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Friday, September 24, 2021

Halftime pep talk helps unbeaten Warriors win over Auburn

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — Through the first half of Tantasqua Regional’s and Auburn High’s boys’ varsity soccer game, played Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Memorial Field, the Warriors and Rockets — both undefeated entering the contest — had played to a scoreless draw.

Tantasqua head coach Matt Guertin thought that his team had a “good first half,” but he wanted more. “I just tried to get the guys fired up in the second half,” explained Guertin. “We knew whoever scored the next goal was going to get the edge. We wanted to do that.”

Guertin’s halftime pep talk worked wonders as the Warriors put eight shots on goal to Auburn’s two and enjoyed five corner kicks to the Rockets’ zero. More importantly, Tantasqua scored twice in the second stanza en route to a 2-0 victory.

“In all honesty, they outplayed us,” said Auburn head coach Chris Bailey. “They’re a good team.

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Nick Ethier

Shawn Bradway of Tantasqua intercepts a pass intended for an Auburn player.

Troop 163 survives and thrives during Covid-19 pandemic

STURBRIDGE — Covid restrictions have been a challenge for many of us. For the Scouting program, it turned things on its head. While Scouting as a patrol based and outdoor focused program Covid regulations caused some unit programs to come to a halt, virtual meetings were the norm, a handful of units did not survive. Several events and activities were cancelled, several camping trips were done in back yards. Camp Quarantine hosted by the Heart of New England Council was created as a virtual camp in your back yard and attend various activities online. Summer camp was cancelled for the 2019 season, camps were closed, group sizes limited, indoor gathering spaces closed.

Despite all of this, Troop 163 persisted. The Scouting Motto is: Be Prepared. Part of being prepared is having a backup plan in the event rain, lack of materials, location change. The 2019-2020 season added Covid. After the lockdown, and as things opened back up it changed to individual scouts in tents, sanitizing, distancing out, masking up, and last-minute location changes based on other restrictions. An abundance of lessons were learned during this time. The art of dressing appropriately for cold weather so outdoor winter meetings could be held. Projecting and speaking up to teach skills and rank requirements as everyone is spread out. Building confidence in their abilities to adapt, overcome, and learning to be flexible.

Leadership in the troop knew these Scouts needed something, some regularity in an irreg-

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Ox Trot 5K to benefit Old Sturbridge Academy

STURBRIDGE — The 2021 Ox Trot 5K will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge. Proceeds from the 2021 Ox Trot Fundraising Campaign will fund expeditionary learning opportunities for the 320 K-7 scholars attending OSACPS throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Through this campaign, we will support field work, transportation, museum/exhibit admissions, general product supplies, specialized books/texts, and guest experts will be covered, as well as the services and supplies needed for the final product being created by each grade.

The Kids Fun Run begins at 8 a.m., and the

Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. (following Fun Run). Race day registration and pickup begins at 7 a.m. 5K/Walk registration includes: a soft ring-spun cotton t-shirt (Fun Run included), a medal awarded to the first 200 registered participants (Fun Run included), running buff, bib and the first 100 registrants are guaranteed a swag bag. Participants must register by September 24, 2021 to receive a t-shirt. Additional t-shirts are available for purchase. Prizes will be awarded to the top male/female finishers in the following age groups: 16 and under and 17 and over. For more information about the race and to register

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Phantoms & Fire returns to Old Sturbridge Village for second year

STURBRIDGE — Phantoms & Fire will return to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) this year, taking place every Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 13-31 from 5-8:30 p.m. Public tickets go on sale Sept. 14, with “early bird” rates through Sept. 30.

Phantoms & Fire brings theatrical and family-friendly Halloween activities to the Village in October, including Clues & Candy, an outdoor twist on Trick-or-Treat at the Village, live music with the Mysterious Melodies of Lawrence Trailer, and themed food and beverage offerings in the ghoulishly transformed Prospero’s Tavern.

A cornerstone of the event is “Nevermore,” a series of six outdoor performances written and directed by P.J. Griffith, specifically for Old Sturbridge Village and partner Coggeshall Farm Museum. Nevermore welcomes a professional cast to the Village to bring to life the short stories and poems of author Edgar Allan Poe, told from the perspective of characters who have just witnessed these terrors occur. The stories will play out simultaneously in six different locations around the Village and tell familiar tales of horror, revenge, obsession and deception. Performances will be repeated throughout the night in pulsating rhythm - just like Poe’s tell-tale, beating heart - ensuring that visitors can see and experience them all.

On select show dates, Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday,



Oct. 24 Thomas D’Agostino, author of A Guide to Haunted New England, will be at the Village signing copies of his work outside of the Miner Grant Store. Regarded as one of the region’s most well-known writers and investigators of the paranormal, D’Agostino and his wife have been extensively studying and investigating paranormal accounts for over 28 years. His book details the stories, folklore, haunted anecdotes and lingering spirits across all six states in New England.

Phantoms & Fire tickets for members of Old Sturbridge Village are \$16 for adults and \$9.60 for youth ages four to 17, non-member rates are \$18 for adults and \$10.80 for youth. As of Oct. 1, all tickets increase to full price at \$20 for adults and \$12 for youth.

Phantoms & Fire will take place Wednesdays through Saturdays, Oct. 13-31, from 5-8:30 p.m. Guests can arrive anytime and stay until the Village closes. Tickets and additional details can be found at: <https://www.osv.org/event/phantoms-and-fire-2021/>.

Phantoms & Fire is also coming to Coggeshall Farm Museum located in Bristol, R.I., Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 20-31. More details on the Coggeshall event can be found at: <https://www.coggeshallfarm.org/event/phantoms-and-fire-2021/>.

The season is the reason for a celebration



Gus Steeves

She's Busy gets into their rendition of Led Zeppelin's "Battle of Evermore."



Gus Steeves

At the tent that's promoting plans to build a new Dresser Park veterans' memorial (background image), veteran Ron Berthiaume greets his grandson Wyatt.

SOUTHBRIDGE – Last Saturday, what started early as rain turned out to be a nice late summer day for Southbridge AutumnFest. Tents festooned with arts and crafts, farm produce, games, social service info, and, of course, beer took over the Common. Visitors could get their fortunes told; take chances on Harrington's annual duck pluck; sample hotdogs, ice cream, burgers and Latin food, and other things while listening to She's Busy or Island Castaways.



Gus Steeves

A couple boys add to the sometimes goofy, sometimes ghoulish collection of painted pumpkins near the Police Station.



Gus Steeves

Trax, the Worcester Railers mascot, talks to a fan.



Gus Steeves

Two kids hang out with Harrington's giant inflated duck.



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Methodist Church Pastor Sabina Terrades makes it clear what she'd like to be able to put on her resume.

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Where We Are Today

Met with the Board of Selectmen, including a public hearing, the Recreation Committee and Sturbridge Tourist Association, both voted to support the project, and the Trail Committee. We have hosted public open houses to engage with you about this project, and to gain input.

Next, the town's boards vote

Each of the town's governing boards will debate the proposal and vote on whether to take the next step in this process. The Board of Selectmen will vote to place this proposal on the warrant for the fall town meeting, thus giving the residents their next opportunity to weigh in on the project. At every step in this process, the residents of Sturbridge have the final say as to whether we take the next step in making this project a reality.

An Ongoing Partnership

We will need to get approvals from the town, state and federal government. The only way this happens is by engaging in a constant dialogue with you and developing a strong partnership with the community.

Present the Zoning Overlay District & Host Community Agreement

These two legally binding documents will govern every aspect of the project going forward providing critical protections for the community. The end result of this step is to have a draft agreement for the town government and, ultimately, the residents to consider. If approved, we all can take the next step to creating the Center.

Obtaining Local Permitting & State Authorizations

Upon approval from town meeting, we would begin the process of obtaining permits and state authorizations. At each step, we will be required to follow the rules put forth in the Overlay District and the HCA, as well as abide by the local and state regulations that require additional hearings and opportunities for public comment. Our goal is to partner with the residents of Sturbridge at every step so we can all succeed together.

Learn more about the proposal:
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High School Notebook

Sept. 10

Tantasqua 7, Uxbridge 1 — The JV Warriors’ boys’ soccer team improved to 2-0. Scoring for Tantasqua was Owen Stattenfield, Alex Kenney, Emile Escobar, Joey Chidester, Alexander Brunelle, Daelan Ahearn and a header goal by Luke Goodwin.

Sept. 13

Tantasqua 166, Oxford 228 — Heritage Country Club played host to the Warriors’ taking on the Pirates in a golf matchup. Medalist honors go to Tantasqua senior co-captain Nate Wright, who shot a 38 on the par-36 back nine layout. The Warriors are now 3-1.

