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Fiscal items and water infrastructure highlight town meeting

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - Nearly 110 voters turned out for special town meeting in Charlton on Monday, Oct. 16 to decide the fate of numerous items on the town warrant, including several fiscal articles all paid through free cash.

Voters turned out approving numerous items including unpaid bills, interdepartmental transfers, and a series of capital items related to ongoing projects within the town. In total \$1,138,670 from free-cash was approved for distribution among the 13 total articles on the special town meeting warrant.

Three vehicle purchases were included and

all passed by a majority vote. These included the purchase of an ambulance, a police cruiser, and a backhoe totaling around \$565,225 from free cash.

Voters also approved \$387,425 to be transferred to the town's stabilization fund, an account set aside by communities as savings or emergency cash for any unforeseen projects of emergency expenditures.

Other expenditures involved different departments throughout the community requested by the Board of Selectmen after consulting with different departments from within the town hall. Another \$8,847 was transferred from retained

earnings of the water department to defray the expenses of the department for the current fiscal year.

Another financial item was approved that involved borrowing. With the Potter Village Road bridge being closed since March of last year voters approved borrowing \$500,000 for the design and construction of the structure. A design firm has not been announced yet to work with the town on the project but that process is expected to progress in the near future. The town is expected to be reimbursed through a previ-

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OOMPA LOOMPAS AND OTHERS



Jason Bleau photo

The Swwet family of Charlton shows off their well-designed Willy Wonka costumes. More photos page 9.

A 'good ride' coming to an end

FIRE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



Courtesy photo

Chief Charles Cloutier in 2015

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - After 23 years of service to the town Charlton Fire Chief Charles Cloutier Jr. has confirmed rumors that have swirled through town in recent weeks. He will retire in January after serving 11 years as the leader of the Charlton Fire Department.

Cloutier made the announcement official Oct. 10 before the Board of Selectmen, revealing he will be exploring a new opportunity on Cape Cod that takes him back to a passion predating his time at the fire department.

"It's back in the woodworking

industry, really my first passion, although I think (the fire department) was a bigger passion as time went on. I think the department is in a great spot right now," the chief said.

"I appreciate being here for 23 years. It's been a great ride. When I started, there were three full-time people and I started as a call firefighter. Twenty-three years later and 11 as chief, we've grown to 22 people with (everyone's) help. This has been a huge endeavor within the community itself."

The chief's announcement was met with bittersweet well wishes from every member of the Board of Selectmen with some even joking that they didn't want to approve his notice of retirement during the meeting. Cloutier first joined the Charlton Fire Department in 1994 after making a career change from his first passion of architectural woodworking and eventually went on to lead the department.

Selectboard Chair Joe Szafarowicz said the chief will be a hard act to follow and thanked him for his contributions to the growth and success of the fire department over the years.

"I know we all have heavy hearts hearing this but we all appreciate everything (Chief Cloutier) has done. It's amazing to see how far the fire department has come and ever since I started Chief Cloutier has always been a rock in the community," Szafarowicz said.

Selectman Rick Swensen was next, spurring the jokes about denying the chief's retirement notice,

.....Please Read **CHIEF**, page **A7**

Charlton makes Civilian Traffic Commission official

BY JASON BLEAU
 VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - After recently considering the formation of a new Civilian Traffic Commission, the town's board of selectmen has officially approved the new board naming its first member in early October.

Town Administrator Robin Craver made the recommendation to

approve the specifications for the commission during a recent board of selectmen meeting and listed the recommended membership requirements to start the discussion.

"The commission should consist of five members plus one alternate member. One of the sustaining members should be the chief of police in order to allow for retention of informa-

tion as well as a repository for any concerns that could arise. It's important to have the police chief on the commission so that in the cases where enforcement action is required or suggested there is a clear path to provide that service," Craver said.

Membership for

.....Please Read **CIVILIAN TRAFFIC**, page **A7**

Dudley EDC releases new survey

BY JASON BLEAU
 STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY - The Dudley Economic Development Committee is seeking public input through a new survey for one more week.

The survey, which kicked off earlier this month, covers numerous topics to ensure the town is heading in the right direction. As the town continues to examine its five-year economic development plan, the relatively young committee is hoping to see more public interaction in the process starting with the new survey which runs through the remainder of October.

Chairman of the EDC John Briare said this

is the first survey of its kind to be conducted in the town in 18 years and the results will be important to the committee's continued mission of bringing new businesses and offerings to the community in years to come. The short, 15-minute survey covers numerous topics including the kinds of businesses residents would like to see come to town and what the focus should be for Dudley as it looks to grow and establish an identity for a new era.

"There are a couple of things that we wanted to do with the survey and that's to really get a pulse on what people are feeling. We know people like living a bedroom

community. There are certain things that we know so we didn't put those questions in there. These questions are a little different than people are used to," Briare said of the survey. "We want to know where people think we should spend our time with economic development and where we should be focusing our efforts. We want to know what they like and what the overall weaknesses are."

So far, the survey has already proven to be helpful, giving Briare and other EDC members an early look into some of the concerns and priorities that residents want

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CHARLTON CAPSULES

MEAT RAFFLE

Giant Meat Raffle Saturday Nov. 4, 6-9 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Charlton. There will be six Meat, one Turkey and one Lobster Table! Early birds arriving prior to 6 p.m. receive three tickets to be used on the Meat table

of their choice. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild and Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 56. Selected homemade food purchases will be available for dinner as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, etc.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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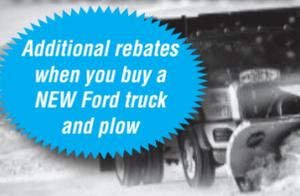
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Cycles highlight fundraiser so others never forget



Kevin Flanders photos

Organizing committee members come together before the start of the annual Alzheimer's disease fundraising rally in town. The Oct. 14 event was held at Spencer Fish and Game

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Even though the details surrounding an annual Alzheimer's disease fundraising rally have changed over the years, the same inspiration and goal remain.

Last Saturday, October 14, dozens of motorcyclists arrived at Spencer Fish and Game for the fourth annual Alzheimer's Rally. The ride brought participants west to Belchertown and eventually south to the Monson American Legion, before riders eventually banked northeast and returned

to Spencer Fish and Game. But the celebration wasn't over there – additional events included a dinner, a motorcycle stunt show, and raffles.

All proceeds from the rally will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, as the event received strong support from residents, business owners, and local organizations. Drivers who don't own motorcycles were still able to get in on the fun by taking their vehicles along for the rally.

"We have gotten unbelievable support," said event co-founder and organizer Tracy Latour, who lives in Charlton. "So many people come together to make this work."

Latour established the event along with the late Ski Magierowski, whose wife Beverly had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and passed away shortly after the first fundraiser. The rally was held in August for its first three years, with proceeds benefiting The Hermitage nursing home in Worcester. This year the month and recipient were different, but the goal of finding a cure is a constant each year.

The most common form of dementia, Alzheimer's disease affects over 5 million Americans each year. According to the Alzheimer's Association, the disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S.

For Latour, who owns Best Yet Installations in Spencer, it means a lot to work with a dedicated committee to put together the rally each year. Countless hours of planning go into the ride, including organizing the route, securing supporters, and scheduling the entertainers. This year, members of Con Men performed stunt motorcycle



Charlton's Bob Hearnlaye and his daughter, Chelsey, get ready for a fun autumn ride.

tricks, and the event also included a DJ and a live band.

About 150 people teamed up this year to make the event happen, including several members of Spencer Fish and Game. Latour now works heavily with the Magierowskis' daughters to organize the event in honor of their parents and all who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or have lost their battles.

"A lot of people and businesses support this event," added Latour, who donated a raffle prize from her own business as well.

Last year's event featured 52 motorcycles, and dozens of riders came out this year as well. For many bikers, the rally has become an annual staple – regardless of when it is held – and they look forward to being back again next year.

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"This year, we are excited to announce a new feature added to this event called online "Bidding Owl." We will continue to do our silent and live auction just the same as prior years too. Our goal is to expand our vision and have something for everyone to enjoy," said Marie Barse, the fundraiser chairman for Center of Hope.

"As you may already know, we are only able to have a successful event with your help. If possible, we are looking for donated items such as theme baskets, sport tickets, single pieces of furniture,

jewelry, gift certificates, and much more. Your monetary sponsorship contribution can also help us to offer support to our families with disabilities during these tough times. All proceeds will benefit our "Holiday Giving Tree" project," she continued.

"We hope you can make it. It will be a fun and enjoyable evening with Rich Merrill as our auctioneer and great food at the Publick House. See you there!" Barse said.

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Hitchcock Academy explained at Society meeting

The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting will be on Thursday Oct. 26 at the Publick House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. The guest speaker will be Susan Gregory, director of Hitchcock Free Academy.

She has many tales to tell from the beginning of Hitchcock Academy, to its transition to a community center. The presentation will describe the Brimfield roots of Mr. Hitchcock and the beginning of the Academy to its transition into a community center when Tantasqua Regional High School opened.

What is the connection between the two? Please come and find out.

As executive director of Hitchcock Free Academy in Brimfield for 28 years, Sue Gregory has seen a great deal of change. A position that started part

time has grown into full time going from ditto master machine and typewriter to emails, Facebook, and maintaining a website. When she was hired at in 1989, she was charged, "fill up the building!"

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sion for a schooner to transport cargo from Savannah, Georgia to Barbados in 1809. It fetched over \$600.

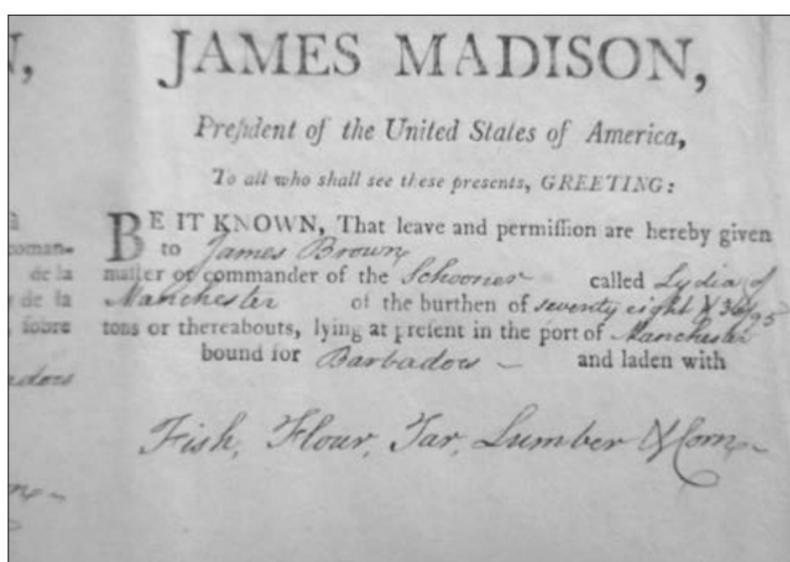
Industry was thriving in New England during this period. Samuel Slater memorized how textile machines worked before he left his native England. He used this knowledge to build a textile mill in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Ushistory.org reports that "Lowell Girls" were hired in Lowell, MA mills beginning in 1823. The owners found that they could pay women less than men for their work in the textile mills there. We sold some leather fire buckets in our last auction from this era. They were said to have belonged to LeBaron Putnam of Sutton, MA. The pair reached nearly \$20,000.

I won't discuss Civil War or any other war memorabilia in this column. That warrants a column of its own.

Moving forward after the Civil War, the Battle of Little Big Horn and the discovery of the Comstock Lode were taking place in the West. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil and Carnegie built the Bessemer steel plant in the East.

In Massachusetts, Boston experienced the Great Fire of 1872. The Boston Historical Society states that 776 build-

ings across 65 acres were destroyed. An estimated \$13.5 million in properties were lost and personal property of \$60 million. We sold a presentation fire trumpet made to honor firefighters who battled this blaze for \$2,800 at a



2006 auction. There was one small piece from that fire that brought about \$50, that is an interesting part of history. The piece, a business card, was stamped on the back, noting that it had been in a fire proof safe and survived the massive fire.

We have an estate sale scheduled in Millbury on November 11th and 12th. Other events are in the works. See

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Prior to Europeans coming to America, indigenous people were here making use of stones and other objects available to them. Spears tips, arrowheads and vessels for food and liquids are sought after by collectors. Native American beads that are thousands of years old have been discovered. Because beadwork is so fragile, most of what we find is from the 20th century or late 19th century. Two pair of beaded gloves were some of the more valuable Native American objects that we sold. They brought a figure in the mid \$100s. The gloves were attributed to a tribe in the Pacific Northwest.

Although there is debate about whether Boston or Philadelphia is "the Cradle of Liberty" we certainly live in one of the most historic areas in the country. Books and broadsides from Colonial times still turn up in estates somewhat frequently and they sell well. We've sold many pieces of coin silver designed by colonial silversmiths. A sheet with 8 pieces of uncut currency brought over \$2,000 in our August auction.

