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United Way volunteers give back



Rollers in hand, volunteers with the United Way's Day of Giving pose for a photo after re-painting the maintenance building at McMahon Field in Southbridge.

BY KAYCEE ROY
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Friday the 13th was a day for volunteers from Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton communities to forget any superstitions surrounding

that day and come together to help make a difference in the lives of those around them. The United Way brought these volunteers under one roof bright and early to celebrate their annual Day of Giving. Many volunteers noted that this year began a

little different with a breakfast for those who were able to attend and many seemed more motivated than ever to get out there and show the community how much they care. Sitting in the empty ballroom

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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.

Community Garden credits volunteers

STURBRIDGE — In its second year of operation, the volunteer-driven Community Food Collaborative in Sturbridge gives full credit to its volunteers for the success of the garden. All produce from the garden is organic and is donated to the Saint John Paul II Food Pantry located in Southbridge. The Pantry services both Southbridge and Sturbridge.

“After last year’s success producing 1,524 pounds of fresh organic vegetables, we made the bold decision to double the size of the garden to 5,800 square feet with a total of 37 raised growing boxes,” commented Joe Coan, the garden’s president. “It’s quite a commitment for the 12-member committee who work alongside the community volunteers. We

had a solid volunteer base but with a larger garden, we had to operate differently. Instead of having individuals adopt beds to care for, we needed more participation so we established four work schedules throughout the week and weekend so volunteers could come when it was convenient for their schedules and we let them choose from a list of what needed to be done. We think it worked out great for most everyone. One or two committee members work at each work session and with vacations, illness, meetings, or travel, they cover for each other and it seems to work out well. For the most part, we got to know the volunteers and they got to know each other and everyone seemed to enjoy sharing stories and gardening knowledge.”



This year the garden committee hosted “guest groups” visiting the area who want to do community service work for a few hours. So far, the “guest groups” include Housing Management Resources from Quincy, Mass., which spent half a day planting, weeding and making hand-painted signs for the different vegetables which are now displayed

in their proper growing box. The signs help everyone know what variety of crop is growing in the box. This group also donated several dozen men’s and women’s gloves as well as hand shovels and diggers. Another group was the Defense Civilian Emerging Leaders Program (CDELP) from the DOD in Southbridge. One team came from Georgia and one from Oklahoma. For the second year, a team from United Way’s “Day of Caring” worked at the garden for several hours.

Tantasqua Regional High School has been great right from the start in helping with this project. The carpentry department made the raised growing boxes last year and

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Left to right: Bill Pioppi, Roberta Watson - both from the JPII Food Pantry; Bill Lemke, Golf Classic Committee; Klaus Hachfeld, Sturbridge Rotary President; Austin Jenkins, Golf Classic Committee.

Food Pantry benefits from generosity

SOUTHBIDGE — The St. John Paul II Food Pantry in Southbridge recently received a check for \$5,000 from a distant stranger. At a recent Sturbridge Rotary Club meeting, Bill Pioppi and Co-Director Roberta Watson were presented with a check. The story unfolds during Rotary’s Annual Golf Classic at the Cohasse Country Club. A participant during the Classic learned about the great work that Sturbridge Rotary does to help the Food Pantry. The golf participant asked to learn more and to meet with folks at the Pantry. Once he learned more about the Pantry, he raised his donation to \$5,000. He had two stipulations with his gift; one being that his name will remain

anonymous, and two, the gift must support his passion to help the elderly in need. The Pantry will purchase gift cards with his donation to be used solely for the elderly who qualify. Sturbridge Rotary was happy to help facilitate the donation which started out with a casual conversation while playing golf. Sturbridge Rotary Club is one of 35,000 clubs worldwide providing humanitarian service as members of Rotary International. Beyond the regional and international help that we provide, we are most proud of our work toward helping to eliminate hunger in the local communities by donating funds

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Hitchcock Happenings

BRIMFIELD — Following is the schedule of events and activities for next week at Hitchcock Academy.

Monday, September 30
REMINDER: You can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: hitchcockacademy.org

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Monday: Playgroup 9-11 AM; bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at union61@tantasqua.org

DRAWING WORKSHOP: Yes, you can draw! 9 AM – Noon. Artist Lynn Spencer will take you through exercises that cover composition, proportion, and shading. Class will also introduce you to different styles of drawing. Bring a 2B pencil, texture drawing paper, a white vinyl eraser, a ruler or yardstick and a fine permanent marker. Fee: \$46

PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS: 6 – 8:30 PM Capture the colors of fall with brilliant results by learning about the effects of light and exposure. Learn how to best use your camera's fea-

tures and learn some creative techniques as well. (2 classes) Instructor: Kevin Kopchynski, Fee: \$52

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings! Times: Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weight-watchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: 4:30 – 6 PM For the months of September, October and November this course is FREE. It runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

HATHA YOGA: 7:15 – 8:45 Relax and rejuvenate with postures and guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat, wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Instructor: Sharon Palmer, M. Ed., Kripalu Yoga Instructor and RYT.

Tuesday, October 1

ART GROUP: 9 – 11:30 AM Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adven-

tures.

Wednesday, October 2
WATERCOLOR: 9:30 – Noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413.245.3295

FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Music and Movement: 9 – 10 AM

BUDDIES DOG TRAINING: 6:30 – 7:30 PM (6 classes) A dog training basics class for canines of all ages (puppies are welcome.) It provides positive training methods, good management practices and problem-solving strategies. Vaccinations must be up to date. Fee: \$130 per dog. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MED, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

MAKE IT WITH MARCIA – Rug hooking Santa 6:30 – 8:30 PM You will use strips of dyed and cut wool to create a Santa on burlap using traditional rug hooking techniques. The free standing Santa comes with its own stand. Instructor: Marcia Beal; Fee: \$90 (4 classes) fee includes all materials.

Thursday, October 3
VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day

Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels

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FENCING: 6:15-7:15 Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch.

K9 NOSEWORK® 7 – 8:30 PM. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MED, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: 7:15 – 8:15 PM. Learn this visual language using hands as well as facial and body expressions. Laughter guaranteed. Instructor: May Marques, Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf, MA Rehabilitation Commission.

YOGA NIDRA: 7 – 8:30 PM This is the class you need at the end of your busy day. After a brief, gentle Yoga practice to release tension the instructor

then leads you to a state of deep relaxation or Yoga Nidra. Bring a mat, blanket, pillow or anything else for your comfort. Instructor: Sharon Palmer; Fee: \$20

Friday, October 4

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 5
FARMER'S MARKET: 9 AM – 2 PM Enjoy the area's freshest offerings of meat, eggs, fruits, vegetables, plants and more.

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COMIC DRAWING WORKSHOP: Noon – 4 :00 PM Allow artist Jamie Buckmaster to show you the steps to making your own comic book. Learn character design, thumb nailing, storytelling, and page layout. Bring a pencil, eraser, ruler and a fine point marker. The instructor will have additional materials for you to try. Fee: \$46

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 the-antiquecollectiblesshow.com. For more information visit-theantiquecollectiblesshow.com. Follow Us on Facebook @ [AntiqueCollectiblesShow](https://www.facebook.com/AntiqueCollectiblesShow), or contact Maxine Carter-Lome directly at 508-347-1960, ext. 402, and at weathervanepublishing@gmail.com.

Emmanuel Communications launches Spanish programming

WORCESTER — Emmanuel Communications, Inc. parent company of Emmanuel Radio, Worcester's #1 Catholic Radio Network, is pleased to announce the launch of their first Spanish-language Catholic radio programming in the Worcester broadcast market.



"En el nombre de Jesucristo," hosted by Reverend Diego Buritica, Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of St. Paul Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, will premiere on Emmanuel Radio's broadcast stations, 1230 AM WNEB Worcester, 970 AM WESO Southbridge, and 101.1FM WESO Southbridge in October 2019.

"En el nombre de Jesucristo" invites listeners to start the day off right with daily Bible readings and a positive message of "Truth for Life" offered in Spanish by Rev. Buritica. Initially, the segment will be available on Emmanuel Radio's website, 1230radio.com and on smartphones via the station's eCatholic app.

"We are pleased to expand our programming services to address the specific needs of our Spanish-speaking listeners for religious education, outreach to youth, and the promotion of vocations in the Central Massachusetts area," said Emmanuel Radio President Cindy R. Dorsey.

"The addition of Spanish-language bible reflections and study with Rev. Diego Buritica is Emmanuel Radio's response to the call by diocesan Hispanic Catholics, via a U.S. bishops' initiative called V Encuentro, to increase evangelization within the Hispanic population," Mrs. Dorsey said. "We welcome Father Diego to the Emmanuel

Emmanuel Radio Network, an affiliate of the EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network, reaches over 400,000 people in Central Massachusetts and Connecticut. Emmanuel Radio broadcasts quality Catholic programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week on air, online at www.1230radio.com; on your smartphone via the eCatholic mobile app. You can also LIKE 1230AM on Facebook and find 1230AM Emmanuel Radio on Twitter.



