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Former students of Jaszek remember rage, inappropriate touching

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
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Auburn Police Department detectives assisted by South Hadley detectives and patrol officers as well as troopers assigned to the Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section arrested Stephen Jaszek, age 62, of South Hadley Wednesday, Aug.

23. He was arrested on a warrant issued by the Worcester Superior Court for four counts of rape of a child and one count of aggravated indecent assault and battery on a child Under 14.

Jaszek was arraigned Thursday, Aug. 23, in Worcester Superior Court on indictments

alleging aggravated sexual abuse of a child, according to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.

Jaszek is a retired music teacher with the Auburn school district, and the crimes are alleged to have been committed within the last 10 years on school grounds.

Two former students of Auburn public schools independently told similar stories of Jaszek's classroom behavior, including anger that escalated to rage, throwing chairs in the classroom, and barriers in the classroom such as a "booth" where students would have to go for pun-

ishment or a barrier-like wall that he would use to create distance when his anger became unmanageable. The former students spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the nature of the crimes.

A former Auburn schools student who is now a parent of a student in Auburn describes her

experience with Jaszek. "Back in the late eighties when I had him, he had fits of rage, would throw objects including chairs and would have to count himself to 10 behind his 'wall' in order to keep himself from

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Four Auburn residents will take part in Jimmy Fund walk

AUBURN — Four residents from Auburn will walk up to 26.2 miles along the historic Boston Marathon® course this September in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai, which raises the most money of any single day walk in the nation.

These residents: Laura Rodriguez, Laura Rogan, Michele Sebastyanski, and Jennifer Nadeau, will join 9,500

expected participants in the annual event, which takes place Sunday, Sept. 23. This year's goal is to raise more than \$9 million. The money goes to the Jimmy Fund for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$128 million in its 30-year history. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Boston

Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

"The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk gives participants the opportunity to personally support breakthroughs in cancer care and research and join the extended Dana-Farber team responsible for these developments," said Zack Blackburn, assistant vice president of the Boston Marathon Jimmy

Fund Walk. "Every step in walking and fundraising in our 30-year history is a step forward in the journey to improve people's lives."

Walkers can choose from four routes along the course:

Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton); rolling start from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

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Local business owner listed on government list of oligarchs

A longtime local resident and business owner, Valentin Gapontsev, is contesting his appearance on a government list of Russian oligarchs.

Gapontsev, a Worcester resident and physicist, came to Oxford in 1990. At age 51, he founded his business, IPG Photonics, and has brought both jobs and revenue to the town, according to Oxford's Acting Town Manager. He holds Russian and U.S. citizenships and has a real-time net worth of \$2.2 billion. And recently, he

was listed as No. 27 on a public list of 96 Russian oligarchs.

An oligarch, by definition, is a rich business leader with a great deal of political influence. But Gapontsev said in a recent Washington Post article that he does not belong on the list. The list was drafted by the Treasury in January for Congress, derived from open source materials including websites, government documents, public records, and news stories including Forbes

and others, a Treasury spokesperson said in an email.

The report states it is Congress pursuant to section 241 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act of 2017. Section 241 requires the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of State, to submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed report on senior political figures and oligarchs in the Russian fed-

eration, "as determined by their closeness to the Russian regime and their net worth," the report reads.

"This determination was made based on objective criteria related to individuals' official position in the case of senior political figures, or a net worth of \$1 billion or more for oligarchs," the report states. "To determine the list of oligarchs, the Department of the Treasury enumerated those individuals who, according to reliable public sources, have

an estimated net worth of \$1 billion or more."

There is no formal mechanism for removing names from or amending the report, said the Treasury spokesperson, nor is there a requirement or expectation that the report will be updated prospectively. The report is not a sanctions list, nor is it intended to be used as a sanctions list. The inclusion of individuals or entities in the report does not and in no way

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AHOY CHARLTON!

Courtesy photo

Dan Dono from Charlton, a member of the U.S.S. Constitution 1812 Marine Guard, had the opportunity to climb the mizzen mast during a recent U.S.S. Constitution turnaround in Boston Harbor on Aug. 24.

Voters to decide patient to nurse ratios

BY GREG VINE
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Chances are you've seen the television ads decrying a Massachusetts ballot initiative — Question 1 — as government intrusion into health care which would lead to catastrophe. The question, the ad goes on to state, is opposed by the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts; which it is. But is it opposed by Massachusetts nurses?

It all depends on which nurses you ask.

Question 1 would limit the number of patients and individual nurse can be assigned at any one time and would impose a fine of \$25,000 on hospitals that violate those ratios. Ratios would vary from department to department. For example, the limit for a nurse in the emergency room would range from one to five patients, depending on the seriousness of the patients' illness or injury, while the number of patients a nurse could be assigned on the pediatric unit would be capped at four.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), representing some 23,000 nurses statewide, claims passage of the Question 1 would increase safety and lead to better patient outcomes. The hospital industry and the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts (ANAM), which represents about 2,000 nurses — mainly at the administrative level — say passage could lead to longer

wait times and, potentially, the closure of some hospitals.

Michael D'Intinosanto is on the board of directors of the MNA.

"We've been working on this legislatively for over 20 years," he told Stonebridge Press. "We have over 20 years of research that shows the detrimental effect to patients when a nurse has too many patients to care for, and the positive outcomes when you limit the number of patients a nurse has to care for. Yet, despite all the research and trying to work with the Legislature, they refuse to address this issue. The one exception is that in 2014 we got limits in the intensive care units only, with the understanding that we were coming back for the rest of the hospital."

"It doesn't make sense," said D'Intinosanto, "that there are limits in the intensive care unit but nowhere else

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NEWS NOTES

PAKACHOAG MOVES

Pakachoag Music School is excited to announce its relocation into the heart of Worcester. We've moved our suburban headquarters from Auburn to Worcester, to the heart of the burgeoning cultural district. We are now more centrally located for all of Greater Worcester. The move completes a six-month transition that began in January

2018. With new studios, new offices and access to the church halls within All Saints, the school is ready for a new future. Read more complete information about our move at Music School Moves Into Worcester. An open house is planned Saturday, Sept. 29.

COMMUNITY DINNER

There will be a community roast beef supper at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 10 and under are free. No reservations are needed. Additional parking is available at the Town Hall.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DOYLESTOWN, PA — Jaimee Martin, a resident

of Auburn was honored for academic achievement by being named to the Dean's List at Delaware Valley University for the Spring 2018 semester.

HISTORICAL MEETING

Auburn Historical Society will be holding its first meeting of the Fall 2018 season on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30pm at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn. The speakers will be Tim Cronin and Rich Tobin and they will be presenting Memories of the Auburn Police Department. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting at 5:30, so bring your favorite dish to share. This event is free and open to the public.



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The rest of the field

BY JERRY CARTON
STONEBRIDGE PRESS

You're forgiven if you think the Third congressional district Democratic primary is about just three candidates but it's not. Sure, Rufus Gifford, Dan Koh and Lori Trahan have gotten the attention because they've been able to afford television ads but that doesn't mean they're the only ones in the race. Alexandra Chandler's name is on the ballot too. The former Naval intelligence analyst, who hails from

Haverhill, describes herself as "a wife, mom, transgender, lawyer and experienced advocate," and while Chandler acknowledges her transgender status might bring with it a touch of notoriety, she's focusing on day-to-day issues.

"Political operatives tell candidates — spend most of your day calling only people who can write you a \$2,700 check. I'm putting ordinary people first. Real plans, no buzzwords," pledged Chandler.

"After 13 years at the Office of Naval Intelligence, I know we don't need to buy more jet fighters or have this ridiculous parade," asserted Chandler, referencing President Trump's tweets regarding his now-canceled Veterans Day proposal.

"I will tell you that money should go to improving veterans care," she stressed.

State Senator Barbara L'Italien

describes herself as a "mom on a mission," pointing out, "I've worked in elder care and cared for my own mom as she struggled with Alzheimer's. I turned my experience into good policy in the legislature and I'm proud to be the only candidate who has rolled out a plan for how I'll meet the unique needs of seniors."

L'Italien is serving her first term in the state senate after eight years in the House representing the 18th District. She gained a dash of national attention earlier this year when Fox and Friends booked her for an appearance when the network's producers had meant to reach out to an Arizona candidate. L'Italien grabbed the opportunity to criticize the Trump Administration for its policy on family separation at the border.

Jeff Ballinger wants to start a corporate crime data base and criticized the influence money has on campaigns. Additionally, he's been a union leader and so as for unions, "we have fought for our right to organize, our right to move the country forward. We must take the opportunity given us by our current political climate to stop the dangers put upon us by uninvolved Congress and elect someone who will fight for your labor rights."

Ballinger charged 60-percent of House Democrats voted to increase the defense budget 50-percent more than President Trump asked for.

"I won't," pledged the Andover native. Primary day is September 4.

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Legislation protecting animal welfare and safety signed

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and David K. Muradian Jr. (R-Grafton) announced the passage of legislation intended to enhance humane treatment of animals, and to punish those who engage in animal cruelty. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Baker on Aug. 9.

“As a proud dog owner, and having served as an Environmental Police Officer, I certainly recognize the importance of protecting vulnerable animal populations,” said Senator Moore. “I was pleased to offer my support for this legislation which offers commonsense reforms to enhance safety and care standards to protect animals and to prevent cruel treatment.”

“I was very happy to have been asked to participate on the conference committee that helped produce this piece of legislation,” said Representative Muradian. “Animals in our Commonwealth are in need of further protections and the language within this bill ensures that appropriate safety measures are put in place to do just that.”

The legislation furthers anti-abuse measures first secured in the 2014 Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety bill. The bill, also known as the PAWS Act, was introduced following the discovery of extreme abuse and cruelty in the case of a dog that was stabbed, burned, cut and had bones broken. The “Puppy Doe” case led to the arrest and conviction of Radoslaw Czerkawski who was recently convicted of 12 counts of animal cruelty and sentenced to 8 to 10 years in prison.

Key provisions of the animal welfare bill include:

- Expands potential for abuse reports by permitting animal abuse be reported by Department of Children and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs, and Disabled Persons Protection Commission. Adds animal control officers as mandatory reporters of child abuse, elder abuse, and abuse against disabled persons;
- Ensures efficient enforcement of animal control laws by increasing fines for violations of dog control laws up to \$500 for a fourth offense;
- Doubles the hit and run penalty for an accident involving dogs and cats from \$50 to \$100 for a first offense; \$500 for subsequent offenses and the cost of medical expenses, and/or imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than 6 months;
- Prohibits the drowning of animals by declaring that drowning of animals is a violation of law for non-licensed trappers or those registered with Fish and Wildlife;
- Prohibits engaging in sexual contact with an animal;
- Removes automatic killing of animals involved in animal fighting by removing a requirement to automatically kill animals involved in animal fighting. This bill creates other options for these animal victims;
- Adds animal crimes to the list of offenses that serve as the basis for a request for a dangerousness hearing;
- Examines options to prohibit

discrimination against specific dog breeds by requiring insurance companies to collect and report data of dog related incidents;

- Requires property owners and landlords to check property for abandoned animals within three days following a foreclosure or termination of tenancy

To view the newly-signed law, codified as Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018, visit the Legislature’s website, www.malegislature.gov.



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exploding. He favored some kids more than others and was always angry at the boys it seemed,” she recalled.

She also remembers strange behavior in the form of physical contact.

“I remember a lot of inappropriate touching that you wouldn’t expect out of a teacher — rubbing of the arms and shoulders and legs of students — in more of a sensual way, not in a concerning, ‘are you okay?’ way,” she remembered.

“There were two sides to

Jaszek, in front of the other teachers, parents and superiors he appeared to be a stand-up guy at times, but when he was just around his students, that man disappeared and the real Jaszek came out, in a horrible way,” she confides.

