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Friday, September 1, 2017

Sturbridge imposes water ban

To meet the town's WATER MANAGEMENT ACT PERMIT # 9P2-2-09-287 01 (Quinebaug River Basin) issued by MassDEP, the Sturbridge Water Department has been required by MassDEP to enter into a voluntary water ban when Quinebaug River the flow rate at the USGS Quinebaug River Gauge Station near Southbridge #01123600 falls below 87 cubic feet per second (cfs) for three consecutive days between May 1 and June 30 and below 37 cfs between July 1 and Sept.

30. When the flow rate falls below the trigger condition during that time, the following water use restrictions shall be in effect and enforced to comply with the town's. Once implemented, the restrictions shall remain in effect until stream flow at the gauge meets or exceeds the trigger for seven consecutive days.

Non-essential outside water use is not allowed, except that sprinklers may be used for lawn watering outside of the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. one day a week.

Non-essential water use is defined as water use that is not required: (a) for health or safety reasons, (b) by regulation, (c) for production of food and fiber, (d) for the maintenance of livestock, or (e) to meet core functions of a business.

Examples of non-essential use are irrigation of lawns, washing of exterior buildings surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks unless it is to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Acceptable outside examples are irrigation to establish a new lawn during the months of May and September, irrigation for produc-tion of food and fiber or the maintenance of livestock, irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock. The irrigation of public parks and recreational fields shall follow the same restrictions.

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MS meets its match with the bunch

On Saturday Aug. 19, the Shadows Motorcycle Last Organization sponsored their third motorcycle ride, "Ride for the Cure" for multiple sclerosis.

The event began at Halligan's Bar on Route 12 in Auburn. There were over 80 motorcycles participating and with passengers and those supporting this event there were about 110 people there. The motorcycles left at 11 am on a three hour ride, stopping half way at B-Man's 140 Tavern in Sterling for refreshments. Then they traveled to their second stop at Sturbridge Porterhouse in Sturbridge where they enjoyed refreshments and a light meal prepared for them by the executive Chef Phillip Kane, owners Colleen & Ken Charbonneau

as well as Ken Yukimura who participated in the ride.

There were dozens of beautiful gift baskets donated which were raffled off during their meal prepared by Halligan's at the end of the ride.

Multiple sclerosis affects more than 400,000 people in the United States, with about 200 being diagnosed every week.

All proceeds will be donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society which helps fund research, helps those in need of medicine, walkers, canes, rehabilitation, and a library filled with information about this disease and resources to help those affected. You can visit their web site: www. nationalmssociety.org



Please Read MS RIDE, page A13 The official color for MS research is an eye-searing orange. It makes for safety for riders as well; but they were all here to support the fund raiser.

Sturbridge benefits from incentive program

Sturbridge has received Insurance Association, the \$10,211 back on its workers' compensation and property casualty insurance costs applicable toward premiums for the next fiscal year—thanks to an incentive program offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal

municipality's insurance provider.

Sturbridge earned the credits through proactive and voluntary participation in loss prevention and risk management activities throughout the

vear, conducted in partnership with MIIA. In fiscal year 2017, which concluded on June 30, MIIA awarded over \$2.5 million of premium credits collectively to its membership of the Rewards program – resulting in a 15-year total of nearly \$28.5 million since the program's inception.

Committed to keeping the community safer and fiscally stronger, Sturbridge implemented risk management and safety measures as well as administrative procedures that reduce the risk of accidents and property damage. In addition, local employees participated in training programs that promote effective management and safe operations. MIIA offers these no-cost

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Courtesy photos

Walk for a cause or just enjoy the day

Second Chance annual pledge raising walk, which is paired with Cruise for Critters Car Show, takes place on Sept. 23 with a rain date of Oct. 1. Second Chance is pleased to announce the Worcester Railers Hockey Club as a major sponsor to help jump start fundraising efforts. The event will take place at River Hollow Family Golf center on Hospital Road in Monson from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event is comprised of a walk where participants are encouraged to raise pledges to help support Second Chance's programs and services that help pets in need. The event also includes show cars, K9 demonstrations, live music by Witch Doctors, raffles, prizes for top fundraisers, mini golf, Second Chance's mobile adoption unit will be there with pets up for adoption, crafters and vendors, and more. Second Chance hopes to grow this family and pet friendly event into more of a community festival day of fun with a purpose.

Vendors, classic and show cars, and pledge raising walkers are highly encouraged. Early bird registration is only \$10 per person if you sign up before Sept. 15 (online or via mail) and you can create a fundraising page to help raise pledges (or print out a pledge sheet) and hopefully win a fantastic prize like an overnight stay! Details on how to be involved can be found on their website at https://www.secondchanceanimals.org/walk-n-wag-and-cruisefor-critters-car-show.html.

For questions please email Lindsay Doray at development@secondchanceanimals.org.

"We are always looking for ways to fundraise for our programs and get the community involved. It is important to have their support so that we can continue all the great programs and services we offer," stated Doray, the development manager for Second Chance.

"We help over 26,000 animals each year and that number continues to rise so finding unique and fun ways to raise funds and get other involved is crucial. We are very excited to have the support of the Worcester Railers HC and look forward to working with them on community activities.'



ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Kevin Papierski photo

Using the clouds as a natural filter this photographer managed a very clear photo of Monday's partial eclipse in New England.



STURBRIDGE CAPSULES

SEPTEMBER RETRO FAIRE

The Friends of the Brimfield Senior Center invite everyone to their fundraising Retro Faire on Sept. 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Brimfield Town Hall. No admission fee.

Vendors and artisans will offer vintage fashions, aprons, linens and accent lighting, wire designs, handcrafted jewelry, scarves, hats and handbags. Wooden toys, stained glass musical houses, framed artwork, and many repurposed

items will also be available. "Everything old is new again." Breakfast, lunch, snacks and a baked goods sale will be offered, and a raffle will be held. Old time music from LP's will play, and films from Abbott & Costello and Laurel & Hardy will be shown.

BEING MORTAL

The Brimfield Senior Center is offering an important and essential program entitled "Being Mortal" on Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Often we plan for things that never happen –

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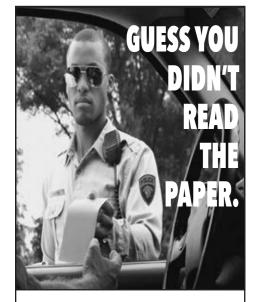
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Five generations of doing it right



One of the Whittier cows gets very friendly with a visitor.

BY GUS STEEVES STAFF WRITER

SUTTON -- Take a walk around Whittier Farm with Sam Whittier, and you can see how passionate she is for what her family's done for five generations, and for dairy farming in general. And that's despite originally being somewhat uncertain she'd be doing it.

'I worked for somebody else for nine months [after college] before deciding farming was what I wanted to do," she said, adding she realized it when, at her job, she kept wondering how things were going with the cows. One evening, she told her dad she'd quit her job, and he asked, "What are you going to do now?' 'I'm hoping you'll hire me,'" she recalled responding. "...I think I'm still in the interview process."

That was a few years ago, so it's a pretty good bet she's not going anywhere else. Nor, it seems, are her siblings, since John, Lauren and Diana have all opted to stay on the land. They showed it to several dozen visitors Monday afternoon in an event sponsored by Central Mass Grown, the regional agricultural network. The tour was a lead-in to a movie night fundraiser at Millbury's Elm Theater showing "Forgotten Farms," a documentary of regional dairies. [See other story.]

Like most New England dairies, Whittier is still a family-owned farm; six employees are direct family members of its 20. Also like most dairies, while the cows and milk products are their mainstay, they've diversified in numerous ways: specialty vegetables; a kitchen making meals, pastries and pies; beef sales; several farmers' markets (that didn't work); joining the Cabot (now Agrimark-owned) dairy cooperative; hosting school tours and other ways to stay afloat. But it's not always easy.

"You have to be a family farm, but also a farm family business. You have to throw that B word in there," Sam said after the tour. "We're Yankees



Photos by Gus Steeves

Sam Whittier has perfected walking backwards while conducting tours of her family's farm in Sutton.

around here, and we're stubborn. We're not going to fail. You just keep going

... And who will take care of the land if we don't?" her mother Mary Whittier finished.

Later, as part of a post-film panel, Wayne Whittier pointed to the younger generation's interest as being crucial.

"There are a lot of older people in the movie" and farming in general, he said. "It's good to see young people. We're getting our kids involved. We didn't ask them to come back; they chose to."

When asked what she'd say to young people expressing interest, Sam Whittier was direct: "Don't wait. There's opportunity out there and a large group of aging farmers who want to teach young people and keep their land in agriculture." She noted modern farming isn't just the physical labor, although that's important; it also needs people skilled in communications. web design and other technical skills. "Technology is a wonderful tool if you use it right," she added.

Across the region, dairies are vanishing in droves, their land being sold off for subdivisions. Many of them are land- and equipment-rich, but cash poor because the price of milk is both highly variable and artificially low because of federal rules that favor consumers and the giant Midwestern producers, but don't take into account the fact production costs in New England are higher. Several years ago, the Supreme Court destroyed the New England Compact, a regional arrangement in which dairies got price support, on the grounds it was unconstitutional under the Commerce Clause.

Today, Massachusetts provides some help in tough months -- including every month in the last two years -- through the Dairy Farm Tax Credit. That

prompted Williams College Professor Sarah Gardner, the film's producer, to observe, "Every dairy farm I've talked to says the tax credit is the reason they're still in business."

Sam Whittier agreed, but added, "To do it for that many generations, something has to be right. ... This year, we've been playing with luck."

In the grand scheme of things, Whittier Farm is a fairly average New England dairy. It has about 500 acres, most of it in the state's Chapter 61 Agricultural Preservation Restriction program and dedicated to growing corn and grass to feed their approximately 275 cows, 110 of them currently milk-producing and some raised for beef. The calves are mostly in individual big plastic huts, but graduate to shared spaces and the communal barns as they age. They reach breeding age at about a year and, if raised for beef, go to slaughter at about age 2 (they don't do veal). Milking happens twice daily at 3 a.m. and 3 p.m., takes 8-10 minutes per cow, and gets trucked to market daily. The family is now debating whether to invest in robotic milkers that will allow them to shift the people now doing it to other duties. Among other things, John Whittier said, that might enable them to catch and treat any injuries more quickly.

For obvious reasons, keeping the cows healthy is paramount, and that has led to key choices. In last year's drought, for example, they opted to stop irrigating their three acres of vegetables because they're on well water. "Making sure there's enough water [for the cows] is a pretty simple thing," Sam said. Another aspect is separating calves from their mothers for feeding; that both enables them to ensure the calves are getting the

right mix of nutrients and minimize the risk of injuries to the cows' udders so the milk keeps flowing.

"As long as a calf is healthy and protected from the elements, you're doing it right," she said, quipping, "They get maximum sunshine except in the event of an eclipse."

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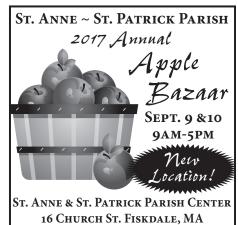


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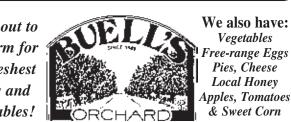
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CUPCAKE CREW

Please join us on Friday, Sept. 1 for another great night of fun with Friends & Family Fridays: Decorating Cupcakes with Megan O'Brien of

Wave a flag, direct people and make a difference!

Volunteers are our backbone at Hitchcock. During a lull is a great time to catch up with friends and make new friends. By lending a hand you will raise much needed funds to keep Hitchcock bustling with activities to helping programs. We are just \$2,000 shy of our goal for 2017. You can put us over the top by joining our team of volunteers.

Can you volunteer to park cars at Hitchcock between Tuesday-Sunday Sept. 5-10? It is fun to see the reactions when we give \$2 for change. Grab a friend and enjoy some community spirited time together.

We are looking for two people for each shift Tuesday-Thursday and four for Friday-Sunday.

We usually have three hour shifts 9 a.m.-noon and noon-3 p.m. each day. If you can volunteer but those hours don't work for you, please let us know.

You can volunteer by email sue@hitchcockac-

Kadoodles Kupcakes!

The first Friday of each month, we bring you a class from our instructors and a pizza dinner for only \$6! It's a great way to try a new class without all of the commitment or cost of a regular class. Past Friends & Family Fridays have included a Drumming Circle with Time Kane, Garden Containers with Linda Fuchs, Troll/Fairy Houses with Marcia Beal, and Judo with the Sen-i Judo club

September's Friends & Family Friday class will be perfect for everyone who has ever wanted to learn more about decorating with frosting or anyone who just likes to have fun with their food or their friends and family!

Megan O'Brien will focus on teaching you to decorate cupcakes that will be perfect for a Labor Day picnic or barbecue! And the best part is that you will have made it yourself!

To attend Friday's class, be sure to register-either online, over the phone, or in person! Sponsored in part by Country Bank for Savings.



Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:30am-11:30am

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Cost of buying a home!

We get excited once we realize that we are approved to buy a home. Sometimes we forget to sit down and look at all the costs involved with buying a home to make sure we are truly ready to make the leap. There are several expenses outside the actual downpayment for the loan. Some of those costs are as follows

Inspections – You can expect to spend anywhere from \$300-\$700 on the home inspection. If you have a Well for your water supply you will most likely also be doing a water quality and quantity tests. I have seen the quality tests over \$200 and then the quantity it will depend on how long the test is but usually 2-4 hours. If it's the same person doing the inspection then maybe \$50 but could be another \$150-\$200 if you have a separate well company come out.