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People get more of MOE

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STURBRIDGE – For the 23rd year in a row, Hamilton Rod & Gun Club hosted the Massachusetts Outdoor Exposition (the Big MOE) last Sunday. The event bills itself as “A celebration of traditional outdoor skills, nature, art and animals.”

Although somewhat smaller this year than last, it still drew thousands of people interested in everything from invasive beetles and stargazing to skeet shooting and archery. At dozens of booths, visitors could learn about and often practice how to start a fire, craft iron implements, falconry, local tree identification, building bird houses, throwing axes, fishing, and many other things under sunny, summer-like temperatures.



Rose Blomgren of Steerage Rock 4-H in Brimfield has a moment of closeness with mini-horse Phoenix.



Southbridge resident Dino Tata of Aldrich Astronomical Society recalibrates the telescope that's giving visitors a filtered view of the sun.



Participants try their hand at fly fishing.



Two visitors check out a display of hunting decoys.



A volunteer shows Courtney Johnson of Sturbridge how to aim a bow.



Mike Bartlett of Hull Forest Products explains how to identify several species of local trees.



Jennifer Petrila shows a young visitor how soft coal turns into coke to fuel her blacksmithy.



Two visitors build a birdhouse.

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Finished basement square footage, Does it count?

Greetings Sturbridge and Charlton residents. Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed our first Purple Post article two weeks ago. We hope you found the information on “what counts as a bedroom” informative.

The topic for this article will be finished basement square footage. Does it count? Is it considered the same as other levels in my home? This is a very common question in real estate.

In short, the finished square footage in your basement can add value. However, it is not “appraised” the same way by a licensed appraiser. There is a term GLA that you should be familiar with. That is Gross Living Area and it factors the square footage that is “above-grade” in your home. What does that mean? Essentially, if you are looking to determine value in your home, you would need to know the

GLA square footage by itself. One can get that information from the Field Card that can be found at the town hall or possibly on your town hall’s website.

If you like measuring things, you could measure the length and width of your foundation and multiply those numbers together. If you have a second floor you then multiply that number by 2. That should give you the GLA number you’re looking for. Whoa, sorry for all the math work there. Maybe just seek out your field card, that’s a lot less work.

Now that you have your GLA square footage you know what the appraiser will be using at the square footage number to determine value. The appraiser will consider the “below-grade” finished square footage separately as a finished basement.

A question I get frequently: When you list the house can you add up the GLA square footage and the basement square footage to market the house with a larger square foot total? In my Broker’s class I was taught you should not do that. However, it is common practice in the real estate world. I see it every day on listings. If you do add the square footage together, you must disclose how much of it is in the basement.

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Summer weather visits Autumnfest

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SOUTHBRIDGE — The community descended on the Common by the thousands to celebrate Southbridge and the coming of autumn Saturday, even though the weather felt more like July than fall.

To rock cover tunes by an expanded version of She’s Busy, visitors perused a wide variety of crafts; learned about history, the schools and various area non-profit groups and businesses; played games of various kinds; and consumed lots of food and drink. A few dozen of them walked away with a long list of raffle prizes, most of them provided by various members of the event’s sponsor, the Southbridge Business Partnership.



The owners of Mary’s Garden in Dudley talk to a visitor at their produce-laden booth.



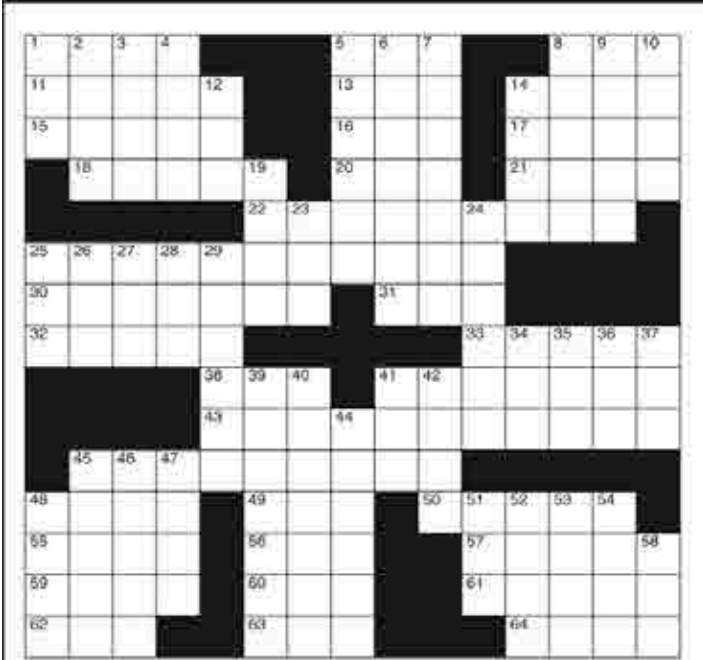
Hailey Petricola and John Lindsey from Main Street Tire get caricatured.



Two kids play with the giant Jenga blocks.



Sarah Champagne resists her son’s entreaties for more money at the Southbridge Schools table.

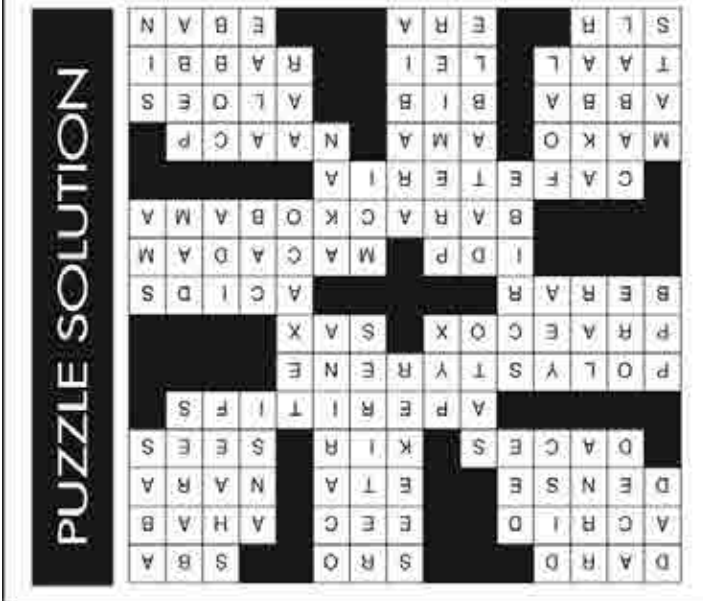


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 - 1. Group of languages
 - 5. No seats available
 - 8. Helps little firms
 - 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
 - 13. Established by the Treaty of Rome
 - 14. Whale ship captain
 - 15. Thick
 - 16. When you hope to get there
 - 17. First capital of Japan
 - 18. Cyprinids
 - 20. Dry white wine drink
 - 21. Witnesses
 - 22. Alcohol drinks
 - 25. Synthetic resin
 - 30. Latin for “very early”
 - 31. Bill Clinton plays it
 - 32. One-time province of British-India
- 33. Folic and amino are two
 - 38. Integrated data processing
 - 41. Use to build roads
 - 43. 44th US President
 - 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
 - 48. Where wrestlers compete
 - 51. Swiss river
 - 52. Wings
 - 53. Baseball legend Ty
 - 54. Skipper butterflies
 - 58. Immortal act



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A girl and her balloon sculpture.



She's Busy gets into a Pink Floyd groove.



Although the town's 200th birthday was three years ago, a very shrunken Bicentennial Committee still exists to complete two projects. One was for sale here – commemorative historical playing cards, which were quite popular. The other is still in process – a commemorative book, which members joke will be done sometime before the sestercentennial (the 250th). Here, members Steve Brady, Francine Farland and Maureen Doyle talk to Rob Caprera.



Two girls have a duel in the most harmless way possible.



Volunteers from St John Paul II Parish fill orders for Latin food as a customer looks on.

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

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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 give their best. We are producing world class, real world ready LPNs right here in Massachusetts.”

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and Workforce Development, and Commonwealth Corporation encourage businesses to address workforce training needs. Interested parties are encouraged to visit www.commcorp.org/wtffp to learn more.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 239 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201, Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org

United Way Women’s Initiative, Girl Scouts bring BOSS Program to grades 5-8

REGION — Thanks in part to funding from the Women’s Initiative of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, the Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts offer a free program, BOSS Girls, for girls in grades 5-8, running eight consecutive Wednesdays beginning Oct. 2.

BOSS (Bright, Outstandingly Strong, Self-Confident) Girls, which incorporates the Girl Scout aMAZE Journey, is an anti-bullying program aimed at increasing girls’ abilities to be leaders for peace within their communities. With role-play, writing, games, and reflection to navigate issues like peer pressure, stereotypes, gossip, and cliques, girls work to discover their abilities to forge healthy relationships, connect to stop bullying, and take action to make change within their community.

Girls do not need to be currently

registered Girl Scouts to participate in BOSS Girls. The deadline to register for the program is Sept. 26.

