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Officers Kuchnicki, Santos and Koopman of the Auburn Police Department were honored to receive the President's Award during the annual Massachusetts Coalition of Police convention on Sept. 19 or heroic acts in the performance of their duties. Photo courtesy of the police department's Twitter feed.

Auburn resident lands major role in college theater proudction

FRANKLIN — The School of the Arts at Dean College will perform "Radium Girls," beginning Thursday, Oct. 17 through Sunday, Oct. 20. We are proud to announce that the cast of this performance includes Auburn resident, Derek Brigham.

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage-until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, "Radium Girls" traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Written with

warmth and humor, and envisioned by guest director Aaron Andrade, "Radium Girls" is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, it offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science.

The Dean College production of "Radium Girls" will take place in the Main Stage in the Campus Center at Dean College, 109 West Central Street, Franklin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2p.m. Saturday and Sunday General admission

is \$22, Seniors \$12 and Children

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit www.dean.edu/boxoffice.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

\$40,000 in grants awarded to Bay Path students

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The MassHire Worcester Career Center announced the awarding of \$5,000 each in training grants for the following Bay Path RVTHS Practical nursing students in the PN Class of 2020: Andrea Champagne of Webster, Felisters Mburu of Shrewsbury, Robin Peters of Douglas, Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury, Philip Kagame and Fjolla Shehu, both of Worcester, Sandra Melton of Woonsocket, R.I. and Renee Welch of Dayville, Conn.

Training grant funds encourage economic growth in the state and allows in additional training for workforce.

"Reflecting the diversity of PN Class of 2020, these grant awards enhance the students' pursuit and discipline towards a nursing career," said Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "We're thankful for the support of the MassHire Worcester Career Center. Mr. Chabot have been incredibly helpful in assisting our practical nursing students. The grant will not only help our nursing students through the ten months of rigorous training, but also ensure that they stay motivated and inspired to

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Eagle Scout project benefits Jack and Jill Preschool



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Thankful Jack and Jill Preschool staff pose with Evan Borgeson after the ceremony.

NORTH OXFORD — Teachers, parents and children gathered to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony at Jack and Jill Preschool recently, as Boy Scout Evan Borgeson was recognized for his work on the newly renovated playground. Town offi-

cials and representatives from the Police Department and the First Baptist Church were on hand to commend this community-minded young man for his commitment and labor-intensive diligence. The improvements made this year's back-to-school excitement all the merrier.

Scout Evan Borgeson, 16, from Boy Scout Troop 165, chose the preschool in North Oxford on which to focus his Eagle Scout project. He formulated ideas. drew up plans and solicited donations of resources and materials from a variety of local businesses, all of which were publicly thanked at the ribbon cutting ceremony. He handed the keys to the playground over to Carla Morano, Director, who unlocked it for the dozens of eagerly awaiting students. Balloons and freeze pops rounded out the celebration.

The playground is sporting some fun and purposeful new updates, including a circular asphalt tricycle track where the children can practice their pedaling and balancing skills on some new riding toys. He added some colorful panels to the walls

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Charlton recovering after computer network attack

BY JASON BLEAU

CHARLTON – An attack on the town of Charlton's computer network in late August left town officials seeking answers and sparked an investigation by federal authorities.

In a press release, Charlton Town Administrator Robin Craver said that the town hall's computers were attacked by "malicious software" on Friday, Aug. 30, resulting in the freezing of documents, email and the main servers. The attack did not impact emergency services or 911 calls, and also did not affect the town's payroll system.

"To our knowledge, no personal information has been copied or removed. Town staff and network administrators are working to restore the system. FBI and the Town's Insurer have been notified. The attack also compromised the e-mail," Craver said in the release.

The incident forced the cancelation of meetings in the first week of September.

Town Hall employees were unable to send or receive emails for several days. In the weeks since the attack the town has been working with authorities to assess

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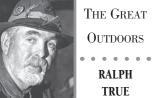
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Fall fishing at its finest

With the continuation of the cool days last week, it made the waters suitable for Mass. Fish & Wildlife to start stocking local waters with trout. The annual fall stocking of ponds and lakes only in the Central District should give anglers a great oppor-

tunity to catch numerous rainbow & brown trout prior to freeze up. The Cape also offers some great fishing for trout in the fall for anglers that do not hunt. Unfortunately, the stocking of bloodstock salmon has ended for now, but they could become available in the near future.

Striper fishing picked up last week at the canal, with stripers in the 50-pound range being caught Wednesday of last



week. Numerous stripers in the 40-poundand-up class were also caught. The fall run of stripers is starting to pick up, with Block Island starting to show signs of large numerous stripers being caught.

Snug Harbor reported on the following species of fish: Striper fishing at Block Island picked up this past, and confirmed reports by other anglers week with a lot of big fish being caught. Albi and Bonita fishing was still doing good until the high surf started to role in this past weekend. Tautog and seabass fishing is very good in shallow water. This week's fishing improved a lot after the sea's settled down.

The Salmon River action is picking up as of this past

Friday. A large concentration of salmon moved into the river, and is providing anglers with some great fishing. It is only going to get better, according to Fat Nancy's Bait & Tackle shop weekreport Pulaski, N.Y. The river was running at 335 cfs this past Friday. This week's picture shows a young lady with her first salmon caught on Salmon the River. Photo cour-



tesy of Fat Nancy's. If you love fishing and have never caught a large salmon out of the Salmon River, you need to go

A lot of back yard bird feeders are not being used like in past years, according to some local residents. Although my feeders are having numerous birds at my feeding station, I to noticed a drop in the normal amount of birds at them. This past week, I caught a local news stations report on the loss of thousands if not millions of birds throughout the United States and other parts of the world. The reason for the decline was because of climate change, destruction of habitat, predators, and also house cat's. Many cats are allowed to roam freely and are having a negative effect on bird populations.

> Huge forest fires in California and other parts of the world are having an extreme negative effect on birds numerous and forms of other wildlife. Severe flooding in Texas and other areas will be lucky to get some of the species of wildlife to recover. Mother Nature has not been kind to residents of these devastated



areas, and wildlife and pets are feeling the force of Mother Nature also. Man has had a huge impact on these weather and climate changes.

The first segment of goose hunting in the Central District of Mass. was extremely poor locally. The first segment closed on Sept. 20. Canada Goose will reopen on Oct. 14, with a two bird a day limit in the Central District. Ducks also open on Oct. 14 this year. Be sure to purchase a federal and state waterfowl stamp before hunting. The stamps also need to be signed on the face of the stamp in ink, prior to hunting. Only steel shot is allowed for hunting water-

The second picture in this week's column shows Lucy Watson with one of the two northern Pike she recently caught in Uxbridge while fishing in the Blackstone River. I have heard of numerous pike being caught in the Blackstone over the years. Trout are also stocked by the Rhode Island Fish & Game for a number of years in the Blackstone River. It is too bad Mass. Fish & Wildlife does not listen to fishermen who want to see pike stocked in more waters in the state locally. Manchaug Pond has produced numerous big pike over the years, as has Webster Lake. Blackstone River seems to be another body of water that will hold Northern pike.

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the issue. Selectmen were to meet earlier this week to provide an update of the situation for the public however those updates were not made available prior to press time. In an interview, Craver told Stonebridge Press that she wanted business owners and others to be aware that due to the impact the attack had on the email systems anyone who

sent an email to the town hall from Aug. 30 to Sept. 7 should re-send any information, as those emails may have been lost in transit. Anyone with questions or concerns or seeking more information on this incident is instructed to contact the Charlton





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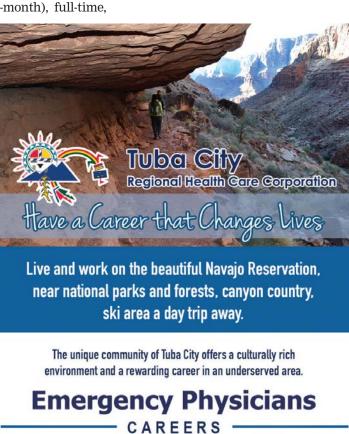
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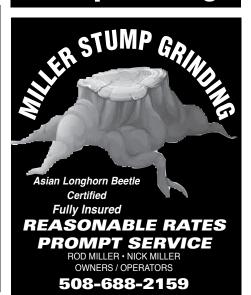
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Collecting trade cards

Trade cards are a type of collectible that can fit in everyone's budget. Some can sell for under one dollar. Rare ones can sell in the thousands, though.

Trade cards were most popular during the Victorian era, but they were already being used in the 18th century. On their Web site, the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester states that "although WAYNE TUISKULA there is no concrete definition of a trade card, it

is generally a printed notice of goods for sale or services available for the pub-Large copper engravings similar to those used by newspapers were first used to advertise businesses. Trade cards were later created that could be produced on a smaller "card" press. One of the first printers was Samuel Dickinson, who printed the "Boston Almanac." The Antiquarian Society's website states that they have over 15,000 trade cards in their collection dating back to 1749. One of the trade cards in their collection is from Paul Revere.