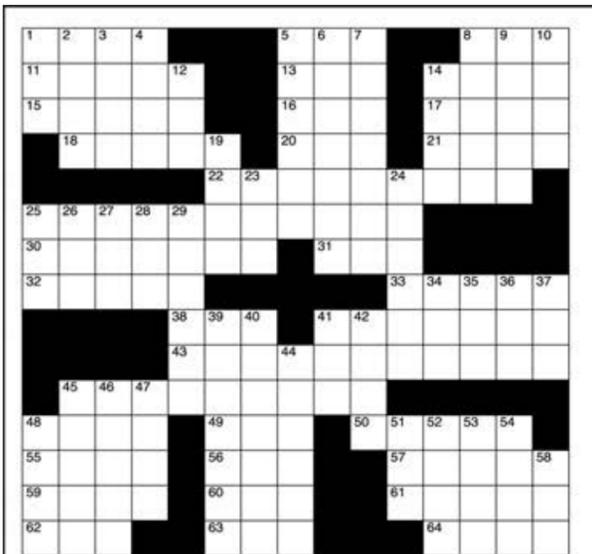
America changed greatly through the early to mid-19th century. Westward expansion continued with the Louisiana Purchase and Lewis and Clark Expedition in the early 1800's. The United States entered the War of 1812 and later entered a war with Mexico in 1846. In our last auction, we sold a ship passage document from this era. The document gave permis-



APPLE DAPPLE

Chris Abbot photo

During a recent adventure at Capen Hill Sanctuary, Boy Scouts found themselves doing a bit of vintage cooking as they created apple butter in an old copper kettle over an open fire.

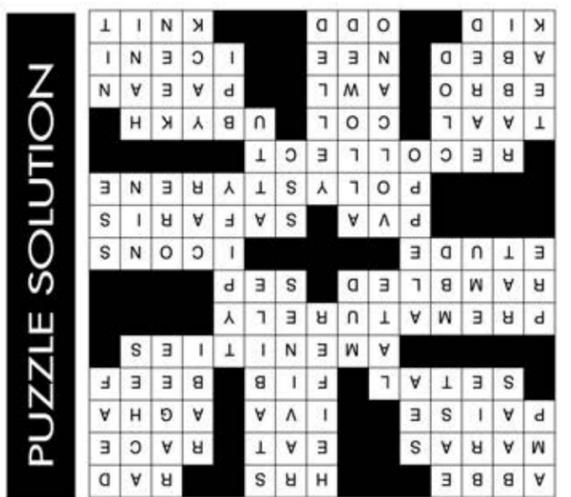


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- 1. Inventor of the apochromatic lens
- 5. Time units (abbr.)
- 8. Cool!
- 11. NY football family
- 13. A way to consume
- 14. Competition
- 15. Monetary units
- 16. Plant in the daisy family
- 17. Ottoman military title
- 18. Small Polish village
- 20. Relatively insignificant lie
- 21. Argument
- 22. Comforts
- 25. Early
- 30. Went on and on
- 31. Type of IRA
- 32. Short musical composition
- 33. Images
- 38. Major component of wood glue (abbr.)
- 41. Observing expeditions
- 43. Used as a lightweight foam
- 45. Recall knowledge
- 48. Afrikaans word for "language"
- 49. Fried chicken guru Sanders' title (abbr.)
- 50. Caucasian language
- 55. A Spanish river
- 56. Used to pierce holes
- 57. Song of praise
- 59. In bed
- 60. Originally called
- 61. Iron Age Brittonic tribe
- 62. Young goat
- 63. Not even
- 64. Make from wool or yarn

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Current unit
- 2. Bleats
- 3. Soft creamy white cheese
- 4. Opposite of west
- 5. Young female cow
- 6. Deep, narrow gorges
- 7. Freestanding sculpture
- 8. Finger millet
- 9. Hurts
- 10. Unable to hear
- 12. Vast body of water
- 14. Volcanic island in Fiji
- 19. Not early
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. Be characteristic of
- 25. Before
- 26. Tell on
- 27. Resembles the ostrich
- 28. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- 29. War-torn city in Syria
- 34. Mode of transportation
- 35. Metals and minerals are extracted from this
- 36. Trent Reznor's band
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. Vesuvius is one
- 40. Permitted
- 41. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
- 42. Tip of Aleutian Islands
- 44. Shouted
- 45. Jewish spiritual leader
- 46. Punched in the side of the head
- 47. Lout
- 48. Used to make furniture and ships
- 51. Spectrum disorder (abbr.)
- 52. A way to talk
- 53. American shoe company
- 54. Chinese ethnic group
- 58. Egg of a louse



POLICE LOGS

Charlton Police Department

Editor's Note: The information contained in this police log was obtained through public documents kept by the police department, and is considered to be the account of the police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police agencies can no longer print the names of people who are arrested or charged with domestic assault related charges. The new law is designed to protect victims, so they are not re-victimized through indirect identification.

Arrests/Summons: October 15-21

Irene Konstantakis of Sturbridge: failure to keep right for oncoming motor vehicle; and negligent operation of a motor vehicle

Luis Navarro of Southbridge: operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license

Dyt Cook of Salisbury: Marked lanes violation; OUI-alcohol second offense; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle

Isaac Danna of Southbridge: operating MV with revoked registration; operating an uninsured MV

James Woodard of Charlton: fail to drive in the right lane; OUI-alcohol third offense; and negligent operation of MV

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AREA BAZAARS AND FESTIVALS



As the fall festivals and winter bazaars go into full swing, many people travel from town to town, scooping up the sales and gathering in the hand-crafted items for gifts. In addition, the ethnic foods and mouthwatering baked goods add just the right touch for holiday entertaining. With that in mind, the Stonebridge Press newspapers are adding this listing of area events just for the upcoming couple of months so you can find the nearby festivals on a crisp Saturday adventure. Enjoy!

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 31

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. 30 through Oct. 31. 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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

BOUTIQUE CRAFT FAIR: The Ladies Philotochos Society of Sts. Constantine and Helen invites everyone to the annual boutique craft fair and bake sale highlighted by a variety

of delicious foods and pastries for sale including baklava, pita, pastitsio, mous-saka and gyros. In addition, there will be several craft and boutique tables at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, 37 Lake Parkway, Webster on Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: St. Peter's Parish in Northbridge will be holding its annual Holiday Bazaar on Oct. 28 from 9am-3pm in the Parish Hall, 39 Church Ave. Come out with your family and friends to enjoy the day! Make sure to bring the little ones...Santa Claus will be making a special appearance starting at 10 a.m. for pictures! We will have all of your favorites: Delicious home-made baked goods, white elephant table, craft tables with beautiful handmade items, knitted items & hand-made quilts. There will also be tables filled with raffles (you never know what will be there!) & the famous silent auction. Stay and enjoy a bite to eat with all of our "Old-Time" favorite foods being served. If you would like more information please contact the rectory at (508) 234-2156.

FALLTACULAR! Second annual Blackstone Falltacular, Oct. 28 10 a.m.-3p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 48 St. Paul St., Blackstone. Trick N Shop Edition. Come in Costume. Pumpkin Carving. Coloring contest. Facepainting. Food. Games. Raffles. Shop with local crafters and vendors. For more information email eliteacegroup@gmail.com or visit http://eliteacegroup.wixsite.com/events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ALBANIAN KITCHEN & BAZAAR: The Daughters of St. Nicholas will hold its annual Albanian Kitchen & Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, 126 Morris St., Southbridge.

The bake table will feature traditional Albanian spinach, leek, sauerkraut, and squash pies; baklava, orange-date cookies, kurabias, and twist cookies

along with many of your other favorites. An Albanian-style café will offer garden salad, egg-lemon soup, great northern bean soup, meatball and vegetable casserole, leek and cornmeal casserole, stuffed peppers, cabbage rolls, spinach triangles, baked macaroni and cheese, eggplant & potato casserole. You may either Dine in or Take Out.

This event will also feature theme baskets, used books, this 'n that table, illustrated children's books by author Ruth Sanderson.

ANNUAL FAIR: Bethel Lutheran Church at 90 Bryn Mawr Avenue in

Auburn, will be having its annual Harvest Fair on Saturday Nov. 4th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL: St. Thomas Episcopal Church presents our annual fall festival Saturday, Nov. 4, 8am - 3pm at 35 School St., Auburn. Bake Sale, Attic Treasures, Raffle Baskets AND LuLaRoe

UWC FALL FAIR: Please join us at our annual Upton Woman's Club Fall Fair at Blackstone Valley Technical High School on Saturday, Nov. 4 from

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Friday's Child



Little Colton is a 1-year-old boy of Cape Verdean/Caucasian descent who is often seen smiling and laughing. Little Colton is not a big fan of snuggling but he loves to be tickled! He just started to crawl and sit up on his own and his social worker said he may be on the verge of saying his first words.

Little Colton is legally freed for adoption and needs a family who is ready to parent a child with special needs. The most appropriate home for Little Colton would consist of two parents with one stay at home parent. He would do well in a home as the only child or with older children who are school age. Little Colton has an older sister who has previously been adopted and visits between them would be beneficial as they get older.

Westfield Adoption Party

Have you ever considered adopting a child from foster care? Join the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at the Westfield Boys and Girls Club on November 5th from 1:30-3:30 pm in Westfield. Families are invited to meet children and sibling groups of all ages who are waiting to be adopted, and to speak with their social workers. Whether you are considering adoption for the first time or have already completed MAPP training, this event is for you! To register, email web@mareinc.org.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 1-800-882-1176 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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Unity conference explains balloting choice

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – Voter rolls routinely show that at least 40 percent of registered voters are members of neither major party. Yet you wouldn't know that by looking at most ballots or the outcomes of the elections.

Adam Friedman sees a simple solution, one that's in use in dozens of countries worldwide -- Ranked Choice Voting. Also called Instant Runoff Voting, "preferential voting," and a few other things, RCV enables voters to designate back-up choices for candidates beyond just their first preference. Doing so eliminates the "spoiler effect" and ensures all elections are won by someone supported by a majority of the voters.

"Our system right now, you couldn't design a more primitive system, so anything will be more complicated and a step up," he said, speaking at last weekend's Unity Brunch at Dudley Grange, sponsored by the Democratic Town Committee. He termed RCV "a deep democratic reform that allows people to open up the system without feeling they're screwing up the system."

Friedman points to several recent examples as evidence that this system is broken. Most famous was the Bush/Gore/Nader race of 2000, where Florida went to Bush by just 537 votes. Because he got nearly 100,000 votes, Ralph Nader was "demonized" as a spoiler ever after.

Had there been RCV, chances are most of those Nader voters would have chosen Gore as their second option, and there would have never been a Supreme Court-shortened recount, Friedman



Gus Steeves photo

Adam Friedman of Common Cause Massachusetts, right, and Larry Scarff of People Govern, Not Money, spoke last weekend at Dudley's Unity Brunch.

He also pointed to the 2016 race, where Bernie Sanders and Michael Bloomberg could have run independent campaigns. While he said he thought many Sanders supporters would've gone for Clinton second, he also noted nearly 2 million Democrats who had voted in 2012 ended up not voting at all. (Some online sources have argued Sanders would have

won against Trump, drawing most Democrats, with Jill Stein voters very likely to second-bill Sanders.)

Instead, with our plurality vote system, a third-party candidate becomes "a kingmaker who gets to decide who wins by staying in the race," Friedman noted. A similar dynamic happens in non-partisan races with many candidates for a single seat -- candidates who share similar ideas "punish each other" by dividing the vote, leading to winners who didn't get most voters' support.

A good example of that was the 2013 Boston mayoral race, which started with more than a dozen candidates. After the first round ballot, the top two (both Irish guys in a now-minority-majority city) had only 18 and 17 percent support respectively, meaning "65 percent of the voters did not get what they wanted," he said.

Under RCV, nobody would expect people to rank all dozen -- just the top 3 or 4. It works this way: all candidates are counted normally the first round. If one gets a true majority, the race is over; they win. If not, the lowest-total candidate gets cut and their voters' second choices get counted and added to the remaining candidates' totals. This goes on until someone has a majority, hence it's an instant runoff.

To Lisa Redmond, that aspect is a strong selling point which could save towns money.

"I was kind of on the fence with this, but this is the best presentation of it I've seen," she said. "[RCV] is a much more progressive way to do it."

As another audience member observed, the RCV ballot "looks like an

SAT test." A third person, however, noted such ballots could require long recounts if they need to be hand-counted, especially if someone questioned "Is this an X for number 7 or not?" Friedman responded by noting the existing ballot scanners could be programmed to do it.

Historically, though, several countries have been using such a system for many years. According to InstantRunoff.com, Australia has elected its House of Representatives with it since 1918; Ireland's president since 1938; Sri Lanka's president since 1978; plus numerous mayors, parliaments, and other levels of government in at least 12 countries. It's also in use in 26 American cities and several states in some form.

Last year, Maine voters became the first state to approve using it for federal and state elections, to begin in 2018.

In May, however, the Maine Supreme Court ruled that law unconstitutional on the grounds that the state Constitution "clearly states candidates win with a plurality," according to the Portland Press-Herald of May 23. The paper notes the court gave the Legislature two options -- repeal it outright or send the voters a constitutional amendment to change that language -- and notes the court's ruling did not cover the law's use in federal races.

The Maine Senate passed such an amendment, but the House didn't act on it before the summer session ended. The issue is now in the middle of public hearings aiming for a special session that begins Oct. 23, the Press-Herald reported Monday.

