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# Harvest Festival celebrates 30 years of Fall fun!

# Pumpkin Patch returns to Sturbridge



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On the weekend of Oct. 19-20, the traditional Harvest Festival returns to celebrate all things autumn on the Sturbridge Town Common and the grounds of the Publick House Historic Inn.

STURBRIDGE — The weekend after Columbus Day has been a special one in Sturbridge for the last 30 years. You may have seen the scarecrows beginning to populate the front yard at The Publick House and that's a sure sign the Annual Harvest Festival is right around the corner. On the weekend of Oct. 19-20, right when our foliage is at or near its peak, this traditional fall fest returns to celebrate all things autumn on the Sturbridge Town Common and the grounds of the Publick House Historic Inn. Harvest Festival will feature over 80 local

crafters and artisans, specialty foods, live entertainment, music and magic, a festival of food trucks, as well as the always popular Publick House Scarecrow Contest. Check them out and vote for your favorites! The winning creations will be announced at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20 at The Publick House.

Beside browsing an amazing array of locally crafted items, guests of the festival will enjoy folksy live music and mind-bend-

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BY KAYCEE ROY  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Pumpkin Patch is back! This year, it will be bigger and better than ever. The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale is once again opening their pumpkin patch, along with activities and entertainment for all ages, through the month of October.

Member of the Pumpkin Patch committee, Chris Knight, said, "This year, we're really making it more of a community event. We have invited 14 groups and individuals to come and share something with us. We've done a lot of work getting group scouts. It's free to the community and hopefully the community will join us for these events and even just enjoy the beauty of the pumpkins."

Last year, pumpkins sold out so quickly that the church more than doubled the amount of them will be selling this year.

This past Saturday, volunteers helped to unload a massive truck filled to the brim with a unique variety of pumpkins that came all the way from the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico, provided by the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser organization. This organization provided last

year's pumpkins and strives to provide a quality fundraiser for nonprofit partners through availability of products and resources providing customer service, support and encouragement.

Some of the many great parts of this organization is that the proceeds of these pumpkins will go back to the Native American community they were shipped from and help the people who and families responsible for growing the pumpkins from the beginning. The rest of the proceeds will go back into the communities they are serving and help the lives of people living within them.

Members of the Pumpkin Patch Committee this year said, "It not only supports what we do here at the church but also strongly support organizations like Nick Perry's Memorial Foundation, St. Luke's GuestHouse and the Southbridge Food Share. We support other things as well but those are our three major ones. We usually get a letter or a note once a year saying thank you for the support."

Not only is your purchase of one of these pumpkins helping others, it's also a smart decision. The climate that these

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# Cabaret Lulu brings Broadway to Sturbridge

BY KAYCEE ROY  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — If that chill in the air has you singing the winter blues and you're trying to find a way to shake them off, look no further than Carabert Lulu.

Lucille Gould, founder of Cabaret Lulu, has brought back the Cabaret group to Sturbridge for two spectacular, uplifting performances.

"We reach for great closeness with the audience. We talk to them and have audience participation, inter-action when we can. Lulu reaches out and brings them into the show and this touches the audience. If there is a message, it is to be close, to love one another because love will keep us together," says Gould.

Cabaret Lulu is bringing their love

and happiness to the Sturbridge Host Hotel for their shows Wednesday Oct. 30, "An Enchanted Afternoon" and "The Holiday Celebration" on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The show "An enchanted Afternoon" features music from some of Broadway's musical most famous performances, spotlighting the work of legendary song-writing duos Lerner and

Loewe and Rodgers and Hammerstein with songs from "Gigi," "My Fair Lady," "Oklahoma," and "The King and I. Gould encourages you to laugh, listen and be happy with some of the greatest songs ever written.

The next show coming to Sturbridge, "The Holiday Celebration," will feature some holiday favorites and inspirational music

to "warm your heart and tickle your funny bone" Gould said. Lunch will be served with this show. It provides a great way to get in the holiday spirit and welcome to the year ahead.

The cabaret is made up of talented film and recording artists brought together by Lucille Gould, an actress and comedienne herself.

Gould said, "One

day, Robert Aberdeen, who has been in seven Broadway shows, television and movies, has been working with us from the beginning, saw all these buses so many buses bringing people into New York. He said 'Let's go to them outside New York', and the idea was born. Bring great seasoned performers to

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# United Way kicks off 2019 campaign



Courtesy Photo

Seventeen members agencies were in attendance at the October 3 campaign kick-off to receive the allocation of \$249,250 from UWSSC Executive Director Mary O'Coin, Board President April Parzych and Campaign Chairman Dawna Dagenais.

SOUTHBRIDGE — In a kick-off event for the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton's (UWSSC) 2019-2020 campaign, more than 70 people attended a ceremony at Cohasse Country Club, where agency networking and a check presentation highlighted the evening.

The 2019 campaign theme, "Change Doesn't Happen Alone," was illustrated in an emotional speech by Campaign Chairman Dawna Dagenais.

"Reach out a hand to one and influence the condition of all. Change doesn't happen alone. Together ... we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow," Dagenais said.

UWSSC Executive Director Mary O'Coin, Dagenais and Board President April Parzych presented 17 agency representa-

tives with a \$249,250 check, signifying the promise the UWSSC has made to support their (and other) programs and services.

The UWSSC provides funding to local agencies throughout the three towns to support the United Way's mission of improving lives through education, financial stability, health, basic needs and literacy. The organization has funded more than 26 programs through 19 nonprofit partner agencies annually, including The YMCA of Central MA - Tri-Community Family Branch, New Hope, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Open Sky, Tri-Valley Elder Services, Community Legal Aid, St. Luke's Guesthouse, Pathways for Change and many more.

In May, the UWSSC's Community Investment Committee met with local

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# Hitchcock Happenings

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

Monday, October 14  
REMINDER: You can sign up for all classes and find more information regarding classes on our website: [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org) and please like us on Facebook.

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 15  
ART GROUP: 9 – 11:30 AM Bring your own art and enjoy the company of other artists as they explore and encourage each other in creative adventures.

Wednesday, October 16  
WATERCOLOR: 9:30 – Noon For all levels – ongoing watercolor classes with new paintings every three weeks. Instructor: Beth Parys. For more information and to register call: 413.245.3295

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

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

GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY: 6:30 – 8:30 PM The class you need for research into your descendants. Uncover new truths by learning both online and offline research. Instructor: Dave Robinson, Old Bones Genealogy of New England. Four classes Fee: \$45

Thursday, October 17  
FAMILY FOUNDATION 5: Free preschooler programs sponsored by a Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Thursday: STEM Experiments 9-10:30 AM. Bring a snack. Questions? Contact Cheryl Cameron at [union61@tantasqua.org](mailto:union61@tantasqua.org)

WATERCOLOR WITH ANNA OZOLINS: 10 AM – 3:30 PM. Check [www.hitchcockacademy.org](http://www.hitchcockacademy.org) for materials

list. Picture to be completed: Bringing in the Hay. Fee: \$47.

VIOLIN LESSONS: 2-5 p.m. Instructor: Linda Day Newland, violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for 22 years. Lessons available for all ages and all levels

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

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

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

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: 7:15 – 8:15 PM. Learn this visual language using hands as well as facial and body expres-

sions. Laughter guaranteed. Instructor: May Marques, Rehabilitation Counselor for the Deaf, MA Rehabilitation Commission.

Friday, October 18  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 12  
FARMER'S MARKET: 9 AM – 2 PM Enjoy the area's freshest offerings of meat, eggs, fruits, vegetables, plants and more.

K9 NOSEWORK® 9 AM – 1:30 PM. This is a sport open to all breeds of dogs and their people. Progressive training levels offered. Offered at 3 levels. (6 classes) Fee: \$145 Instructor: Laurie Merritt, MED, CPDT-KA, CNWI; Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed; Certified K9 NoseWork® Instructor- National Association of Canine Scent Work

TAI CHI: 9 – 11 AM Two hour seminar includes a variety of Tai Chi and Chi Kung. Sign up in advance a requirement. Instructor: David Masera. Fee: \$24

## SENIOR CENTER

### October Happenings at the Brimfield Senior Center

The Senior Center is located in the 1st Congregational Church  
20 Main Street. 413-245-7253

October 18th at 10:30 AM. Magic is Afoot in Brimfield! Join us for a special show with Mr. Magic, Larry Parker. What better time than October to be mystified with feats of magic and sleight of hand. Larry has been performing throughout New England for over fifty years and is a member of the Society of American Magicians. There is no cost for this show and Eva will be making a light lunch for everyone after the show! Please register prior to October 15th.

October 15th, 11:30 AM Lunch & Learn Your Health Matters: Choosing The Right Nursing & Rehab Center.

Things You Should Know! Presented by: Meg Robidoux R.N. Clinical Nurse Evaluator, Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, 47 E. Main Street West Brookfield Ma. 01585. Lunch is available for a suggested donation of \$2.00 but you must reserve prior to Monday, October 14th at 11 AM.

October 25th, 11 AM to 1 PM. Taco Bar Fiesta Party! Grab your sombrero and slip away for a refreshing taco salad bar with all the fixings. Seasoned ground beef with taco fillings of sour cream; salsa; corn chips; black olives; fresh cilantro; chopped tomatoes; black beans & corn; cheese; fresh lettuce; fruited iced tea punch; birthday cake and vanilla ice cream. August birthdays will be celebrated. Please reserve before October 21st.

(This Party is being sponsored in part by Orchard Valley at Wilbraham.)

October 30th at 10:30 AM. Jewelry Making Class! Try your hand at designing your own creation. Earrings? Necklace? Bracelet?? All beads and tools provided. Class is \$5.00 plus cost of materials of your choosing. Earrings can be made for as little as \$1 and a bracelet or necklace for under \$20 depending on which beads you choose. Breakfast is available prior to class at 9:30 AM but you must call before 11AM on Monday October 28th to reserve. Menu is a freshly made egg, cheese & bacon sandwich; yogurt & fruit parfait and juice, coffee or tea. There is a \$2.00 suggested donation for breakfas



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STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Public House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Erik Bellerose will be our guest speaker on the history of Dexter Russell Company.

Dexter Russell Inc. is the

largest manufacturer of professional cutlery in the United States. Throughout their long and rich history. The two oldest cutlery American Manufacturers; The Oldest Harrington cutlery company starting June 18, 1818 and The John Russell Cutlery company starting

March 1, 1834 have maintained a tradition of excellence in both materials and workmanship.

On May 1, 1933, they merged bringing together the two most respected names in cutlery and became The Russell Harrington Company. In 2001 the company changed its name to Dexter Russell Inc. to reflect its long history of product brand identity. It is still carried on in Southbridge, Massachusetts today.

Eric Bellerose began at Dexter Russell in 2011. His jobs around the factory helped him gain knowledge of cutlery manufacturing including all phases of production and currently is in

charge of selling Dexter in the New England territory. He is a 2016 graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Historical meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper.

Society Annual Dues are \$10, which helps support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November's meeting is held the first Thursday in December. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

## Historical Society meets Oct. 24

### Award-winning duo to perform at Joshua Hyde Library

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Library is hosting a family concert featuring Stefilia's Little Stones. Boston based singer/songwriters Carrie Rowan and Adrienne Ghilani create a wonderfully original and enchanting family-focused music duo that fans are raving about. Loved by children and adults alike, Stefilia's Little Stones has been delighting the younger generation of music lovers with their easily sung, toe-tapping originals and remakes of songs kids love at various venues across New England. We are delighted to be welcoming them to Sturbridge!