The Auburn schools alumna said that her son told her about “how he was an angry teacher, had very weird antics about him” and reflected on why the behavior was tolerated for so long.

“I believe he got away with so much because he taught when kids were young and easily intimidated and he was

a very intimidating man,” the woman continued.

Another former student, who also asked not to be identified, described similar behaviors.

“I had him as a music teacher several years ago. I am 22 now. I had him all throughout elementary school I believe. I will never forget him because he had such an anger problem. I remember him screaming at us if we were being noisy and not listening to him, and I remember him saying how he acknowledges his anger problems, and now when he gets mad, he is going to count from 10 to one,” the second former

student recalls.

“He would also throw chairs across the door, push tables, knock over things. And he had this almost, like a selfie booth type box and if he got really mad he would make people stand in there for a couple of minutes while he continued the class,” this former student continued.

The incidents leading to Jaszek’s arrest allegedly occurred nine to 10 years ago at the former Julia Bancroft School. Auburn police are continuing to investigate the case. Anyone with information or

questions regarding this matter is asked to call the Auburn Police Department at 508-832-7777 or the District Attorney’s Children’s Advocacy Center at 508-792-0214.

In addition to setting \$5,000 cash bail, Judge Janet Kenton-Walker ordered him to stay away and have no contact with the victim, have no unsupervised contact with anyone under age 16 except his son and be monitored with a GPS bracelet. The case was continued to Sept. 24.

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should be interpreted to impose sanctions on those included, the spokesperson added.

According to his Forbes profile, Gapontsev holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Lviv Polytechnic National University and a Ph.D. from Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology.

“As an entrepreneur, he created a startup company that has brought both jobs and revenue to the town of Oxford,” said the town’s Acting Town Manager Dennis A. Power. “Additionally, we have partnered with IPG to create valuable infrastructure improvements that would not have been possible without the cooperation and assistance of IPG and Dr. Gapontsev. Presently, we are partnering with them on a new project which will bring in 400 new jobs and an additional 600,000 sq. ft. of new buildings.”

The Treasury list’s “Appendix B: List of Oligarchs” simply states names next to numbers.

27. Valentyn Gapontsev
Members of Congress James McGovern, Richard Neal, and Katherine Clark, penned a letter to U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin in May, inquiring whether the Treasury intends to update the oligarchs list and, if so, when such an update might occur and how it would affect whether Gapontsev’s name continues to appear on or is removed from the list.

“It is our understanding that the Russian oligarchs list that Treasury provided to Congress and posted publicly on the [Office of Foreign Assets Control] web site is based upon the

annual Forbes listing of global billionaires,” the letter reads. “Scarcely six weeks after Treasury reported to Congress, Forbes produced its 2018 listing. Notably, Dr. Gapontsev does not appear on its 2018 listing of Russian wealthy elite; rather, his name now appears on the list of U.S. billionaires.”

The letter inquires if the Treasury Department intends to correct or update its publicly posted list of Russian oligarchs as its source material changes, namely the Forbes listing of global billionaires.

An IPG spokesperson said the company will not be commenting further on this issue.

According to IPG’s website, Gapontsev is a pioneer in the field of fiber lasers and a recipient of various awards. In the beginning, IPG made and sold customized glass and crystal lasers, wireless temperature meters for hyperthermy, and laser components. In 1992, the company began focusing on the development of high-power fiber lasers and amplifiers.

IPG Photonics opened a facility in Germany in 1994 and established World Headquarters in the U.S. in 1998. In 2000, IPG invested in new high-capacity production facilities in the U.S. to manufacture its own diode pumps, a major component of its fiber lasers and amplifiers.

“My dream is to see lasers—like computers—become a tool of choice in mass production, rather than being viewed as a last resort in many applications,” reads a quote from Gapontsev on the website. “I intend for IPG Photonics to play a pivotal role in realizing this dream, and being sure to maintain our independence along the way.”

In a 2007 open-access article from SPIE Professional, the international society for optics and photonics mem-

ber quarterly magazine, Gapontsev said, “In 1994 it was not easy for a Russian scientist to walk into another country and build a new manufacturing operation, but with perseverance—and some luck—we succeeded.”

“I learned from my father the importance of being strong in the face of adversity. I can think of no more important lesson for someone starting a business today.”

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Valuable toys

Toys have been made for thousands of years. Stone and clay marbles or marbles from 4,000 BC were found in Egypt, according to the Brighton (United Kingdom) Museum's website. Objects shaped like humans and animals believed to be toys from 2,600 were found in Mesopotamia, according to Britannica. Kites were flown in China as early as 1,000 BC.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
WAYNE TUISKULA

with the growth of railroads. The abacus was one of the educational toys made in the 1870s. Cast metal toys started to be mass produced in the late 1800s.

Some early 20th century toys have ties to historical events. When cars were produced, toy cars followed. After Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot bear on a hunting trip, Steiff created Teddy Bears.

Some of these old toys remain in museums and collections today. Many toy collectors want antique toys and nostalgic items that bring back pleasant memories of their youth. Others may want to buy things that were out of their price range when they were younger. Some may buy

them as an investment and others to resell them. Whatever the reason for collecting them, some antique, vintage and even more recent retro toys can be very valuable.

Some of the same factors that make other antiques and collectibles valuable apply to toys. Age is an important factor, but a toy doesn't need to be antique to be desirable. Condition is also very important. Serious collectors want the best example that they can find. Any damage will devalue a piece while having the original box will increase value. Some toys had variations that were produced in smaller numbers and they can command a premium. For example, a red 1960s Cragstan Mr. Robot with box recently was offered for \$1,000 in an online auction, but the buyer accepted even less. A white version sold for \$2,675.

There are many types of toys sought after by collectors. A popular online auction site lists 24 different sub-categories of toys. Some of the subcategories are: classic toys, electronic, battery & windup toys, robot, monster & space toys, and action figures.

While there are a wide variety of toys from many eras that are collectible, older toys command some of the highest prices. A 1930s tin lithograph toy of Mickey and Minnie Mouse sold for \$56,000. The German toy maker, Marklin, produced high quality toys that command huge auction prices. A rare Marklin roadster sold for \$50,000 and a hand painted train station brought \$55,000. Clockwork Marklin ships have brought some amazing prices. A consignor's ship came in when one sold for nearly a quarter million dollars at auction. I'll discuss mid-cen-



tury and newer toys in an upcoming column.

We will be holding an all toy auction on Sept. 27. The majority are from a Western Massachusetts estate. There are also mid-century toys from a stockroom of an Arlington, MA five and dime store that recently closed. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will take place on October 15th for the Bay Path Evening School. I'll be at the Winchendon Historical

Society's appraisal event on October 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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Plant now for a beautiful garden next year

Now is a great time to dress up those garden beds in need of a facelift.

Always start by calling 811 and they'll contact all the appropriate companies who will mark the location of their underground utilities in your work

area. This helps eliminate the danger and inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities while you create a beautiful landscape.

And remember to look up as you begin this process. Avoid planting trees and large shrubs under overhead utilities. These small transplants may grow into the wires when they reach their mature size. This can cause a hazardous situation and result in severe pruning that leaves you with an unnatural looking plant.

Now that you know the areas to avoid, start looking for opportunities to add color, texture and a bit of bird and butterfly appeal to your landscape. Identify areas in need of seasonal color, winter interest or screening to mask bad views.

Tuck fall blooming annuals among other plants to provide instant color for your fall – and where weather permits – winter garden. Hardy pansies provide nectar for late season pollinators and many will survive even colder winters and return next spring. Dianthus, stock, snapdragons and sweet alyssum also thrive in the cooler weather. Add these to containers or use them to fill voids in the garden.

Add perennial flowers for multiple years of beau-

ty. Consider those with several seasons of beauty and nice foliage all season long. Look for features like long bloom time, attractive seedpods and fall color. Walker's Low catmint, threadleaf coreopsis, and Rozanne geranium are a few examples of long blooming, low maintenance plants. End the growing season with flowers like goldenrod, mums and asters or colorful foliage like perennial geraniums, hosta and amsonia. Include some ornamental grasses such as switchgrass and prairie drop seed that add motion and texture to the garden all year round.

Include trees and shrubs to provide year-round structure in the garden. Look for those with colorful or interesting bark like red twig dogwoods, paper bark maple and Heptacodium that provide year-round interest. Look for flowering plants like viburnums, St. John's wort, summersweet and repeat blooming lilacs. Set the fall landscape ablaze with chokeberries, witch hazel and maples. And brighten up the winter landscape with holly and winterberry or the interesting form of Harry Lauder's walking stick, redbud and weeping trees.

Once the plants are in the ground



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

be sure to provide a bit of tender loving care. Water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Spread a layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and keep the roots cool and moist. Keep mulch off the crowns of plants and trunks of trees.

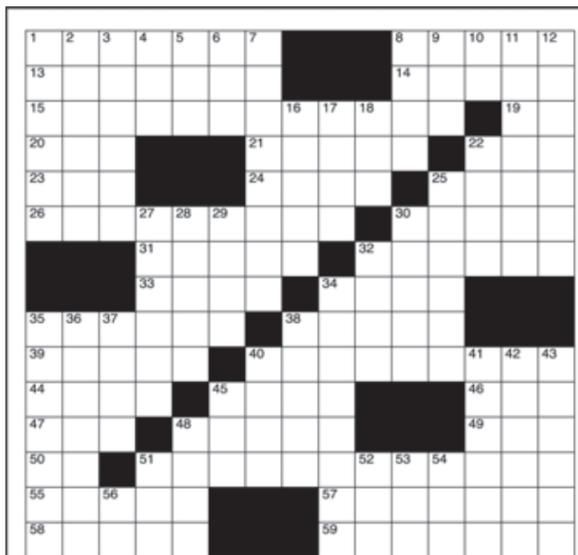
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Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One-time money in Spain
- 8. "Got ___ of one"
- 13. Set a framework for
- 14. Cover with drops of water
- 15. One who does something for a living
- 19. Germanium
- 20. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 21. Locks a door
- 22. Buddy
- 23. Supplement with difficulty
- 24. Not moving
- 25. Islamic unit of weight
- 26. Warmers
- 30. Hindu queen
- 31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 32. Analyzed
- 33. Caps
- 34. Pastime
- 35. Contrary belief
- 38. Walking devices
- 39. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 40. Singing methods
- 44. Shouts of farewell
- 45. Hand (Spanish)
- 46. Small constellation
- 47. Cardinals are this
- 48. Gives a hoot
- 49. Chatter incessantly
- 50. Thallium
- 51. Making very hot
- 55. Hours (Spanish)
- 57. Remove completely
- 58. Eyeglasses
- 59. Rubbed clean

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blues Traveler frontman
- 2. Found it!
- 3. Killed
- 4. A helper to Santa
- 5. Male fashion accessory
- 6. Autonomic nervous system
- 7. US Attorney General
- 8. Greek sophist
- 9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
- 10. Excessive and dangerous dose
- 11. One who receives a legacy
- 12. Brooded
- 16. Hindu warrior king
- 17. Used to anoint
- 18. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 22. Connecting part of the brain stem
- 25. Most uncommon
- 27. Do-nothings
- 28. Emerge
- 29. Neat
- 30. Herb of tropical Asia
- 32. Reviews poorly
- 34. Waterproof overshoes
- 35. Fireplace floors
- 36. Surround
- 37. Regretted
- 38. One who whips
- 40. Ticket price
- 41. Calming
- 42. Citrus fruit
- 43. Drooped
- 45. An explorer's necessity
- 48. Speak profanely
- 51. Pouch
- 52. A type of date (abbr.)
- 53. Away from
- 54. Large beer
- 56. Once more



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A few spoil it for others: Canal fishing in jeopardy



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er fishing has been fantastic for anglers fishing at Block Island and the Canal with striped bass being the number one target for most anglers. The canal has been so good that anglers are finding it very uncomfortable to fish because of the number of anglers fishing. Also, many anglers have left the canal to fish because of very inconsiderate fishermen that have been stealing fishing equipment from vehicles and causing problems while fishing. Some anglers find it so bad that they claim they had heard the area may be closed for a while to fishing?? Complaints from recreational anglers that fishing alongside commercial anglers during the commercial season, has also made the once enjoyable fishing time spent at the canal, one they no longer enjoy. Left behind trash is also causing a problem. It would be a shame to lose the area to fishing, and hopefully anglers will clean up their act before it is too late.