Resistance leaders to get hugs...and cash

The region's top young athletes have always enjoyed much-deserved fanfare. Since the election of Donald Trump, another group can now feel the love and support: the area's youngest stars in the growing "resistance" movement.

Still-Legal! Apparel for the Next Four Years, based in Providence, is giving cash grants up to \$1,000 to the area's most promising young resistance leaders.

"We want," says Still-Legal! founder and Swampscott native Jim Stahl, "to give heart and support to young leaders fighting the good fight. Our democracy feels threatened. Core values that we hold dear as Americans, and as New Englanders, feel at risk now under the new president. We support young people leading the way on issues like climate protection, support for science, press freedoms, protection for Dreamers, and the values of compassion and toler-

ance. These brave and peaceful activists need to know we're behind them. They're fighting for each of us. Each grant is a hug from the community."

Those hugs, says Stahl, will come in the form of Young Leader Grants. They are open to activists age 13 to 30. Still-Legal! has pledged \$5,000 in grants beginning this November. That amount could rise to \$50,000 should other businesses and philanthropies join the liberal-minded fund. Sales of Still-Legal! T-shirts directly support the fund.

"Roughly every 150 shirts sold at retail means another young leader gets a much-deserved grant," says Stahl. "Though we sell online in 50 states, only resistance leaders in our region qualify for now."

Stahl says he and the selection committee are looking to fund the efforts of young leaders in the arts, education, politics, sports, and in service and religious

organizations. Social-enterprise upstart Still-Legal! Apparel for the Next Four Years sprang to life on the eve of Donald Trump's election.

"That's no coincidence," says Stahl. Still-Legal's T-shirt slogans take gentle (and not-so-gentle) aim at the inflammatory policies of the new administration. Appearing plainly in white type on the front of each jersey are simple protest statements like "Facts: They're Still Legal," and "Teach Science: While it's Still Legal," and "Tolerance: While it's Still Legal." Still-Legal! is owned by the educational publishing company Merlyn's Pen, Inc., based in Rhode Island since 1985.

To nominate a young local leader or to apply for a Young Leader Grant, see guidelines at "Leader Grants" at www.Still-Legal.com.

Boating course planned

WEBSTER — Saturday Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Webster Fire Department classroom, 55 Thompson Road. 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. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and also for the boater keeping up with changes to boating 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 all Massachusetts waters; 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. It will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory. Several of the boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course.

This location and one Saturday format has been well received by the local boating community, filling several classes in the past years. Please come and find out how much more there is to know out on the water, and the reality of operating any vessel safely on Webster Lake.

The USCGAux. offers all public education courses at no charge however there is a \$40 fee for the cost of materials, ABS textbook, study guide, and certification(s); and only \$20 for each additional family member attending with a \$100 maximum for families with more than four attending the course.

ABS course information at: http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=20550

TOWN MEETING

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ously received grant to cover the \$500,000 loan. It has been implied that the current bridge will be repaired rather than torn down.

The last major item approved on the agenda was a new zoning bylaw revision. Through this approved revision, the town will allow for the construction of a new water pump station on Route 169 at the corner of Snake Hill Road. This station will be part of a new system of extensions for the water system that will be meant to bring clean water to contaminated wells in the town an issue that has been of significant concern to numerous residents. ExxonMobil Inc. previously announced it would be taking action to help with the construction of the waterline. The company allocated \$91,000 to the town and in July of 2017 ExxonMobile released a statement saying the construction of the waterlines would be moved to 2018. The zoning amendment will allow for the project to progress, hopefully resolving contamination issues that have caused the company to come under fire by nearby residents of their Charlton facility.

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Archery season for deer opened this past Monday, Oct. 16, in Massachusetts under above average temperatures. A good frost is needed to get the trees to shed some of their leaves, which will give the hunter a better chance of harvesting a deer. Hunting from a tree stand gives the hunter a good opportunity to harvest a deer, but ground blinds also work very well. Archers are a very serious group of hunters that take a lot of time prior to opening day to scout out an area and set out their tree stand or blind well in advance of opening day.

Archery hunters try to set up their stands away from other hunters and do not appreciate other hunter encroaching on their hunting sites. Always look around the area that you plan to hunt, to ensure that no other tree stands or blinds are in your area. There are a lot of woods out there to hunt, and there is no reason to set up on top of another archer.

Sunday hunting is being addressed by the Mass Fish & Wildlife board this year, and it has a good chance of passing. The crossbow bill is also being addressed this year and it too seems to have the backing of

the Fish & Wildlife board. If passed any licensed hunter could purchase and use a crossbow while hunting. Both bills are long overdue.

Goose and duck hunting started off slow for some waterfowl hunters and was great for others. As soon as we get some cooler weather and more corn fields are cut, local geese should start to feed in them. Some geese are still feeding on grassy fields, and many are frequenting un-hunttable areas. A good freeze up of local ponds will push ducks and geese into new areas, but the weather will need to change fast.

Pheasant hunting opened this past Saturday in Massachusetts. Unfortunately, a few hunters took their dogs out to the newly stocked areas prior to opening day, and flushed the birds out of the area as they like to train their dogs on the pheasant. When the hunters arrived to hunt on Saturday very few birds were found at two local covers. A new regulation needs to be passed prohibiting training of dogs on newly stocked pheasant prior to hunting season.

Coyote season also opened on Oct. 14, this year. Numerous complaints from residents of the valley area about coyotes killing family cats and small dogs have residents much more appreciative of hunting activities in their areas, and are much more inclined to give hunters permission to hunt their land. Asking private property owners for permission to hunt their land

should always be a top priority for hunters. Giving the land owner some of your harvested deer and other wild game is a good way to insure hunting in the coming years.

With the bear population increasing every year throughout the state it might be a good idea to purchase a bear permit prior to hunting season. The second black bear season in Massachusetts opens on Nov. 6, thru Nov. 25 in zones 1-14, and is open from Nov. 27-Dec. 9 this year. Be sure to read all of the regulations before going out bear hunting.

Saltwater fishing for stripers and tautog should start to get into full gear this month as the waters cool and migration of both species have them in a feeding frenzy. Hopefully the wind will subside long enough to allow anglers with boats to enjoy some great fall fishing. Some of the best tautog fishing is in the month of November.

Mass Fish & Wildlife stocking trucks should be real busy stocking trout this week. Some ponds receive some fish last week. For a full report go to the massfishhunt web site.

It is not too early to get your ice fishing gear in order. Power ice augers need a bit of maintenance every year, and ice tilts and jig sticks often need new line and sharp hooks. I can remember ice fishing on the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville on Thanksgiving Day in my earlier years. Hopefully we will get some good ice to fish on this year. Cape ponds have seen very little ice in the past



Courtesy photo

Roy Underwood with his Canada goose harvest from last year. We wish him well for this year, since he is not feeling up to the hunt.

few years.

This week's picture shows Roy Underwood of Uxbridge with some of his harvested geese he shot while hunting with his buddy Bob Brooks.

Roy is a bit under the weather this year but his friends are hoping he gets well soon.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

CHIEF

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but getting serious when talking about what an impact and leader Chief Cloutier has been over the past 11 years. Swensen reminisced on the vote he helped cast to hire Cloutier to the chief's position.

"It's kind of gone full circle and even now so I think it was the best vote I could have taken," said Swensen. "(Chief Cloutier) has been a great asset to the town. He's brought the department a long way and he's been very conscientious and very dedicated to the firefighters and his department."

Selectman David Singer said he was "shocked and disappointed" but only because he feels the town of Charlton is losing a proven and capable leader in Chief Cloutier. He offered well wishes to the chief and stressed how important he has been to the community.

"It is a loss," Singer said.

"There's no question he's made his mark and the department as it stands has his name all over it. What he's done with what he had and how he made things happen is also a testament to his perseverance and creativity."

Finally, selectmen John McGrath and Deborah Noble also chimed in, wishing Chief Cloutier the best and adding on to the compliments of their fellow selectmen concerning the impact the chief has had on the community he has served for over 20 years.

"It's a tough job and sometimes you see things that you don't like to see, but it's all about helping people. The chief and the department have done a wonderful job at that," McGrath said. "The town has always backed (the department) at town meeting and I think that's a litmus test about how the town feels about the chief and the department."

"I've been on the board here

for about six months but one of the first meetings I had the fire department was here and (the chief) came here and was showing everyone all of this cool equipment they had just gotten," Noble added. "I remember thinking most people drive by a fire department and the only time they see the firemen is when something has gone wrong and it's a very stressful time. What I like is the Charlton department comes out to see people when there is not a crisis. They're not strangers. They are part of the community and the community is part of the fire department. That's the chief's persona. The moment I met him I felt comfortable and that's going to be missed."

The final comments were made by Town Administrator Robin Craver, who appeared stricken with a bit of emotion when discussing the chief's impending retirement. Like the selectmen before her,

Craver complimented the chief as a capable leader and a man who has done his job well.

"The chief has been a very strong person within our department heads. He's provided leadership in many areas. He's supported the fire department - His whole focus was on how to better Charlton and the department and I really appreciated and enjoyed watching him blossom," Craver said.

Chief Cloutier, seeming humbled by the reaction to his announcement, stressed that many of his accomplishments were not solely his own and that the growth and success of the Charlton Fire Department has been about teamwork and a great partnership with the community which has been behind them all the way.

"I think we're in a good time. We're definitely in a good time in the fire department itself and we're in a good time in the town. Of course, we have a new police chief, which is fan-

tastic. We have new people in the finance division. We've got some really good new personnel in the department and in the town itself and I think it's time that they all grow together as a unit and grow through the process as a good team. I was very happy to be a part of it," Cloutier said.

As for the future, the chief himself spoke in favor of hiring within through the promotion of Deputy Chief Ed Knopf. While selectmen have yet to finalize the hiring process, they must advertise the position for at least seven days on the town website before making any decision. Craver also noted that Knopf was a worthy candidate for consideration. Cloutier said Knopf has been working closely with him for some time to learn the ins and outs of the chief position and that the deputy chief is preparing to take the proper exams to be certified as a potential fire chief in the coming months.

CIVILIAN TRAFFIC

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the commission will be open to town employees and residents and should be of voting age and operate motor vehicles on public roadways to be considered for membership.

"It's important when reviewing potential commission members to consider that background of the individuals. Those with a background in traffic safety or mitigation would be a positive asset for the community and would be beneficial to the commission," Craver said. "Other than the police chief the commission would operate solely on an advisory basis to the town administrator and the board of selectmen - Having a Civilian Traffic Commission is an excellent way to filter complaints and concerns and consider options for mitigation then relay those to the proper authorities."

The commission was recommended earlier this year by then sitting chief Daniel Charette to allow for a public

resource to discuss the ongoing traffic concerns in parts of town, especially Route 20. At that time Charette revealed that a total of 270 accidents had been recorded year-to-date with 82 of those accident on the Route 20 corridor. The chief also noted that weather and other outside factors also played into numerous incidents in that count. Charette called for the commission's formation and making it an advisory commission rather than an enforcement commission. The specifications for the commission were finalized with input from Craver, Charette, and the new Charlton Police Chief Graham Maxfield, who was officially named as the first member of the commission by selectmen after a universal vote of approval to officially form the commission with the membership details presented by Craver.

Selectmen announced that the search for applicants to fill the commission would commence immediately with information to be released on CharltonTV and the town of Charlton website.

WALKTOBER EVENTS

THROUGHOUT THE AREA PLANNED

The Last Green Valley, a regional planning and tourist agency that promotes the entire area from Oxford to Norwich CT, has planned a full month of activities including the following events. Most are free, involve non-profit entities and may include physical activity. Enjoy Walktober with friends and family.

October 30

Walktober: Monday Movie Night - CLUE!, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 5-7:30 p.m., 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley, (508) 949-8021. Enjoy the movie, CLUE, with your family. Free popcorn will be provided!

November 4

Walktober: Draw with Author & Illustrator Jerry Craft, Pearle L. Crawford Library, 11 a.m.-noon, 40 Schofield Ave., Dudley. (508) 949-8021. Pre-registration required, stop by the library or call 508-949-8021. Join award-winning syndicated cartoonist Jerry Craft as he shares his experiences as a professional cartoonist and illustrator. Then it's your turn to draw! Mr. Craft will give you step-by-step instruction on how you can use simple shapes to create your own cool comic book characters. Registration and non-refundable \$10 co-pay are required



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EDITORIAL

Daylight savings...end of an era

We 'modern' people have this strange little glitch in our systems. It isn't all that old, though that illustrious inventor and wise man Ben Franklin suggested it back in 1764, it didn't actually begin to happen until 1916. So we are celebrating its 101st birthday just this year.

It has its naysayers and its supporters, but how did we get here any way? Why?

It started for two major reasons, farming and the high cost of electricity.

In the early days of electricity that is, turn of the 20th century when it was all new and shiny and even a little scary, turning on the incandescent bulbs, using that mysterious unseeable force and having to pay for it besides was daunting. So if we could just extend daylight a little longer we wouldn't need to use those newfangled gadgets quite so much....

And of course farmer could use that extra time too. (Well, not really, anyone who actually farmed and didn't legislate farming from behind a desk knew very well that the animals didn't use clocks, the people would just rise in darkness and go out earlier.)