The Stefilia's Little Stones concert will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. in the pumpkin patch in front of the library. In case of inclement weather, the concert will take place in the library's meeting room.

Children of all ages, along with their families, are welcome to attend. The concert, sponsored by the Sturbridge Rotary Club, is free and open to the public. Learn more about this award-winning duo by visiting [http://www.stefiliastone.com/stefilias\\_little\\_stones\\_kids/](http://www.stefiliastone.com/stefilias_little_stones_kids/). Reserve your seat at [www.sturbridgelibrary.org](http://www.sturbridgelibrary.org). You may also call 508-347-2512. The library is located at 306 Main St. in Sturbridge

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# Gobi announces rural school aid grant recipients

BOSTON — Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) was proud to join the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in announcing the grant recipients for FY20 Rural School Aid.

When asked for comment on the grant funding, Sen. Gobi remarked, “I was glad to advocate for this extra assistance during Senate budget deliberations, and I’ll continue to work towards including more towns that are facing declines in enrollment and the financial burdens that it brings.”

DESE has notified 34 school districts, located in western and central Massachusetts and on Cape Cod, of their FY20 Rural School Aid award. In total, \$2.5 million in Rural School Aid will be distributed.

The following schools in Sen. Gobi’s district will be set to receive aid: Tantasqua Regional School District in the amount of \$165,736

Brimfield Public Schools in the amount of \$64,864

Wales Public Schools in the amount of \$52,740

Brookfield Public Schools in the amount of \$28,518

Holland Public Schools in the amount of \$15,649

The Rural School Aid grant program helps school districts with low population densities and lower-than-average incomes address fiscal challenges and take steps to improve efficiency. In order to qualify for Rural School Aid, DESE must determine that a school district meets two requirements:

1. The “rural factor” – student density per square mile of a school district; and
2. Ability to pay – the average per capita income of a school district.

More specifically, under the law, eligible school districts must have a student density of “not more than 21 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the Commonwealth for the same period, as reported by the United States Census Bureau.” Further, rural school districts serving fewer than 11 students per square mile are prioritized to receive funding. Rural School Aid supplements the existing FY20 operating budgets of these school districts and



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does not affect funds already allocated. For more information on the program, please contact Senator Gobi’s office at (617) 722-1540.

## Annual Bag-of-Books Sale coming to Joshua Hyde Library

STURBRIDGE — Every Fall the Friends of the Joshua Hyde Library sell books by the bag! At \$3 for a small bag and \$5 for a larger one, it is a great bargain. It’s a wonderful opportunity to stock up on books by your favorite author or to try a new author or category.

Books are donated by patrons as well as books cleared from the library collection. Many are less than 10 years old with some 2018 and 2019 books in the mix. The sale has both fiction and non-fiction books sorted into the different categories. There is a large selection of

children’s books from board books up through young adult.

The sale is three days – Friday, Oct. 18 from 2- 4 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 20 from noon – 2 p.m. The weekend days coincide with Sturbridge Harvest Festival on the Town Common. The sale is inside the library meeting room and outside on the back lawn - adjacent to the Common

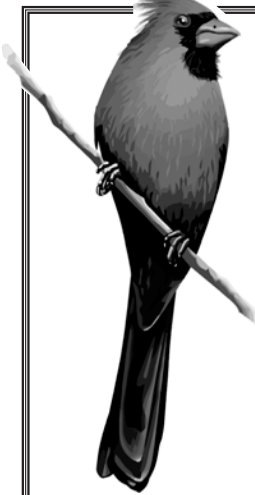
All of the proceeds from the book sale benefit the Joshua Hyde Public Library. The Friends of the library fund the

extra programs at the library such as author visits, museum passes, programs during the year as well as the summer reading program.

Teachers with school ID’s will be given special prices during the sale and are welcome from 2 – 3:30 p.m. on Sunday after the sale to collect unsold books for their classrooms. The Friends are looking for other non-profits who would be interested in left over books. Leave your name at the library (508-347-2512) and someone will be in touch with you.

Come take advantage of this great deal to stock up on books for yourself, your children/

grandchildren or your students. Prices can’t be beat!



## Card Of Thanks

Thank you to my devoted family for the Holy Mass and wonderful breakfast, the Spencer Town Board of Selectmen, Andrew and Rose Cassavant, teachers and pupils (present and former), and The Overlook Staff and help, lead by Pat. The flowers, gifts, cards, and well wishes are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Mary E. Madden

## MassDOT launches new Safe Routes to School Signs and Lines program

BOSTON—TheMassachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of the new Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Signs and Lines Program. The program provides design services and funding for low-cost infrastructure projects in areas immediately surrounding public elementary and middle schools across the Commonwealth.

The Signs and Lines Program involves a competitive application process through which five successful projects will be selected to each receive up to \$6,000 in construction funding. Each project is expected to be completed within the 2019-2020 school year.

All SRTS partner schools are encouraged to apply and must have a municipal contact as the primary applicant. This is a reimbursement-based funding program where municipalities are reimbursed for eligible

expenses after the planned work is completed. Eligible costs include improvements such as signage and pavement markings to improve safety and accessibility along key walking and biking routes to a school.

The application period opens today, Tuesday, October 1, and concludes with applications being due by 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 31.

The program was first introduced as a pilot initiative in the City of Lawrence in 2018. As a result of the pilot, eight new crosswalks were painted, new pavement markings were applied, and approximately 50 new roadway signs were installed in the areas immediately surrounding the City’s Arlington Community Day School and Arlington Middle School.

The Signs and Lines Program Guidance Document and

Application are available on the SRTS website under the Engineering section. The program also provides a walk audit, project recommendations, design sheet, and bid package (if applicable) at no cost.

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program is a federally-funded initiative of MassDOT. The program works to increase safe biking and walking among elementary and middle school students by fostering partnerships between education leaders, law enforcement, public health departments, and advocacy groups. The program highlights the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety while also providing information, materials, and resources to support schools and communities with their local SRTS initiatives. The program currently serves more than 900 schools in over 230 communities across the Commonwealth.

Information regarding the new program can be found online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safe-routes-to-school-engineering> or by sending an email to [SRTS@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SRTS@dot.state.ma.us).

## Key fiduciary duties of a real estate agent

Greetings once again Sturbridge and Charlton residents! Welcome to or welcome back to the Purple Post written by Purple Porch Properties. Thanks for joining us.

In this article, I want to point out the key fiduciary duties of a real estate agent. More specifically, what an agent “owes” you when he or she represents you. Let’s set the scene here... you’re thinking about buying or selling a home and wondering if you should get an agent or Realtor (there is a difference but we will come back to that) to work with you. Maybe you’re wondering what the core of that relationship should be. Well, it’s a relationship built on trust and confidence. An acronym titled OLD CAR will help us define it.

“O” stands for Obedience. An agent must follow the direction that is given to him/her by a client. They have to listen what you say!/? Well, yes... but only if your instructions are legal and ethical. Please don’t

tell me you have water in your basement sometimes but to keep it quiet. Alas, someone who will totally listen... what a feeling!

“L” for Love... just kidding ☺ It’s Loyalty. The agent must represent your best interests at all times.

“D” for Disclosure; you have a right to know what your agent knows. No secrets here.

“C” is for Confidentiality. Yes, the agent must keep information disclosed in confidence. This expectation outlasts the relationship as well. Even after your home is bought or sold the confidentiality requirement exists. You deserve that from a professional.

“A” = Accountability. This pertains to being proficient in writing offers, handling money, taking care of your home during showings / open houses etc...

“R” represents Reasonable Care. This is all about being competent in the areas that agents should be competent in. We likely can’t fix your

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# Local CBD store opens in Worcester

**BY JORDAN GABLASKI**  
CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — A ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 25 marked the grand opening of

a Worcester branch of Your CBD Store. The well-attended event was a great success for first time business owner Alex Valle, the proprietor of the store, located at 91 Stafford St.



Jordan Gablaski Photo

Owner Alex Valle welcomes the curious about the benefits of CBD to visit his newly opened business, Your CBD Store, in Worcester.

Standing in the light, airy room filled with chic couches and chairs with instrumental music playing in the background and an array of products on display, Valle describes the store as a “diamond in the rough.” The attention invested in the atmosphere is an indication of the quality of care that he provides every customer who walks in the door.

In his interactions with customers, Valle is welcoming, enthusiastic and highly knowledgeable about the products he sells. One of his main goals, he says, is to educate the curious about the benefits of CBD products, and the relief they offer from pain or discomfort.

Valle’s store is geared toward a mature audience. He sells to anyone over the age of 18 who is “seeking an alternative way of finding relief,” even carrying CDB products for pets. He admits that he is not a physician, and that the range of products offered at the store, which includes tinctures, edibles and water solubles, are not proven treatments or cures. He does tout them, however, as a viable form of alternative relief.

Valle says his biggest challenge has been the uncertainty surrounding

CBD products, and the fact that many consumers are skeptical of their effectiveness in helping those afflicted with arthritis, anxiety, stress, headaches, back aches, and a slew of other ailments. He says, however, that there is no greater satisfaction than hearing from customers who were previously uncertain about whether to turn to CBD, but who were ultimately able to find some relief through the use of one of his products.

“That satisfaction is just priceless,” he says.

Valle also aims to alleviate the doubts that surround CBD products because of their connection to THC and marijuana.

“I want the misconception that it’s just marijuana to be thrown out, and start from scratch,” he says emphatically, explaining that CBD (short for cannabidiol) occurs naturally in the human body, in the endocannabinoid system. CBD, he adds, acts as a supplement, or “jump start,” to the natural cannabinoids created by the body, promoting

homeostasis. CBD, he says, does not contain any THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) or other psychoactives, and will not produce any sort of ‘high.’

Valle’s Your CBD Store is the only one of its kind in Central Massachusetts, and he emphasizes that “everything in the store is legal in all 50 states,” and that SunMed (the manufacturer of the products he sells) offers piece of mind by posting the results of third-party lab testing on its Web site.

For more information on the range of products carried at Valle’s store and other Your CBD Store locations, visit the SunMed Web site, <https://cdbrx4u.com>. Valle encourages anyone who has ever wondered about CBD to visit the store at 91 Stafford St., open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., where he says he relishes the opportunity to show what CBD can do for you.

**HARVEST FEST**  
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ing magic throughout the weekend. On Saturday, Still Hill takes the stage from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Magician Scott Jameson mystifies the crowds with a magic show from 1:15 to 2 p.m. on the main stage followed by two hours of roving magic throughout the festival grounds. Live music continues on Saturday as The Otters take the main stage from 2:30 to 5 p.m. On Sunday, Magician Scott Jameson performs his magic on the main stage from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., again followed by two hours of roving magic. Four Bridges play on the main stage from 12:45 to 3:15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. You can find more details about the event by visiting the Harvest Festival tab at [www.cms-chamber.org](http://www.cms-chamber.org).