Appraisal – I usually see this

costs around \$450-\$550 depending on the house and type of loan. This usually needs to be paid out of pocket when it is completed. The bank requires this to ensure that the value and the condition of the property meet the requirements of the loan you are taking out. Homeowners Insurance-This

is also an expense that I usually see required prior to closing. Most lenders will require you to pay 1 year upfront and the insurance company will also require that 1 year payment in order to give you the insurance binder so you can close on the loan. I have seen some insurance companies not require the entire year upfront but I would plan for this cost. This really depends on the house, condition, age, value, and you want to ensure. I have seen as low as \$700 to \$2,000-\$3000 depending on single family or multifamily



and if you are living there or if its an investment.

Closing Costs – Most lenders will require you to escrow money for things like taxes. You will pay prepaid interest, attorney fees, title insurance for the lender and owner title insurance policy. If you have condo fees or Homeowners Association fees those may need to be escrowed as well. If the owners have already prepaid taxes, filled the oil or propane tank then you will be paying them for those items as well. I typically see closing costs and escrows around \$5,000-\$7000 depending on what is required and the size of the loan.

Moving -If you intend to hire movers to help you with the move it will probably cost several thousand dollars. The other thing to consider is if you are moving into a house with different sized rooms that either don't fit your furniture or a larger home where you don't have furniture you would want to budget for those items.

Yard Maintenance – This is one I didn't really think much about when I bought my home. If you went from a condo or an apartment you will need things like a lawnmower and if it's a large lawn a riding mower, you would want a weedwhacker, possibly a leaf blower, a chainsaw, wheelbarrow, Rakes and shovels and may more items. Just make sure to budget for these items.

Unexpected Repairs – This is the big one. Make sure after you budget for all these items and put your downpayment down that you still have a 3-6 month reserve in the bank because you may need some of it to make unexpected repairs in that 1st year.

If you are buying a home make sure to consult with your Realtor and Home Inspector in case there are other costs specific to your home that you have not accounted for. It is also a good idea to get costs from the previous owner on what all their bills are on the home. Maybe you love the lawn but didn't realize the current owner spends several thousand every year keeping it up. You then would want to budget for that as well.

Cornerstone Bank donates to Stuff the Bus Campaign

It's that time of year when students are getting ready to go back to school. This can be a difficult time for some parents financially, providing not only new school clothes, but also backpacks and school supplies. Catholic Charities of Southbridge tries to fill that need and lessen the burden by holding an annual "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive.

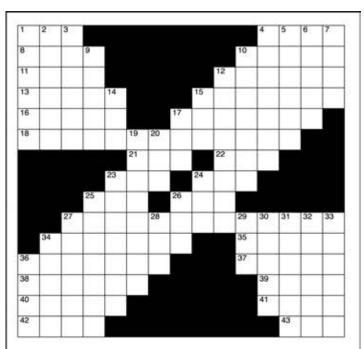
Cornerstone Bank employees generously donated to the "Stuff the Bus" campaign, making a significant difference in the support Catholic Charities is able to provide to local children.

"The beginning of the school year should be an exciting time," stated Bonnie Losavio, AVP-human resources at Cornerstone Bank. "We are pleased to partner with Catholic Charities to help local school children start the year in a

positive light."

Donations can be dropped off directly to Catholic Charities at 79 Elm St., Southbridge.

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- 10. Couture
- 11. Nonflowering plant
- 12. Of Christian fasting season
- 13. Of birds
- 15. Dealt with
- 16. Duplicate
- 17. More liquid
- 18. Inconsequential
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- 22. Electroencephalograph
- 23. Partner to the carrot
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- 23. Burgers
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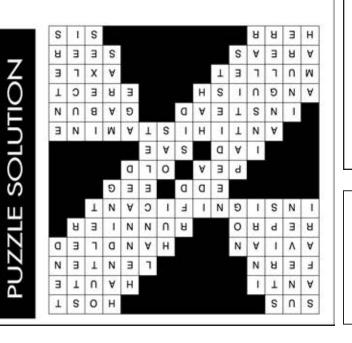
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From left: Harrington Director of Development Karen Spiewak, Southbridge Big Y Store Manager John Menard, Big Y Employee Service Representative Terri Garcia.

HARRINGTON BENEFITS FROM BIG Y DONATION

SOUTHBRIDGE — Harrington HealthCare System was honored to be selected by Big Y Foods as one of 30 local organizations to benefit from funds raised at a recent charity event.

The Southbridge supermarket donated \$2,000 to Harrington Hospital. The funds will benefit Harrington's Commitment to the Community Campaign, which will renovate the Southbridge Emergency Department.

Big Y's donation was the result of funds raised at its 2017 Paul & Gerald D'Amour Memorial Scholarship Charity Golf Outing. The annual event has raised more than \$2 million for local charitable organizations and the Big Y Scholarship Program.

"We greatly respect the work of Harrington HealthCare System, and we are proud to be a business colleague in the south central community," said John Menard, store director. "We are happy to offer this donation which will help increase safety of patients, staff and visitors by enhancing the Emergency Department in Southbridge."

To learn more or donate to the Commitment to the Community campaign, visit www.harringtonhospital. org/support-harrington.

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Woman in Business announces officers and board

Woman in Business, Inc., which offers support and professional development for working women in south central Massachusetts, has elected its new president and Board of Directors.

The newly-elected Board is as follows:

Laurie Nelson: President

Maxine Carter-Lome: Vice President Bianculi: Treasurer Brenda (Outgoing)

Brenda Lacaire: Treasurer (Incoming) Sue Tarasiak: Recording Secretary (Outgoing)

Jill Motyka: Director, Recording Secretary (Incoming)

Blaine Schnare: Director, Publicity Linda Goodbrand: Director, Membership

Carol Porra: Director

Laurie Nelson is the executive director at Christopher Heights of Webster, an assisted living community. She has a master's degree in human services management and she is also an adjunct professor at Quinsigamond Community College where she has taught gerontology for 17 years, as well as various courses in human development, human services, psychology, sociology, and career planning. She is also a certified life coach and has worked with clients to help them succeed personally and professionally.

Maxine Carter-Lome is the owner and

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like battening down the hatches for storms that never come or buying house or car insurance that we never make a claim on; however, there is one thing that we know will happen to all of us, sooner or later we will die. This is a truth that we all must come to grips with in the course of our life. And while it may seem morbid to discuss this reality, most people find it incredibly freeing. As we discuss our impending death, we also are forced to consider our life and what it means to live. Please come join us to watch the documentary "Being Mortal," to discuss end of life issues, and to receive vital paperwork to help with planning. The program will be facilitated by Eva Pittsinger, COA director, and Rev. Dawn Adams. There is no cost for this program but please RSVP so that we know how many people to prepare for. A light lunch will be provided at noon.

We also ask that you arrive at 10:15 a.m. so we can begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Drop-ins are welcome. The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, (413) 245-7253.

4TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER

The Sturbridge Rotary Club is hosting a Dinner Dance at the Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge on Friday, Sept. 22 from 6-10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. Music by MASS of MUZIK DJ Shawn Clark. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of eight for \$350. For tickets, please contact Austin Jenkins at (508) 347-6511 or at www.sturbridgerotary.org. Join us for a fun evening and for a worthwhile cause!

STEPPING OUT:

publisher of Weathervane Enterprises, Inc., publishers of the Journal of Antiques & Collectibles, Guide to Brimfield, and Your Hometown Shopper. Maxine's background is in market research and marketing communications, including 20 years in the cellular telephone industry, and the last 15 years as a marketing consultant for non-profits, schools, and youth organizations. Maxine and her husband, Jeffrey, moved to Charlton in 2014 from the Berkshires of Massachusetts.

Brenda M. Bianculli is a Certified Public Accountant with an office in Charlton. She graduated from Nichols College and obtained her MS in taxation from Bentley University. Brenda enjoys trust and estate work, tax planning, resolving tax matters with the IRS, and working with small to medium size businesses and their owners. Her industry specializations include real estate, trade contractors, retail, health practitioners, and service businesses and professionals. She also enjoys volunteer work including her current position with the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council in Washington, DC.

Brenda Lacaire lives in North Brookfield, is married and has two children. She has worked at Steve's Collision Center, a licensed auto damager appraiser, for more than 23 years and has owned the business for two years.

Sue Tarasiak is an accountant at Brenda M. Bianculli, CPA, LLC's office located in Charlton. She has been a Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor since 2008. Sue is a graduate of Worcester State College. She has been involved with Woman in Business for many years and is currently the recording secretary, a position she has held for the past eight years.

Jill Motyka is a business professional in the marketing and higher education fields. She currently works as an adjunct professor at Bay Path University and manager at Dress for Success Worcester. In addition, Jill is a retailer for LuLaRoe clothing. She has been a member of Woman in Business since 2011.

Blaine Schnare is the marketing manager for Harrington HealthCare System, a position she's held for the past eight years. She is proficient in writing, social media, brand communication and media placement. Blaine graduated magna cum laude from Roger Williams University in 2005 with a BA in communications. She lives in Charlton with her husband and 6-year-old son.

Linda Goodbrand is an account executive with Frontier Communications, (formerly AT&T) the provider of voice, data, and internet in Connecticut and voice platforms in Massachusetts.

She specializes in designing and implementing voice platforms including Mitel and Shortel, both on-site and cloud solutions. She lives in Woodstock, with her husband Dennis and "daughter" Tianan who is now in her freshman year at UConn.

Carol Porra attended her first Woman in Business breakfast meeting in January 1994, and has been an active member ever since. She was former president in 2011 and has served as an officer, board member, committee chair and committee member, most passionate about the annual scholarship awards the organization gives to local students.

Woman in Business, Inc. (WIB) was founded in 1985 by Judith A. Jaeger. WIB is welcoming new members from Sturbridge, Charlton, Southbridge and surrounding communities. The organization offers monthly membership activities, newsletters, annual scholarship awards, workshops and other events to support women and provide a network of sharing business experiences, knowledge, and ventures.

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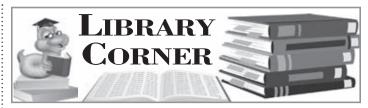
MASTER SINGERS

Attention all singers! Brimfield Area Master Singers (BAMS) will begin rehearsals for the winter program on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Brimfield United Church of Christ located on Route 20 on the Brimfield Common. The first three rehearsals are open to all who may be interested. We invite you to come and sing with the group to learn more about the music and to discern whether you would like to continue as a member. Director Bob Willis has selected pieces of music of varied genres, including folk, popular, and traditional pieces. Concerts will be given on four Tuesdays, one in November and three in December in community locales. No auditions are necessary, only a love of singing and a joyful heart. For more information, contact Bob Willis at (413) 668 8782.

HELP APPRECIATED

The Friends of Sturbridge/Fiskdale Senior Citizens will be holding

their annual Yard Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 on the lawn in front of the Senior Center. Applications for a space are available at the center. We will be offering baked goods and all donations are appreciated. Baked goods may be left at the center on Friday, the 15th, or brought the morning of the sale. A list of ingredients is required for items to be sold.



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Thursday, Sept. 21:

Story Dance! We'll stomp, jump, and clap our way through stories and songs! Toddlers through Pre-K with caregiver. Thirty minute program. Pre-register. 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21:

Family Movie Night. "Smurfs: The Lost Village" (PG) will be shown. Snacks provided, too! Bring the whole family. Adults must be accompanied by a child. Free. Please pre-register. 6:30 p.m.



The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a "Back to School" dance on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 8-10:30 p.m. (*Something New ~ early Advanced at 7:30). The caller will be Kevin Bersing

Our Mission

The 200 Foundation's mission has been to raise money for various charities in the Worcester and Metro West area through several fundraising events throughout the year. Most recently, one of those charities, Provision Ministry, recently provided 175 backpacks filled with over \$27.00 of school supplies to the "Yes, We Care" program that assists low income families. Herb Chambers Toyota of Auburn and all of the Herb Chambers Companies are proud to be associated with The 200 Foundation and this fine project.



http://the200.org/



The 200 Foundation board members and their kids stuffing bags.



A lot of happy kids receiving their bags and are now ready for the new school year.

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Stonebridge Press would like to

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(from all wars & branches, including honoring deceased veterans), reservists, and active duty U.S. Military members in the November 10th issue.

Please send in a photo of your loved one with his or her name, rank, branch of military, and town from by email to jean@stonebridgepress.news,

or by mail to VETERANS DAY SALUTE, Att: Jean Ashton, Stonebridge Press, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

The deadline for photos is October 20.

There is no cost to submit a photo.

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Let's give our veterans the recognition they so greatly deserve!