But it looked good on paper anyway. There was some noise about factory workers too, and having some daylight time after a shift to be able to have some down time.

Some states, even when it was proposed and the country divided up on it, there were states that opted out. Indiana never used it. You can drive between Ohio and Indiana and arrive before you left depending on the direction you drive on a good day.

And yes, it is horribly confusing as we get closer to the day to make the big change back, or forward as the case may be. Our bodies don't like it, our pets don't like it, all our systems just go on autopilot for about four days while we adjust (and we don't entirely, we just keep checking our timepieces to see if we have it right yet).

So why do we bother? It can't be the cost of electricity any longer, and even if we were to blame it on some agrarian need, which it never was, we have fewer farmers today than ever. And they have access to good night lighting too, if they need it.

It's time to ditch the whole thing and leave the clocks alone. Pick a time, and leave them there. All year. All the time. No back and forth. The daylight actually stays the same you know, you haven't really added anything to the day at all. If you truly want more daylight for a longer period of time, get up earlier in the morning.

There is a saying attributed to some Native American tribe or another that says only the white man could cut the end off a blanket, sew it on the other end and swear he may the blanket longer...



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"I had no idea what to expect, but the experience was very easy and quite rewarding. Ever since then, I try and give blood as often as I can, and every time it gives me a good feeling in my heart. It is so nice to know that taking just an hour or so out of my day can help save the lives of others."

According to the American Cancer Society, nearly 1.7 million new cases of cancer are expected in the U.S. this year. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, with nearly 253,000 women expected to be diagnosed in 2017. Cancer patients may need blood products during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Worcester County Oct. 16-31

- Oxford
10/25/2017: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Oxford High School, 495 Main Street/Rte 12
- Sutton
10/26/2017: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Dudley-Gendron American Legion, 156 Boston Road
- Uxbridge
10/23/2017: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Uxbridge VFW, 13 Cross Rd., PO Box 204
- Whitinsville
10/23/2017: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Whitinsville Knights of Columbus, 77 Prescott Road
- Winchendon
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and Lecture Hall, 172 Ash Street
 How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Tips to save on the high cost of energy

As the warm weather winds down, it's time to prepare for the long, cold winter. Here in New England heating bills are high enough. But with ever-rising fuel costs and a seemingly never ending recession, it's no wonder many are fretting over upcoming utility bills! The good news is, with some common sense changes, energy use can be cut down to size. Read on for the annual rundown on reducing fuel consumption (and costs)!

10% off the top: According to several energy solution websites, "phantom" or "standby" energy accounts for nearly 10% of a typical family's electricity use. As most of you likely know, electronics such as TVs and computers are common phantom energy users as they are not completely turned off until unplugged. These items should be connected to a power strip, to enable shutting off everything with one simple switch. The big surprise is small electronic devices such as cell phones, cameras, and even tool chargers can draw power 24/7 too! In fact, the average family has 40 such items that are sapping energy and upping your monthly electricity bill.

Save 3 to 10% more: Think lowering the thermostat temperature slightly won't make a dent in your fuel savings? Think again. Did you know turning down the thermostat just one degree can save three percent on your fuel bill? Better yet, lowering it five degrees for four hours a day can add up to a 10 percent savings! Lower your thermostat at night and use an extra wool blanket or quilt. And if the house is empty for more than four hours per day turn the thermostat down five or more degrees when you leave for work and crank it back up when you return.

Shave another 5% off: Families typically use more hot water in winter months and heating up the water can account for nearly 15 percent of total household energy costs. Lowering the temperature on the hot water heater to 120° can add up to substantial savings throughout the winter. Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140°, while most households only require 120°. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, each 10° reduction in water temperature, you can save between 3 to 5 percent in energy costs. Another benefit? Reducing your water temperature to 120° also slows mineral



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buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes - helping the water heater operate at its maximum efficiency to last longer.

Pocket \$100 per year: If you have an older hot water heater, check with your utility company to find out if it would benefit from an insulation jacket. This cost effective tip can add up to over \$100 a year in energy cost savings.

Here's another quick tip: If you are going on vacation, be sure to turn the hot water thermostat down a bit. You'll save money even while you're gone!

Save another \$250: Doing laundry takes its toll on water usage and hot and warm water cycles use more fuel than you might think. Save money by buying a cold water detergent and doing all your laundry in cold water. Typical savings realized by a family of five is up to \$250 annually.

Here are more family friendly tips to save energy:

***Another easy money saving tip is to opt for showers instead of baths during winter months.** While a long, hot bath is tempting, remember, it will almost triple your cost over a shower as more water is used and must be heated. To save even more on hot water costs, replace shower heads with low flow models. New ones are so improved, you'll hardly notice the reduction in water flow.

***During the winter months, use your stove and bathroom fans sparingly, as they remove precious warm air from the room.** Obviously, you'll want to use a vent to dispel moisture in the bathroom, but there's usually no need to switch on the vent fan every time you put on the bathroom light. Ditto for a kitchen fan vent. Use it periodically while cooking; do not leave it on constantly unless smoke is an issue.

***Replace all the lights in your house with compact fluorescent lights.** They last up to 10 times longer and cost one quarter the amount to operate. Plus, they are now very affordable.

***Did you know a dusty light bulb will give off up to 50% less light? Dust them and save money and your sight!**

***Dust also acts as a powerful insulator and dusty baseboard vents and radi-**

Does market volatility scare you?



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Halloween is almost upon us. Of course, on Halloween night, you may see a parade of monsters, demons,

Transformers and other frightening individuals stopping by your house, exercising their right to demand candy. Fortunately, their appearance will be unlikely to cause you unpleasant dreams. But some people seem to have real fears about other things - such as what may happen in the financial markets. One way to keep those fears at bay is to avoid certain impulsive moves, such as the following:

Avoid ducking out of the market - Consider this: In March 2007, the Dow Jones Industrial Average stood at about 12,275 points. Exactly two years later, in the immediate aftermath of the financial crisis, the Dow had fallen to about 6,500 - a drop of 47% and the Dow's lowest point in 12 years. By that time, a lot of people had gone to the investment sidelines. So, what did they miss? Depending on how long they stayed out of the market, they may have missed some, or perhaps most, of one of the longest and strongest bull markets in history, because, just eight years later, the Dow had soared to almost 21,000, a gain of 223%. Of course, investing does involve the risk of losing principal, and there is no guarantee the market will perform as it has in the past. However, it's fair to say that if you duck out of the market during its lower points, you might not benefit from the gains that may follow.

Avoid chasing "hot" stocks - By the time you hear about a supposedly "hot" stock, it may already be cooling off. Also, how trustworthy is the source? Does this tip come from an unbiased, knowledgeable individual? If not, you have reason to question its value. Even more important, though, you need to ask if the hot stock is appropriate for your needs, goals and risk tolerance. If not, it's not so hot.

Avoid taking on too much - or too little - risk. If you feel the need to push your portfolio toward the maximum possible returns, you might invest too aggressively and take on too much risk.

Conversely, if you are determined to avoid any amount of loss, at any time, you might invest so conservatively that your portfolio won't grow enough to help you achieve your long-term goals. You need to strike a balance between risk and reward that is appropriate for you, and you need to make investment choices suitable for your individual risk tolerance.

Avoid owning too many of the same investments - If you own a lot of one particular financial asset and a market downturn affects that asset class strongly, your portfolio could suffer. But if you spread your investment dollars among domestic and international stocks, bonds, U.S. Treasury securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on, you may not be as susceptible to a downturn, because different types of investments often perform differently at any given time. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of market volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

No matter what you do, you can't take all the uncertainty out of investing. But by understanding market volatility and the composition of your portfolio, you can invest with more confidence.

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Trunk or Treat brings Halloween spirit to Charlton

CHARLTON – The Charlton Arts & Activities Center hosted its annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday. The relatively young Halloween tradition brought local organizations and residents to the CAAC to park their trucks and cars and decorate their trunks as Halloween displays while trick or treaters made their way from trunk or trunk collecting their first candy offerings of the annual holiday celebration. Prizes were given out for the best displays and the best costumes with countless trick or treaters and around 23 different displays becoming part of the event over the course of the afternoon.



The Diaz family of Charlton pose for a photo as they make their way through the Trunk or Treat displays.



Ava and Sarah Rheaume of Charlton took home first place for the family themed award for their Star Wars costumes.



Jason Bleau photos

Inspired by the Disney film "Moana", this display by The Moms Club of Charlton and Southbridge was a fan favorite.



Potion punch was a special offering from Girl Scout troop 64707.



A big winner in the costume contest, Carliese of Webster was honored for her creative costume as an "identity thief".



Charlton Selectman Deborah Noble took the time to greet local youngsters with her own Trunk or Treat display.



The Petrik family decorated their trunk to represent a spooky laboratory.



Creatively designed pumpkins were spread throughout the ground of the Charlton Arts & Activities Center including this one that resembled the "It" clown Pennywise.



Savannah Larose of Charlton had a fully functional costume with her little wagon made up to look like a fire truck.



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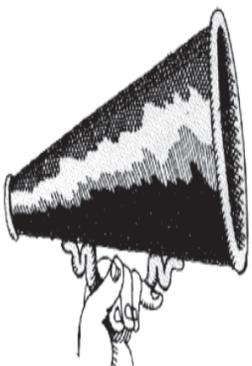
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Seniors score on Senior Night to boost Bay Path into district tournament

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — On Senior Night, the Bay Path girls' varsity soccer team was able to clinch a spot in the upcoming Central Mass. Division 3 district tournament with a 5-0 win over Worcester's South High under the lights at George L. Fowler Memorial Field on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

"I think that we are very excited because last year we waited until last minute to clinch our spot in districts, and this year we did it with a few games left, which gives us a chance to work on some things before we enter districts," expressed head coach Tammy Legere.

From the start of the game it was obvious that the game plan was to get everyone involved and make the experience as memorable as possible for the group of four senior Minutemen players.

It wasn't long until Bay Path's offense was able to pass through the Colonels when the ball reached the feet of senior Leilany Cintron inside the

box, where she perfectly placed a shot toward the right side of the net and past South keeper AnaMaria Ospina. A few moments later junior forward Nekelle Waskiewicz was able to give the Minutemen a quick 2-0 lead when her shot hit the upper right 90, just out of reach of Ospina.

Throughout the rest of the game, the Minutemen were able to get everyone into play, which allowed for the seniors to play in the field and out of position, which gave them all a chance to score on their special night.

"Our main focus tonight was to get everyone involved who hasn't gotten the chance to be involved this year," explained Legere. "Getting all the seniors to score on Senior Night was talked about and all the seniors don't all play on the field and they don't all play forward, so mixing up and putting them at different positions on the field to give them a chance to score was something that they won't forget."

Senior defender Caitlyn Churchy was able to play some forward in the game

and picked up a one-on-one opportunity with Ospina. Churchy converted, rocketing a shot in the net for the last goal before the end of the first half. Seniors Jillian Lier and Kendra Alicea both scored in the second half to secure every senior getting a goal.

The whole team was excited that they were able to earn a spot in districts with a few games remaining, and it gives the Minutemen a chance to work out the kinks in order to make solid postseason run.

"It feels good, we all worked hard and

I am happy with my team for giving it their all today," Alicea excitedly said. "We have to work together, talk and put our heads in the game and if we do that we definitely got it."

Legere is extremely happy for her team, but with a few games before districts she will emphasize a few things to make sure her team is ready for the playoffs.

"We have to work on our defense, spreading the field, passing with good give-and-goes and overall just staying focused," Legere concluded.



Kaley Eaton of Bay Path traps the ball out of the air in traffic to win control.



Bay Path's Kendra Alicea dribbles toward a South defender on her pursuit to the Colonels' net.



Caitlyn Churchy of Bay Path fires a shot past South keeper AnaMarie Ospina for a goal.



Bay Path's Lauryn Dawson — who earned the shutout versus South — punts the ball away from her net.



Bay Path's Lillian Berry fights for possession of the ball at midfield with an opponent from South.



Kyleigh Sutherland of Bay Path clears the ball before it bounces out of bounds.



Bay Path's Kaley Eaton sends the ball toward the net with a booming right foot.



Sadie Smith of Bay Path settles the ball for possession at midfield.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fun fall fitness youth sports at the YMCA

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Tri-Community YMCA, 43 Everett Street in Southbridge, delivers quality youth sports. Led by volunteer coaches and staff, programs are open to both boys and girls at all skill levels. Choose from:

Flag Football: Saturdays until November 4 for one hour in the mornings at Charlton Street School Field in Southbridge. Grades 1-6. Hours vary depending on the ages. Learn the fundamentals of the game with respect to team spirit, hand/eye coordination, offensive and defensive responsibilities and physical activity. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and award.

Basketball Strength & Conditioning: Tuesdays and Thursdays until November 16 from 5:15-6:15 p.m. at the YMCA's Gymnasium. Boys and Girls ages 10-14 (Grades 5-8). Introduce your child to cardio, strength and flexibility conditioning to the basic fundamentals of basketball, along with developing skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting, while working on speed and agility training.

For more information and to register, please call (508) 765-5466 or visit tricommunityYMCA.org.