“Every year, it’s a thrill to see the delight on people’s faces, the kids running around, and friends catching up,” says Chamber Executive Director and festival organizer Alexandra McNitt. “We look forward to seeing many of our returning vendors and are excited to introduce several wonderful new vendors as well. Harvest Festival puts a nice cap on the season and offers a jump start to Christmas shopping.”

There is something special for everyone at Harvest Festival. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rain or shine. Parking and admission are free. The 30th Annual Harvest Festival is presented by the Chamber of Central Mass South and The Publick House Historic Inn. Harvest Festival is sponsored by Sturbridge Tourist Association.

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
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pumpkins are grown in offers a beautiful range of colors and styles as well as a much longer shelf life because of their harder shell.

Chris Castendyk and Knight commented on the appearances of these pumpkins, saying “Some are strange looking with pockmarks and all kinds of gourds. We didn’t know that there were so many varieties of pumpkins until last year when we saw them all come in and it’s interesting because different people had interests in different things. People said, “I don’t want just an ordinary pumpkin, give me that warty one!”

Even people that attended last year couldn’t help but talk about the spread of unique and beautiful pumpkins they saw before them.

Knight said, “It was all positive, not

only because of its beauty but because of the assortment of the pumpkins, they last longer than the store bought pumpkins, because of where their grown, we even had people from other parts of the country stop and take pictures.”

There will be sponsored events throughout the month of October like the Joshua Hyde Library Story Time with Live Kittens for preschoolers on Oct. 13, and on Oct. 12, there will be a Pumpkin Carving with Simone Germin, artist/carver from “Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular” held in RI during October. Many more events will take place throughout the entire month that will be fun for all ages. Pumpkins will be sold from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Prices vary. For a complete list of activities throughout the month visit, [sturfed.org](http://sturfed.org), or contact the church office at 508-347-3915.

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EDITORIAL

Staying young

Over the past week, the national news stage has been filled with stories and broadcasts regarding the impeachment inquiry into the actions of President Donald Trump. While it is important to stay in touch with what’s happening on a larger scale around us, many of us can oftentimes feel inundated by it. We ourselves perusing news outlets when a sudden urge to return to a time of innocence came upon us with the thought, ‘I just want to be young again, and eat chocolate and ride bikes all day with my friends.’ The thought then occurred that this was actually still possible. Where there is a will, there is a way, and we can indeed still take a day every now and then to eat chocolate all day and ride our bikes with friends — although perhaps the chocolate should be enjoyed in moderation.

As a result, a discussion in the office began about what we do to stay young, and whether it’s actually possible to feel young again. Good news, it is. Below are some of the things we found helpful that are scientifically proven to make you feel young again.

Tip number one is not to cancel on hanging out with friends. As we get older, it becomes pure joy to go home and get cozy for a night in. While this is all good, it’s more important to maintain your connections with your people. Having strong friendships has been proven to help you live longer and feel that way as well. People who are more social tend to have lower blood pressure as well as cholesterol.

The next tip is to go hiking or spend some time outdoors. Spending time outdoors can make you feel energized and boost your happy meter ten fold.

Experts say that smiling can make you feel younger. Those who smile more are perceived as younger. An added bonus is that smiling reduces stress and can improve your mood.

We’ve all heard that exercise is key. One study showed that people who do high levels of exercise have cells that age more slowly than their counterparts.

Taking classes can make you feel years younger. This doesn’t mean go back to school and suffer any more time under those florescent lights. It means, take a spinning class, guitar or pottery class. Learning something new is a brain booster.

Drinking wine will give you a good dose of resveratrol, which has been shown to slow brain aging. Keep this in moderation, as the flip side can actually kill brain cells and lead to other health problems, we are all aware of.

Apparently, people who wear a citrus scent are said to be perceived as younger and feel younger as well.

“Water, water, water...” nuff said,” as we heard a camp counselor lecture us in the early 1990’s. Staying hydrated boosts energy and is just an all around smart thing to keep in mind.

Eating sugar is a big no-no. We’re not sure how this will affect the ‘eat chocolate, ride bikes all day’ plan. Getting rid of sugar can reduce the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases that can slow you down.

Weight lifting boosts energy levels and creates muscles which in turn make you stronger and feel more youthful.

Staying optimistic about aging has been proven to make you feel younger and boost cognition. Those with a negative outlook, tend to age faster and we don’t want that.

Go on an adventure. Doing something that is new and exciting is an easy way to feel alive and make you feel young again.

Make sure your posture is in good form. It’s been proven that standing and sitting up straight can boost confidence and make you feel young.

Listen to music from when you were younger. The tunes will bring you right back to when you were young, and if you liked a song once, chances are you’ll like it again. Unless it’s anything from the Titanic soundtrack.

There are more tips involving volunteering, stretching, taking a multi-vitamin, eating more fruits and vegetables, going to concerts and so on and so forth. The point is, your well being is in your hands.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw, “We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

Country music is the soundtrack of my life

Not too soon for end-of-year financial moves

My mom made the best biscuits and gravy in America. You may be rolling your eyes but it’s not just a bold statement from a proud son, so stay with me...

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

Lady of Country Music.” She grabbed my shoulders, looked at me and proclaimed that I was the “prettiest little boy she’d ever met.” She pulled my head to her chest and hugged me. When she went on stage she said, “There is the most beautiful little boy backstage and I sure wish I had his eyelashes.”

I met her again several times over the next few years and she always gave me a hug. She may have been the kindest and sweetest person I ever met. I later told my teacher I met The First Lady and she asked, “Lady Bird Johnson? And I responded, “No, Loretta Lynn!”

When I was 19, I auditioned and played drums for one night with Ray Price. Ray asked me if I’d like to play a few additional nights and I enjoyed the privilege and opportunity to travel a short time with one of the greatest country stars of the 1960’s and ‘70’s. This is around the time where “western” was dropped and the music emerged as simply “Country.” At the time Barbara Mandrell and her family were traveling as the warm-up act for Price and she and her family, like Ray Price and Loretta Lynn, are truly among the finest people I have ever met.

There are no absolutes, but the openness, kindness and lack of “star-ego” is what I think of as I think back to meeting these performers. They were wildly popular and known all over North America and beyond but there were no false pretenses or air of entitlement. They felt as though they were as lucky to meet their fans as the fans were to meet them.


I was a young witness to these performers and the making of the history of country & western music thanks to my dad’s love of the music and his childhood friend Billy Grammer. Billy took us backstage in almost all of the Chicago area venues and introduced us to the biggest stars of the day, then brought them to our home in Hillcrest subdivision in Kankakee, Illinois to relax and eat what George Morgan proclaimed to be “the best biscuits and gravy in America!”

As I get older, I find that I become more emotional. I sit on my couch watching the Burns documentary and am surprised at the moments I break into tears at the site of, what feels like, old friends.

Thank you, Ken Burns, for capturing, organizing and sharing this important history of the times and music. I am grateful and I know I am not alone.

These are memories I will cherish the rest of my life.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

We’ve still got a couple of months until 2019 draws to a close, but it’s not too early to make some end-of-the-year financial moves. In fact, it may be a good idea to take some of these steps sooner rather than later.

Here are a few suggestions:

Boost your 401(k) contributions. Like many people, you might not usually contribute the maximum amount to your 401(k), which, in 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you’re 50 or older. Ask your employer if you can increase your 401(k) contributions in 2019, and if you receive a bonus before the year ends, you may be able to use that toward your 401(k), too.

Add to your IRA. You have until April 15, 2020, to contribute to your IRA for the 2019 tax year, but the more you can put in now and over the next few months, the less you’ll have to come up with in a hurry at the filing deadline. For 2019, you can put up to \$6,000 in your IRA, or \$7,000 if you’re 50 or older.

Review your portfolio. It’s always a good idea to review your investment portfolio at least once a year, and now is as good a time as any. But don’t make any judgments based solely on your results over the past 10 months. Instead, look carefully at how your portfolio is constructed. Is it still properly diversified, or has it become overweighted in some areas? Does it still fit your risk tolerance, or do you find yourself worrying excessively about short-term price swings? These are the types of factors that might lead you to make some changes, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Don’t forget about your RMDs. Once you turn 70 and a half, you generally need to start taking withdrawals – the technical term is “required minimum distributions,” or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. After the first year in which you take these RMDs, you must take them by the end of each year thereafter. If you don’t withdraw at least the minimum amount (calculated based on your age, account balance and other factors) you face a penalty of 50 percent of what you should have taken out – a potential loss of thousands of dollars. So, take your RMDs before Dec. 31. The financial services provider that administers your IRA or 401(k) can help you determine the amount you must withdraw.

Think about next year’s opportunities. It happens to almost all of us: A year has passed, and we haven’t taken the actions we had planned. So, start thinking now about what you want to do in 2020 from a financial standpoint. Can you afford to ratchet up your investments in your retirement plans? If you have children or grandchildren, have you started saving for college? Have you considered ways to protect your financial independence if you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? If these or other items are on your financial to-do list, start planning now to get them done next year.

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# Hopes high for duck season



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Duck hunting opens Oct. 14 this year, and waterfowl sportsmen are hoping for a good year. Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife was out tagging ducks in a few local hotspots a month ago, and had good results with the air boat. Wood ducks provide the most action at this time of year, and if you are lucky, you will intercept numerous flights of teal, that provide some fast shooting.

Blacks and Mallards are around during the early season, but mallard duck hunting is best during the second part of the duck hunting season. A number of years ago, this writer and a couple of buddies of mine had a lot of fun shooting some migrating teal in a local marsh. Most were green wing teal.

At one time, Massachusetts had a noon time opening for waterfowl hunters. It was ridiculous. Sitting in our blind watching ducks and geese fly by required a lot of self control. As noon time approached, we spotted a group of Canada geese heading our way. We looked at our watch and realized we could not shoot for another 10

minutes. As the geese passed directly over our head, I stood up and took aim at the lead bird. It took a lot of self control, but I did not shoot. Suddenly, a voice called out to me about 100 feet from our duck blind. "Good thing you did not shoot, Ralph!"; startled the heck out of me. A canoe came around the grassy marsh, and in it was a federal game warden, and a local Mass. Fish and Wildlife District Manager. I soon realized the state employee was Chris Thurlow, well known to me from numerous Worcester County League meetings. I started to laugh.

"I was hoping you had pulled the trigger," he stated as he started laughing.

He introduced the federal warden to us, and they went on their way downriver. It was now legal time to shoot, but the birds had slowed down and we did not get any shooting for a few hours.

Unfortunately, Chris Thurlow passed away a couple of years ago, but I will not forget all of our interactions at the League meetings, and for sure our encounter on Rice City Pond. Chris attended most of the league meetings as we did, but we were not always on the same page when it came to hunting and fishing regulations. We remained good friends through all of our differences, and had many good times at the Worcester County League meetings.

Numerous local sportsmen

from the valley started to hunt and fish out of state during the past few weeks. One local sportsman headed to Maine to hunt Moose with his relative that was lucky enough to win a moose permit. Hunting for a full week had him encounter Black Bear and Cow Moose, but did not see a single bull moose for which they had a permit for. This week's picture shows Jason Dubois with the antlers of his harvested bull moose taken in Alaska a few weeks ago. He and his dad enjoy hunting together, but his dad Bob was not along on this hunt. I hope I get a couple of steaks!