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LUNCH

Daily Lunch Alternates: Salad Bar, Assorted Grinders, PBJ Sandwich, Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, and Fitness Tip: MyPlate recommends: Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Hummus with Vegetable Crudité & Pita Tuesday & Friday: Assorted pizza Be active together as a family. · Physical activity should be fun and offer variety. All meals are served with a choice of 8oz low fat assorted milk **Meals are subject to change without notice** Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday Turkey Bacon Melt Cheeseburger of t Do **Taco Boat** No Seasoned Ground Beef ef Burger topped with Che Tender slices of Turkey, g on Whole Wheat Bun Baked Chips Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Salsa, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Sour Cream and Guacamole **Baked French Fries** School in a Corn Tortilla Boat eggie Sticks W/Dip **Tossed Salad** Fruit Variety Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety Fruit Variety Buffalo Chicken Tend Shepherd's Pie Chicken Alfredo Meatball Sub Seasoned ground Been WW Dinner Roll Chicken in a Creamy Alfreuo on Whole Wheat Sub Roll **Baked Smiley Fries** and Corn topped with Sauce over a bed of pasta Seasoned Potato Wedges

LTD DAY	3 Bean Salad Fruit Variety	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety	Broccoli WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety	Steamed Carrots Fruit Variety
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Teriyaki Chicken Stri 18 Vegetable Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Fortune Cookie Fruit Variety	Grilled Cheese 19 Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Fruit Variety	Roasted Turkey 20 w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Bread Stuffing Cranberry Sauce Apple Crisp	Baked Ziti 21 Ziti pasta baked in a meat sauce topped with cheese Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Fruit Variety **Meatless version available**	BBQ Rib Sandwich 22 on a Whole Wheat Bun Baked Sweet Potato Fries Cucumber Salad Fruit Variety
Loaded Baked Potal 25 Baked Potato Topped with Chili and Cheese Corn Bread Steamed Broccoli Fruit Variety	Chicken Nuggets 26 Pasta Salad Veggie Sticks W/Hummus Fruit Variety	Swedish Meatball: 27 in a Savory Gravy Served over Egg Noodles Seasoned Green Beans Fruit Variety	Assorted Calzone 28 An Assortment of Calzones illed with meats, veggies and cheese Marinara Dipping Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Variety	Chicken Patty Sandw 29 on WW Bun Buttered Corn Fruit Variety

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Healy joins Bay Path staff

CHARLTON — Adelina Healy of Dudley has joined the practical nursing program faculty at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School teaching didactic and clinicals.

Healy will be teaching structure and function of the human body and clinicals at Royal Sandalwood in Oxford. She earned her bachelor degree in nursing at Worcester State University and her Master in nursing administration degree at Regis College.

She is a registered nurse with more than 45 years of experience in the classroom as full-time faculty, managerial as director of nursing services, and as an adjunct at Worcester State University. She has held teaching positions at Northeastern University, Mt. Wachusett Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, and Regis College. A Hyatt Scholar, recognized for outstand-

ing scholastic aptitude and motivation, Professor Healy was a member of Dudley Board of Health for 18 years, nine of those years as chairman. Her other memberships include AAUW, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and board member, QE Foundation.

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Adelina Healy, RN

Local students earn scholarships



The students who were honored by the Harrington Auxiliary

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Harrington Auxiliary held its fourth annual scholarship awards ceremony in mid-June. The Auxiliary's Scholarship Committee, which is co-chaired by Sally Baum and Pat Motyka, awarded \$21,250 to 11 students from nine area schools who are pursuing careers in a healthcare field. Some of the recipients are also employees at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

Five individuals received the Dr. Van Vooren Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award per student. Charles Hall from Quinebaug Valley works in the environmental services depart-ment at the hospital and will pur-

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sue a career as a medical lab technician at Quinsigamond Community College. Michelle Matte is seeking an MBA in healthcare administration at Anna Maria College. Currently working for Harrington Physician Services and for Seven Hills Foundation, Erin McTiernan is enrolled in the nursing program at Bay Path College. She has also served as a volunteer in Kenya.

Another Harrington Hospital employee, Alison Scully works as a lab assistant and mans the emergency room registration desk; she will attend Quinsigamond Community College to earn a degree in radiation technology. Heather Staniszewski, RN, is employed at Harrington Hospital's Cancer Center and is enrolled in the BSN program at Anna Maria College.

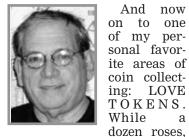
The Auxiliary awarded five \$3,000 scholarships to recent area high school graduates. Jack Cederberg from Shepherd Hill Regional High School has been accepted at the University of Rhode Island, where he will study lab science. Eric Fryberg, a David Prouty graduate, is enrolled in the pre-med program at Worcester State University. Bay Path graduate Katie Israelian will attend Springfield College to become an occupational therapist. Sophia Kontoes graduated from Bartlett High School and will study nursing at Worcester

State University. Julieanne Welsh of Oxford High School will begin pre-med studies at Boston University in the fall.

Courtesy photos

The Grace Kirk Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,250 award, was given to Sarah Stanhope, a Tantasqua Regional High School graduate and employee in Harrington Hospital's dietary department. She will attend Salem State's premed program.

Harrington Auxiliary, established in 1932, is a non-profit organization of dedicated and impassioned volunteers whose mission is to support and enhance the excellent services provided by the Harrington HealthCare System.



TREASURES IN YOUR HOME

contemporary "tokens of love"; in the world of numismatics, LOVE TOKENS means something very specific.

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Nickel in that metal on the surface of one side of the cold is object and then the maker carefully engraves a design, again initial(s) of a loved one or of the giver of the token, and some

fanciful curls, etc around the initials and the rim, were clearly a tedious labor of love.

While some examples are simple; many are undeniable works of art. Note the example in the picture with this column. The tokens were intended as a keepsake. It often memoralized a special event or date, often only known to the giver and the recipient. To qualify as a "love token" it had to be engraved on a real coin.

Originally given by a beau to and even a girlfriend, they later included something signif-Α as simple as tokens to family members, relicant PAUL JOSEPH a kiss and a atives, and close friends. Love tokens, while found on many hug are all denominations, they are most often found on Seated Liberty dimes (1837-91). A dime was an the affordable coin to part with, A love token is, as noted in a but still allowed ample room for most intended designs. recent column, akin to a Hobo time Additionally, unlike the Hobo Nickel, the silver dime was awaiting smoothed by hand with a blunt a softer metal to manipulate. orders to move Silver quarters and half dollars engraving while suitable were importlove tokens by hand. Engraving an elaboant, spendable pieces and not from pocket rate design that included the always in the common man's change. Later, pocket. during the We have seen a few (very Victorian Era Call Now: 888-684-2621 **Their Price** Are You Still Crestor™ **Paying Too Much For** \$914.18 lypical US Brand Price for 40mg x 100 **Your Medications?** You can save up to 97% when Rosuvastatin' you fill your prescriptions with \$148 our Canadian and International eric equivalent of Crestor¹⁴ eric price for for 40mg x 100 prescription service. **UR PRIC** Viagra: \$2565.71 \$146.00 \$194.00 Sildenafil' \$2526.76 Cialis™ Tadalafil Nexium™ \$927.16 \$90.00 \$1203.13 Salmeterol & Fluticasone Esomeprazole' Advair™ \$160.00 lypical US Brand Price Ibr 40mp x 100 Typical US Brand Price for 758-58 map x 188 Propionate eneric Price for 40rtg a 100 \$458 \$51.00 \$772.37 \$92.00 Premarin[™] Conj. Estrogen' Evista Raloxifene' Typical US Brand Price for IL 625 ng x 84 eneric Price for 8.625mg x 8 Typical US Brand Price for 68mg x 188 uric Pice for 60mg x 10 Abilify™ \$2994.49 \$92.00 \$994.42 \$87.00 Aripiprazole' Zetia™ Ezetimibe' Typical US Brand Price for 10mg x 100 meric Price for 10mg x 100 cal US Brand I ir Hing x H Sitagliptin \$146.00 \$79.00 Celebrex™ \$743.17 Januvia^{™ \$}1151.87 Celecoxib' **Phosphate** eric price for 100mg x 100 Typical ISS Brand Price for 100mg x B Get an Extra \$15 Off & Free Shipping On Your 1st Order! Get an extra Call the number below and save an additional \$15 plus get free shipping on your first prescription order with Canada Drug Center. Expires December 31, 2017. Offer is valid for prescription orders only and can not be used in conjunction \$15 off with any other offers. Valid for new customers only. One time use per household. Use code 15FREE to receive this special offer. FREE SHIPPIN Call toll-free: 888-684-2621

Love Tokens

few) love tokens on silver dollars and gold coins, they are exceedingly rare and command a sizeable premium in today's market. The \$1 gold coin was actually much smaller than a dime and not a practical option. The \$2 ¹/₂ gold quarter eagle was the next smallest gold coin available, and was about the size of a dime. However, due to its buying power back then YOU REALLY HAD TO LOVE SOMEONE A LOT to be ABLE TO AFFORD THAT.

number of love tokens were made by soldiers during Civil War. Soldiers would fill idle while camping or folks were more willing to quietly express their emotions, so Love Tokens continued to be more popular.

My personal favorite (now secured in a safe deposit box) is a 16-coin love token necklace I received from a dear friend (a doctor) in Maine.

In our next column we'll discuss the current state of the Morgan dollar market, which continues to be quite robust.





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those who are close to her say she

is extremely stylish.

Samantha likes school, particularly writing and recess. She did very well this past school year and looks forward to going back in the Fall. She is a great problem solver who works hard to achieve desired outcomes.

Legally freed for adoption, Samantha would do best in a home with a single mom or a two-parent family. If there are other children in the home, they should not be close in age to Samantha. Samantha would thrive in a family that could give her a lot of attention and help her reach her fullest potential. A pre-adoptive family will need to maintain contact with Samantha's relatives and her visiting resource through phone and visitation. Samantha would like a family with pets (maybe a dog) and older siblings.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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EDITORIAL Back to the same old, same old

It's a weekend full of fairs, Spencer and Woodstock come immediately to mind. The last hurrah before the summer officially comes to an end and routine becomes...well, routine, once more.

Schools gear up, the sight is something as we watch kindergarten children with backpacks bigger than they are, and excited about the chance to ride the big yellow buses (that color by the way? It has an official name, that is American School Chrome); and the seniors at the other end of the age spectrum are either just as excited because they are at the top of their game and can't wait to be the lauded seniors, or are groaning into their pillows that the drudgery must begin.

OH wait, that's the teachers (we say from experience and a wink.)

Teachers, you see, have already been hard at work; most of them for about a month already. Doing planning, preparing the first month's assignments, creating lessons, and on-line courses, and organizing grades and on-line websites for access to students and parents, and yes, even upgrading their own computers and software.

And going to school themselves, taking extra courses in new curriculum, new teaching styles, new recommendations, and yes, new demands by the Powers That Be in education.

That lucky three months off for teachers in the summer? Not so much.

Neither is it true for other staff, as the schools have been scrubbed from top to bottom, repairs made, walls painted; in some cases, classrooms moved about, new equipment set up, new software installed, new books checked in and inventoried, and on and on and on. No, people who work in school systems do not have it easy in the summer. Move to the next scenario: the administrative departments, who are juggling student names and teaching assignments and bus schedules and room requirements and special education restrictions and independent study and extracurricular activities and band and chorus and let's just make sure every kid has a lunch break too. This work falls on guidance counselors and special education departments and yes, the administration assistants as well as the principals and lead teachers who are attempting to not overburden one classroom teacher at the expense of another because all the kids seem to need an English class at the same time period on Wednesday.

There's no shortage of threats to our democracy. Russian meddling in elections, the vulnerability of state voting systems to hacking, politicians' assaults on the media, and political leaders' growing fondness for policy-making in secret all of these pose a real

challenge to our system's viability.

As worrisome as these are, there's one problem that may be the greatest threat of all: Americans' loss of faith in politics and democratic institutions.

This has been building for decades, dating back to the Vietnam War and Watergate, and the long-term economic challenges - recession, inflation, widening inequality, the shifting nature of work, a series of financial crises — that grew out of that era. It's rooted in our system's apparent inability to overcome deep divisions in the country: urban and rural, liberal and conservative, the mass of ordinary Americans and the elite, divides over race and ethnicity and gender politics and...well, you know the list as well as I do.

The truth is, in the face of this teeming, complicated, diverse society, our political institutions have performed inadequately. But if we're not just to throw in the towel and declare representative democracy a noble failure, then we have to restore Americans' faith in the processes of government. To do this, we have to pursue a range of reforms and goals, some of which will require years of concerted effort to achieve.

· Broad-based economic growth, for instance, will be crucial. It may seem odd to start with this when we face so many political and structural problems, but when the bulk of people not just the already-fortunate or the best-educated — sense that they have a chance to improve their lot and that of their children, that the economy offers opportunity to all, this lubricates a society. Economic growth that spreads its benefits to the broad mass of people solves a lot of problems and restores confidence in government.

• Winner-take-all in politics is as damaging to society as its economic counterpart, yet over the last gener-

stand and feel a stake in governance.

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• Restoring these values, though, will also require changing the political habits that define this era. The polarization and scorchedearth legislating that have come to reflect divisions in our society are deep-seated

and destructive, and will need determined leadership at the highest levels to undo. This should be met at a variety of levels, including meaningful civic education that helps citizens understand their crucial responsibilities and that lays bare the system's limitations and sets realistic expectations.

• Finally, we should undertake a set of structural reforms to restore Americans' faith that government is constructed fairly and is focused on the general welfare. Gerrymandering, which gives one party legislative and congressional seats out of all proportion to its actual popularity, must end. The machinery of our elections — outdated, fragile, lacking a paper trail, vulnerable to cyberattacks — needs investment. The outsized influence of money in politics continues to feed cynicism and public disengagement.

What I find perhaps most distressing is that many of these are deep-seated, longstanding problems that are evident to many Americans, yet we don't see them being addressed. A voice or two might be raised from time to time in Washington, but no one maintains the effort.

Yes, the times make it tough: We have a struggling President, a Congress fractured by infighting, and political parties incapable of forging consensus among their diverse members. The to-do list I've laid out is long and daunting

Sure, restoring faith in our system will take a sustained effort on the part both of our political leaders and our citizens, but I'm not saying it all needs to be tackled at once. What I am saying is that until Americans see that our political leaders recognize the erosion of faith in our political institutions that is undermining our system and are taking meaningful steps to address it, our distress will only grow.