Dudley/Charlton women's basketball looking for available players

There will be women's pick-up basketball happening at the Heritage School gym from 7-9 p.m. We play Monday evenings based on school schedule until June. There are no set teams and no fees, so no weekly commitment. Come when you can for some friendly competition and exercise. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Deb at (508) 248-3600 or mzd531@charter.net for more information.

Rams nearly win Twilight Cross-Country Invitational Meet

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the Shepherd Hill Regional cross-country program competed in the Bob McIntyre Twilight Invitational Meet at Barnstable Fairgrounds in Falmouth. And the girls' team, taking part in the Division 1 race, nearly won it all. The Rams placed second, accumulating 101 points in the displacement. That was one point shy of winning the meet, which Tewksbury High took with 100 points. Scoring for The Hill were Rebekah James (seventh place), Gabrielle Lawrence (14th place), Helena Duke (23rd place), Christina Gunsalus (24th place) and Emma Whitehead (43rd place). Shepherd Hill's boys' team also ran in the Division 1 race, placing 25th out of 47 teams.

Worcester State University to host various baseball clinics in 2018

With various baseball clinics at Worcester State University set for 2018, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics and [facebook.com/WSUbaseballclinics](https://www.facebook.com/WSUbaseballclinics) for more information. You can also call (508) 929-8852, (774) 230-3872 or email dbaker1@worchester.edu.

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SPORTS

A 'banner year' for Minutemen on the golf course

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

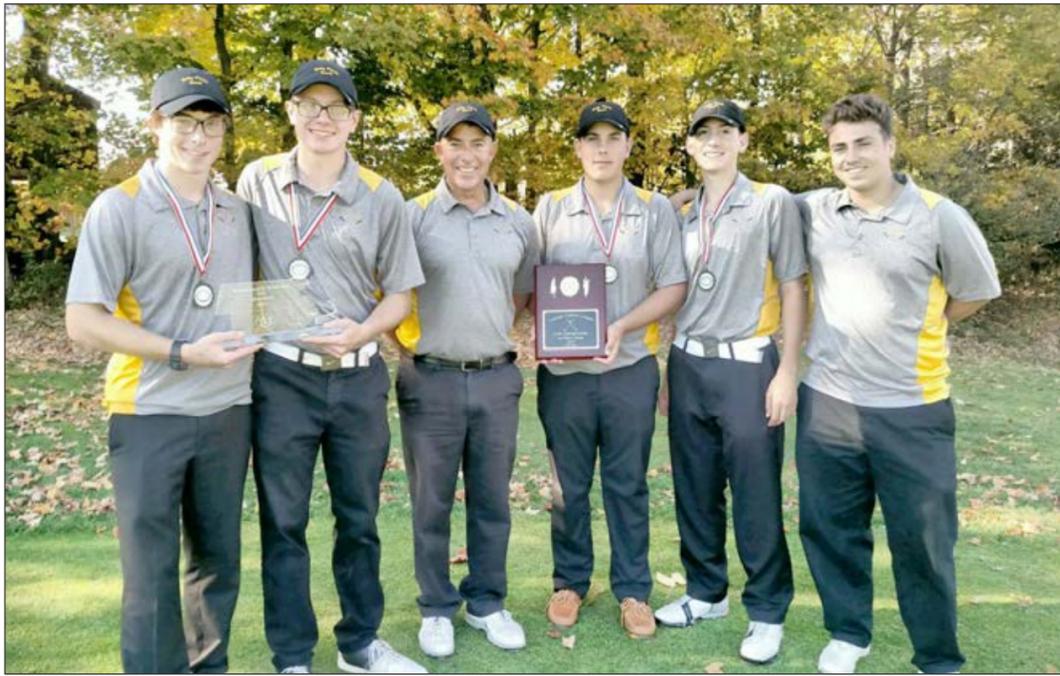
The Bay Path Regional varsity golf team has been "up and coming" in recent years, according to head coach Dan Vigeant. The Minutemen enjoyed seasons of 10-4 in 2015 and 12-2 last fall, but they really rose to prominence this year.

Vigeant, now in his ninth season coaching the team, believes that Bay Path's perfect 14-0 season is the first time it has occurred in school history. The Minutemen defeated each of the Colonial Athletic League schools — Blackstone Valley Tech, the Advanced Math and Science Academy, Worcester Tech, Assabet Valley, Keefe Tech, Nashoba Tech and Monty Tech — twice.

"We had a banner year," expressed Vigeant via telephone on Oct. 20.

The winning didn't end there for Bay Path, though. Back on Oct. 4 the Minutemen took part in the 24-school State Vocational Championship at Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. Each team sent five golfers onto the links and the four lowest scores counted. Bay Path totaled 307 strokes, winning the event by an impressive 13 shots.

"I know there's a lot of competition out there, even just in the Voke schools that we play, and



The Bay Path Regional varsity golf team has enjoyed an undefeated regular season, a Colonial Athletic League championship and a State Vocational championship. The team includes, from left, Ryan Vigeant, Ben Bombard, Coach Dan Vigeant, Keith Duval, Jon Sterczala and Colin Allain. Nate Lussier is absent from the photo.

Courtesy photo

now we're talking about state-wide competition. I never, ever thought that we'd pull this down," said Vigeant. "It surprised me a lot that we came in first place, especially by such a large margin."

Jon Sterczala paced the Minutemen by winning medalist honors. The senior shot an even-par 72, while senior Keith Duval took third place with a 76, Ben Lombard

placed fourth with a 79 and Ryan Vigeant — Coach Vigeant's son — took fifth place with an 80.

"I've just got the dream team over here," said Dan Vigeant of the team's massive accomplishment.

Then, on Oct. 19, Bay Path competed in the Colonial Athletic League championship at Gardner Municipal Golf

Course. Dan Vigeant made sure that his team didn't enter the competition with a cocky attitude after beating each team twice during regular season play.

"There's another element of coaching the kids and getting them ready for a game. When you're undefeated, I'm not used to that," he explained. "We had to keep them grounded. They stayed

focused and stayed on their game."

The Minutemen's four best totaled 319 strokes to win again running away. Ryan Vigeant was third overall with a score of 7-over par 78, while Bombard was fourth with a 79, and Sterczala and Duval sixth with matching 81's. Junior Colin Allain also competed and shot a 91. Junior Nate Lussier is the team's

sixth golfer and regularly contributed to the team's success during the course of the season.

Dan Vigeant knew that Bay Path could be a strong team ever since Ryan, his son, and Bombard — both junior co-captains — began golfing seriously in middle school.

"They both absolutely love golf," Dan Vigeant said of the two. "Even in sixth, seventh and eighth grade we'd drop them off at the golf course and they'd just play. We built off of that and this year has been absolutely outstanding."

The Minutemen are next set to compete in the Central Mass. Division 2 district tournament, which is back at Gardner Municipal on Tuesday, Oct. 24 — after press time.

"Normally we play at Highfields in Grafton, but for some reason there was a change and we got moved out to Gardner. I don't know everybody else's record, but we should do pretty well," Dan Vigeant said of now playing there a third time this fall.

And should Bay Path play well, either an individual or the entire team could advance to the Division 2 state championship, to be played at Highfields on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

"It would be the icing on the cake," concluded Dan Vigeant.

Warriors' offense too much for Shepherd Hill



Carrienne Fortier of Shepherd Hill uses the back end of her stick to pop a shot on Nipmuc's net.

Nick Ethier photoss



Shepherd Hill's Lauren Augustine runs between a pair of Nipmuc defenders in pursuit of a loose ball.



Shepherd Hill defender Morgan Gallegan hustles after a Nipmuc attacker seen making a pass on a penalty corner opportunity.

UPTON — Nipmuc Regional's varsity field hockey team brought its offensive 'A' game when they hosted Shepherd Hill Regional on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The Warriors scored twice in the game's first four minutes and never looked back, winning a 7-1 decision.

Nipmuc, now 11-2-1, had Kate Dawson score four of the goals, with Bailey Lynch assisting on three of them. Lynch also added two goals, while Kiara Hentz recorded the other.

The Warriors held a 6-0 halftime lead, but it was nearly 6-1. The Rams' Carrienne Fortier put the ball in the back of the cage nearing halftime, but the play was ruled dangerous — negating the goal.

Nipmuc got its final goal to go ahead, 7-0, before Shepherd Hill scored with nine minutes to play. Katie Lavoie passed the ball up to Abby Karalus, whose shot got past Warriors' goalie Corinne Osgood (six saves).

Hailee Cronin-Loggie made 17 saves for the Rams, who dropped to 1-11-3 with the loss. Nipmuc earned six penalty corner opportunities to The Hill's two.



Brooke Garrepy of Shepherd Hill, right, has a beat on Nipmuc's Lindsey Spindel, who tries to maneuver the ball past her.



Shepherd Hill's Katie Lavoie catches a pass in Nipmuc's box and dribbles the ball toward the cage.

OBITUARIES

Leonard N. Cardinal, Sr., 77



CHARLTON: Leonard N. Cardinal, Sr., 77, of Brookfield Road died Wednesday, October 18 in his son's home, after a brief illness.

His wife of 36 years, Virginia L. (Bombria) Cardinal, died in 2007. He leaves two sons; Leonard N. Cardinal, Jr. and his wife Lisa Brodeur of Charlton and Anthony L. Cardinal of Charlton, two daughters; Colleen K. Rocheford and her husband Wayne of Charlton and Robin M. Tremblay and her companion Glen McDonald of Charlton, a sister Lois Garrison-Cardinal of Douglas, 12 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and his companion of 10 years Patricia Crawford of Ocala, FL. He was predeceased by a son Terrance Foley and a daughter Rhonda Foley.

Lenny was born in Worcester, son of Norman and Pearl (Conley) Cardinal. He was an electrician for many years working for the IBEW Local 96 and his own company "Lenny Cardinal Electrical". He served his country in

the United States Army. He was a member of the Zoning and Conservation Boards for the Town of Charlton for many years. He was a member of the Central Mass Wanderes. He played senior league baseball for many years until a shoulder injury sidelined him. He loved watching the Boston Red Sox. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, snowmobiling and jogging. He was an avid animal lover and spent many winters in Ocala, FL. He loved spending time with his family and will be missed by all that knew him.

A funeral service was held Monday, October 23 at 11:00 AM in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Charlton Little League, P.O. Box 780, Charlton City, MA 01508.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com



Richard W. Scheffler, 76

CHARLTON: Richard W. "Dick" Scheffler, 76, died Monday, October 16, 2017 at Overlook Health Care Center after an illness.

He leaves a brother, David B. Scheffler and his wife Carol of Cape Elizabeth, ME; 2 nieces, Amy Scheffler and her husband Peter Bershatsky of San Francisco, CA, and their 2 children Charlie and Bo and Linda Scheffler and her partner Beth Parazette of Portland, OR; a nephew, Dana Scheffler and his partner Amanda Lawrence and their 2 children Alia and Reed of White Salmon, WA; Dana's son Elijah; and many close friends including Bates Craver, Bill O'Connell and Frank Lovell.

He was born in Portland, ME, the son of Warren F. and Helena (Anderson) Scheffler and grew up in Needham, graduating from Needham High School in 1959. He then earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Nichols College in 1963. He served in Army National Guard during the 1960's. He lived in Holliston from 1978 until last year.

Mr. Scheffler first worked at Adamation in Newton and then at

Radio Frequency Company in Millis. His real life's work was his dedication first as a volunteer and then as an employee in the Alumni Relations and Athletic Departments of Nichols College for many years before retiring in 2015. He spent a lifetime supporting the college's athletic teams, home and away. One of Dick's favorite times was honoring many students at their graduations with the gift of a stuffed baby bird.

Dick was a member and past president of the Nichols Alumni Association and a former Trustee of the College. He belonged to the Order of Demolay in Needham. He enjoyed golfing, salt and fresh water fishing, playing pool and bowling.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 PM in the First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road, Dudley with Pastor John R. White officiating. A reception will follow in the church hall. Donations may be made to the Richard W. Scheffler Endowed Scholarship, c/o Nichols College, 123 Center Road, Dudley, MA 01571. Arrangements are under the direction of Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

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to see addressed. Early results are showing a need for more local job opportunities, but some questions also focus on more home-based businesses that Briare said are currently complicated by the town's standing regulations. Part of the goal of the survey is to determine what changes in those limitations would be acceptable to allow more modern, home grown businesses to thrive.

"We asked about home occupations for instance and if we expanded that definition to allow trades people like a garage mechanic who might

work on cars on the side. We want to know if people would mind if such a person had ten customers a day if it's zoned in a residential area," Briare said. "The world is changing and Dudley needs to change as well so we need to make sure our zoning is amenable to those changes."

Another question asks about whether or not residents would want the town to explore a new tax format related to the concerns about local education spending that came to a head most recently during annual town meetings in June. Briare said such a change is purely conceptual at this time, but it's important for the EDC to know if the public would even want

such a shift to take place if it were possible.

"No matter how much planning you do or how much money you put aside if something occurs similar to what occurred in the spring town meetings in Charlton and Dudley where all of a sudden you're wiped out of your \$700,000 or \$400,000 in reserves that can really hurt a plan. So we looked to see what the rest of the country is doing and one thing that is overwhelming for a majority of cities and towns across the country is they actually separate their tax rate into a government rate and then they have a separate school tax and that way if the school needs additional money they

can simply vote to amend the tax rate for the school," said Briare. He noted that he's not sure if this practice is common in Massachusetts, or even legal, but if the possibility of such a change were to be explored the EDC would want to make sure the public is willing to consider it.