Sept. 14

Bay Path 169, Assabet 194 — Playing on their home course of Heritage Country Club, the Bay Path golf team defeated the Aztecs. The Minutemen’s Evan O’Malley and Jason Kozlowski were medalists with matching 40s on the par-35 layout.

Tantasqua 176, Shepherd Hill 191 — Hemlock Ridge hosted the Warriors and Rams in a golf matchup. Shepherd Hill’s Will Reece (3-over par 39) was the medalist, but behind Tantasqua’s Nate Wright (41) the Warriors won and improved to 4-1.

Sept. 15

Bay Path 162, Keefe Tech 201 — Seniors Brandon Mertocci (37) and Evan O’Malley (39) were the golfers who most helped Bay Path to victory in a match played at Heritage Country Club.

Tantasqua 173, Auburn 180 — The Warriors’ golf team edged the Rockets at Hemlock Ridge. Medalist honors go to sophomore Patrick Dunn, who shot a 41 on the par-36 layout.

Tantasqua 2, Auburn 1 — In boys’ JV soccer action, the Warriors narrowly defeated the host Rockets. Ethan Parker and Levi Shepard were the goal scorers for Tantasqua (3-0). Owen Stattenfield provided an assist, and Daelan Ahearn was the winning keeper for the Warriors.

Sept. 17

Tantasqua 174, Quaboag 194 — Warriors’ senior co-captain Nate Wright was the medalist in the golf match versus the Cougars at Quail Hollow Country Club, carding a 5-over par 41. Quaboag’s best was Matt Tiberii (44). Tantasqua improves to 5-1, while the Cougars slip to 2-4.

Minnechaug 34, Tantasqua 6 — All started well for the Warriors’ football team at the Reservation, as Aiden Filler (15 carries, 102 yards) scored the first quarter’s only touchdown on a seven-yard run as Tantasqua led 6-0. But Minnechaug rattled off the final 34 points as the Warriors dropped to 0-2. Tantasqua quarterback Caleb Thompson rushed for 39 yards and passed for 62 more.

*Fallon/OrNda
Community Health
Fund of Greater
Worcester Community
Foundation now
accepting applications*

WORCESTER — The Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund is now accepting applications. Established at Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) in 1996, this fund aims to increase access to healthcare in Worcester County by advancing projects that address the social determinants of health.

“The focus of the Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund is to support organizations adopting and implementing strategies that reduce barriers to care,” said Jonathan Cohen, GWCF’s Vice President for Programs and Strategy. “These barriers can include language, culture, transportation, and technology, among others.”

Nonprofit applicants from across Worcester County may apply for operational expenditures such as personnel costs, program expenses, small equipment purchases, or physical space improvements. Grant requests between \$5,000 and \$25,000 will be considered. Collaborative efforts will be given a higher priority.

“Expanding access to healthcare resources remains a top priority as the pandemic continues,” said GWCF’s Interim President and CEO, Carolyn J. Stempler. “Our goal is to enable our community partners to continue the impressive work in providing under-resourced communities with equitable, culturally appropriate access to health services.”

Applications to the Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund must be received online by Oct. 29. For more information, please visit <https://www.greaterworcester.org/Grants/Grant-Opportunities/Fallon-OrNda-Community-Health-Fund>, or contact Jonathan Cohen at jcohen@greaterworcester.org.



Nick Ether

Tantasqua’s Aiden Filler busts off a big gain on a first quarter carry.

Nick Ether

(Left) Defenders Liam Hubacz, left, and Anthony Lataille (79) of Tantasqua combine to tackle Minnechaug’s ball carrier.



Nick Ether

Tantasqua’s Nate Winco hunts down Minnechaug’s receiver.



Nick Ether

Isaac Colon of Tantasqua turns the corner on a rush to his right side.



Nick Ether

Tantasqua quarterback Caleb Thompson releases a pass down the field.

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UMass Lowell celebrates Class of 2021

LOWELL — UMass Lowell recently honored local residents among its 4,582 graduates.

Despite the pandemic, UMass Lowell was able to offer graduates the chance to safely celebrate their success through a combination of virtual ceremonies and the in-person presentation of their diploma covers with a family photo at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell May 12 through 14.

"For those of you joining us in person, we're thrilled that you are able to walk across the stage with family and friends present. As graduates, I imagine there is both a sense of tremendous pride but also a sense of relief in receiving your diploma after enduring a time when the world around you was under a siege of challenges,"said Chancellor Jacquie

Moloney. "You, the Class of 2021, showed us the meaning of true grit and what it means to stay strong and to keep hope alive. I know you will join me in saying thank you to the faculty and staff who also had to dig deep to provide you with as great an experience as possible under the circumstances, and to your family and friends who were there for you when you needed them most. But I also want to thank each of you who are graduating. For just as UMass Lowell has impacted you, you have all left a powerful impact on us. In 1,000 ways, you, the Class of 2021, have enhanced and improved this university."

The three-day Commencement celebration began on Wednesday, May 12. A ceremony for graduates who earned doctoral degrees featuring William Moylan,

UMass Lowell Distinguished University Professor and architect of the university's renowned sound recording technology program, as the keynote speaker was held. A series of brief, small ceremonies on Thursday, May 13 and Friday, May 14 at the Tsongas Center recognized graduates who earned bachelor's and master's degrees. At these ceremonies, graduates, accompanied by up to two guests, walked into the Tsongas Center and then crossed the stage, received their diploma covers and had an official photo taken before departing. Strict social distancing and other safety measures were in place during all in-person Commencement events.

The virtual portion of the celebration - online ceremonies viewable at www.uml.edu/commencement for the next year - featured a range of notable individuals with experience and knowledge to share with the Class of 2021.

Thursday's ceremony included the presentation of an honorary doctoral degree to Ron Insana, senior analyst and contributor to CNBC and MSNBC networks, as well as the Chancellor's Medal for Public Service and Civic Engagement to Market Basket, the 104-year-old supermarket chain founded in Lowell that now employs more than 25,000 people and is well known for its generous profit-sharing plan, for two charitable foundations and support for scholarships for UMass Lowell students.

Friday's ceremony featured Deepak Chopra - founder of The Chopra Foundation, a nonprofit entity for research on well-being and humanitarianism, and Chopra Globalreceiving a doctor of humane letters - who, along with UMass Lowell graduate and founder of The Born to Run Foundation Noelle Lambert, addressed the Class of 2021. Their speeches were viewable at www.uml.edu/commencement.

- Local residents among UMass Lowell's Class of 2021 are:**
- * Lauren Bostock of Fiskdale, who received a bachelor of science degree in clinical laboratory sciences
 - * Mark Fonner of Holland, who received a bachelor of science in engineering degree in mechanical engineering
 - * Sun-Hei Bamfo of Southbridge, who received a bachelor of arts degree in history
 - * Benjamin Horr of Southbridge, who received a bachelor of science degree in biology
 - * Ethan Champeau of Southbridge, who received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice
 - * Anthony Giuggio of Sturbridge, who received a bachelor of arts degree in political science

MoreonUMassLowellCommencement is available at www.uml.edu/commencement.

UMass Lowell is a national research university offering students bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in business, education, engineering, fine arts, health, humanities, sciences and social sciences. UMass Lowell delivers high-quality educational programs and personal attention from leading faculty and staff, all of which prepare graduates to be leaders in their communities and around the globe. www.uml.edu

State officials ramp up West Nile Virus warnings

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Following the announcement of new West Nile virus infections, state officials are ramping up warnings to residents.

Last week, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced two new cases of WNV. The latest person infected is a woman in her 30s who was exposed to the virus in Bristol County, officials said.

Statewide, seven human cases of WNV have been confirmed this year. One animal case was also confirmed.

"Based on mosquito findings and the new human case, eleven additional communities are being raised to moderate risk," read a statement released by the DPH. "As overnight temperatures get cooler, mosquito activity right around dusk and dawn may be more intense."

About 30 communities in Essex, Middlesex, Bristol, and Suffolk Counties are currently listed in the DPH's high-risk category, plus 49 towns at moderate risk. Communities recently upgraded to moderate risk include Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, Millville, Fall River, Seekonk, North Andover, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, and Plympton.

For state officials, the report of the woman in her thirties contracting the virus is particularly alarming. Officials are warning residents to avoid outdoor activities at dusk and dawn.

"This is our first West Nile virus case this year in someone under the age of 50," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "This is a reminder that although people over the age of 50 are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. Risk from West

Nile virus will continue until the first hard frost, and people should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors."