Block Island has been red hot this past week with everything from bluefish to bonito, stripers, and sea bass providing plenty of action for anglers. A report of a 74 pound striper being caught last week at the island is still being checked



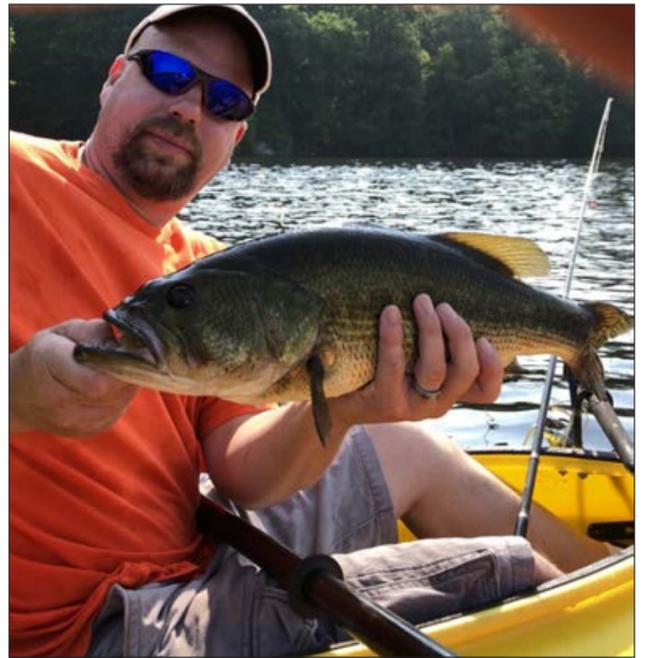
Mike Daniels with a 40 pound striper caught at the Cape Cod Canal.

out for its authenticity. This writer fished for sea bass and fluke this past week but found out that an invasion of sea robins had moved into the area. Trying to keep the bait on the bottom for more than a minute had sea robins inhaling it two at a time. Numerous fluke were still caught but failed to meet the minimum size limit of 19 inches. A fast moving school of bonito or false albacore surfaced chasing a school of bait, but it was short lived as one of the Block Island ferries plowed through them sending them down. It was still a great day on the water!! Bluefish still seem to be in short supply along the coastal waters of Matunic and the Narragansett Light house area.

This week's second picture shows Mike Daniels with his

40 pound striper caught at the canal a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the picture was absent in last week's column. My apologies.

Freshwater bass fishing has been hot for many anglers that are chasing freshwater bass. This week's picture shows Mark True with another impressive bass taken at the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville a couple of weeks ago. He and his dad release all of the fish they catch. This ensures another angler to catch him again and enjoy the thrill of catching such a great fish. It takes a long time for a bass to reach this size, so practicing catch and release is a very important factor in keeping the species available for another angler to catch. I urge our readers to send along photos of their prize fish and I will try to get them



Courtesy photo

Mark True with another bass taken out of the Meadow Pond right in Whitinsville.

into this column.

Dog owners were alerted to an outbreak of dog flu last week in Massachusetts. The flu is very contagious and can cause a lot of health problems for any dog. Taking your dog to a dog park or other public place that has other dogs should be canceled for a while or until you take your dog to the vet for a vaccine.

The Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual field day on Sept. 9 this year. The public is welcomed

to attend the fun filled day of activities. A chicken barbecue, chowder, and numerous other food will be available throughout the day. The event is held rain or shine!! The event draws a large number of local residents annually to enjoy the day's activities. Check the club's website for more information: www.wallumlakerodgunclub.com.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

The joy of a simple hello

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Vehicles driving by the busy corner near Monro Muffler and Brake in the Sandersdale section of Southbridge may occasionally receive a warm welcome from a young man who derives great joy just from saying hello. Now and then in that spot, Zachary Wolfe



Sarah Champagne photo

Zachary Wolfe 1.jpg: Zachary Wolfe, age 16, provides a warm hello.

can be seen, energetically waving to each vehicle that passes.

The fun Wolfe has greeting passing vehicles is visible in his enthusiastic and happy demeanor. Wolfe was diagnosed with autism at the age of 18 months, but he has had a lot of support growing up. His mother, Carla DiGregorio-Wolfe, is a speech therapist. Zachary's father, Jeff Wolfe, can be seen as a supportive presence just further back from the road when the younger man gets a chance to wave to cars.

Wolfe gets a variety of reactions from passers-by. Some drivers seem puzzled, and others disregard his enthusiastic waving. Many more drivers will wave back. Some will honk their horns to say hello, and sometimes drivers of larger trucks will pull their air horn to acknowledge Wolfe.

Wolfe, now 16 years old, is a student at Southbridge High School who has just started his junior year. His father, who is involved with the Southbridge Softball Association, says that Zachary is well known to players and friends of the league.

"We go down to the field, and he knows every name and their jersey number," the proud father says.

The young man was "in the zone" waving to cars and was a man of few words when asked for comment, staying on task.

"It's a good idea. I like saying hi to people," Zachary offered before catching the next car to pass by. Each vehicle that passes is met with the same enthusiasm and warmth as the last one

Rick Plante, store manager for Monro Muffler and Brake in Southbridge,

says that he enjoys Zachary's presence whenever Jeff comes in for an oil change or service.

"It's an inspiration to watch him," Plante remarks. "He has such positive energy."

Drivers will sometimes ask Monro employees if they are having a sale or promotion, but Wolfe's waving is all his own. His father reports that on rare

occasion, someone will pull into the parking lot to find out if the young man waving is distressed and needs help. For the most part though, the young man just hopes to brighten the day of those he greets with a simple but enthusiastic salutation.

Friday's Child



Matthew
Age: 13

I am looking for a family that gives good hugs!

Matthew, who likes to be called Matty, is a kind and caring boy of Caucasian and Native American descent. Matty is very chatty and charming, and if someone appears sad or angry, he will give them a hug and ask if they would like to talk. Matty loves to read and likes to visit the library as often as possible. He is very curious and has a fondness for ocean life and reptiles, and plans on becoming a marine biologist when he gets older. He would like to learn to swim so that he is prepared for his future career. Matty also loves to play video games.

Matty recently started middle school and is doing well. He started an author's club at his school and looks forward to editing stories for other students. Matty is an excellent reader and is reading well above grade-level. He also has a great imagination and loves to hear stories. Matty is on the high functioning end of the Autism Spectrum.

Ready for adoption, Matty is longing to be adopted by a family who will keep him forever and give him hugs. According to Matty, he has a lot of dreams that he hopes his new family will listen to. Matty's social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation, with either no children in the home or with children older than Matty.

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.ma-reinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Animals and people all hit the roads for Second Chance

STURBRIDGE – Runners hit the road last weekend to support pets in need, as Second Chance Animal Services held its first annual Running out of Summer 5K. Hosted by RapsCALLION Brewery, the Aug. 25 event featured live music, kids' activities, and prizes for the top finishers in several categories. Participants were even able to bring their four-legged friends along for the run. All proceeds will benefit local pets in need. To learn more about Second Chance, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.



From left, Carolynn Kowalsky, Jessica Martin, and Jesse Posco spend the day with 8-year-old Bear the dog.



The Adams family, of Sturbridge, attends the race.

Kevin Flanders photos.



From left, Riley, Michelle, and Elizabeth, all of Sturbridge, are excited to attend their hometown race.



Kathleen and Rod O'Connor, of Holden, with their 2-year-old dog Shane.



From left, Nicole Veilandre, Kora Really, and Jasmine Bell, of Sturbridge.



From left, Peter Cibula, Johanna Thompson, and Elizabeth Meyer get ready for the race.



From left, Sean Defoer, Peter Scott, and LeeAnn Marchionne stay cool inside the brewery before the event.



It was a chance for the dogs to walk their people.



Dogs and people line up for the start.

Remembering Lafayette at Rider Tavern



A portrait of the Marquis Lafayette by Joseph Desire Court in 1791.

On Saturday, Sept. 1 from 1:30-6 p.m. at the Rider Tavern, 255 Stafford St., a presentation by the Charlton Historical Society and the American Friends of Lafayette will commem-

orate the reception held for the Marquis during his farewell tour in American 1824-25.

From 1:30-3 p.m., members of the Charlton Historical Society will conduct tours of the Rider

Tavern, including the collection of Lafayette memorabilia.

At 3 p.m., the program will begin with Frank Morrill, the former president of the CHS, speaking on the significance of the

Rider Tavern and serving as master of ceremonies. Alan Hoffman, translator of Levasseur's account of Lafayette's visit, will discuss the significance of the farewell tour; and Peter Reilly will speak on conditions in 1824.

Dorothea Jensen, author of *A Buss from Lafayette*, in authentic 1824 attire, will speak on how Lafayette was greeted.

It is then Lafayette (portrayed by Ben Goodman) will arrive, on foot; and he will be greeted with appropriate remarks to which he will respond.

Greeters will include: selectmen, one or two state representatives and a representative of the French government.

He will then be greeted by groups from the community that can connect in a variety of ways including patriotism and community service. Among them will be the Masonic Colonial Craftsmen, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Revolutionary War reenactors and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Special guest of honor Horace "Bud" Holland, a World War II veteran who landed in France on June 6, 1944 with the 118th AAA Gun Battalion will be introduced. He is credited with participation in the Normandy Campaign, the Northern France Campaign and the Rhineland Campaign including the Battle of the Bulge.

The program will end with the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthems of both the US and France. Lafayette and members of the American Friends will remain to answer questions.

A bit of history about

Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette

Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette (French pronunciation: [ma ki d la faj t]; 6 September 1757 – 20 May 1834), in the United States often known simply as Lafayette, was a French aristocrat and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War. A close friend of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson, Lafayette was a key figure in the French Revolution of 1789 and the July Revolution of 1830.

Lafayette came from a wealthy landowning family. He followed its martial tradition, and was commissioned an officer at age 13. He became convinced that the American cause in its revolutionary war was noble, and traveled to the New World seeking glory in it. There, he was made a major general; however, the 19-year-old was initially not given troops to command.

Wounded during the Battle of Brandywine, he still managed to organize an orderly retreat. He served with distinction in the Battle of Rhode Island. In the middle of the war, he returned home to lobby for an increase in French support. He again sailed to America in 1780, and was given senior positions in the Continental Army. In 1781, troops in Virginia under his command blocked forces led by Cornwallis until other American and French forces could position themselves for the decisive Siege of Yorktown.

He helped write the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen,

with Thomas Jefferson's assistance; this document sought to establish the universal rights of all men. In keeping with this philosophy, Lafayette advocated for the end of slavery. After the storming of the Bastille, Lafayette was appointed commander-in-chief of the National Guard and tried to steer a middle course through the French Revolution. In August 1792, the radical factions ordered his arrest.

Fleeing through the Austrian Netherlands, he was captured by Austrian troops and spent more than five years in prison.