All of this is part of a continued effort by the EDC to embrace transparency and bring more involvement from residents in what decisions and goals the committee makes for the future. While nothing is set in stone Briare said this survey will provide a baseline for what the future might look hold for the town of Dudley.

"It will be interesting to see

(the results). So far the response has been good. Our initial goal is if we get 200 respondents that would be ideal. It'd be better than any public forum we've held," said Briare. "The big thing that we're trying to do here is to actually get a plan that is actionable. What can we do realistically and accomplish immediately, a year from now, or five or ten years from now? The infrastructure is there. We just need a plan."

The survey can be accessed by visiting the town of Dudley website where a link to is present on the home page. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete and will close on November 4.

Challenging the rule of money

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – When our media uses the term "oligarchs," it seems to most often be preceded by "Russian." But the United States has its own share of them, super-wealthy individuals and corporations who use their money to push the political system to do their bidding.

To Dudley's Liza Moran, that fact is a wake-up call, an alarm that's gotten louder since 2010's Citizens' United decision opened the floodgates of "dark money" being used to support candidates, ballot questions and otherwise influence election results.

"I woke up and want to get active, do something about this," she said. "This is so important. It's about our grandkids and the world we're leaving to them."

Moran was responding to a presentation by Larry Scarff of "People Govern, Not Money," a state-level part of the American Promise national campaign to overturn Citizen's United and the subsequent McCutcheon decision by enacting the 28th Amendment.

According to the American Promise website, a key part of the process is to come to consensus on what the amendment language should be, and two versions are now in Congress. One got 54 Senate votes last session and now has 133 cosponsors between the houses; the other, the other is presently in the House with 34 cosponsors. The latter is the stronger one – called the "We the People Amendment," it out-

right states "The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are rights of natural persons only," while "artificial entities" only get "privileges" that "shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable." It states local, state and federal levels "shall regulate, limit or prohibit" campaign spending and prohibits money being construed as speech under the 1st Amendment. The other one, the "Democracy for All Amendment," says the government "may" regulate election spending and "may distinguish between natural persons and corporations."

"I'd been asleep for 62 of my 63 years of life here. About a year and a half ago, I woke up," Scarff told a couple dozen people at the Unity Brunch Saturday. "Money is the problem. We're stuck here, and we've got to get it out of politics to get back on track."

What used to be "one person, one vote has become one dollar, one vote," he added.

We've seen that especially in the last few years. Since 2010, he said, just half of one percent (0.5%) of the population has funded most of the \$45 billion spent on politics, with 2016's cycle alone costing \$6.8 billion. And it's becoming more concentrated: In 2012, 32 entities combined for \$300 million in spending; last year, it took just 10 donors to cross that threshold.

Most of 2016's spending came from outside sources – so-called "dark money," which isn't required to be transparent about who the funds come from and is almost unregulated regard-

ing what they can do with it provided they don't get caught collaborating with a given campaign. According to OpenSecrets.org, Hillary Clinton directly spent just under \$800 million, Donald Trump about half that. Gary Johnson used about \$13 million, and Jill Stein \$3.7 million.

"It's really becoming obvious to me; you can see it," Scarff said. "We're moving into rule by the wealthy."

In one word – oligarchy. Back in 2015, a Pew Research poll found that 76 percent of respondents – with an equal number in both parties – agreed that "money has greater influence on politics today than before" and 64 percent felt "the high cost of presidential campaigns discourages good candidates." The Pew website also notes that spending by "Super-PACs" alone in 2012 equaled the total spent in 2014; there was no super-PAC money at all before 2010 (because they were illegal); and spending has basically been rising continuously since the 1970s with next to no correlation with turnout.

"It's not just Democratic, Republican or Independent, it's an American issue," Scarff said, noting that the current initiative petition process aims to "tell Congress 'Do your job and send us an amend-

ment, because we're ready to ratify. If you don't do your job, we'll go around you."

Amending the Constitution, however, isn't an easy process by design. It can happen one of two ways under Article V. Two-thirds of Congress can vote to send an amendment to the states, which three-fourths then ratify; or two-thirds of the states can pass legislation calling for a Constitutional Convention, send delegates to draft the amendment(s), and then have three-fourths of the states ratify the resulting change(s). The former method has so far created all of the amendments after the Bill of Rights, in part because Congress wants to avoid the latter method, which probably opens the entire Constitution to changes, not just the proposed amendment.

Scarff said there was a legal opinion several years ago stating it is possible to just call an "Amendment Convention" to debate one particular proposal, but it has never been tested.

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ators use more energy than necessary to heat up a room, so keep surfaces clean. If you have a coil thermostat, be sure to clean it each season to ensure accurate readings. Just take off the cover and wipe or blow away dust.

*Check your furnace filter frequently. A clogged filter greatly decreases the furnace's efficiency and makes it work harder. Some energy efficient advisors suggest automatically replacing filters each month. They claim the savings realized in efficiency more than make up for the cost of the new filters.

*Do a vent check. If you have baseboards, make sure they are fully open and operable. Move any furniture or drapes that could be blocking warm air flow. Vents or baseboards that are even partially blocked result in an unnecessary hike in heating costs.

*Automatic timers are very affordable and they make adjusting thermostats a no brainer. Typically, they will keep the temperature steady during the day and automatically reduce it at night, resulting in substantial savings.

*Generations before us took frugal advantage of the

fact moist air retains heat. Stoves of yesteryear often had a pan of water to add moisture to the air. Today, a humidifier is often the choice to boost the effect of heating, which translates into lower fuel costs.

Win Dinner for Two

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 dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. 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.

Sturbridge Coffee Roasters 'Think Pink' campaign benefits Cancer Center

Sturbridge Coffee Roasters (SCR) will donate \$1 for each pound of freshly roasted coffee purchased to the Cancer Center at Harrington Hospital during the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To commemorate our "Think Pink" campaign, coffee is being sold in special pink bags to further raise awareness. The campaign is running at both of Sturbridge Coffee Roasters' shops in Southbridge and Dudley location.

The campaign is part of Sturbridge Coffee Roaster's on-going business plan to give back to the community. Each month, owner Elvis Dyer and his wife Karen choose a charity to donate to on behalf of their business.

In addition to supporting the Cancer Center at Harrington, Sturbridge Coffee Roasters also offers a 10% discount to all Harrington Healthcare employees year round when they present their ID badge. Approximately 10 years ago, Harrington saved Sturbridge Coffee Roasters owner Elvis Dyer's life when he received critical, emergency surgery. He has been a patient for the past 15+

years. Previously Sturbridge Coffee Roasters employees previously received chemotherapy treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at the Cancer Center at Harrington.

"Harrington has always been really good to me, my loved ones and my friends, and I try and do what I can to return that favor," said Dyer.

Sturbridge Coffee Roasters is your local, fresh roasted coffee shop. The business opened in 2004 in Sturbridge, in a small space where beans were roasted and delicious coffee drinks were served to locals and tourists. We quickly discovered that our customers also wanted a place to relax with their coffee, which led to the relocation five miles down the road to our present location in Southbridge. In August 2014, the business was sold to the current owner and coffee lover, Elvis Dyer. In July 2015, we opened our second location in Dudley. Our bean offerings continue to expand to provide opportunities for coffee lovers to experience new flavor profiles and beans from around the world.

CALENDAR

Saturday, October 28

ALL YOU CAN EAT! Charlton Boy Scout Troop 165 will be holding their 4th annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday Oct. 28 from 8-11 a.m. at the Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. Only \$6 per person, cash or check. Come join us for some delicious pancakes, bacon and sausage. New this year, Gluten Free Pancakes are available made to order! There will also be a large raffle table. We will be raffling Celtics tickets, a gift certificate to the Barkwood Inn, free oil change and alignment, lottery basket and many more exciting items.

Saturday, November 4

IT'S ELECTRIC! On Saturday, Nov. 4, the New England Electric Auto Association (NEEAA) will be hosting a hybrid/electric car show and ride-and-drive event at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Several dealers will be present with the latest hybrid, plug-in hybrid and pure electric vehicles and will be offering test drives. Actual owners will also be present to share ownership experiences. Moe's Food Truck will be onsite for refreshments or lunch!

MEAT RAFFLE: Giant Meat Raffle Saturday Nov. 4, 6-9 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Charlton. There will be six Meat, one Turkey and one Lobster Table! Early birds arriving prior to 6 p.m. receive three tickets to be used on the Meat table of their choice. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild and Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 56. Selected homemade food purchases will be available for dinner as well as homemade baked goods for dessert. Beverages include beer, wine, soda, water, coffee, tea, etc.

Sunday, November 5

ANNUAL AUCTION: Quinebaug Valley Singers (QVS) second annual

Auction will be held Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge. Auction items can be previewed at 1:30 p.m. and the Auction will take place from 2-4 p.m. The QVS Auction event will include refreshments, musical entertainment with choral and instrumental pieces, and an opportunity to bid on high-quality items, gift baskets, services, and gift certificates from popular local retailers and venues in both live and silent auctions. A \$10 registration fee for a bidding paddle may be purchased at the door, or in advance from any QVS member. Proceeds benefit Quinebaug Valley Singers, a local community chorus, www.qvsingers.org. For more information, or to purchase your bidding paddle in advance, please contact Linda (lambam151@gmail.com) or Carol (carolcurtin77@gmail.com) the QVS auction co-chairs. To donate items or services for the auction, please contact Jeanne (jadler@charter.net.)

Monday, November 13

GOING BATTY: On Monday, Nov. 13, Charlton Garden Club will hold a bat house building workshop. \$15 material fee. 7 p.m. at the Charlton Federated Church, Charlton. For more information, contact Ginny Charette (508) 248-7300, Marcia Liedigk (508) 434-0507. If not a member but want to come to make a bat box, please email thistle42@me.com.

Saturday, December 2

HOLIDAY FAIR: The Friends of Charlton Public Library invite vendors to submit an application to participate in the 2017 Holiday Craft and Gift Fair which is held at the Charlton Public Library on Dec. 2. Applications available at the front desk of the Charlton Public Library or online at <https://www.facebook.com/charltonlibrary-friends/posts/1900020216878052:0> For questions contact Melinda at (508) 248-6292 or by email at melinda@sewcialite.com.

auction, kids' corner, and a delicious crunchy chicken luncheon served from 11 o'clock. The cost for the lunch is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. The public is welcome!

HARVEST FAIR: Good Shepherd Parish will host its annual Holiday Fair from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Parish Center (behind the church) and Parish Hall (beneath the church) in Linwood. The fair will feature a selection of crafts, baked goods, a cookie walk, over 60 themes raffle baskets along with gift card and super raffles, a kid's table, a luncheon, and much more. Please see the website at www.goodshepherdlinwood.org for more details.

STRAWBERRY HILL FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Leicester at 1 Washburn Square (across from Town Common) will hold its annual STRAWBERRY HILL FAIR on Nov. 11 from 9 AM till 2 PM. The Fair will feature holiday decorations, homemade knitted items, second hand treasures, gift baskets, raffles, country store, toys and games, baked goods, cafe', crafts and more. Please come and enjoy a few hours at our Fair. www.leicesterfcc.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BAZAAR: St. Andrew Bobola Holy Rosary Sodality will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday Nov. 11 from 10 am to 6 pm & Sunday from 8 am to 12:30 pm in the church hall located at 54 West Main St., Dudley. The Bake table will feature homemade pastries along with babka & paczki. Tables will include Elegant Junk, Thanksgiving Dinner, Special Gifts & Christmas Crafts n' More. Kitchen will be featuring homemade cabbage and cheese pierogi.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

GLITTER & GLITZ - A HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE: on Sunday, Nov. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. at Point Breeze Restaurant, Point Breeze Road, Webster by St. Joseph's Women's Club. Hot and cold appetizers will be available, as well as a special gifts raffle, lottery scratch tickets raffle, 50/50 raffle, and an attendance prize. The tickets for the event are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and can be purchased by calling ticket chairladies, Phyllis Scully at (508) 949-3517, Jill Manak at (508) 943-1810, or President and Honorary Chairlady Cindi Gardner at (401) 418-2242.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

HOLIDAY FAIR NEEDS VENDORS: Anyone interested in participating in Our Lady of the Valley Regional School's 35th annual Holiday Fair scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, please contact Kathy Kay at kathygkay@yahoo.com. The fair will run from 9 am to 3 pm, and will be held at the Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, located at 75 Mendon St., in Uxbridge. Crafters, direct sellers and other vendors are welcome! Spots are limited, so don't delay! Reserve your space today!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

VENDORS INVITED: The Friends of Charlton Public Library invite vendors

CRAFTERS WANTED: The Holly Berry Fair committee of the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge is looking for crafters and artists who wish to sell their handmade items on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember, local fairs are best! This popular annual show attracts people from all over the area. Our booth fee is \$25 for each 8 foot space, optional lunch and table fees are on the registration form. To join us, simply go to the church website, www.sturfed.org or call the church office (508) 347-3915. You may also get an application by e-mailing janraose@gmail.com or nancast148@gmail.com We welcome all inquiries.