Are you a "hardworking" investor?



This week, we observe Labor Day, a celebration of the American worker. You work hard your whole life with the

hope that your efforts will ultimately allow you to achieve your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But for that to happen, you may need to apply some of the lessons of the workplace to your efforts as an investor.

So, what are these lessons? Here are a few to consider:

Be consistent. The most successful workers are the ones who show up, day after day, and strive to overcome the inevitable obstacles that crop up. As an investor, you, too, need to be consistent in your habits – which means you should keep investing in all types of markets. If you take a "time out" every time the market drops, you might end up missing opportunities when the next rally begins.

Be flexible. When good workers see that something is not going well, they change what they're doing. And when you invest, you also may need to make adjustments. If an investment has consistently underperformed, or if you have too many others very similar to it, or if it just doesn't meet your needs anymore, you may be better off by selling it and using the proceeds to invest elsewhere. This doesn't mean you should constantly be buying and selling — in fact, you'll likely be better off by purchasing quality investments and holding them for the long term. But you need to be flexible enough to make the appropriate moves at the appropriate times.

Be informed. The best workers are those who regularly update their skills and acquire knowledge that helps them do their jobs better. As an investor, you should also keep learning - about the investment world in general and about new opportunities for you to explore. And you should always understand what you are investing in - and why. Even if you work with a financial protessional, you need to inform yourself about every aspect of your investment portfolio - after all, it's your money and vour future. Be farsighted. Good workers not only know what they're doing - they also can visualize the desired outcome of each task. And, of course, people who are in charge of a particular endeavor, or who are responsible for the fortunes of a business, have a clear view of what they want to accomplish, even if the achievement of that goal is many years in the future. When you invest, you also need to see where you want to go. If you can constantly keep in mind your long-term goals – such as the type of retirement lifestyle you desire – you will likely find it easier to stick with an investment strategy that's appropriate for your needs and risk tolerance. Conversely, if you lose sight of your destination, you might be more prone to taking short-term detours, which could work against you. Labor Day reminds us to appreciate the skills and dedication of all workers - and as an investor, you can put these same attributes to good use.

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Restoring faith in

representative democracy

It's a juggling act.

Yet when the front doors open, and those American Chrome buses (that have miraculously managed to make it to every bus stop almost exactly on time) discharge their loads of kids, there will be classrooms waiting, with clean desks, classwork prepared, a class list with the students' names on them for the teachers to identify their own new challenges, and the year will begin.

All across the state, and the entire country. American education still happens. Paid for by taxpayer dollars. It isn't perfect, but any kid who really, REALLY wants to learn and is willing to put in the necessary work even with adults who aren't as tasked as he or she is can make something amazing of themselves.

In most cases, in most schools, there is a core cadre of dedicated educators who do care, who do work as hard or harder than the students and, even with the frustrations and limitations of government interference still manage to do a great job of educating our children.

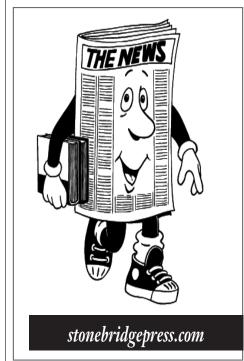
It is to Hurrah indeed.



ation we've lost the ability to use the techniques of democracy: civility, negotiation, compromise, transparency, respect for minority views and accountability. These are not just values — they're tools that bring representative democracy to life. They ensure that diverse voices are included in policy-making, give legislation broad legitimacy, and help citizens under-

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Blue Ribbon BBQ Recipes

The warm weather is holding on and late summer evenings are ideal for breaking out the BBQ. Outdoor grilling is a tasty and enjoyable mode of cooking, made even more so with the culinary creativity of award winning cooks. The following blue rib-

bon recipes from across the nation are sure to make your next barbecue all the more pleasing to the palate!

Big Bad Beef Rub

This rub recipe won "Best Beef" for a brisket at the 2010 Sonoma County Harvest Fair.

Ingredients: 3 tablespoons ground black pepper; 2 tablespoons table salt; 1 tablespoon granulated white sugar; 1 tablespoon onion powder; 2 teaspoons mustard powder; 2 teaspoons garlic powder; 2 teaspoons chili powder; 1 teaspoon chipotle or cayenne powder

Directions: Mix the ingredients together in a bowl. Lightly oil the meat with vegetable oil. Spread the rub generously on beef brisket, not so thick on other, thinner cuts. Apply it just before cooking or let it marinate on the meat overnight. Grill as usual. Makes a half cup.

West Coast BBQ Sauce

This sauce recipe from the Food Network website is billed as a melting pot of cultural influences. It was a Blue Ribbon winner of Foodtv.com's Championship Cook-Off.

Ingredients: 1 sweet Vidalia onion, minced; 4 cloves garlic, minced; 1 table-





spoon minced ginger: 3 tablespoons olive oil; 3 tablespoons butter; 1/2 cup red wine; 1 cup pineapple juice, reduced to 1/4 cup; 2 cups chicken stock; 1 cup ketchup; 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce; 2 tablespoons tomato paste; 3 tablespoons soy sauce; 1/4 cup

Worcestershire sauce; 3/4 cup brown sugar; 1/2 cup dark molasses; 2 tablespoons black pepper; 2 tablespoons chili powder; 2 teaspoons salt; 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper; 1 teaspoon ground thyme; 1 teaspoon ground dry mustard; juice of one lime.

Directions: Gently sauté onion, garlic, and ginger in olive oil and butter until the onion is translucent, but not brown. Add red wine and cook off alcohol. Add remaining ingredients, except lime juice, and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for at least one hour. If you want a completely smooth sauce, strain after cooking. Brighten with lime juice after cooking.

Stuffed Onions

This unusual BBQ flavored onion dish calls for cooking in the oven, but wrapped in tin foil, it could easily be adapted to the grill. It won a Blue Ribbon at the Michigan State Fair.

Ingredients: 1 c. plus 2 t. KC Masterpiece honey barbecue sauce; 1 lb. breakfast pork sausage; 4 large sweet onions; 4 T. parsley; 2 apples, peeled and finely chopped; 1/2 t. garlic powder; 1/2 t. cinnamon; 1/4 c. finely chopped onion; 1/4 t. nutmeg; 2 c. herbed stuff-

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O Canada. Oh, what you have given us? Eh!

Let me begin by saying there are many things my wife and I love about Canada: we have great friends there, we love visiting and many other things Canadian. However, there are two things Canadian we are less enamored of namely Branta Canadensis commonly known as the perpetually pooping Canada goose and Castor Canadensis which we know as the North American beaver.

The two have a few things in common. They were both hunted almost to extinction, they are both vegetarian, they both can live to be over twenty, they both are prolific breeders and both can be a real nuisance.

I have had the good fortune to live on Walker Pond for over thirty years and have had to coexist with both animals but this article will focus on the beaver. As long as I have lived by Walker Pond there have been beavers. Sometimes when talking to neighbors the conversation may quickly change from talking about beaver dams to talking about those "d...n beavers," especially if the neighbor had a boat dock that was now under water. I do not own a boat and for the vast majority of the time the beavers did not interfere with me and I did not interfere with them. One night, however, the peaceful coexistence came to an end. I left my home early one morning and was shocked and in awe at what I saw. My front vard was covered in fallen trees. Some small saplings but also larger silver birch trees up to a foot in diameter. The pointy stumps and piles of wood chips meant you did not have to be a rocket scientist to guess who the culprits were.

When I arrived home that night I fired up my trusty chain saw and cut the fallen trees up into 4 foot lengths — there were 39 fallen trees. By the time I had finished it was getting dark so I thought I would leave cleaning up until the weekend. The next morning I was even more shocked at what I saw. The beavers must have come back and cleared everything away – remarkable. I could understand the beavers taking down all the Aspen saplings, the maples and even the larger silver birches for food during the winter but they also attacked some larger trees including a 30 inch diameter oak tree. I can only guess that the parent beavers gave the juveniles something to practice on

knowing they would not bring the tree down and kill themselves but would learn the art of chomping.

After the "attack" my wife contacted a licensed trapper who came out and looked at the damage. He explained that although the beaver is a protected species, they can be culled by applying for a permit to trap. Evidently over 500,000 beavers are legally trapped a year. Application for a permit is made to the local Board of Health and it is necessary to show that the beavers are causing either a health or safety hazard. The trapper told us he thought we had a colony of between 12 and 18 beavers and if we were successful in getting a permit he would charge \$100 per beaver to remove them. "Remove" means kill as it is illegal in Massachusetts to trap and release beavers. He advised that it would be a better strategy to put enclosures round every tree you did not want beavers to attack. This required putting very strong steel mesh 4 feet high round each tree.

As I knew little about beavers and it would appear that I was going to have to get used to them being my neighbors, I thought it would a good idea to learn a little about them.

Beavers are the second largest rodent in the world (for trivia buffs, the largest rodent is the capybara, a South American rodent twice the size of a beaver).

Beavers can weigh up to 70 lbs. The body length can be up to 36 inches and the tail an additional 12 to 14 inches. Those living close to beavers become familiar with the sound of beaver tails

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NThere are two distinct
types of beaver, Caster
Canadensis or North
American beaver and
Caster Fiber or Eurasian
beaver. They differ by the
number of chromosomes
with North American hav-
ing 40 and the Eurasian
48. There are no known
crossbreeds. Humans being
tried to get them to cross-

breed but after many attempts only one pregnancy resulted and the one kit produced was still born.

Starting as early as the 17th century, beavers were hunted to make clothing, top hats, for medicinal purposes and for perfumes. By the middle of the 19th century both the North American and the Eurasian beaver species had been hunted to near extinction.

At the peak, it is estimated that at one time there may have been over 60 million beavers on the North American continent. Early in the 20th century both types of beaver were given legal protection and both species have recovered to the point that it is now estimated that there may be as many as 15 million beavers in North America. Not only did the beavers get legal protection to help their recovery but one of their few predators, the wolf, was also in decline.

Beavers mate for life and can start having kits as early as three years old. They can give birth to as many as nine kits but generally it is a lower number. The offspring are usually born in the period April to June and will stay with their parents for two winter's before leaving (or being told to go). If one pair has 4 kits a year and their offspring do the same, then in ten years the initial pair will have become an extended family of over 600!

We are all familiar with the "nuisance" aspects of beavers: they can cause flooding of property and roads, they can cause flooding of septic systems creating health hazards, they destroy trees by the thousand. Beavers have not learned how to fell trees in a controlled way. Where the tree falls appears to be random, it can fall on houses, power lines and even on themselves usually leading to their death.

Most people do not appreciate that beavers can also be beneficial. The wetland areas created by their dam building provide means of flood control, they provide filtration to take out pollutants in water run off and they provide habitat for a plethora of animals and plants.

Whilst it may surprise some, governments, even with best of intentions and meaning to do well do some really stupid things. This was certainly true regarding beavers in Argentina.

Unlike in the past, beavers no longer play much of a part in the economics of North America. However, the large historical trade in beaver products did inspire a bureaucrat in the Argentine government to come up with the brilliant idea of starting a beaver farm in Terra del Fuego an island off the southern tip of South America. In the late 1940s the government imported about ten pairs of beavers from Manitoba. The farm was not a success. Instead of culling the beavers, they let them go – to go forth and multiply which they did. They had no predators and so 60 years later it is estimated that the population was over 200,000. The beavers have managed to leave the original island and are now island hopping towards the mainland. A containment strategy has been created but the terrain is difficult for trappers and at present it looks as if the beaver are winning.

Beavers can be a nuisance but we can coexist- we can put enclosures round trees to protect them, flooding can be mitigated by the use where appropriate of water flow devices. Remember however, that in Massachusetts it is illegal to disturb beaver dams or lodges without a permit. Doing so can incur heavy fines.

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SPORTS

Ever-growing Laid Back Competitive Baseball League finishes sixth season



Photos courtesy Shaun Moriarty, www.MoriartyPhotographyMA.com.

Adam Darling delivers a pitch for the Dudley-Charlton Whitecaps during the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League championship series.



Curtis Orlik picked up the win for the Turner's Club Nuts over the Dudley-Charlton Whitecaps in the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League's championship.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The Laid Back Competitive Baseball League (LBCBL) recently wrapped up its sixth season, holding its League Championship Series at Turner's Club Field in Sturbridge on Aug. 19 and its All-Star Game and Home Run Derby at Charlton Memorial Field on Aug. 26.

In the League Championship Series (LCS) the Turner's Club Nuts won their second consecutive league crown, defeating the DC Whitecaps, 2-0, in the best-of-three series. Turner's Club which finished the season undefeated - won the first LCS game with pitching (4-3), and the second game with offense (16-6).For Turner's Club (18-0), Ray Bell got the win on the bump in Game 1, toss-ing a complete-game six-hitter, allowing three runs, two earned, while striking out eight. Pat Button, Tim Santilli and Shane Presutti all homered for Turner's Club in the game. The majority of the Whitecaps' offense in Game 1 came off the bat of Matt Vertucci, who clubbed a two-run homer in the fifth inning. In Game 2, Turner's Club spotted the 13-5 Whitecaps a 2-0 first inning lead, but came roaring back with a run in the second inning, four in the third and five in the fifth to get control of the game. Curtis Orlik, who jump-started the

on the mound, hurling four innings and striking out five. Button, Santilli, Nick Champeau and Tim Reeves all had three hits in the Game 2 win, with Santilli providing the big blow, a threerun homer.