Lafayette returned to France after Napoleon Bonaparte secured his release in 1797, though he refused to participate in Napoleon's government. After the Bourbon Restoration of 1814, he became a liberal member of the Chamber of Deputies, a position he held for most of the remainder of his life. In 1824, President James Monroe invited Lafayette to the United States as the nation's guest; during the trip, he visited all twenty-four states in the union at the time, meeting a rapturous reception. During France's July Revolution of 1830, Lafayette declined an offer to become the French dictator. Instead, he supported Louis-Philippe as king, but turned against him when the monarch became autocratic. Lafayette died on 20 May 1834, and is buried in Picpus Cemetery in Paris, under soil from Bunker Hill. For his accomplishments in the service of both France and the United States, he is sometimes known as "The Hero of the Two Worlds."

Readers submit tips & tricks



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

As we face the dog days of a New

England summer, this week we take time out to peek into the mailbag. A big "thanks" to readers who shared an array of impressive tips and tricks to make life (even under the hot summer sun) a little easier. Read on for the latest submissions from your friends and neighbors:

Phillip Maiorana
Ashford, CT
**

Merging culinary herbs with eye appealing blooms equals a winning combination:

When planting your window flower boxes or deck boxes, mix in herbs along with the flowers. You will be rewarded with beautify and functionality. Good choices include sage, oregano, thyme and chives. At the end of the season simply pop the plant out of the box and into a garden to winter over.

Terri Blanchard
North Grafton
**

Strategic litter box maintenance saves time and money for this proud cat mama:

I have one three year old cat I got as a kitten. I have a litter hint that works well for me. When changing the box and replacing new litter, I push half to one end of the pan, the other half at opposite end of the pan so you have none in the center. Both ends are at least four inches deep. When you see a disturbance as one or both ends are spread out "it's time to pick litter! Some days one pan is the same, piles intact. He has a second box in the garage which he uses also. After picking, be sure and push litter back to both ends for next use. This really saves time of searching litter that's all flat and finding nothing. I only have to pick once a day.

I completely change litter every seven to ten days as it gets scented from leaving the mess too long before picking - rarely happens.

Barbary Scerra
Auburn
**

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Terri Blanchard of North Grafton, whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the creative planting above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the 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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

This long-time reader shares not only her home cooked goods, but the secrets to her sweet success:

I am still making my home-made pies. When I have served only a few pieces I cut the remaining and spread apart before freezing. It is so easy to remove just one piece!!!!

When making blueberry pancakes pour the batter on the skillet first, THEN put the same number of blueberries on each before flipping them over. Everyone gets the same amount of berries!

Have a great summer...I am enjoying my veggie garden.
Claire Horvath
Sturbridge
**

Modern technology makes archiving family recipes and faded clippings a snap (literally)!

My mom gave me a tremendous amount of recipes that came from pages she had taken from newspapers and magazines, etc. I thought that instead of just keeping them in this format, that at least for now, I have been going through them, and the recipes that I have decided to keep, I have taken a picture of it with my smartphone and once I finish doing that, I will create some albums by category based on the type recipes they are (main course, dessert, etc.). I may also choose to put these on my computer and then also on a flash drive. This takes up less space and the recipes will never get lost or ruined because I will always have a backup on my flash drive. This could also be a good idea for anyone who would like to borrow cookbooks and magazines from the library to get recipes.

Debbie Gregoire-Lefebvre
Southbridge
**

The trick to a truly stainless, stainless steel sink? This reader shares her simple trick to spray instead of scrub:

Here is a cleaning tips for stainless steel sinks: I tried to refurbish a stainless steel sink with Babo, vinegar and stainless steel cleaner but to no avail. I finally used Oxi-Clean spray and wow! It is clean and it shines.

Carroline Santospago
East Douglas
**

Cooking a classic meal just got a "hole" lot tastier and less messy with this clever kitchen tip:

When I make a meatloaf, I use a loaf pan. In the middle of the pan I make a

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EDITORIAL

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There may not be any more disparate people in the world than the two we lost so recently.

Aretha Franklin was the daughter of a minister, raised in a straitlaced environment with high expectations; and honored for her achievements. Her voice, that glorious voice, was an instrument for the glory of God. And she believed it too.

But she also loved other, secular music and when the opportunities arose for her, despite some opposition from well meaning family and friends, she branched out into the dangerous world.

She once said her music was still sung for the glory of God, it just also sanctified the rest of the world too.

Then there was the man who was raised in the military tradition dating back generations. What were the expectations there if your father, your uncles, your grandfather, were all, ALL not only in the military, but Admirals.

He too was disciplined, raised in an environment with very high expectations, and told he was absolutely capable.

He was taught honor, and responsibility.

And took that to heart.

So much so that, after being critically injured, and offered a way to go home after being held prisoner; he refused to leave his fellow inmates in the prison who were not offered the same early release and chance to go home.

He stayed. He said later he felt it wouldn't have been right to leave. He didn't have that right. It wasn't a responsible thing to do.

He felt responsibility keenly.

John McCain didn't always take the easy way once he became involved in politics either. But he owned up to mistakes, and tried to find compromise when he could.

Something happened this week that brought this very much home in this age of anonymous troll bashing.

In a week of honoring the Queen of Soul; there were rude remarks; and as the country mourned a statesman like McCain there were more.

Really?

It isn't like they could defend themselves, give reasons for decisions; nor should they need to. If you didn't agree with the politics, mourn the loss of a decorated veteran.

If you couldn't grasp the soul of an artist, mourn the fact no longer will that voice be available, or the soaring gift to God.

At the time of a death, there should no longer be barbs and needles. It is time if not to heal, at least not to create diatribe.

It isn't just tasteless, it is beyond obnoxious and insensitive.

Getting those rooms ready for students return

In anticipation of students' return on Wednesday, Aug. 29th, the APS Team worked diligently in their classrooms on Monday and Tuesday – and many well before then - readying them to welcome students for what promises to be a phenomenal school year. Likely the same for students and staff, the excitement of a new school year is palpable, and while there are always a few nerves until we settle into established routines, the positive energy carries us through.

During these important first days, our 2,400+ students meet their teachers and numerous support staff members, reunite with old friends while simultaneously making new ones, marking the unofficial end of the Summer of 2018. While the calendar promises us more “summer” days through Sept. 22nd, the first official day of fall, I think we can all agree that with the start of school, things change: schedules become busier, commitments greatly increase, whether to team sports, homework assignments or one of the many clubs offered through the schools, and we settle into a routine. The carefree days of summer slowly fade away with a promise that they will return, but not before we enjoy the colorful leaves of fall, the often freezing cold of winter and the ultimate greening of spring. So it is with life in New England.

I truly love what I do and I start each school year with the same enthusiasm I had when I first welcomed my first grade students into a Sturbridge classroom 33 years ago. Like many parents who wonder in amazement at how their children are now in high school, perhaps just starting school or entering any grade in between: where does the time go?

Driving into work on the students' first day, it warms my heart to see families waiting at bus stops with their children, oftentimes waiting in groups with neighbors, iPhones out and capturing memorable moments, smiles on and perhaps even a few jitters. For those who drive their children to school, excitement, and likely some nerves as well, abounds, with everyone anticipating the start of another exciting school year. As I've stated countless times before, on behalf of the entire APS Team, please know that we consider it an honor and a privilege to work in partnership with you – the parents of our students and members of the Auburn community – in supporting our children so that endless possibilities can be theirs.

As I sat to prepare my remarks for this year's opening day program, I started by reading through my opening day remarks from 2008 through 2017, noting that in each, bar none, was the word believe. Putting pen to paper as I gathered my thoughts for this article, I likewise reread those I'd written since 2008 for my opening Rockets Review, with the one from 2008 resonating most loudly with me. What follows is excerpts from that original article - near impossible to imagine that I



ROCKETS REVIEW
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DR. MARYELLEN BRUNELLE
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wrote it 10 years ago – as my sentiments expressed then match those I still hold dear today. As you may have already guessed, I enjoy quotes, pondering their meaning and often taking inspiration from them as well. As I read a quote, I consider its meaning for both my personal and professional life; not all apply, but oftentimes I find a connection to an experience I have had or something to ponder for the future. A quote I read recently had me thinking as it connects to both my personal and professional life and I share it here for your consideration, too: “Nothing influences behavior so strongly as the clear expectation of a significant other.”

While the expectations of my parents were definitely not so specific as to guide us in the direction of any career or profession, what was clear was that we were always expected to try our best, to be our best and to act in a respectful manner in which both they – and we – could be proud. As I'm sure we've all experienced, plenty of mistakes were made along the way, but the expectations always remained the same: learn from your mistakes, work to improve upon them and give it your best the next time around.

As we begin a new school year, a time of renewal and fresh starts, I encourage all of us to carefully consider the influence we have on others. As parents, you are the primary “significant other” to whom your children look to for guidance, support and nurturing. As teachers, community members, grandparents, relatives and neighbors, we, too, can be viewed as “significant others” to children. The expectations we have for one another – and for ourselves – whether spoken or evident only in our actions, influence those around us, especially children. Through our words and our actions, are we positively influencing their behavior so that as they continue to grow, they make good choices, take advantage of opportunities for improvement and treat others – and themselves – with respect? Do we demonstrate to them, through both our words and actions, that when mistakes are made or challenges are faced, we pull together to resolve them, learn from them and carry the experiences with us to better guide us in the next dilemma we face?

As we launch the 2018-2019 school year together, let us renew our commitment to work together in the best interest of all of our students. To do anything less than giving them our very best would be to shortchange them, and I know that none of us is willing to do so. Thank you for your partnership and thank you for sharing the amazing children of Auburn with us! It's going to be a phenomenal year!

To contact me to share an idea, a concern or to ask a question, I can be reached at 508-832-7755 or via e-mail at mbrunelle@auburn.k12.ma.us. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Auburn Public Schools!

Financial tips for Alzheimer's caregivers



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If you are, or will be, a caregiver for elderly parents or another close family member living with Alzheimer's disease, you may experience some emotional stress – but you also need to be aware of the financial issues involved and what actions you can take to help address them.

You will find few “off the rack” solutions for dealing with the financial challenges associated with Alzheimer's. For one thing, family situations can vary greatly, both in terms of the financial resources available and in the availability and capabilities of potential caregivers. Furthermore, depending on the stage of the disease, people living with Alzheimer's may have a range of cognitive abilities, which will affect the level of care needed.

Here are some general suggestions that may be useful to you in your role as caregiver:

Consult with family members and close friends. It's extremely hard to be a solo caregiver. By consulting with other family members or close friends, you may find that some of them have the time and ability to help.

Consider obtaining durable power of attorney. If you possess a durable power of attorney for finances, you can make financial decisions for the person with Alzheimer's when he or she is no longer able. With this authority, you can help the individual living with the disease – and your entire family – avoid court actions that can take away control of financial affairs. And on a short-term basis, having durable power of attorney can help you take additional steps if needed. You'll find it much easier to acquire durable power of attorney when the individual living with Alzheimer's is still in the early stage of the disease and can willingly and knowingly grant you this authority.

Gather all necessary documents. You'll be in a better position to help the individual living with Alzheimer's if you have all the important financial documents – bank statements, insurance policies, wills, Social Security payment information, deeds, etc. – in one place.

Get professional help. You may want to consult with an attorney, who can advise you on establishing appropriate arrangements, such as a living trust, which provides instructions about the estate of the person for whom you're providing care and names a trustee to hold title to property and funds for the beneficiaries. You also might want to meet with a financial advisor, who can help identify potential resources and money-saving services. And a tax professional may be able to help you find tax deductions connected to your role as caregiver.

Finally, use your experience as a caregiver to remind yourself of the importance of planning for your own needs. For example, a financial professional can suggest ways of preparing for the potentially huge costs of long-term care, such as those arising from an extended stay in a nursing home.

Caring for an individual living with Alzheimer's has its challenges. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can reduce uncertainties – and possibly give yourself and your family members a greater sense of security and control.