Much later in the next century, trade cards had their "hey day." Cornell University's website and other sources attribute their increased popularity to Louis Prang. Prang introduced a prize winning, full colored lithograph trade card at the Vienna International Exposition in 1873. He returned to the United States and printed them commercially. By the mid-1870's, many manufacturers and other businesses were using the cards to promote their businesses. The early versions were printed with blank space. This allowed businesses to place their name and location in that area when they ordered them from traveling salesmen.

Trade cards became so popular with consumers that they began to be included in product packaging as a premium. Card designs improved. Die-cut cards in the shape of people, animals, and products such as teacups and even pickles were produced. Figures of the time also appeared on trade cards. Presidents, war heroes, actresses, sports figures, and stereotypical caricatures all appeared on trade cards.

Trade cards lost their appeal in the early 1900's though. Printing technology improved and large-scale color printing became commonplace in magazines and elsewhere.

Trade cards remain popular with collectors today. We sold two notebooks, each with a little over 20 pages of plastic sleeves of trade cards, in our August auction. One brought \$250 and the other sold for \$400. Ten clipper ship trade cards sold for \$7,500 in a 2008 auction. A 1901 Coca Cola trade card sold

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of the playground for use with paints and chalk; he repaired and refreshed the sandbox, and he added an area where the children can make loud and beautiful music playing the "pots, pans and lids" with wooden spoons. Evan created some new stump-steppers with a log that he cut into short sections of graduated heights, and painted them to match the other playground equipment. Outdoor storage was added much to the teachers' delight. All of the remaining equipment on the playground was power washed and new mulch was used to cover the surface. A new painted walkway goes from the school's door to the playground, leading the way to an outdoor adventure.

Evan is junior at Bay Regional Path Vocational Technical High School. He resides with his family in Charlton, the son of Eric and Melissa Borgeson.



CHECK OUT

THE SPORTS

ACTION!



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES

& ESTATES

It was nice meeting some regular readers of this column at my night class, the Auburn Public Library, and the Finnish Heritage Society in Rutland. I'll be back at the Auburn Library appraising items on Oct. 5. I'll also be lecturing at the Worcester Senior Center on Oct. 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. I'll be at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Oct. 23 for an appraisal event. We have an online auction currently running in Woodstock, Conn., featuring recreational vehicles, A Kubota tractor, 2005 Victory motorcycle, household items and furnishings. Please see www.centralmassauctions. com for details on these and other

for \$1,800, an 1892 Coca Cola version

went for \$2,500, and an 1893 Coke trade

card reached \$4,250 in other sales. A trade card from the magician "the

Great Hermann" and "Adelaide" sold

for over \$4,000 in 2015. Trade cards

advertising mechanical banks can

sometimes bring as much as the banks themselves. A "Darktown Battery"

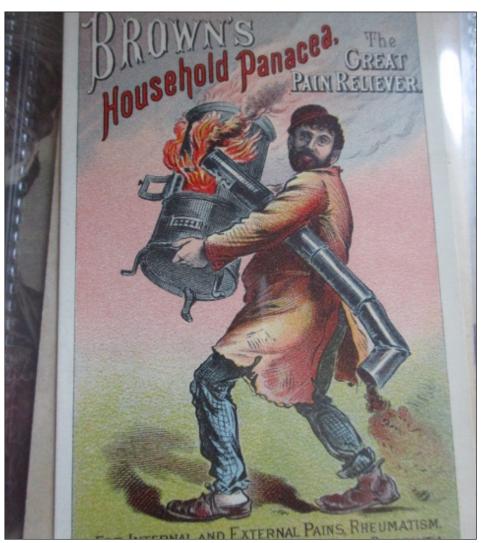
bank and a "Picture Gallery" bank

trading card each brought \$8,000, pro-

viding the consignors with plenty of

cash to deposit in their own banks.

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- 1. Group of languages 5. No seats available
- 8. Helps little firms
- 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 13. Established by the Treaty of Rome
- 14. Whale ship captain
- 15. Thick
- 16. When you hope to get there
- 17. First capital of Japan 18. Cyprinids
- 20. Dry white wine drink
- 21. Witnesses 22. Alcohol drinks
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- 45. Where school kids eat
- 48. Small New Zealand tree 49. Doctors' group
- 50. Civil Rights group
- 55. Swedish rock group 56. Baby's dining accessory
- 57. Succulent plants
- 59. Dutch word for "language"
- 60. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Single Lens Reflex
- 63. Baseball stat
- 64. Abba __, Israeli politician

CLUES DOWN

- 1. He's honored every June 2. Breezed through
- 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 4. Flat, thin round object
- 5. One looking for knowledge
- 6. Calls it a career
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 8. Allied H.Q.
- 9. Reveals
- 10. Greek sophist
- 12. Speedy ballplayer Gordon
- 14. Body that defines computing protocols
- 19. Common Japanese surname
- 23. Eucharist box
- 24. Oil company 25. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 26. A metal-bearing material
- 27. The common gibbon
- 28. Affirmative

- 29. Writer 34. Taxi
- 35. Pioneering journalist Tarbell 36. Used to hold back
- 37. Senior officer 39. OK to go out with
- 40. First in order
- 41. Defunct phone company 42. Southern Ghana inhabitant
- 44. Peninsula in SW Asia
- 45. Political plot 46. "Great" Mogul emperor
- 47. Young horse
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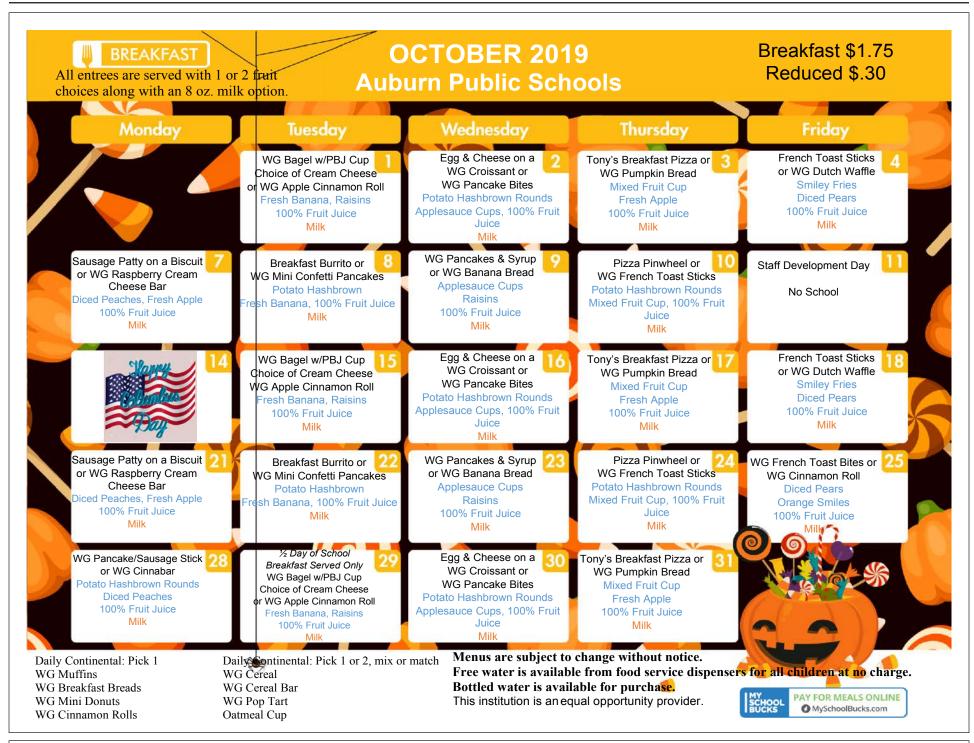
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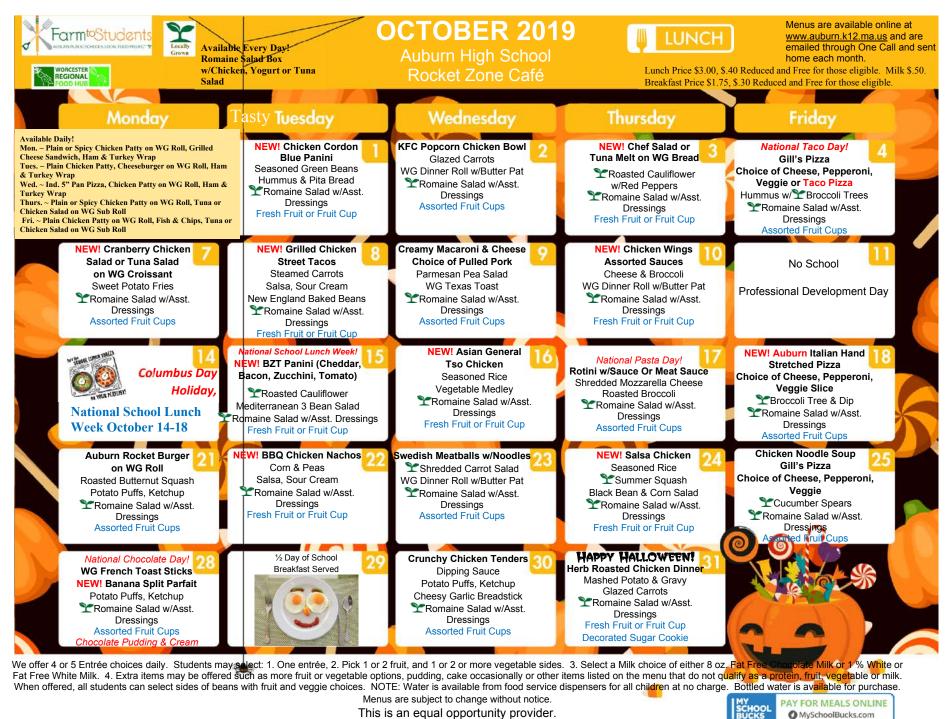