"The Championship Series was great; especially the first game, it was very back and forth," said Cody Mundell, the founder of the league and a member of both the Turner's Club Nuts and the Sturbridge TinCaps. "Everybody had fun all season and we had some very competitive games." be able to help my team."

Witkowski's home run was mildly disputed by the East team because the ground rule at the Charlton field is that in order to be a home run in right field the ball has to going into the overgrown brush on the fly. Witkowski's ball hit off a set of bleacher in right-center field before hopping into the brush.

"That ball is a home run at every field I've ever played on," said the 31-year-old Witkowski, a Leicester High graduate. He grooved a fastball and I was sitting on it." bones."

Mundell said that he was pleased with the progress the LBCBL made during the 2017 season.

"This year we went from having seven teams to 10 teams, which was really cool, and we split into two Divisions, an East Division and a West Division. We made the split geographically," said Mundell, who said the league is open to anyone age 16 and up who wants to keep playing baseball during the summer.

"It used to be 18-and-over when we first started," Mundell explained, "but

Curtis Orlik, who jump-started the Turner's Club bats in the second with a solo home run, picked up the win In the LBCBL All-Star Game, the West Division — which consists of Turner's Club, the TinCaps, the North Brookfield Gunners, the Brimfield Pirates and the Fiskdale Fisters — defeated players from the East Division, which consists of the Whitecaps, the Oxford Bomb Squad, Lomuscio Trucking, the Southbridge Spectacles and the Shrewsbury Colonials, 19-1.

Champeau was the hitting star for the West squad, going 5 for 5, driving in five runs with a triple, a double and three singles. West teammate Steve Witkowski helped the winning cause by clubbing a three-run homer.

"Wow, 5 for 5, not too shabby; I've never done that before in my baseball career — at any level," said Champeau, a 2011 graduate of Tantasqua Regional who also played at Westfield State University. "I was able to put some good swings on the ball. I was happy to Winning the LBCBL Home Run Derby was the Oxford Bomb Squad's Tyler Bostek, who smashed a total of 11 home runs in the three-round competition, including five in the final round. Bostek edged Bomb Squad teammate Nick Cardoni for the title by a single dinger. Cardoni, who was also Bostek's teammate at Oxford High back in the day, drilled four home runs in the final round and seven in all.

"There was no mindset going in," Bostek said. "I just wanted to come out and have a good time, take some good swings and have some fun with it."

Cardoni's runner-up finish in the HR Derby might be surprising to those that knew him in high school, but the pitcher/second baseman is no longer the skinny kid that played for the Pirates.

"I've learned what the gym is since high school," he said. "Now that I'm an old guy I've put a little meat on my we lowered it to 16-plus when Little League stopped having a Big League Division [ages 16-19]. "We've had a number of younger kids come in the league, especially this year with Shrewsbury, but we've got some older guys, too. My dad [Mark Mundell] plays, he's 53, and Ron Champeau plays too, and he's 55."



The 51st annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 4. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Walkers are welcome. Get race applications at the Charlton Town Hall, Charlton Optical or on www. CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace. com. See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.

Tantasqua Jr. High to host fall adult volleyball and basketball leagues

Sign up today for fall adult volleyball and basketball leagues. The highly competitive advanced volleyball league takes place Mondays from 7-9 p.m., while adult recreation volleyball is on Wednesdays from 7-9. The men's 3-on-3 basketball league is also Wednesdays from 7-9. The fee is \$20 for Sturbridge residents and \$25 for non-residents. The leagues are at Tantasqua Junior High's gymnasium pending availability at the school discretion. Registration is due by Sept. 15. Please contact the recreation department at (508) 347-2041.



Chris Daniels worked relief for the Dudley-Charlton Whitecaps versus the Turner's Club Nuts on Saturday, Aug. 19.

Hundreds will help achieve milestone

STURBRIDGE — Since 1988, hundreds of thousands of people have taken part in Walk MS events across the country raising critical funds and awareness for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year, the cumulative fundraising is expected to surpass \$1 billion.

"Walk MS is a joyous gathering with a wonderful 'we're in this together' feeling," said Cyndi Zagieboylo, president and CEO of the National MS Society. "Every participant, volunteer, donor and sponsor is helping to drive us toward this exciting \$1 billion milestone. Together, we are accelerating progress in making life-changing breakthroughs so that each person with MS can live her or his best life." More than 100 people are expected to raise more than \$15,000 at Walk MS: Sturbridge on Sept. 16. This includes the communities of Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, and Southbridge. Walk MS is an opportunity for people living with MS and those who care about them to connect, join together, and be inspired. In 2016 alone, nearly 300,000 people at more than 550 locations across the country walked to create a world free of MS, raising nearly \$50 million.

Genentech, Novartis and Sanofi Genzyme are national sponsors of Walk MS. It's presented locally by Biogen. Music will be provided by DJ Chris Charron, Soundz Like Entertainment.

The event begins at the Sturbridge

Town Common, Main Street with a 9 a.m. check in and 10 a.m. start. To participate or volunteer you can register by visiting walkMS.org or call (855) 372-1331 or email fundraisingsupport@ nmss.org.

Walk MS unites teams of families, friends, neighbors and co-workers to raise funds that drive groundbreaking MS research, provide life-changing services and guarantee a supportive community for those who need it most.

Visit Hashtags #walkMS ar #WalkTogether.

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are leading to better understanding and moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million worldwide. For more information about multiple sclerosis and the National MS Society go to nationalMSsociety.org or call (800) -44-4867.

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In Massachusetts, there are several laws that govern beaver dams and lodges. There is a process to get permits to trap beavers and remove dams. Whilst such permits are necessary they alone are not sufficient. Beaver dams create wetlands which are therefore subject to Massachusetts wetlands protection laws. If you get a permit to remove or alter a beaver dam it is very important you contact your local Conservation commission before starting any remedial work. As a cautionary tale in the city of Birmingham AL there were complaints that as a result of beavers increasing the height of their dam, a local tennis court was flooding. The simplest way to control the problem would have been to install a water flow control pipe. Instead the city of Birmingham instructed a city maintenance crew to destroy the beaver dam. They went in with backhoes and were a tad too enthusiastic. They not only destroyed the beaver dam but breached the earthen dam below it. The pool of water behind the dam drained leading to the death of thousands of watercress darters (an endangered fish). The US Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Notice of Violation for killing 11,760 watercress darters and issued a civil penalty of \$2,975,000. In addition, the Alabama Department of Conservation made a claim against the city for \$1,062,786.21 for the deaths of the fish plus the deaths of over 2 million individuals of endangered snails.

Learning to live with beavers is not too difficult, if the nuisance becomes too great there are processes available to correct the problem but they themselves are not without risk. It is important however not to take matters into your hands and calling the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is definitely a good idea. They can be reached at www.masswildlife. org or by calling the Central Wildlife District at (508) 835 3607.

Back in the 1970s, Canada chose to make the beaver

"a 19th century has-been", a "dentally defective rat" and a "toothy tyrant". She wanted the beaver to be replaced by the polar bear as the national animal. The Canadian public overwhelmingly rejected her proposal. So they still have the beaver as their emblem and we still have the good and bad news of Caster Canadensis.

their national animal. Not

everyone was in favor and in

2011, a Senator Nicole Eaton

described beavers as being

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ing mix; sautéed apples and squash for garnish.

Directions: Scoop out center of onions leaving 3 rings of onions; set aside. In a large bowl, mix together the other ingredients. Stuff in hollowed-out onions. Bake 375° for 50-60 minutes.

Smoky Bourbon Ribs

Another KC Masterpiece Blue Ribbon Winner, this one at the Iowa State Fair.

Ingredients: 2 slabs loin back ribs (baby back); 1 cup KC Masterpiece Smoky Bourbon Barbecue Sauce

Dry Rub Ingredients:1/4 cup dark brown sugar; 4 teaspoons garlic salt; 4 teaspoons chili powder; 2 teaspoons salt; 1 teaspoon black pepper; 1/2 teaspoon celery salt; 1/4 teaspoon red pepper; 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon white pepper

Liquid Seasoning Ingredients: 1/2

cup apple cider; 1/4 cup apple jelly; 1/4 cup honey; 1/4 cup brown sugar; 1 tablespoon dry rub mix (above)

Directions Remove membrane from the back of the rib slabs. In a small bowl, combine dry rub ingredients and mix well. Reserve one tablespoon rub for the liquid seasoning mixture. Generously apply dry rub onto the front and back sides of ribs. Build a charcoal fire for indirect cooking. Add a small aluminum pan to the void side of the grill and fill it halfway with water. When the charcoal grill reaches 250 F, place ribs meat-side up on grill grate and cook over indirect heat for two hours and 15 minutes. Remove ribs from the grill. Place each slab meat-side down on its own doubled aluminum foil square. Mix liquid seasoning in a small bowl. Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the liquid over each slab. Then, tightly wrap and seal each slab with aluminum foil. Place wrapped ribs back in cooker for one hour at 250 F. Remove ribs from the charcoal grill and discard foil. Brush barbecue sauce

on both sides of the ribs. Place the ribs back on the grill for 15 minutes, or until sauce caramelizes. Makes 4-6 servings.

Barbecue Pork and Bean Bake

A Michigan State Blue Ribbon recipe, this dish is quick and easy!

Ingredients: 5 strips bacon; 1 small onion, chopped; 1/4 lb. pork tenderloin, cut into bite-sized pieces; 1 can (15 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed and drained; 1 can (15 oz.) butter beans, rinsed and drained; 1 can (15 oz.) pork and beans, undrained; 3/4 c. KC Masterpiece, hickory brown sugar barbecue sauce; 2 T. molasses; 2 t. Dijon mustard; 1/2 t. chili powder; 1 t. salt; 1/4 t. pepper

Directions: In a large pan, cook bacon until crispy and crumble. Sautè pork tenderloin and onion in bacon fat until meat is browned on all sides and onions are tender. Add remaining ingredients as listed in order. Mix well and pour into an (8 inch) square baking dish. Bake at 350° for one hour. Serves 4-6. ***

Win Dinner for Two

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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Note: lawn sprinklers are very popular, and many people have installed



underground automatic systems. While this can be positive, it can also create serious problems if not installed properly. Any landscaping company will tell you that the best time to water your lawn is in the early morning or during the evening. Watering your lawn during the day wastes water due to the evaporation that occurs. Some experts say that as much as 50 percent of the water will evaporate before it soaks into the ground on a hot sunny day.

Signs will be placed on Rt. 20, Rt. 131 and major entrances into town, and notices placed on the town's web site and local cable access Channel 11 to notify residents when the ban is in effect.

Your cooperation in preserving our natural resources and complying with the permit is appreciated.

For historical flow rate data go to http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/dv?cb_00060=on&format=html&begin_ date=200...

Read more http://sturbridgema.pt7. vt-s.net/node/10423



When thing like speed limits change, we're the first to know. You could be the second **Your Community Paper.** Told ya.

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It was quite the line up at Halligan's at the start of the ride.

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The Last Shadows would like to thank all those who so generously donated and came out to support this event. They are still accepting donations through their face book page, moms squad or www.momssquad.org, and you can join them and others in the MS walk in Sturbridge, Sept. 16 at the Sturbridge

RIGHT:

And the gang's all here

Town Common.

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programs as a benefit to help member communities reduce their risks as well as insurance premiums.

"The town is happy to partner with MIIA to help reduce our costs and to help make our organization stronger," said Town Administrator Leon A. Gaumond Jr. "The trainings we attend and policies and procedures we adopt help reduce our liabilities as well as save us money. It is a great working relationship."

Stanley Corcoran, executive vice president of MIIA said, "We commend Sturbridge for engaging in promoting safety in the workplace and mitigating risk. It's not always an easy task and takes hard work and dedication by the town/city administration and its employees. Their commitment to safety has helped the municipality lower its own insurance costs and earn these Rewards funds. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with local leaders to ensure employees are well trained so that they can avoid unnecessary risks and losses, and help the town save valuable taxpayer dol-

lars."

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's only focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to Massachusetts municipalities and related public entities. Municipal insurance its only business, MIIA insures nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.emiia.org and www.mma.org.

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The Worcester Railers HC's opening night is set for Oct. 14. As an organization, the Worcester Railers HC aim to win on the ice, serve as a national ambassador of Worcester, contribute to the local economy, enhance the quality of life for everyone in central Massachusetts, and develop a philanthropic presence throughout the community.

"The Railers are excited

to partner with the Second Chance Animal Shelter," said Worcester Railers HC President Michael G. Myers. "Second Chance is a great example of another community initative working to provide support for the central Massachusetts region, and we are pleased to be able to offer a contribution to enable their services via the Railers HC Foundtaion."

Second Chance is a nonprofit 501c3 tax exempt organization that began in 1999 in East Brookfield and relies solely on donations

and grants to operate. The shelter operates an adoption center in East Brookfield, a Pet Wellness and Veterinary Center in North Brookfield, as well as a Community Veterinary Clinic in Springfield. Second Chance helps over 26,000 pets a year through adoption, spay/ neuter, veterinary care. community outreach, educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org; follow Second

Chance on Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/secondchanceanimals; or follow Second Chance on Twitter: https://twitter.com/secondchanceas.