Wallum Lake and Webster Lake were stocked with Rainbow trout this past Friday. Numerous other bodies of water were also stocked. For a complete list of stocked trout waters, go to massfishhunt, and click on trout stockings.

The recent Mass. youth deer hunt had another successful young hunter, Thomas Stinchfield from Douglas. Tom sent in a photo of himself with his first deer which he harvested, field dressed, and dragged out of the woods, with a little help from his dad, but it was deemed a bit too grisly for publication. His dad, mom & Uncle have been hunting for years, and now they have another hunter to bring home some venison. Nice job, young man. Some of the family also belong to the Blackstone Valley



Beagle Club.

Mass. archery deer season opened this past Monday in zones 10 -14.

Zones 1-9 open's Oct. 21-Nov. 30, and shotgun in Mass. opens Dec. 2 statewide. The deer rutting season is not far off, and it is a good time to start paying attention to your driving habits. Hundreds of deer car acci-

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## Abraham Lincoln Civil War era presentation sword

The Civil War was the most expensive and deadliest conflict ever fought on American soil. The History Channel's website reports that it resulted in "620,000 of 2.4 million soldiers killed, millions more injured and much of the South left in ruin." Many scholars, history buffs, and collectors remain fascinated with the Civil War and how it impacted the country.

The first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter, South Carolina in April 12, 1861. After being bombarded by Confederate artillery, Major Robert Anderson surrendered the fort within two days to the Confederate forces under Pierre G.T. Beauregard. There were many bloody battles throughout 1862 and 1863. In 1864, "Sherman's March to the Sea" helped bring an end to the conflict. According to the History Channel, "From November 15 until December 21, 1864, Union General William T. Sherman led some 60,000 soldiers on a 285-mile march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia." The troops stole food and burned houses and barns of those who fought them along their route. Sherman wanted to "make old and young, rich and poor, feel the hard hand of war." In the spring of 1865, General Meade and General Grant pur-



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sued the Confederates along the Appomattox River. The Southern troops were low on supplies and outnumbered. General Lee finally decided that he must surrender and is quoted as writing "there is nothing left for me to do but to go and see Gen. Grant, and I would rather die a thousand deaths." Lee surrendered to Grant on April 9. There is far too much history to cover the entire Civil War in this column. There is also a large amount of memorabilia. I plan to discuss Civil War memorabilia further in a future column.

We will be auctioning an important piece of Civil War era memorabilia that warrants a column of its own.

The Civil War era presentation sword we will be offering has a brass plate engraved "Presented by Abraham Lincoln to First Lieutenant John W. Jones commanding the Guard in the White House April 19 - May 1, 1862. A family written biography of Jones lists some of the highlights of his life. He was born in Philadelphia on May 3, 1826. He attended McKendree College in Illinois. He witnessed anti-abolitionist riots while in college. He became involved in the anti-slavery movement

and was mobbed twice while giving speeches opposing slavery. During the Gold Rush in 1849, he was commissioned by Colonel Sumner as a Captain in the Cavalry. He was responsible for protecting miners in "Indian Territory" between Fort Laramie and California. Later while fighting in wars with the Indians he was said to have received no fewer than six arrow wounds. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he became Provost Marshall for the city of Washington, D.C. where he guarded the White House and won the personal thanks of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln asked him to organize nine regiments from New Hampshire and Vermont during the war. He was severely wounded during battle and lay in bed several months recovering. He later moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. and went on to work for the United States customs service. Jones also founded the "Northwestern Female College" in Evanston, IL and helped form the "United States Volunteer Lifesaving Corps."

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# SPORTS

## Brown’s big day helps Warriors blank Auburn



Tantasqua’s Dominic Brown comes up with his first of two interceptions versus Auburn.



Dominic Brown of Tantasqua (4 carries, 49 yards, TD) grabs possession of the football and carries it down the field.



Tantasqua’s Liam Gore (11 carries, 54 yards) gains extra yardage while chugging ahead with the ball firmly in his grasp.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Tantasqua Regional senior Dominic Brown had a game to remember at Memorial Field as his Warriors’ varsity football team took on Auburn High.

Brown scored two touchdowns — one receiving, one rushing — and picked off two Rockets’ passes, as Tantasqua posted a shutout against Auburn, 20-0.

“Never in my life have I had a game like this,” said Brown. “It feels really great to win and be with my teammates.”

Brown got his magical day started early versus the Rockets, breaking off a 66-yard touchdown on the game’s third offensive snap. Facing a third-and-7, Warriors’ quarterback Dante Reno dumped off a short pass to Brown, who slipped past Auburn defenders and ran down the left sideline for the score.

After Jarod Spratt’s extra point, Tantasqua held a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the game.

Then, on the Rockets’ third offensive play, quarterback

Griffin Handfield was picked off by Brown.

“I was reading the closest guy to me and I noticed that he went inside. I stayed right under it and tried my best to take it away,” Brown said of his first and, ultimately, second INT.

Auburn did hang tough, though, as they recovered a Warriors’ fumble on the next possession. The halftime score remained 7-0 as it was still anyone’s game.

“Auburn was doing some things that gave us fits in the first half, so you have to give them credit,” said Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis.

But the Warriors put it away with two more touchdowns in the third quarter. It started with Brown grabbing his second interception of the game. Then, with 2:09 remaining in the frame, Brown busted off an 18-yard rushing score on a sweep to the right where he employed a spin move at the 5-yard line to elude a pair of Rockets’ defenders.

“Dom’s been a solid player for us the last four weeks. He gets better each week,” said

Hargis.

“I really give it to my teammates because they push me every day. I try my best to make plays for them and they do the same thing,” added Brown.

And Brown helped make a play on Tantasqua’s third and final touchdown, which came with 45 seconds to go in the third quarter. There, Reno (4 for 10, 153 yards) dumped another short pass off, this one to Liam Gore. Gore then received a tremendous lead block from Brown and he was off to the races, sprinting 76 yards down the right sideline for the TD. Spratt’s extra point made it 20-0.

“I realized that there was a guy coming right toward [Gore] and I

knew my one job always is to block,” said Brown. “I did my best to shove him to the side and watch him score.”

Auburn then had its most productive drive in the game’s final sequence, which ate up the final four-plus minutes. Handfield completed 6 of 10 passes in the drive for 67 yards. He took the Rockets from their own 20-yard line to inside Tantasqua’s 20. But, on the final play, Nathan Winco picked off Handfield’s pass in the end zone to preserve the shutout.

It was Winco’s third take-away of the game to go along with Brown’s two. Casey Robidoux also had an interception for the Warriors.

“We kind of challenged our secondary this week to make sure they’re in the right spots and when the ball’s in the air to make the play,” said Hargis.

Tantasqua is now 3-1, while Auburn slipped to 1-3.



Troy Lee of Tantasqua leaps as high as he can, but is unable to haul in this pass.

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Wednesday, Oct. 2  
Tantasqua 7, Leicester 0 — Jack Leland (two), Jace Phillips (two), Ben Ames (two) and Ryan Lemieux all scored goals for the victorious Warriors’ JV boys’ soccer team. Nate Blaine, Aubyn Phillips, Jace Phillips, Ames and Gavin Lataille provided assists. Matt Schirm and Blaine shared goaltending duties and played tremendously in recording the split shutout. Tantasqua is now 7-1 on the season.

Thursday, Oct. 3  
Agawam 159, Tantasqua 170 — Will Pieczynski carded a 4-over par 40 for the Warriors’ golf team, who came up short versus the Brownies at Oak Ridge Country Club. Tantasqua is now 7-6.

Friday, Oct. 4  
St. John’s 155, Tantasqua 166 — Hosting the Pioneers’ golf team at Hemlock Ridge, the Warriors fell 11 strokes short of victory to drop to an even 7-7. Tantasqua’s Will Pieczynski and Jake Belanger both shot matching 3-over par 39’s.

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SPORTS

Selective offense results in scoreless tie for Tantasqua, Leicester



Tantasqua's Eva Wengender settles the ball and looks to advance it further down the field.



Tantasqua's Sophia Viapiano watches her pass soar through the air and down the sideline.

STURBRIDGE — Although both said that they will take the point that comes from tying without any disappointment, the head coaches for the Tantasqua Regional and Leicester

High girls' varsity soccer teams admitted that taking more chances — AKA attempting more shots on net — was needed to win following a 0-0 deadlock on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Cage. "It's a quality tie. We didn't lose for a reason,"

said Matthew Rickson, head coach of the Warriors, while acknowledging that his team's offense needed to be more aggressive. "We're just not pulling the trigger, it's a confidence thing. We did have some shots today, though, but there needs to be more." Rickson surmised that a goal gets scored once every 10 decent shots, and Tantasqua finished with seven on frame, which were saved by the Wolverines' Alexa Dufries. Leicester first-year head coach Autumn Connor had similar things to say about her team as Rickson did with his. "I'm pleased with the result," she noted. "I think our girls played well. We won the majority of the 50/50 balls." But, much like the Warriors, the Wolverines needed to attempt more shots. "We have talented girls that have deep shots and deep kicks, so we need to keep continuing to take the shots," said Connor. "Sometimes we try to pass it too much." Tantasqua keeper Ainsley Way stopped all 13 of Leicester's shots that were on target. There were a handful of decent scoring opportunities for both sides, which included: Tantasqua's Madi Varney lasering a shot just over the crossbar in the 25th minute. Leicester's Aaliyah Hernandez shooting the ball at Way, which almost escaped her grasp in the 27th minute. Hernandez servicing a corner kick to the head of Maddie Hippert, which was saved in the 36th minute. Leicester's Nida Orloff lofting high shots that were barely reached by

Way in the 62nd and 65th minutes, respectively. Tantasqua's Lexie Buzzzell beating a defender but not being able to elude a second before shooting a left-footed kick in the 66th minute. Leicester's Grace Guinee taking a 25-yard free kick that Way saved and then dropped, but no one could find the loose ball before it was kicked away in the final minute. Both coaches praised their team's defense for helping contribute to the scoreless battle. Rickson mentioned the play of Lydia Boland, Hailey Magierowski, Sophia Viapiano and Emma Winkler, who cleared numerous chances before they could get to Way. And Rickson is pleased with the progression of Way, a first-year keeper. "She's not so timid and she's listening. She's very athletic and very coachable," Rickson said of Way, a star basketball player in the winter. Connor noted that sweeper Zoe Rice — "always our backbone" — and stopper Rian Fadden — "helps get that ball out and knows how to cover for our sweep-er" — were there to help Dufries, who also can get it done on her own as evidenced by her two for two result in stopping penalty kicks this season. The Warriors are now 5-4-2 after the tie with Leicester. "It keeps us over .500. A point's a point," Rickson said of staying above level and potentially qualifying for the Central Mass. Division 1 Tournament. The Wolverines, meanwhile, are 5-2-2 at the midpoint of their season as they are six points away from inclusion in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.



Keeper Ainsley Way of Tantasqua makes the save and then collides with Leicester's Maddie Hippert.



Emma Winkler of Tantasqua sends a corner kick toward Leicester's net.

"I'm happy with where we are. I wish we could get those two L's back [against Millbury High and Auburn High] and we're using that [motivation] going forward," said Connor.