In 2020, there were five human cases of WNV identified in Massachusetts. Due to increased rains over the summer, this year's total has already passed 2020.

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

"People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes," the DPH statement read.

To help avoid mosquito bites, you can take several measures around your home. Use insect repellent when outdoors, and try to schedule activities outside peak mosquito hours between dusk and dawn. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Additionally, drain sources of standing water around your home like wheelbarrows, empty flower pots, and rain gutters. Change the water in birdbaths frequently.

You can also protect your house from mosquitoes by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors. Animal owners should also take steps to protect their pets by reducing standing water and keeping animals indoors as much as possible, especially at night.

For more information about protective measures you can take, call 617-983-6800.

Community College presidents release joint statement on new vaccine policy

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D., joined the other 14 community colleges presidents in the Commonwealth in his support of a new COVID-19 vaccine policy that will go into effect January 2022.

Below is the statement issued by the 15 Massachusetts Community College presidents:

"During the last 18 months, the Massachusetts Community Colleges have prioritized the health and safety of our communities while also recognizing that many of our students have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While a significant number of students, faculty, and staff are already vaccinated or are in the process of becoming vaccinated, the 15 colleges are seeking to increase the health and safety of the learning and working environment in light of the ongoing public health concerns and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With the number of new cases of COVID-19 across the Commonwealth in unvaccinated populations, the increased access and availability of vaccines in the Commonwealth, the Food & Drug Administration's full and pending approval of available vaccines, and

CDC guidance that the COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be extremely safe and highly effective at preventing infection, severe disease, hospitalization, and death, the Presidents of all 15 Massachusetts Community Colleges announced today that they will require students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated by January 2022.

Students who seek to register for courses that do not include any in-person component, and who do not plan to come on campus for any reason for the Spring 2022 semester, will not be required to provide documentation of vaccination.

As participants in the White House's COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge, the Massachusetts Community Colleges will continue to make vaccine clinics available on site. Further, the Massachusetts Community Colleges are committed to ensuring vaccination status is not a barrier to students and will continue offering a range of virtual learning opportunities and services.

This vaccine requirement is aimed at ensuring the safest learning and working environment possible for the more than 135,000 students we educate and train each year as well as our staff and faculty. Additional details about implementation will be forthcoming."

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1. One of the four Vedas
5. Part of (abbr.)
8. At the peak
12. African antelope
14. Expression of satisfaction
15. Yankees' ace
16. Belittled
18. A baglike structure
19. Utah Jazz coach Snyder
20. Actress Tomei
21. Explosive
22. Formal for "on"
23. Cruelties
26. Country singer Brad
30. Make very happy
31. Binary compound of hydrogen with a metal
32. Albanian currency
33. Subatomic particle
34. Type of salt
39. 007's creator
42. Emerging
44. Railroad flare
46. Observed
47. Capable of reproduction
49. Indicates adjacent to
50. Legendary Notre Dame coach
51. Not wide
56. An embarrassing mistake
57. Pearl Jam's debut album
58. Denotes passerine birds
59. Stumble
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. W. Indian trees
62. You
63. Pigpen
64. Be aware of

CLUES DOWN

1. Crease
2. "Honey" actress Jessica
3. Broad volcanic crater
4. Product safety watchdog
5. Southern Colombian city
6. Part of a church
7. Perceptible by touch
8. Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges
9. Hairpiece
10. Variety acts
11. "Mystic River" actor Sean
13. Remove salt
17. Went out with
24. Type of bread
25. Popular Eagles song
26. Philosophy degree
27. Yes vote
28. Passports and licenses are two
29. No seats available
35. Pounds per square inch
36. A way to launch an attack on
37. The lowest cardinal number
38. Popular Miller beer
40. Pokes holes in
41. Closest to
42. Folk singer DiFranco
43. Rivne's former name
44. Flat ruler
45. Lacking the means to do something
47. Cockatoo
48. Dred Scott decision deliverer
49. Explosion exclamation
52. Canadian flyers
53. Houston university
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Family and friends eager to support Bay Path Practical Nursing team in Walk to End Alzheimer's

CHARLTON — Lindsay Guertin, BSN, RN of Spencer was working as full-time faculty prior to COVID-19 when a clinical discussion inspired her to form a team in the Walk to End Alzheimer's to support her practical nursing students in their nursing journey.

Gretheline Bolandrina DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director remembers when Guertin spoke with her about the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Hanover Insurance Office Park, 100 North Parkway in Worcester. The walk route opens at 8:30 a.m., and there is a Promise Garden Ceremony at 10 a.m. She said she knew of the event, and she is enthusiastic about participating with the Guertins, practical nursing students, and alumni. Guertin recently received her Team captain gear. Both Guertin and Bolandrina thought participating would be fun, and a memorable service-learning activity for everyone.

"I notified alumni about it," Bolandrina said. "Some graduates from 2014, 2015 and current students, so we all just made a team. Weather permitting, more friends and family members may join the team. We look forward to the chance to join with all the teams to make an impact in the

(Right) Lindsay Guertin and her husband.

mission to end Alzheimer's."

"I am passionate about Dementia and Alzheimer's care. The walk is a wonderful opportunity. It brings awareness to Alzheimer's, brings funds to research for Alzheimer's for a cure, and help support Alzheimer's families," Guertin said. "It's important to learn as much as we can, especially our practical nursing students. The more awareness we can bring leads to someday have a cure."

Guertin set the minimum fundraising goal for the team. The goal is set at \$2,000 for Bay Path Practical Nursing Team. So far, they've raised \$240, with hopes of additional donations arriving in the mail.

Bolandrina said she is so grateful for Guertin's leadership including her family's participation. She looks forward to the day when the goal is reached of finding a cure for Alzheimer's. She commended the Bay Path Practical Nursing community members for their show of support.

More information about how to donate or join Team Bay Path PN Students is available by visiting https://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=14521&pg=team&team_id=702807.

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Here Today Adopted Tomorrow saving lives with Ninth Annual Strut Your Mutt® Celebration

BRIMFIELD — Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary (HTAT), along with hundreds of animal rescue groups across the country, is participating in the Best Friends Animal Society's Strut Your Mutt Day, the walk and fundraising event that saves the lives of dogs and cats in communities across the country.

Launching more than two decades ago in Salt Lake City, Best Friends Strut Your Mutt® event expanded to several cities across the nation in 2010 with a commitment to help Best Friends Network partner organizations, such as HTAT, raise critical funds for their lifesaving work.

Realizing that this successful fundraising event did not have to be tied to a few geographical venues, Best Friends in 2011 opened Strut Your Mutt Day to network partners around the country. Now more than ever, Strut Your Mutt Day will be an important tool to help animal shelters and rescue groups raise money toward saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats.

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow's Ninth Annual Strut Your Mutt® Celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, on the Brimfield Common, as part of the Brimfield Community Partnership's (BCP) Brimfield Harvest Festival. The Festival is an all-day, family-friendly event that runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with HTAT's walk starting at 1 p.m. Those who would like to participate in HTAT's walk can either pre-register online at heretodaysanctuary.org/walk, or register on-site on Sept. 25 from noon to 1 p.m. Walkers are welcome to come with or without a dog.

"We at Here Today Adopted Tomorrow are proud to be part of the Best Friends Strut Your Mutt Day celebration happening across the country, and we're so excited to combine our annual walk with the BCP's Brimfield Harvest Festival," said Rachael Max, HTAT's Executive Director and Board President. "HTAT is working with Best Friends toward the goal of taking this nation no-kill by 2025. Working together we can accomplish great things all around the country and right here at home for our dogs and cats. We love our community and we know you do too, so help us take action for pets and the people who love them. Join us in saving lives by participating in Here Today Adopted Tomorrow's Ninth Annual Strut Your Mutt® Celebration, and stick around for some fun fall activities at the Harvest Festival!"

For more information about the walk, please visit heretodaysanctuary.org/walk or call 413-324-8224. You can also join HTAT's Strut Your Mutt® team and spread the word about the walk by visiting support.bestfriends.org/goto/htat.



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BAY PATH LPN HONORED WITH P.E.O. GRANT

Leanne Reardon, LPN, of Harrington Physician Services (Pediatrics) of Southbridge, and a 2014 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, was honored at a P.E.O. Grant Certificate Presentation by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter AJ, Manchester. Photo shows standing from left, Joyce Halmers, Darlene Allen, (President Chapter AJ) Carol Powell, seated Bonnie Lindland and P.E.O. Grant Awardee Leanne Reardon, LPN. Standing far right is Lucy Falk, Chairman of Program for Continuing Education.