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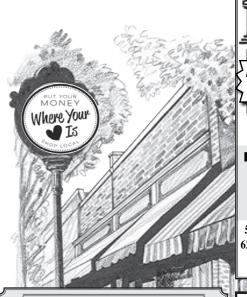
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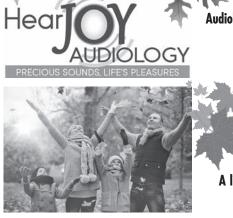
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The battle over banned books

It is a tale that has excited young readers the world over since its publication in the late 1990s. A nine- vear-old orphan delivered as a baby into the custody of relatives who mistreat him terribly discovers that he is the child of two powerful wizards. His heritage earns him entry into a prestigious school of magic, where, over the course of the next decade, he uncovers the secrets of his past, battles the evil nemesis responsible for his parents' deaths, and learns the value of friendship while forging his own path in the world.

This is, of course, the story of everyone's favorite budding wizard, Harry Potter, and between the stratospheric success of J.K. Rowling's original series of books and the blockbuster films they inspired, he has become such a popular character that it's hard to imagine any corner of the world where his name is still unknown.

It may, however, surprise you to know that there are places right here in our own country where the right of libraries to circulate the Harry Potter books, and the right of locals to read them, have come under attack in recent years — so much so, in fact, that the series ranked at one time among the top 10 most frequently challenged and/or

banned literary titles in the world. The notion that a simple children's book about growing up in a world of magic might have a corruptive influence on the young may strike many of you out there as patently ridiculous. It certainly did us. But in many communities, particularly those dotting the region that we call the Bible Belt, the fear that Rowling's books might convince young readers with impressionable minds to turn away from the teachings of Scripture and experiment with the dark powers associated with witchcraft has garnered enough legitimacy that access to them has either been severely, or completely, restricted in communities from Michigan to Pennsylvania to Florida.

And Harry is not alone. According to the American Library Association (ALA), more than 350 books faced similar challenges by local authorities in 2017 alone, and the list keeps growing every year. Among the titles most frequently restricted or outright banned are "The Kite Runner" (for a graphic rape scene that becomes the defining moment in its main character's life); "I Am Jazz" (for supposedly glorifying the lifestyle of co-author Jazz Jennings, a transgendered teen); "Thirteen Reasons Why" (for allegedly glamorizing teen suicide, though many have argued that it has just the opposite effect on the reader); and "Drama" (for its depiction of LGBTQ characters).

We certainly understand the concerns that have led parents, school boards, and community members to mount challenges against these books, and we are believers in the right of any community or school district to govern itself. When it comes to the question of banning books, however, we do not believe such a practice can, or should, be condoned here in the United States of America. To censor literature of any kind, no matter the reason, runs counter to the principles of free speech and expression upon which our country was founded. It is no mere coincidence that those freedoms were the first to be enshrined in our Bill of Rights. By protecting the right of individuals both to create and enjoy art and literature that provokes, challenges, and educates us and enriches the human experience, we nurture the freedom of thought that is fundamental to the preservation of our democratic values. To borrow an old cliché, but one that we feel bears repeating, censorship in any form is, simply put, un-American.

Fortunately, a force has emerged over the past three decades to combat the rising tide of bans and challenges across the country: Banned Books Week, an initiative begun in 1982 by the ALA that seeks to focus public attention on the problem each fall by encouraging libraries from coast to coast to spotlight banned and/or challenged titles. This year's Banned Books Week will be wrapping up as this newspaper goes to press, but we see no reason to limit the celebration to just seven days. Your local library may still have a display in its foyer of the titles in its own collection that have been subjected to challenges or bans, so take a look the next time you visit, and show your support for Harry, Jazz, and their beleaguered brethren by taking home a banned book for your own enjoyment or, better yet, passing it around to family and friends. Draw your own conclusions about these books, for that is a luxury that someone else may not have tomorrow.

Fall Projects and Recipes

Autumn in New England is a simple wonder like no other - With a canvas of colorful fall foliage, fat orange pumpkins growing on the vine, and red apples just right for picking, it offers nature's brilliance at its



best! The bounty of the harvest also provides perfect inspiration for some of the most interesting fall project and meal ideas. Read on for a potpourri of creative autumn delights!

Welcome Feathered Friends: Gourds, both large and small are plentiful and whimsical, making them the perfect perch for feathered friends. Here's how to make a simple gourd birdhouse:

To dry out decorative thin-skinned gourds, clean them in warm, soapy water containing a household disinfectant. Dry gourds with a cloth and spread them on newspaper in a warm, dry place. After a week, wipe them with a cloth moistened only with disinfectant. Again, spread gourds to dry, now in a warm, dark, damp-free spot for about a month. Every other day, turn them. When seeds rattle inside, they are properly seasoned. Small, thin shelled gourds will dry in less than a month, and large ones can take up to six months. If mold appears during the drying process, scrape it off with a knife. Thin-shelled gourds dry best when hung in a mesh bag.

Making the birdhouse is easier than you might think. Start with a smooth bottle shaped gourd. Once your gourd is properly dried (it will be light and you can hear seeds rattling inside), clean the outside with sandpaper. Soak in a solution of 10% bleach and water for about 20 minutes to protect gourd from mold. Allow to dry. Cut a hole slightly above the center of the gourd as an entrance for birds. No perch is necessary. Clean out dried seeds and guts with a serrated knife. Drill several holes in the bottom of the gourd for drainage. To hang the gourd, drill two quarter inch holes at the stem and thread a wire through to form a loop. Finish off with two or three coats of clear polyurethane, or decorate as explained above.

Kid-Friendly Autumn Centerpiece: iou can easny arrange a ian cemer piece from materials harvested from nature and a large clay pot or vintage pottery planter. This project is great to do with kids after a day spent in the crisp outdoors enjoying the spectacular fall foliage.

Materials: Fall leaves, pinecones, acorns, interesting twigs, etc.; popsicle sticks or craft sticks; styrofoam ball or clay; flower pot or planter; hot glue gun; ribbon.

Instructions: Attach interesting leaves, seeds, pinecones, acorns and other finds from nature to the ends of popsicle sticks with a glue gun. Fit the styrofoam ball or ball of clay into the bottom of the flowerpot about halfway to the top of the pot. Arrange popsicle stick stems in the ball to form an attractive centerpiece bouquet. Attach one or more ribbon bows to popsicle sticks and anchor them deep into the pot to fill in bare spaces.

Foolproof Roasted Pumpkin Seeds: Never toss out the seeds when carving Jack-O-Lanterns or cooking fresh pumpkins! They strings and pulp on the seeds the flavor will be enhanced. Toss pumpkin seeds in a bowl with melted butter or oil and seasonings of your choice. Mix well.

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(Kids can help with the tossing). Spread seeds on a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally, until golden brown. make great snacks that are rich in fiber and vitamins B and E. Best of all, the kids love these treats because

they can help make them. Everyone has their own way of baking pumpkin seeds, but this foolproof method results in delicious, crisp seeds every time.

Ingredients: One and one half cups pumpkin seeds; two teaspoons melted butter or olive or vegetable oil; salt to taste. (Other seasoning options: garlic powder, cayenne pepper, seasoning salt, and Cajun seasoning blend.)

Instructions: Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Apple Cider Crock Pot Stew

What could be better than hot stew on a crisp fall day? How about coming home from work with it all ready to

Ingredients: One to two pounds beef or venison stew meat: eight carrots, sliced thin; six potatoes, sliced thin; two apples, cored; two teaspoons salt; one half teaspoon thyme, two tablespoons minced onion; two cups apple cider.

Directions: Place carrots, potatoes, and apples in crock pot. Add meat and sprinkle with salt, thyme, and onion. Pour cider over meat and cover. Cook on low heat 10-12 hours. Thicken gravy.

Chinese Butternut Ravioli

This is a recipe from a popular local restaurant. It's a seasonal treat that combines the flavors of fresh butternut squash and native maple syrup with an Oriental twist.