TORPEDOES-NE SWIM RESULTS

- The age 11 and over Freestyle Stroke Meet was held at the Greendale YMCA in Worcester on Sept. 29.
- The results of the event, featuring top 10 finishers from the local team (Torpedoes-NE) out of the Tri-Community YMCA, are as follows:
- Girls 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle
9. Abigale Houle, 35.79
  10. Amara Johnson, 36.85
- Boys 11-12 50 SC Meter Freestyle
4. Evan Dambly, 33.76
  5. Quinn Sullivan, 34.54
  7. Sunday Voraraj, 35.1
  8. Ethan Zhu, 35.17
  9. Sam Merchant, 39.82
- Girls 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle
3. Zoey Zhu, 32.63
  4. Emily Owens, 32.94
  5. Kira Dambly, 33.04
  6. Abigail Morse, 33.84
  7. Nicole Apicelli, 34.05
- Boys 13-14 50 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Max Sullivan, 28.95
  3. Ethan Korenda, 30.28
  4. Akshat Viswanath, 30.97
  5. Eben Mazieka, 31.48
  6. Reed Magnan, 32.23
  8. Brad Piekarczyk, 32.97
  9. Axel Soderquist, 33.01
- Girls 15 & Over 50 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 30.66
  5. Maria Piekarczyk, 31.43
- Boys 15 & Over 50 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Ryan McKenzie, 26.87
  4. Adrian Ignatovich, 28.09
  7. Jack Davis, 28.97
  9. Andrew Wade, 29.29
- Girls 11-12 100 SC Meter Freestyle
7. Abigale Houle, 1:21.81
- Boys 11-12 100 SC Meter Freestyle
4. Evan Dambly, 1:17.43
  6. Quinn Sullivan, 1:20.45
  7. Ethan Zhu, 1:23.38
  8. Sunday Voraraj, 1:26.07
  9. Sam Merchant, 1:28.01
- Girls 13-14 100 SC Meter Freestyle
3. Zoey Zhu, 1:13.69
  4. Kira Dambly, 1:14.28
  5. Emily Owens, 1:14.67
  6. Abigail Morse, 1:16.11
  8. Jade Desmond, 1:20.19
  9. Nicole Apicelli, 1:20.23

- Boys 13-14 100 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Max Sullivan, 1:04.93
  3. Akshat Viswanath, 1:08.63
  4. Ethan Korenda, 1:10.47
  5. Eben Mazieka, 1:11.81
  6. Axel Soderquist, 1:14.10
  9. Brad Piekarczyk, 1:15.56
  10. Reed Magnan, 1:16.12
- Girls 15 & Over 100 SC Meter Freestyle
3. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 1:09.07
  5. Maria Piekarczyk, 1:11.43
- Boys 15 & Over 100 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Ryan McKenzie, 1:00.26
  6. Adrian Ignatovich, 1:03.70
  8. Andrew Wade, 1:05.09
  10. Jack Davis, 1:05.85
- Girls 11-12 200 SC Meter Freestyle
7. Abigale Houle, 3:06.37
  10. Amara Johnson, 3:06.80
- Boys 11-12 200 SC Meter Freestyle
4. Evan Dambly, 2:55.67
  5. Quinn Sullivan, 2:58.61
  7. Sam Merchant, 3:06.25
  8. Ethan Zhu, 3:11.39
  9. Sunday Voraraj, 3:15.42
  10. Jonah Scherer, 3:24.48
- Girls 13-14 200 SC Meter Freestyle
3. Zoey Zhu, 2:42.60
  4. Kira Dambly, 2:43.47
  5. Abigail Morse, 2:46.84
  6. Emily Owens, 2:47.68
  7. Jade Desmond, 2:54.79
  10. Molly Bilodeau, 3:01.00
- Boys 13-14 200 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Akshat Viswanath, 2:33.68
  3. Ethan Korenda, 2:39.80
  4. Eben Mazieka, 2:44.78
  5. Alex Soderquist, 2:46.20
  7. Reed Magnan, 2:51.20
  9. Brad Piekarczyk, 2:54.87
- Girls 15 & Over 200 SC Meter Freestyle
2. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 2:34.76
  6. Maria Piekarczyk, 2:41.26
- Boys 15 & Over 200 SC Meter Freestyle
4. Ryan McKenzie, 2:23.31
  7. Adrian Ignatovich, 2:25.10
  8. Thomas Morrison, 2:28.12
  10. Jack Davis, 2:29.87
- Girls 400 SC Meter Freestyle Relay
3. Maria Piekarczyk, Rebecca Turley, Zoey Zhu, Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 4:55.08
  5. Emily Owens, Julia Obrycki,

- Abigail Morse, Kira Dambly, 5:21.53
7. Jade Desmond, Sonia Ganski, tori Stendrup, Nicole Apicelli, 5:37.27
- Boys 400 SC Meter Freestyle Relay
2. Adrian Ignatovich, Daniel Sickenberger, Jack Davis, Ryan McKenzie, 4:29.31
  3. Akshat Viswanath, Daniel Durda, Thomas Morrison, Max Sullivan, 4:40.47
  4. Eben Mazieka, Reed Magnan, Axel Soderquist, Ethan Korenda, 5:00.14
- Then, on Oct. 6, Mount Wachusett Community College hosted the Backstroke Meet. Again, Torpedoes-NE top-10 results are as follows:
- Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Backstroke
1. Brynn Boucher, 10.48
  5. Hailey Mathurin, 24.98
  6. Kyrach Gingo, 25.90
  9. Neave Bilodeau, 29.76
- Girls 9-10 50 Yard Backstroke
5. Abbey Korenda, 41.21
  7. Katelyn Spillane, 42.51
  9. Kylie Formigal, 44.12
  10. Hannah Cardenas, 44.65
- Boys 9-10 50 Yard Backstroke
1. Dominik Ignatovich, 41.46
  3. Jack Sullivan, 48.17
  4. Miles Oprica, 58.12
- Girls 11-12 50 Yard Backstroke
4. Sonia Ganski, 38.84
  6. Abigale Houle, 39.43
- Boys 11-12 50 Yard Backstroke
2. Evan Dambly, 35.69
  4. Quinn Sullivan, 37.13
  5. Ethan Zhu, 38.70
  7. Jonah Scherer, 42.98
- Girls 13-14 100 Yard Backstroke
1. Zoey Zhu, 1:11.59
  4. Kira Dambly, 1:15.06
  6. Julianna LaForce, 1:19.34
  7. Abigail Morse, 1:19.89
  8. Jade Desmond, 1:20.71
- Boys 13-14 100 Yard Backstroke
2. Akshat Viswanath, 1:07.26
  3. Ethan Korenda, 1:10.90
  4. Max Sullivan, 1:13.28
  5. Brad Piekarczyk, 1:20.00
  6. Reed Magnan, 1:20.52
  9. Nathaniel Chute, 1:24.91
  10. Lucas Lawendowski, 1:40.37
- Girls 15-18 100 Yard Backstroke
4. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 1:11.74

6. Maria Piekarczyk, 1:12.94
- Boys 15-18 100 Yard Backstroke
2. Ryan McKenzie, 1:01.51
  7. Thomas Morrison, 1:09.58
- Girls 8 & Under 50 Yard Backstroke
1. Brynn Boucher, 42.47
  4. Hailey Mathurin, 55.42
  5. Kyrach Gingo, 57.13
  7. Neave Bilodeau, 1:04.23
- Girls 9-10 100 Yard Backstroke
3. Abbey Korenda, 1:29.29
  5. Katelyn Spillane, 1:32.86
  6. Kylie Formigal, 1:33.09
- Boys 9-10 100 Yard Backstroke
1. Dominik Ignatovich, 1:31.18
  3. Miles Oprica, 2:10.14
- Girls 11-12 100 Yard Backstroke
5. Abigale Houle, 1:24.85
  7. Sonia Ganski, 1:26.45
- Boys 11-12 100 Yard Backstroke
3. Evan Dambly, 1:20.20
  4. Quinn Sullivan, 1:21.30
  6. Ethan Zhu, 1:25.59
  7. Jonah Scherer, 1:33.83
- Girls 13-14 200 Yard Backstroke
1. Zoey Zhu, 2:37.91
  2. Kira Dambly, 2:43.44
  5. Abigale Morse, 2:50.09
  6. Jade Desmond, 2:51.14
  7. Julianna LaForce, 2:55.20
  10. Nicole Apicelli, 3:00.88
- Boys 13-14 200 Yard Backstroke
2. Akshat Viswanath, 2:31.35
  3. Max Sullivan, 2:36.98
  4. Ethan Korenda, 2:38.14
  5. Brad Piekarczyk, 2:52.40
  8. Reed Magnan, 3:00.65
  9. Nathaniel Chute, 3:02.09
  10. Lucas Lawendowski, 3:34.72
- Girls 15-18 200 Yard Backstroke
5. Sarah Kersting-Mumm, 2:41.07
  7. Maria Piekarczyk, 2:43.05
- Boys 15-18 200 Yard Backstroke
3. Ryan McKenzie, 2:24.12
  4. Thomas Morrison, 2:25.00
  5. Adrian Ignatovich, 2:27.35
- A big thank you to all the coaches; Molly McGuire, Austin Parke and Kendra Iller, the parents from all the teams, Greendale YMCA and Mount Wachusett Community College for hosting, and to all the swimmers. Job well done!



# OBITUARIES

## William J. Wieczorek, 76



CHARLTON - William J. "Wizzy" Wieczorek, 76, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 28th, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center, University Campus, Worcester, after a brief illness.

He leaves his wife of 40 years, Joan C. (Welcome) Wieczorek; his three daughters, Anne-Marie Beaulieu and David of Cerritos, CA, Victoria L. Salisbury and her husband Jon of Ferndale, WA

and Sherri L. Cloutier and her husband Edward of Sturbridge; his two sons, Matthew J. Burek and his wife Barbara of Auburn and Mark F. Burek of Oxford; his seven grandchildren, Connor Beaulieu, Cassidy Cloutier, Benjamin Beaulieu, Dylan Cloutier, Haley Burek, Madison Burek and Drake Burek; and a great grandson, Oliver Paquette. Bill was born in New London, CT the son of William and Viola Ann (Calenda) Wieczorek. Bill was a US Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War era. After serving in the Marines Bill graduated from Western

New England College with a bachelors degree in engineering.

Bill worked for the Riley Stoker Corporation which became DB Babcock Power Inc. in Worcester for 30 years, retiring in 2004. He previously worked for Electric Boat in Groton, CT. Bill enjoyed playing golf and fishing. He was an avid lifelong fan of the New York Giants football team. Above all Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

A memorial service for Bill was held on Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 11:00am in the Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main

St., Charlton. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Charlton Helping Hands Society, P.O. Box 643, Charlton, MA 01507.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com



# CALENDAR

### Tuesday, October 15

Ghostology 101: Explore the basics of paranormal investigations at the Charlton Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Agawam Paranormal will be here to share "ghost hunting" skills, equipment, electronic voice phenomena and spirit photography/videography. This is basic training for paranormal investigators. Register on the library's calendar of events: [www.charltonlibrary.org](http://www.charltonlibrary.org).