CRAFT FAIR: Need some unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards. Along with gift items, there will be baked goods, ornaments, and face painting for children. Enjoy some hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will host their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton Community. Offerings include our popular "Gramma's Attic", Bake and Cookie by the Pound Table, Vendors, Raffle Tickets, Ticket Auction, etc. All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains and especially to "HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook SuIndependent

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

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

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

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

BAZAARS

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9:00am to 3:00pm. One of the most popular fall events in the area, this fair features a raffle for a beautiful queen-sized quilt made by UWC members.

UWC members will be selling handmade wood crafts, beautiful hand sewn and knitted goods and basket raffles plus delicious lunch items and bake goods.

Stop by and visit Grandma's Attic, a unique collection of gently used items, for that special treasure you have been looking for as well as a chance to win a door prize and 50/50 raffle. Also featured are several of the areas great vendors. Don't miss this opportunity to do some early holiday shopping or to treat yourself to something special.

FALL HARVEST CRAFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Stephen Parish Hall, Rte. 97, Quinebaug. Single 8 foot table or 10x10 space: \$20. Crafters and vendors wanted. Contact Kathy Piniarski at (508) 764-7271 or email kathypiniarski@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 296 Main St., North Brookfield on Saturday, Nov. 4 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The day will include bake sale, handmade crafts, flea market, baskets and raffles galore! Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and includes homemade soups, great sandwiches and delicious apple pie.

HARVEST FAIR: Stella Chapter Harvest Fair (J. Prouty) Masonic Lodge Bldg., 780 Southbridge St., Auburn on Saturday Nov. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

HOLIDAY FAIR: On Saturday, Nov. 4, the St. Denis Catholic Women's Council will host their annual Holiday Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Denis Church, located at 23 Manchaug St. in Douglas. Tea Committee luncheon, Gathering Room, Fancy Work room, Children's games and crafts and more.

HOLIDAY VENDOR & CRAFT SALE: Charity raffle to support Toys for Tots, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer. Free admission.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

BAZAAR: St. John Paul II Parish annual bazaar is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 5: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine St., Southbridge. It will feature a variety of tables: children's games, crafts, The Village Bake Shop, Jar Deal, theme baskets, parish table, jewelry, silent auction, community raffle table (HUGE!) and entertainment. Karol's Kafe will be open for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and will have a great variety of items for lunch. Free admission, ample parking and handicapped accessible. For information (508) 765-3701.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

HOMESPUN HOLIDAYS: The Kathryn M Huston Mission Circle of the Whitinsville Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage St. will host its annual fair on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Homespun Holidays" will feature crafts, a bake sale, with our famous Cookie Walk & Harvest Table, attic treasures, theme baskets, a silent

to submit an application to participate in the 2017 Holiday Craft and Gift Fair which is held at the Charlton Public Library on Dec. 2. Applications available at the front desk of the Charlton Public Library or online at <https://www.facebook.com/charltonlibrary-friends/posts/1900020216878052:0> For questions contact Melinda at (508) 248-6292 or by email at melinda@sewcialite.com.

CRAFT FAIR: Need some unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards. Along with gift items, there will be baked goods, ornaments, and face painting for children. Enjoy some hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will host their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at

The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton Community. Offerings include our popular "Gramma's Attic", Bake and Cookie by the Pound Table, Vendors, Raffle Tickets, Ticket Auction, etc. All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains and especially to "HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

MARK THE CALENDAR: Craft Fair/Winter Carnival Assumption School Event, 17 Grove St, (in Assumption Parish Hall) Millbury, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 11am until 3pm (some tables open at 10am). Homemade scarves, jewelry, hand crafted minerals, floral arrangements, Mary Kay, LulaRoe, Perfectly Posh, any many more; great items for Christmas gifts! Games, face painting, kitchen menu, candy sales, gift wrapping Grand Raffle, and Crafter Raffle. Please join us!

Joint venture raised funds and spirits



Courtesy photo

Roses were welcomed at Quaboag on the Common recently.

Second Chance Animal Services Development Director Lindsay Doray and special guest Holly, Doray's one-year-old golden retriever delivered 68 dozen roses to patients at Quaboag on the Common in West Brookfield recently with the help of volunteers. The roses were sold through a joint fundraiser with Otto Florist & Gift in Ware to help raise money for pets in need and encourage random acts of kindness to our seniors living in local nursing homes.

"Everyone was very excited to receive the roses and visit with Holly" said Doray. "This year's Roses for Rescue fundraiser has been a great success and will help fund programs our local seniors rely on to keep their pets healthy."

Roses will be delivered to patients at Brook Haven Nursing Home in West Brookfield and St. Mary's Health Care Center in Worcester.

This is the second year for the Roses for Rescue fundraiser started by Michele Lariviere, owner of Otto Florist & Gifts in Ware. Lariviere wanted to be able to do something to help the homeless animals in the world.

"Being in the floral business, roses seemed to be the perfect way to make it work," said Lariviere. "Proceeds from the sale of the roses go directly to Second Chance Animal Services."

Last year Otto Florist & Gifts started a "Pet Wall" dedicated to the fantastic people who have rescued animals. Their unbelievable photos and stories are on display at Otto Florist & Gifts. The public can stop by and read some of these incredible stories or send their own personal rescue stories and photos. They can be emailed to: ottoflorist@yahoo.com or dropped off at Otto Florist & Gifts, 7 North St., Ware, MA. The "Pet Wall" is growing.

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations and grants to operate. The organization operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, a pet wellness and veterinary center in North Brookfield, as well as a community veterinary clinic in Springfield. Second Chance helps over 26,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/neuter, veterinary care, community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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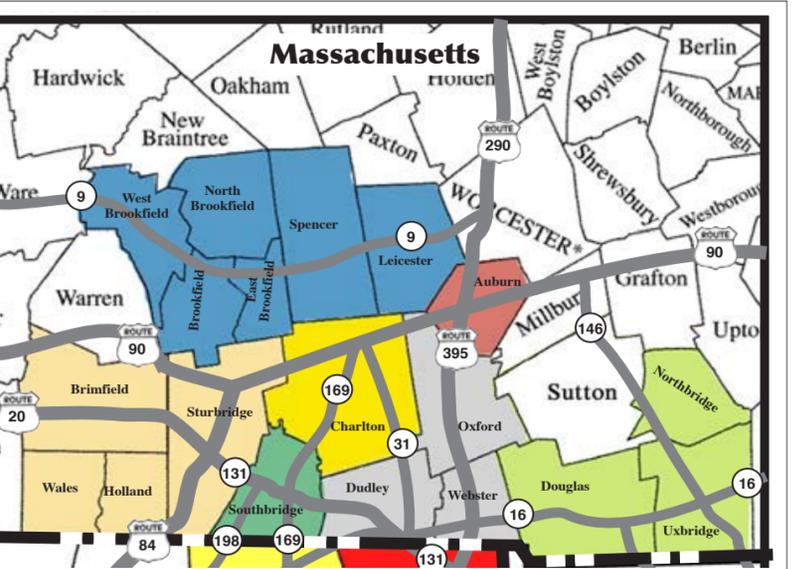
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Middle East policy made by oil

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – For the last 60 years or more, understanding American foreign policy would be almost impossible without seeing that it's largely fueled by one thing – oil.

According to Anand Toprani, assistant professor at the Naval War College and guest speaker at Nichols College Oct. 12, access to the black stuff hasn't been so much for our own use, but to ensure our allies get it and our opponents don't. But the whole issue is widely misunderstood.

"I'm hard-pressed to think of an issue – maybe climate change – where the attention given the issue is so inversely proportionate to the knowledge of the issue," he said. Much later, he really summarized his whole talk by adding, "If you think we can leave the Middle East when we're self-sufficient, you don't really understand why we're there in the first place."

Many people, for example, believe the traditional economic concept that oil is "fungible," that is, it can be both replaced by other fuel sources and is subject to supply and demand. Toprani notes both of those are wrong. There several different kinds of oil that can't be processed using the same facilities or turned into the same products. The most useful is light, sweet crude – that can become gasoline and many other things – but Middle Eastern oil is mostly light sour, and Venezuelan is mostly heavy sour, for example.

Furthermore, it is largely oil's price that determines supply, not demand. That means it's supply is restricted by geology and geography far more than many other things, but the more expensive it is, the more funding there is (at least theoretically) for investment in finding more oil. We've seen recently, as the high oil prices of a few years ago sparked more drilling and fracking for hard-to-get oil varieties (tar sands, shales, difficult

locations), which led in turn to numerous bankruptcies of smaller drillers.

"Oil is not like any other commodity," he observed. "... There may be a lot of demand for oil, but it's not actually produced, it's extracted."

On average, global extraction has been 2-3 percent above consumption, but actual oil use varies by location. In the West, it's falling somewhat, but in India and China it's growing fast, and United States policy has long been aimed at controlling the oil trade, not oil itself, via the military, the monetary system and major oil companies, Toprani said.

"The Saudis may have the lock, but we have the key," he said.

Various online sources note that may be coming to an end, as Russia, China and other nations work to create international systems that trade oil in currencies other than the dollar, which has been dominant since 1974. On Oct. 11, USAToday.com cited economist Carl Weinberg saying that growing China will push the Saudis to accept payment in yuan, "then the rest of the oil market will move along with them." The story notes Saudi Arabia is "the crux of the petrodollar," and some countries have long opposed having to trade in it.

Toprani noted a lot of oil is also traded by barter.

He said US policy has kept our oil supply "remarkably inexpensive" – even today, at about \$2.60 a gallon, oil costs less than milk – but that's required a lot of involvement overseas and has given oil companies "disproportionate influence on our economy."

The long path to where we are started in earnest with 1944's Foreign Petroleum Policy, in which our government sought to "save Western Hemisphere oil for ourselves" by encouraging production growth in the Middle East to supply our European allies. Shortly after WW2 ended, America led the creation of the United Nations and the Bretton

Woods agreement, and Toprani noted the Anglo-American Oil Agreement would've been "the third leg of the stool" of that policy. US oil corporations nixed it because "they didn't want competition from cheap Middle Eastern oil because it'll make their investments not profitable," Toprani said.

Truman's 1947 doctrine was "actually about maintaining access to Middle Eastern oil," but lacked any reference to that fact, cloaking it in phrases about containing Communism. Behind the scenes, though, he was "outsourcing our foreign policy to the oil companies" by exempting them from antitrust laws and US taxes so they could pay royalties to the Saudis and Iranians. That exemption still exists; some in Congress tried to kill it in 2010, but oil-owned senators kept it alive, he said.

"There's no such thing as a 'free market' and an 'unfree market,'" Toprani observed. "There's just a space where people use the government for their own ends."

In the 1960s, the Nixon Doctrine aimed to support "local partners" – governments that were willing to keep the oil flowing. At this time, that meant both the Saudi regime and the Shah of Iran, who owed us his throne after we threw out Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953. (We didn't much care about the shah; declassified documents show we did it because Mossadegh intended to nationalize Iran's oil fields, which were then being run by the firm that's now known as BP.)

By 1970, the US had become a net oil importer. This is still true despite recently climbing production; Energy Information Agency data show we had "total petroleum production" (including crude oil, biofuels and hydrocarbon gas liquids) of about 13.5 million barrels a day in 2016, but consumed 19.7 mbd. By contrast, we exported about 216 million barrels (about 592,000 per day) in 2016, EIA's data show.

Because of our support of Israel in the 1973 war, OPEC



Gus Steeves photo

Nichols Professor Mike Neagle, left, hosted Navy War College assistant professor and oil historian Anand Toprani last week. Toprani noted his views were his own, not necessarily those of the US government.

imposed an oil embargo on the US that caused American prices to skyrocket and helped dump us into recession. Oil prices jumped roughly four-fold, but Iran continued to buy US weapons. The price hike spurred short-lived conservation efforts and the first major round of drilling in hard-to-reach places – offshore in the North Sea and Gulf of Mexico, in Alaska, among others. Although that production caused prices to drop, Toprani noted oil remained about twice as costly as it had previously been.

Then 1979 happened. "Historians a few hundred years from now will look at 1979 the same way we see 1789 or 1917," he said. "That year created the world we see today."

Specifically, three major events caused significant changes in Middle Eastern politics. The Iranians overthrew the shah and formed the Islamic Republic, severing their ties with the US. A fanatical group briefly took over Mecca, prompting the Saudis to adopt and begin exporting more puritanical policies. The

USSR invaded Afghanistan, with the war factoring into their collapse and planting the seeds of today's terrorism and wars.

In response, the US adopted the Carter Doctrine, which was quite explicit that we'd use force to repel other powers trying to take over Middle Eastern oil, he said. Originally aimed mostly at the USSR and Iran, it was later an underlying justification for the Iraq Wars of 1991 (when Iraq invaded Kuwait) and 2003 (cloaked in "WMD" claims, which the Bush Doctrine argued "threatened access to oil").

By 2007, Toprani noted, the US had spent about \$7 trillion on military costs in the Middle East – excluding Iraq War II – since 1967. While "the oil will flow in peacetime no matter what," our huge military presence there is aimed to "ensure our friends get oil" during conflicts and "about controlling the international system," he noted.