Ingredients: Butternut squash; butter; brown sugar; won ton wrappers; egg white; pure maple syrup.

Instructions: Mash and prepare butternut squash with butter and brown sugar as desired. Brush one side of won ton wrapper with egg white wash. Fill center of wrapper with squash and top with another wrapper (washed sides touching). Pinch edges to form a seal. Boil in water for three or more minutes until won tons are tender. Serve hot topped with warmed maple syrup.

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

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

How can you make your money last during retirement?



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It's probably safe to say that many of us are concerned about having enough money to cover our retirement years.

In fact, some surveys have shown that we are more frightened of running out of money than we are of dying. What can you do to help alleviate these fears?

Your first move is to create a retirement income strategy, and you'll want to develop it well before you need to use it. While there are many ways to develop such a strategy, you may want to consider these three key elements:

Withdrawal rate - Your withdrawal rate is the percentage of your portfolio you use every year during your retirement. So, for example, if you retire with a portfolio worth \$1 million and you choose a 4% withdrawal rate, you'll be taking out \$40,000 per year. Your withdrawal rate will depend on several factors - your age at retirement, the size of your portfolio, potential earned income, date at which you start taking Social Security, and so on. Clearly, when deciding on a withdrawal rate, you'll want to reach the "Goldilocks" solution – not too much, not too little, but just the right amount.

Reliance rate – Your reliance rate is essentially the percentage of your overall retirement income that comes from your investment portfolio - your IRA, 401(k) and other accounts. It's called a reliance rate because you rely on this portfolio for your income. The higher your reliance rate, the more you will rely on your portfolio to provide income during your retirement, and the greater your sensitivity to market fluctuations.

Income sources - The more sources of lifetime income you have such as Social Security and a pension from your employer - the less you may be relying on your investment portfolio to cover your retirement goals. However, many private employers have moved away from pensions in favor of 401(k)-type plans, and Social Security will only provide about 40% of your preretirement income in retirement, assuming your earned income is average for U.S. workers, according to the Social Security Administration. Consequently, you may want to consider options such as annuities, which can provide lifetime income benefits.

It will take careful planning to put these three factors together in a way that can help you build enough consistent income to last throughout your retirement - which could easily extend two or three decades. And there's no single formula for everyone. For example, while an annuity could offer lifetime cash flow and help you reduce your reliance on your investment portfolio, it also involves fees and expenses, plus lower liquidity than other sources of income, so it may not be right for everyone.

Fortunately, you don't have to go it alone when taking all your retirement income factors into account. You may want to work with a financial professional – someone who can evaluate your individual situation and then recommend retirement income solutions based on your appropriate reliance rate, withdrawal rate and potential income sources. By getting the help you need and by following a suitable long-term strategy, you can ease some of the stress that comes from wondering if your life span might eventually exceed your financial resources.

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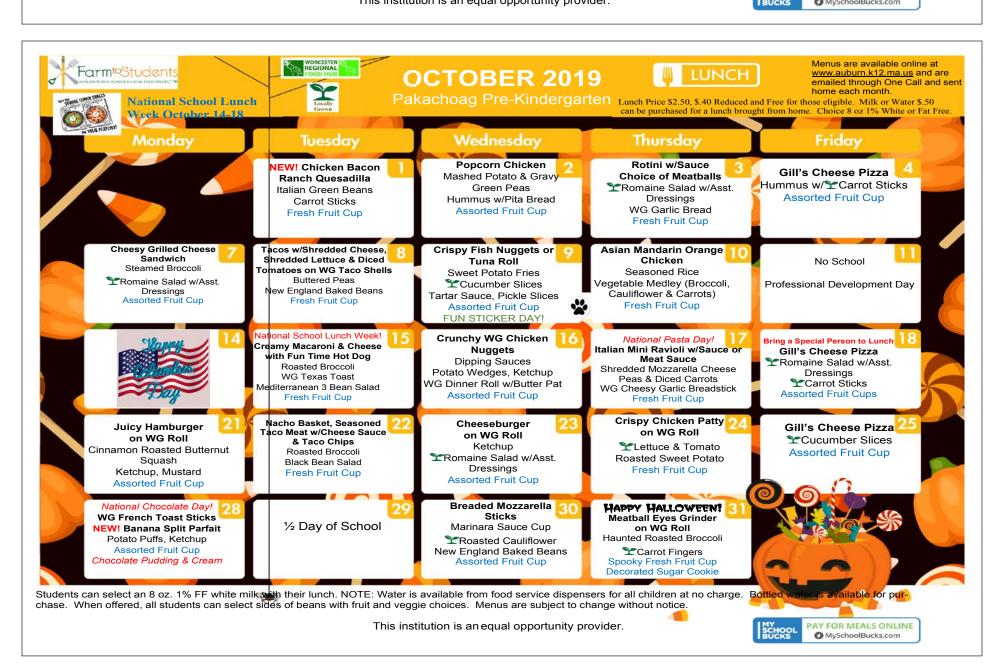
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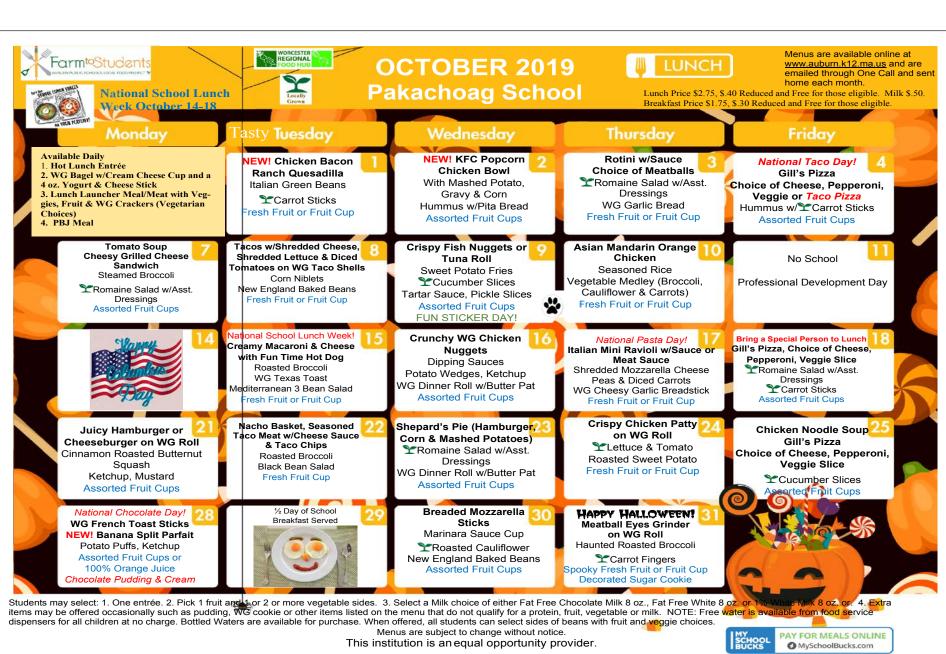
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SPORTS

Quick strikes enough for Auburn to get past Pirates



Jason Mckay photos

Auburn's Emma Wentworth sprints down the field with possession of the



Jenny Erikson of Auburn stays ahead of an Oxford defender while handling the ball.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

ball firmly on her stick.

OXFORD — The Auburn High varsity field hockey team turned a one-goal lead into a three-goal advantage during a one-minute span of the first half, and the visiting Rockets went on to defeat Oxford High, 5-1, on Thursday, Sept. 19.

With the win Auburn improved to 4-1-2 overall and 3-0-1 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) games. The Pirates dropped to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the SWCL with the loss.

Junior Emma Wentworth

led the scoring for the Rockets with a pair of goals, one in each half, and sophomore Reese Levansavich added a goal and an assist. Also scoring for Auburn were senior Elyse Whittemore and sophomore Jenny Erikson.

The Rockets jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the ninth minute of the first half.

Levansavich started the goal-scoring play by aerially dribbling the ball from midfield into the scoring circle. At that point she let the ball drop to the ground and fired a right-to-left shot from about 15 yards

out. The shot, somehow, made its way to Wentworth on the left side of the goal cage and she easily popped it into the goal past Pirates' junior goalie Nickole Biedrzycki (13 saves, 10 in first half).

Erikson doubled the Rockets' lead to 2-0 with 3:58 to play in the first half, poking a rebound past Biedrzycki after a prolonged push by Auburn in the Oxford defensive end. Whittemore extended Auburn's lead to 3-0 with 3:09 remaining before intermission, scoring on a hard shot from the right side from about 10 yards out.

"Oxford did a nice job defensively in the first half. Their goalie was strong and they had a nice defensive push," Auburn head coach Bethann Cormier said. "Fortunately we had people moving into good positions and we were able to carry the ball."

The Rockets' seemingly nonstop offensive attack late in the first half led to their two goals before halftime.

"Inside the circle we are aggressive and relentless," Cormier said." Our [midfielders] are looking to get the big ball in and our forwards are looking for the corners and each other. We scored both of those goals thanks to a good team effort."