### Tuesday, October 22

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: If you have the time and heart to share, you could become a valuable part of the Overlook Hospice Team. Hospice Volunteers provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families...reading to patients, watching movies, playing cards, walking dogs, fixing a meal, gardening, supporting family members, sitting with patients who are actively dying and making bereavement calls. We are also seeking volunteers to provide Reiki, pet therapy, and veterans to visit our veteran patients. Our next training begins on Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. To attend or get more information about becoming a Hospice Volunteer, contact Susan Fuller at 508-434-2200

WALKER HOMESTEAD & CEREMONIAL SITE TOUR: 10 a.m., 30 Peck Rd., Wales; reservations required. The Walker homestead at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary has the typical house and barn foundations along with stone walls delineating old pastures and fields. Interspersed throughout the farm are stone cairns, a partially finished niche-shaft on top of the house cellar, an unusual stone wall with non-utilitarian features, and other Native American ceremonial structures. Some predate the homestead and others were built after it was abandoned in the 1850s and reclaimed by descendants of the area's indigenous peoples. Mary Gage ([www.stonestructures.org](http://www.stonestructures.org)) will lead a walking tour through this complex and fascinating archaeological site. Please call 413-267-9654 or email [ohop@norcrosswildlife.org](mailto:ohop@norcrosswildlife.org) to register. There is no charge.

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

ANNUAL RAY MCDUFFY VETERANS APPRECIATION SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION: 4:30-7 p.m., Charlton Grange, 10 Main St. An all you can eat homemade made spaghetti and meatball supper with garlic bread, salad, desert, soda, juice, coffee, and tea. Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for veterans and children. Children three and under are free.

There will also be a silent Auction that will include many gift certificates from local businesses, passes for local adventures, gift baskets, electronics (including a 2019 iPad) Red Sox and Patriot items. Pre purchase of tickets is strongly urged as only a limited amount will be available at the door. Visit our Facebook page for updates and links to pre pay tickets or call 508-248-5516. You can also go to [capenhill.org](http://capenhill.org). Under Events, the first link is the Spaghetti Dinner and you can scroll down and fill out form for tickets.

### ONGOING

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

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

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

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

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

register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FENCING: Fencing is a sport of combat that originally started as practice for dueling with swords. Since that time, it has grown into a modern sport while maintaining those virtues that made it great: honor, valor, and grace. Bring a water bottle, sneakers and comfortable clothing. Youth and adult classes with Andy Bloch at Hitchcock Academy. Fee: \$99.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Overeaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weigh-ins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Street) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at [brucep.oa@charter.net](mailto:brucep.oa@charter.net) or visit [oa.org](http://oa.org).

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### Sunday, November 10

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# DIY Ideas that Capture Autumn's Brilliance

Few simple pleasures compare to the colorful show of a New England autumn. Why not capture that brilliance with projects that will recall crisp, fall days of yore? Read on for inspiration and instruction to spotlight the blazing color that comes but once a year.

**Botanical Prints**  
Botanical prints are timeless and vintage examples command premium prices. Here in New England, we are surrounded by nature's foliage, which have natural dyes and just happen to make the most appealing botanical wall hangings. Here's how:

**Materials:** Pliable, colorful autumn leaves, the darker the better; parchment or rag paper (resume paper that is at least 25% rag content also works); absorbent paper towels, flat end ham-

**Directions:** Clean off any dirt or debris from the leaf. Place one sheet of parchment or rag paper on a flat, clean and sturdy surface such as a workshop table or cutting board. Place leaf flat down on surface. Cover with a few layers of paper towels. Using even force, tap the entire area of the leaf (to gauge the area, outline the leaf with pen on the paper towel to use as a guide). This step helps to anchor the leaf to the paper. To release the leaf's natural dyes, go over the leaf surface again, hammering every inch of the leaf. When done, do the same working in the opposite

direction. Don't be afraid to take a peek every once in a while to check your progress. When done, peel the leaf from the paper to expose the print!

To preserve the color of the print, spray with an acrylic protectant. Mat and frame individual prints, or create a collage of different leaves and colors!

**Note:** Brighter colored leaves such as Japanese Maples create the most vivid colors.

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**Autumn Luminaries**  
The most colorful and textural fall leaves are literally "in the spotlight" with this homemade luminary project. Use either a real or flameless candle to create a variety of different mood lighting,

**Materials:** Dried and pressed leaves (drying between weighted newspaper or paper towel pages results in leaves that are dry, yet pliable; Mod Podge (available at craft stores); canning jar.

**Note:** Lighter leaves allow for more illumination.

**Instructions:** Using a paintbrush coat the entire outside of the canning jar generously with Mod Podge. Do not coat the bottom of the jar of the rim area. While jar is still wet, place leaves onto the jar and press in place. Brush over the leaves with another coat of Mod Podge.



## TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

**Note:** Keep in mind spacing leaves apart allows more light to shine through. Overlapping leaves collage style creates a denser jar and dimmer light.

Once leaves are placed, dab or stipple the Mod Podge in the clear spaces. This little extra effort will pay off when the light shines through and shows off the texture rather than brush strokes.  
Allow to dry overnight, and then apply one last coat of Mod Podge. As a final touch, spray the outside surface of the jar with an acrylic finish. Again, allow to dry completely. To use, place a contained tea light candle or flameless candle inside the jar.

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**Foliage Garlands**  
Garlands strung across mantles or doorways are popular autumn décor, but why buy faux foliage when you have the real thing right outside your door?

**Note:** If you are not using preserved leaves, this garland only gets better with age for as they dry, they curl up and take on a new look!

**Materials:** Colorful fall leaves (crimson and yellow Maple leaves are best); Mod Podge (available at craft stores); plastic straws; twine; hot glue or tape.

**Instructions:** Choose flat, clean leaves.

Dry by pressing until all moisture is removed (press between weighted newspaper and paper towels). Carefully brush Mod Podge on each leaf. **Note:** Do one side at a time and allow to fully dry. Cut straws in half inch length. Attach a straw piece to back of each leaf with hot glue or strong tape. String each leaf on twine and hang!

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# Protect your winter landscape from hungry wildlife



GARDEN MOMENTS  
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MELINDA MYERS

There's no doubt that managing critters in the landscape can be a challenge especially as food supplies start to dwindle. If you are battling with rabbits, deer, groundhogs or other wildlife, don't let down your guard as the growing season begins to wind down.

Be proactive. Start before they get into the habit of dining on your landscape. It is easier to keep them away than break the dining habit.

**Fence** them out. Fencing is the best defense against most wildlife. A four feet tall fence around a small garden will keep out rabbits. Secure the bottom tight to the ground or bury it several inches to prevent rabbits and voles from crawling underneath. Or fold the bottom of the fence outward, making sure it's tight to the ground. Animals tend not to crawl under when the bottom skirt faces away from the garden.

Go deeper, at least 12 to 18 inches, if you are trying to discourage wood-

chucks. And make sure the gate is secure. Many hungry animals have found their way into the garden through openings around and under the gate.

A five-foot fence around small garden areas can help safeguard your plantings against hungry deer. Some gardeners report success surrounding their garden with fishing line mounted on posts at one- and three-foot heights.

Break out the repellents. Homemade and commercial repellents can be used. Apply before the animals start feeding and reapply as directed. Consider using a natural repellent that's safe for people and wildlife.

Scare 'em away. Blow up owls, clanging pans, rubber snakes, slivers of deodorant soap, handfuls of human hair and noise makers are scare tactics that have been used by gardeners for years. Consider your environment when selecting a tactic. Urban animals are used to the sound and smell of people. Alternate scare tactics for more effective control. The animals won't be afraid of a snake that hasn't moved in weeks.

Combine tactics. Use a mix of fencing, scare tactics and repellents. Keep monitoring for damage. If



Melinda MyersPhoto

Fencing, when installed properly, can be an effective tool in protecting gardens against animal damage.

there are enough animals and they are hungry, they will eat just about anything.

Don't forget about nature. Welcome hawks and fox into your landscape. Using less pesticides and tolerating some critters, their food source, will encourage them to visit your yard. These natural pest con-

trollers help keep the garden-munching critters under control.

And most importantly, don't give up. A bit of persistence, variety and adaptability is the key to success. Investing some time now will not only deter existing critters from dining in your landscape but will also reduce the risk of animals

moving in next season.

*Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written more than 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How*

*to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos, podcasts, and garden tips.*

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Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

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

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For more information, please call

Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

### FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

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

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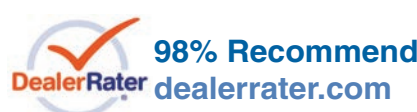
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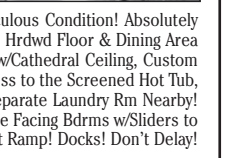
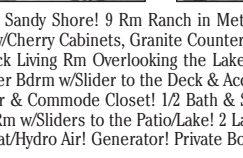
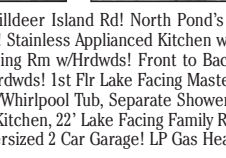
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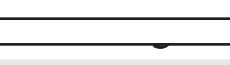
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### DUDLEY - 71 EAGLE DRIVE



Wow! Young 8 room Center Hall Colonial! Better than new! 3 bedroom, 3 full baths! 23' X 23' Cathedral ceiling Family Room! Hardwood & Ceramics throughout. Heat by forced hot air/oil, Central air! 2880 Sq Ft of living area. In one of Dudley's finest developments with underground utilities! **\$420,000.**

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### WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



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

### WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood floors, gas fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included. 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Water & Sewer, City Gas **\$229,900.**

### CHAPLIN, CT - 74 FEDERAL HILL RD



Gorgeous Move In Ready young Ranch on 2+ acre private lot bordered by trees & stone walls! 5 Rms, 3 BRs, 2 Full Baths, 1374 SF+/-, covered front porch, att'd garage. assisted sale **\$234,900**

### WEBSTER/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS LAND!

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**  
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest. **\$132,900**  
Webster -3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access **\$129,400**  
Oxford- 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$119,900**

### WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A



AN AFFORDABLE LIVING OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF! This 20 Unit Condo Complex is tucked away at the very end of Eastern Ave, fenced in & private. Easily accessible! 1985! There's a lot to love about Webster! Unit 34 A is an 1,037 SF +/- END UNIT. Large living room w/picture window, an eat-in kitchen, access to rear deck, 2 spacious bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, full basement! **NEW PRICE \$154,900**

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Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, Water/Sewer access **\$129,400.**

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### WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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### WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD



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### WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD

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**N.WOODSTOCK, CT - \$244,900**  
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3 bedrooms, 2 Bath,  
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**OPEN HOUSE SAT 11-12:30**  
**New Construction**

**WEBSTER, MA - \$289,900**  
90-A Sutton Rd.  
3 Bedroom, Raised Ranch. Come Choose Your Colors & Finishes Now!



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**SOUTHBRIDGE, MA - \$469,900**  
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interior public space and 43,251 sq ft exterior green space.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and date specified or submit concerns in writing.