In a message to Reardon, she was notified that the P.E.O. organization is honored to announce that the prestigious P.E.O. grant in the amount of \$2,200 is awarded to provide funds to reach her educational goals. Susan Penrod, Chairman, Board of Trustees P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education wished Reardon "great success in the years ahead." Reardon is set to start the LPN to RN program at Quinsigamond Community College.

Quinsigamond Community College offers free healthcare training

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education (CWDCE) is once again offering a free Medical Administrative Assistant program and a Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide program, in late fall 2021 and early spring 2022. Each program takes approximately two months to complete.

"These free workforce training programs are one of the ways QCC is making an investment in the community our students live and work," said Kathleen Manning, dean of The Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

The free Medical Administrative Assistants program prepares students to work as Medical Administrative Assistants in health-care facilities such as hospitals and health systems, physicians' offices, clinics, long-term care facilities, surgery centers, ambulatory surgery centers, rehabilitation centers, and other types of healthcare

areas. After successfully completing this course, students are eligible to sit for the National Health Career Association's Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA). The program includes free tuition, textbook and Medical Office Simulation software; Microsoft Office training; Contract Tracing and Infection Control training; and the CMAA Exam fee.

The free Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide program is a dual certificate that will open many doors for students, whether they choose to work in a healthcare facility or home setting. Students will learn about basic patient care, medical terminology, nutrition, patient care procedures, communication skills, basic anatomy, and safety. Basic nursing skills are taught through classroom lectures, nursing labs and clinical practice in a long-term care facility. The program includes free tuition, textbook, scrubs, and the certification-testing fee.

For more information, or to

request an application, email Jo Sundin jsundin@qcc.mass.edu or call 508-751-7921.

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Betz named UNICEF Club Advisor

CHARLTON — Ruth “DeeDee” Betz, ASN, LPN of Southbridge, a staff member at Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, was named UNICEF Club advisor.

The distinct honor of becoming UNICEF Club Advisor recognizes Betz’s experience and successful stint as an LPN and a Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumna, PN Class of 2015.

“We are pleased to recognize DeeDee’s leadership and spirit of volunteerism,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “DeeDee is a staff member and as PN secretary give tremendous assistance to students and alumni alike. Being named UNICEF Club Advisor solidifies her commitment to practical nursing education, we are proud of her and value her time, practice, and experience.”

As UNICEF Advisor Betz is pleased to have the opportunity to influence future nurses and fundraise for children’s advocacy. She is excited and honored to work with practical nursing student leaders for UNICEF projects.

About UNICEF Club

The UNICEF Clubs program is a



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Ruth Betz

youth led grassroots movement rooted in a belief that high school and college students in the United States have a vital role to play as the voice for children everywhere. UNICEF Clubs partner with UNICEF USA to activate their local community by advocating, building community, fundraising, and speaking out for UNICEF’s child sur-

vival work in over 190 countries. It is UNICEF USA’s goal to empower youth in the United States with the resources and skills to be effective global citizens - thinking globally and acting locally for the world’s most vulnerable children. www.unicefusa.org

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Founded in 2009, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is a 40-week (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. www.baypath.net

Sturbridge Rotary presents TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Trail Race and Fun Walk

STURBRIDGE — The Rotary Club of Sturbridge has announced it will be sponsoring a family-friendly, Halloween 5K Trail Run and Fun Walk, a one-mile race for pre-teens, and activities for kids, including a costume parade, relay races, and organized games. According to race director Klaus Hachfeld, the TREK Sturbridge Halloween 5K Trail Race and Fun Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to noon.

“Our club wants to create a community event that would be fun for the whole family,” said Hachfeld, “and one that would call attention to the town’s exceptional network of trails.” The event will be held at the Old Sturbridge Village Education Center on Old Sturbridge Village Road and will use the Arbutus Park Trail in the Leadmine Mt. Conservation Lands.

“We’ve been working with Old Sturbridge Village and Sturbridge Town staff for many weeks to assure a well-coordinated and safe event,” said Hachfeld.

The event’s trail runs consist of a 1-Mile timed race for pre-teens at 9:30 a.m. and a timed 5K Trail Run and Fun Walk at 10:00 a.m. Advance registration will soon be available via the RaceWire website, which is an endurance event service company with offices in Boston and S. California that provides online registration, race timing, photos and

several other services for more than 1,000 events annually. On-site registration on the day of the event will start at 8 a.m.

The entry fee for the pre-teen one-mile race is \$15 and a free race tee shirt will be given to the first 50 registrants. The entry fee for the 5K Trail Run and Fun Walk is \$30 and the first 150 registrants will receive a free race tee shirt.

The costume parade, relay races, and organized games for younger children are being organized by a committee led by Lisa Meunier and Linda Langevin-Zonia, and will take place on the OSV Education Center grounds starting at 9:00 a.m. Participation in these activities is free of charge and requires no pre-registration.

All profits from the event provide scholarships to local students and support other local community needs.

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization of business and professional men and women united to provide Humanitarian Service, encourage High Ethical Standards in all vocations, and help build Goodwill and Peace throughout the world. The Sturbridge Rotary Club meets for dinner at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of the Month, at the Publick House Historic Inn on Sturbridge Common, Route 131, Sturbridge.

Dylan Johnson of Sturbridge named to dean’s list at The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Dylan Johnson of Sturbridge is among the nearly 1,100 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring 2021 semester.

The dean’s list is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

Academics at The Citadel are divided between five schools: the Tommy and Victoria Baker School of Business, the School of Engineering, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Swain Family School of Science and Mathematics and the Zucker Family School of Education.

About The Citadel

The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South

Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The approximately 2,400 members of the S.C. Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military, but about one-third of each class earn commissions to become officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Citadel alumni have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since 1842. The Citadel Graduate College, founded more than 50 years ago, offers dozens of graduate degree, graduate certificate and evening undergraduate programs in the evening or online. Consecutively named Best Public College in the South by U.S. News & World Report for ten years and No. 1 Best Public College for Veterans in the South for three years. Learn more about Our Mighty Citadel here.

Thomas J. Bartholomew of Bartholomew & Company honored as a Barron’s Top 100 Independent/RIA Advisor for 2021

WORCESTER — Bartholomew & Company, a provider of financial planning, wealth management, and government and institutional investment services in Worcester, Massachusetts, announced that its President & CEO, Thomas J. Bartholomew, AIF® has been named to Barron’s list of Top 100 Independent/RIA Advisors for 2021. The list is published on barrons.com.

According to Barron’s, a leading financial publication, the ranking reflects America’s top 100 independent financial advisors. List makers are determined based on the volume of assets overseen by the advisors and their teams, revenues generated for the firms, and the quality of the advisors’ practices.

“I am honored to have been named to this prestigious list once again—a recognition that, to us, speaks to our firm’s commitment to excellence,” said Mr. Bartholomew. “I am grateful for the trust our clients place in us and for the dedication of Bartholomew & Company’s team of private wealth management and government and institutional investment professionals who always put the needs of our clients first.”

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Northeast Energy Center LLC

On August 31, 2018, Northeast Energy Center LLC (“NEC” or the “Company”) filed, with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, a petition to construct a new liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) facility in Charlton, Massachusetts to liquefy pipeline natural gas, store the LNG, and load LNG tanker trucks (“Facility”), along with an interconnecting natural gas pipeline (together, the “Project”). NEC also filed a request for zoning exemptions for the Facility, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, seeking individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive exemption from the Town of Charlton Zoning Bylaw to allow construction and operation of the Project. On February 28, 2019, NEC filed an Amended and Restated Petition to Construct, and on April 19, 2019, filed an Amended and Restated Zoning Petition. The Company proposes to construct its Project at 304 Southbridge Road, Charlton (“Route 169 Site”); the Company also proposed an alternative site located on Route 20 in Charlton. A map of the proposed Project below shows the Route 169 Site and its noticed pipeline interconnection routes. You are receiving this Notice because you live or own property near the proposed Project or near the alternative site or pipeline routes.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote Siting Board meeting using Zoom on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.** (or shortly thereafter, upon concluding another agenda item), to listen to comments, deliberate, and vote on whether to approve, approve with conditions, or reject the Project. A Tentative Decision issued by the Siting Board’s staff on September 20, 2021 recommends approval of the Project at the Route 169 Site and employing the Company’s Preferred Interconnection Route, as shown on the map below, with conditions. The Tentative Decision is available at: <https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-Ing>.

Attendees can participate by using the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81440479088> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish will be provided (see instructions below). For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at 1-646-558-8656 and enter **Meeting ID 814 4047 9088**. Please note that dial-in participants will only hear live audio of the actual speaker without interpretation.