The Worcester Railers Hockey Club, a proud member of the ECHL, will play their inaugural game at the DCU Center on Oct. 14 vs. the Manchester Monarchs. Full season memberships, mini plans, and group tickets are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at (508) 365-1750 or by visiting http:// www.railershc.com./

OBITUARIES

Dr. M.M. Mahmud "Mudi" Awan



STURBRIDGE-Mahmud Dr. Awan passed away Wednesday, on August 9th, 2017 in Sturbridge, MA. An Attorney and an Economist by academic training,

Dr. Awan graduated from Government College, University of Punjab, Pakistan, where he received his Masters and L.L.B. degrees. He also earned his L.L.M. degree in International Law from Boston University Law School and, in 1976, a Ph.D. degree in International Trade from Clark University, Worcester, MA. He authored a book on Foreign Capital Utilization, published by the University Press of America in 1978, and served as a Presidential Adviser to Government of Pakistan as well.

Engaged in International business for the last forty years, Dr. Awan was a recognized investor and industrialist. He founded Techman International (TI) in 1982, when American Optical (AO) was divested by Warner Lambert. Techman was a distributor of AO product lines and expanded into manufacturing fiber optic and electro-optic products. He successfully transformed TI from a small management consulting organization to its present status as a prominent international trading and technology transfer company.

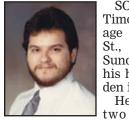
In addition to his responsibilities at TI, Dr. Awan was Professor Emeritus of National University of Sciences & Technology in Pakistan, where he was a member of the Corporate Advisory Board. He also served as adviser to government agencies in China, Kazakhstan, and several other countries for privatization, deregulation, and trade liberalization. He was a senior management consultant to a number of European and North American companies. In 1998, he was elected as Chairman of the Board of Technical Communications Corporation (TCCO), a NASDAQ company, a manufacturer of encryption codes for air defense systems and other secure communications equipment. A pioneer in furthering the fiber optic industry, Dr. Awan was instrumental in setting up several manufacturing plants in Asia including Oman Fiber Optic Company, where he served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 2003, he was elected President of New England Fiberoptic Council (NEFC), and recently served as the President of Regional Technology Corporation, an organization devoted to regional economic growth in Western Massachusetts.

Dr. Awan was involved in several trade missions for the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He represented the Massachusetts high technology industry in multiple trade delegations to Europe. In 2003, he was appointed to the Regional Competitive Council by Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

Dr. Awan had a passion for teaching and had held faculty positions at various academic institutions, including Nichols College and International Islamic University Malaysia. His most recent faculty appointment was as an adjunct at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where he taught from 2011-2017 in the Department of Economics and OIS Department in the Manning School of Business.

Dr. Awan is survived by his wife, Roohi Awan, two sons, Alijaan "AJ" and AbdurRehman "Ara," and a daughter, Aamina Awan.

Timothy M. Griffith, 55



SOUTHBRIDGE -Timothy M. Griffith, age 55, of Charlton St., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 13th, in his home after a sudden illness.

leaves his He brothers, P. Griffith

of Southbridge and Peter Griffith of Southbridge; three sisters, Joyce Smith of Southbridge, Charlene Albetski of Charlton and Christine Hebert of Southbridge; his close friend, Jeanie Johnson and her daughter Amanda of Southbridge; his business partner, Scott Benoit; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Brian J. Griffith and Daniel A. Griffith, and a sister, Nancy Griffith. Tim was born in Southbridge the son of the late Coy R. and Jacqueline C. Richer) Griffith. He was a graduate of Southbridge High School and attended

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UMass Amherst.

Tim was a co-owner and operator of the Colonial Copy Shop in Southbridge. He previously worked for G & F Industries in Sturbridge and Flexcon in Spencer. He was an avid reader. He also enjoyed music, he played the guitar and sang. Tim was his Mother's caregiver for several years before her passing. He had many friends and will remembered for his great sense of humor.

Calling hours for Tim will be held on Saturday, Aug. 19th, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172. www.morrill-



N O R T H BrookFIELD-Anne E. (Visoka) Romanoff age 92 died Sunday Aug. 20, 2017 at the Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton after a long illness. She was the daugh-

ter of the late Ludwig Romanoff and Elizabeth (Yesunas) Visockas and was formerly of Worcester and North Brookfield. She was the wife of the late Henry S. Romanoff who died in 1995. She also had a son that predeceased her Gregory A. Romanoff who died in 1983. She leaves a daughter, Paula A. Romanoff of Fiskdale, MA and two grandsons, Jonathan and Paul Wisell. She was predeceased by a brother Louis

Anne E. (Visoka) Romanoff, 92

W. Visockas. She leaves one brother, Francis P. Visockas of Bolton, MA and one sister-in-law Laura S. Romanoff of Gilvertville, MA as well as three nieces.

Prior to her retirement to Heber Springs, Arkansas Ann worked for the former Sprague Electric Computer Co. She will be remembered as a devoted home maker and helpmate to her husband in business. A service will be held Wed. at 11 am in the chapel at the Overlook Masonic Health Care in Charlton and burial in Evergreen Cemetery New Braintree, MA. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. A guest book is available at www. shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Elizabeth A. 'Bette' (Galonek) Adams, 74



STURBRIDGE Elizabeth A. "Bette" (Galonek) Adams, age 74, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 24, in the St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after an illness.

husband, Her David H. Adams, died

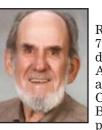
in 1990. She leaves two sons, James Blair of Southbridge and Allan "Peter" Blair and his fiancé Nicole Anctil of Southbridge; her two brothers, Edward A. Galonek and his wife AnnaMay and Richard Galonek and his wife Tammy of Texas; her daughter-in-law, Gerilyn Labonte and her husband Richard of Holland; her seven grandchildren, Kaylyn Blair, Chelsea Lowe, Dylan Young, Alison Elizabeth Blair, Beth Ann Young, Lily Blair, and Bradley Blair; her two great grandchildren, Ayden Blair and Cameron Nimmo; and several nieces and nephews. She was born in Southbridge the daughter

of Adam Edward and Mary Theresa (Ziemba) Galonek.

Bette was a product coordinator for All Star Premium in Sturbridge for 25 years. She previously worked as a supervisor at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge in the Polishing Department. She loved to cook. She was also a very social person, she always enjoyed going out with her many friends

Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 29th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Monday, Aug. 28th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. John Paul II Parish Food Pantry, 279 Hamilton St., Southbridge, MA 01550. www.morrillfuneralhome.com



FISKDALE Roger E. Poirier, age 77, of Finlay Road, died Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at Quaboag on the Common in West Brookfield. He was predeceased by his wife of 47 years,

Jane M. (Senecal) Poirier who died in 2013. He is survived by three children, Roger J. Poirier and his wife Dawna of Charlton (currently living in South Korea). Linda J. Seguin and her husband John of Sturbridge, and Bridget A. Zietkowski and her hushand Robert of Brimfield, his sister Pauline Janick of Florida; 15 grandchildren, Caleb, Joseph and Samuel Poirier, Adam, Ben, Gabrielle, Joseph, Katelyn, Isaiah and Tommy Seguin, and Juliet, Alicia, Philip, David and Matthew Zietkowski, 6 great grandchildren, many nephews and nieces, and many family members living in Canada. He was predeceased by a son, Jason Poirier who died in 2008; and a brother, Joseph Poirier who died in

Roger E. Poirier, 77

2017. He was born in Southbridge, son of the late Joseph and Irene Beatrice (Lavalee) Poirier, was raised in Canada and lived in Southbridge, before moving to Fiskdale in 1973.

Mr. Poirier was a self-employed finish carpenter throughout his life. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 11379 at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. He was a skilled craftsman. He enjoyed camping, snowmobiling, traveling, and especially loved to play golf at Hemlock Ridge Golf Course in Sturbridge.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2017, at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext Charlton (illing l ours are Thursday, August 31, 2017, from 5-7 p.m., and on Friday, September 1, 2017, from 10-11 a.m., in the rotunda at St. Joseph's Church in Charlton. Burial will be private at a later date. In lieu of cut flowers, the family requests that plants be given for a memorial garden. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

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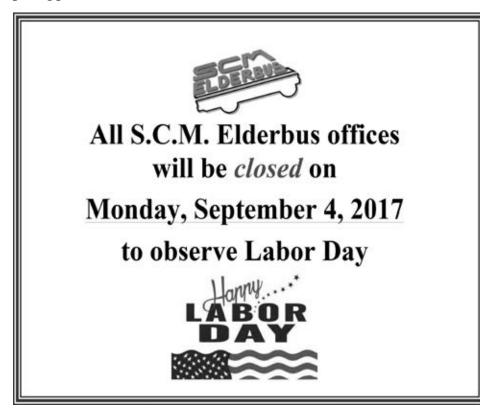
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Friday, September 1

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: On Friday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Overlook Performing Arts Center, 88 Masonic Home Road a community blood drive is scheduled. For an appointment call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood. org, but walk ins are welcome. Calling ahead can streamline your visit by completing pre-donation information.

Saturday, September 2

BACK IN TIME FUN: The Friends of the Brimfield Senior Center invite everyone to their fundraising Retro Faire on Sept. 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Brimfield Town Hall. Vendors and artisans will offer vintage fashions, aprons,



linens and accent lighting, wire designs, handcrafted jewelry, scarves, hats and handbags. Wooden toys, stained glass musical houses, framed artwork, and many repurposed items will also be available. "Everything old is new again." Breakfast, lunch, snacks and a baked goods sale will be offered, and a raffle will be held. Old time music from LPs will play, and films from Abbott & Costello and Laurel & Hardy will be shown. No admission fee.

STEPPING OUT The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a "Back to School" dance on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 8-10:30 p.m. (*Something New ~ early Advanced at 7:30). The caller will be Kevin Bersing and the cuer will be Lee Fremault. Admission is \$8 per person.

For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Al at (413) 436-7849. or visit our website at www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

Tuesday, September 12

MASTER SINGERS: Attention all singers! Brimfield Area Master Singers (BAMS) will begin rehearsals for the winter program on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Brimfield United Church of Christ located on Route 20 on the Brimfield Common. The first three rehearsals are open to all who may be interested. Concerts will be given on four Tuesdays, one in November and three in December in community locales. No auditions are necessary, only a love of singing and a joyful heart. For more information, contact Bob Willis at (413) 668 8782.

Saturday, September 16

ANNUAL YARD SALE: The Friends of Sturbridge/Fiskdale Senior Citizens will be holding their annual Yard Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 on the lawn in front of the Senior Center. Applications for a space are available at the center. We will be offering baked goods and all donations are appreciated. Baked goods may be left at the center on Friday, the 15th, or brought the morning of the sale. A list of ingredients is required for items to be sold.

Sunday, September 17

BEATLES FOR SALE: Beatles For Sale, the tribute, performs live at the Overlook Performing Arts Center Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. In addition to the show being available to Overlook residents, tickets are available for public seating at \$15 per person, please contact Joanne Brackett at (508) 434-2315.

The Overlook Performing Arts Center is located at 88 Masonic Home Road in Charlton.

Integrative Therapies Expo: Sunday,

CALENDAR

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Sept. 17 1-5 p.m. at Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center, 366 Main Street (Route 20), Sturbridge. Open to all, no admission fee. There will be lectures, demonstrations and information for everyone – with a section dedicated to services for cancer patients, survivors and their families. A select number of vendors featuring natural body care, healthy foods and inspirational gifts will also be participating. Enjoy the relaxing music of Vin Mitchell throughout the event.

Wednesday, September 20

DISCUSSION: All are invited to a special program called "Being Mortal" on Sept. 20, 10:30AM to 1PM, at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield on 20 Main Street. Please come join us to watch the documentary "Being Mortal," and discuss end of life issues and receive vital paperwork to help with planning. The program will be facilitated by Eva Pittsinger of the Brimfield Senior Center and Rev. Dawn Adams of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield. There is no cost for this program but please RSVP to brimfielducc@ gmail.com or (413) 245-7162.so that we know how many people to prepare for. Drop-ins, though, are welcome. A light lunch will be provided at noon.

Friday, September 22

4th Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser: The Sturbridge Rotary Club is hosting a Dinner Dance at the Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge on Friday, Sept. 22 from 6-10 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the St. John Paul II Food Pantry. Music by MASS of MUZIK DJ Shawn Clark. Tickets are \$50 per person or a table of eight for \$350. For tickets, please contact Austin Jenkins at (508) 347-6511 or at www.sturbridgerotary.org. Join us for a fun evening and for a worthwhile cause!

Saturday, December 2

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

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 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.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a

variety of other classes visit us at www. hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

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.

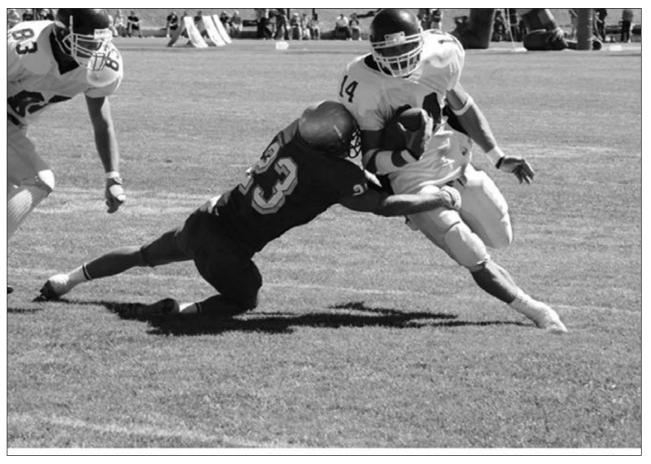
THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the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

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

Injury prevention tips for school-aged athletes

The dawn of a new school year is an exciting for school-aged youngsters. Though many kids may not look forward to homework or getting up early, a new school year is often exciting for young athletes who long to get back on the playing fields and compete with their teammates.