Oxford, which kept the pressure on the Auburn defense in the first half thanks to the efforts of seniors Peyton Coonan and Sam Meech and sophomore Megan Raymond, cut the Auburn lead to 3-1 in the sixth minute of the second half on a goal by senior Isabella Rosario.

"I thought we really competed with Auburn for the majori-

ty of the first half, and then you could see, energy-wise, we were depleted," Pirates' head coach Lauren Drew said. "We got that one goal to make it 3-1 on a great play by Isabella and you could tell our tank was empty at that point."

The Rockets reclaimed their three-goal lead seven seconds after Rosario's goal on the Levansavich goal and Auburn then pushed its lead to 5-1 with 13:06 left in the game on Wentworth's second goal of the game.

"I was pleased to see that we answered their goal right away with one of our own; I thought that was important," Cormier said. "We've talked about needing to do that when our oppo-

nent scores."

Drew was disappointed with the loss but pleased with the intensity and tenacity the Pirates brought to the game, especially in the first half.

'Compared to last year, this was a completely different game. It was much more competitive than it has been in the past," Drew said. "Auburn is always that team that you see on your schedule and you just know how tough a game it's going to be. I told girls before the game, 'listen, Auburn puts their jerseys on the same way you do. Go out there and play hard and do what you know what to do.' I think they did it for the first half and then we ran out of energy."



Auburn's Emily Dupuis fires a shot off toward Oxford's goal.



Auburn's Grace Beauregard shields the ball away from an incoming Oxford defender.



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Reese Levansavich of Auburn scans the field while chasing after the ball.

SPORTS

Persistence pays off for Blackstone Valley Tech to slip past Minutemen



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path keeper Aiden Sabatinelli keeps his eyes on the ball as it inches closer. Sabatinelli would go on to make the save on the play.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UPTON — The Blackstone Valley Tech and Bay Path Regional boys' varsity soccer teams matched up on Friday, Sept. 20 and, after a scoreless and evenly played first half, the Beavers turned it on in the second stanza.

There, they finally broke through for two late goals to upend the Minutemen, 2-0, and remain a perfect 5-0 on the season.

Bay Path's record slipped to 4-2 following

'I felt like we really

controlled the ball and limited their chances," said Valley Tech head coach Khalid Al-Haza'. "I kept waiting for it to hit the back of the net and finally in that 69th minute we got one."

In that minute the Beavers earned a free kick just outside of the Minutemen's defensive box. From there, junior Luke Morrison took the kick and, after it hit Bay Path's wall, it trickled closer to the goal. Two Valley Tech forwards, including junior Grant Van Dyke, were there and Van Dyke slipped his shot past junior keeper



From left, Blackstone Valley Tech's Grant Van Dyke and Bay Path's Ben LaPointe collide after both challenge for a 50/50 ball.

Aiden Sabatinelli for the game-winner.

Then, in the 73rd minute, Valley Tech put the game away with another

goal.

"That definitely took a lot of pressure off," Al-Haza' said of the insurance score. "The first goal felt good, but it definitely wasn't over."

On the play, freshman Ben Tufts earned his first varsity goal by winning a one-one-one battle with his defender as the serviced ball lowered to the ground. Tufts then one-timed a shot into the upper portion of the net.

"He saw the keeper coming out and if he tried to get a touch I don't know if he would have controlled it. Instead, he stuck his foot out and got a nice [shot] on it," Al-Haza' said of the heads-up play.

Bay Path head coach Dave Martinson agreed that the Beavers outplayed the Minutemen in the second half after a close first 40 minutes of play

"They pressured us more in the second half," he said. "Their intensity was better than ours in the second half and they did a good job of shutting down our scorer."

Bay Path's scorer is junior Devin Hanlan. He and the rest of the Minutemen — including main facilitator Ben LaPointe, a senior — were limited to just four shots on frame, which were smothered by senior keeper Zach Brabham for the shutout.

Sabatinelli made 12 saves for Bay Path.

"He came up big," Martinson said of his goalie. "They definitely could have had a few more [goals]. He's been training and working hard all season. When he's practicing he's 200 percent focused. He's really done a great job for us this year."

The Beavers' victory not only kept them undefeated overall, but also unblemished in the Colonial Athletic League at 4-0. That's important to Valley Tech since one of their goals is to finish atop the table.

"Our goal is to win our league [Colonial Athletic League Large Schools Division] and so far we're in a good spot," Al-Haza' concluded.



Ben LaPointe of Bay Path races up to a loose ball before grabbing possession.



Bay Path's Nick Gosselin clears the ball out of his team's defensive zone with an extended right leg kick.



Devin Hanlan of Bay Path pops the ball up and over Blackstone Valley Tech defender Dylan

Bartlett football rallies to take down Bay Path

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Bartlett High varsity football team looked adversity square in the face during its game with Bay Path Regional on Saturday, Sept. 21, and the Indians didn't even think about blinking.

Ten minutes into its game with the Minutemen, Bartlett couldn't get out of its own way. During that span the Indians had fumbled the ball away twice, run three plays from scrimmage and trailed by two touchdowns.

After that Bartlett (2-0) was able to find its way into the end zone on their final four possessions, hold Bay Path (0-2) scoreless and walk off George L. Fowler Memorial Field with a very satisfying 28-14 victory.

"We suffered some self-inflicted damage [at the beginning of the game] and I kept telling the kids, 'let's show our character.' That start was not how anyone draws it up," Bartlett head coach Dane Laboissonniere said. "We got 22 guys and they're out here in the 82-degree heat working hard and cramping up while facing a team that's got something like 45 guys on their roster. These guys dug deep and found a way to win the game. They just showed their resolve."

Drew Malboeuf, one of Bartlett's five senior captains along with Logan

Paranto, Donald Speight, John Franks and Brooks Williams, said the team was still confident it would win, even after it found itself in a two-touchdown hole.

"We re-bite every time. It's just a matter of re-biting and bouncing back. We knew we were in the game the whole time. The guys on the field believe in each other," said Malboeuf, who started at fullback and defensive end and played on special teams, not coming off the field all game. "Once we got down 14-0 we wanted it to be an even playing field at halftime and we did that. Once we got to that point we knew they weren't going to be able to stop us in the second half."

Bartlett won the game with a punishing ground attack, running around, through and past Bay Path, gaining 236 yards on 43 carries in, essentially, three quarters.

Paranto, Bartlett's quarterback, led the attack, rushing for a game-high 130 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries. He also completed both of his pass attempts — to Alex Nunez — for 30 more yards and another touchdown. Nunez was also a key component of the Indians' run game, gaining 54 yards and scoring a touchdown on 10 carries. Speight added 48 yards on the ground on nine rushing attempts and added more than 60 yards on punt and kickoff returns

After spotting Bay Path a 14-0 lead on touchdown runs of 11 and nine yards by Tyler Gillespie (11 carries, 73 yards) and a pair of Zach Whittemore extra points, Bartlett went to work.

The Indians cut Bay Path's lead to 14-6 with 6:19 left in the first half when Paranto found Nunez behind the Minutemen defense for an 18 yards scoring strike. The score capped an 11-play, 71-yard drive that took 7:33 to complete.

Bartlett pulled to within two points of the lead, 14-12, with 17 seconds left before intermission, Nunez plowing up the middle from four yards out to finish off a seven-play, 40-yard drive. The Indians tied the game, 14-14, on the ensuing two-point conversion run by Speight.

Speight opened the second half by returning Bay Path's kickoff 39 yards to the Minutemen 41-yard line. On the seventh play of the drive Paranto gave Bartlett at 20-14 lead with a one-yard run and then increased the lead to 22-14 with a conversion pass to Nunez.

Bay Path appeared to be driving for a score of its own after the ensuing kickoff, but quarterback Michael Keeler's pass skipped off the hands of Minutemen receiver Jonathan Nussy and was intercepted by Bartlett's Bryce Patterson in the end zone. Patterson returned it to the Bartlett seven-yard line

"I call the plays on offense and the play where they came up with the interception, we [practiced] that play about 10 times in practice on Tuesday," Bay Path head coach Matt Fall said. "We run that play right and make the connection and it might end up being 22-all at that point. I guess I could second-guess myself on the play call, but I thought it was the right call at that point in the game."

Paranto pushed Bartlett's lead to 28-14 at the end of the ensuing 19-play drive — which took 12 minutes and 20 seconds off the clock — with a two-yard

"Paranto's a good player and a smart quarterback," Fall said. "He did a good job running the play clock down and snapping the ball with about five seconds left on each play on that drive. That was great clock management. My hat's off to a great job by both player and coach."

Malboeuf gave a lot of credit for the win to the Bartlett coaching staff — Laboissonniere, Ben Jenness, Rob Price, Barry Forrester, George Spitz and Keyshawn Hampton.

"Going into the game we were really well prepared for what we were going to see," Malboeuf said. "Our coaching staff is a great group to be coached by. They really know how to get the best out of us."