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September 23, 2021
September 24, 2021

Herbfest returns Oct. 2

FISKDALE — Join us for a day of Herbal learning and sharing at the second Herbfest on Saturday, Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Sturbridge Senior Center in Fiskdale. This is a follow-up to the successful first Herbfest of 2019. The COVID pandemic has heightened awareness of personal health care. Nationally-known herbal teachers have been scheduled to offer workshops and intensive classes.

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thy, adaptogens, beeswax wraps, gem stones, honoring the healer within and dealing with pain.

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"Herbs and Entheogens for Brain Health and Function – and How to Use Them Right" will be presented by

Guido Mase. How herbs can impact our ability to think clearly, remember well and stay focused will be explored. These strategies are applicable for those caring for elders but can play a role to support cognitive function for clients of any age.

Chris Marano will present, "Know Your Garden and Backyard Plant Medicines." He will talk about local native medicinal plants, drawing upon his study and practice in Chinese, Native American and Western healing traditions.

There will also be crafts, jewelry, clothing, soap and other product vendors set up all day, on the lawn of the Senior Center.

Also offered will be an herbal weed walk, vendor raffles and demos throughout the day.

We will close out the day with a drumming circle at 4 p.m.

A box lunch can be pre-ordered on the Herbfest website. There are several excellent restaurants within a mile of the Senior Center.

Pre-register on the Herbfest Web site (sturbridgeherbfest.com), which is \$15 in advance (\$25 on the day of the event). Also register for the intensive classes which are an additional \$40 each.

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The perfect time of year

"The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!"

Poet Humbert Wolfe wrote those words about fall, and the first day of fall is here. Sept. 22 marked the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Starbucks and Dunkin's have already unleashed the beast roughly two weeks ago.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, 'When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?' produced the following responses--'Right now!' 'First day of fall,' 'I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,' 'I'm waiting until Sept. 1,' and 'After zucchini season.'

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding on to every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall.

The end of the summer season really isn't so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, homecoming and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. Winter hiking is epic as well. What could be better?


Perhaps the best part about fall, however, is the foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage in New England will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

The 2022 Old Farmer's Almanac comes with a winter warning: Prepare for a "Season of Shivers." This winter will be punctuated by positively bone-chilling, below-average temperatures across most of the United States.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock.

So whether you're still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of jack-o-lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

As summer winds down and we prep for the cooler weather, readers are taking time out from their busy days to share tips and tricks they've discovered! From organizing drawers to freezing fresh produce, the following hints from readers are sure to help make everyday tasks a little easier!

And remember readers, send in your favorite helpful hint and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

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The seasonal scents of candle tarts and enjoying outside fire pits are just two of the simple pleasures of Fall. Thankfully, this savvy reader came up with helpful ideas for both:

I enjoy burning wax tarts but when they have finished melting I then would try to pour the melted wax into a can before disposing of it but always made a mess. Now after the wax has cooled off and hardened I put it in the freezer for a few hours & it easily pops right out.

I save my toilet paper and paper towel rolls. With the toilet paper rolls – I roll up newspaper & put it in the roll. With the paper towel roll I stuff it with my shredded paper and then stuff each end with crumbled up newspaper, used tissue or paper towel. This makes great fire starters for a fire pit or a wood stove.

Lisa Auger
Douglas, MA
**

Thanks to this reader's tip to cut prep time in half, a favorite restaurant dish is sure to be served up at home more often!:

Here is my tip to making eggplant parmesan at a moment's notice. Whether you grow eggplant in your garden or purchase it this is a time saver for making yummy eggplant parm. Simply prep and fry your eggplant slices based on your favorite recipe. Fry as many eggplants as you want then place them on paper towel lined cookie sheets to absorb excess oil. Remove the paper towels after a few minutes and place the eggplant in a single layer on cookie sheets. Once the eggplant has cooled put cookie sheets into the freezer and once solid just put the eggplant in freezer bags. When you're ready to make your meal simply remove eggplant from the freezer, layer your ingredients and bake as normal. I add an extra 5 minutes to the baking time. DO NOT DEFROST eggplant.

Sue Lewandowski
North Brookfield, MA
**

This reader takes recycling to a new level with this clever tip to use packaging waste to organize drawers:

The plastic trays that cookies come in make the best drawer organizers. They come in different sizes and help to store several items. I use the long rectangular ones to store pens, markers, pencils, etc. The smaller, square ones store paper clips, pins, tacks, etc. Just place inside



TAKE
THE
HINT

KAREN
TRAINOR

Fall lawn and garden chores can result in an encounter with poison ivy – luckily a reader shares an old "Indian remedy" to encourage healing and relieve the itch:

For Poison Ivy: Boil a good sized bunch of "sweet" fern (it has rounded leaves rather than pointed). I pack them into a large pot. Make it as strong as possible. When cool, dab on sores. It relieves the itch too. This came from my mother-in-law who is 97 and a farm girl. It is an old Indian remedy and it works!

Linda Pratt
Rutland, MA
**

Soup season is officially upon us – and this reader found a way that even those who are lactose intolerant can enjoy a thick, rich bowl of chowder:

If you are using almond milk to make chowder because you are lactose intolerant, and find that the chowder is rather thin, try this. Add about 1/4 cup of lactose free Cremora after it is cooked. It will be rich and delicious. By the way, store the Cremora in the refrigerator in the summer. I found out the hard way that little red ants think it is delicious.

Carol McPherson
Spencer, MA
**

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Linda Pratt of Rutland, who offered the home remedy to treat poison ivy above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two at Publick House in Sturbridge.

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

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

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

Determined to persevere

On the road to accomplish your dream, you're going to have plenty of opportunities to give up.

You may have to try many times, but when the going gets tough, that's when you need to find determination and perseverance.

Accomplishing dreams requires great strength. If you haven't been toughened up by life already, pursuing a dream will do the trick.

Determination and perseverance don't come naturally. They're born out of failure. They come from defeat and must be cultivated from within. When things don't go the way you plan, and you refuse to give up, determination arises, and a new fire will spark inside of you that gives you the power to persevere.

You'll think of new ways, travel down different paths, reinvent yourself, develop unique ideas, and vow to become successful no matter the odds. It is down this path some must travel for ultimate victory.

Victory doesn't come easy and usually never does. If it does come easy, it won't mean as much to you, and maybe you ought to set a higher goal.

George Washington, our first president, and the leader of the Continental Army who defeated the British, the most powerful military in that time, said, "the harder the conflict, the greater the triumph."

Maybe you've had many losses on the path to accomplishing your dream. Don't worry; you're not alone. Many great people have traveled down this road and have still secured their success.

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Remove all doubt, fill yourself with thoughts of victory as you prepare yourself for the ultimate battle.

This is a time to learn a lesson from George Washington's experience in the American

Revolutionary War. No doubt Washington wondered if victory against the British was possible. They had more financing, experience, and education. The American colonists were mainly poor farmers and many without shoes. Washington was facing near-impossible odds.

Washington knew that it was of the highest priority to keep New York City from falling to the British. Washington spent much time preparing for a bloody battle in New York that he expected would come in the summer of 1776.

Sure enough, in August of 1776, the British invaded the city, and it didn't go well. Washington watched from a distance as a regiment from Maryland repeatedly charged the British in a suicidal attempt to buy time for Washington's escape.

It was still a few weeks before Washington completely lost control of New York. He bitterly wept as he watched his last garrison burn to the ground.

An average person would have given up and surrendered, but Washington wasn't an average person. He found determination and prepared to persevere.

"Perseverance and spirit have done

Prepare yourself financially for illness... just in case



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All of us hope to live long, healthy lives, so we do what we can to take care of ourselves through proper diet, exercise and avoiding unhealthy activities. However, none of us can predict our future, so it pays to be prepared for anything – including a serious physical illness or the onset of some type of mental incapacity, such as Alzheimer's disease.

Of course, you may never face these infirmities, but you should be aware that they could upset your long-term financial strategy and place considerable stress on your loved ones. What steps can you take to head off these threats?

First, make sure you know what your health insurance covers and how much you might have to pay out of pocket for treatment of illnesses such as cancer or kidney ailments. If you're on Medicare (supplemented with Medigap) or Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C), you'll want to know all about deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. However, if Alzheimer's or another type of dementia is involved, Medicare may not cover the costs that could be incurred in an assisted living facility, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest ways of protecting yourself from long-term care costs, which can be quite high.

Your next move is to make sure you have adequate liquidity. It's hard to predict how many out-of-pocket costs you could incur when coping with a serious illness, but it's a good idea to have enough cash readily available, rather than dipping into your 401(k) or other retirement accounts. So, if you're retired, you might want to keep up to a year's worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account.