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Dublin (Pt. 1)

I ran a group home in Baltimore once, with boys aged 8-13 who had been adjudicated or sent to the home for a variety of reasons from the Department of Social Services. It became one of those experiences that changed me in profound ways. I'm not sure I could have done it without Dublin.

In the late summer, Baltimore was hot and muggy, a greenhouse without the green. Narrow streets became ovens. Only the call of a seagull broke the gloom, a reminder that somewhere there was a harbor, a bay, perhaps a breeze...but the promise of relief lay broken at the oven door. A walk in the neighborhood was a gloomy trudge between islands of shade in a blacktop sea. Radio patter and the cries of children mixed with sirens. Sometimes the smash of glass merged with the muted laughter. At night, the stoops within a block became littered with flesh while bottles made the rounds. In the morning, among the shards of glass and mucous, spots of blood cooked in the sultry heat. To leave this bleak landscape was the secret desire of every living thing. Baltimore.

Into this caldron, Boys Town Homes seemed an island of sanity. The former brick mansion fronted Park Street in Bolton Hill. There was an air of subtle difference on our block. One of the Berrigan brothers lived up the street, close to Leon Fleischer, the pianist, and this section of the neighborhood was the once desired address of the rich and genteel. It was making a comeback. The police patrolled regularly, and they often stopped by to shoot hoops with the boys in our brick walled courtyard.



IN THAT GREAT TIME
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PATRICK MOON

knew the women who lived up the street on the other side of Park.

“Sure,” I said, “We walk our dogs together.”

“Ask them to move the marijuana plants from the front window,” they said, with a wink.

The summer schedule of day trips and fun switched to school preparation in late August.

I started meeting teachers and principals, helping the counselors organize homework time, and getting everyone back into the routines of the school year. By October, I needed a short break. I planned some time at Ocean City for myself. A college buddy was coming down from Delaware. Then I would swing back, check on the staff and boys, pick up my dog, Dublin, and drive to Virginia and the Appalachian Trail. I wanted to spend time in the woods, with no city anywhere.

Nothing seemed to go as planned. My buddy cancelled at the last minute. I was walking along the Ocean City beach on a bright sunny morning trying to decide my next move,

when I heard a voice calling for help. I saw a woman holding an arm and tugging on a submerged body, so I charged into the ocean and helped her drag the

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



Italian picnic draws a crowd

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Southbridge Italian Club's annual picnic at its North Street location drew another large crowd this year. The event was held Sunday, Aug. 27. With classic Italian hospitality, family-friendly activities and games, lively music and of course, plenty of delicious food, the event drew many from Southbridge and beyond.

Those attending the event included Joseph Early, Worcester County District Attorney and candidates for various offices: Jen Caissie (for Governor's Council), Tom Merolli (for state Senate), Katie Toomey (for Registrar of Deeds) and Joanne Powell and Dennis McManus (for Clerk of Courts). Father Juan Herrera of Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge also attended.

"This is a great community event, great for families. We are all about family here," said Mike Bonadies.

"The new generation is doing an amazing job with the club," remarks Sal LeDonne, who led the club for many years. "It is great for the town of Southbridge."



Sarah Champagne photos

Anne Pietroburgo sold her quilts and other craft items at the Italian Picnic.



Roberto Sinni and Jay DiGregorio fight off the heat of the day while manning the grill.



Sal LaDonne enjoys the festivities.



Lydia Logan, age 3 enjoys the festivities. She is the granddaughter of Italian Club board member Jim Ciprari.



Owen Logan, one year old, enjoys some delicious food. He is the grandson of Jim Ciprari.



Laurie Placella and Janet Blanco serve up fresh cannoli at the desserts table.



Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. and Katie Toomey enjoy the festive environment at the Italian Picnic.



Paolo Sinni, Debbie Parenteau and Catherine Melendez volunteer at the entrance to the festivities.



L-R, Maximillian, Maura and Grady Lapriore join Tyler Daigle in a friendly game at the picnic.



Cove Ciprari, one year old, looks around at the activities. Cove is the grandchild of Jim Ciprari.



L-R: Joanne Powell, Katie Toomey, Tom Merolli, Dennis McManus and Jen Caissie, candidates for various offices, attend the Italian Picnic.



Heather Morgan serves drinks to the crowd.



Madison Diaz, one year old, has fun with her father, Candido Diaz.



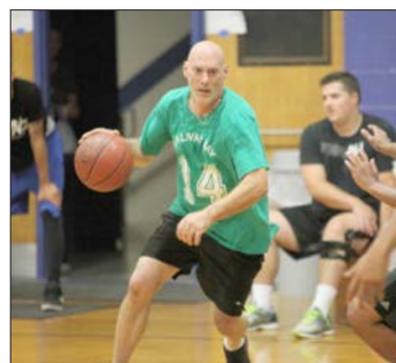
Father Juan Herrera of Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge joins the festivities.

SPORTS

Trinity Basketball Association wraps up summer league

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Trinity Basketball Association, with games played inside at Trinity Catholic Academy, saw its summer league come to a close on Tuesday evening, Aug. 21. The eight-team league of high-caliber basketball featuring talent from all over Central Mass. had a pair of championship games.

The top four teams from the regular season comprised the East Division, while the bottom four competed in the West Division. The East Division final saw Barbale's Roofing top Friday Nights, 64-61. In the West Division final, Goonz Entertainment beat Galway, 63-58.



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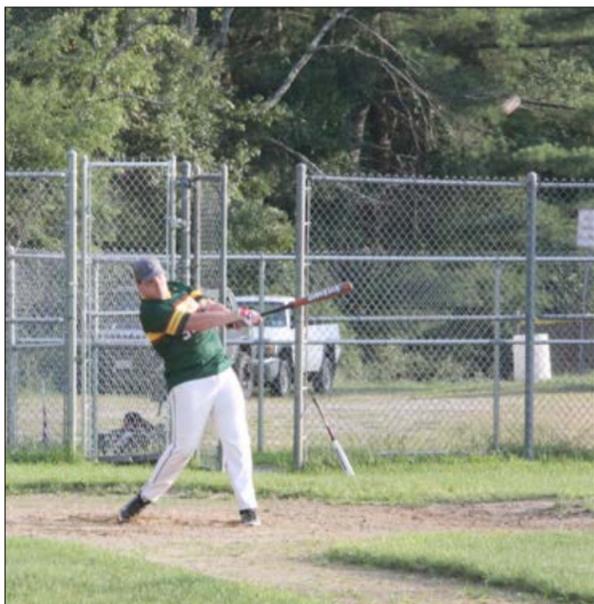
A pair of championship games were contested in the Trinity Basketball Association on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Home Run Derby, All-Star Game end Laid Back Competitive Baseball League season in style

OXFORD — After a grueling regular season and playoff run that spanned two months, the players and fans of the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League were treated to some fun on Saturday evening, Aug. 25 when Home Run Derby and All-Star Game festivities were held at Greenbriar Park.

Tim Santilli won the Home Run Derby and Team Dan Coomey topped Team Santilli in the All-Star Game, 6-5. The All-Star co-MVP's were Travis Dinsdale and Patrick Lyons. Dinsdale pitched a complete game, while Lyons went 3 for 3 on a trio of bunt singles.

Please check out <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=laidbackcompetitivebaseballleague> if you would like to join the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League in 2019.



Nick Ethier photos

The Laid Back Competitive Baseball League Home Run Derby and All-Star Game festivities were held at Greenbriar Park on Saturday, Aug. 25.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Auburn 24th annual School/Business Partnership Golf Tournament set for Sept. 10

The proceeds of this year's golf tournament go directly to support the Auburn Chamber's mini-grants for teachers, and scholarships to graduating seniors, of both the local community and for our Chamber member businesses. Due to all local support, the Chamber has awarded \$297,000 since 1995.

The tournament will be held Sept. 10 at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. The 10 a.m. shotgun start will begin its registration at 9 a.m. Tournament sponsors, partnership sponsors and tee signs are all available. Please email Virginia Parent at vparent@WorcesterChamber.org or visit <http://auburn-chamberma.org/> for more information.

Charlton Old Home Day Road Race fast approaching

The 52nd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 3. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 300 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! 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.

Oxford Little League Memorial Golf Tournament comes to Pine Ridge Country Club

The seventh annual Oxford Little League Steven J. Horgan Memorial Golf Tournament is set for Sunday, Sept. 23 at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford. The 11 a.m. shotgun start (\$100 per player) also features good food, prizes, contests, sport collectibles and a silent auction. Sign-up and sponsorship information is available at www.oxfordlittleleague.com or by emailing horgangolftournament@gmail.com. The sign-up deadline is Friday, Sept. 14. Tee and green sponsors are also available for \$200. Interested in dinner only? The cost for that is \$25 per person.



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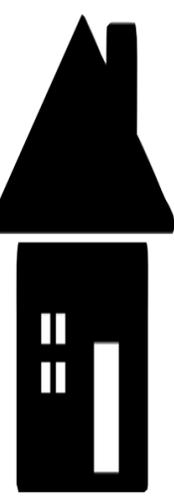
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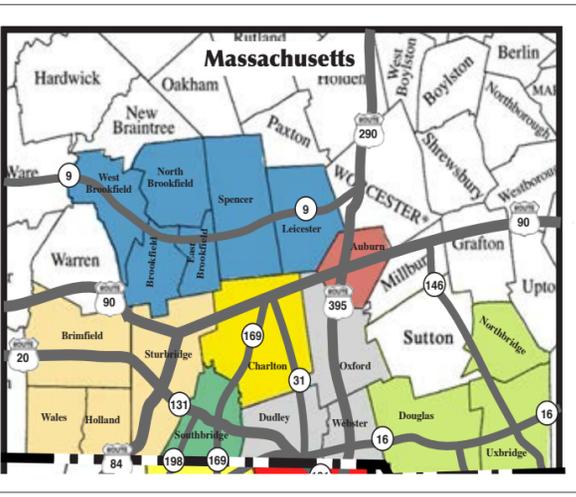
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Jacqueline M. Kingdon, 87



L E I C E S T E R - Jacqueline M. (L e t o u r n e a u) Kingdon, 87, died Friday August 24 in Heritage Home North in Agawam after an illness. Her husband C.

Russell Kingdon died in 2014. She leaves four daughters; Cynthia A. Kingdon of Auburn, Ellen L. Stachura and her husband Douglas of Westfield, Jacalyn M. Habiger of Virginia Beach, VA and Marsha J. Kingdon of Westfield, 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, two half sisters; Diane Harrison of Scituate and Claire O'Leary of Worcester, and

several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a daughter Christine E. McNamara.

Mrs. Kingdon was born in Peabody, and was raised by her grandparents Sylva and Delia Letourneau. She was a clerk at the Fallon Community Health Plan for many years before retiring. She enjoyed needlepoint, ceramics,

reading and history.

Funeral services and burial in Pine Grove Cemetery, Leicester will be private at a later date. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday September 15

COMMUNITY DINNER: There will be a community roast beef supper at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 10 and under are free. No reservations are needed. Additional parking is available at the Town Hall.

Sunday September 16

MILL VILLAGE TOUR: On Sunday, Sept. 16 from 1-2 p.m., walk down Auburn's Main Street with Auburn historian Ken Ethier to see the Jeremy Stones 1939 Mill Village Housing and learn about the town's reservoirs created to power the textile mill. Meet at St. Joseph's Church, 194 Oxford St., Auburn. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

Tuesday September 18

HISTORY OF THE PD: Auburn Historical Society will be holding its first meeting of the Fall 2018 season on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive. The speakers will be Tim Cronin and Rich Tobin and they will be presenting Memories of the Auburn Police Department. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting at 5:30, so bring your favorite dish to share. This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday September 29

LIFE BEFORE REFRIGERATORS: On Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1-2 p.m. learn the History of Ice Harvesting. Learn what life was like before refrigerators. Visit the Little Red Shop Museum (12 Hopedale St., Hopedale) for a presentation with Auburn town historian Ken Ethier to learn about the cultivation of the ice field and the storage of ice. Ken will show you his collection of ice harvesting tools. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters,

never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

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

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are

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

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

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

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Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley); rolling start from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton); rolling start from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston's Longwood Medical Area); starting at 1:45 p.m. This route will include many

patients and their families.