DBITUARIES

OXFORD - Bruce H. Roy, 67, died peaceful-



ly at home surrounded by his family on September 22, 2019.

He was born in Worcester, son of the late Robert F. Roy and Goldie (White) Roy Studley. He was raised

in Auburn and graduated from Auburn

High School in 1970. He worked in the envelope manufacturing field for 30 years.

He leaves his wife, the love of his life and best friend, Jeanne (LaCroix) Roy, whom he was married to for 46 years.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two sons, Jason Roy and his partner Jessica Hilyard, and Joel Roy and his two sons, Dillon and Sylis Roy. He loved his wife, his children and his grandchildren with all his heart. He also leaves a sister, Sharon Biemiller; a brother-in-law, William LaCroix and his wife Paula; three aunts, one uncle and many nieces and nephews. He leaves many cousins and friends.

Mr. Roy loved spending time with family and friends, and will always be remembered for his hearty laugh. He also enjoyed traveling with family and going on special trips with friends.

At his request, there will be no formal funeral services. Family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of Bruce's life, held on Sunday, October 20, 2019, from 2:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. at the American Legion Post 58, 227 Main St., Oxford. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrange-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Bruce H. Roy, 67

Thursday, October 3

HEALTH CARE & YOUR RETIREMENT: 6 p.m., Auburn Public Library, 359 Southbridge St. The increasing cost of healthcare is a growing concern for current and future retirees. In fact, 25 years ago, retirees spent almost twice as much on food as on health care; now the amounts are nearly equal. Join us for a presentation where we will discuss Medicare coverage and traditional medical expenses, long-term medical care expenses, and strategies addressing uncovered expenses. Speakers: Dennis Antonopoulos, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones, and Lynne Mussulli, Medicare Specialist. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m., with the seminar beginning at 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 17

AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Ken Ether, noted

expert on all things relating to trains, is giving his talk "The Building of the Western/ Boston and Albany Railroad" on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn. The talk is sponsored by the Auburn Historical Society. There will be some artifacts and photographs to examine. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 19

PUMPKIN PATCH FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn. The fair includes unique handmade crafts, Grandma's pantry (baked goods, soups, homemade preserves, etc.), frozen meals to go, jewelry, a silent auction, holiday décor items, and so much more! Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at our Pumpkin Patch Fair, where you'll find something for everyone! Craft vendors, please

part of our upcoming fair. **ONGOING EVENTS**

STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

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

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

HISTORIC HOUSES SCAVENGER HUNTS: The Auburn Historical Museum at 41 South St. will be hosting a family historic houses scavenger hunt on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the month of July. Come and find out about some of the historic houses of Auburn that are in the newest book available at the museum. The event is free and open to the public.

NEW GROUP FORMING: If you're separated or divorced, vou don't have to go through it alone. DivorceCare meets weekly, you'll receive practical support and find healing and hope for the future in a friendly, confidential setting. We meet Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave., Auburn. Call (508) 832-5044 or email divorcecare@ faithauburn.org for more information.

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

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

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

PUMPKINS, GET PUMPKINS HERE!: YOUR Pumpkin Patch at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central Street, Auburn will be open daily 10 a.m. (11 a.m. on Sundays) 'til dusk Sept. 28 through Oct. 31. There will be gourds and pumpkins of all sizes and prices - one for every need; be it for your fall decor, carving, baking - you name it! Taking in the beautiful sight of the pumpkins, in combination with the changing leaves and the backdrop of the church steeple - makes it worth the trip! If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 508-832-2845. See you there! Where do these pumpkins come from? The pumpkins are raised and harvested by the Navajo Indians on their reservation in New Mexico. The money they receive helps their schools and other programs and a percentage of the sales helps our church as well.

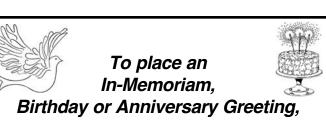
Journal of Antiques & Collectibles to host New Year's Day show

STURBRIDGE — The Journal of Antiques and Collectibles, a national monthly magazine for dealers, collectors, and enthusiasts of antique collectibles, will be hosting The Antique Collectibles Show in Sturbridge at the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, New Year's Day 2020. Managed by Weathervane Enterprises, Inc., publisher of Journal of Antiques and Collectibles, the Show will feature over 60 hand-selected local and regional dealers covering 11,000 square feet with authentic, quality antiques and antique collectibles. This new Show replaces the now defunct Central Mass Antique Show at Sturbridge, which ran from 2014 until 2018 over New Year's Eve and New Year's Day at The Host.

'This New Year's Day show provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase some of the best and most knowledgeable local and regional dealers of antique collectibles," says Maxine Carter-Lome, President of Weathervane Enterprises, Inc. and Publisher of the Journal of Antiques and Collectibles. "It's the perfect way to spend the day as these dealers will create spaces adorned with special finds that are sure to spark memories and inquiry."

The Exhibit Hall will be open on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering guests ample time to walk the floor and meet the dealers while enjoying special treats throughout the day in celebration of the New Year. In addition, The Host will offer a Concession Cafe outside the Exhibit Hall with breakfast and lunch options, and a Hospitality Table will provide great take-home information on future shows and antique publications.

\$10 Admission, \$8 online. Tickets go on sale Oct. 1 at theantiquecollectiblesshow.com. For more information visittheantiquecollectiblesshow.com, Follow Us on Facebook @ AntiqueCollectiblesShow, or contact Maxine Carter-Lome directly at 508-347-1960, ext. 402, and at weathervanepublishing@gmail.com.



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Officials consider electronic voting at town meeting

CHARLTON - Charlton may soon follow in the footsteps of other communities in the Commonwealth by embracing electronic voting system for town meetings.

Following several lengthy town meetings in recent months, selectmen in Charlton are exploring options for a more private and efficient voting format that they hope could speed up the process while also providing more accurate votes during town meetings. The proposed purchase would expend \$20,000 to buy handheld voting devises that would tally audiences votes without the use of hand counters, making each vote a truly private vote while expediting the counting process.

The idea was presented during a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee earlier this month and comes following a lengthy town meeting over the summer where several votes, including a private ballot vote, caused a single proposal to take up over an hour of the meeting.

Selectman Bill Borowski was the first to share his thoughts on the concept saying that he has heard support for the new voting format from citizens in the wake of recent lengthy meetings.

"I know that this was a conversation piece based on our last town meeting especially. It would basically be, in a sense, a secret ballet at every town meeting vote because you'd be issued something as soon as you walk in. I think most people that at least I've spoken with are proponents of the idea," Borowski said.

Borowski later admitted that

using the devices would "remove the charm" of a town meeting where people should feel free to speak their minds, however it's an idea the selectman has warmed up to over time as a wave of the future multiple towns have successfully implemented.

"This may be the way things are going to progress and I $\underline{begrudgingly}$ support

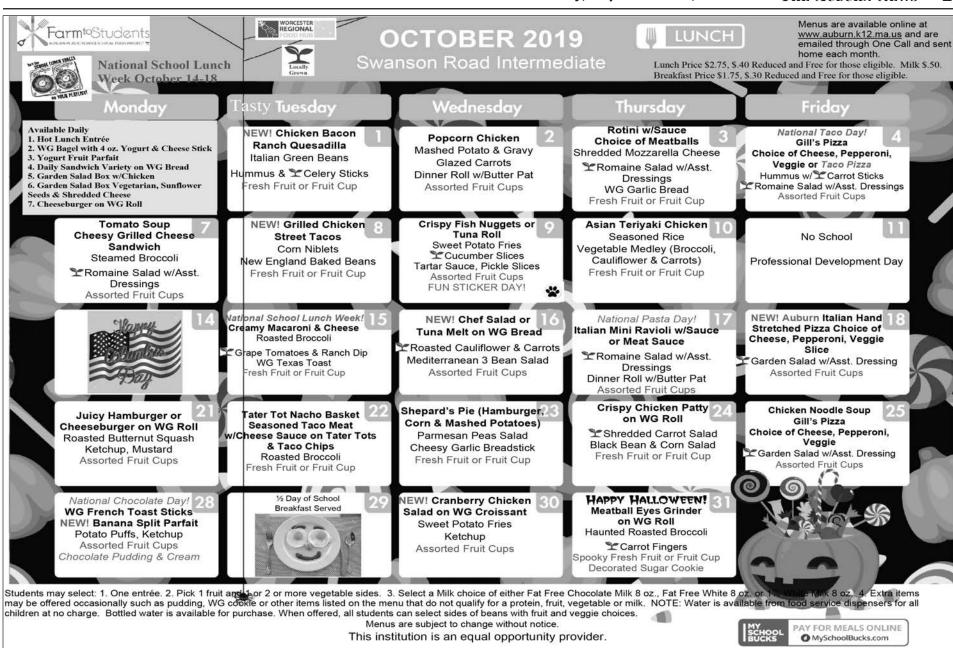
Borowski said. Other selectmen voiced their support for the idea as well with Selectman Deborah Noble commenting that it would shorten meetings without relinquishing power or opportunity from the public while Selectman Karen Spiewak felt it would guarantee accurate vote counts and prioritize privacy in controversial town decisions. It was also noted that due to several contentious issues coming to light in the town that voters have openly expressed discomfort outing themselves in favor or opposition of certain arguments for fear of public judgement. As Selectman Borowski put it, the idea of private town meeting voting would allow voters to speak their peace without feeling the discomfort of presenting their opinions for all to see in the public forum.

