, Age 6, Time 06:14

Female (1-8)

First place, Lexi White, Time 07:28

Second place, Gia Dipietro, Time 08:07

Female (9-10)

First place, Mackenzie Clancey, Time 06:31

Female (11-12)

First place, Megan Holm, Time 08:36

Male (1-8)

First place, Archer Gendron, Time 06:33

prison, plus three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Kapiris was released on conditions following an initial appearance late last month before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge David Hennessy.

Prosecutors thank all investigators and agencies that played a role in building the case against the suspect, including Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel Mendell; the FBI Boston Division; the Sturbridge and Northborough Police Departments; and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lucy Sun, among several others.

OBITUARY

Carl A. Jensen

Carl A. Jensen, formerly of Brimfield, passed away on October 1st in Albuquerque New Mexico. Carl was raised in Brimfield MA, and a graduate of Tantasqua High School and the Manhattan School of Art. He was a talented artist. His paintings and sculptures were a pleasure for his family and friends. He was a great friend who could be counted on, and wonderful brother who brought joy to his family. He had a contagious sense of humor, loved animals and had many during his lifetime, they were his children. Carl would share endless stories relating their personalities and antics. He had immense talent in architecture, styling and restoring his homes. Carl will be loved and missed by all every day. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy and Albert Jensen along with his life partners Glen

and then Tim, his sister Christine Merceri, and brother-in-law's Frank Thornton and Kenneth French. He is survived by his sisters Jean (Anthony) DeGioia, Norma French, Nancy Thornton and Patricia Jensen and brother, Eric (Connie) Jensen. His nieces Karen, Lynn, and Pamela. His nephews Michael, Matthew, Deroy, William, Derek, and Zakk and great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews also survive him. Visitation will be at Beers and Story Palmer Funeral Home in 1475 N Main St, on Friday November 5th from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, followed by a grave side service in Brimfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to The Humane Society of the United States or the American Heart Association. Please visit www.beersandstory.com for more information.

TOWN MEETING

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tions" that would've allowed employees, non-racing events and other visitors to use Breakneck. He said he felt his neighborhood was "a sacrificial lamb," and particularly worried that the project's need for water might cause nearby private wells to run dry.

Once that was defeated, the warrant's other articles received a mixed response. A proposal to renovate and expand the senior center was overwhelmingly approved, 660-126, with several voters arguing something similar to what Jamie Goodwin said – "Our seniors have been investing in us for years," so it was time to return the favor.

Town Administrator Jeff Bridges noted that project still has to go to the ballot within 90 days. If approved there, it'll go into architectural design and so forth, and will be about a year before "it hits the tax rate," he added.

A plan to use \$5.4 million to build athletic fields near Cedar Lake did not have such a good fate; it was rejected 438-121. There, the opponents often said they favored an athletic project, but not

there. Major concerns were proximity to homes, traffic (with one woman saying "The only place folks will have to turn around will be our driveways."), and the allegation the town has several existing fields but doesn't maintain them. The majority seemed to agree with one man who stated it was "a really cramped, unsuitable location."

A \$300,000 parking lot proposal was also shot down, but by a much smaller margin – 230-204. This called for paving and doing drainage work at 501 Main St., which Town Meeting approved buying for clean-up some time ago. Some residents proposed other methods of funding it, but the majority sided with a man who calculated it at \$14,000 per space, not including the original purchase price. He argued it "kind of seems a little crazy for a parking lot on Route 20 at this price."

Three items, by contrast, passed easily without even any discussion. Voters overwhelmingly approved spending \$10,000 to remove the Leadmine barn, \$92,000 to extend the Grand Trunk Trail, and \$112,500 to fund the police union contract.

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COTE

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Church is a welcoming church that has faced many different obstacles over the past few years," Pastor Cote said. "When the pandemic hit the community, the church was forced to go virtual, but we are in the process of fully reopening the Meetinghouse with Sunday morning services, adult bible study sessions, weddings, memorial services, and book study groups."

"As the Federated Church enters its centennial year, we are looking forward to building the faith community and bringing the young people home," Pastor Cote added. "Our goal is to continue and grow the Church's role as a relevant and actively engaged member of the community, offering in-person and virtual worship, weekly children's programs and meditation time with the Pastor, and expansion of the Church's already active mission work, with outreach to at-risk residents in and around Sturbridge."

Pastor Cote earned a master of divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School, in Newton Centre, MA, together with a certificate in spiritual and pastoral care. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from Worcester State University. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served as an engineman at Annapolis

Air Station in Maryland.

He has previously served as a pulpit supply minister for churches throughout the Greater Worcester area, including the First Congregational Church of Spencer. He also worked as director of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Worcester, operations manager for the PASSages program at Community Healthlink, volunteer pastoral minister for Worcester Fellowship, and a residential counselor for The Bridge of Central Massachusetts.

Pastor Cote is available Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment as needed, by calling (774) 304-1022 or by email at pastor@sturfed.org.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale unites the worship and mission of the Congregational Church, the Baptist Church of Fiskdale, and the Unitarian Church. The Church is in fellowship with the United Church of Christ, American Baptist, and the Unitarian Universalist denominations, and affiliated with the Massachusetts, National, and World Councils of Churches. The Church seeks to fulfill its mission through ecumenical dialogue and action, and through membership in the Tri-Community Ecumenical Fellowship, bringing together churches in Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton.



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Nov. 15 – 30, we look to respond to the needs of our thriving students by building the future of science education and further enhance our commitment of academic excellence.

Last year's first experience with GivingTuesday was amazing, bringing technology into the classroom allowing our students to enhance their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to prepare them for a high-tech future with new Chromebooks. We cannot thank the community enough for their support through matching gift options, donors, and volunteer participation.

This year, we have an ambitious goal to give our students the gift of science through a state-of-the-art Science Lab. The current science classroom is the same space that St. Mary's HS students used back in the early 1960's. It's time to bring us into the twenty-first century! Community support will enable us to take our science curriculum to a whole new level, providing our students with a premium education.

Trinity Catholic Academy has focused on providing students with a quality education and a solid foundation for over 30 years. We strive to continue this legacy by providing our students with the tools and resources needed to secure a bright future. We look forward to an exciting fundraiser, but it surely takes



“a village”! Anyone can follow the progress on Facebook or the TCA Web site this fall.

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