Program details:
Dates: Wednesdays, Oct. 2 through Nov. 20
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: NEW Girl Scout Worcester Leadership Center, 115 Century Dr., Worcester
Included: Dinner, program supplies, the aMAZE Journey and badge set, and a Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting
Cost: Free

For more information and to register contact Tammy Gilpatrick at tgilpatrick@gscwm.org or 508-749-3639.

Open to girls in the following towns: Auburn, Barre, Boylston, Brookfield, Douglas, East Brookfield, East Douglas, Grafton, Holden, Hubbardston, Leicester, Millbury, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Northborough, Northbridge,

Oakham, Oxford, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge, West Boylston, West Brookfield, and Worcester.

About Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves more than 7,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the strong support of 3,800 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. Girl Scouts’ mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Since 1912, girls have explored new fields of knowledge, learned valuable skills, and developed strong core values through Girl Scouts. Today, Girl Scouts is, as it always has been, the organization best positioned to help girls develop important leadership skills they need to become successful adults.



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Tuesday, October 1: Drop-in Story Time. Join us in the Pumpkin Patch on the library’s front lawn for stories, songs, and a simple craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Rain location: library meeting room. 10:45 AM

Thursday, October 3: Story Dance. Come ready to hop, skip, and dance to lively tales! For toddlers through preschool with caregiver. Free. Pre-register please. 11:00 AM

Saturday, October 5: Mad Hatter Day craft. Celebrate the Mad Hatter a day early with a fun craft! Drop-in. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Free. 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 10: Pajama Story Time. Join us for gentle tales, a snack, and a simple craft to end the day. Don’t forget Teddy Bear! Children of all ages with caregiver. Free. Pre-register, please. 6:30 PM

Friday, October 11: Toto the Tornado Kitten will visit us with his best friend, Jonathan! Meet our local celebrities and listen about their adventures! Donations of pet food, which will benefit local shelters, gratefully accepted. Drop-in; all are welcome. 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 15: Drop-in Story Time. Join us in the Pumpkin Patch on the library’s front lawn for stories, songs, and a simple craft. All ages welcome with caregiver. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Rain location: library meeting room 10:45 AM

Thursday, October 17: Rainforest Reptiles: Halloween Edition. Rainforest Reptile Shows visits with their creepiest, crawliest, ickiest creatures just in time for Halloween! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. Pre-register, please. Space is limited. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL. 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 19: Crafts in the Pumpkin Patch! Drop by to create a fun autumn craft. In the children’s room if rain. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of JHL.

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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 there is no concrete definition of a trade card, it is generally a printed notice of goods for sale or services available for the public." 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



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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 mag-

azines 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 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, providing the consignors with plenty of cash to deposit in their own banks.

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 run-



ning 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 events.

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Charlton recovering after computer network attack

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

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 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 Selectmen's Office at 508-248-2206.

Brimfield's Amsey Eroh awarded SPS Technologies scholarship

BRIMFIELD — Amsey Eroh of Brimfield is a winner of the SPS Technologies Scholarship Program sponsored by SPS Technologies.

Amsey, the son of Darren Eroh, is majoring in Biological Sciences at Louisiana State University. In addition to his studies, Amsey plays soccer and lacrosse, and has been involved in the National Honor Society and Student Council.

The SPS Technologies Scholarship Program was established to recognize sons and daughters of SPS Technologies employees who have outstanding academic records, and who are active in volunteer school and community activities. Applicants to the SPS Technologies Scholarship Program must be children of SPS Technologies employees who are enrolled, or are planning to enroll, in a full time program of undergraduate studies. The winners are chosen competitively on the basis of their academic records and personal achievements. All phases of the scholarship competition are independently managed by Scholarship Managers, a division of Career Opportunities Through Education, Inc., a national scholarship service organization with extensive experience in the design and management of scholarship programs.

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.

The concert will be held on Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 345 Main St. in Sturbridge.

The concert is to benefit St Luke's Guesthouse which provides Christian hospitality to those in need of temporary shelter. All proceeds will be given to this incredible place!

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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- year-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.

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VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

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: You can easily arrange a fall centerpiece 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



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bowl with melted butter or oil and seasonings of your choice. Mix well. (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 serve up!

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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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?

It's probably safe to say that many of us are concerned about having enough



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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 percent 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.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge at 508-347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com.

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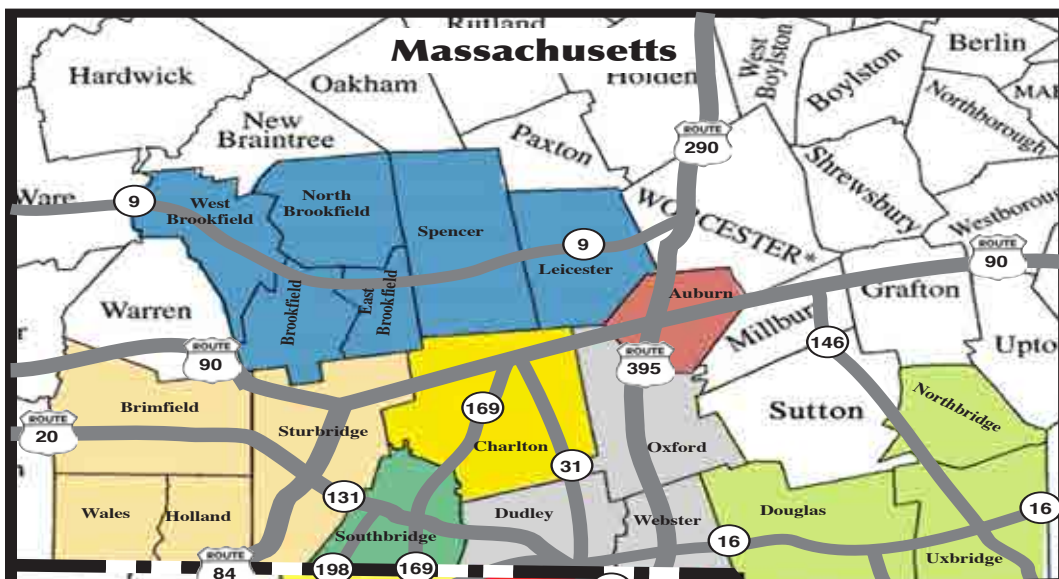
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With the continuation of the cool days last week, it made the waters suitable for Mass. Fish & Wildlife to start stocking local waters with trout. The annual fall stocking of ponds and lakes only in the Central District should give anglers a great opportunity 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-pound-and-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 weekly report in 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 the Salmon River. Photo courtesy of Fat Nancy's. If you love fishing and have never caught a large salmon out of the Salmon River, you need to go now!

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 and numerous other forms of 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 waterfowl.

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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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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SPORTS

Tantasqua, Uxbridge fit to be tied



Tantasqua’s Amber Almeida scores a goal on a second half penalty kick.

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Eva Wengender of Tantasqua battles against Uxbridge defenders MarthaAnn Rolandelli (left) and Jenny Frick.



Tantasqua’s Amber Almeida tries to find an opening to take a shot at the Uxbridge net.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — Two evenly matched teams don’t always end up with the same result, but in this case — when the Uxbridge High girls’ varsity soccer team hosted Tantasqua Regional on Wednesday, Sept. 18 — the Spartans and Warriors battled to a 1-1 tie.

Both coaches seemed pleased and not surprised by the result.

“We knew it was going to be close,” said Uxbridge head coach Brian Linnehan. “To come out with a result was important, without a doubt.”

“A point is better than none,” Matthew Rickson, Tantasqua’s head coach, said. “The girls still played hard, played aggressive and moved the ball well.”

In the first half the possession was favored in the Warriors’ offensive zone, including a corner kick opportunity where the ball slipped past Spartans’ senior keeper Sydney Bretana — and a few Tantasqua players — before being kicked out of harm’s way. Then, almost on cue, Uxbridge scored coming down the other end in the 34th minute.

There, senior Elena Franzosa gathered the ball in the middle of the field and directed a pass to her right side into space. A

sprinting Kathryn Cahill, just an eighth grader, approached it and, in stride, took two touches toward Warriors’ junior keeper Ainsley Way. Cahill then booted a shot at the left portion of the net and past Way for the score.

“I’ve seen that at all levels of soccer; that’s what’s beautiful about this game or ugly about this game,” Rickson said of having a scoring opportunity, only for the opposition to come right down the field and get the goal. “In this case it was very beautiful for Uxbridge and ugly for us, but that’s why I love this sport.”

Linnehan was quite pleased about his team’s scoring play.

“It was a beautiful goal,” he said. “It was a goal that we like to see where our forwards combine. We played a nice combination to get [Cahill] into space and behind the defense.”

The Spartans took their 1-0 lead into halftime, but it wasn’t long before the Warriors responded.

In just the third minute of the second half, Tantasqua junior Amber Almeida broke free from Uxbridge’s defense and was in alone on Bretana. Almeida took a final touch into the box, where Bretana made contact with her, causing a yellow card and coinciding penal-

ty kick.