Walkers are treated to 12 refueling stations along the course as well as poster-sized photographs of inspiring Walk Heroes at each mile and half mile marker. All routes conclude at the Copley Square Finish Line where participants can celebrate with food, live entertainment, and a speaking program.

All walkers must raise a minimum of \$325, except for walkers 12 years old and

younger whose fundraising minimum is \$125. Pacesetters are extraordinary fundraisers who raise \$1,500 or more, or \$500 or more for those 12 years old and younger. There is also a "Virtual Walker" option for those unable to attend the event.

To register for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai (#JimmyFundWalk), to support a walker, or to volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255.

Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee.

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Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children's Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook: www.facebook.com/thejimmyfund and on Twitter: @TheJimmyFund.

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in the hospital. So, this year we chose not to even file the legislation; we're going directly to the people and we're going to let the people of Massachusetts decide if this makes sense to have a safe limit on the number of patients a nurse cares for in a hospital."

He also said voters need to look beyond the commercials they're currently seeing on their TV screens or hearing on their radios.

"I think a lot of what's in the No on 1 commercial is very misleading," he says. "As far as the billion-dollar-a-year claim is concerned, I believe that's a number that was simply plucked from the air. Some of our research shows that for every dollar you spend on nursing care you save a dollar and three cents. So, you're actually showing a savings by limiting the number of patients a

nurse has because you're avoiding a lot of those preventable errors that can occur when the patient-to-nurse ratio is too high."

"For them to say it's going to create more problems that it would solve," D'Intinosanto continued, "I think is very misleading. They're trying to scare the public. They know what kinds of words scare people; 'mandate,' 'government mandate,' those types of words that get people worried that they shouldn't vote 'yes.'"

"In fact, this is not a government mandate. This is 20 years of trying to get the Legislature to do something they refuse to do. We the nurses wrote this question, and we the nurses at the Mass. Nurses Association, most of the nurses who actually work at the bedside, support this and have for a long time. It's long overdue."

Next week Stonebridge Press will hear from opponents of Question 1.

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man to shore. He was at least six four, 200 pounds, bald, and lifeless. I turned him over, cleared the goo from his mouth, and began artificial respiration. He looked dead to me, but training kicked in. From Shepard Pratt hospital, I remembered that if you got sick, you turned your head, puked, and got back to work. And I did just that.

A vacationing nurse ran over and we shared heart massage and ventilating until an ambulance arrived. She told the ambulance driver to continue the heart massage. They slapped an oxygen mask on the victim's face, strapped him on the gurney, and drove off.

The nurse and I hugged, and then I walked up to the boardwalk and into a bar. I ordered a bourbon and ginger and sat trying to make sense of what had just happened. I washed away the bitter taste of puke. The juke box blared: "Hot town, summer in the city; back of my neck gettin' dirt and gritty..." After a while, I told the bartender what had happened, and as I was leaving he told me that he had bad news: he had checked... the victim had been declared DOA at the hospital.

Perfect.
No, this was not my first encounter

with death. I worked in some pretty tough neighborhoods in Baltimore, and I had to step over a fresh body in a doorway once, but I had never had my lips on death. That was a first.

I was on my way to Virginia with Dublin that afternoon.

There was a huge parking lot at the campground just off Skyline Drive. The Park Ranger was friendly and reminded me to keep Dublin on a leash especially when near the campground itself. She told me that people brought pets to the camp, they went into the woods, the pets ran away, and the pets were never found. They had 60 reports of missing dogs from just that summer.

"Most of them starve to death," she said, "They have forgotten how to hunt and survive."

I paid for parking, filled my canteen, and headed for the trail with Dublin straining to run free. When nightfall came, I lay down, rolled out the sleeping bag, and stared up through the dull fall foliage. It was a restful space: trees above and around... behemoth trunks, muscled limbs, whispered stretching...the endless lean and sway.

I slept fitfully.
I kept seeing the victim's face: the sand in the lifeless eyes, the spot where he had missed shaving that morning. Dublin sat in silhouette at my feet. I could not get comfortable.

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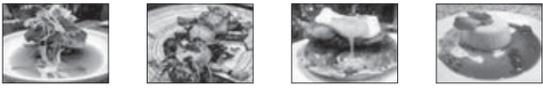
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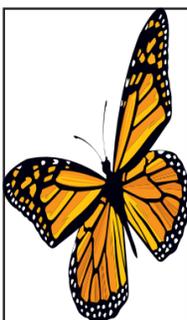
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9:00am Draft Horse and Oxen Obstacle Course (Grandstand Area)

1:00pm Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off (Show Tent)

3:00pm Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull (Pulling Area)

6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)

7:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand Area)

FRIDAY MAIN STAGE:

12:00pm National Anthem

2:30pm - 3:30 Ross McGinnes (Main Stage)

4:30pm - 6:30 Tequila Bonfire (Main Stage)

8:00pm Leaf Jumpers (Main Stage)

SATURDAY SEPT. 1ST. ON THE GROUNDS

7:30am Tractor Pulls on Concrete (Pull Area)

10:00am Beef Cattle Show (Show Tent)

1:00pm Open Poultry Show (Agricultural Center)

6:00pm Truck Pull (Grandstands)

SATURDAY MAIN STAGE:

12:00pm National Anthem (Main Stage)

12:30pm Bad Tickers (Main Stage)

2:30pm Sold Under Sin (Main Stage)

5:00pm Annie Brobst (Main Stage)

8:00pm Dan Candell (Main Stage)

SUNDAY - SEP. 2ND. ON THE GROUNDS

10:00am Draft Horse Pulls (Pull Arena)

10:00am Dairy Cattle Show (Show Tent)

1:00pm Youth Poultry Showmanship (Agricultural Center)

1:30pm Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Agricultural Center)

5:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstands)

6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)

SUNDAY MAIN STAGE:

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2:30pm Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men (Main Stage)

6:00pm Ashley Jordan (Main Stage)

8:00pm Coconuts (Main Stage)

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FRI. AUG. 31 – MON. SEPT. 3

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- Featured Entertainment -

<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>ROSS MCGINNES 2:30-3:30pm</p> <p>TEQUILA BONFIRE 4:30-6:30pm</p> <p>LEAF JUMPERS 8:00pm</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>BAD TICKERS 12:30-1:30pm</p> <p>SOLD UNDER SIN 2:30-3:30pm</p> <p>ANNIE BROBST 5:00-7:00pm</p> <p>DAN CANDELL 8:00pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>DENNIS POLSKY & THE MAESTRO'S MEN 2:30-3:30pm</p> <p>ASHLEY JORDAN 6:00-7:00pm</p> <p>COCONUTS 8:00pm - Close</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>ROSS MCGINNES 1:30pm</p> <p>MARK WILLS 3:00-4:30pm</p> <p>DAN CANDELL 6:30pm</p>
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MONDAY - SEPT. 3RD. ON THE GROUNDS

10:00am Lawn and Garden Dirt Pull (Grandstands)

10:00am Oxen Pull (Pull Area)

1:00pm Rabbit and Poultry Costume Class (Agricultural Center)

2:00pm Lumberjack Contest (Show Tent)

MONDAY MAIN STAGE:

12:00pm National Anthem (Main Stage)

1:30pm Ross McGinnes (Main Stage)

3:00pm Mark Wills (Main Stage)

6:30pm Dan Candell (Main Stage)

ALL 4 DAYS: ON THE GROUNDS

- Buddy the Clown - Walk-around
- Jolley Clown Family - Walk-around/Kiddie Tent
- Boots & Britches: The Singing Cowboys (Dream Camper Show & Exhibit) - Pull Alley
- Josh Landry: Master Chainsaw Carver - Grandstand Field
- Two by Two Zoo - Grandstand Field
- Rosaire's Racing Pigs - Grandstand Field
- Live Stingray Encounter - Between Agricultural Center and Exhibit Hall
- Wolves of the World - Between Exhibit Hall and Midway
- Andy Rice Sheep Dog Demonstration/Sheep Shearing - Agricultural Center
- Antique Tractor Display - Between Rest Tent and Agricultural Center
- Farmyard Animal Displays and Demonstrations/Rabbit Hopping - Agricultural Center

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- Cheryl Walsh-Owner of Evergreen Rabbit Farm - Demo spinning rabbit wool
- Refugee Artisans of Worcester
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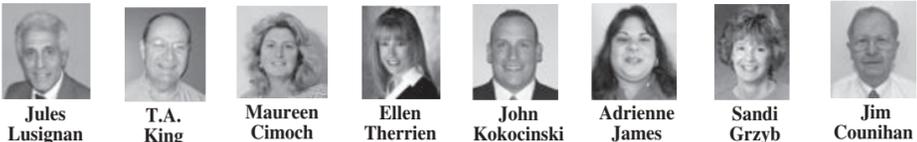
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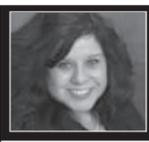
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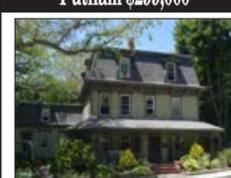
Private 3 Acres Custom Ranch 1,478 SF. FP in living RM, dining RM, 3 BR, 2 BA, Woodstove, 2 car garage.
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Ashford \$189,900



Great owner/occupy opportunity. Side by side units. Updated in 2003. Sits on 2.44 lovely acres.
Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363

Putnam \$299,000



Move in ready. 5 BR, 3.5 BA, pool, double lot, many updates. Legal 4-room apartment. Easy walk to town center.
John Rich 860-315-2615

Chaplin, \$217,500



Antique Colonial, with original wide plank floor throughout. Newer roof & septic. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1 acre, 1 car garage.
Cliff Dunn 401-523-0291

Putnam \$4,000/mo. Commercial Lease



Location! 2,696 SF commercial space for lease with ample parking. Convenient to I-395.
Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363

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HERE & THERE → **Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings**



FRI., AUG. 31 THRU MON., SEPT. 3

13th ANNUAL SPENCER FAIR
Spencer Fairgrounds
Gates open at 8 a.m.
Buildings open at 10 a.m.
Free parking - free entertainment
A full weekend of family fun & entertainment Visit www.spencerfair.org for featured events & ticket pricing

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

2-5 p.m.
D&B's ACOUSTIC DUO
308 LAKESIDE
308 East Main St.
East Brookfield, MA
774-449-8333

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9

Klem's FallFEST & Tent Sale
Come early for the best selection!
Closeout and discontinued merchandise
KLEM'S
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Native-American heritage
Live music! Food! Vendors!