Here's another important step: Update your estate plan. Hopefully, if you have a serious illness, you'll be able to recover. But it's still a good idea to review your estate plan to ensure everything is in order, such as your will and your living trust, if you've created one. If you've kept up your life insurance, you'll also want to ensure your premiums are still being paid. And don't forget to review your beneficiary designations on your 401(k), insurance policies and other financial documents, since these designations can supersede the instructions in your will.

As part of your estate planning, you may want to include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which lets you name someone to make medical decisions for you if you're unable to do so yourself. You may also create a health care directive or living will to express your wishes if you don't have a power of attorney for health care, or the person named in a power of attorney for health care can't be reached in an emergency. And since estate planning can be complex, you'll certainly want to work with a legal professional, and possibly your tax and financial advisors, as well.

You might think it's somewhat grim to prepare yourself financially in case you become seriously ill or if your life is touched by Alzheimer's or another mental infirmity. But it's a positive move – you're protecting yourself and your loved ones from whatever life may throw at you.

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Fishing for tautog



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Saltwater fishing is starting to produce some nice fish on all fronts. This past week, this writer and Harry Salmon enjoyed a day on the water catching seabass & Tautog. The seabass bite was slow, but the tautog fishing was fantastic. Fishing about a mile offshore from the Point Judith light house in 40 to 50 feet of water, we found some great tautog fishing. Using green crabs for bait that were cut in half before placing them on the No. 3 circle hooks, proved to be the correct bait & hook for the days fishing. The late Steve Mercure taught this writer how to fish for tautog, and I am sure he was watching us fishing. Because the tide was running very fast, a 10-ounce weight was required to hold the bait on the bottom. Lowering the bait to the bottom and slightly bouncing the bait off of the bottom, produced some fast fishing on freshwater rods.

The largest tautog was around seven pounds, as this week's picture shows, along with numerous fillets. The tautog fishing is only going to get better in the next few weeks. Green crabs now cost \$26 a gallon, which is enough for only a day of fishing for a couple of anglers if the action is good. There were a lot of shorts, but were still fun to catch. Tautog grow very slow and can live up to 40 years. This week's second picture shows Scott Lenox of Ocean City Maryland with his world record tautog. Seabass fishing around Block island on the South West ledge is still hot, but should improve closer to the Point Judith light house in the coming days & weeks.

Salmon fishing on the Salmon River in Upstate New York was still slow last week but the big run of Salmon is expect-



Courtesy

This week's picture shows a pile of fillets & a large tautog taken last week by this writer.

ed any day now. For the latest information, it is best to call Fat Nancy's Bait and Tackle shop for honest up to date fishing reports before driving to the Salmon River.

Anglers continue to chase Bonito and False albacore, along the shores of Narragansett Bay. This past week, while fishing near the point Judith Light, we observed many boats trolling and casting small lures into schools of the above-mentioned fish. We did not see many anglers catching these hard fighting fish, but I am sure they caught a few. I was surprised that no Kayaks were being used by anglers that fly fish or spin cast. Even the larger boats that normally have anglers fly fishing, were nowhere to be seen. The bay is loaded with bait fish from small bunker, silversides, and mummies, to mention a few. At the boat ramp, fish were breaking everywhere, chasing bait fish.

Climate change is for real and is affecting the way of life for the fishing industry. Reports of winter flounder being close to extinction in Rhode Island waters because of the warming waters may be somewhat to blame, but over fishing did not help the species. Lobsters are also



Courtesy

World record tautog caught in Maryland, 28.5 pounds, by Scott Lenox.

heading out to cooler waters. With the loss of anglers catching flounder, they have been replaced by the seabass, which have exploded in population because of warming waters. The down side of the seabass explosion is that they are eating small lobsters, crabs, and other bait fish causing a big change to the ecosystem. Large commercial draggers fishing day and night in Narragansett Bay may need to be regulated a bit better in the future if we want to see things improve.

The Quabbin Reservoir has been giving up some nice lake trout as my brother Ken and his son Mark found out a

couple of weeks ago. They often rent one of the boats that are available for hire, but they observed numerous private boats being launched by anglers the day they were there. It is too bad boat restrictions are so strict. Washing boats by a certified company, and paying a big price to clean them every time you plan to fish the Quabbin, if you fished another body of water prior to your next visit is a big deterrent. The pair caught numerous lake trout and a couple of smallmouth bass that were impressive.

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Fall landscape care to keep plants and pollinators healthy



Melinda Myers

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to adjust your maintenance practices to ensure the health, longevity, and beauty of your landscape. Proper fall care will increase winter survival, support pollinators, and reduce your future workload.

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Latest antique news



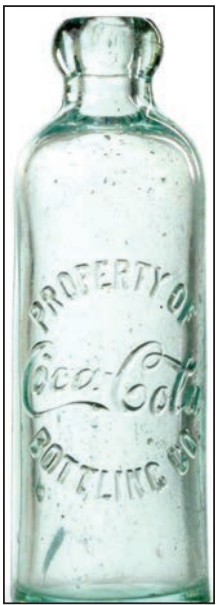
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According to the local dealers I spoke with, the September Brimfield show was a success. One told me that two large sales at the beginning of their show more than covered their expenses. Beyond this great local news, there has also been plenty of other antique related news from across the country.

National news begins with the sale of a 286-piece collection of rare antique portraits by some of the first Black photographers. According to NPR, in 1975, Larry West found a portrait of an African American person in a box of daguerreotypes in a New York antique store. NPR said that "his collection of 286 objects dating from the 1840s to about 1925, which includes daguerreotypes and other early types of photographic works" was sold to the Smithsonian after multiple museums competed for the collection. NPR reported that

"daguerreotypes were widely popular in the 1840s and 1850s and it's estimated that 3 to 5 million were made in the United States. But only 30,000 to 40,000 still exist." Further, there are only a small percentage of daguerreotypes from African American photography studios. West's collection contained 40 of these rare daguerreotypes. The collection will be displayed at the Smithsonian through 2023.

Further West, Al Capone's favorite gun and other personal effects are headed to auction in California. Capone was referred to as "Public Enemy No. 1" after the "Valentine's Day Massacre" where seven rival bootleggers were killed. However, his granddaughters who are auctioning his belongings remember him differently. Diane Capone described him as "very loving, very devoted to family, very generous." One of the items to be auctioned is a letter Al Capone wrote to his son Albert "Sonny" Capone. Capone called Sonny the "son of my heart" in a letter he wrote while serving an 11-year term in Alcatraz for tax evasion. Other items being offered include "diamond-en-



crusted jewelry with [Capone's] initials, family photographs and his favorite handgun." According to the AP, the highlight of the sale is "the Colt .45-caliber pistol Capone always carried with him and used several times to protect himself." Diane Capone was unsure if the gun was involved in any crimes.

In other news, the Iowa Hawk Eye reported that Jim Sonnevile started collecting Coke bottles after one of his sons found a bottle while working on a construction site. He gave the bottle to his dad who became more curious about its origins. He continued buying bottles and now has around 1,200 in his collection. Sonnevile hopes to add a rare Hutchinson bottle to his collection. Charles Hutchinson of

Chicago, IL patented the bottle that became popular in the 1880s. A Hutchinson Coca Cola bottle sold at auction for \$7,000 in 2014. Much better than a 5 cent deposit.

Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is now open for bidding. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end in early November. I'll be presenting on Saturday, Oct. 30 at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will take place on November 10th at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass., and on Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.

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of New York.

For many reasons, his "Grand Strategy" wasn't going to work in New York, but it could in Virginia. Although Washington badly wanted New York, he recognized that the ultimate goal was to win the war against the British rather than re-taking New York.

Sometimes you'll need to reassess your dream. Is it about taking back New York, or is it about winning the war?

In October 1781, Washington employed his "Grand Strategy" and won a decisive victory over the British in Virginia, forcing British surrender.

Many people in history have faced impossible odds and found the determination and perseverance to succeed; you can do the same! I believe you're capable of great victories!

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wonders in all ages," said Washington.

It was then that Washington began to plan what he called his "Grand Strategy" to retake New York in the hopes of defeating the British once and for all. In 1778, New York was still under British occupation, and taking it back had become Washington's obsession.

If you're determined to accomplish your dream, you'll need to become obsessed. Allow Nothing to get in your way as you wait patiently for your decisive move.

For five years, Washington waited to implement his "Grand Strategy." In 1781, he was begrudgingly convinced to employ his strategy in Virginia instead

Friday's Child



Lariah
Age 15

Hi! My name is Lariah and I want to be a cosmetologist when I grow up.