With Bretana forced to the sideline for the play, Cahill stepped in to play goalie. And she got a hand on Almeida’s shot, but it ultimately found the back of the net for the score.

“She was a little calmer on the ball compared to the other chances and her last touch before the shot was on,” Rickson said of Almeida’s chance being better than the other touches the Warriors had throughout the game. “A lot of the other chances, their last touch they either touched too much or they didn’t touch enough. That’s on our list to work on, finishing under pressure.”

Tantasqua nearly took a 2-1 lead with 21 minutes to play when senior Eva Wengender found enough room in tight to take an unimpeded shot, but Bretana made a kick save a la a hockey goalie.

In all, Bretana made 15 saves and had countless other possessions where she slid in to corral the ball before a Warrior could shoot.

“Her timing is good; right when they take that touch, boom, she’s there to get the ball,” Linnehan said of Bretana’s aggressive nature. “She’s definitely one of our



McKenna Lowell of Tantasqua sends the ball forward with pressure from Uxbridge’s Maeve Mahoney.

MVP’s and she’s improved every year. As a coach that’s what you want to see.”

With 10 minutes to go it was Uxbridge’s turn to almost take a 2-1 lead. There, Franzosa’s shot clanged off the crossbar and the rebound went to Cahill, whose shot was saved by Way (five saves).

The game’s final flurry featured Almeida passing the ball over to her right to sophomore teammate Faith McCormack, who one-touched before shooting. But Bretana was there to preserve the tie, as Uxbridge is now 3-1-1 and ahead of the .500 mark to get back into the Central Mass.

Division 4 Tournament, where the Spartans hope to defend their title from last year.

“We created a lot of opportunities,” Rickson said of his squad, which is now 2-2-1 and hopeful to get into the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament. “We still created quite a few numbers in the second half; we just couldn’t capitalize on any of them.

“We’re right down the middle,” Rickson added about the team record. “That’s what we’re shooting for [to get into the playoffs].”

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Monday, Sept. 16
Tantasqua 166, Northbridge 203 — Playing at their host course of Hemlock Ridge, the Warriors’ golf team easily dispatched the Rams to improve to an even 3-3 overall and 3-1 inside the Southern Worcester County League. Co-captain Grace Farland was the medalist for Tantasqua, shooting a 2-over par 38.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Tantasqua 166, Bartlett 194 — At Raceway Golf Club, the Warriors improved to 4-3 by beating the Indians. Will Pieczynski’s even-par 36 paced Tantasqua, as he earned medalist honors.

Wednesday, Sept. 18
Tantasqua 181, Uxbridge 206 —

Playing at Blissful Meadows, the Warriors’ golf team improved to 5-3 thanks to their victory over the Spartans. Will Pieczynski was the medalist after carding a 3-over par 39.

Tantasqua 6, Uxbridge 2 — Owen O’Brien scored three goals for the hat trick to lift the Warriors over the Spartans in a boys’ junior varsity soccer contest. Noah Genest, Sam Bachand and Scott Anderson also scored for Tantasqua (5-0). Josh Baldracchi and Ryan Huettmann gathered assists for the Warriors.

Thursday, Sept. 19
Shepherd Hill 162, Tantasqua 168 — Dan Brooks of the Rams’ golf team was the medalist in the win versus the Warriors after carding a 1-under par 35 at Hemlock Ridge. Tantasqua’s low

player was Will Pieczynski with a 37.

Friday, Sept. 20
Tantasqua 17, Fitchburg 10 — The Warriors’ varsity football team evened its record to 1-1 following a victory over the host Red Raiders. Ryan Sears (19 carries, 96 yards) and Dominic Brown (6 carries, 71 yards) had the rushing touchdowns for Tantasqua, while Liam Gore (16 carries, 87 yards) also ran the ball well. Jarod Spratt kicked two extra points and made a field goal in the win.

North 1, Tantasqua 0 — The Warriors’ JV boys’ soccer team lost in heartbreaking fashion to the Polar Bears, surrendering a goal in the final 30 seconds.

SPORTS BRIEF

Sturbridge Little League to host Poker Tournament in Southbridge

A Poker Tournament, with a \$3,000 grand prize, will be hosted by Sturbridge Little League on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Italian American Club (24 North Street, Southbridge). The registration opens at 4:30 p.m. while the cards will be shuffled up and dealt at 5. The \$100 registration can be made payable at the event. The proceeds will benefit the Sturbridge Little League. Contact Rob at (401) 556-4542 for more information.

TRIPS OFFERED

The “Trips Offered” section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stone-bridgepress.news.

BAY PATH ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

Fall 2019 catalog offerings

New England Patriots vs. the Baltimore Ravens — “Tours and Pours” 3 Days/2 Nights Nov. 2-4
What’s included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transportation, lodging, five meals, city tour of Baltimore, three brewery tours, distillery tour, winery, reserved seats at M & T Bank Stadium Tour Director, and more!

\$799pp double occupancy, \$949 single occupancy, \$789 triple occupancy, \$779, quadruple occupancy.

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Douthwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

A Country Christmas in Nashville, Tenn. at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel 4 days/3 nights Dec. 6-9

What’s included: Roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, including transportation, three-night lodging, seven meals, Gaylord Opryland exclusive dinner show, ticket for holiday show at Opry House, tour of the Ryman & Grand Ole Opry, ICE Gaylord Opryland, General Jackson Showboat river cruise, and so much more!

Standard view room \$1,899pp double occupancy, \$2,249pp single occupancy

Atrium view room \$1,999pp double occupancy, \$2,399pp single occupancy.

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Doughwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise 9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020

What’s included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night pre-cruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!

*A valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip

Prices starting at \$2,499pp double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees)

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CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

St. Joseph’s Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4,599; 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels, airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy - Please call 978-424-7010

Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton.net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center

Pick up is from St. Joseph’s Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton 2019 Day Trips

Sept 24 (Tues) Simon Pearce Glassblowing Studio and King Arthur Factory - Fall foliage, tour glass blowing factory, and King Arthur factory after lunch - \$119.00

Oct 9 (Wed) New Hampshire Turkey Train - Foliage train ride, Harts Turkey Farm Luncheon, Mystery stop and sightseeing - \$99.00

Nov. 14 (Thurs) Ricky Nelson Remembered - Ricky Nelson’s twin sons perform their father’s hit songs - Venus DeMilo, Swansea \$95.00

Dec3(Tues) Johnny Mathis Christmas Tribute - Ultimate tribute to Johnny Mathis with Christmas songs and some of his biggest hits - Davensport Yacht Club -\$92.00

2019 Overnight Trips

Sept 20 - 22 Lake George Balloon Festival - 3 days, 2 nights -\$449pp double, \$599 single

Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella proudly present our 2019 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

Oct. 6: NH Turkey Train \$92

Scenic rail tour round Lake Winnepesaukee and lunch! 9 a.m. Southbridge, 9:30 a.m. Webster. Spectacular New England footage! New Hampshire awaits!

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable

Catholic women’s organization

DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight nights lodging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley’s Country Jubilee, “Noah the Musical,” and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyse-niors. Departure point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday, Dec. 5 Overnight Trip 3 Days/2Nights. Prices are \$459 for Double Occupancy and \$559 for Single Occupancy. On Wednesday see the Spectacular Awe Inspiring Special Effects and complete with Live Animals “Miracle of Christmas Show “ at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show production of Irving Berlin’s Musical “Holiday Inn” featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin’s Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey’s Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve “DAY” at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let’s Celebrate the New Year during the “DAYTIME”. Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballroom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the ‘50’s, ‘60’s and ‘70’s. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89, enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree, Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let’s not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

May 15, 2020 to May 22, 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines “GEM” SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following. Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov’t Fees. Single Occupancy is Available upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

Thursday, Oct. 17: Trip to Twin Rivers and Wright’s Chicken Farm. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. \$7 food credit and \$10 slot play. Cost is \$59.

Wednesday, Nov. 13: Indian Head Christmas Spectacular and Luncheon. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$89.

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the

Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

USA: SPLENDORS OF THE NORTHWEST: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington Aug. 3-16, 2020
JAPAN: March 26 to April 9, 2020
JAPAN & CHINA: March 26 to April 22, 2020

SPAIN & PORTUGAL: September 9-24, 2020

PAXTON SENIORS

Are you interested in joining another wonder trip in 2019?

A group of Seniors from Paxton and surrounding towns are planning a trip this year to Italy. The group plans to leave Paxton on Sept. 9, with transportation provided to Logan and return. Our flight will take us to Rome, Italy for 10 days visiting many historical sites of Italy. Rome has many beautiful attractions that many of us have not seen on previous visits. After two nights in Rome, we will move on to one night in Perugia where we will have the opportunity to visit Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Following our stay in Perugia, we move on to Florence, “the Cradle of Italian Renaissance,” where we will view Michelangelo’s incredible statue of David. After two nights in beautiful Florence, we will move on to Venice. On the way to Venice, we will stop at a 12th century castle and learn about the famous Tuscany wines and enjoy a cooking class and lunch. Next we are off to Venice for two nights. During that time, we have an opportunity to visit many of the wonderful sites of the Canal City.