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 AND 9

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS HARVEST FAIR
12 Lincoln Rd., North Brookfield, MA
Local artisans, crafters and vendors displaying their homemade items, artwork and goodies.
Also apple picking, maze, wagon rides, cider doughnuts, snack bar and playground.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

THE OVERLOOK'S 3rd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
Full day of fun, food, music, games, goodies & exhibits, hayrides, lawn games, hard cider tasting, local wood crafts, pie eating contest & more.
88 Masonic Hill Rd., Charlton, MA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Doors open at 5 p.m.
GIANT MEAT RAFFLE
Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post 138
175 Main St., Spencer, MA
6 tables to be raffled totaling over \$2000 in high quality meats.
50/50, door prize
Kitchen open for dogs & burgers



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: Scandinavian-American heritage
Live music! Food! Vendors!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

KLEM'S 13th ANNUAL DOG COSTUME CONTEST
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Awards for scariest, most original & funniest
KLEM'S
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

PICTURES WITH SANTA AT KLEM'S
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Children and pets welcome!
With a \$5.00 donation
KLEM'S
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)
www.klemsonline.com

ONGOING

JUNE 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 20
KLEM'S FARMERS MARKET
Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Visit many local crafters, artisans & more!
www.klemsonline.com
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM

Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike,
Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS

7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA
508-892-9822



WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA

Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
CADY'S TAVERN
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)
Chepachet, RI
401-568-4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

HEXMARK TAVERN
AT SALEM CROSS INN
260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA
508-867-2345
www.salemcrossinn.com <<http://www.salemcrossinn.com>>

TRIVIA TUESDAYS

at 7:00 p.m.
Cash prizes
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308 East main St.
East Brookfield, MA



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1991 HARLEY DRESSER: 55,000 Miles. Runs Great! \$4,500 or Will Trade for Car of Equal Value. BASS BOAT 16 1/2ft LUND Very Good Condition! MANY EXTRAS \$3,750 O.B.O. Call for Info (508) 943-5797, Cell (508) 353-9722

BEAUTIFUL DW MOBILE HOME IN GATED SENIOR MOBILE HOME PARK \$16,000. 2 bdrms, 2 baths, working kitchen, dining room, LLR & 2 Florida rooms, completely furnish. 863-682-6473. Lakeland, Florida

2 LAZY BOY LEATHER swivel rocker recliners, beautiful rich mahogany color. Less than 1 year old, perfect condition. \$500 each. 774-280-2639

2 TWIN BEDS: Complete, In Excellent Condition. 508-423-4824

2008 ZODIAC and 14' CANOE, excellent condition. ACTI-V 94", electric pump/all accessories, air floor. 2009 Honda 8HP, serviced. \$2,195 Canoe: oars/ seats, no leaks. \$275 860-983-0800 Sturbridge

225 GALLON WATER STORAGE TANK - used 6 months. \$350 508-867-2523

24 FOOT POOL, ABOVE-GROUND, 4 years old, filter, motor, all supplies included (except liner) Ready to go \$950 or best offer 508-498-0166 leave message

4 SNOW TIRES -235/50 R18 101T used 2 months- paid \$800, asking best offer. 508-414-2474

6-PIECE TWIN BEDROOM SET FOR SALE: Matching headboard, footboard, 5-drawer chest, 6-drawer dresser with mirror, and night stand in dark oak. In very good condition. Asking \$500.00 or best offer. Call 508-846-5486

ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOL, 24' x 54", filter system, 1 season. \$1,000 or best offer. 508-943-8769

ACORN STAIRLIFT - 3.5 years old; like new condition. 11 feet long. Asking \$1400 or best offer. Call 508-277-6568 if interested.

ALL BEST OFFER MOVING SALE: 6 Chairs, Two wedding dresses size 14 & 18; Mother of bride dress size 18; Bridesmaid dresses, size 18; Piano; 2-draw filing cab. Green Sofa & Loveseat; 4-burner gas grill; Patio Table w/ Glass Top; Pressure washer; 6 Chairs; Umbrella Tools, Axes; Recliner; Twin Beds; Desks; Book Cases; TV. (774) 262-0442

ANGLE IRON CUTTER For Shaving 4W296, HK Potter 2790. Normally Sells For \$700. \$50 OBO. Call 5pm-8:30pm, (508)867-6546

BEAUTIFUL ELECTRIC PLAYER PIANO with rolls. Can play piano manually or use pre-programmed recorded rolls (included) with pedals, or electric self-play. Best offer. 774-232-9382

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ELECTRICAL MATERIAL: Industrial, Commercial, Residential. Wire, Pipe, Fittings, Relays, Coils, Overloads, Fuses, Breakers, Meters, Punches, Pipe-Benders. New Recessed Troffer, Fluorescent 3-Tube T-8 277V Fixtures Enclosed \$56 Each. Call 5pm-8:30pm. (508)867-6546

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010 FOR SALE

FULL LENGTH MINK COAT: Size 12. New \$2,400. Asking \$300. 508-612-9263

GARAGE CLEARANCE: ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE, bush trimmer, glass top table, etc. 508-728-5559 (Spencer)

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JAMAICA WICKER Queen Bed Set: Head & Foot Board, Woman & Man's Dresser, 2 Nightstands. Paid \$5,400. Asking \$1,200. 2 SEATER LANCER POWER CHAIR 4' Long, Olive Color. NEVER BEEN USED! Asking \$350. (508) 461-9621

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NORDIC TRACK TRL625: Recumbent cycle w/stabilizing floor bar for secure balance. TREADMILL - for therapeutic fitness (walking & jogging) (for up to 400 lbs.) \$250 each both in excellent condition. 508-892-3998, 508-723-4452

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SNOW TIRES: Like new (4) Firestone Winter Force 215/60-15. \$240. BECKETT BURNER, CONTROL AND AQUASTAT: Runs great, Instruction, wiring and owners manual \$250. ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE WITH STAND : 6 FT. Storage box included. Excellent condition \$50. CAST IRON CHRISTMAS TREE STAND: Beautiful \$20. SUNBEAM WHOLE HOUSE HUMIDIFIER: Used, works great, 6-7 gallon, faux wood cabinet on casters. \$50. 14" SNOW CHAINS: Used, very good condition \$25. 15" CABLE SNOW CHAINS: New \$45. Call Ed. 508-479-9752

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TWO DRESSERS best offer. Custom made parlor cabinet, \$1,500. Glass door hutch - best offer. John Deere snowblower (like new) \$700 - must be seen! Call for appt. 774-507-6315

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100 GENERAL

110 NOVENAS

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved & preserved throughout the world now & forever more. Sacred Heart of Jesus Pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, Pray for Us. St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, Pray for Us. This novena must be said nine times a day for nine days, by the ninth day, your prayer will be answered, even if you don't believe. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. Haydee BB.

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130 YARD SALES

DEADLINE FOR YARD SALE SUBMISSIONS IS NOON MONDAY FOR ALL MASS. WEEKLY PAPERS
Deadline subject to change due to holidays
Call for more info

ESTATE TAG SALE. 8 Columbus Ave., Southbridge. Sat. and Sun., Sept. 1 and 2 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Estate of Joseph F. Breen. A small but interesting sale. HOUSE: Maple Lady's Governor Winthrop Style Desk; Maple Long Drop Leaves Table w/4 Ladder Back Chairs; Love Seat and Matching Wingback Chair; Pair of Tuxedo-Back Arm Chairs; Vanity and Bench; Vintage 4-Drawer Dresser and Other; Hitchcock Chair; Double Recliner Couch; Pine Dry Sink; Pair of Maple Twin Beds; Singer Sewing Machine; End Tables; Table and Floor Lamps; Antique Hanging Lamp; Washer and Dryer; Victorian Side Chair; Partial Set of Spode "Fleur De Lis" China; Other China; Quantity of Interesting Collectible Glass and China; Southbridge Ephemeris; Curtains; Fireplace Set and So Much More! GARAGE: Workbench and Other Tools; Wagon; Bench; Jelly Cupboard; Wheelchair; Patio Furniture; Tool Boxes and Other Boxes; Yard Tools; Bird Bath; Old Tables; Box Lots; Quantities to Dig Through. Directions: Main to Elm to Hartwell to Park Ave. to Columbus Ave.
PLEASE PARK CAREFULLY.

130 YARD SALES

MOVING SALE Sept. 1 8am-4pm, Sept. 2, 9am-3pm Furniture, household items, craft supplies, scrapbooking supplies, and more! 79 Fitzgerald Road, Charlton.

200 GEN. BUSINESS

205 BOATS

14' GREAT CANADIAN CANOE includes 2 clamp-on chair seats, 2 paddles, 2 lifevests. Excellent condition. \$425 508-885-3017

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CORD WOOD - Seasoned, cut, split, delivered. \$250 a cord. 508-826-3312, 508-344-9214

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283 PETS

AKC STANDARD POODLE PUPPIES sold with shots, wormed, and health certificate. Health tested parent. Black, blue, silver, and white ones. 413-436-7556

GREAT PYRENESE PUPPIES; shots, health certificate and wormed. \$800. Call or text 413-436-7556

300 HELP WANTED

310 GENERAL HELP WANTED

CAFETERIA ASSISTANT the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is seeking substitutes for any of our schools to begin the 2018-2019 school year. Start rate is \$14.98

Local Heroes

FOUND HERE!

284 Lost & Found PETS

Did you find your pet? Or find a home for one?



LET US KNOW!!!
Please call us so that we can take your ad out of the paper...
Town-To-Town Classifieds
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298 WANTED TO BUY

ROUTE 169 ANTIQUES: 884 Worcester St., Southbridge MA. Looking To Purchase Antiques And Collectibles Single Items Or Entire Estates. We Buy It All And Also Do On-Site Estate Sales And Estate Auction. We are now accepting dealers for our multi-dealer group shop. Call Mike Anytime (774)230-1662.

IT TECHNICIAN Town of Charlton

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a FT Information Technology (IT) Technician position to support all departments. Under the general direction of the Town Administrator or his/her designee, the IT Technician performs first and second level skilled technical and administrative duties in support of the technology operations for the Town of Charlton; including but not limited to the support, execution, and maintenance of the Town's server, network, desktops, camera system and phone system operations; including hardware, software and systems support for town departments as assigned; and all other work that is logical to the position. Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in computer science or related field or five years of proven related experience, or a combination of education and experience that enables performance of all aspects of the position. Experience in assisting users remotely and onsite is required. Municipal experience is a plus. Must possess a valid Class D driver's license. Subject to a high level background check. Hourly pay is \$25+/- DOQ. This position will remain open until filled with review of applications as of September 10, 2018.

Send completed applications, resumes and cover letters to Jessica.Lewerenz@townofcharlton.net. See more details at www.townofcharlton.net/opportunities.htm

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\$ BUY & SELL \$ ALL GOLD & SILVER ITEMS
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Qualified with over 30 years experience a following of many satisfied customers.

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(508)341-6355 (cell)

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300 HELP WANTED

310 GENERAL HELP WANTED

500 REAL ESTATE

505 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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REAL ESTATE MGMT. COMPANY looking for general maintenance person for business park in Southbridge, Mass. Must be familiar with plumbing, electrical, HVAC, carpentry and landscaping. Snow plowing experience required. Must be available "on call" for snow-plowing season. Attractive benefit package. Hourly rate commensurate with experience. Call 508-791-3811

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2012 COUGAR 324 5th Camper, 1 & 1/2 bath, kids room w/loft & 1/2 bath. Excellent condition, 1 year old tires, Brimfield. \$21,500 413-245-4403 Please leave message.

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2006 Ford E150 Van, good condition, 65,952 miles, \$3,300 Call 508-765-4738 x 322

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- Your order must be placed by September 1st



Save on every window!



Save on every patio door!



Order must be placed by September 1st, 2018

<p>1</p> <p>18.75% OFF your entire project¹</p> <p><small>Minimum purchase of four.</small></p>	<p>2</p> <p>AND</p> <p>\$100 OFF each window and patio door¹</p> <p><small>No minimum purchase required.</small></p>	<p>3</p> <p>WITH</p> <p>NO Money Down NO Payments NO Interest FOR 1 YEAR¹</p> <p><small>Interest accrues from the purchase date but is waived if paid in full within 12 months. Participating states require the payment of sales taxes on all product sales.</small></p>
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While many drivers still take to the road looking for adventure, road trips have changed considerably since Jack Kerouac penned his seminal novel "On the Road" in the 1950s. The spirit of the open road is still there, but the way travelers approach road trips has changed considerably, most notably with regard to the technology that motorists now take along for the ride. Drivers about to embark on a road trip, whether it's their first such venture or their fiftieth, can make trips even more enjoyable by taking along the right tech.