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ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12</b>				
<b>DUDLEY</b> 16 Francis Dr	S	10-Noon	\$419,900	ReMax Advantage 1 / Maria Reed 508-873-9254
<b>WEBSTER</b> 90-A Sutton Rd	S	11-12:30	\$289,900	Re/Max Professional Associates/ 774-452-3578
<b>SOUTHBRIDGE</b> 535 Pleasant St	S	10-11:30	\$469,900	Re/Max Professional Associates/ 774-452-3578
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13</b>				
<b>DUDLEY</b> 71 Mason Rd	S	11-Noon	\$359,900	ReMax Advantage 1 / Jo-Ann Szymczak 774-230-5044
<b>SOUTHBRIDGE</b> 20 Hartwell Ter	S	Noon-2	\$259,900	Aucoin Ryan Realty 508-765-9155

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**STURBRIDGE: MONEY MAKER!** Commercial building on Rt.20 in the heart of Sturbridge! 7429 SF of living area! 34 acres with 34 parking spaces. Multiple possibilities for your use, vision and enjoyment. Currently being used as an Inn with some long term rentals. Fully gutted & renovated main building w/ post & beam & cathedral ceilings. Fully insulated. Sprinkler system. Updates include wiring, plumbing, & electric. **\$400,000.**

**STURBRIDGE: EXTRA SPECIAL** home built on secluded lot! 7 rooms 3-4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Full in-law over garage-beautiful. Living room has soaring ceilings with views of the private backyard with wonderful waterfall feature-built into stone wall. Great kitchen with built in kitchen nook. First floor master bedroom with stunning master bath! Lower level finished family room. 3 car garage. Brand new paved drive! 1.75 acres. Easy access to Rt. 64 and Mass Pike **\$415,000.**

**SOUTHBRIDGE:** Beautifully maintained Colonial with 6 rooms 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths. Large kitchen/dining room combo with tile floor. Hall bath and first floor laundry. Master bedroom with large walk in closet and master bath. 2017 Pellet stove to keep you warm. Cozy three season sun room which leads to patio/deck and a large flat yard. New roof in 2019. **\$298,900**

**WEBSTER:** Fabulous Ranch! Simple move in & enjoy. 6 rooms 2 bedrooms but possible 3rd in basement. Pretty kitchen with stainless steel appliances & granite counters. Cathedral ceiling 4 season room with sliders to great deck. Lower level finished with possible bedroom & family room. Level yard. Tranquil colors. New Roof being installed. **\$239,900.**

**SOUTHBRIDGE:** Celebrate the holidays in this Custom Built Gambrel style home! Pretty & inviting 7 rooms 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen has upgraded energy efficient appliances. 1st floor bedroom or den. 2nd floor has 3 spacious bedrooms and a custom bathroom with 6' tub and separate shower. Exterior painted in 2019. Garage. Level yard **\$224,700**

#### ACTIVELY SEEKING LISTINGS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

**SOUTHBRIDGE, STURBRIDGE, DUDLEY, CHARLTON, WEBSTER, HOLLAND. PLEASE CONTACT US!**

## A Place To Call Home...



**OPEN HOUSE-OCT. 12TH...2:00-4:00pm...340 THOMPSON HILL RD, THOMPSON** This Federalist Colonial style home with 4 bedrooms also features kitchen with wood floor, butcher block kitchen island, granite counters with a farm sink & s/s appliances. The dining room & living room have painted wide wood floors, plaster walls, and are good sized. The family room/office features an impressive brick fireplace with raised paneling, built-in bookcases and french doors out to the fireplaced stone patio. The grounds are pristine with stone walls, and a large side patio with pergola. Having once been a working farm the barn has evidence of a tack room, horse stall, and even an old 3 seater outhouse. There is room for a car and much more. **\$324,900**



**KILLINGLY-Why Rent** when you can own this adorable 1 bedroom mobile home with all the features perfect for a single person or even a couple. Enter into the bright living room with cathedral ceiling. The kitchen has loads of cabinets for storage as well as counter space to make any cook happy. The washer and dryer are conveniently located right outside of the bedroom. Heating system was upgraded from Kerosene to propane in 2018. This pretty little gem is nicely nestled in the R&R Park in Dayville. Home is on leased land which is included in maintenance fee and is Subject to park approval. Financing is available! **\$25,000**



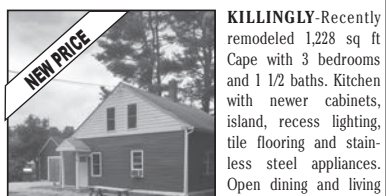
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**PUTNAM-This eight room Victorian** located in the heart of Putnam is just the home you have been looking for! The kitchen features granite counters, newer stainless steel appliances, refinished wood floors and a gas fireplace, there is a great dining room with faux tin ceilings and French doors, the spacious living room has wood floors, a bay window, & a great built in gas fireplace/entertainment center. Upstairs, 3 good sized bedrooms and a large full bathroom. The Barn/Garage has room for cars/toys/yard tools/shop and much more along with a full loft. Home has a great yard with mature landscaping along with 2 great porches. **\$224,900**



**THOMPSON-Four bedroom, 2 bath** Colonial home situated on 2 acres of beautiful open land. Large kitchen with soapstone counters, living room with wood flooring, first floor bedroom with bath. Storage shed, chicken coop & dog pen. **\$259,000**



**KILLINGLY-Recently** remodeled 1,228 sq ft Cape with 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen with newer cabinets, island, recess lighting, tile flooring and stainless steel appliances. Open dining and living room with newer laminate flooring. Half bath on first floor and 1 bedroom on first floor. Second floor offers recently remodeled full bath and 2 bedrooms. **\$168,000**

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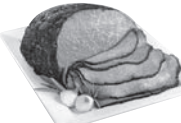
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**FINANCIAL FRAUD & THE ELDERLY**  
What to Know and How to Avoid It  
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Tea & Refreshments will be served  
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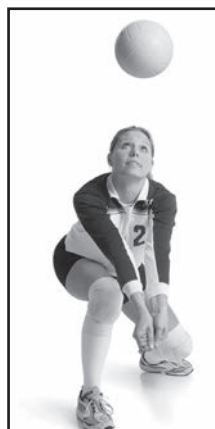
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ANSWER: CHLOROPHYLL



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How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Autumn

**SPANISH:** Otoño

**ITALIAN:** Autunno

**FRENCH:** Automne

**GERMAN:** Herbst

Did you know?

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A. 10 6 16 11 18

Clue: Frightening

B. 6 1 10 4 12 24 20

Clue: Dress-up garb

C. 21 20 26 23 1 12 10

Clue: Uses underhanded tactics

D. 14 16 12 15 4

Clue: Spirit visiting

Answers: A. scary B. costume C. devious D. haunt

SUDOKU

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2	4	5	6	7	3	9	1	8
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8	9	4	1	5	2	3	6	7
6	1	2	5	6	4	7	8	3
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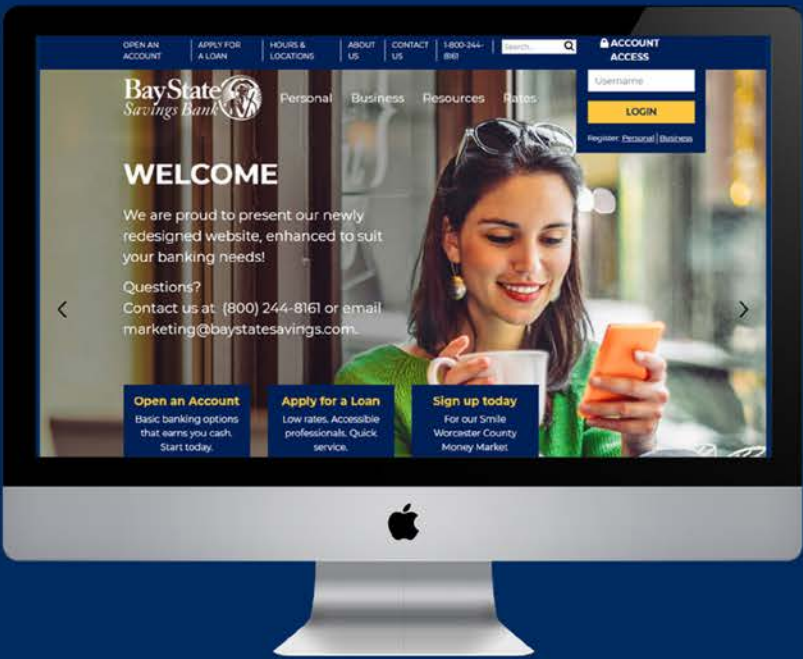
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## The most haunted places in North America



Mysteries and the macabre take center stage come Halloween. Many people feel that lingering spirits may cling to hotel rooms, hospitals and old buildings. The following are some sites, courtesy of Conde Nast, Reader's Digest and National Geographic, that may prove pleasing to those who like a taste of the paranormal each October.

- Howard Street Cemetery, Salem, Mass.:

The Salem Witch Trials were a shocking part of American history. Many different people were accused of witchcraft and sorcery and executed for their alleged crimes. Howard Street Cemetery, where Giles Corey, a convicted offender is buried, is said to host the paranormal.

- Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.:

was built in 1829 and housed prisoners until 1970. Peals of disembodied laughter, pacing footsteps and shadowy figures have been reported on the premises.

- Keg Mansion, Toronto, Ontario:

The Keg Mansion was once the private residence of industrialist Hart Massey and his family. Legend states that, after the death of Massey's daughter Lillian, her maid was so overcome with grief that she took her own life. A ghostly image of a maid hanging by her neck has frequently been reported at the property.

- LaLaurie Mansion, New Orleans, La.:

Marie Delphine LaLaurie was a Louisiana socialite who threw lavish parties. But she also had a dark and grisly side. When a fire broke out in the residence, police responded and discovered mutilated slaves in the attic. LaLaurie fled New Orleans, but it is believed the phantom screams of her victims can still be heard at night.

- Hotel Monte Vista, Flagstaff, Az.:

This hotel is purportedly home to various spectors and paranormal guests. Room 210 was plagued by someone who hung raw meat from the chandelier. An infant's wretching cries have sent people scurrying. And two women who were thrown from the third floor now haunt and try to smother male guests in their sleep.

- Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta:

This is the site of a number of terrifying ghost sitings, including an entire murdered family. Many believe a retired head bellman in uniform continues to haunt the hotel.

- San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas:

This is the oldest church in Texas and is stunning to behold. But during the nighttime, visitors may feel the hair on their necks stand on end. During renovations, workers unearthed bones, nails and military uniforms. Visitors report orbs and shadowy figures in photographs, as well as figures in hooded clothing.

- RMS Queen Mary, Long Beach, Calif.:

This luxury ship carried Hollywood celebrities before being repurposed into a World War II ship that transported troops. Eventually, the ship was permanently docked in California, and is reportedly haunted by those who died aboard, such as a young sailor crushed in the engine room.

Haunted places dot the globe and can make interesting travel locations for those who wish to discover what goes bump in the night. TF18A381

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## The world's most festive Halloween parades



Halloween may be best known for parties, candy and trick-or-treating, but Halloween revelers also know a thing or two about parades. On All Hallow's Eve, the ghoulish, garish and downright frightening take to the streets in towns and cities around the world. Here are some popular spots for ghouls and goblins to catch a peek of the action.

### THE VILLAGE, NEW YORK CITY

The Village Halloween Parade is one of the biggest and brightest in the country. Nearly 50,000 participants flock to this area of Manhattan every

year. A unique event, this parade showcases the diversity of the artists and creatives that call the city home. It has become an institution in its own right, with costumed enthusiasts, music, food, and much more.