After Venice, our next and last night will be Milan where we will have an opportunity to visit and shop at the “Quadrilatero della Moda,” Milan’s high-fashion district. We will depart for home from Milan.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE
OPEN TO PUBLIC
PAYMENT DUE AT SIGN UP

October 8-15, 2019 – ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA – Room has just opened up for two couples on the 2019 trip, and I am taking names for 2020 trip,

November 12, 2019 – Tuesday – Foxwoods \$25 - 10 - AM bus.

For \$25 You get a deluxe motor coach ride to the casino You will have 5 hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 PM. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

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FRIENDS OF STURBRIDGE SENIORS

We are proud to announce the following upcoming Bus Trips which are open to everyone age 21 and over. The following One Day Bus trips are 92.00 which includes a Deluxe Bus Transportation, Delicious Lunch, Tax, Gratuity and Fabulous Entertainers.

Sunday May 19th See The Edwards Twins, the Best Impersonators of all the Biggest Stars.

Tuesday June 18th See The 3 Red Neck Tenors, Down Home Laughs + Big City Music, Pop to Opera.

Wednesday August 28th Tribute Show hear Songs of Neil Diamond,

Carole King, Johnny Cash, Janis.

We also have the following 2 to 5 Day Overnight Trips for Singles and Double Occupancy.

Saturday June 29 to Wed July 3 Nova Scotia, Bay of Fundy, Royal Nova Scotia International Tatoo Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday Dec 5th Pennsylvania Dutch and The Miracle of Christmas Show,

Hershey’s Chocolate World and more 459.00 Double occupancy

For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at 508 410 1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com

UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2019

2019 is the Society’s 27th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

Nov. 16 — “Do As You Wish Day in New York City” – shop for Christmas, do some sightseeing, visit a museum, attend a Broadway matinee, dine at a special restaurant, a visit to the aircraft Intrepid, visit the 911 Memorial complex. There is much to do and enjoy. Departure is 6:30 a.m. from the Southbridge RMV parking lot, and the return departure from New York City is 6:30 p.m. Included are rest stops to and from New York City. Cost is \$59 per person. The reservation deadline is Nov. 6. For information and reservations, call (508) 764-7909. To avoid disappointment, call early.

Dec. 14 — “Festival of Christmas Lights” at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright’s Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. “Like” us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

The Uxbridge Senior Center and its Silver Club travelling group is offering the following trips for 2019:

Oct. 1- Return of Turkey Train! Train ride along Lake Winnepesaukee with turkey dinner on board. \$81; leaves Whitinsville at 8:30; Home 6:30

Nov. 12~ Aqua Turf Club ~ lunch & show, “Crooning the 70’s”. \$79. Family style meal of Penne ala Vodka, Beef Burgundy, & Salmon

It’s not too early to think about Christmas! Join the Silver Club for Boothbay Harbor, “Christmas by the Sea” in Portland, ME, or Reagle Players Christmas Show for Christmas 2019!

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OBITUARIES

Debra A. Soper, 55



SOUTHBRIDGE-Debra Ann Soper, 55, passed away on Friday, Sept. 20th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, after a long battle with cancer.

She leaves her father, Clarence “Buddy” Soper and his wife Pamela of Sturbridge; her mother, Shirley (Mellen) Chakwas and her husband Steve of Southbridge;

her nine siblings, James Rosseel of Sturbridge, Mark Soper of Southbridge, Lisa Soper of Southbridge, Linda Montigny of Hudson, Daniel Soper of Fiskdale, Stephen Soper of Brimfield, Christopher Soper of Los Angeles, CA, Kenneth Hasija of New York, NY and Robert Mellen of West Virginia; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Charles E. “Chuck” Soper in 1995 and Randy M. Soper in 2018. She was born in Worcester on May 23, 1964.

Debra worked at Flexcon in Spencer

for many years, retiring due to illness. She was also a bartender at the former Squires in Brimfield for several years. Deb had a very big passion for animals, especially her beloved cat Oreo. She was a member of the MSPCA. Deb loved children and enjoyed being around her nephews and nieces. She was an avid New England sports fan. She also loved music and watching movies.

Calling hours for Debra were held on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral

Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. A graveside service in North Cemetery, Sturbridge, will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515 or to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 28

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Please join us for a spaghetti dinner between 5:30 and 7:30 P.M. (spaghetti, salad, bread, homemade desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks. \$10 at the door. Beer and wine available for purchase. Raffles and Door Prize. Dine In or Carry Out. Sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild and the Knights of Columbus.

Saturday, October 5

STOP ABUSE TODAY INC. “TRIFECTA”: A 5K, 10K, and marathon in support of Stop Abuse Today at Holland Elementary School, 28 Sturbridge Rd. T the 5K and 10K both start at 9 a.m. Register online at event.racereach.com/stop-abuse-today-5k-10k-13.1/register. Please note that the Half Marathon portion previously advertised has been canceled due to logistical issues. To register or for more information, visit <https://event.racereach.com/stop-abuse-today-5k-10k/register>.

Tuesday, October 22

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you have the time and heart to share, you could become a valuable part of the Overlook Hospice Team. Hospice Volunteers provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families...reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing a meal, gardening, supporting family members, sitting with patients who are actively dying and making bereavement calls. We are also seeking volunteers to provide Reiki, pet therapy, and veterans to visit our veteran patients. Our next training begins on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.To attend or get more

information about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, contact Susan Fuller at 508-434-2200

Saturday, October 26

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE SINGERS CONCERT: 3 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 345 Main St., Sturbridge. The talented singers of Old Sturbridge Village will be holding a concert to benefit St. Luke’s Guesthouse, which provides Christian hospitality to those in need of temporary shelter. All proceeds will go to this incredible place! Take a trip back into history with 19th century hymns, patriotic pieces, popular music and folk songs.

ONGOING

THE STURBRIDGE FARMER’S MARKET is held every Sunday through Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Common.

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We’d love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran’s wakes & funerals. There’s plenty we can still do to help our community.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday evening from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer’s Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Hitchcock Academy, Brimfield.

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor – National Association of Canine Scent Work.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, and is well suited for all levels of practitioners, including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez at (413) 279-4330 for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday evenings at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield. Times: WeighIn/Registration 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.


YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

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to purchase turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas, conducting fundraisers for the St. John Paul II Food Pantry, and most recently, the formation of a Rotary Community Corps who first project is the creation of the Community Food Collaborative – a community Garden which provides fresh, organic vegetables for distribution by the Food Pantry. For additional information on the Club, visit us at www.sturbridgerotary.org or “Like” us on the Club’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary.



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of the Sturbridge Host Hotel, where breakfast was to be served, it quickly became flooded with people coming in to volunteer their time and the impact of seeing all those who came to help out for the day could be felt in an excited buzz of conversation throughout the room.

The breakfast also served as a great way to gain a sense of community for those involved.

Executive Director, Mary O'Coin, said, "We thought, well why don't we start with the breakfast and get that sense of community. A lot of times volunteers never get to see all the people that are working that day, they go to their one site and there might be ten people there or there might

be three people there so they don't know how impactful it is across the board."

The Day of Giving is not all that the United Way organization does for these communities though. They are known nationally for three main pillars of assistance in health, education and stability.

When asked about how these areas are addressed within this three-town footprint, Mary O'Coin said, "We achieve these goals by supporting the programs in our area that have something to do with education; third grade reading proficiency for example, an area where it's proven children have a better chance of success later in life, so you really want to emphasize those education opportunities in early childhood development. A new program that we have is a sports and robotics pro-

gram and homework help, just for that age range. Health, we support a couple of different health initiatives, whether its domestic violence prevention and education, dental and medical clinics in Southbridge with Family Health, even the YMCA, anything that has to do with healthy lifestyles. With financial we want to make sure everyone has their basic human needs, because if you meet those requirements in someone's life then they're able to not worry about it and concentrate on their families, their health."

With one hundred volunteers showing up to help out during this Day of Giving, it was clear that those living and working in these towns value their sense of community and wanted to do all they could to give back.

O'Coin said, "United

Way looks to give, advocate, donate and volunteer and people will advocate for United Way all the time. Whether it at their workplace or at our programs, we have very generous donors in our area and this is our opportunity to allow them to volunteer. We have opportunities like this throughout the year."

When asked about the importance of volunteering in one's community, longtime volunteer with United Way Liz Marie echoed the statements of others when she said, "To me, it's always been really important to give back and support the communities that we all work in and live in and that's one of the primary reasons why I like to do it and I enjoy doing it, it's just a way to give back to them really."

Others, like Kris Marier, who has been volunteering

with United Way for nearly six years and currently sits on the board, said, "I like to lead by example personally and I think it's great. I'm from Connecticut and so you know when people say it's not my neighborhood, I don't agree with that."