Lariah is a kind teen of African American descent. She enjoys watching TV and doing crafts and loves to be pampered! Getting her nails and hair done are some of her favorite activities. She would love to be part of a family that could help her style and maintain her natural hair. Lariah is an engaging, happy girl who is often described as strong-willed.

Legally free for adoption, Lariah would do best with at least one female in her new family or a two-mom family with no other children. A single mom family would also be considered if she has experience working with or parenting children with trauma. Lariah's new family should have knowledge of and be

willing to learn about Lariah's culture, including foods and personal care. In addition, Lariah needs positive praise, love, affection, consistency, and a structured home life. Her new family will need to help Lariah maintain contact with her siblings whenever she decides that she is ready to see them. She would also welcome a visiting resource who would visit with her weekly at her program in western MA.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



Quinebaug Masonic Lodge thriving After 163 years

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, Sept. 18, a group of family, lodge members and friends gathered at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to celebrate the installation of new officers for the 2022 Masonic year. Wow! 163 years and Quinebaug Masonic Lodge is still around and thriving. Chartered in 1859 Quinebaug Lodge has been in this community for an unbelievable 163 year thanks to the strong bond of Freemasonry and family-oriented men. Let me tell you a little bit of history about how Quinebaug Masonic Lodge was started.

The Quinebaug Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was first organized on the second floor of Salem Town's house in Charlton Massachusetts. The lodge was granted a charter by Paul Revere, and on March 14, 1796 formed into Fayette Lodge. This lodge served members from our surrounding community of Dudley, Charlton and Sturbridge and parts that would form into Southbridge.

On Dec. 7, 1859, S.A. Drake, a prominent businessman, along with fellow Masons were giving special dispensation to organize a new lodge in Southbridge. The new lodge was named Quinebaug Lodge and at the time had 40 members, most of them prominent citizens from Southbridge. The lodge would hold its first official meeting a week later with Chester A. Dresser as the lodges first Worshipful Master and S.A. Drake as



Courtesy

Back row from left to right: Wor. George Makara, Bro. Rick Laverne, Bro. Benjamin Marinelli, Bro. John Shaw Bro. Terrance Mount and Wor. Mike Sgariglia. Front row left to right. Special Quests District Deputy Grand Marshal Jonathan Neitz, Bro. William Proper, RW. Chris St.Cyr Junior Grand Warden Grand Masonic Lodge of Boston, Special Quests 24th District Deputy Grand Master RW. Anselme Maxime, Quinebaug Lodge 101st Newest Master Wor. William Belanger and Bro. Robert St.C yr, Grand Pursuivant to the Junior Grand Warden.

Former U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III to deliver keynote address at Nichols College Convocation, Presidential Investiture

DUDLEY — Joseph P. Kennedy III, who served as a U.S. Representative for eight years, will be the featured speaker at the Nichols College Convocation ceremony on Friday, Sept. 24.

The Convocation, which traditionally represents the start of the academic year and a welcome to the incoming class, will also feature the investiture of Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M. as the eighth president of Nichols College.

The ceremony, dubbed "Celebration of Us," will emphasize the recent achievements of the campus community as it ushers in a new era with Sulmasy, who began his presidency on July 1. The program will include student and alumni speakers, in addition to the remarks from Kennedy, and conclude with Sulmasy's inaugural speech following the installation.

Kennedy was the U.S. Representative for the Massachusetts 4th Congressional District from 2013 to 2021, serving on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Prior to his election, he was an assistant district attorney on the Cape and Islands and in Middlesex County. Since leaving office, Kennedy founded Project Groundwork, which focuses on boosting local community organizing efforts throughout the country. He also serves as a political commentator for CNN, and in June 2021, was appointed by President Joseph Biden to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. Kennedy is the son of U.S. Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II and grandson of the late U.S. Senator and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Before coming to Nichols, Sulmasy served as the provost and chief academic officer of Bryant University. He has been a law professor at the U.S. Naval War College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where he led the Department of Humanities, and a lecturer at the UConn School of Law, Roger Williams Law School, UC Berkeley School of Law, and Harvard University. He is a visiting fellow at George Mason University School of Law. Sulmasy is widely published on national security matters and has served as a subject matter expert/commentator for the Los Angeles Times, CBS News Radio, National Public Radio, CNN International, US News & World Report, the New York Times, and numerous other national media outlets.

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treasurer. On March 14, 1905, rooms at the Chester A. Dresser house which stood at the time at the corner of Main and Central street in Southbridge, were dedicated to the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge. Afterwards, the building would be known as the Masonic Building, and the lodge observed its 75th anniversary in this building on Dec. 7, 1934. The Masonic building was sold back in 1960 and the lodge would hold its meetings in the basement of the Central Baptist Church, until a new permanent place was found. Quinebaug Masonic Lodge eventually found its new home on Oct. 13, 1969 on Ashland Avenue and held its first meeting and is still thriving to this day.

For history buffs Jacob Edward Library in Southbridge has all kinds of information on the Masonic history in Southbridge and for which had

a huge part in this community. It was the big names in businesses, such as Ammidown, Child, Wells, Dresser that brought not only some of the country's largest business to Southbridge but also Freemasonry and would be the fathers of Quinebaug Lodge of Freemasons and its traditions. What we do know is that after 163 years the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge of Freemasons have continued to make good men better.

Our members are immensely proud of the deep tradition the lodge continues to hold true, we are enormously proud of the next generation of officers to hold the honorable positions and to continue these long-lasting traditions going into the future. If you would like more information about Freemasonry and to find a lodge nearest you, visit our Web site at www.massfreemasonry.org.

Sturbridge to host National Public Lands Day event

Day/Walktober events:

- Photo Walk, led by Wally Hersey, 6:30 a.m. (goal is to capture some rising/early sun photos) Learn from a local Photographer how to capture the sun & use light in your photos.
- Trail Run Led by Jen Scherer at 7 a.m., approximately a two-mile run, wide trails, easy hills.
- Forestry Walk led by Kevin Scherer at 8:30 a.m. Learn about our native trees and some nonnatives that can grow in Sturbridge and explore what an "old growth" tree area looks like. Hike is about one mile long, easy walking,
- Yoga on the Trail program led by Jen Songer, 9 a.m. Join Jen on a short trail walk to the field for a yoga exercise class. Bring your mat. Hike less than 1 mile.
- Kids Mt Bike Ride led by Darcy Foley

at 10 a.m. Darcy will lead first time, non-experienced kids (and adults!) on an easy two-to-three-mile trail ride. Bike Helmets required. A bike tool station will be available for last minute tune-ups.

• Teen Mt. Bike trail ride led by Luke Goodwin at 10:15 a.m. For teens and more experienced Mt Bike riders, join Luke for a four-to-five-mile trail ride on slightly more challenging terrain. Bike helmets required. A bike tool station will be available for last minute tune-ups.

This is a family friendly event, strollers, well behaved dogs on a six-foot leash are welcome. Bring your bug spray, (Mosquitoes & Ticks) mask, and water bottle. Event will cancel if heavy rain.

For questions or more information, email tchamberland@sturbridge.gov.

Application open for Creative Worcester's "The Business of Art" Cohort

WORCESTER — The Greater Worcester Community Foundation (GWCF) is seeking individual artist applicants for a new program, The Business of Art. Funded by GWCF's Creative Worcester Initiative in partnership with the Barr Foundation, The Business of Art cohort is a six-month financial wellness and sustainability program for Worcester artists of color or artists who identify as low to moderate income. Administered with the help of MASS MoCA's Assets for Artists, this capacity-building program will pair a \$1,000 mini-grant with one-

on-one coaching, artist community-building, and a series of online financial and business resiliency workshops specifically focused on navigating a post-COVID cultural sector.

"Individual artists are essential to a vibrant arts and culture ecosystem, but developing a successful creative career has unique challenges," said Lindiana Semidei, GWCF's Program Associate, Arts & Culture. "Our hope with The Business of Art cohort is to provide Worcester's artists of color with tools and resources to thrive as creative entrepreneurs."

Through The Business of Art, which will run from November 2021 through May 2022, participants will build their own business plan, take part (virtually) in group activities, and then launch using the following resources:

- \$1,000 mini-grant (upon completion of the program)
- Priority sign-up for 5 free online workshops
- Individualized support and guidance from Assets for Artists staff or trainers
- Social media promotional support for 1-2 projects per artist with GWCF's social accounts

The Business of Art workshops, which will be led by MASS MoCA's Assets for Artists team of artist-entrepreneurs, will cover a range of topics such as developing a strategic business plan, applying for grants, understanding the basics of taxes and financial planning for artists, decolonizing your creative practice, and more.