"There is a discomfort by certain voters around voting for more controversial items in front of their neighbors or their peers by raising your hand and doing roll call votes," said Borowski. "It would simply say by showing up to town meeting you can vote with anonymity and not have to worry about what your neighbor thinks about you,"

However, despite the arguments in favor of the concept members of the Finance Committee were less convinced. Chairman Hank Camosse felt it would be a poor investment that would defeat the spirit of town

"We've had one requirement of a secret ballet in the last five years that I've been attending town meetings. \$20,000 just seems like an awful lot of money," Camosse said.

The voting system and other matters are expected to be discussed when Charlton convenes its annual fall town meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8.



Oxford Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

OXFORD—The Oxford Cultural Council has set an Oct. 15 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Council spokesperson Sarah Rulnick, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Oxford including exhibits, festivals, field

trips, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Oxford Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

This year, the Oxford

Cultural Council will distribute approximately \$7,000 in grants. Previously funded projects include: Art in the Yard at the Oxford Public Library, concerts on the Common and at the Senior Citizen Center, school field trips, and educational programs at the library.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Oxford Cultural Council, contact Sarah Rulnick at oxford-culturalcouncil@gmail.com. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www. mass-culture.org.

Lasell University welcomes new students

NEWTON — Lasell University welcomed more than 580 new students to its Newton, Massachusetts campus this month.

Zhanna Gonchar of Auburn became a Biology student at Lasell this fall.

Sophia Mazzone of Auburn became a Fashion Media and Marketing student at Lasell this fall.

Kaitlyn Johnson of Auburn became a Marketing student at Lasell this fall. Alexander Strafer of Auburn became

a Sport Management student at Lasell this fall.

Lasell University is an independent

Lasell University is an independent coeducational university that emphasizes a combination of immersive learning and social and civic respon-

sibility in both its graduate and undergraduate programs. Established in 1851, the institution is located on a 54-acre campus adjacent to a hub of professional and educational opportunities in Greater Boston. The University's faculty practitioners offer rich industry expertise across more than 50 academic programs in areas including athletic training, business, criminal justice, health sciences, information technology, fashion, and hospitality management. A model for intergenerational learning, the campus includes two early learning centers and Lasell Village, the first-of-its-kind, university-sponsored continuing care retirement community with a learning mandate that has drawn international attention.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell. edu or at 617-243-2386.

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Auburn Public Schools to purge outdated student records

AUBURN — Massachusetts Student Record Regulation 60 CMR 23.06(3) states: "the temporary record of any student enrolled on or after the effective date of 603 CMR 23.00 shall be destroyed no later than seven years after the student transfers, graduates, or withdraws from the school system. Written notice to the eligible student and his/her par-

ent of the appropriate date of destruction of the record and their right to receive the information in whole or part, shall be made at the time of such transfer, graduation, or withdrawal. Such notice shall be in addition to the routine information letter required by 603 CMR 23.10." Therefore, the Auburn Public Schools Special Education Department has reviewed records of students who have left the district before July 1, 2012 and will initiate the destruction of those records.

Please notify the Special Education Department at 508-832-7752 by Nov. 1 to review and receive these records prior to their destruction.

* * Triday's Child * * *



David ~ Age 17

Hi! My name is David and My goal is to attend college after high school and become a surgeon!

David is a compassionate teenage boy of Caucasian/Hispanic descent. David has many interests and hobbies including arcade games, art projects, building with Legos, puzzles, watching movies and playing with board games. David also participates in a dirt bike club which he really enjoys! Other sports that David likes include table-tennis, soccer, kickball, capture the football, swimming and basketball. David is an intelligent student who does best with hands-on activities. During the past year he made

a goal to successfully get his driver's permit which he passed upon turning 16 years old.

David would thrive in a home with either one or two parents, as long as they feel that they can support his needs and help him achieve his personal goals as an adolescent. There is no recommendation for being the only child or youngest/oldest child, as he does well with other children of all ages. He would do best with experienced parents willing to provide David with a structured and nurturing environment. David will need to have a continuing relationship with his paternal grandmother and visiting resource. David looks forward to these visits and they are the one consistency in David's life. David is legally free for adoption.

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To sponsor Friday's Child call Sandy at 508-909-4110 or email sandy@stonebridgepress.com

Walk Against Abuse to be held Oct. 6

BRIMFIELD — Stop Abuse Today, Inc. is hosting their Annual Walk against Abuse on the Brimfield Common on Sunday, Oct. 6 from noon-3 p.m. Speakers will begin at noon, with the walk following at 1 p.m., and gathering back on the common after the walk for refreshments. We hope you and your family will attend to help support awareness about domestic abuse and bullying.

Stop Abuse Today, Inc. is a local nonprofit whose purpose is to support abuse victims and their families. Our primary objective is to provide education, awareness, outreach and support concerning domestic abuse, elder abuse and bullying among our youth.

You may visit our Web site at http://www.stopabusetoday.org/and our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/StopAbuseToday/.

For any questions, please email Kathy Boyer at TeamHoyt73@gmail.com.



Vocal group to present benefit concert

STURBRIDGE — Take a trip back into history with the talented singers of Old Sturbridge Village as they present a concert of 19th Century hymns, patriotic pieces, popular music and folk songs.

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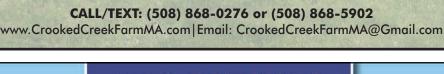
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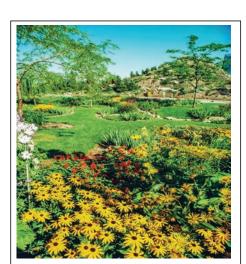
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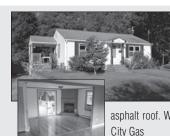


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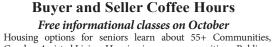
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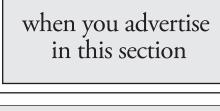




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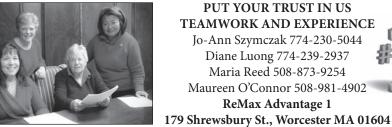




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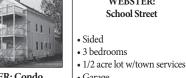
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4 BR, 3.5 BA, in-law w/1500 Totally renovated commercia SF on lower level, sep. entrance, 3 bay att. garage, radiant heat, center island, ieldstone fireplace, sunroom



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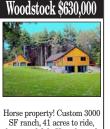


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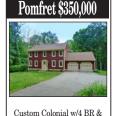
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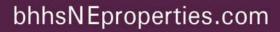
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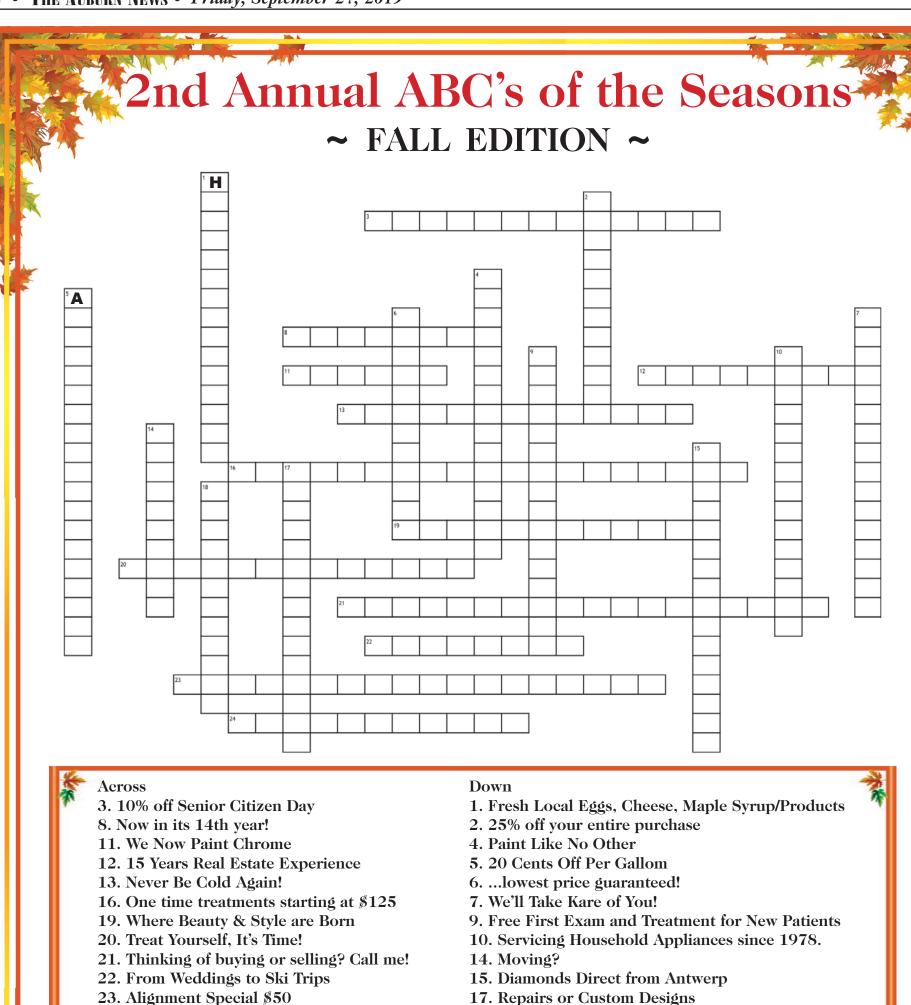
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Salary: Per Union Contract

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Full job description is available on the town website at www.brimfieldma.org or $by\ emailing\ \underline{selectmen@brimfieldma.org.}\ Applications, including\ resume\ will\ be$ accepted by the Board of Selectmen, 23 Main Street, Brimfield, MA 01010. Position will remain open until qualified candidate is chosen.