Volunteers on that Day of Giving performed tasks such as painting, replacing ceiling tiles and re-staining pews in local churches and everything in between. Most importantly though they went out and helped those within their communities that needed it. If you would like a chance to join some of the volunteers on their next project or learn more about the United Way organization, more information can be found at <https://www.unit-edwaysc.org/>.

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more this year when we expanded. They also made a 12-by-eight-foot tool shed for us this year which has been painted an eye-catching orange. The garden pays for the lumber and any materials but the students use their skills to get everything built. The lacrosse girls team filled the boxes with soil last year and again this year. The Town of Sturbridge provides us with the water and all the wood chips we need. People from area towns have donated garden tools and many, many companies have donated in-kind services. When the companies hear who we are and what we're doing to help food-insecure members of our communities, they donate their work as their contribution to our efforts.

Having a garden of any size comes with a few challenges. A hungry woodchuck and several rabbits sampled a lot of veggies before they were "discouraged" from doing so. Holes chewed through the plastic fence were repaired repeatedly. Supplies to increase efficiency are expensive. The committee

runs a fundraising campaign each February and the local banks, businesses and some individuals have been very generous. The garden has also received two small grants from the Rotary District Foundation. This year, the garden committee has applied for a grant that focuses on community gardens and should hear soon if it is received.

"A larger garden means much more watering," Coan said, "so with some of our remaining funds, an irrigation system was installed in one-half of the garden. The garden committee is sensitive to keeping waste to a minimum so an irrigation system positioned close to the plants waters only the plant and not the walkways or edges to the fencing, nor does it let the water evaporate. If the grant is received, we plan to irrigate the other half of the garden and secure the garden with new metal fencing."

Another challenge for the garden was when it rained during a work session and the session had to be cancelled. Especially difficult was when it rained during harvest time. The harvest can't wait. Members of the garden committee would watch the weather and move harvesting up an hour or two based

on the forecast but that wasn't always convenient for volunteers' schedules. However, these folks are determined and the crops were harvested regularly. The garden also adjusted the time of their work sessions recently when the Town of Sturbridge raised the EEE alert to HIGH. Coan stressed the safety of the volunteers comes first.

"The committee was fortunate this year to have Roberta Watson join them as its second chief gardener," says committee member Pauline White. "Roberta, a Co-Director at the Saint John Paul II Food Pantry, shares her experiences and knowledge from the Food Pantry perspective. She also planted a few new varieties not grown last year such as different kinds of winter squash, okra and tomatillos."

"We've spent a lot of time focused on the infrastructure of the garden and the crops," according to White. "That's why we were very happy when the Southbridge Garden Club, of which several members volunteer at the garden, offered to install plantings around the garden sign in an effort to make the entrance to the garden more attractive. We are looking forward to that happen-

ing this fall."

"It has been another busy year and a good year for us," says Coan. "Once we expanded, we set a goal of growing and donating 3,000 pounds of vegetables to the Pantry. We are almost at our goal and we still have lots of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant to ripen. We've come a long way in our two years with the garden and we plan to continue to look for ways to streamline and work more efficiently and to grow great produce. We sometimes talk at our committee meetings about what people say to us. Most of them tell us it's a great project that we are doing - helping to feed people in need. Yes, we feel that way too."

Check out the garden's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CFCGardens/ or website at <http://cfcgarden.org> or email them at CFCGarden357@gmail.com. The garden committee welcomes volunteers, donations of funds, new or used garden tools, and in-kind services. Pay a visit and take a look at the garden and see the amazing work these folks are doing. They are located on Maple Street in Sturbridge behind the Sturbridge Town Hall in the lower parking lot.

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Nov. 21-22-2 day Boothbay Harbor w/lunch at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. -- 2 days w/"Gardens Aglow" (beautiful light show at the botanical garden) at the Boothbay Harbor Botanical Gardens. 1 lunch, 1 breakfast. \$199. double occupancy, \$259. single.

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There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we'll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flagship L.L. Bean Store, and local

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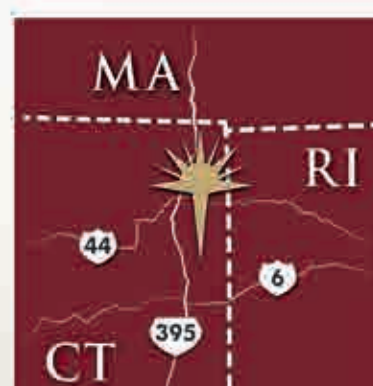
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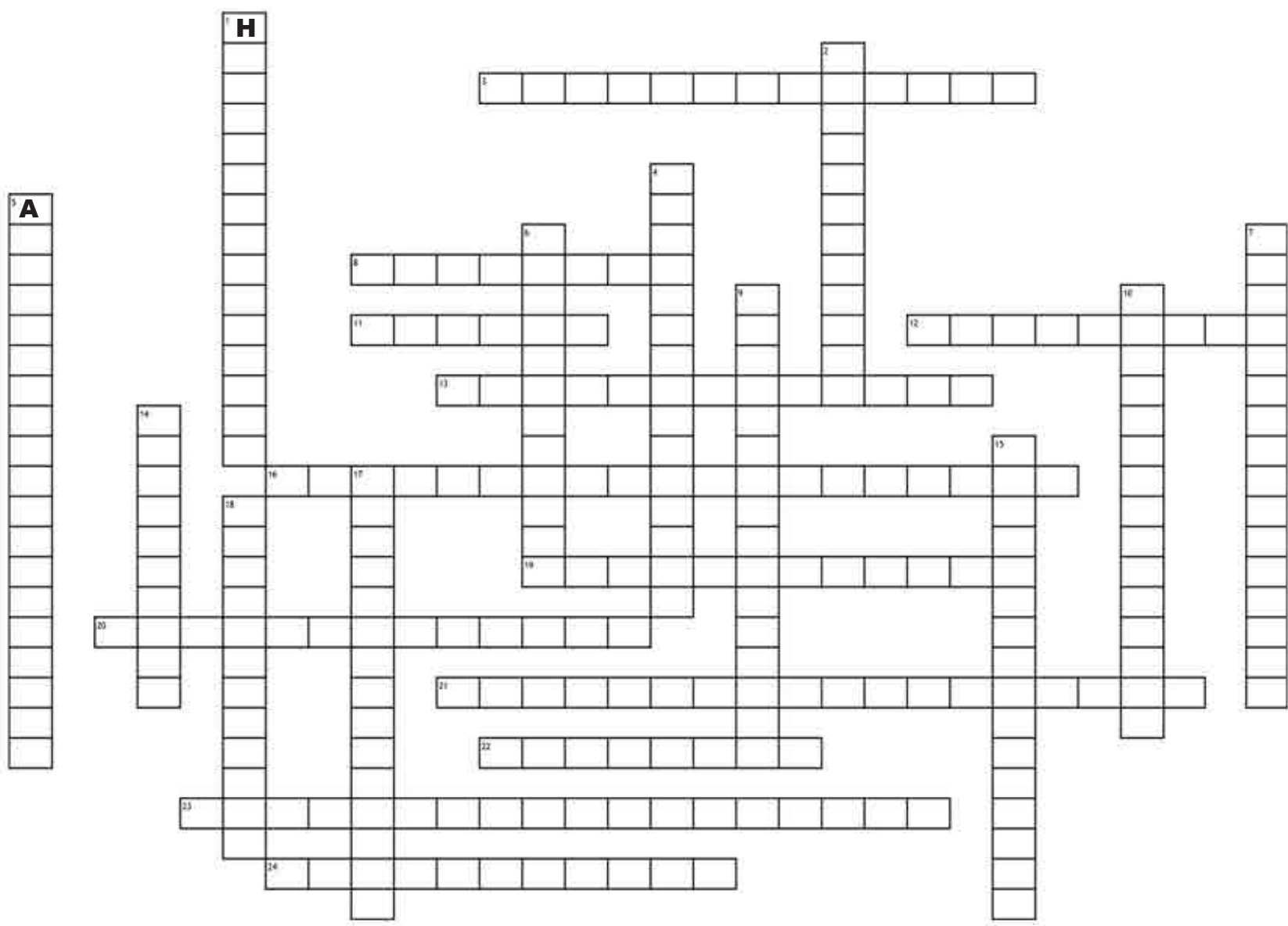