As valuable and exciting as participating in team sports can be, they can just as easily prove dangerous for athletes who aren't prepared for the rigors of physical activity. A summer spent lounging poolside might be just what kids need after a long school year, but that relaxation can put youngsters in jeopardy of suffering an injury when they return to team sports in the fall. Many a young athlete has pulled a hamstring or suffered a shin splint when returning to athletic competition after a long layoff. But such injuries are largely preventable, and the following tips can help school-aged athletes ensure their return to competition is as painless as it is pleasurable. * Condition your muscles in the weeks heading up to tryouts or the start of the school year. Many fall sports feature tryouts near the end of summer or at the very beginning of the school year. That means athletes must start conditioning their muscles early. Discuss with your parents, coaches and physicians which



muscles you will be working when playing a strenuous activities, your sport are made to should never lift weights particu ar sport Adults should help you develop a conditioning program that gets the right muscle groups ready for the rigors of your sport. A properly conditioned athlete has a much lesser risk of injury than one who is not. Your offseason conditioning program should begin slowly and gradually grow more challenging as you draw closer to the school year. Stretch, stretch, stretch. Always stretch

your muscles before any whether it's an offseason

provide the support you will need as you train and compete. The same goes for the clothing you should wear when getting ready for the season. Wear the appropriate athletic attire to reduce your risk of injury. Weight train in the presence of your coaches or parents. Many athletes begin weight training for the first time when they are in high school. Weight training can be beneficial to young ath-

Athletic shoes specific to letes, but such athletes unsupervised. Parents, trainers and coaches can explain the equipment to young athletes while ensuring they don't overdo it in the weight room. Lifting too much weight or having bad form when weightlifting can cause serious injury that can sideline youngsters for the coming season, if not longer. So young athletes should always weight train in the presence of an adult and always work with a spotter to help

them should they struggle to finish a repetition.

Don't try to match your fellow athletes. The human body develops differently for everyone. Young athletes must recognize that there's a chance their classmates and teammates may be developing more quickly than they are. These classmates may be more capable of performing certain physical activities. For example, a teammate might be able to lift more weight than you. Do not try to match your fellow athletes if your body is uncomfortable performing a certain exercise. If you must endure substantial pain to perform a given exercise, then your body is likely telling you it simply isn't ready for that exercise. Don't force the body to do something just to keep up with your teammates.

* Take a break. Even if you rested for most of summer, you still will need to rest when you begin getting ready for the upcoming athletic season. Take at least one day off per week to allow your body to recover and recharge. Your body needs that recovery time to reduce its risk of injury

conditioning program or an in-season competition. Stretching significantly reduces your risk of injury and can improve your performance on the field. * Get geared up. The right gear is essential for young athletes looking to avoid injury. Though summer might seem tailor-made for flip-flops, such footwear should never be worn when exercising and preparing for the coming sports season.

School-aged athletes often look forward to a new school year as a chance to get back on the playing fields. But such athletes should emphasize safe training as the season draws closer.

Shop for sports eye protection



The end of summer is crunch time for families preparing for the new school year. So many items make up backto-school shopping lists that it can be easy to overlook supplies necessary for extracurricular activities.

Autumn marks the beginning of many scholastic sports seasons, including cross-country, field hockey, football, and rugby. Sports can be exciting and challenging for athletes, but athletes also are at constant risk of injury.

Prevent Blindness America notes that more than 40,000 people seek treatment for sports-related eve injuries each year. While many of those injuries affect children, the good news is that sports-related eye injuries are largely preventable. Sports eye protection is a must, and protective eyewear should be included on back-to-school shopping lists.

In addition to wearing protective eyewear when playing sports, athletes can take the following steps to avoid sports-related eye injuries.

• Wear helmets. Kids who play youth baseball should always wear batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields when batting. When playing hockey, use helmets with face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association.

• Wear safety goggles. Regular glasses or goggles may not offer adequate protection. Wear proper safety goggles that have lensed polycarbonate protectors for racquet sports or basketball. All eve guards or protective eyewear should be labeled ASTM F803-approved, according to Prevent Blindness America. This eyewear is guaranteed to offer the highest levels of protection.

• Recognize non-contact sports also can be dangerous. Even non-contact sports such as badminton can present a chance for injury. Individuals should exercise caution any time they play sports that require the use of balls, racquets or flying objects.

• Speak with coaches and teachers. Open a dialogue with coaches or physical education administrators in an effort to highlight the importance of protective eyewear and learn about the steps being taken to protect athletes and their eyes. Include youngsters in these discussions so they learn about the need for protective eyewear and the benefits that such eyewear provides in sports where there is a high to moderate risk of eye injury.

• Protect eyes from the sun. Athletes who play outdoor sports should take steps to protect their eyes from the sun. When shopping for goggles, find ones that offer UV protection. In addition, look for tinted lenses that reduce glare.

Exercise good sportsmanship. Always follow the rules of the sport and be a good team player. Use the equipment in the way it was intended so everyone, including teammates and opponents, is as safe as possible.

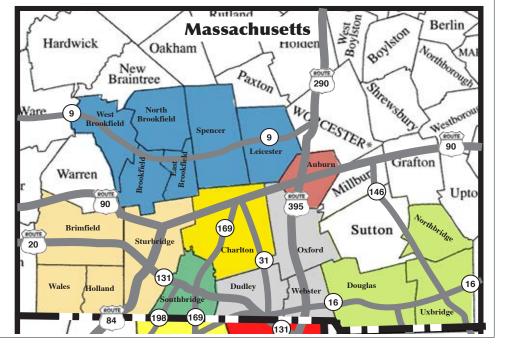
Sports-related eye safety is about prevention. Protective eyewear is essential when competing in various sports.

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6 steps to hosting a successful fundraiser



Fundraisers help schools, political groups and charitable organizations stay afloat. Groups that do not offer products or services for sale must find other means to fund their operations, and fundraisers often fill that role.

Charities Aid Foundation says that the number of people worldwide donating money to nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, increased from 1.2 billion in 2011 to 1.4 billion in 2014.

Fundraising involves more than putting a hand out and asking for money. Successful fundraisers have various things in common, regardless of the cause they're promoting.

1. Decide on a clearly expressed purpose. Individuals do not typically donate money without first being given a good reason to do so. Therefore, when beginning a fundraiser, organizers have to decide on the purpose of the event and spell out that purpose clearly. When sharing information about the fundraiser, include how the money will be allocated. Some charitable events have more than one objective, with a primary goal of raising money and additional desires to raise awareness and connect with new donors. When establishing a financial goal, organizers must come up with a final donations figure they hope

to reach.

2.Knowyouraudience.Understanding your goal is one factor, and knowing who you are reaching out to is another. If it's school fundraising, understand that these may be cash-strapped families without much money to donate. In such instances, consider incentivizing donations by entering donors into raffles for family-friendly outings or coupons to area businesses. Identifying your target audience can help you plan effective strategies that reach that audience.

3. Advertise extensively and early. Donors may not take immediate action upon learning about a fundraiser, so plan to advertise extensively. Make sure the message gets heard and that potential donors have time to fit their donations into their budgets. Reach prospective donors through all the avenues at your disposal, including social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook. Don't overlook more traditional methods of advertising, including flyers and newspaper advertisements that may resonate with older donors. A combination of various types of advertising can cover all of the bases, offers the charitable giving organization GiveForward.

4. Consider getting a sponsor. Individual donations can fuel fundrais-

ers, but a widely recognizable sponsor can help propel prospective donors to action. Many corporations include charitable donations into their quarterly budgets, and such organizations often offer donate incentives such as event tickets and goodie bags that can compel private donors to make donations. Restaurants can offer gift cards and other stores may be able to donate products to hand out. A local celebrity can bring in the foot traffic needed to make the fundraiser successful.

5. Give out prizes. People may look forward to giving to a good cause, but walking away with something tangible in return also can elicit some good feelings. Budget for prizes and other takeaways. Make the fundraiser a fun atmosphere and give participants a chance to win items through contests or other small feats that will generate good will and enjoyment.

6. Enlist volunteers. A fundraiser is not a one-person job. Volunteers are the backbone of successful fundraising efforts, so make sure you have enough volunteers to plan and execute the fundraiser. Try to find volunteers from various walks of life so each person can bring their own unique and valuable experience to the table.

Enjoy a season of the arts

Do you consider yourself a lover of music and the arts? If you do, you are in very good company. According to the 2012 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts from the National Endowment for the Arts, nearly half of American adults (roughly 115 million people) attended at least one type of visual or performing arts activity that year. Nearly the same amount participated in some type or artistic activity.

Going to the theater or attending a concert are popular ways to indulge one's passion for the arts. Fortunately, there are many additional ways for men and women to support the arts.

• Become an arts patron. If you find yourself attending shows multiple times a year, it may be worth the investment to become a patron of a performance group or a particular theater. Membership may entitle you to advance notification and the opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the masses. Many organizations even provide complementary offerings to members, including free beverages, complementary tickets to certain performances and entry to member lounges before and/or after the show. Don't dismiss local theater groups, either, as even high school and college students put on impressive shows.

• Join a discount ticket membership group. Free enrollment in a ticket benefit group is a perk available to men and women who work for certain organizations. Such groups offer discounted ticket rates to members and can help you save a good deal on the purchase of tickets over the course of a year, so speak with human resources personnel at your place of employment to determine

your eligibility for such groups.

• Make it a group night out. Spread the word about a favorite play or performance by taking in a show with friends family members. or Inviting others to share in the experience may encourage a love of the arts in your loved ones. Plus, it can be more fun to attend as a group, sharing the experience and making critiques afterward. Theaters and other performance venues are often centrally located, so you can make the most of a night out with dinner before the show and drinks afterward.

• Explore different genres. If you have a tendency to gravitate toward musicals, stray from the norm and try a drama on your next night out. Expand your musical horizons as well. Don't shy away from a particular type of music because it isn't what you're accus-



Making the most of your local arts scene is a great way to expand your horizon and give back to your community.

tomed to. You never know what you may discover when you experiment with different musical styles. It's quite possible you will fall in love with a new style of music.

• Shop well in advance. Although you may periodically earn discounts if you wait until the last minute to purchase tickets, it's often wise to shop around months before a performance. Shopping early affords you your choice of seats and reduces the risk of losing out to a sellout.

There is no time like the present to enjoy the arts. Don't miss the bevy of artistic endeavors that take place locally and in city centers.

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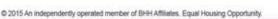
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BACK TO SCHOOL

Help kids get ready for fall sports season

Summer is a season of relaxation, especially for school-aged children who are not yet old enough to work. Such youngsters no doubt enjoy the chance to spend summer days lounging poolside or at the beach, all without a care in the world or any homework to complete.

Though summer is synonymous with R&R, parents of young athletes who hope to compete in scholastic athletics when the school year begins in autumn may need to take steps to ensure their kids aren't at risk of injury once the curtain comes up on fall sports season.

• Examine and replace equipment if necessary. The right equipment can protect kids from injury and help them realize their full athletic potential. But damaged or outdated equipment can increase kids' risk of injury. Examine kids' equipment long before fall sports season begins so you have time to bargain hunt should anything need to be replaced.

• Schedule a physical for your child. Many school districts mandate that athletes receive and pass physicals before they can compete. Speak with the athletic director at your child's school to learn the guidelines that govern athletic physicals. The physical will need to be conducted by a predetermined date, but you may also need the physical to be conducted after a certain date for it to be considered valid. Speak with your child's physician if any problems are found during the phys-

ical. · Let kids heal. Kids' schedules are busier than ever before, and many youngsters play several sports during the school year. Summer vacation may be the only extended period all year that youngsters' bodies get to heal. While it's important that kids stay physically active throughout the summer, make sure they don't overdo it, as you should emphasize the importance of rest.

• Gradually get back in the swing of things. While rest gives kids' bodies a chance to heal and develop, it's important that young athletes stay in shape over the summer. As the fall sports season draws near, help kids gradually get back in the swing of things. Tryouts tend to be physically

demanding, so kids who have not lifted a finger all summer may be at risk of injury or missing the cut. Let kids ease back into regular exercise to make sure they are not starting from scratch come their first tryout.

• Speak with coaches. Coaches can be great assets to parents who want to make sure their youngsters enjoy the summer without sacrificing their chances of making the team in the fall. Speak with kids' coaches to determine if there is any area your son or daughter can work on over the summer to improve his or her chances of making the team. Make sure kids are the ones leading the charge to improve their games; otherwise, they may feel pressured into doing so and that can take away the fun of playing sports.

Scholastic athletes should take advantage of the opportunity to relax and recover that summer presents. But athletes who hope to compete in the fall can still work with their parents to ensure they're ready once the school year and sports season begins.



Injury prevention tips for school-aged athletes

The dawn of a new school year is an exciting for schoolaged youngsters. Though many kids may not look forward to homework or getting up early, a new school year is often exciting for young athletes who long to get back on the playing fields and compete with their teammates.