"The cultural sector continues to feel the economic pains of the pandemic, and low income artists and artists of color are among those who feel the impacts acutely," said Carolyn Stempler, GWCF's Interim President and CEO. "This program, an innovative new element of our Creative Worcester Initiative, is infusing the cultural sector with financial resources and expert support to address inequities and to fully recognize the arts as a vital community asset."

Applications to The Business of Art must be received online by October 18, 2021. For more information or eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.greaterworcester.org/About-Us/Creative-Worcester-Initiative/The-Business-of-Art>, or contact Lindiana Semidei at Lsemidei@greaterworcester.org or 508-755-0980, ext. 107.

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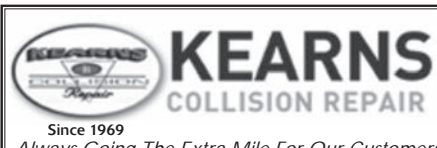


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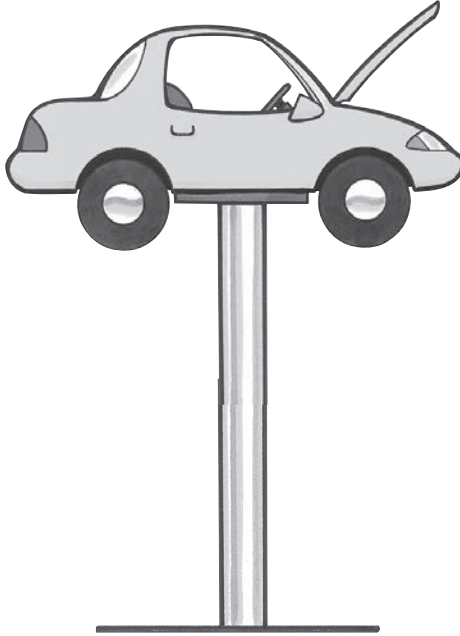
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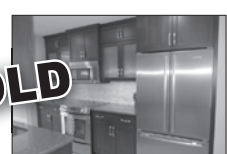
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(Right) Auburn's Matthew Sjogren calls for a teammate before completing a throw-in.

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(Far right) Keeper Brody Lewos of Auburn makes a save before Tantasqua's Owen O'Brien can kick the ball into the goal.

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We made two mistakes and both of those mistakes cost us. Good teams are going to do that. That really was the bottom line."

The Warriors wasted little time capitalizing in the second half. During the fourth minute, Tantasqua's Shawn Bradway won an individual battle against an Auburn defender from 20 yards out, turned his body toward the goal and fired off a high shot that got up and over keeper Brody Lewos for the first score.

Then, in the 11th minute of second half play, the Warriors doubled the lead to 2-0. Tantasqua earned a corner kick and Noah Genest serviced the ball into the box. After juggling around a few bodies, the ball found Devin Krochmalnyckyj. He had plenty of daylight to deposit a shot into the net.

"I like that we extended on the lead," said Guertin. "We knew if we got on top of these guys because they hadn't been in the hole yet, we wanted to put the pressure on them."

Auburn then applied some offensive pressure, looking to cut into its deficit. In the game's 64th minute the Rockets had their best chance, Omar Abu-Lail gaining a step on his defender and blasting a shot, which was saved by keeper Braylon Casinghino. The rebound found Abu-Lail, but he was unable to get the ball to settle and Tantasqua eventually cleared it out.

Guertin was pleased with the play of his defensive unit.

"The back line has been working hard in practice and getting better every day," said Guertin of Krochmalnyckyj, Cole Casinghino, Lucas Springer and Trey Cleary, plus Braylon Casinghino, who finished with six saves.

The defense has pitched four shut-outs against the likes of Northbridge (3-0), Uxbridge (3-0), Oxford (3-0) and now Auburn.

The Rockets were 3-0 after beating Bartlett (3-0), Bay Path (2-0) and Quaboag (6-1) but now must regroup after suffering their first defeat.

Auburn's Lewos finished with 12 saves as he and Michael Fortunato have split goaltending duties so far this season.

"We have two very adequate, good goalies. The goals [against Tantasqua] definitely were not on [Lewos]," said Bailey.

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(Top right) Jack Leland of Tantasqua touches the ball ahead of his opposition from Auburn.

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(right) Tantasqua keeper Braylon Casinghino corals the ball before Auburn's Omar Abu-Lail can run up to it.



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Auburn's Dillon Winkelmann moves the ball past Tantasqua's Shawn Bradway via a header.



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James Almeida of Auburn sends a pass down the field.



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Tantasqua's Cole Casinghino watches the ball after heading it down the field.

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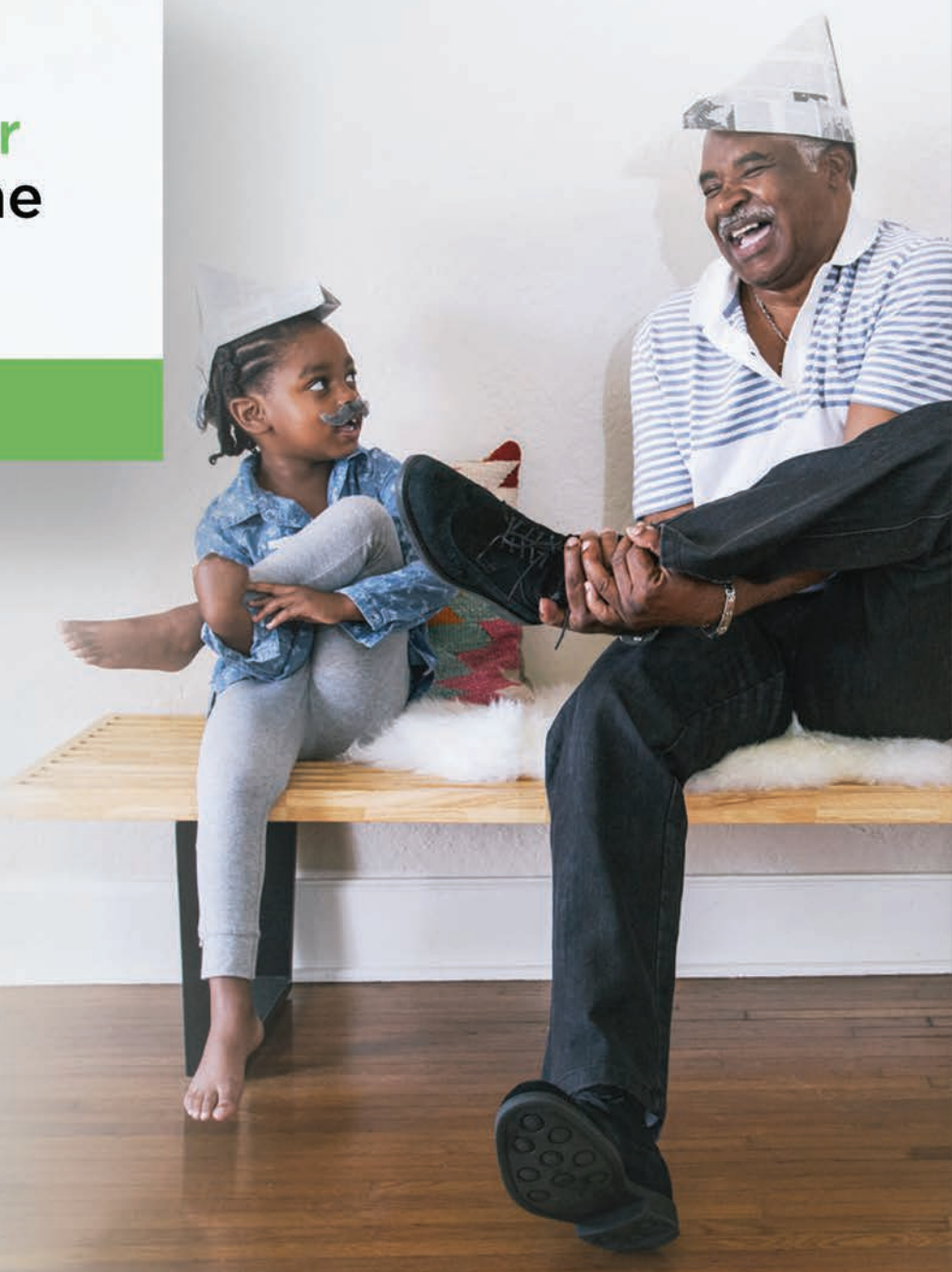
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