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A vehicle needs consistent care if it is to run efficiently. Maintenance also reduces the risk of roadside breakdowns and costly repairs. Here's a look at some of the benefits of staying on top of maintenance.

• Saves money: Even though maintenance costs money, sticking to a consistent maintenance schedule can save big bucks in the long run. For example, the cost of rotating and aligning tires is considerably less than repairing a car after a major blowout and paying for a tow and tire replacement.

Improves performance and efficiency: Routine maintenance includes oil changes, filter changes and fluid top-offs. Such tasks keep engines running smoothly. Ignoring this routine maintenance can put engines in jeopardy of breaking down and adversely affect vehicle



performance, diminishing fuel economy and leading to a sluggish ride.

 Identifies safety issues: Routine inspections and work performed by reputable service stations help drivers

stay abreast of recalls or issues that can affect the safety of the vehicle.

· Maintains a maintenance record: When the time comes to sell the vehicle, having a log of maintenance routine

indicates to potential buyers that the vehicle was well cared for.

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to factory-recommended maintenance schedules. This ensures that the vehicle is in compliance and will be covered in the event of a warranty claim.

Routine vehicle main-

tenance is important for a variety of reasons. Drivers can work with a trusted and reliable mechanic to develop a schedule that keeps their cars and trucks on the

Reduce distractions behind the wheel



If you must use your cell phone, do so only after pulling over to the shoulder or into a rest stop.

Despite the fact that automobiles are now designed with more safety features than ever before, the rate of traffic accidents and fatalities continue to rise. The National Safety Council says safety improvement like crash-avoidance technology hasn't reduced accidents, and driver error is still to blame for many crashes — with distractions behind the wheel and impaired driving leading the way.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted driving claimed 3,450 lives in 2016 alone. Distracted driving is defined as any activity that diverts drivers' attention from the road. This can include everything from talking to passengers to

eating to fiddling with the car radio. However, distractions from technology have become especially alarming, particularly texting or reading phones while driving. During daylight hours, approximately 481,000 drivers typically use cell phones while driving. The NHTSA says that removing one's eyes from the road for a mere 5 seconds when traveling at 55 miles per hour is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.

Reducing distractions should be a priority for all drivers. Here are some suggestions, courtesy of Geico insurance and AAA Exchange.

 Store loose gear and other items that can roll around away from the driver's

seat so you are not tempted to reach for

· Adjust mirrors, GPS maps, climate controls, music, and more before you put the car in drive.

· Use a mobile phone only for emergency purposes and only after pulling over to the side of the road. Avoid social conversations on the phone while driv-

• Limit the number of passengers you allow inside your car. The more passengers, the more distractions. This is especially true for young drivers.

• Eat food before getting in the car. Snacking while driving makes you less attentive to the road around you.

· Secure children and pets according-

ly. Both should wear harnesses and not be given free reign to roam around the

• Try to focus only on driving while in the car. Leave the multitasking to when you're not behind the wheel.

Geico indicates that studies have shown people are limited in the amount of information they can process at any one time. Driving requires focus and an ability to react to a host of potential circumstances. Distractions compromise drivers' ability to focus. Reducing distractions can considerably cut down on the number of motor vehicle accidents each year.

AUTOMOTIVE

Don't Let Tires Flatten Your Travel Plans

(NAPS)—Getting a flat tire is no fun for anyone at any time, especially on vacation. To keep your next road trip rolling along, the nonprofit Car Care Council recommends a quick tire check before you leave the driveway.

"The excitement of summer vacation quickly deflates when your car has a flat tire," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "A quick four-step tire check will help you to avoid the aggravation of changing a flat tire on the side of the road."

1. Check that all tires, including the spare, are inflated to recommended pressure levels.

2. Check tire tread depth with a simple penny test—if you see Lincoln's head above the tread, then it is time for new tires.

3. Check for irregular wear as uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment.

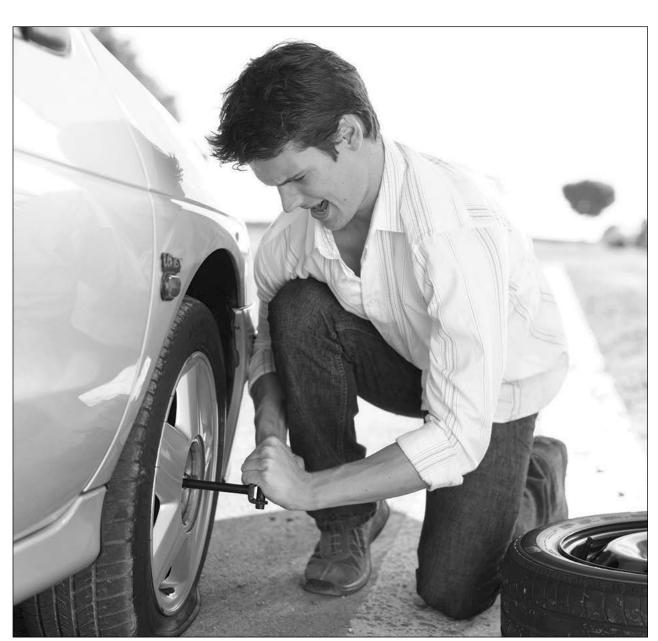
4. Check tires for cuts, bruises, bulges, bald spots or other irregularities that can lead to a flat tire.

"AAA expects to get calls from stranded motorists this summer and a good portion of those vehicle troubles will be tire related," said White. "A comprehensive pre-trip vehicle inspection, including the tires, is the best way to alert yourself to any potential issues so you can address them before you leave home and keep your road trip on track."

For more information on tire safety and maintenance, visit www.ustires. org/safety. For service interval schedules, questions to ask a technician and other helpful auto care information, view the Car Care Council's free digital "Car Care Guide" at www.carcare. org/car-care-guide.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. To order a free copy of the "Car Care Guide," visit www. carcare.org.

Check your tires before your next road trip so they don't leave you flat.



Ignore These Vehicle Repairs And You May Get Pulled Over



Keeping your car in good repair may keep you from getting a ticket.

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Many drivers may feel that they don't have the time or money to address vehicle repairs immediately, but beware: Ignoring some repairs can get you pulled over and even ticketed.

"Ignoring certain vehicle repairs may seem to save money in the short term but can lead to extra costs, such as fines or 'fix-it' tickets, if these problems are not taken care of when they arise," explains Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "In some jurisdictions, car owners may even lose their license for cer-

tain violations. A few dollars spent on simple vehicle repairs can help avoid trouble with the

law."
While a vehicle is in operation, traffic laws require that certain equipment is properly installed and functioning correctly, including brakes, headlights, turn signals, mirrors, windshields and safety belts, to name a few.

The Car Care Council recommends that drivers address these four repairs right away as they present public safety concerns that can earn drivers a traffic ticket on top of a repair

bill.

• Non-functioning turn signals and headlights or taillights that are cracked or broken. Most states require vehicles to have functioning turn signals as well as two functioning headlights and taillights. Taillights must illuminate red; if a taillight is cracked, it can give off a white light, which is also typically a traffic violation.

• Cracked windshield. If a windshield is cracked, discolored or tinted in a way that obstructs vision, drivers may get ticketed and fined. In some states, vehicle modifications, such as tinted windows, are prohibited.

• License plates are unreadable. If the license plate light is out or the plate is otherwise unreadable, drivers may be pulled over. In some states this includes clear or tinted plastic license plate covers.

• Loud exhaust system. A defective exhaust system that is too loud, either because it's been modified or because it needs repairs, can be cause for a ticket. What's considered loud depends on the state.

Many states also require

periodic vehicle safety inspections. For an overview by state, visit https://drivinglaws.aaa.com/tag/safety-inspection/.

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