• **Navigation system:** Many vehicles are now equipped with built-in navigation systems. But drivers whose vehicles are older or not equipped with such technology should consider purchasing one before embarking on trips. Though some travelers may feel navigation systems go against



the adventurous spirit of road trips, it's easy to get lost on the open road, especially in an era when many people have grown accustomed to round-the-clock access to information, including maps, on their smartphones. Even if you have no set itinerary in mind, a navigation system can ensure you spend more time enjoy-

ing the open road and less time trying to figure out just where you are at any given moment.

• **Chargers:** Many people feel their devices are extensions of themselves, but such devices won't be of much help if they are routinely running out of power. Bring along several chargers that can be plugged into your car so

you and your passengers can keep your smartphones and other devices running throughout the trip. Though the idea of going off the grid might seem enticing, leaving the world behind is less romantic when you need roadside assistance or are in search of a restroom or a place to pull over and grab a meal. If you want

to disconnect from the world, you can always switch your phone to airplane mode. But keeping the phone charged can help in case of emergency.

• **Apps:** The right apps can make all the difference, especially for travelers whose road trip itinerary is not set in stone. The smartphone

app GasBuddy can help drivers find the cheapest gas near them, while an app like AroundMe helps travelers find the nearest restaurants, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, and hotels, among other things. And don't forget to download a music app like Pandora or Amazon Music (available to Amazon Prime subscribers) so you and your fellow road warriors can be entertained as you travel far and wide.

• **LED road flares:** Traditional road flares tend to burn out rather quickly, with some lasting as little as 15 minutes. That can be a problem for travelers who experience car trouble and end up stranded far away from auto body shops. Some flameless LED road flares can last for hours on end off of a single charge, providing drivers with some peace of mind should they be stranded and forced to wait awhile before a tow truck or mechanic arrives.

The spirit that inspires travelers to take to the open road still exists, but nowadays drivers can make their road trips even more fun by taking along the appropriate tech.

Media rooms now edge out home theaters



Not so long ago many homeowners were racing to outfit their homes with home theater spaces. If spaces allowed, homeowners would transform rooms into dark, theater-like retreats, complete with large screens, surround sound and reclined seating. Interest in such spaces has waned in recent years, with many homeowners opting for media rooms instead. So what is the difference between these spaces?

According to HGTV, a home theater is a room designed to replicate the experience of the cinema. A media room is a multipurpose space where people can gather to enjoy any type of media, from TV to music to gaming systems. Home theaters tend to limit activity to watching movies. However, homeowners interested in more versatile paces may find media rooms are much more practical.

A media room is an option for families who want a theater experience in common areas or open-concept living spaces, says Digitech Custom Audio and Video System Integration Specialists. Media rooms frequently feature comfortable, customizable seating, rather than rows of seats facing the screen that are standard in home theaters. Guests can converse in media rooms while enjoying a show, streaming music or gaming. Various design layouts are possible, including furniture that conceals electronics so the media room can be an entertainment lounge one minute and a theater the next.

Because media rooms are not as isolated as home theaters, the acoustics in such rooms may be compromised. That's a disadvantage for homeowners who have invested heavily in sound systems for their media devices. Sound from media rooms also may filter out and disturb others in different rooms of the house. However, fluffy sofas, drapery and carpeting can absorb sound and keep it in the room.

Homeowners who like to entertain while watching or listening to media may prefer the flexibility of media rooms, which make it easy to stream movies and music and play games.

Explore a nearby winery or vineyard

Those who enjoy sipping from a bottle of red, white or blush wine but find that a trip to the Bordeaux region of France simply isn't in the cards right now needn't give up their desires to visit a winery or vineyard. Wineries and fully functioning vineyards dot the landscape of North America. In fact, wine aficionados may be surprised to learn of a winery or vineyard is just a short drive from home.

The American Winery Guide offers that visitors can find a winery and tasting room in just about every state. Colorado boasts 107, Texas has 296, and even Rhode Island, the smallest state, is home to five wineries.

If the goal is to travel to northern regions of North America, Alaska has four wineries, and areas of Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Ontario, and Québec have famed wineries for Canadian oenophiles.

Visiting a local winery or vineyard can be educational and fun. Wine tours can be entertaining because some allow visitors to choose their own tasting adventure depending on their level of interest in wine, their budget and what they would like to get out of the experience. Some wineries and vineyards offer extensive tours of the harvesting and production aspects of wine-making. Others will give visitors a chance to mingle among wine barrels and witness the fermentation process. Still, some wineries or vineyards may limit visitors to tasting rooms where they can sample select vintages.

In regions such as Napa Valley where there are many wineries and vineyards in close proximity to one another, guided tours may be available, or wine aficionados can explore areas



Attending a wine tasting can be an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon and support a local business.

on their own.

Thanks to the diverse North American climate, the types of grape varieties available in one state or province to the next will be quite different. For example, vineyards that thrive in New Jersey are subject to similar climates to those in many areas of France and Germany. As a result, it's not uncommon to find varieties like Cabernet, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Pinot Noir available at facilities in New Jersey.

According to viticulture experts from Professional Friends of Wine, grapevines are fairly adaptable plants that can thrive in a variety of soil types

and temperatures. Soil, sun exposure, drainage, and topography all play roles in how the grapes will ripen and taste.

The chance to support a local business is another reason to make a trip to a nearby winery or vineyard. These facilities often produce wine and sell it close to home. By supporting small business, consumers can contribute to the success and the diversity of offerings where they live.

Wine tastings are an enjoyable recreational pursuit. Remember to drink responsibly, and join the mailing lists of nearby wineries and vineyards to learn more about tasting events and food pairings.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy a safe night out on the town

A night out on the town can be a great way to unwind, enjoy some exotic cuisine and soak up some local culture. While nights out on the town are all about having fun, it's important to prioritize safety when going out.

A safe night out on the town requires men and women to remain alert and aware of their surroundings and plan ahead so they don't put themselves in potentially precarious positions.

- Consume alcohol responsibly. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, every day 28 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. Each of those deaths is preventable if people act responsibly when consuming alcohol. When going out for a night on the town, use a taxi service or ride-sharing company to eliminate the chance of driving while intoxicated. When going out with friends, pick a designated driver who will abstain from alcohol throughout the night. Men and women who drive themselves but feel like they have had too much to drink to drive home can always keep their cars parked, call a taxi and return for their vehicles in the morning. The cost of

the ride home pales in comparison to the cost of being arrested and/or getting into an accident.

- Travel in a group. When going out with friends, make sure the group stays together throughout the night so no one ends up alone and vulnerable to criminals. Single men and women should always go out with at least one friend in tow to ensure their safety. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, an American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds, while only six of every 1,000 perpetrators of such crimes will end up in prison. Groups out for a night on the town should stay together and resolve to look after one another throughout the night, even going so far as to ensure everyone safely makes it into their vehicles before group members go their separate ways at the end of the night.

- Be mindful of all motorists. Even men and women who abstain from alcohol should be mindful of motorists when driving or walking around during a night on the town. Just because you're being responsible does not mean everyone is acting similarly. Obey the speed limit and keep ample distance between your vehicle and other cars on the



road when driving after the sun goes down. Don't be afraid to pull over and even telephone the authorities if you notice anyone driving erratically.

- Avoid confrontations. The Alcohol Rehab Guide notes that irritability and extreme mood swings are warning

signs that someone may be abusing alcohol. When out for a night on the town, men and women may encounter people who have had too much to drink. If a potentially volatile situation presents itself, walk away, even if you feel like you're in the right. The other person

involved may not be of sound mind and might be more prone to violence than he or she otherwise would be if he or she had not been drinking.

Nights out on the town with friends are fun, but adults must make safety a priority when sampling local nightlife.

Design a dream outdoor entertaining space

Upon the arrival of warm weather, many individuals prefer to spend their free time outside, relishing the fresh air and sunshine and evenings spent under the stars.

But cracked patios and makeshift chairs and tables may not establish the desired ambiance. An outdoor entertaining area that offers the same amenities found inside a home can make outdoor retreats both comfortable and functional. Creative planning can help homeowners design dream areas perfect for hosting friends or family.

ESTABLISH GOALS

As with any project, the first step when coordinating outdoor living areas is to determine what you hope to achieve with the space. Will it be a location for lounging? Will people be cooking meals outside? Is the pool the central focus of the yard? Answering these questions and more can help homeowners decide how to design their entertaining spaces. Remember, however, that goals may evolve as landscape designers and even architects make their own suggestions for the space or present limitations.

EVALUATE THE SPACE

Look at the lot and decide what will go where, such as where to place the

party space, where to create a quiet hideaway and where to locate a pool-house or outdoor shower.

A large, flat yard can be divided into a series of patios that serve different purposes. Yards that are built on a hill or a slope can still be utilized with creative design elements, such as multi-tiered decking. By working with qualified designers, homeowners can bring their ideas to life.

EASY FOOD AND DRINK ACCESS

Traipsing in and out of the house for refreshments can become tiresome when entertaining outside. In such situations, people also can track dirt inside of the home or leave a trail of pool water in their wake. Outdoor kitchens allow easy access to food and drink that makes outdoor entertaining much easier. The experts at Angie's List suggest outdoor kitchens be built close to the house to make it easier to run electricity and plumbing to the outdoor kitchen.

Outdoor kitchens should include a sink, small refrigerator, built-in grill, and bar area.

CREATURE COMFORTS

Homeowners should think about the things that make the inside of their



FIRE IT UP

homes so comfortable and then replicate that outside. Sofas and loveseats covered in fabric suited for outdoors and plenty of pillows can make for great lounging. Lighting that can be adjusted for day or night, or even to set the mood, is another consideration. Shade structures, like a trellis or retractable awning, will keep the area comfortable and can also define outdoor "rooms" and establish privacy.

Many homeowners enjoy having fire elements in their yards. Lanterns and candles may create a romantic feel, but a fire pit or outdoor fireplace may help extend use of the outdoor entertaining area beyond summer.

Entertaining outdoors is made that much more enticing with a dream outdoor living space full of amenities.

Budget-friendly local activities

Nights out in a big city might make for a welcome change of pace from time to time. Such nights can stretch budgets, making it more financially savvy for non-city dwellers to stay close to home.

Small towns and medium-sized boast plenty of budget-friendly activities for people looking nights out on the town.

- Paint and sip: Paint and sip events are fun, affordable ways to gather with friends.

People who sign up for such events, which may be held in bars, restaurants, studios, or elsewhere, are guided step-by-step as they recreate a featured painting. Some paint and sip events allow guests to

bring their own alcohol, while events held at bars or restaurants may provide alcohol for an extra cost.

- Cooking class: Whether heading out with your significant other or a night with friends, a cooking class can be more unique, educational and affordable than a night out at a restaurant. Some classes may offer discounts to large groups, so enlist some friends if the goal of the night is fun and not necessarily romance.

- Bowling: Bowling is a fun, affordable activity that people of all skill levels can enjoy. If you have enough friends interested in making a night of bowling, reserve a lane or lanes in advance so you won't have to wait. And if everyone has a good time, look into creating a team and joining a league. Many bowling alleys host league nights that can also serve as great opportunities to meet people.

- Live music: Arenas and football stadiums are not the only places that showcase talented musicians. Music lovers with a passion for live

music can visit local venues that cater to local musicians or even more established professionals who play small venues. Open mic nights at local bars can introduce music fans to new artists and/or styles of music, and can provide great opportunities to

meet fellow music lovers in your area.

While big city residents may never lack for entertainment, small towners and residents of medium-sized cities can no doubt find plenty of fun and affordable things to do in their communities.



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