"We're in the Middle East because we're an empire, and we'll continue to be there for the foreseeable future."

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While large homes remain popular, many people are embracing the benefits of smaller residences. Small homes help homeowners save money, require less maintenance, have smaller environmental impact, and reduce the temptation to accumulate “stuff.”

Owners of small homes or apartments can still enjoy the benefits of larger spaces, they just need to equip rooms to perform double duty.

to a closet or drawer system where toys can be stored out of sight when necessary. Storage ottomans can be used for extra seating while also providing somewhere for homeowners to stash stuffed animals or games for easy access. When choosing furniture, look for fabrics that are resistant to stains and modular pieces that can be moved around as necessary to create room for playing or entertaining.

LIVING ROOM/ GUEST ROOM

Entertaining guests is easier when there's a dedicated space where visitors can feel at home. When furnishing a living room, keep the guest room in mind. A sofa that opens up to a bed or a convertible sectional can be a comfortable place for guests to lay their heads. Side tables provide guests with places to store their belongings, and an empty storage chest can house bed linens or guests' clothing.

DEN/PLAYROOM

Children tend to accumulate toys and games. And as kids grow from children to young adults, their list of must-have items — from video gaming systems to other electronics — grows along with them. Storage can make a room functional for both adults and children. Devote an entire wall

BEDROOM/HOME OFFICE

In 2015, 24 percent of employed people in the United States did some or all of their work at home, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Bringing work home means men and women will need a space to work. In tight quarters, bedrooms may be the only available area. An armoire-style desk will blend in with the decor and can hide paperwork and electronics behind doors. Otherwise, a makeup vanity can serve the dual purpose of providing a place to get ready for a night out and a ready space to house a laptop during the day.

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<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/SS Appliances & Tile Flr Dining Area w/Corner Hutch! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Den w/New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! \$239,900.00</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p> <p>WEBSTER - 141 Gore Rd! Rte 16! 1.08 Acres! Prime Exposure! Business Opportunities! Zoned Commercial! 165' Road Frontage! 183x2' 4 Car Garage! 120x2' Workshop! 7 Rm Colonial! 3 Bdrms w/ Hrwd's! Din/Liv Rm w/Hrwd's! Updates to Electrical & Cosmetics! \$119,000.00</p>			<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>THOMPSON - 1199 Thompson Rd! School House Pond AKA Little Pond! 150' WATERFRONT! 8 Rm Log Home! 4 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Appliance Kit Open to Din Area & Liv Rm w/French Drs to Deck! Ceramic Flrs! Fam Rm! Master w/Cathedral! C/Air! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Loft! Sandy Beach! \$435,000.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER - 28 Colonial Rd! Immaculately Maintained 8 Rm Colonial Access to Webster Lake! Appliance Kit! Dining Area! Dining Rm! Fam Rm! 3 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower! 2.5 Baths! C/Air! \$279,900.00</p>		
<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 1420 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! \$524,900.00</p>	<p>NEW PRICE</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemp Ranch, 3 Bdrms! 1.5 Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrwd's & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarban Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frplc Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! \$639,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! \$1,195,900.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Stopping Lot Down to Level! Waterfront! 7200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! \$229,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 30 S. Point Rd! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! NEW Kit w/Din! Frplc Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout Lower Level w/Fam Rm w/Summer Kit! NEW Int. Paint! Recent Roof & Siding! \$349,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Panoramic Views! Most Rm's Open Fr Plan! Frplc Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Bath! 2 Car Garage! Deck! Add Lot Access! \$599,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/Tenets of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frplc Liv Rm! SS Appliances! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! \$519,900.00</p>	
<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contemp! 104' Waterfront, 228' Rd Frontage, 33,628 Sq. Ft. or 77 Acres! The Best on Market! Gradual Sloped Land to Beach/Shore! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Space to Room, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrooms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/ Frplc Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! \$1,100,000.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Fr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Endless Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frplc Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! \$950,000.00</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6Rms! 1,874' Open Floor Plan! Appliance Granite Kit w/Hrwd's! Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Hrwd's! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frplc Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent Clair, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! \$424,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 334 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Appliance Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunroom! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3Bdrms! 2 Bath! Sandy Beach! \$469,900.00</p>	<p>ON DEPOSIT</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure - Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot! Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel It! Tear it Down! Build New! \$359,900.00</p>			

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<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 38 WEST POINT RD</p> <p>On Killdeer Island with 90 feet of water frontage on North Pond! This 3-4 bedroom, 2 car garage! All town services. House would make a good rehab or complete tear down, nice location justifies either. assisted sale \$449,900.</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 18 BATES XNG</p> <p>Privacy, view, and a lot of Land! 2+ acres! level waterfront with a natural shoreline, no walls. Private 9900+ SF Contemporary 3 bedrooms, 3 baths! Large open kitchen, cathedral ceiling with skylites and fireplace, overlooking tra. Bates Cove! Master Bedroom with Jacuzzi Tub, large walk in closet! Central Air! 2 Car Heated Garage! Experience Nature at it finest! assisted sale \$950,000.</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR</p> <p>1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700+/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Side Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscap, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/ Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information! \$1,150,000</p>	<p>LAND! WEBSTER/DUDLEY BUILDABLE LOTS</p> <p>Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Town Water & Sewer. \$52,000</p> <p>Webster Lake - 0 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Garage on lot \$144,900</p> <p>Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer \$229,900</p> <p>Oxford - 4 Leicesters St., 8.47 acres, mostly cleared \$149,900</p>	
<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD</p> <p>All reasonable offers considered! AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island. Extremely Private with Direct Lake Access along a Delightful Level Peninsula. Launch a boat, fish & simply enjoy the lake in quiet solitude. Charming 2 BR, 2 Bath Ranch has a Full Finished Lower Level & walkout access to a screened-in patio, plus a detached garage! \$389,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD</p> <p>Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+/- SF Lot, 50' Rd, Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 950+/- SF Contemporary w/2 BRs & full bath, plus convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/remendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Waterfront views across Middle Pond! Additional land & store frontage available. \$345,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 91 SOUTH SHORE RD</p> <p>One of A Kind Property! - Gorgeous Panoramic Views of Reid Smith Cove! 90ft of Water Frontage, with privacy! 3 bedrooms, 1 Bath & 2 half baths! Wet Bar! Appliances Included. Walk Out Lower Level Deck! 1 Car Detached Garage! Your own Private Boat Ramp. BOAT & DOCKS INCLUDED. Town Services! \$574,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 32 WEST POINT RD</p> <p>On Killdeer Island! FIRST TIME OFFERED! Great for Swimming! Center Staged, Multi Level Stone Fireplace is the "Focus" of this Beautiful Custom Built Lakeside Contemporary! The Main Level is Complete with Fire Placed Living Room, Eat-In Kitchen, Full Bath and 2 Bedrooms! 2nd Floor offers a Private Master! Lower Level has Cozy Family Room, Office Area, Fireplace & Full Bath! Great for Over night Guests! Don't Let this One Get Away! \$585,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE • 2 SOUTH POINT RD</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE - PANORAMIC VIEWS OF WEBSTER LAKE! Great South Facing Location, 62' prime lakeside, large deep lot 10,489sf, flagstone & concrete patios, full concrete walkway at water's edge, dock, retaining walls & stonework, privacy fence, storage shed, recently paved drive, plenty of parking in driveway & area at roadside, spacious, year-round, 2 story Cape home, a 6B's (1 on 1st flr), 2 full BRs, Harvey replacement windows, 6 year+ young roof. NEW PRICE \$419,900</p>

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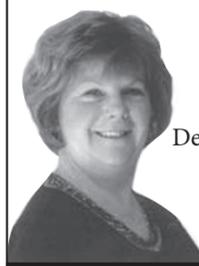
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<p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28</p> <p>11 am - 1 pm PET TRICK OR TREAT! Awards for scariest most original & funniest KLEM TRACTOR, INC. 117 West Main St. Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com</p> <p>CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT 308 9:00 p.m. Live entertainment by Floyd Patterson Giveaways and prizes for best costumes 308 LAKESIDE 308 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333</p> <p>FINAL OCTOBER TAILGATE EVENT Burgers, Dogs, Balloons & More! LAMOUREUX FORD 366 East Main St. East Brookfield, MA 508-885-1000</p> <p>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. OCTOBER MOVIE NIGHT The Original Halloween Popcorn, Apple Cider, and BYOB Bring a chair and blanket And BYOB KAROL'S KORNER TAKE OUT 610 Pleasant St. Rochdale, MA 508-859-8504</p> <p>OPEN HOUSE 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saint Mary's Schools Pre-K - Grade 12 50 Richland St., Worcester, MA 508-753-1170</p> <p>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ANNUAL HARVEST FAIR BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 90 Bryn Mawr Ave. Auburn, MA Handmade knits and vintage linens, white elephant attic treasures, bake shoppe, homemade pies, candy, cakes and cookies. Pickles and cheese. Holiday shoppe and crafts</p>	<p>ALBANIAN KITCHEN & BAZAAR 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Bake table featuring traditional Albanian pies, cookies and other favorites, theme baskets, used books, this 'n that table, illustrated children's books by author Ruth Sanderson and an Albanian-style café (eat in or take out.) ST. NICHOLAS ALBANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH 126 Morris St. Southbridge, MA</p> <p>ENTRANCE EXAM NOTRE DAME ACADEMY 8:30 a.m. Pre-register online at www.nda-worc.org 425 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA</p> <p>ST. ROCH'S PARISH HARVEST FAIR 334 Main Street (Oxford Center) 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. White Elephant Table, Crafts, Used Books, Baked Goods, Raffle Items, Delicious Food, \$\$ Money Raffles \$\$ Come for lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>GIGUERES NEW TRAMPOLINE FACILITY OPEN HOUSE (NEW WEBSTER LOCATION ONLY) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. New trampoline facility - 10 Olympic quality trampolines Come jump on our trampolines. Sign up for classes, book a birthday party 7 Viking Rd., Webster, MA 508-980-1987</p> <p>HARVEST FAIR 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Bake table, crafts and jewelry table, Attic treasures Coffee shoppe 9-11:30 a.m. Meatball sub luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 64 Salisbury St., Worcester, MA 508-752-2376</p>	<p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH BAZAAR 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Trinity Catholic Academy 11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA Children's games, crafts, Village bake shop, jar deal, theme baskets, parish table, Jewelry, silent auction, huge community raffle table, and entertainment Karol's Kafé Open for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. A great variety of items for lunch Free admission, ample parking Handicapped accessible. 508-765-3701</p> <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 10 am - 3 pm PICTURES WITH SANTA Children & pets welcome KLEM TRACTOR, INC. 117 West Main St. Spencer, MA 508-885-2708 (Ext. 104) www.klemsonline.com</p> <p>ONGOING</p> <p>YOGA CLASSES Monday evenings 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Woodstock Elementary School Gym Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 11, 18 \$56 (7 classes), \$35 (4 classes) \$10.00 "Drop In" Diane Converse @ 860-315-5175 or recreationdirector@woodstockCT.gov</p> <p>THE QUIET CORNER GARDEN CLUB meets the first Monday in each month at the South Woodstock Baptist Church Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock from 7-8:30 p.m. Informative programs each month from gardening tips, wildlife preservation, garden crafts, etc.</p> <p>ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. CADY'S TAVERN 2168 Putnam Pike, Chepachet, RI 401-568-4102</p>	<p>TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS 7:00 p.m. register 7:30 p.m. start up HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB 325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA 508-892-9822</p> <p>WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. CADY'S TAVERN 2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44) Chepachet, RI 401-568-4102</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT HEXMARK TAVERN AT SALEM CROSS INN 260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA 508-867-2345 www.salemcrossinn.com</p> <p>TRAP SHOOTING Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Open to the public \$12.00 per round includes clays and ammo NRA certified range officer on site every shoot AUBURN SPORTSMAN CLUB 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA 508-832-6492</p> <p>HUGE MEAT RAFFLE First Friday of the month Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 1st table: 7:00 p.m. Auburn Sportsman Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA 508-832-6496</p> <p>TRIVIA TUESDAYS at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes 308 LAKESIDE 308 East main St. East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333</p> <p>TRIVIAL THURSDAY No cost to play Cash prizes Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. CHESTER P. TUTTLE POST AMERICAN LEGION 88 Bancroft St., Auburn, MA 508-832-2701</p>
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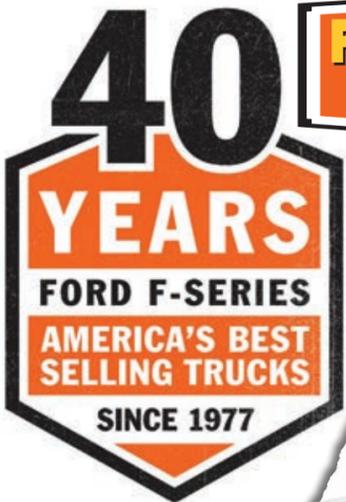
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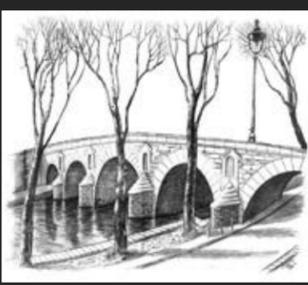
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