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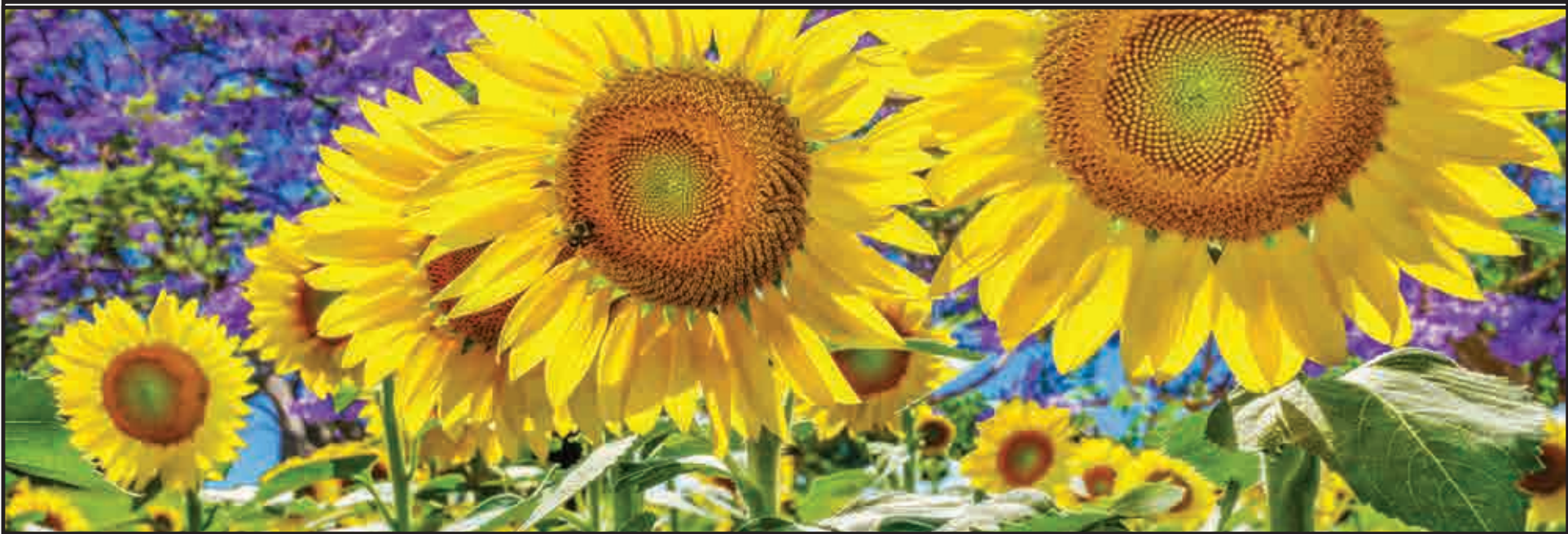
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ON DEPOSIT



PUTNAM – 49 Fox Road! Fantastic 2,680' 9+ Room Center Hall Colonial Set On 3 Beautiful Acres! Featuring Center Island Stainless Applianced Kitchen! Formal Dining & Living Rooms w/Hardwoods! Comfortable Brick Fireplace Family Room! Office/Den! Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Side Entry Foyer w/Coat Closet! Upstairs to 4 Spacious Bedrooms! Huge Master w/Hardwoods, Full Bath & Walk-in Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Double Sinks! Full Walk-up Attic w/Plumbing Leads for Additional/Future Expansion! 5 Zone Oil Heat! 24330' Detached Garage w/Second Floor Storage! Convenient to Everything Putnam! **\$369,900.00**

DUDLEY – 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out! **\$469,900.00**

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NEW LISTING



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DUDLEY – 94 Tracy Road! 7 Rm 4 Bdrm Colonial On 1.24 Acres! Privacy! Many Upgrades! Hrdwds Throughout! Frplce Liv Rm w/Recessed Lights! Formal Din Rm! Eat-in Kit Updated in 2015! Cherry Cabinets, Granite Counters, Center Isl & SS Appliances! Sunroom w/Skylights, Hrdwd Flrs & Slider to Deck! 1st Flr 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Full Bath w/Linen Closet! 2nd Flr Full Bath! Lower Level Game Rm/Office! Utility/Storage Rm! 16X21 Deck! Garage Under! Save on Your Electric Your Bills, 2015 Solar Panels! Level yard w/Shed! Call now! **\$349,000.00**

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SUTTON – LAKE SINGLETARY WATERFRONT! 5 W. Sutton Rd! 8 Rm Cape! 3 Bdrms! Screen House at Waters Memberships! Perfect 1st Home or Edge! Grndal Access to the Water! Summer Retreat! 7 Rms! 2 Bdrms! Wall Maintained! Kit, Formal Din Rm! Full Bath! 12x25' Deck w/Water Views! Fireplace Liv Rm! Den! Sun Rm! Updated Garage! Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



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NEW LISTING



CHARLTON – GLEN ECHO LAKE! 3 Sunset Dr! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic 105' Waterfront! Ideal 15,941' Gently Sloping Lot! Comfortable 9 Rm Ranch! Stainless Appliance Eat-in Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Panoramic Water Views! 4 Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing including the Spacious Master! Full Hall Bath! Enjoy the Sun Rm w/Lake Views! 32' Walk-out Lower Level Frplce Fam Rm w/Wet Bar & Convenient Half Bath! Nicely Landscaped Front & Back! Lake Level Deck, Dock & Rear Shed! Benefitted by Town Sewer! Start Packing! **\$499,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 39 Bates Point! Panoramic Views of South Pond! Southern Exp! Park Like Grounds! Extensive Patio, Paver Walkways & Perennial Gardens! 18X24 Covered Composite Deck, w/Vinyl Railings! 90' U-Shaped Dock! Beautiful 7 Rm A/C'D Ranch! 14,549' Level Lot! Lake Facing Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Gas Frplce, Maple Hrdwd Flrs, Custom Granite Wet Bar w/Maple Cabinetry! Applianced Granite Kit w/Maple Cabinets & Porcelain Tile Flr! Formal Din Rm w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight & Birch Flooring! 20' Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, Ceiling Fans, Walk-in Closet & Dble Closet! Bthrm w/Travertine Flr, Dble Granite Vanity, Custom Tile Shower, Linen Closet & Cathedral Ceiling w/Skylight! Entry Foyer! Mud Rm w/Tile Floor! Finished Walk-out Lower w/2 Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing! Liv Area w/Wet Bar & Frigl! Full Bath! Laundry Rm! Work Shop & Storage! 26X32 Detached Garage w/2 Stalls & 2nd Flr Storage! Start Packing! **\$749,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75' Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As Is! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Cabinet Packed Kit! Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan & Dble Closet! 2nd Bdrm w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/25' Fam Rm w/Door to Lakeside Patio, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility! Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back – Don't Delay! **\$499,900.00**



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ON DEPOSIT



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CHARLTON – 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Flr Plan! Applance Granite Kit w/Sl, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplce Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flrs & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Flr w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes **NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM!** Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplaced Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/ Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 603 Treasure Island! 1874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Maple & Corian Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Sliders to Deck! Frplce Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Slips! Pool! Beach! Listed by Another – “SOLD” by C21 Lake Realty! **\$355,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 206 Treasure Island! 1874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Cherry & Granite Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplce Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Slips! Pool! Beach! Listed by Another – “SOLD” by C21 Lake Realty! **\$345,000.00**



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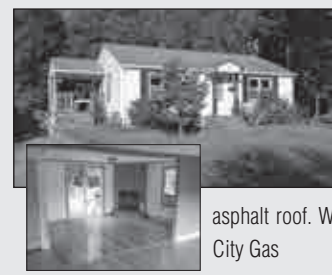
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WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.

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THOMPSON, CT - 6 LILLIAN AVE, LOT #1



There is No Place Like Home – beautiful newly constructed home! Split level style home has an attractive modern flare! Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, tile floored baths, & wall to wall carpeted Bedrooms. Granite counters, center island & dining rm w/sliders! Master BR, private master full bath w/dble shower & walk in closet, plus 2 more spacious BRs & a full hallway bath. 2nd lower level family room, half bath w/laundry hookups! Two car garage! Central AC. **\$309,900.**

DUDLEY - 71 EAGLE DRIVE



ON DEPOSIT IN ONE DAY!

Wow! Young 8 room Center Hall Colonial! Better than new! 3 bedroom, 3 full baths! 23' X 23' Cathedral ceiling Family Room! Hardwood & Ceramics throughout. Heat by forced hot air/oil, Central air! 2680 Sq Ft of living area. In one of Dudley's finest developments with underground utilities! **\$420,000.**

SOUTHBRIDGE - 79 N.WOODSTOCK RD



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OXFORD - 66 CHARLTON ST



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WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully Rented. **\$369,900.**

DUDLEY - 35 NW SCHOOLHOUSE RD



SPACIOUS 1364 sq +/- stone faced Ranch on 2.93 +/- ACRES! PRIVATE SETTING, 2 car garage! sunny rear yard! Scenic country area of Dudley amongst farms, fields & woods! This home features: one level living, 3 BRs, (14x16) Master BR w/walk-in cedar closet! 2 full baths, 3 season side porch, formal dining room, living room w/fireplace & pellet stove, open concept kitchen/ casual dining! Truly a rare find! **\$249,900.**

WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST



SORRY, SOLD!

Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acres in Historic Woodstock! 3 BR, 2-1/2 Baths. This Home is a Must See! Peaceful Country Setting! Vaulted Ceiling Family Room w/Built ins, Cherry Cabinets, Sunken Dining Rm, Cathedral Mstr Hdw'd & Tile Flr! Potential for Home Office, Teen/ In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. Resurfaced Driveway **\$399,000.00**

WEBSTER/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS LAND!

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**

Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.25 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest **\$132,900**

Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access **\$129,400**

WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A



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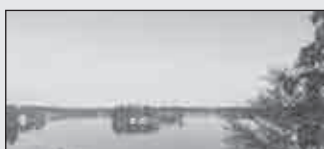
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SORRY, SOLD!

full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available.

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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 996+/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to Water. Office, Teen/ In-law Suite, Craft Rm or Media/Game Rm. Resurfaced Driveway **NEW PRICE \$299,900**

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD



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KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45+/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/384 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge – like very low waterfront properties! The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/intrusive modern windows 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets. 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath. Family owned gem for 60+ years! **\$1,495,000**



ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE – 32 JACKSON RD

AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! **New Price \$375,000**

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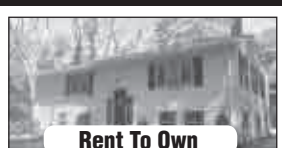


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Oktoberfest began as something of a wedding reception



Beer lovers who also like to travel no doubt include attending Oktoberfest in Munich on their bucket lists. The annual festival in Munich begins in late September and lasts for 16 days, during which people from across the globe gather to celebrate Bavarian culture. A wildly popular folk

festival held annually just outside the city center of Munich, Oktoberfest is a joyous celebration that includes food, dancing, music, parades, and, of course, beer. Some observers may note that the Oktoberfest celebration, minus the parades, closely resembles a modern day wedding reception. And such an

observation provides a clue as to the origins of Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest includes so much tradition that some revelers may feel as though it must trace its origins back many centuries. However, according to History.com, the original Oktoberfest took place in 1810. That festival was actually a celebration of

the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria to Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. To commemorate the couple's marriage, the Bavarian royalty invited the citizens of Munich to celebrate with them during a nearly week-long feast that included plenty of music, food and dancing. The fields where

the celebrations took place were renamed the Theresienwiese in honor of the new bride, though celebrants now refer to this area by the abbreviated name of "Wies'n." While both Prince Ludwig and his bride have long since passed away, each would no doubt take comfort knowing that their nuptials

are still being celebrated today, more than 200 years after they tied the knot. This year, Oktoberfest celebrations in Munich begin on Saturday, September 21, and continue until Sunday, October 6.

Create a delicious one-pot meal for a crowd

Warm, hearty meals, including stews, casseroles, soups, and chilis, make for great comfort foods when temperatures drop. Another advantage to these types of meals is they can easily be expanded to serve extended family. Also, when prepared using a slow cooker, these meals can be easily transported to a friends' potluck or relative's home. Beloved for their turn-it-on-and-forget-it convenience, slow cookers allow cooks to start meals in the morning and then return home at night and have dinner ready and waiting. Busy working families may find that the convenience of slow cookers is unparalleled. This recipe for "Creamy Ham 'n' Broccoli" from "Taste of Home Casseroles, Slow Cooker & Soups" (Taste of Home Books) is ideal for a cool fall or winter evening. It's a delicious meal to come home to after a busy day and also a great way to make use of leftover ham from a previous meal, such as a family gathering during the holiday season.

- CREAMY HAM 'N' BROCCOLI**
Serves 6 to 8
- 3 cups cubed fully cooked ham
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
 - 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
 - 1 jar (8 ounces) cheese sauce
 - 1 can (8 ounces) sliced water chestnuts, drained
 - 1 1/4 cups uncooked instant rice
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 celery rib, chopped
 - 1 medium onion, chopped
 - 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon paprika

In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine all of the ingredients except the paprika. Cover and cook on high for 2 to 3 hours, or until the rice is tender. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with paprika.



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Summary of Position Responsibilities:

The Building Commissioner exercise considerable independent judgement and initiative in the performance of highly responsible work of a complex and technical nature relative to the enforcement and interpretation of the Massachusetts Building Code, the Town Zoning By-law and other applicable laws, regulations, codes, and provisions relating to building construction and design. Errors would result in property damage, personal injury, and have legal and financial repercussions, and/or cause adverse public relations for the Town. Minimum of 5 yrs experience in the supervision of building construction, certification as a local building inspector, supervisory skills and use of computer office applications. Ability to obtain state certification as a Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings in accordance with MGL 143.3".

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Full job description is available on the town website at www.brimfieldma.org or by emailing 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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Work Year: Follows School Calendar

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The importance of routine vehicle maintenance

Owning a car is a big responsibility. Drivers who plan to keep their vehicles for the long haul must emphasize maintenance if they want to keep adding miles to their odometers. In fact, the automotive information site CarAdvice says that routine maintenance may be the most important thing drivers can do for their vehicles.

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 routine maintenance

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

- Keeps compliance: Vehicles covered under manufacturer's warranties typically need to be maintained in adherence

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 road.

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 them.

- 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 driving.
- 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 car.

- 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.

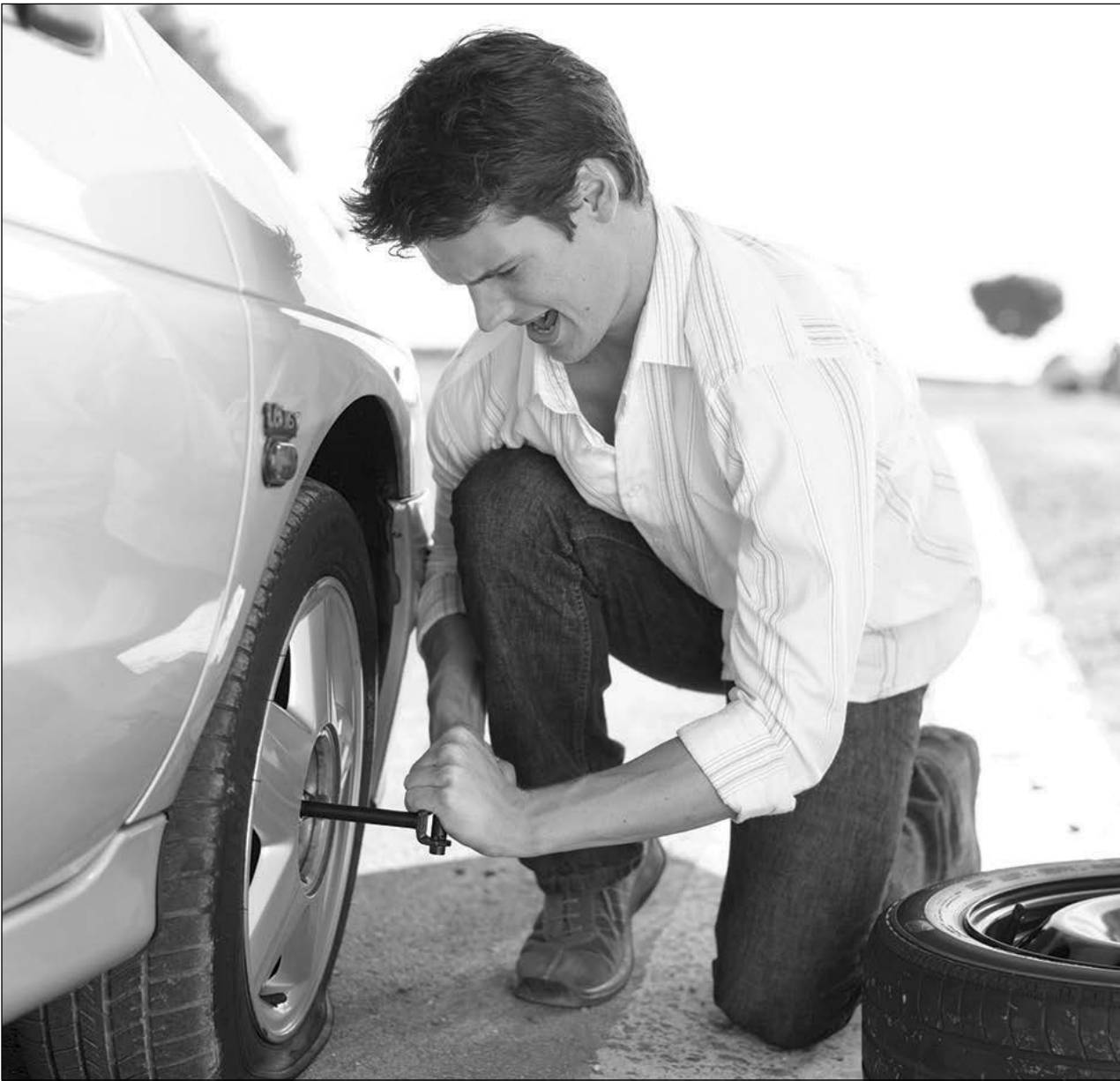
“AAA expects to get calls from stranded motorists this summer and a good portion of those vehicle troubles

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.

(NAPS)

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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