As valuable and exciting as participating in team sports can be, they can just as easily prove dangerous for athletes who aren't prepared for the rigors of physical activity. A summer spent lounging poolside might be just what kids need after a long school year, but that relaxation can put youngsters in jeopardy of suffering an injury when they return to team sports in the fall. Many a young athlete has pulled a hamstring or suffered a shin splint when returning to athletic competition after a long layoff. But such injuries are largely preventable, and the following tips can help school-aged athletes ensure their return to competition is as painless as it is pleasurable. Condition your muscles in the weeks heading up to tryouts or the start of the school year. Many fall sports feature tryouts near the end of summer or at the very beginning of the school year. That means athletes must start conditioning their muscles early. Discuss with your parents, coaches and physicians which muscles you



a spotter to help them should they struggle to finish a repetition.

* Don't try to match your fellow athletes. The human body develops differently for everyone. Young athletes must recognize that there's a chance their classmates and teammates may be developing more quickly than they are. These classmates may be more capable of performing certain physical activities. For example, a teammate might be able to lift more weight than you. Do not try to match your fellow athletes if your body is uncomfortable performing a certain exercise. If you must endure substantial pain to perform a given exercise, then your body is likely telling you it simply isn't ready for that exercise. Don't force the body to do something just to keep up with your teammates. * Take a break. Even if you rested for most of summer, you still will need to rest when you begin getting ready for the upcoming athletic season. Take at least one day off per week to allow your body to recover and recharge. Your body needs that recovery time to reduce its risk of injury. School-aged athletes often look forward to a new school year as a chance to get back on the playing fields. But such athletes should emphasize safe training as the season draws closer.

will be working when playing a particular sport. Adults should help you develop a conditioning program that gets the right muscle groups ready for the rigors of your sport. A properly conditioned athlete has a much lesser risk of injury than one who is not. Your offseason conditioning program should begin slowly and gradually grow more challenging as you draw closer to the school year.

* Stretch, stretch, stretch. Always stretch your muscles before any strenuous activities, whether it's an offseason conditioning program or an in-season competition. Stretching significantly reduces your risk of injury and can improve your performance on the field.

* Get geared up. The right gear is essential for young athletes looking to avoid injury. Though summer might seem tailor-made for flip-flops, such footwear should never be worn when exercising and preparing for the coming sports season. Athletic shoes specific to your sport are made to provide the support you will need as you train and compete. The same goes for the clothing you should wear when getting ready for the season. Wear the appropriate athletic attire to reduce your risk of injury.

* Weight train in the pres-

ence of your coaches or parents. Many athletes begin weight training for the first time when they are in high school. Weight training can be beneficial to young athletes, but such athletes should never lift weights unsupervised. Parents, trainers and coaches can explain the equipment to young athletes while ensuring they don't overdo it in the weight room. Lifting too much weight or having bad form when weightlifting can cause serious injury that can sideline youngsters for the coming season, if not longer. So young athletes should always weight train in the presence of an adult and always work with

How to help kids in your community



CAPTION: Coaching youth sports teams is one way for adults to give back to the kids in their communities.

People give back to their communities in various ways. Some support local charities by volunteering or making financial donations, while others may deliver meals to convalescents who cannot leave their homes.

Helping kids is a popular way to give back to your community. And helping kids is not just for parents, as young adults and older adults with no children of their own or those whose children are fully grown can give back to kids in their communities in various ways.

COACHING

Youth sports leagues rely on volunteers to run smoothly. Youth sports league coaches are not paid, so each coach is a volunteer. Inquire with your local government office about how to become a youth sports coach in your community. In many instances, no coaching experience is necessary to coach youth sports. However, prospective coaches will likely have to undergo training before they can patrol the sidelines. Such training may include everything

from coaching pointers to emergency medical training and more.

TEACHING

Teaching school is a full-time job, but not all teaching gigs are paid. Adults with knowledge to pass along to the next generation may want to explore volunteer teaching opportunities. Successful professionals can share their professional expertise with high school or college students through community-sponsored programs. Amateur or professional musicians can offer lessons to youngsters interested in learning an instrument, while writers can teach kids about writing. Volunteer teaching opportunities may be

easiest to find by speaking to local boys and girls clubs or schools that offer weekend or after school programs.

FITNESS

Kids who are not involved in organized athletics may still enjoy exercise, which provides even more opportunities for adults to give back to the youth in their communities. For example, cycling enthusiasts can work with local youth organizations to sponsor cycling groups for kids. If hiking or kayaking is your passion, look into organizing trips to nearby state parks where kids can hike and/or kayak and learn to love the great outdoors.

MENTORING

Many young people benefit from the guidance of mentors. Mentoring can be done through an organization such as Big Brothers Big Sisters (www.bbbs.org) or through local school systems that connect professionals from certain fields with students interested in pursuing careers in those fields. Mentoring.org is a great resource for adults interested in mentoring who may not know how to get involved with helping kids in their communities.

Adults who want to give back to the youth in their communities can do so in various ways.

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steps to hosting a successful fundraiser

Fundraisers help schools, political groups and charitable organizations stay afloat. Groups that do not offer products or services for sale must find other means to fund their operations, and fundraisers often fill that role.

Charities Aid Foundation says that the number of people worldwide donating money to nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, increased from 1.2 billion in 2011 to 1.4 billion in 2014.

Fundraising involves more than putting a hand out and asking for money. Successful fundraisers have various things in common, regardless of the cause they're promoting.

1. Decide on a clearly expressed purpose. Individuals do not typically donate money without first being given a good reason to do so. Therefore, when beginning a fundraiser, organizers have to decide on the purpose of the event and spell out that purpose clearly. When sharing information about the fundraiser, include how the money will be allocated. Some charitable events have more than one objective, with a primary goal of raising money and additional desires to raise awareness and connect with new donors. When establishing a financial goal, organizers must come up with a final donations figure they hope to reach.

2. Knowyour audience. Understanding your goal is one factor, and knowing who you are reaching out to is another. If it's school fundraising, understand that these may be cash-strapped families without much money to donate. In such instances, consider incentivizing donations by entering donors into raffles for family-friendly outings or coupons to area businesses. Identifying your target audience can help you plan effective strategies that reach that audience.

3. Advertise extensively and early. Donors may not take immediate action upon learning about a fundraiser, so plan to advertise extensively. Make sure the message gets heard and that potential donors have time to fit their donations into their budgets. Reach prospective donors through all the avenues at your disposal, including social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook. Don't overlook more traditional methods of advertising, including flyers and newspaper advertisements that may resonate with older donors. A combination of various types of advertising can cover all of the bases, offers the charitaterly budgets, and such organizations often offer donate incentives such as event tickets and goodie bags that can compel private donors to make donations. Restaurants can offer gift cards and other stores may be able to donate products to hand out. A local celebrity can bring in the foot traffic needed to make the fundraiser successful.

5. Give out prizes. People may look forward to giving to a good cause, but walking away with something tangible in return also can elicit some good feelings. Budget for prizes and other takeaways. Make the fundraiser a fun atmosphere and give participants a chance to win items through contests or other small feats that will generate good will and enjoyment.

6. Enlist volunteers. A fundraiser is not a one-person job. Volunteers are the backbone of successful fundraising efforts, so make sure you have enough volunteers to plan and execute the fundraiser. Try to find volunteers from various walks of life so each person can bring their own unique and valuable experience to the table.

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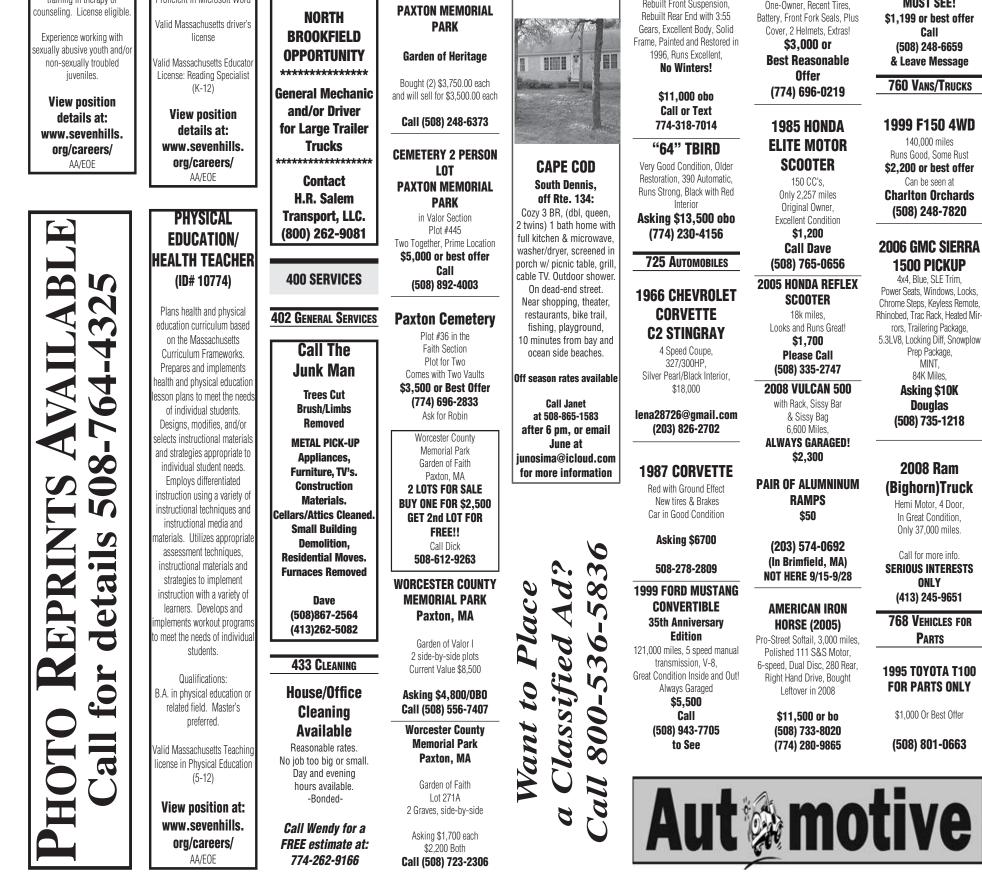
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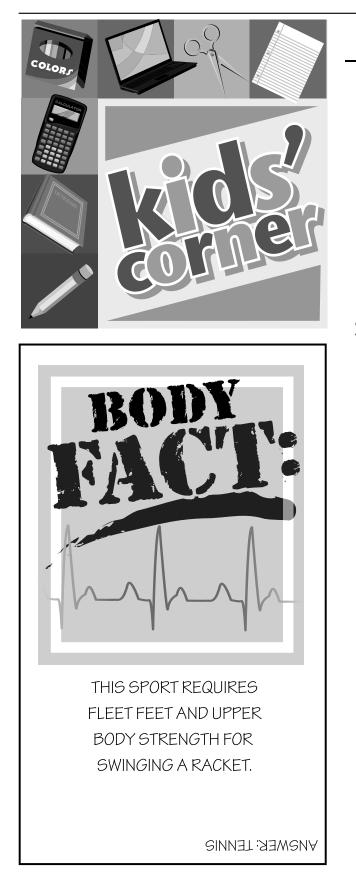
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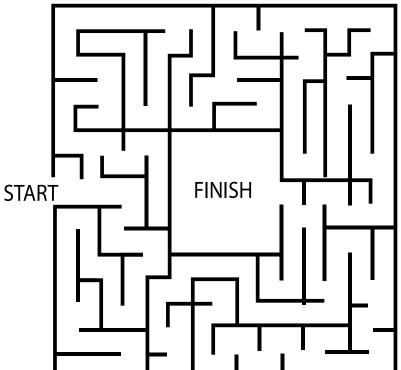






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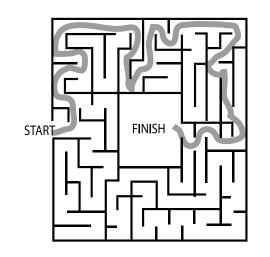


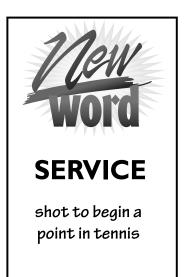


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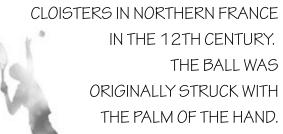
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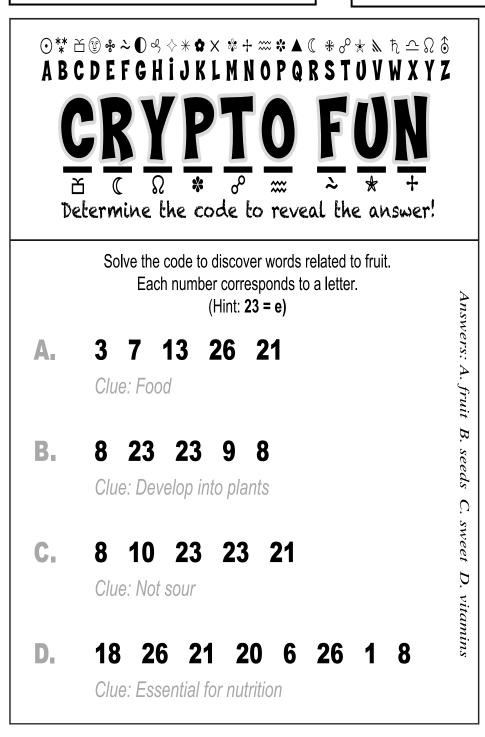
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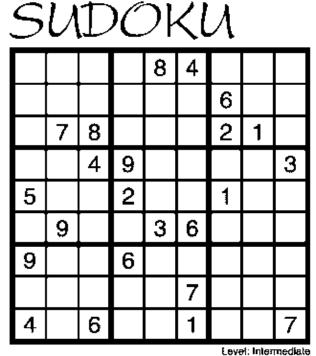




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