Little Five Points Halloween Festival and Parade, Atlanta, GA

This Halloween gathering features local artisans, food vendors and food trucks along the route. The fun begins at Austin and Euclid Avenues and ends at Freedom Parkway. More than 35,000 people head to this area in Atlanta for the parade.

### CARNIVAL HALLOWEEN PARADE, LONDONDERRY

A small costume party that started in 1985 expanded into a massive event in this region of Northern Ireland. A circus, music, dancers, dressed-up performers, and others make their way through the streets of the city.

### ASBURY PARK ZOMBIE WALK, ASBURY PARK, NJ

Since 2007, zombies take to the streets and celebrate the gore and macabre in this seaside New Jersey town. Participants set a Guinness World Record in 2013 for the most "zombies" gathered in one place with 9,000 undead in attendance.

### WEST HOLLYWOOD HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, HOLLYWOOD, CA

Roughly half a million people gather each year along Santa Monica Boulevard, which is littered with food trucks, live music and even celebrities.

### KREWE OF BOO, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Mardi Gras is not the only celebration in the Big Easy. Each October, the Krewe of Boo is the official Halloween Parade of New Orleans. Creative floats and costumes are part of the celebration in the French Quarter.

## Tips for safe use of dry ice and fog machines for Halloween fun

Who doesn't want to add a dramatic effect to Halloween hijinks? Haunted displays can be taken up a notch with the use of some scene-setting enhancements, including dry ice and fog machines. Dry ice and fog machines can help Halloween revelers create a smoky, mysterious feel, but each of these haunting accessories must be used with safety in mind at all times.

**Dry ice**  
Dry ice is the solid form of carbon dioxide. Dry ice is often used for spooky effects because it produces a vapor when it sublimates from its dry form. This occurs after exposure to air and liquid that is warmer than the dry ice.

Because the temperature of dry ice is extremely cold, (-109.3 F or -78.5 C), people can suffer from frostbite if they touch it, warns the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. People who intend to handle dry ice need to use tongs or protective gloves when doing so. Children may not understand the danger of dry ice, so they should never be allowed near it.

Dry ice should be kept in an insulated cooler and stored and used in a well-ventilated area, as the CO gas can sink to low areas and replace oxygenated air. High concentrations of CO gas may be fatal when breathed in.

If dry ice is used in drinks, it is important that no dry ice fragments are ingested, which can cause tissue damage as



well as pressure from the buildup of the release of gas, states the information site ThoughtCo.

**Fog machines**  
Fog machines can produce a scary and realistic Halloween tableau. When using fog machines, it is essential that users confirm which solution is being used to produce the fog. Many utilize a water and glycol solution that has been deemed safe if inhaled. However, some people may find it causes throat irritation. Some products use proprietary formulas, concealing the identity and proportion of ingredients. Users should avoid these products unless they can confirm which chemicals are being used and that those chemicals are safe.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour says that

fog/smoke generating machines should be placed in locations where exposure to the concentrated smoke is minimal. The machines also should be used exactly as the manufacturer directs and not altered by using dyes, fragrances and other chemicals.

Fog machines can create many illusions, but they also can impede vision if the fog is too thick. Therefore, caution must be heeded to prevent mobility issues due to the fog. Also, sometimes fog machines can produce a slippery residue, so users should be aware of this and monitor conditions around the machines.

Fog machines and dry ice can add flair to Halloween festivities if they are handled and used correctly.



# HALLOWEEN

## Halloween fast facts and figures



Halloween is celebrated in various countries. Halloween can trace its origins to Ireland and is based on the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, during which people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off spirits. Halloween has since become a day to play pranks and don costumes while going door-to-door seeking treats from neighbors. Each year, the National Retail Federation tracks Halloween trends. The figures and statistics shared by the NRF and other organizations paint

a picture of just how popular Halloween can be.

- Consumers will spend an estimated \$9 billion on Halloween. The average American will spend \$86.79 on the festivities, according to the NRF.
- The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there are 41.1 million potential trick-or-treaters aged 5 to 14.
- Ninety-five percent of people surveyed by the NRF planned to purchase candy for Halloween. The next most popular purchase is decorations (74 percent).
- Forty-five percent

of respondents planned to carve a pumpkin for Halloween, says the NRF.

- In Canada, there are 2,569 farms with pumpkin patches, according to the 2016 Census of Agriculture.
- The top-ranked costumes for children in 2018 were princess and superhero. Adults planning to dress up were more likely to go as a witch or a vampire.
- Data from domestic box office earnings of horror movies in 2018 totaled \$752.2 million. This accounts for movie earnings in the United States,

Canada, Puerto Rico, and Guam. “A Quiet Place” and “Halloween” were the top-grossing horror flicks of the year.

- The ubiquitous “pumpkin spice” starts to turn up in various products as soon as there are hints of autumn. Nielsen says \$6.9 million was spent on pumpkin spice products in 2018.
- Candy corn is either loved or loathed. According to the National Confectioners Association, 42.7 percent of people who enjoy candy corn say they eat the narrow white part of

the candy corn first.

- The NRF states that, when looking for their ideal costumes, 33 percent of consumers will check online first, followed closely by 29 percent in stores.
- Pet costumes remain incredibly popular. Prosper Insights, a marketing and analytics company, states that 31.2 million Americans plan to dress up their pets — with millennials being the largest demographic to do so.
- There are potentially 120 million stops for trick-or-treaters to visit in the

United States, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

- The Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade Division in Canada says that there were 158 businesses engaged in formal wear and costume rentals in Canada in 2017.

Halloween is frighteningly popular, with scores of people taking part in the spending and antics of this entertaining day.

## Improve visibility while trick-or-treating



Thousands of costume-clad children will embark on treat-finding missions in neighborhoods all across the country this Halloween. Everyone wants their Halloween festivities to be fun, but it is important that trick-or-treaters and their chaperones prioritize safety as well.

The child welfare organization Safe Kids says that twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year. In addition, the National Safety Council states that darting out or running into the road accounts for about 70 percent of pedestrian deaths or injuries among children between the ages of five and nine and about 47 percent of incidents for kids between the ages of 10 and 14.

Ensuring trick-or-treating youngsters are visible to motorists can make Halloween safer for everyone involved. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other safety groups suggest the following strategies for safe trick-or-treating.

- Supervise the festivities. Adults should chaperone young trick-or-treaters who are unlikely to be focused on safety in the midst of Halloween excitement.
- Use reflective tape or LED lights. Dark costumes coupled with twilight can make it difficult for motorists to see trick-or-treating youngsters. Parents can improve the chances of their kids being seen by motorists by adhering reflective tape onto kids' costumes. Glow sticks and wearable LED lights also can illuminate trick-or-treaters.
- Carry lanterns or flashlights. Children and/or chaperones who carry flashlights and lanterns can improve their own visibility while also making themselves more visible to motorists. Lanterns and flashlights help trick-or-treaters avoid holes, cracked pavement and other obstacles. For those children who want to free up their hands for better treat gathering, lights that strap to the head are an option.
- Keep the lights on. Homeowners can do their part by keeping outdoor lights and accent lighting on to make paths safer for youngsters on the prowl for Halloween candy.
- Choose face makeup over masks. Children wearing masks may not spot oncoming cars or other hazards. Face makeup won't affect kids' visibility but will still help them look scary.

With the right combination of caution and fun, Halloween can be an enjoyable time for youngsters and adults.

## How to talk to kids about Halloween safety



Come Halloween, youngsters' attentions are understandably focused on costumes and candy. Their parents, however, are likely more concerned with their kids' safety.

Trick-or-treating kids might not pay much mind to safety. As a result, it can be hard for parents to get kids to grasp the importance of being safe on Halloween. The following strategies might make that task easier.

- Discuss costumes well in advance of Halloween. Many kids are so enthusiastic about Halloween that they know which costumes they hope to wear long before October 31. Parents can discuss potential costumes well in advance of Halloween before kids even know what they want to wear. Doing so gives parents a chance to encourage kids to choose bright costumes that will make them more visible to drivers on Halloween night. Waiting to discuss costumes increases the likelihood that kids will already have an outfit in mind, making it harder for parents to convince them to choose something safe.
- Explain that some tailoring might be necessary to make gathering all that candy a lot easier. Superman doesn't trip on his cape in the movies, and youngsters dressed up as the Man of Steel shouldn't trip on their capes, either. When kids pick costumes,

explain to them that you might need to do some tailoring before they go trick-or-treating. Explain to kids that costumes should be trip-proof so they can seamlessly go from house to house in search of their favorite goodies.

- Create a bag or bucket design day. Depending on what kids will use to carry the candy they accumulate this Halloween, parents can plan a bag or bucket design day a few days in advance. Kids will enjoy this chance to get in the Halloween spirit, and parents can encourage youngsters to decorate their bags and buckets with reflective tape that will make them more visible to drivers.
- Talk up trick-or-treating with friends. As Halloween approaches, parents can discuss how much fun kids will have going door-to-door with many of their friends. This is a good way to ensure kids trick-or-treat in large groups, making them more visible to drivers. In addition, kids trick-or-treating in large groups might be too busy joking with their friends to notice when one or two parents tag along as chaperones.

Parents can discuss Halloween safety with their children in ways that make it fun to be safe while trick-or-treating.





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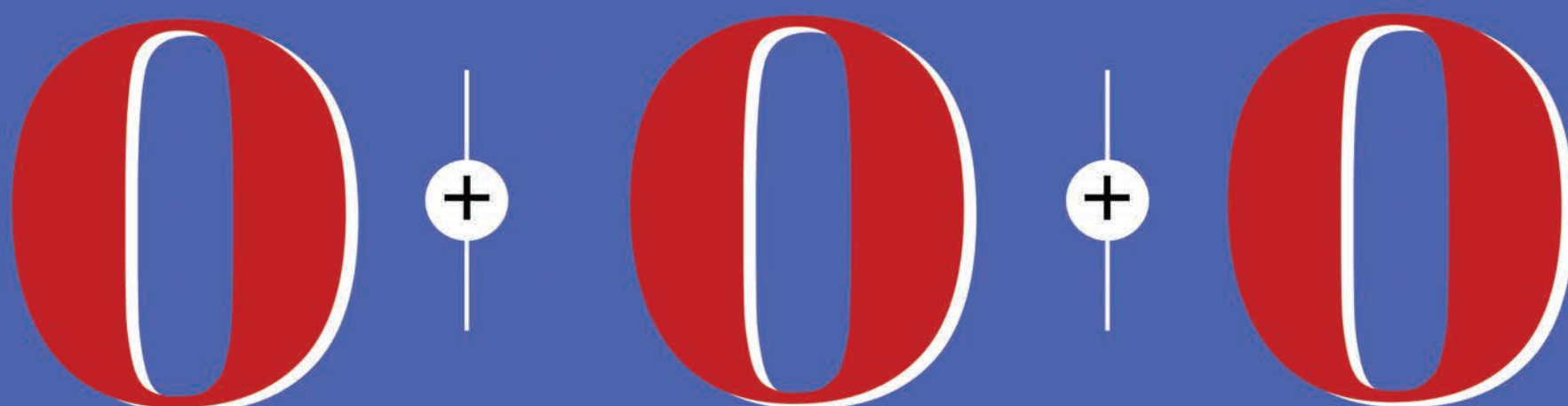


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